Congratulations to our School Leaders…

Next Monday morning, Mr Geoff Gough, the Mayor of Manningham, Mrs Brenda Tierney, our School Council President will invest our School Leaders with their badges at our Annual Investiture Assembly followed by a short morning tea.

The School Leaders for 2012 are:

School Captains: Becky S & Nick H
Deputy School Captains: Jess D & Ben S

Junior School Council representatives (JSC) are:


Environment Captains are:

Amy E, Qadeer K

On behalf of our School Community, I congratulate them on their selection and wish them a successful and enjoyable year in their leadership roles.

Our Grade 6 School Leaders who have been selected as Peer Mediators will be invested at assembly on Monday 27th February by Mrs Wright & Mr Mc Kinlay.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Next Monday & Tuesday, we have arranged for our Getting to Know (GTKYC) You chats to take place for Levels 2, 3 & 4. The confirmation slips should have come home by Friday. The meetings will take place in your child’s classroom at the nominated time. This is an opportunity for you to tell us anything you consider we should know about your child. If a very detailed discussion is required, please ensure you make arrangements with the class teacher to follow up at an agreed time as soon as possible. The partnership between home and school is critical, and we are very proactive in encouraging a very honest and informed communication between home and school. We all need to play our part.

Can you help???

On Saturday 3rd March from 4:00-7:30pm, the school is having a stall at the Tunstall square Twilight Market. We are asking if any family has a Marquee about 3X3 which we could erect on our site. If you can assist please contact the office or Marita Warner.
Donvale Primary School
School Council Election Process 2012

Current Members who conclude in March are:
- Brenda T
- Russell W
- Jane H
- Marina Y
- Linda P
- (staff)
- Rick G (Staff)
- Craig S
- Murray G

There are four nominated parent positions becoming vacant (incumbents may renominate) & three staff positions vacant (incumbents may renominate)

2012 School Council may co-opt 2 further parents at their discretion.

I would urge all School Community members to seriously consider, nominating for School Council, and becoming a proactive decision maker in their child’s learning at School. It is very rewarding, and enjoyable. Please give it your attention as nomination forms are available from our school office from Monday morning.

Thanks so Much...
Yes, we have a number of electric and acoustic guitars ready for use by our students. This wonderful opportunity has been facilitated by the very generous donation of a number of guitars to our Music Program by Sandy & Andrew Barnes.

This donation will allow us to greatly expand the access to instruments for many interested students. Our Music Program is exceptional and by the wonderful support from families, such as this, we can offer opportunities to many students to become involved and experience the joy of playing an instrument. We greatly appreciate this generous donation.

February School Council Report...
Your School Council met last night. Following items were discussed:

- Report on the successful approval of TPL to look into best practise in using ipads and small handheld devices with ICT in Education.
- Report on the start of 2012 across our school.
- School Council election process for new 2012-13 School Council.
- Discussion of major foci of 2012.
- Increasing enrolments for 2013.
- Structured and informed process on possible introduction of Ipad, etc in 2013.
- Informed review of the structure of our school, taking into account views of whole school community.

Reminder nominations for vacant School Council positions on our 2012-13 School Council will be available from NEXT MONDAY from the office.
General News

**Junior Masterchef 2012...**
This wonderfully successful, 2011 initiative of Martin & Liang Dimitroff, ably supported by Jacqui Frigo, Stacey Browne and Marina Younger, has been very pro-active over the Term Holidays. An application was submitted to Manningham Council for funding to allow the purchase of items and resources to make the Junior Masterchef program accessible to students in 2012.

It is great to report that we were successful in gaining the grant. Therefore following discussion with Liang & Martin they have agreed to continue this great program in 2012 for our students.

Details are currently being finalised but I can report that:
- Junior Masterchef will be available in 2012.
- We expect about another 100 students to have the opportunity to be involved this year. Last year 99 students took part.
- Those selected will have a minimum of 3 great sessions (1 per Term) on Tuesday lunchtimes.
- Sessions will commence Week 3 of Term 2.
- A levy of $5:00 paid up front will help to cover the additional cost for the 3 cooking sessions.

It needs to be noted by all our school community that Liang, Martin, Stacey and Jacqui are all volunteers and give of their time and expertise for no cost. The $5:00 levy will cover the cost of ingredients and a copy of the recipe book produced in December.

