Wow!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!.......... I’ve been to Melbourne to meet the Queen!!!!!!!!!!........

Yesterday was a day to remember for the rest of his life. Seamus C, one of our Junior School students was lucky enough to have the privilege of presenting flowers to Her Majesty the Queen at the entrance to our new Royal Childrens’ Hospital. Seamus was selected out of a large crowd of royal onlookers to present flowers. I farcically said yesterday morning as Seamus prepared to go to the hospital, “Say Hello to the Queen when you see her”, never thinking he would actually have the rare opportunity to do so. Many of us never get to actually see the Queen, let alone meet her in person. Seamus is one of those very select group who in their life has met a living Monarch, a rare and memorable event in itself.

Read Seamus’s personal article in this weeks Snippets.
Final Reminder -
**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.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER…**
If you have a child who is coming to DPS next year, but you have not yet enrolled them, please collect an enrolment form from the office, complete it and return it asap, as we are currently getting organised for 2012. Also our 2012 Prep transition program commences soon.

**Some confusion**
Due to a change in State Govt. the guidelines for the Victorian schools Curriculum Days has returned to the original situation where schools have autonomy over when they take their 4 Curriculum Days during the year. We have decided to take ours over 2012.

- **Book pick up day** is Tuesday 31st January from 9:00-2:30pm.
- **Staff return** on Wednesday 1st February.
- **All students commence** at 9:00am on Thursday 2nd February.

These dates are also available on our website at; [www.donvaleps.vic.edu.au](http://www.donvaleps.vic.edu.au)

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**Cyber-safe**
Following extensive discussion with many groups, as a school we have decided to operate by the following guidelines:

When students are being identified in either our website, Snippets, promotional material, we will use the **Christian name and first initial of Surname as identifiers only**. These guidelines have been adopted and endorsed by your School Council. We will all do our very best to adhere to this in the very best interest of us all. We thank you for your support and cooperation in regards this important issue.

**Please be on time but not toooooo early.............**
We are still having some students arriving either BEFORE 8:45am when our school yard is not supervised. It may be more convenient for you but you need to comply with our regulations as we do not want any students at school when they are NOT supervised. Annoyingly, a small number of students, often the same students each day are arriving JUST after 9:00am, missing the critical start of day instructions etc.

Could all parents please act responsibly and make an effort to comply with our time requests. It is in the very best interest of your child. I thank you for your support in this matter and especially thanks to the very vast majority of families who are being cooperative and supporting us fully in this attendance issue.

**Thanks so much...**
This week, our very active playgroup which operates on Tuesday & Wednesday mornings, under the coordination of Mrs Rebecca Clarke, presented 27 new library books to our library. This annual presentation allows us to increase our picture story book collection for use by all our students.

It is a wonderful bonus for us and we thank the Playgroup families for this generous donation.

Have a great week, good luck with your Cup tip and good luck to all ex DPS students and DPS families who have children doing VCE exams in the coming weeks.

**GARRY BRIGGS**
Coaching Tips:
Sandra Bishop the regional Ultranet Coach came to Donvale today to spend time with our Level 2 and Level 4 teachers. Previously Sandra has spent time with the teachers in the Level 3 team. In these coaching sessions with Sandra teachers are able to clarify any issues that may have with the Ultranet as well as develop new skills. As the Ultranet is still in its infancy stage this is a wonderful opportunity for teachers to become more aware of and expert in the variety of educational uses that the Ultranet provides. We have also been fortunate enough for Sandra to deliver very valuable whole school professional development sessions. We are proud of the great ICT activities taking place at Donvale. We look forward to being the hosts to teachers from other schools who will be visiting us later this term to see these wonderful programs in operation.

Ian McKinlay

General News

FRUIT NEXT WEEK: 3SG

WORKING BEE
A reminder that our next working bee is on Sunday 6th November.

UNIFORM SHOP
Please note that the uniform shop will not be open on Monday. However, it will be open Wednesday afternoon as it is the first Wednesday of the month. A uniform order sheet is available from the office or on the school website.

REMINDEERS FROM THE OFFICE
- We have poppies for sale at the office - $1.
- Reminder, bulk billing is due. Installment 2 of Level 4 Camp notices went home yesterday. Remember, when sending money to school to please put in a sealed envelope with name, amount and what it is for.
- If you have changed any of your contact details, please let the office know.

