School finishes NEXT THURSDAY at 1:30pm, following an assembly at 1:15pm. No lunches at School.

Student Reports, portfolio's and 2012 grade placement notification comes home on Friday.

Payment 2 for 2012 Level 4 School Camp is now due.

From the commencement of 2012, our very informative Snippets will continue to be uploaded to our School Website. We will ONLY be sending home a paper copy to those families who cannot access the internet at home. Otherwise family access will be through our comprehensive website. Check out this weeks at www.donvaleps.vic.edu.au

School Leaders elected for 2012
As part of our Level 4 Transition Program, the Grade 6 and Grade 5 (2012) students last Friday elected the School leaders. Each nominated student prepared and presented a brief presentation about themselves, what they would do if elected and a summary. We had a large number of boys and girls nominated and the presentations given were of a very high quality and presented with confidence and skill, a testament to our English programs and social skills programs giving confidence to the students. All students who voted took the process very seriously and it proved a very close and responsible election.

I am very pleased to announce the following students have been elected by their peers to the important student leadership positions for 2012:

School Captains are: Nickolas H. and Becky S.

Deputy School Captains are: Ben S. and Jessie D.

They are an excellent choice and I look forward very much to working with these four outstanding students in 2012 as they carry out ambassadorial tasks on behalf of our school.

Another element of our Student Leadership opportunities was offered on Tuesday with Mr Mc Kinlay and Mrs Wright student Peer Mediation training for 2012 Grade 6 students who were interested.
Mr McKinlay, our Assistant Principal discusses their leadership role with our 2012 elected school leaders.

End of 2011 approaches very quickly

Only 5 more days to go till the end of our 2011 School year. It has gone so quickly with lots of fantastic academic and social talents and skills being learnt. There were many highlights throughout the year, enjoyed by us all.

Following extensive discussion and consideration to provide the very best program we can for your child, the class structure for 2012 will be:

- Prep - Mrs Thompson
- Prep – Mrs Rassias/Mrs Signorini
- 1/2 – Ms Johnston
- 1/2 – Mrs Gray/Mr Mc Kinlay
- 1/2 – Mrs Watters
- 3/4 – Mrs Wright
- 3/4 – Mr Pianta/ Mrs Hodgens
- 3/4 – Mrs Colgate-Jones
- 5/6 – Mr Reiter
- 5/6 – Mrs Pianta
- 5/6 – Mr Gordon

Level 4 support - Mrs Hodgens (Maths/Literacy)
- Mrs. Miriam Karelsy (Maths/Literacy)

Please note; although our Level 4 grades are larger than this year, we have arranged for high quality extra support in the Literacy/ Numeracy learning times.

- Art - Mrs Towan
- Music - Mrs Keep
- PE - Mr Pianta

All our ES Staff will be re-employed in 2012, to provide excellent support across our school.

Unfortunately at the end of this year, we are saying “good bye” to some much valued and respected staff.

- Miss Pyne will be moving to Canterbury Primary school, closer to home. Miss Pyne has been a wonderful teacher in both level 4 and more recently Level 1.
- Mrs Anderson will be moving to Acacia College in South Morang. Mrs. Anderson has taught in Level 4 for 3 years and has gained the respect and admiration of all staff, students and parents.
- Miss Gladman to Anderson Creek PS. Miss Gladman has taught in Level 2 and 3 and has contributed in a fantastic way, both in and out of her classroom.
- Mrs Velona returning to Templestowe Heights PS. Mrs Velona, has taught LOTE for a number of years, gaining the respect and friendship of both staff and students.

We are re-gaining the valued services of the following teachers:

- Mrs Rassias returning from family leave.
- Mrs Signorini returning from family leave.
- Mrs Colgate-Jones will be taking up full time classroom responsibilities.

Much appreciated

I would like to acknowledge a Donvale Primary School family who very generously donated $200 to cover the cost of hall hire for the very successful “battle of the bands” performance which took place last Sunday. Our School Choir and Expressions band performed at this event. This family was so impressed with the effort and commitment of all performers that they felt they could best support the initiative by a financial donation.

December School Council Report

Last Night your School Council met for their last meeting for 2011. The following items were discussed:

- Presentation by Mr Reiter of documentation for School Council approval of 2012 Level 4 School Camp.
- OSHP fee increase 2012.
- Increased sizes in Level 4 grades. Options provided for extra support.
- Marketing Survey approved.
- Cyber-Safety Committee report.
- Meeting with Minister Dixon report.

On behalf of all the members of our Donvale School Community, I thank all our hard working, committed School Councillors for their time, support and efforts throughout this year representing our School Community. Each one has made a significant positive contribution to the operation of our School.

