Please make the effort to come along between 9:00-12:30. If you haven’t been to one this year, please do not leave it to others. Come and help for an hour or so. Look forward to seeing you there.

Tonight grade 2 students will experience the first part of our School Camping Program. 35 Students and accompanying staff will spend tonight having fun as they stay away from home overnight sleeping at school.

Tomorrow, all Level 2 students will have a very active Camp Activities Day where they will take part in activities related to camping. We wish you all a fun, enjoyable and exciting evening and day tomorrow.

BER opening and name... We are finally going to officially open our great BER building, which is being brilliantly used for our level 4 students, preparing them for their Secondary years as well as working as a Primary School facility. Our Official Opening will take place on Monday 5th December at 9:00am as part of our Assembly.

We will be having it in the BER. I would invite all families, if they can, to join us on that day as part of our great Donvale School Community.

As part of the process we are asking all DPS families to name the building. We will involve all students in their classes to have a go at naming the building. I would invite all families to submit either:

- On a piece of paper, with your name, grade and suggestion to our school office.
- Email electronically to donvaleps@edumail.vic.gov.au your suggestion.

Entries will close at 4:00pm Monday 28th Nov to allow us to make our decision.

A prize of a nice book and a large set of colour pencils will be awarded to the successful family. If we have 2 or more entries having the same winning name, the winner will be the entry first submitted.

Ultranet walk a real success... Yesterday, 16 teachers from schools all around Melbourne visited DPS to see best practise in introducing the Ultranet to students of various levels. Our Level 1 (Preps) worked brilliantly with their Grade 6 Buddies to work on the Ultranet during the session. Mr Gordon facilitated the session supported by many staff. Well done.
**Disco was fantastic...**

Last Friday evening, most of our students attended the Term 4 Disco, organised and run by our PA. The evening was an outstanding success with the involvement and behaviour of our students exemplary. It is great to see so many students mixing and enjoying themselves, yet being respectful of each other and the many adults who gave up their time to organise, run and supervise the evening. Thanks so much to all the Mums & Dads who assisted to make the evening a wonderful success. Congratulations to all the students who behaved so well.

Have a great week..............

GARRY BRIGGS

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**The Assistant Principal**

**Sleepover:**

Tonight there will be high excitement around 6.30 p.m. as the first Grade 2 students make their way into school loaded up with their overnight bag, sleeping gear and of course their favourite teddy or night toy. For many students this will be the first time that they have been away from home for two days. Our Grade 2 Sleepover is like a mini school camp as the students sleep at school on Thursday night, have a buffet breakfast outside the library in the morning, then rotate through camp activities such as orienteering, putting up tents, making damper and bush art on the Friday. This sleepover helps to build resilience and independence in our students and provides wonderful preparation for the Grade 3 camp at Phillip Island next year.

Ian McKinlay

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**General News**

**FRUIT NEXT WEEK:**

3W

**WANTED FOR PLAYGROUP**

We are looking for some large carpets or rugs to use during our playgroup sessions as our current ones are getting old. If you have a rug you could pass on to us or know where we could get one for a good price, please get in touch with Rebecca on 0419 119 895 or Rebecca@theclarkes.biz

Thank you.

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**REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE**

- Level 4, 2012 Camp: Installment 1 is overdue and Installment 2 is now due.
- Whole school swimming program money is due.
- Poppies for sale at the office $1.

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**ITEMS LEFTOVER FROM HALLOWEEN DISCO**

A few items were left behind on Friday, if they belong to you please collect from office.
- Devil’s ears hair band.
- Right hand skeleton glove.
- White mask

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**ED ALIVE**

Brochures were sent home today. Orders need to be sent back to school by Friday 18th November.

**Please note:** Payment is only by cheque/money order or credit card. NO CASH.

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**PLEASE BE AWARE**

We had a reported case of ‘shingles’. Included is an information sheet.

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**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.
RESOURCES WORKING BEE Sunday 6th NOV 9:00 – 12:30

We would like to remind all our parents and helpers that we have a school working bee coming up this weekend. Following is a list of jobs that need to be done. Don’t worry if you can’t decide we can always give you something on the day.

