Donvale Primary School provides students with a positive educational experience to achieve their potential in a comprehensive learning environment that is caring, secure and stimulating.

**WEEKLY DIARY**

**Monday 12th September**
- 8.30-9.30am: Uniform shop open
  (Please note: Open 1st Wednesday of the month from 3-4pm)

**Tuesday 13th September**
- Lunch Time: Junior School Council

**Thursday 15th September**
- Student Banking Day

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

A great circles activity......................
On Wednesday afternoon we had an incursion for our whole school. We were entertained by 2 scientists who talked about the best way of keeping our teeth clean. The presentation included experiments, competitions and interaction, getting the message across in a fun and enjoyable way. The students sat in their circles groups to reinforce the sharing and respect elements of our school. Students each received a show bag yesterday including an experiment and sample tubes of toothpaste.
Production tickets are selling fast. See our Office for tickets for either night.

Keep selling those Raffle Tickets to win one of the 4m great prizes. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the second evening’s performance by Mrs. Janene Rubens, the provider of the great first prize of a Mystery flight for 2 people valued at $500.

Friday 16th September is a JSC run Free Dress day with the money raised going to a very worthy cause. The RSPCA, “paws for a cause” has been nominated by JSC for Term 3 support.

Dress Rehearsal for our school production. Our audience will be the Leapfrogs and our Playgroup families. The Production will be held in our school hall, in preparation for the technical rehearsal on Monday 19th September at George Woods Centre.

Have a fantastic week & hope your footy side wins in the finals this weekend…………………..

A very important and welcome acquisition……………

Yesterday we picked up a new covered in trailer for our school. It will be used to transport musical instruments, production items and various other items around. The funding for the trailer was awarded to our school by Manningham Council as a community grant. Thanks go to Mrs Keep for her efforts in pursuing the grant and Mr. Gordon who followed up with quotes and liaising with the builder, as well as collecting it and bringing it to school. I am very confident it will be a very valuable and well used asset.

Inquiry Learning:

On Monday of this week our Level leaders attended a Professional Development session run by Kath Murdoch titled ‘Quality Teaching in the Inquiring Classroom’. The main aim of the PD session was to demonstrate to teachers how they could teach their students to become inquiry learners. That is rather than just focussing on the content of a particular unit the students would be taught the skills and strategies to further their own investigations and inquiries within the topic being studied. In a sense using this approach students learn how to learn, becoming familiar with the wide range of resources and tools, both ICT and non ICT, that they can access. These inquiry skills can then be used by students to further their own individual inquiry.

It was most fortunate that our planning week followed this PD session as already our level teams have incorporated the Inquiry Learning approach into their Integrated Units for next term. We look forward to some excellent investigative work being carried out by all Levels of the school in the area of ‘Environment’.

Ian McKinlay
**From The Sports Desk**

Congratulations to our Level 3 and 4 children who participated last week in our Athletic trials preparation for the District Athletics on the 22nd September.

Children have been selected and notified of their event/s. I encourage all competitors to train/practise whenever possible in the event/s. Shot Put and Discus competitors are most welcome to borrow equipment for weekends. Training will also take place at school.

Please keep the “Coles For Sport Program” vouchers coming to school. This weekend is **“Double Vouchers Weekend”** Thanks to all those families who have already.

Thanks to the parents who have already returned their child’s expression of interest related to our “Whole School Swimming Program” next term. If you have not returned this form please do so by Friday 19th September.

Mr Pianta
Teacher

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**General News**

**FRUIT NEXT WEEK: 4A**

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**Green bags and a bonus!!**

Purchase a green bag and you will receive a special gift and also go in our raffle draw.

**Bags are $2.00 or 3 for $5.00.**

Don’t forget, the green bags are a great way to promote our school as well as helping to keep plastic bags in check!!

They can be purchased from the office or with a note sent to Miss Johnston or Miss Gladman.

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**Canteen Newsflash**

**Winter MEAL DEALS - ALL $5.00**

*Valid until end of Term 3, 2011*

- **Monday’s Party Pie Deal**
  - Party Pies x 3
  - Mini Muffin
  - Quench Drink

- **Tuesday’s Toastie Deal**
  - Ham & Cheese Toastie
  - Large Muffin
  - Just Juice (Apple or Tropical or Orange)

- **Wednesday’s Fried Rice Deal**
  - Fried Rice
  - Dim Sim x 1
  - Ice Cream Cup (Vanilla)

Keep Healthy, Keep Warm

*Angie (cookie) - Canteen Management Services*

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**CORKS FOR MELBOURNE ZOO ELEPHANTS**

Don’t throw away your wine/champagne corks, plastic and aluminium wine stoppers. We have a box outside the office for collection. Thank you to those who have been dropping them in.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**9th—15th September**

Zoe Taylor-Doolan, Clare Taylor Doolan, Joshua Goodfellow, Anise Bosdorf, Anastasia Tarenidis, Gemma Goold
STORIES FROM THE STUDENTS

I’m in the wings, my heart pounding, thinking what if I make a mistake?! What if I forget my lines?! What if I’ve forgotten the lyrics to the songs?! What if I trip over?! I would think by the second night I would be calm but no! I am shaking non-stop. This costume is so itchy and the lights are blinding me as I walk on stage. I see my family and I want to smile but I can’t. I am meant to look evil. Butterflies in my stomach, deep breaths and worse – stage fright. I say my line I didn’t pause. I must have been imagining it. I start to dance do I remember it?! I feel so much pressure. I take a deep breath and I think to my self – okay – it’s now or never. I go all out on the dance. I don’t think I made a mistake. Everyone is clapping. It’s over, it’s finally over. All this hard work paid off!!!