**Active After-School Sporting Communities Program**

**..........Hip Hop Dancing..........**
Notification went home yesterday to those students who have been successful in gaining a place in our Term 1 Hip Hop dancing classes commencing **NEXT TUESDAY at 3:45pm-4:45pm**.

**..........Circus Skills...............**
Notification will come home today to those who have gained a place in Circus Skills commencing **next THURSDAY from 3:45-4:45pm.**

Have a fantastic week...

**Garry Briggs**

**Green bags**
Donvale green bags are for sale at the office.
**Bags are $2.00 or 3 for $5.00.**
Don't forget, the green bags are a great way to promote our school as well as helping to keep plastic bags in check!!

**Corks for the Melbourne Zoo Elephants**
Don’t throw away your wine/champagne corks, plastic and aluminium wine stoppers.
We have a box outside the office for collection. Thank you to those who have been dropping them in.

**Can you help?**
We are looking for someone who is able to maintain the school fish tank on a regular basis. Before we can bring our fish back from their holiday the tank needs to be cleaned. If you can help, it will be much appreciated.

**EMA (Education Maintenance Allowance)**
EMA application forms are available at the office. Application forms with a copy of your Centrelink Card need to be handed in at the office by **Friday 17th February**. If you had EMA last year you still need to apply again this year.

**CYBER SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**
Earlier this week, our new Cyber Safety Committee met for our first meeting. The members of this group include Mr Briggs, Mrs Watters, Mr Gordon, Marita Warner (our parent representative), and Ben S. and Jesse D. (our school vice captains). We plan to make our school an ‘e-Smart’ school. This accreditation should ensure everybody at Donvale Primary School will know how to make safe choices when uses computers or technological devices. Booklets on cyber safety were sent out to families, last year. If you would like more information on how you can keep your family cyber safe, please go to [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au).
For email enquiries, please contact [cybersafety@acma.gov.au](mailto:cybersafety@acma.gov.au).

**Mrs Watters**
Donvale Primary offers a great range of musical opportunities for its students:

**Choir**
Children in grades 1 and 2 (level 2) are welcome to join the “Junior Jammers” that meet each **Tuesday** from 11.30 – 12noon. Students in grades 3 and 4 (level 3) are welcome to join the “Music Makers” that meet from 12noon – 12.30 also on Tuesdays. Senior students (level 4) will meet on **Thursday** lunch times with Mrs Clarke. The choirs will perform at Assemblies and other functions throughout the year.

**Recorder (Mondays)**
Students from grade 3 onwards may choose to learn the recorder. Beginning students will meet on Mondays at 2.30 – 3pm and Intermediate students from 3pm – 3.30pm. Those in the Advanced group will meet at lunch time, Mondays. The only cost is that of a recorder and a book/CD pack. Please collect an information sheet/order form from the music room.

**Marimba Band (Wednesdays)**
Level 4 students are able to audition to be in the marimba band. This group meets on Wednesday lunch times. The band performs at various community and school events throughout the year.

**PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS:**
♫ **Guitar**
Ric Di Clemente teaches guitar on Fridays.

♫ **Wonnies School of Music**
The following instruments and band are available through Scott van Gestel’s Wonnies School of Music:

* Piano * Keyboard * Drums/Percussion
* Woodwind * Voice * Expressions Band

An information sheet about private lessons, their days and costs has been sent out to all students from grades 3 -6 this week with further details.

Please feel free to call into the music room anytime after school on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

*Anthea Keep*  
*(Performing Arts)*

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**Our Swimming Trials** were held yesterday. May I thank those children (56) from Levels 3 and 4 who so eagerly participated. From these results we will select a School District Swimming Team that will compete in the District Swimming Sports on February 27th. A very big thanks to the many parents who assisted to make our trials successful and enjoyable.  

*Mr Pianta*

**Basketball**
Hope everyone enjoyed being back at Basketball last week and we look forward to another great season.  

Game times for Week 2 (18 Feb):

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We have found a supplier for new playing singlets, let your Team Manager know your requirements. The order will be placed asap and should take approximately 2 weeks and cost about $25.00 (to be confirmed). In the mean time please continue to share playing singlets with family and friends!

Team fees for Term 1 will be $50, payment to your Team Manager is required by this week.