- WEEDING
- MULCHING GARDENS AND PLAY EQUIPMENT
- PRUNING TREES AND SHRUBS
- WHIPPER SNIPPING AND MOWING
- LAYING ROCKS ALONG PATHWAY FROM CARPARK TO NEW BUILDING
- SWEEPING AND BLOWING PATHWAYS

Come along and enjoy our Parents Ass BBQ lunch and a few refreshments afterwards. Hope to see lots of enthusiastic helpers on the day even if you can only spare an hour or so.

Brad Wolff Resources Committee.

Music Matters

Oxfam Music Festival
Our Senior Choir, Music Makers choir and Recorder ensemble will be performing at the Box Hill Town Hall on Tuesday November 8th at 7pm. Participants are required to wear their summer school uniform and arrive by 6.45. Tickets are available for spectators at the door or from Bec Clarke. Come along and support our students as well as a very worthy cause!

Anthea Keep
Performing Arts

Canteen Newsflash

Lasagne
This food item will be discontinued from the menu as of this week.

Reminder: Students in Grade 1 and 2 will have their special camp activity day lunch tomorrow. If you have not ordered, you can place a normal canteen lunch order.

Thank you.
Keep Healthy, Keep Cool, Keep Hydrated
Angie (cookie) - Canteen Management Services

STORIES FROM THE STUDENTS

3PH veggie patch

3PH has been doing for Term 4, our veggie patch garden. For the past weeks we’ve been learning how plants live and grow. We are growing carrots, parsley, marigolds, capsicum, cucumbers, zucchini and many more. 3PH has also been growing mystery seeds and learning some radical facts, here are some. The biggest tree in the world is a giant Redwood in the USA.

by Kye S and Jon H
TEMPLE GRANDIN - The Movie

I didn't really like it the first time I watched it but when I saw it the second time I got a lot out of it. As she could remember every item she's ever seen, she can see in pixels and has a photographic memory.

As a child Temple's diagnosed with autism and was told she had to institutionalized but after a while she ends up on a ranch which gives her a love for cows.

She was told by her science teacher she could easily go to college and do exceedingly well. She does and she graduates, gets her degree. Then dedicates herself to cows and improves the cow slaughtering system.

Haiden R 4P

I thought that Temple Grandin was a very interesting movie. It showed how difficult it is to be an autistic person. I found it really interesting how she can look at a sheet for one second and can mesmerise everything that was on it. It shocked me how she couldn’t speak until she was four years old. She didn’t like to be touched so she built a squeeze machine and whenever she was stressed out she would use her squeeze machine and it would calm her down. All up it was a very good movie.

By Chris 4P

Temple Grandin is about an autistic person that grows up loving cows. She invents a dip and slaughter house so the cows can lie and get rid of lice in a more humane way. She grows up and now more than half of cattle farms use her invention. I think Temple Grandin is a very educational movie that brings out the difference in people. Temple Grandin is different but no less important. I think it is clever how she says “every door is another opportunity.”

By Ben S

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
4th - 10th November
Harrison B, Christian S, Emily H, Harry S
Maths Fun for Everyone

Coin toss game:

You will need
A large sheet of white cardboard
Long ruler
Permanent marker
20c, $1 and $2 coins
Old table (may get scratched)
Masking tape
Paper and pen for recording results

What to do
Measure along one side of the cardboard and make a mark every 5 cm. Then mark every 5 cm along the opposite side, making sure you start measuring from the same end of the cardboard. Mark every 5 cm on the two remaining sides, once again remembering to measure from the same end of the cardboard. Join each dot to the corresponding dot on the other side of the cardboard. You should end up with a square grid pattern on your cardboard.

Tape the cardboard down on a table. Stick a line of masking tape on the ground 1.5 m from the table. Stand behind the sticky tape and throw coins on to the cardboard sheet. If the coin lands on the sheet without touching any of the lines, you win! If it touches a line, you lose. If it falls off the cardboard, you can throw again.

Play this game 20 times with a 20c coin, 20 times with a $1 coin and 20 times with a $2 coin. Write down the number of times you won with each type of coin. Which coin is easiest to win with?

What's happening?
In this game, a smaller coin is more likely to win. Since you are throwing from far away, you don't have much control over where the coin lands. Whether it ends up on a line should be more down to luck than skill. If it is entirely luck, you can do a simple bit of geometry to see the chances of winning or losing.

