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November School Council Meeting Report

Following items were discussed at School Council last night:

- Budget-Presentation of our 2012 Nominal school budget.
- Working Bees-Discussion on how to encourage more DPS families to give up a small amount of time to attend working bees. We are so lucky to have great, safe and large playgrounds yet only 25 families on average take the time to assist. How do we get more?

WEEKLY DIARY

Friday 25th November

- Last day of swimming program

Monday 28th November

- 8.30-9.30am: Uniform shop open
  (Please note: Open 1st Wednesday of the month from 3-4pm)
- Bike Education for 3PH

Tuesday 29th November

- 7.00-9.00pm: Musical Soiree in the Senior Building

Wednesday 30th November

- 9.00-10.00 and 10.00-11.00: Hockey clinic for Level 3
- Bike Ed for 3SG

Thursday 1st December

- Student Banking Day
- Level 4 Round Robin Sports Day
- 2.00-3.15: 2012 Prep Transition Program
- Bike Education for 3W

Friday 2nd December

- JSC FREE DRESS DAY
- State Hooptime Finals

BER-BER opening at 3:00pm on Monday 5th December.
- OSHP fees-Fees for our OSHP most probably will need to increase in 2012 to cover costs of the program. It is a fantastic fully supervised and run program. Numbers of those attending is not covering costs so increases are projected. All families get 50% rebate on fees paid. This is a user pay system and service to our school community.

2012 enrolment-Marketing has been excellent this year, but in 2012 need to continue to strive for small increase in enrolments.
- 2012 review- During 2012 undertake a review of the educational basis for school structure-levels.
- Transition-Report on transition programs.
- DEECD focus- In 2012 DEECD will be focusing resources and increased accountability into ensuring all students attend school on a regular and ongoing basis. Our protocols are very acceptable and already in place.

Next Meeting of School Council is on Wednesday 14th December at 6:30pm in our staffroom.
**Lateness still an issue**

Once again lateness to school in the morning is becoming an issue. We ask that you make the effort to have your child at school between 8:45am - 9:00am so they can commence the day with their classmates at 9:00am.

This past week:
- 16/11 - 17 students arrived late
- 17/11 - 11 students arrived late
- 18/11 - 12 students arrived late
- 22/11 - 14 students arrived late
- 23/11 - 15 students arrived late
- 24/11 - 11 students arrived late

The disappointing thing is that most of the latecomers are the same student each day. We all have a day or so where we are late to something (Human nature), but it is very concerning that many of our latecomers only need to change their behaviour pattern by 5 minutes in their morning routine and they would be here on time!!!!! As a school we need to have a deadline, it has been decided that 9:00am is the time for children to move into class. If you are a parent of one of the continual latecomers, we implore you to:
- Set the example and insist on punctuality
- Make arrangements in your program to ensure that routine ensures you get your child to school before 9:00am
- If your child walks, and is late, impress on them the importance of being punctual as a courtesy.

I will be sending late notices home next week to highlight to families that their child has been late on that day. Hope I have none to send home!!!

**Successful team…. Roy and Chloe…**

Chloe (on the right), shows her winning ribbons and grooming set prize to her friend Becky.

Chloe competed in a horse show last weekend. Chloe who has her own horse, Roy, and together they did very well winning 7 ribbons including Champion Primary Rider award.

Chloe rides at least twice a week and at weekends. She loves her horses and really enjoys spending time with them. Congratulations to Chloe and Roy. Read all about Chloe’s experience under “Stories from the students”.

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**Snippets Reminder**

From the commencement of 2012, we will not be mailing or emailing Snippets to any families any more. With our wonderful website fully functional and maintained, we will be uploading the weekly Snippets on Thursdays to our Website at www.donvaleps.vic.edu.au

This will provide universal instant access to the Snippets, cuts down the admin workload and allows you to print, save and access back issues for reference. The only exceptions will be if you do not have access to the internet, we will of course provide you with a hard copy.