LOST UNIFORM
Mitchell from 3W lost his bomber jacket (size 10) at the end of last term. It does have his name on it. Please check name tags on bomber jackets, if you have it please return it to Mitchell. Thank you.

Our Girls Rounders team (District Champions) play a Zone Final tomorrow against Templestowe Park. We wish them all the best.

Regional Hooptime Final for our “Future Stars” Basketball team was played last Monday in a round robin format. This team went through the whole day undefeated (including the Grand Final). The team has now qualified for the State Final. This is an outstanding achievement - we are very proud of you all. A big thanks to the parents who cam along on Monday and supported the team. Hope to see you all again at the State play offs.

P.S. These children have regularly given up their lunch times 2-3 times a week to train and develop their skills and set plays with Mrs Pianta. They have bonded together as a team both on and off the court. They play their games with determination, enthusiasm and are very supportive of each other. Keep up the great team work.

Mr Pianta

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
28th Oct - 3rd Nov
Khian N, Jasmine B, Megan Y, Stuart F
It has been a while since the last playgroup news but rest assured, we have been very busy. So far this term we have already made cooking collages, planted some pot plants and decorated paper jockeys and cups for the Melbourne Cup. This week we also made a donation to the school of 24 new books for the library. Every year we like to give something back to the school as a way of thanking them for being so supportive of our playgroup. One of the reasons our playgroup is so successful are the services provided to it by the school and the support offered by staff in allowing so many of the school students to come along and help out. One way to say thanks is to donate some books and this was the first instalment, the next will come at the end of the year. Members of the Tuesday playgroup were very proud to hand over the books to our school captains, Kaitlyn and Stuart and to Mr. McKinley.

Mrs Clarke

This week’s session was very full on. The children made their own pastry (they said it’s like playdough), shaped a biscuit drop with raspberry jam filling inside, brushed the top of each biscuit with egg glaze and baked them in the oven. While waiting for the biscuit to bake, we also made fresh fruit salsa (they said it was like small chopped fruit salad).

Everyone was confident that they could make this at home and reminded me not to forget to put the recipe in Snippets.

Thank you to the Moulton and Tarenidis families for their donations. Next session will be on 8 November as next week is Cup Day.

We don’t cook, we create food.

Liang, Stacey and Jaqui
Prep T Investigation Challenges
Matthew and Christopher built a factory where food gets recycled and turned into more food. Daniel made a security camera and a security car to make sure no-one could steal the food. We worked really well as a team.
Matthew, Daniel and Christopher A.

Alyse and I had to think of a way to catch water outside. We had the idea to use a bucket to collect water. I took it home and put it outside. When it rains, the water goes in the bucket and then I put the water on the plants.
Gemma

I had lots of ideas about making more water for the sea animals. I used blue paper to make water. Anise and Lily helped me. It was fun.
Megan

District Athletics
On Thursday the 13th of October I competed in District Athletics at George Street. Victoria, Ruby and Alexendra also competed in Discus and Shot Put. I was in Discus and there were 4 different districts and I was in the Doncaster district. Luckily for me there was one other person in my district, my winning distance was 25.20 metres and my opponent’s best throw was 15 metres. I was so excited and happy that I won!

Then on Wednesday the 19th of October I went to the Regional Athletics. I was up against 8 people. One of the people I was up against had just got back from winning 3rd in nationals so I didn’t expect it to be easy. My 3 practice shots were all perfect but unfortunately I didn’t do as good as my practice shots in the actual shots that they measured. My best throw was my first and it went 29.12 metres then my second and third went 26 metres and 23 metres. Then there was a playoff between the top 3 and I was second. The results didn’t change much in the playoffs and I finished second, and the top 2 people in each event went through.

