Monday 24th October
- 8.30-9.30am: Uniform shop open
  (Please note: Open 1st Wednesday of the month from 3 - 4pm)
- Regional ‘Future Stars’ Final

Thursday 27th October
- Student Banking Day
- 12.30-1.30/2.30-3.00: Hockey clinic for Level 2

LOOKING AHEAD
Tuesday 1st November
- Cup Day Holiday

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.

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.

Great Homework
Congratulations to Brigita W. and Tahlia S. for producing fantastic efforts in their homework task this week. Both girls are justifiably proud of their work and were very happy to show me what they had done and how they had researched the topic of finding out interesting facts to answer a posed question about plants in Australia. The standard of work being produced by our Level 3 students in this unit of work is exceptional.
Cyber safety initiative is well received

Last Monday, Greg Gebhart from ACMA, presented three different information sessions to different audiences from our school. In the afternoon, Greg presented a very engaging session to our Level 3 and 4 students. He then did a detailed presentation to all staff at our Staff Meeting after school. This was followed up by an informative session to Parents from our school. About 30 families were represented, which is a good number, but I would have expected a few more as indications from students, was that many were “right into” Facebook, games, internet access and high end IT technology with a very sophisticated level of skills for their age. It was clearly pointed out that with is level of skill, comes challenges and issues. I know that all who heard Greg speak went away with a clearer understanding of the challenges, issues, concerns and safeguards which we all need to be aware of.

Donvale has been successful in being in the first intake of the E-Smart Program with Mr Gordon our school co-ordinator. This program will be rolled out over the next 2 years with resources and support being available to our students.

As a school and as adults and parents we need to keep informed, and very importantly keep involved with our children in this two sided IT revolution and ensure we train the students to make good decisions and feel comfortable and confident to inform us if anything makes them uncomfortable in the IT realm. We need to work as a real life partnership to ensure this happens.

We have included a pamphlet about Cyber-Safety with today’s Snippets. Please take the time to read it and use it as a facilitator to foster a good positive discussion with your family.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ruby B and Bailey T who competed in the Regional Finals yesterday in Field events.

Both threw their personal best with bailey gaining second place, qualifying him for the State Finals.

Great effort from you both.

October School Council Meeting

Last night your School Council met for the October Meeting...

The following items were discussed:

- Review of School Production
- Official opening of the BER building—Possible Date: Monday 5th December
- School Website Update and discussion regarding involving interested parents in maintaining its data.
- 2012 School Budget update

If you wish to discuss any of these matters please approach any of your School Councillors for further details:

Parent Reps are: Marita Warner, James Clarke, Craig Semmens, Brad Wolff, Russell Waycott, Marina Younger, Kylie Glover, Brenda Tierney, Murray Gerraty, Jane Hancock.

Have a great week.

GARRY BRIGGS

The Assistant Principal

On Monday of this week the students in Level 3 and Level 4 were given a special presentation by a DEECD representative on Cyber Bullying. This was an excellent presentation that the students gave their full attention to as it covered the various aspects of technology that our students are presently using. Our speaker Greg also made the students aware of how technology could be used to bully others. He provided the students with strategies they could use as a ‘bystander’ to help prevent this bullying. In our Circles groups this term we intend to engage the students in a series of activities such as ‘role playing’ to help them to become proactive in the prevention of any form of bullying. This is just another example of how our Circles time is an excellent avenue to build positive relationships between students across the school.

Ian McKinlay
Our music students have a couple of opportunities to perform over the coming weeks:

1. **Oxfam Concert**
   Members of our senior and middle choirs plus a few recorder players will be performing at the Box Hill town hall on Tuesday Nov 8th in the evening. Money raised will be assisting underprivileged people in Australia and overseas.

2. **Musical Soiree**
   Tuesday Nov 29th 7pm at school.

