Snippets

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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

Friday 14th October
• 2.00-3.00: Basketball final, Donvale Vs Doncaster Gardens at Park Orchards P.S.

Monday 17th October
• 8.30-9.30am: Uniform shop open
  (Please note: Open 1st Wednesday of the month from 3 - 4pm)
• 7.00pm: Cybersafety Info Night

Wednesday 19th October
• Victoria Walk To School Day

Thursday 20th October
• Student Banking Day

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Grade placement for 2012
As 2012 approaches we are currently considering structures for classes for next year. When teachers create classes many factors are considered involving the academic, emotional and social mix of the class. The friendships of the child are also considered but it is not always possible for your child to be placed with the children they want. If this happens you should encourage your child to see this as an opportunity to get to know other children. A child’s social development is just as important as their academic development. Teachers have insightful knowledge of the students and work very hard to ensure the best educational environment is provided for your child.
If you have a valid educational reason which you feel will impact on your child's placement for next year you need to make an appointment to see Mr Mc Kinlay or myself. Requests must be based on sound educational rationale. Personal preference for staff is not considered as an educational reason.

Please note that I cannot indicate class structures or allocation of staff to classes/roles as these aspects have not been finalised yet.

Welcome back
Term 3 was very busy so the 2 week term holidays came at a very opportune time. I think following our fantastic school production, we all needed a break to refocus and reenergise. Now we are into Term 4, which will go so quickly and we will be soon at the end of 2011! I wish everyone a great term and hope we can maintain the wonderful performance we have set ourselves throughout this year.

Process:
Parents must make an appointment to see Mr Mc Kinlay or myself between Monday October 24th and Wednesday 2nd November as we will not consider requests after this time.
Donvale Junior Masterchef this week...

This week saw Level 1 & 2 students included in our Junior Masterchef session. By all accounts it was wonderfully successful, with great food created, wonderful manners and behaviour exhibited and fun and enjoyment for both adults and students given this terrific opportunity.

This fantastic program will continue to the end of this year with a significant possibility of “creating wonderful food” being offered again next year.

Congratulations to our Marimba band

Congratulations to our Marimba band, who were invited to launch the Manningham Council Heritage week at the Council Offices from 6:00-6:30pm last night. They played wonderfully to a very enthralled and appreciative audience. Thanks to the parents who supported us and special thanks to Mrs Keep who so capably organised conducted and prepared our band. Wonderful performers and ambassadors for DPS.

Have a great first and second week back. Enjoy the sunshine.

GARRY BRIGGS

General News

Production Photos

- Photos taken at the dress rehearsal are on display at the office for ordering.
- Photos taken on the night of production will be included on the DVD.

Music Matters

Yesterday 15 level 4 students performed superbly at the Manningham City Council chambers with the Marimba Band. They had been asked to provide 30 minutes of music for the launch of Heritage Week.

The students worked in a very mature manner, sharing their roles and assisting each other where needed. They also looked particularly smart in their black and white attire and their performance was of a high standard.

The audience appreciated the music and we have been approached about possible further performances.

A huge thank you to Mr Briggs for driving our trailer (it’s first time in use!) and to all the students and parents who assisted with the set up and pack up.

Well done everyone!

Anthea Keep
Performing Arts
Donvale Primary School

From The
Sports Coach

Our District Athletics were held in the last week of Term 3. Congratulations to all children who so eagerly competed and to the many parents who supported our athletes.

Special mention to Victoria G, Alexzondra N, Ruby B, Bailey T and Brittany Mc who won their individual event and today competed in the Division Level of Athletics.

Tomorrow our District Basketball team play off against Doncaster gardens P.S. to decide the District Champion Team. We wish them all the best.

Next Wednesday 19th October is the “Victoria Walk To School Day. Please support this activity if possible.

Whole School Swimming Program was included in all levels Bulk Billing. Swimming dates are 18th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th November. Please ensure payment for your child/children is handed into the
office by November 11th. Permission forms and information will go home prior to the program starting.

**Basketball**

Penny is holding a 4-week training session at DISC starting next Wednesday 20th October from 3.45-4.15 for any interested Prep and Grade 1’s. Please bring a size 6 ball with you. Any queries contact Penny on 0433 176 185.