Any further queries or questions please contact your team Manager or Brenda Tierney MB:0419 106 795 or email btierney@tennis.com.au
Canteen Newsflash

OPEN DAY AT THE CANTEEN
On Monday 20th February the canteen will be open for parents of the school to come along and see what it is your child is buying from the canteen. Eg: any hot meals, drinks & snacks.
Times of opening: 9.15 – 10.15 am – 3.00 – 3.45.

Honey Joys
This is a New item available at recess and lunchtime for counter sales only. It is a GLUTEN/WHEAT FREE also.

Meal Deals for Term 1 – Available any day of the week
Wrap Pack 1 $5.00
Wrap Roast Chicken, Cheese, Salad
Mini Choc Chip Muffin
Vanilla Ice Cream Cup
Toastie Pack 2 $5.00
Ham & Cheese Toastie
Large Choc Chip Muffin
Just Juice Box Apple
Hotdog Pack 3 $5.00
Hotdog with Sauce
Dim Sim
Mini Choc Chip Muffin
Vanilla Ice Cream Cup
Pizza Pack 4 $5.00
Pizza Magarita
Mini Choc Chip Muffin
Moosie

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

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Playgroup

One of the favourite activities at our playgroup is our stories and songs time in the library. Every week we go to the library and listen to two or three stories and sing and dance to them. We also get to borrow books to take home. Sitting and listening to stories can be a bit of a challenge for some of us as it is very tempting to jump up and run around instead (after all, we are only little). On Tuesday this week, we were very proud of Xavier who sat and listened to a whole story for the very first time! This was such a big occasion that we thought we should let Mr.Briggs know and he rewarded all of our play groupers with a principals award sticker. In the photo you can see Ruby, Jack, Hima and Xavier and how proud they are of their stickers!

Playgroup has got off to a quiet start to the year with so many of last years class becoming preps this year. We are looking forward to welcoming some new faces, so if you have a child who is too young for school and you would like to get out of the house and meet some friendly families, come along! We have two groups on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 -11am. Drop in at anytime to see us in action - we’d love to meet you.

Rebecca Clarke (0419119895 or rebecca@theclarkes.biz)
Dear Parents and Students,

First week back at school is over! Crazy! We had a great first week back at OSH getting back into routine and starting many fun activities. We have been doing many painting so we can start to decorate the room as well as making full use of the GP room and equipment. For Valentines Day we make pink cup cakes and Valentines Day cards.

Next week I will not be here as I will be helping out at another program so the wonderful Hannah will take my place along with the help of Caroline.

Next week we also start Active After School Care! We will be doing Hip Hop and Circus Skills.

As usual we will be running new and fun activities everyday! If you know of someone who is looking for before or after school care for their children, please send them my way so we can have a chat and let them know more about the program. I am in the OSH room everyday at 3pm which is a good time to come and see me if you have any questions or just after 9am.

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.

Cassie
Dear Parents,

2012 is going to be an exciting year of change for the Outside School Hours Care Industry across Australia. Australia is moving to have one standard for the Outside School Hours Care industry through the implementation of a National Quality Framework. This framework will supersede many of the state based standards and regulations and is designed to deliver improved quality standards across our industry.

OSHClub welcomes these changes through a National Quality Framework and accepts that there will be challenges in adapting to a new set of standards but is well positioned in the industry to continue to take a leading role in providing a quality care service. With a move to a new standard and increased compliance requirements, the National Quality Framework will have an impact on the cost to run an Outside of School Hour Service. OSHClub is committed to endeavouring to keep our yearly fee structure increases to a minimum.

OSHClub will be raising the fees by an average of $1.30 per hour in 2012 or 65c after the non-means tested 50% tax rebate.

As such the fees for 2012 will be:

After Care range from $5.99 to $20.00

Before Care range from $4.29 to $15.00

Please note: The fee you pay can vary as per the range above dependent upon your income as assessed by the Family Assistance Office. There are 2 main ways you can reduce your fees:

1 – Most families will pay less than the full fee if their family income is below $140,000pa, and they apply for Childcare Benefit.

2 – Almost all OSHClub families are eligible to get the 50% Tax Rebate discount regardless of their income.

We strongly urge you to apply for all your possible discounts. Simply call the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50.