2012 School Levies

Notices were sent out last week for 2012 School levies. We are very aware of the financial burden on all families, especially at this time of the year. I wish to reassure all DPS families that our School levies are set at a very reasonable level, and are utilised to the maximum to provided the very best curriculum and resources we possibly can. As a School we invest as much as we can in the teaching programs, for the benefit of your children. Please ensure you support us in this ongoing quest by paying your School levies before school commences next year. If the payment creates undue hardship, please make the effort to come and see me to discuss how we can assist you. I am always very amenable to assist in any way I can.
The Big Zucchini

Grade 3SG proudly displays their big Zucchini which they grew in our School Veggie Patch this term.

All Level 3 grades this term have been doing a unit of work on flowers, plants and vegetables. They have lovingly tendered their vegetables throughout the term, harvesting them when available. The fun and enjoyment in growing their own things has inspired many to research the plants etc, increasing their knowledge and practical skills to translate into home. Well done 3SG.

Congratulations to:

Congratulations to all our After-School basketball teams who competed so brilliantly this Season. The skills, talents and attitude shown by playing in an age appropriate team displayed by all the Donvale students taking part was outstanding. I wish to thank also all the parents and family members who supported the teams either as officials, transport or cheerers. It is wonderful for our School Community to offer such opportunities. Special thanks to Kim Wolff for all her time, commitment and effort in being the coordinator and organiser of all our Donvale PS teams.

Congratulations also to:

To all our students who took part this year in the Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge. Two hundred and twenty-three students registered reading a combined total of 3728 books. We will be acknowledging the following four students who verified that they had read over 100 books:
Sarita N, Samuel M, Jayden B, Cody M at next Mondays Assembly.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Kerry Gerraty who has done a fantastic job in entering data across our school throughout the year.

Congratulations to thirty two students from our Senior Choir who were specially invited to perform at the Knox Rotary Club Christmas function. The singing was outstanding and our children behaved exceptionally well and were great ambassadors for DPS. They all had a terrific time entertaining. Thanks to all the parents who took time to transport the children and special thanks to Mrs Clarke who has worked voluntarily to rehearse, organise and support our Senior Choir. Congratulations and thanks to all involved.

Special thank this week to:

- Steve Cowell who also assisted last weekend in getting our Senior Building ready for the official opening. Apologies Steve for the oversight in last week’s Snippets
- David & Jacqui Frigo who generously provided a skip and got rid of much unwanted clutter from our PA storeroom on the weekend.
- Liang & Martin Dimitroff, Jacqui Frigo and Stacey Browne, who organised and cooked for a wonderful Christmas Party for all 100 students who were lucky enough to take part in our DPS Junior Chef Program this year.
- Mrs Brenda Tierney for her kind donation of a rug for use in our hall.

Have a wonderful last week of school for 2011………

GARRY BRIGGS
**WELL DONE**

A very big thank you to everyone who supported us in the ‘Coles For Sports Program’. We collected 78,588 points.

**Office timetable for the last week of Term**

Money to the office will only be accepted until the end of the day on Tuesday 20th December, we would appreciate if payments are sent to us as soon as possible. Wendy and I have many end of year tasks to complete, so we appreciate your assistance with this. The office will be open until 1.30pm on Thursday the last day of term.

*Ricarda and Wendy*

**EMA**

If you are entitled to receive EMA, an application has to be filled in EVERY year. Applications are available at the office.

**2012 TERM DATES**

**Term 1:**
1 February (teachers start) to 30 March
2 February (students start)

**Term 2:**
16 April to 29 June

**Term 3:**
16 July to 21 September

**Term 4:**
8 October to 21 December

**REMINDERS**

Tuesday 31st January:
- Book Pick Up from 9.00 to 3.00pm.
- The Uniform shop will also be open.

**ANAPHYLACTIC STUDENTS**

A BIG reminder for parents to please collect their child’s anaphylactic bag from the office on the last day.

**LOST PROPERTY**

We have a collection of bits and pieces (soft toys, cars, sunglasses, etc) handed in at the office. If you think that we might have something that belongs to you, please check with the office. If items are not collected by last day of term, we will be throwing it away.

**LOST**

Nash had a diver’s style watch (all black) in his pocket last Friday and lost it at school. If anyone has found it could they please return it to the office, thank you.

**Wesley Mission Melbourne Food for Families Appeal 2011**

Thank you to those families who donated food items to this very worthy cause. We have managed to fill all the boxes.

