IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Twilight Festival at Tunstall Square. On Saturday 3rd of March we are having a DPS stall at the festival between 4:00pm and 7:30pm. I would hope that you will come and visit us at our stall. Our Marimba Band and Choirs will be performing at 4:00pm to open the festival.

Level 4 School Camp is coming up. 95 Level 4 children will be attending Forest Edge adventure Camp on Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th & Friday 9th March accompanied by 10 staff.

AASC Sports programs have commenced. Tuesdays – Hip Hop dancing and Thursdays, Circus Skills. OSHP still has places available.

Tomorrow Morning, come along at 8:20am and join in our Kilometer Club. All welcome including the woofers.

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 27th February
• 8.30-9.30am: Uniform shop open
  (Please note: Open 1st Wednesday of the month from 3 - 4pm)
• District swimming at Northcote Pool
• 9.30am: Parents Association meeting
• Assembly: Investing of peer mediators and choir captains

Tuesday 28th February
• 3.45: Hip hop dancing

Thursday 1st March
• Student Banking Day
• Summer Sport Round Robin (Level 4 students)
• 3.45: Circus skills

Friday 2nd March
• 10.00-11.00: Level 3 Football clinic
• 1.30-2.30: Level 4 Football clinic

WEEKLY DIARY SNIPPETS

Next Monday morning at 9:30am is our February Parents Association Meeting. Come along for a chat, coffee and some up to date information. All welcome in our School Library.

Congratulations to our School Leaders

Next Monday morning, Mr James Clarke, our School Council Deputy will invest our School Leaders with their badges at our Annual Investiture Assembly.

The following students have School Leadership roles:
School choir Leaders:
Captain - Chloe S  Deputy captain - Kate G
 Peer Mediators:
On behalf of all our School Community, I congratulate them on their selection and wish them a successful and enjoyable year in their leadership roles.

**School Council 2012-13**

As indicated in last week’s Snippets our election of School Council members for 2012-13 will commence NEXT week.

**Donvale Primary School**

**School Council Election Process 2012**

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| Tuesday 21\textsuperscript{st} Feb.         | Notice of election  
#Call for nominations                                                |
| Tuesday 28\textsuperscript{st} Feb 4:00pm | Close of nominations                                                  |
| Wednesday 29\textsuperscript{nd} Feb 8:30am | Display list of candidates, nominators seconders  
A/ If exact number, declare those elected  
B/ If more than positions, prepare ballot papers  
C/ If insufficient call for further nominations                      |
| Wednesday 29\textsuperscript{th} Feb | If B, Distribute ballot papers                                      |
| Wednesday 14\textsuperscript{th} March 4:00pm | Close of Ballot  
Count Votes                                                           |
| Thursday 15\textsuperscript{th} March | Declare ballot                                                       |
| Wednesday 21\textsuperscript{st} March | New Council meets to appoint community members  
New Council Meets to elect office bearers                             |
| Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th} May 7:00pm | AGM                                                                 |

# Nomination forms for School Council are available from the School Office between 8:30am –4:30pm during nomination week  
Also a copy of an info book for those considering nominating is available.

**Your Current School Council is:**

- Garry Briggs
- Kylie Glover
- Linda Pyne
- Murray Gerraty
- John Pianta
- Craig Semmens
- Rick Gordon
- Jane Hancock
- Ian McKinlay
- James Clarke
- Brenda Tierney
- Marina Younger
- Russell Waycott
- Marita Warner
- Brad Wolf

Current Members who conclude in March are: Brenda T, Russell W, Jane H, Marina Y, Linda P. (staff), John P, and 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 for making the effort**

A very genuine thanks to all the families who took up the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher this week. It is a great opportunity to open up the lines of communication and put a face to a name (for both Parties). The staff response was very positive and good information was gained.

**Special Thanks this week to:**

- Josephine Orchard for taking on the job of cleaning our fish tank and feeding the fish.
- Mrs Pianta for restocking our tank with two beautiful large fish. Come and have a look.
- The Krcevinac family who kindly donated some useful computer equipment.

Have a great week, enjoy being at school and stay cool.

**Garry Briggs**
Student Banking
Unfortunately due to other commitments, Maria is unable to do the student banking and is in the process of handing it over. Still send in your child’s deposit books as the money is being counted. Tokens are being tallied up and will come home.