**Christian Religious Education**

Welcome back to term 4! I think the years are getting quicker or is it because I’m getting older! It was so lovely to be back to see all those beautiful smiling faces!
The preps heard this week that “JESUS came to show us what God is like. John told the people to get ready to meet Jesus and John Baptised Jesus”
The Bible says God sent Jesus because He loves us!
The story is based on Mark1 1-11.
The grades 1/2 heard how the early Christian church demonstrated their faith and identified ways Christians show Gods love.
We talked about how Christians show what they believe by what they do and say. Our values for this session are care and compassion and community and participation.
We looked at the book of acts in the new testament. We love because God loved us first. 1John 4:19.
Have a great week! God Bless!
Cheryl Shanks.

**Stop Press**

**Division Athletic Results**

Bailey T and Ruby B both won their discus events and now proceed to the next level (Regional) next Wednesday at the Knox Track. Alexzondra N and Victoria G both came 2nd in their events (shot put). Fantastic effort from all children. Well done.

This week 21 children learned how to do cake decoration. We baked chocolate cake from scratch using my easy recipe.
We experimented with cutting different shapes and decorating with piping bags and fruit pieces. Then we let them create their own masterpieces.
Most of the children actually came up with their own creations, which was very good.
The sessions were very engaging with the children asking many questions and even making their own suggestions.

We couldn’t choose 1 winner for our Appreciation Award for this week. All the children were attentive and fantastic chefs, so they all were allowed to have extra cake.
Please parents, on the day your child is in Junior Chef give them a smaller lunch as they always enjoy their own creations and end up too full.

Thank you to the: Moulton, Frigo, Browne, Fankhauser, Robertson (Andrew’s grandparents), and the Warner families for their very generous donations.
Some of the ingredients we need for next week are:
2 apples, 2 oranges, 1 kg sugar, 1 kg Self Raising Flour. We don’t need much as we also want the children to learn how to share.

Thank you very much for all your support.
Next week is the turn of group 5 to have fun creating food with us.

We don’t cook, we create food.
Liang, Stacey and Jaqui.
BASIC CHOCOLATE CAKE

**Ingredients:**
- 175 gr Self Raising Flour
- 25 gr cocoa powder
- 2 eggs
- 6 tablespoons of melted butter (or margarine or canola oil)
- 75 gr raw sugar
- ¾ cup of milk

**Method:**
Preheat the oven to 180°C (or 170°C fan forced)
Put all the ingredients in a bowl.
Using an electric mixer, mix them until just evenly distributed (don’t over do it)
Pour in a greased tin of your choice.
Bake for about 15-25 minutes depend on the size of the tin.

**Note:**
This is my basic recipe for chocolate cake.
From this recipe we can create lots of different style desserts, such as:
Chocolate cake finger (Bake in 18x28 cm tin, cut into rectangular shapes and decorate with butter icing).
Cupcakes (bake in muffin tray and decorate with whatever you like).
Chocolate Mud Cake (bake in a round tin, then pour chocolate glaze all over it).
Black Forest (bake in a round tin, slice into 3 layers, spread whipped cream between the layers with strawberry jam, decorate with whipped cream plus shredded chocolate and strawberries).
And many more ...

GLUTEN AND DAIRY FREE VERSION:

**Ingredients:**
- 200 gr gluten free self raising flour
- 25 gr cocoa powder
- 3 eggs
- 6 tablespoons of canola oil
- 100 gr raw sugar
- ½ cup of coconut milk
- ¼ cup of water

**Method and Note as above.**

ENJOY
Recipe copyright 2011 Liang Dimitroff

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**New Summer Menu Term 4 & Term 1**
If you require a copy of the current menu please request one from the office or via the canteen.

**Meal Deals for Term 4 – Available any day of the week (will be advertised in snippets for two weeks only)**

- **Wrap Pack 1 $5.00**
  - Wrap Roast Chicken, Cheese, Salad
  - Large Choc Chip Muffin
  - Frozen Juice Cup
- **Burger Pack 2 $5.00**
  - Chicken Burger
  - Large Muffin
  - Frozen Juice Cup
- **SCT Pack 3 $5.00**
  - SCT Wrap
  - Large Muffin
  - Frozen Juice Cup
- **Mac Cheese Pack 4 $5.00**
  - Mac Cheese
  - Large Muffin
  - Frozen Juice Cup

**Namee Monster Rice Sticks** NEW
Now available from the canteen. They are in 20g packets and come in cheese or vegetable flavour.
Price: 80c