*Lisa Watters*

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**Peer Mediation**

With the grade 6 students on their orientation day the senior building was the perfect venue for 39 grade 5 children to undertake the Peer Mediation training program last Tuesday. What is the Peer Mediation program and what can it do for our school? The Handbook says...‘Peer Mediation helps to create a safer and more friendly school environment where students listen in order to understand others’ viewpoints and perceive conflict as an opportunity to learn and grow. It also allows adults and students to cooperate and supports the rights of all involved in the school community by encouraging a sense of ‘responsibility’.

Our thoughtful and committed group of trainees participated in a range of activities over the day to build the necessary skills for Peer Mediation. These skills were, Understanding Body Language, Understanding Feelings, Active Listening and Reflecting, Effective Questioning, Assertion and Brainstorming. They also looked at and practised the Six Steps of Mediation that they will use next year when helping to resolve disputes in the school yard. We were proud of the intelligent and thoughtful contributions made by the students over the day. Their energy and enthusiasm for the program will make them responsible leaders who the younger students will be able to rely on for support and guidance in the playground next year.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as the acting Assistant Principal at Donvale over the past year and look forward to working with all levels of the school again next year. I would like to thank the school community teachers, ES staff, students and parents for their support and wish everyone a Happy Christmas and restful holiday.

*Ian McKinlay*
**PRODUCTION DVD**

We have 2 DVD’s from Night 1 and 4 from Night 2 for sale if anyone is interested. Cost is $25.00

**CAMEMBERT ROLL RECIPE**

I had a few parents who attended the ‘Thank You’ Morning Tea on Friday request that I put my camembert roll recipe in snippets - so here it is.

125gr camembert cheese  
150g cheddar cheese  
2 tablespoons mayonnaise  
2 teaspoons French mustard (Epicure)  
6 shallots  
Pepper  
125g smoked almonds  
Remove rind from camembert cheese.  
Grate cheddar cheese.  
Finely chop shallots.  
Place all ingredients in a bowl and blend until well mixed.  
Add a little pepper.  
Chop the almonds.  
Roll mixture into a log shape and cover with chopped almonds.  
Wrap log with foil and leave in fridge overnight to set.  
Serve with crackers.  
Enjoy!  
Wendy

**Jr Chef Club**

Our Christmas party was today. We’ve been doing food preparation over the past few days. Thank you to Martin, Donna & Imogen Moulton, Marina Younger, Ruby B 3W and Thomas D 4P for helping us. Also thank you to the: “Merton, Goold, Suhady, Ehlert, Warner, Younger, Leyh and Armstrong families for their very generous strawberry donations. Our menu had increased from 12 to 14 courses. The menu was: Popcorn chicken, Pork on skewer, Curry puff, Crispy beef parcel, Mee goreng, Fried Rice, Singaporean Noodle, Prawn crackers, Strawberry tart, Jam drop biscuits, Chocolate cake with icing, Vanilla cake with icing, Chocolate trifle and Strawberry vanilla trifle. The drinks were: Cordial and Fruit punch.

We had been looking forward to enjoying all this food with our little “chefs”.

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

**Library News**

**LIBRARY – VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!**

There are still several students who have not returned their library books for this year. Remember that all books must be returned or paid for if lost or damaged. If you still have an overdue book next year, you will be unable to borrow in your new class until the problem is solved. Apart from chasing all the outstanding books, it has been a pleasure working with all the students in the library this year. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing holiday.  
*Chris Schneider*  
*Library Technician*

**Canteen Newsflash**

**Lunch orders**

THE LAST DAY for lunch orders is next Wednesday 21st December. The canteen will be open on the last day for recess counter sales only.  
*I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.*

Angie (cookie)  
Canteen Management Services
Maths fun For Everyone – Christmas special
Try this: Share some cakes!

You will need
Three cakes (include a fancy one with icing, filling and sweet decorations on it, and at least one rectangular one)
Knife
Friends to share with
A plate for each person
Measuring cups, spoons, scales

Method 1: I cut, you choose
Select one person to be the cutter.
The cutter cuts the cake into even-sized slices, with one slice for each person.
Once the cake is cut, everybody takes turns to select a slice each. They can choose any slice that hasn’t already been taken.
The cutter gets the last slice.

Method 2: Moving knife
This sharing method is easier with a rectangular cake.
Choose one person to be the (temporary) cutter.
The cutter slowly moves the knife down the length of the cake. At any point, any person can yell “stop!”
When someone yells “stop!” the cutter immediately cuts the cake at that point and gives that person the slice. The person with a slice of cake is not allowed to yell “stop!” again.
After the first round, the cutter should give the knife to the person who has a slice of cake – now that they have their cake, they have no reason to cheat.
Repeat the process until only one person has no cake. That person gets everything that remains.