*Mrs Keep*

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**
Parents please be aware that the month of November in the school calendar is incorrect (Thursday 10th and Thursday 11th). Remove Thursday 11th and correct dates from there.

**PRODUCTION PHOTOS**
Your last chance to order the photos will be Friday, as orders will be picked up on Monday.

**Website Review Team – WE NEED HELP!**
As you all know, we have a school website. It is a very useful tool for communicating to our school community and promoting our schools achievements. Now that it is up and running, we want to keep all the information on there as current as possible.

To achieve this we are setting up a small Website Management Team. This team would review online material periodically and meet on a monthly basis. If this is an area that you think you can help out in please contact Kylie Glover at kylie@reaktive.com.au. Thank you.

**Parent View on Cybersafety Information Session**

The session was very useful: whilst the issues and possible responses parents could consider are not 'rocket science', I think the session gave all that attended, a refresher on how to approach the issue.

The main points I took from the session are:

- Like most 'boundaries' that parents set, what you start with for younger children and finish with for older children are quite different.
- It's better to think about the rules/conditions that you want to apply before kids start asking for access to technology; then at least you've got a starting point for negotiation.
- Different families have different approaches - as parents we need to respect other parents rules/boundaries. We should check with parents what they are happy for their child to access during play dates etc. Don’t set up account on games etc without parent permission.
- Be careful of the role modelling you exhibit as parents - if it's OK for you to check email every 30 minutes, and play games on your smart phone when sitting on the couch with the family, then isn't it OK for kids too...?!
Regional Athletics Results
Ruby B and Bailey T competed yesterday in this event. Both children threw a personal best (discus) and are to be congratulated on their achievement. Bailey actually came second in his event and has now qualified for the State Athletic final later next month. Excellent effort Bailey.

Zone Basketball/Rounders Finals and Boys Basketball
The Zone final is tomorrow against St Clements P.S. We wish them all the best.

Girls Rounders
The Zone final will be next week against Templestowe P.S. Good luck girls.
Both of these teams were District Champions.

Walk/Ride To School Day was yesterday and again Donvale students/families strongly supported the activity. Almost 190 children participated. With the Spring/warmer weather upon us why not regularly attempt to walk or ride to school - Give it a go.

Bike Education will take place for Level 3 children next month. Please ensure your child’s bike/scooter and helmet is A OK.

Thanks to the many families who have supported the “Coles for Sport Program”. Please return any vouchers to school by Friday (tomorrow). We will send the vouchers off the to be counted next Monday.

Thank you.
Mr Pianta

Juicies and Juice Cups
I will no longer be carrying the Frozen Juice Cups. This product either can be available or it can’t, not good enough for my requirement, especially in the warmer months. Instead, I will be offering Juicies, which is also a 100% juice product, frozen in a tube like plastic. Already, they have become popular in the last couple of days, and sure they will be a hit.

Flavours offered: Apple, Tropical, Orange, Wildberry. Cost $1.00

Meal Deals for Term 4 - Available any day of the week
(last day of advertising in snippets)
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

* Order these meals simply by writing eg: “Burger Pack 2”

* Can you please remind your children to come at lunchtime to collect their Frozen Juice. This product does not come with their lunch via their class.

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

Basketball

Basketball Training
Penny is holding a 4-week training session at DISC starting 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.
BASIC VANILLA CAKE
Ingredients:
200 gr Self Raising Flour
2 eggs
6 tablespoon of melted butter (or margarine or canola oil)
75 gr raw sugar
½ cup of milk
½ teaspoon of vanilla essence

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 vanilla cake.
From this recipe we can create lots of different style dessert, such as: vanilla cake finger or square, cupcakes, and many more.

GLUTEN AND DAIRY FREE VERSION
Ingredients:
200 gr gluten free Self Raising Flour
3 eggs
6 tablespoon of canola oil
75 gr raw sugar
½ cup of coconut milk
50 gr dessicated coconut
½ teaspoon vanilla essence

Method and note as above.