A very big thank you to Maria for giving up her time each week to process the banking.

Snippets
As you are aware, from next month we will not be distributing paper copies of Snippets. Snippets can be accessed on the school website.

If you do not have access to the internet and would still like a copy of Snippets sent home, please indicate on the form at the back of this issue and return it to the office.

Thank you.

Kilometer Club Returns
This Friday (tomorrow) Kilometer Club is starting up again. This is a great chance for all kids and parents to get their exercise done early.

Starts at 8.20am on the senior side basketball court. EVERYONE IS INVITED.

Students from year level 3 and 4, this is a good opportunity to get ready for the cross country trials held early in Term 2.

Kilometer Club will run until the district cross country training starts.

Frequently asked questions:
- I’m in Prep, can I join in?
  YES
- Do I have to come every week?
  NO
- Do I have to run?
  NO, you can walk, jog, skip or cartwheel - we don’t care.
- How many laps do I have to do?
  It doesn’t matter, you can do 1 like me or 5 like Mr Reiter and Mrs Murphy sometimes do.
- Is there a prize for who does the most?
  NO

Hope to see you tomorrow.

Jeannine

DJC — Donvale Junior Chef Club
Welcome back everyone.
We’ve had feedback from last years program which indicates that the junior children want to do a more challenging menu and senior children are willing to help junior children, what a fantastic attitude. So this year, the groups will be a mix of children from Preps to Grade 6, and we will also be in our new room.

Thank you to the “Manningham City Council” for their $2,000.00 grant for our club so we can afford to install a sink and also purchase a few cooking appliances.
But we still need your help setting up our new room.
If you have any spare kitchen stuff, small or big please send them to the school.

We basically need everything, such as electric fry-pan, rolling pins, microwave, aprons, tea towels, oven gloves, plates, cutlery, bowls, dish rack, fridge, freezer, blender, etc..

Anything will be greatly appreciated and definitely will benefit the children on their first cooking experiences.

To check our last years recipes please go to our school website, or you can purchase our 2011 cooking class cookbook for $3.00 (please send the money in the envelope with your child’s name and class to the office).

Thank you for all your support and offers of help.

We don’t cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

Basketball

Matches for Round 3: Saturday 25 Feb
DINGOES 12.40PM DSC2
DINOSAURS 3.10PM LEEDS ST
DAISYS 10.10AM LEEDS ST
DELIGHTS 9.20AM DSC1
DREAMERS 11.00AM DSC1
DOLPHINS 10.10AM DSC2

For those of you interested there is a Beginners Scoring School on Sunday, 19th Feb at 9.00am - 11.00am (Cost is only $5.00) at Leeds Street - Bookings essential call: 9842 9176
Doncaster Basketball club are holding Come & Try day for boys & girls aged 5-13 on Sunday, 26th Feb at 2.00pm - 4.00pm (FREE) at Leeds Street - Bookings essential call: 9841 7222 or 0418 617682
Any queries or questions please contact your Team Manager or Brenda Tierney 0419 106 795 or btierney@tennis.com.au

Good Luck and have fun!

Brenda
District Swimming Carnival is on Monday 27th February at the Northcote Pool beginning at 12.15pm sharp. Congratulations to the children who have been selected. All events are 50 metres so please get some practice in over the weekend.
The bus will leave Donvale Primary School at approx. 11.00am and parents are most welcome to attend/travel on the bus. Please return permission forms by Friday (tomorrow).

Inter School Sport: Our first inter school sport day for Summer is Thursday 1st March. All Level 4 children are involved in either Cricket, Rounders, Softball, Basketball or Bat Tennis.
- Rounders and Bat Tennis games will occur at Donvale P.S.
- Basketball will happen at Bulleen Stadium (Sheahans Rd Reserve) and travel in private cars.
- Cricket (Reischiecks Reserve) and Softball (Ted Adjani Reserve) will travel on a bus to their respective venues.
Permission forms and payment is required by Wednesday 29th March. Children will be involved all day (1st March) with the final games played on the 15th March using the same venues.