Look at one of your coins. It's pretty close to being a circle, so if the centre is close to a line, then the coin will touch it. To work out the chances of winning, draw strips as wide as the coin centred on each of the lines on the cardboard. If the centre of the coin is in a strip, the coin must overlap a line and you have lost. If the centre of the coin is not in a strip, then the coin does not overlap a line, and you have won.

If you colour the strips, you can easily see the areas where you win and the areas where you lose. By measuring the areas inside and outside the strips, you can work out the probability that you will win. You could make a different sheet for each size of coin to work out how much easier it is with a $2 coin!

More information:

Dropping a coin onto a grid:
http://www.mathsisfun.com/activity/coin-grid.html

Hope you enjoy!

Don't forget to keep up the Mathletics practice, awards are given weekly!

Luanda Pianta
Numeracy Co-ordinator
Halloween Disco
28th October 2011
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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR “BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!!”
WEDNESDAY 16TH AND THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER
Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.pm
And Thursday 8.45am – 9.30am

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

Kids Halloween Disco!!
A big thank you to all the parents who assisted at last Fridays Halloween disco. Your support, time and effort were most appreciated. Thanks also to all students who were very well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed the night’s entertainment.

Special thanks to Jaqui Frigo for setting up the hall before the big event.

Check out the photos on the next page!!

“Toyworld” Forest Hill
Visit “Toyworld” and ask about their benefit card. 4% will be donated in free product to our school for purchases made by parents of our school.

Further details next week!!

Schools rewards program with The Athletes foot.
Every time a student, family or staff member purchases a pair of shoes from our stores, $5.00 goes back to our school in the form of sporting equipment.
Full details next week!

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

For further details please contact Kathryn at Soterales@opusnet.com.au or via phone on 9891 6746
HEALING HANDS MASSAGE

Hi my name is Tracy Male, mother of Cooper in 3PH.

Recently I completed my Associated Diploma in Remedial Massage, but to gain my certificate I need to complete practical hours outside the student clinic. I am looking for volunteers to help me achieve this requirement. Anyone who is interested in being a case study can contact me via email (tracymale.male@gmail.com). Only requirements are that you need to come to my house, fill in paper work and be available during school hours. Places are limited so be the first to take advantage of receiving a free massage, yes that is right you will not be charged.

So what are you waiting for email me now!!

Shingles in Children:
A Rare but Painful Reoccurrence of Chickenpox

Whether you get it in childhood or adulthood, chickenpox can make you sick both internally and externally. Along with a horrible, blistering rash, chickenpox also comes with fever, stomachache, headache, sore throat, and other miserable symptoms. The worst news is, after you heal from the chickenpox, this virus may come back for another round. This second eruption of chickenpox is called shingles, and while shingles is much more common in older adults, shingles in children is possible, too.

According to most studies, shingles in children accounts for about 5 percent of all shingles cases. Anyone who has had chickenpox is at risk for shingles, but shingles is most often diagnosed in people who are 50 and older. It is believed that shingles strikes people who have weaker immune systems, which would explain why the risk for shingles increases as people age. Shingles in children with weaker immune systems is also more common than shingles in children with strong immune systems. Another risk factor for shingles in children is if a child had chickenpox before the age of 1, or if the child’s mother had chickenpox while she was pregnant.

Shingles in children and adults is caused when the chickenpox virus lies dormant inside a person’s nervous system, often in the spinal cord. For reasons not completely understood, the virus reactivates into herpes zoster, the scientific name for the shingles virus. Shingles in children typically occurs after the child is more than 3 years old.

Shingles in children and adults causes a painful rash that follows the path of the infected nerves. The rash occurs on one side of the body, often on the chest, back, or abdomen. The rash from shingles in children begins as clusters of red bumps. Similar to chickenpox, shingles bumps turn into water blisters and then dry crusts. While it is claimed that shingles in children may be less painful than shingles in adults, the pain of shingles has been described as intense and unrelenting. Shingles in children is not accompanied by fever, nausea, or any other chickenpox symptoms.