ENJOY

Recipe copyright 2011 Liang Dimitroff

20 children were very well behaved and engaging in this weeks session.
They learnt how to read a recipe which showed step by step how to bake vanilla cake. They then applied cake decorations and fruits decorations.
All the children worked in teams, taking their turn patiently. They shared and helped each other.

Appreciation Awards goes to everyone this week, as they were all fantastic. The Junior Chef’s were allowed to have extra cake and some of them took it home to show their parents.
Special Award go to Sophie Ehlert 2J for her kindness and willingness to share. Well done junior chefs.

Thank you to the Ehlert, Frigo, Nitsos and Brown families for their donations.

Some of the ingredients we need for next week are:
Plain Flour, raspberry jam, eggs, any fruits (apples, strawberry, orange, etc) Next week is group 4’s turn to create: “Raspberry jam drop served with fresh fruit salsa”.

We don't cook, we create food.
Liang, Stacey and Jaqui

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
21st - 27th October
Tommy W, Shadia I, Holly M
Maths Fun For Everyone: A dark bridge crossing

You will need

Scissors
Sticky tape
Colouring in pencils and textas (optional)
Pen and paper to record your solutions

What to do

Cut out of the print out the bridge, the four people and the torch along the black lines. Cut the scraps away from the rest of the paper to leave a picture of a river. Fold each of the pieces along the dotted lines. Use sticky tape to make the four people, so they each have a base to stand on. Tape the bridge down over the river, where indicated. The bridge should bend up slightly.

The puzzle

Four hikers come across a river in the middle of the night. The bridge is very old and can only hold two people at a time. The hikers only have one torch between them, and no-one will cross the bridge without the torch.

The four hikers all take different amounts of time to cross the bridge:
- Sporty Onslow crosses the bridge in one minute
- Twain takes two minutes to cross
- Fievel is a bit slow, and takes five minutes to cross
- Poor Tennille is very scared, and takes ten minutes to cross

When two people cross together, they go at the speed of the slower person.

Can you get all the hikers across the bridge? How long did it take them to cross?
Can you get them all across the bridge in 19 minutes?
How about crossing in 17 minutes?

What's happening?

The first thing that you'll notice with this puzzle is that you need to send people back across the bridge to let other people use the torch. Using a fast person to bring the torch back is a good strategy – if it takes ten minutes to get the torch back each time, it's going to take a very long time for everyone to cross.

Another important thing to notice is that the slow people are a lot slower than the fast people. To get the best possible time, Fievel and Tennille will require some careful thought.

Applications

This activity is an example of optimisation. Optimisation is about finding a good solution to a complicated problem. For example, imagine a parcel delivery truck – it has a list of houses it has to visit to make deliveries. Finding a short path to visit each of the houses is an optimisation problem. Finding a fast path is a different problem.

In a lot of cases, finding the best solution is very difficult, and so the aim is to find a very good solution. It is also important how fast you can find your solution – you shouldn’t spend a week working out how to deliver one day's worth of parcels!

By David Shaw

More information

Interactive version of a similar problem: http://www.coolmath4kids.com/math_puzzles/Logic-bridgecrossing/index.html

The travelling salesman problem (more advanced): http://www.tsp.gatech.edu/problem/index.html

Cheers, Luanda Pianta
Numeracy Co-ordinator
My Experience at the State School Athletics Championships