By Rachel 4R

I am standing on stage and the lights are blinding. My costume is itchy and George Woods theatre in my last Donvale Primary School production. 4R and 4P are doing The Jungle Book. I am a monkey and we have just walked on stage for the first night. Me and my fellow monkeys are tiptoeing closer to Mowgli. Wam! I grab Mowgli by the arm. Gaby is Mowgli and I am bigger than her but I am finding it hard to hold her. John finishes his lines, then Rain has finished his lines and Brad starts his. I see my mum and dad in the audience. I panic. I close my eyes, and when I open them ‘I Wanna Be Like You’ is starting. I start to dance. The song felt like it went forever. And it finally finished.

By Ryan 4R

I’m so nervous the first night of the production. Mary Poppins finishes and everyone’s clapping. My heart is pounding. The presentation say, The best animated films are . In one minute I’m on stage. I’m praying that I don’t make a mistake. I stomp on stage. I’m shaking. There are one thousand people watching me. I can see my mum. She’s jumping in the air. I’m so embarrassed. The song starts and all I’m doing is smiling and doing the right dance moves. At the end I didn’t make a mistake. We stomp back and Darcy says his lines. Then we stomp off stage into the wings. I go where I’m meant go for the Jungle Rhythm. I do my dance and my last production was awesome.

By Billy M

The winner is announced. The lights go on. I can hear the rumble of the crowd. I walk onto the stage with Adam and Tamica. I’m at the George Woods theatre for the second night of the production. I am a narrator. So far our bit in of the production has gone really well. We all know what to do because we have practised for the last nine and a half weeks. I can now hear the start of the Jungle Rhythm. This is our big finish. Aced it!

From Corey M 4R

I’m shaking so hard and I can’t stop myself. I feel a huge lump forming in my throat. I am so scared. I am standing in the George Woods Theatre. Standing in the wings, on the last of any Donvale production I am ever going to be in. I try and block out the applause from the crowd for the Mary Poppins act and just focus on remembering my lines. I hear Stuart and Phoebe finishing up their lines. Soon it will be my turn to go on. I am so nervous! I am afraid that everybody can hear my heart beating in my chest. Adam has just finished his lines. Hear I go!!

Gaby 4R
I am very exciting and scared, because this is the first time I am doing a production in my life.
I feel very scared because it’s half way through the monkey song, but I have forgotten a little bit of it!
I want to try to think of it, but I can’t remember it! I said it last night, but now I can’t remember it!
Bop! Bop! My heart beats very fast because I’m scared, because my parents can see me!
Now we have finished the song. I feel great, but it’s not over, we are not finished. Tia goes on to the stage to help Gaby. We fight with them and now Stuart is ready to go on stage. When Stuart gets on stage we run out. Gets my heart is back to normal. And I feel very happy and excited. This is my first production and I did it very well!
By: Rain 4R

I mean the bare necessities that are why a bear can rest at ease with just the bare necessities of life.” ”WHOA WHOA!” I can feel my heart pumping with excitement and I can feel the sweat coming from my face into my mouth. I have never been more nervous in my life. “Come on Steph” Zaliah said silently. “Ok” I said. “That was awesome” Alexzondra said silently. “Shhh” the teacher said “be quiet” “sorry” we all said.

I can feel the heat in the wings like never before, I look back and I can see everyone sweating like pigs but I wasn’t doing so well either. Everyone was jumping and shaking uncontrollably. It was a nightmare. It was my turn to come on. I was blinded by the lights. It was horrible but I got over it.

“Well done” the teacher said proudly. I felt great. That was the best that I have ever done. The crowd was clapping like mad, I felt amazing!

By Stephanie 4R
Prep T’s thought on
The Production!

Arya- I am going to the park in Iran and I am going to eat a kebab.
Daniel- I really can’t wait until the production where I can do my favourite part where I can run around in a circle.
Christopher A- I am looking forward to the production because the police chase me.
Megan- I can’t wait to dance in the production.
Lily- I am really looking forward to singing in the production “da dada da”.
Anise- I can’t wait for the production. I am looking forward to everything.
Ella- I am looking forward to everything.
Alyse- Running around in a circle and falling down.
Matthew- I am looking forward to walking out on stage and dancing.
Lachlan- I can’t wait because I am dancing and my mum is coming.
Zac- The rockers because I am a rocker.
Brooke- I can’t wait to run around in circles.
Jaymes- I am looking forward to playing the guitar.