Afterwards they said my name over the loud speaker and I stepped up on the podium and a lady put the silver medal around my neck and it felt awesome! Now on November 7th I will be competing in State Championships at Albert Park! And well done to Ruby for also making Regionals and coming 5th! I am going to practice heaps from now and hopefully can stand on that podium one more time!
By Bailey T
When Seamus met the Queen
On Wednesday the 26th of October, I got to meet the Queen at the new Royal Children’s Hospital. We waited for a long time in the sun behind a barrier gate. Mum and I got interviewed for the TV news by channel 7, 9 and 10! When the Queen came she drove straight past us and into the hospital and we thought that we wouldn’t see her or be able to give her flowers. But, one of the security guards came and said that we could go up to the front door of the new hospital and give flowers to the Queen. I was the first person to give flowers to her. She asked me, “Are these flowers for me?” and I said, “Yes.” I think her favourite colour is pink. She didn’t have number plates on her car, just the picture of a crown. It was really fun and the news people were really nice and we met other nice people when we were waiting for the Queen. I will always remember it.
Next Week’s Activities

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Dear Parents and Students,

Hope everyone has had a good week. At OSH we've been busy with lots of activities. On Tuesday afternoon we had a lego building competition. The kids created some great pieces of work. Be sure to come in and check out the pictures.

We've also been working away at re-decorating our wall. We are the middle of creating giant posters, one a garden scene and the other to do with the sea. Hopefully they will be finished soon.

The weekly quiz has taken off with a bang! I've been so impressed with the number of children having a go and am super impressed with how many answers they are getting right. This week quiz winners were, Vicky Mangonis, Jamieson Dick (AGAIN! Well done!) and Liam Dick.

There are plenty more chances to win so make sure you fill in a quiz sometime.

Also the kids have been creating some wonderful pieces of art, make sure you come in sometime to see the OSH folder and see what they have been up to.

If you have yet to fill out an authorization form please be sure to come in and see me and fill one out.

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 till 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

STAFF
Coordinator – Cassandra Tan
Staff: Hannah, Kim, Lee, Stephen
Program Phone: 0402 362 443
OSH Club – 8564 9000
Admin: admin@oshclub.com.au
Kids Halloween Disco!!
Friday 28th October (tomorrow night)
In the GP Room
Junior building – 5.30pm – 7.00pm
Middle and senior buildings – 7.30pm – 9.00pm
YES it is a dress up party!!!!
Come along in your favourite costume and join us for a Halloween night of fun, games and plenty of dancing!!!!

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.

Next PA meeting:
Monday 14th November
(Previously advertised for 28th November)

“Reminds” Seminar
Re-engineering minds for success!
All Parents are invited to attend an information session on helping children with learning difficulties.
Further details coming home tonight.

Trivia Night 2012
The Parents Association is already looking to next year and need to start thinking about our biannual Trivia Night event.
In order for this to be a great success we need many parent helpers to work together.

Please fill out the bottom section of this form and return to school by Friday 4th November so we can gage parent interest in running this event.

Name: ___________________________________________________________ Childs class: ________________
Yes I would like to join the Trivia Night committee. [ ] I prefer to meet:

During school hours
(9am – 3.30pm)
After school hours
(3.30 pm – 5pm)
Evenings
(7.00pm onwards)

For further details please contact Kathryn at Soterales@opusnet.com.au or via phone on 9891 6746
More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

**TEMPLESTOWE FESTIVAL** - Sunday 30th October from 9am to 4pm at Finns Reserve, Templestowe Rd.

**DONVALE/NUNAWADING DISTRICT GIRL GUIDES** - If you are interested, register your interest.

**TRINITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, KEW** - Founder’s Day Fair on Sunday 13 November 10.30am-4.30pm.

**BURWOOD EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL** - To past pupils, staff, parents and friends - You are invited to celebrate the school’s 150th anniversary reunion and fete. Saturday 12th November 11am to 4pm.

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**Pre School Sport**

Pre School Sport run educational sport programs for 2-5 year olds on Saturday mornings. The programs are for boys and girls and not only teach the fundamental motor skills but also develop self-confidence, listening and concentration skills, and group and individual learning experiences. We are currently running a Have A Go program which includes 3 weeks of soccer, cricket and football at Donvale P.S. on a Saturday morning at 9:30am. For more information and to enroll online visit www.preschoolsport.com.au or call 1300 970 912.

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**FOR ENQUIRES :** THE TRAVEL STORE - Shop 18 Devon Plaza, 958-978 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster East.

**PH:** 03 9842 1222  **FAX:** 03 9841 9444  **EMAIL:** book@thetravelstore.com.au

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