OSHClub is recognised in the industry as having a competitive fee structure. Families will see a further improved program in 2012 as OSHClub has invested heavily in a range of new initiatives to drive the quality of our programs, including:

- OSHClub will be equipping all services with Auto-Adrenaline Devices (Epipens). This means if a child loses, or forgets his/her own device, OSHClub will have a spare just in case. All of our staff are being trained in the use of these devices. OSHClub will be equipping all services with Asthma Ventolin inhalers and spacers. Again, this means if a child loses, or forgets his/her own asthma inhaler, OSHClub will have a spare just in case.

- Professor Brian Caldwell continues as a permanent consultant and we will be rolling out the associated Online Activity Database with over 1500 activities for the children to enjoy.

- A high level of continued support from our regional management and operational team.

- All of our staff are being offered the chance to become Qualified in OSHC/childcare. OSHClub is arranging their enrolments, paying their fees, administering all aspects of the programs, including traineeships for eligible staff.

Thanking you
Clarification of school parking restrictions

With school about to re-commence, it is timely to visit and reflect on important safety messages. Safety around the school is a responsibility shared by parents and children.

It is important to take note of parking restrictions around schools, especially in the morning and afternoon times when school commences or concludes.

Schools have a number of parking restrictions on the roads near and outside schools. Some restrictions display signage such as No-Stopping, No Parking, Disability Parking, Bus Zones, Bus Stops and permissible parking areas up to 5 minutes. Other restrictions rely on the driver's knowledge of Road Rules Victoria 2009, such as double parking, stopping too close to intersections and stopping on or near children's crossings. Definitions of each offence are provided below.

Definitions of offences around schools

**No-stopping** - A driver must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a no stopping sign applies. This includes dropping off and picking up passengers.

**No-parking** - The driver of a vehicle must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a no parking sign applies, unless the driver;
(a) Is dropping off, or picking up, passengers or goods; and
(b) Does not leave the vehicle unattended; and
(c) Completes the dropping off, or picking up, of the passengers or goods, and drives on, as soon as possible and, in any case, within the required time after stopping.
(2) For this rule, a driver leaves a vehicle unattended if the driver leaves the vehicle so the driver is over 3 metres from the closest point of the vehicle.
(3) In this rule - required time means—
(a) if information on or with the sign indicates a time - the indicated time; or
(b) if there is no indicated time - 2 minutes; or
(c) if there is no indicated time, or the indicated time is less than 5 minutes, and Rule 206 of Road Rules Victoria 2009 applies to the driver—5 minutes.

**Stopped on or near a children's crossing** - A driver must not stop on a children's crossing, or on the road within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing unless the driver stops at a place on a length of road, or in an area, to which a parking control sign applies and the driver is permitted to stop at that place under these Rules. This includes dropping off and picking up passengers.

**Stopped in a bus zone** - A driver must not stop in a bus zone unless the driver is driving a public bus. A bus zone is a length of a road to which a bus zone sign applies. This includes dropping off and picking up passengers.

**Stopped at a bus stop** - A driver (except the driver of a public bus) must not stop at a bus stop, or on the road, within 20 metres before a sign on the road that indicates the bus stop, and within 10 metres after the sign, unless the driver stops at a place
on a length of road, or in an area, to which a parking control sign applies and the driver is permitted to stop at that place under these Rules. This includes dropping off and picking up passengers.

**Double parking** - A driver must not stop on a road—
(a) if the road is a two-way road—between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road; or
(b) if the road is a one-way road—between the far side of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the side of the road.

This includes dropping off and picking up passengers.

**Stopping in a parking area for people with disabilities** –
A driver must not stop in a parking area for people with disabilities unless—
(a) the driver’s vehicle displays a current parking permit for people with disabilities; and
(b) the driver complies with the conditions of use of the permit.

A driver who stops in a parking area for people with disabilities or parks in accordance with rule 206 of Road Rules Victoria 2009 must when requested by a police officer or authorised person—
(a) state his or her name and address; and
(b) produce his or her driver licence; and
(c) produce a current parking permit for people with disabilities or satisfy the Police officer or authorised person that he or she, or a passenger of the vehicle, holds a current parking permit for people with disabilities.

This includes dropping off and picking up passengers.

**Period Longer than indicated** - A driver must not park continuously on a length of road, or in an area, to which a permissive parking sign applies for longer than the period indicated by information on or with the sign or, if rule 206 applies to the driver, the period allowed under that rule.
Parent Tips For Legal Parking Around Schools

1. KNOWLEDGE
Be aware of all parking restrictions around your school. If unclear, speak to the Local Laws Unit.

2. COMMON SENSE
Be prepared to stop/park your vehicle further away from the school.

3. COMMUNICATION
When picking up your child, agree with your child on a location that is both legal and safe. If your child is waiting at a bus stop, keep driving and find a legal stopping area.