Mr Pianta

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

Happy Birthday
24th Feb - 1st March
Nadia S, Jonathan H, Kaylyn L, Leo Z
Maths Fun For Everyone - 2012

Try this: Solve a Kakuro

You will need
A copy of some Kakuro puzzles;

Pencil and eraser

What to do
A Kakuro consists of a grid of boxes, some empty and some filled. Lines of empty boxes run across and down. These lines each have a clue – to the left of horizontal lines and above vertical ones. The aim is to write a digit from 1 to 9 in each empty box following two rules:
No two boxes in a line contain the same digit
Adding up all the digits in the line will equal the clue

There are a lot of tricks to this puzzle, so we'll explain how to solve Puzzle A step by step:
The top line, going left, has two boxes and adds up to 3. That means one of those boxes must be a 1 and the other must be a two. We don't know which is which though.
The first line going down has two boxes adding up to 4. 2 + 2 = 4, but that has a repeated digit, so we can't use that sum. That means one of those boxes must be a 1 and the other must be a 3.
Using these two clues, we find the top left box must be a 1, and we can fill in the other two as well.
Now we look at the second line going across. Three boxes add up to a total of 6, and the only sum that works is 1 + 2 + 3 = 6, so the empty boxes are 2 and 1. If we look at the second row going down, there's already a 2, so the 1 has to go in the middle box.
From here, it shouldn't be too hard to fill in the remaining boxes.
Once you've finished the example, have a go with puzzle B.

What's happening?
Kakuro is a very mathematical game, but it's not just because there is a lot of addition. Trying to fit the numbers in the grid requires a lot of logical thinking.
When you're starting a new puzzle, it can be very difficult to work out where to look first. Some of the best clues are small totals with lots of boxes and large totals with very few boxes. For example, three boxes adding up to 7 must be 1, 2, 4 in some arrangement, and 17 in two boxes must be 8, 9 or 9, 8.

Often it can help if you write down all the possible equations that add up to the total for a line. Sometimes, you can use that information to prove certain digits can't be in a line, or use a few numbers in the line to work out what all the others in that line must be.
You might want to write notes in the boxes to remind you what numbers might be in a box. Instead of writing little numbers, you could imagine the box as the numbers on a phone. Then, put a dot where the key would be. So a dot in the top left would be a 1 and one in the centre would be a 5.

More information

The maths of Kakuro (more advanced)
http://theory.tifr.res.in/~sgupta/kakuro/

The answer to Kakuro puzzle B

For those people who find Sudoku very frustrating these are a welcome surprise!

Nifty Numeracy Nonsense!

Cheers – Luanda Pianta
Numeracy Co-Ordinator
DONVALE JUNIOR CHEF 2012

We will be creating food every second Tuesday at lunch time in the “Junior Chef Room” (middle building, second last on the right, old 3G room).

As we don’t know “Exactly” what is in some pre-made sauces, we will only take children with no food allergies.

If your child is interested in this program, please return the form below with $5.00 enclosed to school by Friday 23rd March 2012, so we can finalise the group.

Every child participating in this program, will get the benefit of:
1. Minimum of 3 sessions each for this year (once a term, extra sessions when budget and time permits).
2. Sampling the food in the class.
3. Taking home some of the food to share with the family at home.
4. Recipe book of this years menus.
5. Christmas party at the end of the year (buffet lunch, all you can eat).

Sessions will start in term 2, our menu planning is:
Term 2 theme: Donvale Pizza Shop.
Learning how to make home-made pizza dough, home-made pizza sauce (some of the fresh tomato and oregano is from our school veggie garden), and a choice of topping they can create.

Term 3 theme: Chicken On Rice from Asia.
Grade 5 and 6 children will be having Asian Expo, so we are going to create: Chicken Teriyaki served with steamed rice and pickled veggies from Japan, Chicken satays served with steamed rice and salsa from Indonesia/Malaysia/Singapore (No peanut sauce as a safety precaution due to children with allergies), Sweet and sour chicken on rice from China, Butter chicken served with saffron rice and salad from India and Red curry chicken on rice from Thailand (not spicy at all).

Term 4 theme : Cheesecake In A Glass.
Summer time, too hot to cook, our menu is: Cookies and cream cheesecake, Tropical cheesecake, Lemon cheesecake, Black forest cheesecake and Mixed berry cheesecake.