Have a great week.

**GARRY BRIGGS**

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**The Assistant Principal**

**Early Years Literacy**

On Tuesday morning of this week I was privileged to speak to the new prep parents on Early Years Literacy. We looked at the four interlocking pieces of the Early Years jigsaw; structured program, parent participation, professional development for teachers and additional assistance. These four elements all combine to create a literacy program that is most effective in teaching our young students to read, write, speak and listen. A key element of the Early Years program is that it matches each student to their instructional level of text. Reading groups are made up of students with similar ability. Planned activities with a particular focus can be pitched at a level that is challenging for that group though achievable with both teacher and parent guidance and assistance. Guided reading sessions are exactly that, the teacher guides the students through the text to help them with their understanding of vocabulary, concepts and meaning. We also talked about a writing program that we are using at DPS called, 'Seven Steps to Writing Success'. You may have heard your child talk about a ‘Sizzling Start’ to a story where the writer takes you straight to the action to grab your interest from the start. The prep parents turned their hand to this activity and as you could imagine we were entertained by some inspiring pieces of writing that were read aloud to the group. All great writing needs an audience!

We finished by talking about the need to develop a lifelong love of reading and writing in our students. The Early Years Literacy program provides those first important keys to unlock that life.

**Ian McKinlay**
General News

FRUIT NEXT WEEK: 2S

LOST
Lost bomber jacket (size 6), with Chloe T on name tag. Please return to Chloe in 2CM. Thank you.

PRODUCTION DVD
We have 2 DVD’s for night 1 and 4 for night 2 of the school production available at $25. If you wish to purchase please see the office.

Wanted – USED Christmas cards.
Level 2 have been exploring how we can waste not, want not. A fitting end for this is to make our own recycled Christmas crafts. If you have any old Christmas cards or paper, we would love to use them to create new decorations. (Please cut off any personal messages first.) You can send them to Miss Johnston in 2J. Thanks.

Music Matters

Everyone is invited to our special Music Soiree next Tuesday (Nov. 29th) at 7pm. Come along and hear our talented musical students from the:
- Junior Jammers choir
- Recorder group
- Music Makers choir
- Expressions band
- Super Senior choir
- Marimba Band
- As well as some of our instrumental students.

The evening will be held in the Level 4 building and will include supper, so could each family please bring along a plate of finger food to share.

Participants are reminded to wear black and white. See you there!

Anthea Keep and Bec Clarke

To all our Parent Helpers

You are invited to a morning tea on Friday 9th December from 11.00 - 11.45 in the G.P. Room.

The staff looks forward to this opportunity of saying a personal thank you for all your assistance during the year in supporting the many wonderful programs and activities that Donvale Primary offers its students.

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Mr Pianta

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Mr Pianta
**Canteen Newsflash**

**Streets Paddle Pops**
Paddle Pop Ice-Creams have been discontinued, please cross it of from your copy of the menu.

**Jelly Cups**
I will be offering a jelly cup with fruit in it. This is only for counter sales at recess and lunchtime. Cost $1.00

**Frozen Fruit Now Available**
Frozen Pineapple rings 50c and frozen grapes 10c
Frozen watermelon will be available in December.

**Meal Deals for Term 4 - Available any day of the week**
- Wrap Pack 1 $5.00
- Burger Pack 2 $5.00
- SCT Pack 3 $5.00
- Mac Cheese Pack 4 $5.00

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

**Basketball News**

**Semi Final Times:**
- Donvale Delights v Ser/St.Ch Snakes 8.30am DISC
- Donvale Dolphins v Donburn
- Donvale Doves v OLOP Pine
- Donvale Daiseys v OLOP Bumblebees 10.30 am **LEEDS ST**
- Donvale Destroyers v Ser/St.Ch Needles 10.30 am DISC
- Donvale Devils v OLOP Lightning Serpents 1.30 pm DISC
- Donvale Dingoes – BYE

**REMINDER:** Registrations close **tomorrow** for Summer Season - Terms 1 & 2 (2012). Please take your completed forms and money to the office, or come and register tomorrow (Friday 25th Nov) after school on the junior side basketball courts. Forms will be available to complete, but please bring correct change $35.00.