Clapping is all you can hear as the curtains come down. The Mary Poppins people come off the stage. It’s our turn. Phoebe and Stuart start presenting.
My heart is pounding. Mowgli and Bageera (A.K.A Gaby and Amy) just walked on stage and started the show. The snakes go on, then the elephants. Now it’s my turn.
I’m Baloo, the friendly bear. I pronounce my first line. “Hey! Watch where you’re…” So good so far. I’m more nervous than ever and my palms are getting sweaty.
The music starts and Bare Necessities comes on. My body goes into dance mode and my brain is flooded with moves.
It’s the last song and it’s a big one! Everybody is ecstatic that we got through the first night. Everybody’s singing the last line of the jungle rhythm. “Feel the jungle rhythm…”
We did it! We finished the first night of the production! Now we’ve got tomorrow…
Bye Tia Mercovich 4R
TORUS GAMES
On Friday the 2nd of September 3SG went to Torus Games. Jayden won a 3DS and a class excursion to Torus Games where they make video games. When we got there it was really big. Inside there were lots of rooms. First we went to a room where they showed us a bit of a some video games. Later we went to a room where they decide how loud the music should be. We got to go inside the room and if you screamed you couldn’t hear it outside of the room. After that we saw all the offices. Then we went back into the conference room and saw more video games. When we left we got 2 treats. A bag that had a ruler, a 2 frisbees, a rubber and some other things. I had a great day at Torus Games!!!

By Vicky

On Friday (2/9/2011) 3SG went to Torus Games, it was fun. You’re problyy thinking why did 3SG go to Torus games? Well Bardrick came 1st in the Zero Zone challenge. The prize was a class excursion to Torus Games & a 3DS. them create new games and char-
We went in to a sound room that fun. We saw some movies of the that are coming out soon.

Jayden

We saw
ters.
games

THE END!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

By Christain Lander & Oscar Yeoman.
On the 2nd of September 3SG went to Torus Games. We went there because Jayden Bardrick came 1st in a Zero Zone competition. Torus games is a place where people make video games. They showed us some games that are going to come out in the stores soon. They said they could not tell us about the games that are coming out because it was a secret and they wouldn’t even tell their family and friends. There was a sound room where they made all the voices for the games. They let all of us in there and everyone made lots of noise and the people outside couldn’t hear us at all. They had trailers of the games that we could watch and some of the games looked pretty good.

By Liam and Daniel from 3SG

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**ZUMBA CLASSES**

At Donvale Primary School

**Tuesday and Thursday 7-8pm in the G.P. Room**

What is Zumba?
Zumba blends latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program that will blow you away. Zumba fanatics achieve long-term benefits while experiencing an absolute blast in one exciting hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements meant to engage and captivate for life!

First class: $5
Casual class $12.00 per session
Buy 5 sessions for $45 and get 1 session free
Buy 10 sessions for $90 and get 1 session free

Contact: Danielle on 0425 754 246 or email spiceupyourlife85@gmail.com

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For further information on the following activities please see Wendy at the office.

- Wiseones Term 4
- Australian Red Cross Blood Service Donvaster
- Mobile Unit—Friday 7th October,
- “Exersize” personal Trainer
- Get Active Sports, Basketball for Juniors, Term 4, held at Donvale Primary School
- Healthy Hoops Basketball Skills Camp—School Holidays
- Eltham College Training Services—September Short Courses for Kids & Holiday program
- Ringwood Pre-Royal Agricultural Show Sunday 11th September
- Junior Cricketers Wanted—Donvale Cricket Club Registration Monday 19th September
Donvale Primary School
Lights Camera Action
2011 School Production
Ticket Booking Form

Adult: $15.00   Child/Student (3 – 18 yrs): $7.00
Donvale Primary Students: No Charge
Baby/Toddler (0 - 2 yrs): No Charge

Family Name: ____________________________________________________

Eldest Child: _______________________  Grade: ______________________

PLEASE NOTE:
• There is NO limit of tickets per family.
• Donvale P.S. students do not require a ticket (ticket price was included in Term 3 Bulk Billing)
• Due to theatre Health & Safety regulations, all other children require a ticket. Toddlers cannot sit on parent’s knees, and prams or pushers are not allowed into the auditorium.
• Seats will not be allocated.
• NO cameras/flash photography/video cameras/mobile phone cameras allowed in auditorium.
• Mobile phones are to be switched off during performance.

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Credit Card Payment Slip - Donvale Primary School

Please find enclosed payment of $______________ ($30.00 minimum) being payment for:

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Production Tickets

CARD HOLDER’S NAME: __________________________________________

EXPIRY DATE: _____/____ VISA ☐ BANKCARD ☐ MASTERCARD ☐

CREDIT CARD NO: [HIDE CREDIT CARD NUMBER]

SIGNATURE: ___________________________________________ DATE: _____/____/____