4. ORGANISATION
Avoid peak times by dropping off your child 5-10 minutes earlier and/or 5-10 minutes later when picking up your child.

5. UNDERSTANDING
Loading/unloading passengers in a restricted parking area is unacceptable and deemed illegal. This also includes using hazard lights to stop in a restricted parking area to drop off or pick up passengers.

6. ROLE MODEL
Set a good example for your school community and your own child by observing the parking restrictions.

Final tips for safely using school crossings

1. Obey the signals from the crossing supervisor

2. Wait behind the crossing supervisor as vehicles are driving past

3. Wait for 2 whistles before walking across the crossing

4. Walk between the white lines

5. Hold onto any balls when walking

6. Be friendly to the crossing supervisor
Class Representatives 2012
Each year we organise 2 parent reps for each class to act as class reps to help teachers and be the spokes person for that class.

This is not a hard job and does not take up much time during the year and is a great opportunity to help out in the classroom with your child, get to know other parents and children and be a bigger part of the whole school community.

We hope we can offer this great service to the school again in 2012 and look forward to helping the staff in all buildings.

If you are interested, please fill out the form sent home last week and return to school by the due date.

For further information regarding our class rep program, please contact Kathryn on 9891 6746 or Via email at Soterales@optusnet.com.au

Friendship list 2012
Thank you to all the families who have returned their friendship lists so promptly. It is a great resource to help with organising social events, afterschool play times and parent get togethers throughout the year.

Please return the form by tomorrow to have your families details added to the list. Additional copies can be collected from the office or downloaded from the website.

Athletes Foot School’s Rewards Program
For every pair of shoes purchased from the Athletes Foot, $5.00 will be donated to our school in the form of sporting equipment.

Shoes can be purchased at the following venues:
- Forest Hill Chase
- Eastland
- The Glen
- Knox city
- Chadstone
- Southland

When purchasing shoes just remember to mention the Rewards program and that you are a Donvale Primary School member.

Happy Shopping!

Kids Disco 2012
The first of two discos is organised for Friday 23rd March.

All Donvale Primary School students from prep to grade six are invited to attend this fun event.

Parental help on the night is required to assist with the supervision of children and running of the canteen. Please fill out the bottom section of the notice and return by the due date to show your support.

PLEASE NOTE The disco finishes at 9pm (not 9.30pm as on the notice)

Cadbury Chocolate drive 2012
A mixed box of Cadbury chocolates will come home on Monday 20th February for each family to sell to interested friends, family and the community.

Each box has an assortment of small bars which you can sell for $1.00 each being a total of $50.00 per box.

This is one of two major fundraising events for the year and we encourage all families to participate. Should you not wish to participate, please fill out the accompanying letter sent home earlier this week, and return by the tomorrow 16th February.

For any problems or queries regarding the drive, please contact the Chocolate Drive Coordinator Kim Merton on 9842 5784.
More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

**ZUMBA CLASSES**
Keep fit with Zumba. At Donvale P.S. in the GP Room from 7-8pm. First class $5, casual $10.

**MANNINGHAM**
Healthy Lifestyle Week: 24 Feb - 6 March. FREE cinema under the stars - RIO (an animated movie). Screening commences at 8.30pm at Finns Reserve, Duncan Street, Templestowe Lower.

**YARRA VALLEY GRAMMAR**
School tour Saturday 18 February and Open Morning Saturday 17th March.

**PARISH OF ST. GERARD AND ST. ANNE**
After school religious education classes based on Catholic tradition.

**CURRAWONG TENNIS CLUB**
Free Open Day - Sunday 19th at 10am, Mullum Mullum Reserve.

**CATJUMP PRESCHOOL**
For all ex Catjump Preschoolers - Celebration with Marina Gavalas celebrating 30 years at Catjump. Sunday 26th Feb between 1-5pm at 88 Polaris Drive, Doncaster East.

**MANNINGHAM DISTRICT SCOUT ASSOCIATION**
Invitation to an OPEN NIGHT at their Scout Halls during Manningham Healthy Lifestyle Week. Brochure at office has list of scout halls in the area.