The Basketball Committee needs more parents to help. If you are interested in helping please come along to our next meeting at DISC - Tuesday 29th November at 3.45 pm. Hope to see some new faces there.

Good luck to all our teams this Saturday.
The Basketball Committee

**Basketball Presentation Night**
We will be having our Basketball presentation night on Wednesday 14th December from 5.30 pm.

We will have a free family BBQ followed by the presentation of trophies.

Keep the date free, hope to see all players and families there.

Kym Wolff
And the Basketball Committee

**C.R.E.**
**Christian Religious Education**

**CRE SCHOOL CONCERT**
There are only 2 weeks before the children perform their Christmas Concert! This year the story is “The Visit of the Wise Men! Once again Shirley has put it all together and the Senior levels will perform while the younger levels will each sing a song! This will be held at the school on Thursday 8th DEC. from 1200-1300. We would love to see as many parents (and children) that can come and support their children! If possible the preps are encouraged to dress as angels and shepherds! The Grades 1 and 2 can wear Christmas clothes (red and green or Santa hats, reindeer ears etc!!!)

Looking forward to seeing you all there!!

God Bless Shirley, Judith an Cheryl.
DONVALE STYLE MALAYSIAN CHAR MEE HOON

Serve 2 as individual meal or 8 as part of an Asian style banquet

Ingredients:
1 big clove of garlic (thinly slice)
½ medium size onion (thinly slice)
500 gr fresh rice vermicelli (if dried, soften by soaking in boiled water)
100 gr cabbage (or Chinese cabbage, cut in chunk size)
50 gr carrot (thinly slice)
100 gr green vegies (such as broccoli, bok choy etc cut in chunk size)
125 gr frankfurt (thinly slice)
6 tablespoon of olive oil
½ tablespoon of chicken stock powder
1 tablespoon of raw sugar
1 tablespoon of soy sauce
3 tablespoon of sweet soy sauce (kecap manis)
1 egg
salt and pepper to taste

Method:
- Using a big frypan, put in half the oil, when hot cook the egg, set a side.
- Put the rest of the oil, garlic, onion and carrot, stir until fragrant and the garlic golden brown.
- Add the rest of the ingredients and the egg to the pan.
- Keep stirring until all are mixed well (about 5 minutes)
- Served topped with spring onion or coriander or crispy shallot.

ENJOY

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STORIES FROM THE STUDENTS

G.A.T.E.W.A.Y.S. REPORT
On Friday 11th and Friday the 18th I went to G.A.T.EWAYS. It was weird at first because, everyone was supposed to be here after 9:00, so they don’t disturb the ‘host school’ but since I went to this school I was here at 8:45! Because I go to this school and I was early, they asked me to help give out the name tags and do the roll, since I was in Grade 5 I was doing the roll for the 5/6s, which surprisingly was a small group. At about 9:25 the teacher/co-ordinator, (can’t remember the name) introduced herself and got everyone into their groups, 1/2s, 3/4s and 5/6s. The 1/2s subject was called ‘Catch a Tiger by the Toe’ the 3/4s subject was on Archimedes and the 5/6s was called ‘The Best of Possible Worlds’. We talked about philosophy, philosophers, Utopia, (U= Good topia= World) Dystopia (Dys= Bad topia= World), and more philosophy. G.A.T.EWAYS has been heaps of fun, and I still get 2 more weeks!