Keep Healthy, Keep Cool, Keep Hydrated
Angie (cookie)
Canteen Management Services

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
14th - 20th October
Lily L, Madison S, Ben P, Pavit K
Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to Term 4. Hope everyone had a safe and happy holidays. I am hoping that this term will give me the chance to meet more families and have fun with the kids. This term I have introduced two new weekly activities to get the kids brains ticking as well as have some fun. At OSH Club we will be doing a weekly quiz and words of the week. At the beginning of every Monday there will be a new quiz and new words. If your child does not attend Mondays please encourage them to come in and see me to collect a sheet. All quizzes and words must be handed in before Monday afternoon. We will then correct them together and if they have done well or tried hard their names will go into a raffle where three names will be drawn to receive a prize.

As usual we will be running new and fun activities everyday! If you know of someone who is looking for before or after school care for their children, please send them my way so we can have a chat and let them know more about the program.

Please make sure all enrollment forms are up to date and all medical action plans have also been checked and changed if needed.

Remember bookings can be made right up til 12:00am the night before, or you can book on the day but there will be a charge of $2.00. If you're ever stuck and would like your child to come into OSH after school you can call me or leave a message on 0402 362 443 and I will get back to you.

Cassie

More information on the following advertising is available from the office:


M.A.D. CHILDREN’S COMPANY - Program aimed at Primary School children wanting to learn skills in drama. Starting Term 1, 2012.

SCHOOL OF MARTIAL ARTS - FREE karate, beginners only at St. David’s Anglican Church.

PEE WEE TENNIS - Come and try Wilson Pee Wee tennis FREE!! Nunawading Tennis Club, Saturday 15th October.

DONCASTER BASEBALL CLUB - Doncaster Baseball Club’s First Friday Night T-Ball (age 4-8) & Baseball (age 8-11) starts this Friday 14 October, 2011 @ 6pm. Our website is http://doncaster.baseball.com.au/.
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SPICE UP YOUR LIFE

OCTOBER PROMOTION
DON'T MISS OUT ON AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE FUN WHILE HAVING A GREAT WORKOUT, THIS IS AN AMAZING DEAL!! ALL ZUMBA SESSIONS ARE ½ PRICE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. PLEASE CALL DANIELLE TO SECURE YOUR SPOT AND FOR MORE INFORMATION. *CONDITIONS APPLY

POSSIBLE MONDAY CLASS
WE ARE THINKING OF RUNNING A NEW CLASS EARLY MONDAY MORNINGS AT 7AM OR EVEN FOR AFTER SCHOOL DROP OFFS AT 9AM. PLEASE EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST.

Tuesday and Thursday (7-8pm) at Donvale Primary School

First Class $5.00
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. Email Enquiries: spiceupyourlife85@gmail.com Phone Enquiries: Danielle 0425 754 246

Comming up Term 4, 2011

GATHERING EVIDENCE
MORE FORENSICS
Donvale Primary School

This unit offers more forensics. It includes examination of paint and glass fragments; finger and lip prints; pocket contents as evidence and experimentation with ink identification using chromatography. Learn to apply Locard’s principle in a step by step procedure. Learn to use your forensic thinking and have fun.

WiseOnes Application for 4th Term 2011
This program is available for all Grade 1 - Grade 6 children who have qualified for WiseOnes. The unit for fourth term will commence week beginning Monday, 17th October, 2011.

I wish to enrol my child in the unit “Gathering Evidence – More Forensics” starting week beginning Monday, 17th October, 2011.

I give permission for a copy of this slip to be handed to the WiseOnes teacher.

Child's Name ____________________________ School: ____________________________
Date of Birth ___________________________ Class (2011) __________
Parents' Names __________________________
Address ________________________________________________________________
Phone: BH __________________ AH __________ Mobile __________

My child has already qualified for WiseOnes YES/NO
I would like a free test for my child YES/NO.
I would like my child to be tested with a fuller assessment to qualify for WiseOnes (assessment cost $107 inc GST).

Please send this slip and payment of $206.00 on Thursday, 13th October, 2011.

As we are a non-credit business, children will not be accepted into the program for the term unless the fees and enrolment form are returned by the above date.

If paying by cheque please make it payable Donvale Primary School.

For further information, please contact Pat Truscott on 9326 6441 or Mobile: 0407 313 657.