New rashes caused by shingles in children may materialize for several days. Most or all the rash should dry up within 10 days. One major complication for shingles in children and adults is when it affects the eyes or nose, which requires immediate medical treatment. Otherwise, shingles in children can be treated with pain medication, excluding aspirin.

Children should stay home from school until the rash crusts over and also should avoid scratching or touching the shingles rash. Shingles in children is not contagious, but if a child has shingles, he or she may be able to transmit chickenpox to others. Unfortunately, the chickenpox vaccine has not been shown to prevent shingles in children.
Financial assistance for parents/guardians with children commencing Prep or Year 7 in 2012

**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):**
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to low-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is split evenly between the parent and the school, and is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The parent portion is often used for uniforms and excursions, while the school portion may be used for expenses such as textbooks, stationery and special programs. You can elect to have the parent portion of the EMA paid into your nominated bank account or receive a cheque.

In 2012, the total annual amount is **$235** for primary students and **$470** for secondary students – these amounts are split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

**School Start Bonus:**
The School Start Bonus is provided by the Victorian Government to assist low-income families with the costs associated with their child starting Prep or Year 7 at a government or non-government school.

If you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a foster parent, and you have a child starting Prep or Year 7, you may be eligible to receive this one-off **$300** payment.

The School Start Bonus will be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) into your nominated bank account in late January 2012. The School Start Bonus is separate, and additional to the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA).

**How to Apply:** Contact the school office to complete an application form for the EMA/School Start Bonus.

**Closing Date:** Parents/guardians with prep or year 7 children commencing in 2012 need to lodge an EMA/School Start Bonus form **before 15 December, 2011**. For late enrolments, applications will be accepted up until 29 February 2012.


**Education Tax Refund:**
The Education Tax Refund is a Commonwealth Government tax refund to help with the cost of educating primary and secondary school children. Eligible parents, carers, legal guardians and independent students can be reimbursed for half the cost of items such as computers, educational software, textbooks and stationery.

WiseOnes at Donvale Primary School

Dear Parents,

During the 4th term, the Prep students have the opportunity to qualify for WiseOnes, a program for advanced thinkers and faster learners, which is offered in your school, in school time, and is available from Year 1 – Year 6. This is a free test without any obligation, but which gives parents further information about their child’s potential.

Older children, Grade 1-6, who have not had the opportunity to qualify are also invited to take part in the testing. The test, itself, is not related to reading, writing or spelling but to the child’s innate ability.

You may wish to look at WiseOnes website http://www.wiseones.com.au for further information about WiseOnes, which is now in its fourteenth year, working in schools. A parent brochure is available at the school office.

For further information please contact Pat Truscott Dip Teach., B.Ed., Grad Dip R.E., ACEL, A.I.M., M.A.W.A. Telephone (03) 9326 6441, Mobile: 0407 313 657.

Pat is a retired primary principal. All WiseOnes teachers are qualified and faster learners themselves so can mentor with great understanding of this ability. All enquiries are welcome.

Some indications of Giftedness:

1. Speaks fluently using advanced levels of words, seems older than his/her age.
2. Has a very good memory for words, songs, poems, stories, signs, places or numbers.
3. Puts ideas together in creative ways, seeing things in a new perspective.
4. Sets very high standards for self and doesn’t like to fail. Maybe has trouble starting things.
5. Refuses to write things down or hand in the required amount of work.
6. Gets into trouble for asking too many questions and pestering the teacher.
7. Can tell you all about the topic in detail, but can’t present work in written form.
8. Has been assessed as gifted by a psychologist, Krongold, CHIP or school.
9. Thinks and argues well, is independent, self sufficient and may be bossy.
10. Very good co-ordination for dance, sport or gym or technical or craft work.
11. Great interest in the future, world problems, or perhaps dinosaurs or astronomy.
12. Likes to mix with children a couple of years older or with adults.
13. A few of these children have very few or no real friends.
14. Has many friends – is loud and sociable.
15. Is a lovely, well mannered good person who is well balanced and friendly.

If you do wish your child to take part in the testing, please complete the form below and return to the school office by Monday, 7th November, 2011.

I do wish my child ................................. Grade ........................ to take part in the testing for WiseOnes, which will be held in 4th term at Donvale Primary School.

Signed .......................................................... Date ...................................

(parent)