Lachlan H

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

25th Nov - 1st Dec

Trivina T
On Saturday the 19th of November I competed at Haileybury Interschool Horse Show for the school. I was riding my new pony Orana Park Royalty (Roy) and it was my first time going to a show on Roy. My first event was a Led event which is when I lead Roy around in front of the judge. I came 3rd in that. Then I did the led event again because there were two rings. In the second ring I came last (5th). Then my next event was Smartest on Parade which is sort of like who is the cleanest, the prettiest pony and rider. In that I won which took me in to the Championships. But I didn’t get anything in that. The next event was my Rider event. That’s all about the riding not about the pony. I won that and went to the Championships again. This time I won Champion Primary Rider! That took me into Supreme Rider and that was against Secondary School kids so it was very hard. I didn’t get anything in that one. But it was amazing to compete at that level. Then my last event was Ridden Pony which is all about the pony and how it behaves and how it listens to you. In that I came 2nd. The best thing I won was the box of horse brushes and the Champion Primary Rider.

By Chloe S 4H

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CEDAR HOLIDAY UNIT IN BRIGHT AVAILABLE FOR HOLIDAY RENTAL - Parent from the school is offering discounted rates for Donvale Primary families.

MANNINGHAM COUNCIL - Offering six theme specific workshops to discuss and plan for the community (Our community spirit/Getting from place to place/Planning where we live/Enjoy and protect our natural spaces/Everything we need is local and Working together).

BABYSITTER - Looking for a babysitter - Daniela is 19 years old and is offering to babysit.

SCHOLASTIC - End of year clearance 40% to 90% off all kids books. Wed 30 Nov - teacher day only. Thur 1st and Fri 2nd Dec - Open to public.
Dear Parents and Students,

For those of you who don’t know yet, I’ll be leaving next Thursday to brave the cold in Europe for two months! I am most excited but also sad to missing out on all the Christmas activities. I will be back from the beginning of term to hear all the holiday stories and hopefully meet many new faces. OSHC will be run as normal by Hannah Gibbs with the help of the usual staff.

We have been busily preparing Christmas activities for the last two week of term along with many other fun activities for the weeks leading up to it.

The photo wall is slowly growing as the kids do more activities each week so please come in and see what they have been up to.

This week we did rice pictures which turned out great. They’re brightly coloured 3D pictures.

The kids on Wednesday afternoon were also luck enough to make chocolate molds! They filled them up with yummy creams and they will be ready by next week.

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. Dates for 2012 are now open so you can start booking for the new term.

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

STAFF
Coordinator – Cassandra Tan
Staff: Hannah, Kim, Lee, Stephen
Program Phone: 0402 362 443
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Imagine visiting the World's Most Famous Tourist Attractions …Imagine going shopping overseas …
The Term 1 program for WiseOnes will let you make amazing discoveries as we whiz around the world on a fun filled, 8 week Around the World Holiday! Use puzzles, quizzes, problem solving, challenges, memorizing facts and figures and the World Quiz Game. Parents, this is a chance for your child to use his/her visual and spatial skills, mathematical knowledge; geography skills; increase general knowledge about countries around the World and improve his/her memory.

WiseOnes Application for 1st Term 2012
This program is available for all Grade 1 - Grade 6 children who have qualified for WiseOnes.
The unit for first term commences week beginning Monday, 13th February, 2012. Because of the shortness of first term, the unit will run for 8 weeks on the weeks beginning: Feb 13, 20, 27; March 5, 12, 19; April 16, 23.

I wish to enrol my child in the unit "Around The World In 8 Weeks" commencing week beginning Monday, 13th February, 2012.
I give permission for a copy of this slip to be handed to the WiseOnes teacher.

Child's Name ________________________________________________________________________
School: ____________________________________________________________________________
Date of Birth __________________ Grade (2012) ________
Parents' Names ______________________________________________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________________________
Phone: BH __________ AH __________ Mobile ______________ Email: ___________________________

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 $200 inc GST).

Please send this slip and payment of $212.00 by Thursday, 9th February, 2012.
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 to Donvale Primary School.

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

NB: Due to the Government increase of teachers’ wages, please note the new cost of the program.