Method 3: Measuring it exactly
(Warning: this can get very messy)
Look at your cake, and identify the different materials in it. For example, a cake may have filling, icing, fruit on top, and so on.
Break the cake up and put each material into its own pile.
Use measuring spoons to divide each pile of stuff evenly between all the people.

Wrapping it all up
After you have shared all three cakes, talk with your friends about the different ways of sharing a cake. Which one is fairest?

What’s happening?
There is no single way to share all things. Instead there are many different ways, and each has good and bad points.
‘I cut, you choose’ might sound fair, but if you’re cutting several slices, there’s a good chance one of them will end up a bit smaller than the rest. This means ‘I cut you choose’ isn’t fair for the person cutting.
‘The moving knife’ is reasonably fair as long as no one tries to get more than they deserve. However, if the players all try and get more than their fair share, some people might end up with very little.
‘Measuring it exactly’ might be the fairest way in this activity, but it’s not necessarily the best way. For many people, a pile of icing and a pile of cake crumbs isn’t as nice as a complete slice of cake.
It’s useful to consider different methods for sharing things. If you’re just sharing a muesli bar, then a simple method, like ‘I cut, you choose’, is quick and gives a pretty good result. If you’re trying to share out chores around the house, a more complicated method might be useful.

More information
Cake cutting in the TV show ‘Numb3rs’
http://www.math.cornell.edu/~thru/numb3rs/317.html

Envy-free cake division (more advanced)
http://www.math.hmc.edu/funfacts/ffiles/30001.4-8.shtml

I would like this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. Hope you all have a good, restful holiday and look forward to seeing everyone next year!

Cheers,
Luanda Planta
Numeracy Co-Ordinator
Next Week’s Activities

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Dear Parents and Students,

As it is the last week of school for the year the OSHCLUB team would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing break over the holiday period. We have had a great term and Cassie will be returning for Term 1 next year.

Just a reminder that the OSHClub Holiday Programs are coming up quickly, so if your child/ren require care during this time, although we do not run a program here, you can visit the website which has all the information that you need.

Before Term 1 starts in 2012 remember to book or enrol your child/ren in via the website. Beginning next year we will be having the Active After School Care program which will be a new, fantastic service to add to the program. More details will be available in Term 1.

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 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.

Hannah

STAFF
Coordinator – Hannah Gibbs
(replacing Cassie while on leave)
Staff: Kim, Lee, Stephen
Program Phone: 0402 362 443
OSH Club – 8564 9000

Wonnies School of Music & Performing Arts are currently taking enrolments for term 1, 2012 at Donvale Primary School.
Have you or your friends ever wanted to learn an instrument? Come and join our lessons that are being offered throughout a wide range of instruments at your school during school hours.
Lessons are available to all students from Prep-6.
Piano, Keyboard, Bass Guitar, Drums, Singing, Flute, Saxophone, Trumpet, Violin, Cello.
Enquire about joining the band.
ENROLMENT FORMS AT SCHOOL OFFICE OR EMAIL:
enquiries@wonnies.com.au     p. 9812 2568

www.wonnies.com.au
Playgroup ended their year with a Christmas party and a visit from Santa.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
16th December 2011 - 9th February 2012

STORIES FROM THE STUDENTS

Day 1
Wake up.
Check weather.
Rain.
Snooze

Day 2
Wake up.
Check weather.
Rain again
Snooze

Day 3
Wake up.
Check weather.
Rain again
But noticed sprinklers

Day 4
Go out Then rain stops
Oh oh humans ahhhhhhh

Day 5
Magic experience found
Make a hole in a apple

Day 6
Hole finished Go out to get raspberries
Oh oh bird And thats the end

By Zed

PLAYGROUP

Imogen hugging santa

Imagery of children at a Christmas party with Santa and a quote: "Playgroup ended their year with a Christmas party and a visit from Santa."
Gymkhana Horse Competition

On Sunday the 11th of December I participated in the Warranwood Equestrian Centre Gymkhana competition day. I participated in 4 events with 4 different horses. I rode Goldie for Smartest on Parade. The horse and me had to look the neatest, cleanest, and the horse had to look pretty. I came 3rd. The next event was Best Rider, I rode Mr B (Mr Blue Eyes). It was showing the judges how good we are at riding and what we have learnt this year. I had to walk and do Rising Trot, holding on the reins with one hand, and at the same time following the judge's instructions like touch my head, foot, knee shoulder and the horses dock (back side). I came 4th.