By Ruby Browne 3W

WOW!!! I can’t believe I got this far!
It all started when myself, Alexzondra, Victoria and Bailey got through to the Regional Athletics held at Doncaster Athletics Track on Thursday 13th October. Bailey and I were competing in Discus and Alexzondra and Victoria were competing in Shot Put.
I was so excited because I came 1st in my age group. I was competing against students from other primary schools in Manningham, Maroondah, Boroondara and Yarra divisions. Bailey also came first in his age group.
I got invited to compete at the Eastern metropolitan Region Track and Field championships on Wednesday 19th October held at the Knox Athletics Track. On Wednesday I competed in the 9 and 10 year old age group against 7 other girls. I tried my best and came 5th. I was a little disappointed with myself and then I realised how well I had done to make it this far.
This is the first year I have tried Athletics and I am looking forward to trying again next year.
Thanks to Mr P, my family and everyone who has supported me and helped me get this far.
GOOD LUCK TO BAILEY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Tahlia and Brigita’s homework.
For our homework on plants we had to think of a question that we didn’t know about them. Tahlia’s question was which plants are poisonous in Victoria and Brigita’s question was names of flowers and their parts. Tahlia made a diorama and Brigita did a poster. We had a week to do them. We are both happy with what we created. By Brigita and Tahlia

Cyber Bullying
Something is wrong. The air feels sticky and Lisa doesn’t seem herself. Suddenly tears form in a puddle on the ground. Something is definitely wrong. I invited her to come and sit down and she briefly told me what had happened. Cyber bullying, it’s such a hideous thing. The moment she told me I had to do something.
We were walking home and she picked out her phone and shuddered. I picked it up as well and gasped with astonishment. “I know where you live.” There was no name on the text or anything, “You are such a loser.” Oh no.
“Dad, guess what happened!” I told dad and he called the police. She sent a copy of the texts to me and I felt much better.
I went to school the next day with a confident feeling in me. Lisa was playing with another of our friends and didn’t even talk about the day before. She seemed brighter already.
When I got home I made dad change my phone number just in case!
By Phoebe 4R

Asthma in Spring: Keep a Spring in their Step!
Spring is in the air and bringing with it warmer weather, which can make it a difficult time for all people that experience hay fever symptoms, as plants release pollens into the air. Hay fever is very common complaint during spring, and between 60-80% of people with asthma also experience hay fever.

- Pollen is a trigger for hay fever and asthma, particularly on a windy day or during thunderstorms
- Someone with asthma may experience worsening symptoms due to their hay fever
- Hay fever can make asthma harder to control
- Treating hay fever symptoms with anti-histamine tablets or nasal sprays has benefits to asthma control
- Plants often release pollen in the morning, and as a result hay fever may be worse between 5am and 10am

There are some simple and effective methods to help your child or teenager manage their asthma during spring:

- Be aware if they experience hay fever or pollen as an asthma trigger
- If they have been prescribed a preventer or combination medication for their asthma, ensure that the medication is being used as prescribed (some may take more than a week of regular use to take full effect)
- Ensure you have provided their school/preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan (AAP) to follow in the event of an asthma attack
- Ensure they have access to their own reliever asthma medication, or blue/grey ‘puffer’, along with a spacer at all times, and they are aware of how to use the medication appropriately
- Ensure they can recognise when they are experiencing asthma symptoms and know what to do to manage their asthma
- Be aware of high/extreme pollen days by checking the daily pollen count and forecast on the home page of the Asthma Foundation of Victoria website: www.asthma.org.au
Parents Association News!

Woolworths “Earn and learn”

Thanks to all the families who helped our school during this fundraising event. Together we collected over 3500 points which the staff can use to purchase educational products for our kids from “Modern Teaching Aids”.

Parent Association Meeting

Monday 24th October
9.30am in the Library.

Come and join us to find out what we have planned for 2012!!

Kids Halloween Disco!!

Friday 28th October

Junior building – 5.30pm – 7.00pm
Middle and senior buildings – 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Ticket order forms for the Kids Halloween Disco need to be returned by Friday 21st October (tomorrow). Please remember that parental assistance is required in order for this event to run smoothly. Please fill out the bottom section of the notice if you can help out on the night and return as soon as possible.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR “BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!!”

WEDNESDAY 16TH AND THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.00pm and Thursday 8.45am – 9.30am

This is a great opportunity to buy up big for Christmas and for those last minute birthday presents.

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