The next event was my favourite because it was lots of fun. It was Fancy Dress. I had to dress the horse and myself in a theme, or a character. We got dressed as Hawaiian Hula Girls. I dressed Bonnie she was really cute. It was fun getting her dressed. On Bonnie I did Side Saddle, it was really uncomfortable and hard to get off. I came 2nd.

The last event was Games. For this I rode Buddy. We did Giants Treasure, and Trotting Relay races. We trotted, and at the end of the arena we had to get off our horse, flick the stirrups onto the saddle and run with our horse to the other side. This was awesome. I came 4th. I was very proud of myself for winning my ribbons. I had such a great time I can't wait until my next one.

Angelina T, 3W

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

DEEP CREEK ANGLICAN CHURCH - Kidz service 5pm 24 Dec. Kids come dressed as shepherds, angels, wisemen or stable animals.

FUN FOOTBALL FACTORY - Every Monday 4pm till 5pm starting 6th February at Donvale Primary School. Fun soccer program for 5 to 8 year olds.

FOR SALE
1987 Nissan Skyline Blue
Family car
Price negotiable
Call Pam 0411 265 543

FOR SALE
Baltic timber Hall stand
Baltic timber TV stand
Baltic timber Buffet
2 x 3 seater mocha colour Couches
(very good condition)

Make an offer!
Call Sharon 0429 300 968
Parents Association News!

Annual Christmas Stall

Our annual Christmas Stall will be held on this Friday 16th December from 9am – 1pm.

A wide range of small gifts will be available for the students to choose from for their family and friends. Gifts will range in price from 50 cents to $5.00.

For further details please contact Kathryn on Soterales@optusnet.com.au

Chocolate Drive continues.........

We have a number of assorted chocolate bars left over from the Mars Chocolate Drive earlier this year. All bars have been reduced in cost to just $1.00 each. Bars can be purchased from the office. For large orders please see Kathryn.

Also...

We have a number of the “Billy G’s Cookie Dough” company tubs for sale in assorted flavours. The Parents Association has reduced the cost to $10.00 per tub. Each tub makes approximately 50 cookies. They are currently in the freezer ready to be made. Please let Kathryn know if you would like to purchase a tub on 9891 6746 or via email at Soterales@optusnet.com.au.

Lost Property

Please make sure you check the main lost property box for any missing uniform items. The main box is located outside the uniform shop in the middle building and smaller baskets are located at the end of each building.

Items left over at the end of the school year will be disposed of accordingly.

School Rewards Program!

The Athletes Foot doesn’t just stock runners! You’ll also find an extensive range of walking shoes, school shoes, thongs and sandals. And the School Rewards Program ensures that every time someone from our school buys any shoes from their wide range, our school will reap the rewards!!!

Our school is now registered!!

Every time a student, family or staff member from Donvale Primary purchases a pair of shoes from the store, $5.00 goes back to our school in the form of sporting equipment.

Only valid at The Athletes Foot Southland, Chadstone, The Glen, forest Hill, Knox City and Eastland.

Toy World School Benefit Cards!

Here is an easy way for our school to raise extra funds.

Simply visit your local Toyworld (Forest Hill) and ask for a benefit card. Let them know you are from Donvale Primary School. For every purchase you make our school receives 4% of the total cost. Twice a year the overall total in sales from parents of Donvale Primary is calculated and our school receives gift vouchers to purchase items for our students from the shop.

In addition, Parents receive 7% discount including sale and catalogue items, when their accumulated purchases goes over $100. This discount continues each year.

Happy shopping everyone!!!

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Financial Assistance
Parent Information

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.

Neighbourhood Watch
Creating Safer Communities
Your Community Needs Your Help

Neighbourhood Watch and Community Property
You are one of the many residents in Manningham who live in the vicinity of community property such as schools, parks, churches or Council buildings. For periods of time, these facilities are unused and so there is nobody on site to observe any illegal activity. These activities can include vandalism and damage, and in the case of buildings, a break-in and the theft of items from the buildings.

How You Can Help
We are asking you to keep an eye on the community property in your area and report any suspicious behaviour to the police. If you see somebody damaging the property or attempting to break into a community building...

Ring 000 immediately
Report what you have observed and leave it to the police to take the necessary action.
Under no circumstances should you approach the person who is acting suspiciously.

Neighbourhood Watch
Neighbourhood Watch is a community-based crime prevention program. It aims to reduce the incidence of preventable crime and provide a safer community for all Victorians. It is a proven partnership between the community and the local police for combating crime.

The Program
The Neighbourhood Watch program is very much about you taking care of yourself and your property. It is also about "keeping an eye out" in the area where you live and reporting any suspicious behaviour.

For more information on crime prevention and home security, check out