For any enquiries, please contact Mr Briggs.

We don't cook, we create food.
Liang Dimitroff

DONVALE JUNIOR CHEF 2012

My child ........... ......................... in class ...... would like to participate in the program, and he/she has no food allergies.

Parent's signature ........................................ Date .........................

Enclosed $5.00 [  ]

Are you interested in being a parent helper ? Yes / No
Cadbury Chocolate drive 2012

A mixed box of Cadbury chocolates bars came 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.

Please make sure the chocolates are stored in a cool dry place and away from direct sunlight, and never leave them in a parked car. Also, if your child/ren is selling door to door, please make sure an adult accompanies them.

All monies and unsold boxes of chocolates need to be returned to either Kathryn, Kim or a PA representative between 8.45am and 9.15am in the blue storeroom by the prep play area (just past the library)

If you cannot sell your box for whatever reason, please return it and any money collected, so we can distribute them to other families. The more we sell, the more money we will raise for our children’s school.

We do have additional boxes for you to sell so if you are able to sell more that the one box allocated, please see either Kim or Kathryn and we will organise additional boxes for you.

For any problems or queries regarding the drive, please contact the Chocolate Drive Coordinator Kim Merton on 9842 5784.

Thank You!
Special thanks to Kim Merton, Charmaine Neal, Clare Bosdorf and Marita Warner for their assistance in collating the chocolate boxes on Monday morning and distributing them to the classes.
Your time and effort were most appreciated.
Thank you

ANNUAL PREP GET TOGETHER 2012
Wednesday 29th February
10.00am – 2.00pm
Halladay Park, Mitcham road, Mitcham.
Located behind the Bowling Green, and next to Mitcham Primary School. Full details will come home tonight with Snippets.

TRIVIA NIGHT!!

In 2012 Donvale Primary School will once again be organising a Trivia Night on Saturday 11th August but we need many helpers to ensure the night is a huge success.
A meeting to start organising the event is planned for
Monday 12th March at 9.30am in the library
We would love as many people as possible to help in running the event so please make the effort to attend if you can offer your time and expertise for our major fundraising event for the year.
Parents Association Meeting

Monday 27th February
In the Library
Level 3 and 4 building

All parents are invited to attend our first PA meeting for the year.
I encourage you all to join us to find out what exciting activities we have planned for your children this year along with other planned events to help raise funds for the school. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents from the school community and a chance to see how you can become involved within the school.
Hope to see you all there!
For further information, please see Kathryn, or contact her on 9891 6746 or via email at Soterales@optusnet.com.au

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!

Check out our great website:
www.donvaleps.vic.edu.au

Class Representatives 2012

WE NEED YOU!!

We are still looking for a number of class reps for all classes to assist in the classes and support our staff.

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.

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

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.

Thank you to the parents who have offered to help on the night. A roster will be drawn up in the next couple of weeks.

Your support will ensure the children are well supervised and the night is a huge success!!

We still need a few more level 3 and 4 parents to assist with the older age groups.

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.
Get Involved! THE WORLD EDUCATION GAMES
6-8 MARCH 2012

5,000,000 students from 23,000 schools in 231 countries are now registered for the world’s great education event. Which country will win the Education World Cup for 2012?

Students and teachers with existing Mathletics and/or Spellodrome accounts are automatically registered for the Games and can begin practising right now at www.worldeducationgames.com.

See how your school can be prepared for the Games by using the School Action Plan. There is less than 2 weeks to go!

World Spelling Day 6 March
World Maths Day 7 March
World Science Day 8 March NEW EVENT!

Schools are also encouraged to join with UNICEF and the World Education Games team to take action against poverty, by taking part in the Schools for School-in-a-Box initiative. One participating school could even win a UNICEF field trip for two teachers and two students to Vietnam! Download your School-in-a-Box Fundraising Pack.

Regards,
World Education Games Team
www.worldeducationgames.com

Let's see how many Donvale Primary School students we can get participating in this event this year!

Back to School 2012 – Tips for Parents and Carers

A significant ‘spike’ in asthma symptoms, and subsequent hospital admissions of children occurs during the first few weeks of Term 1.

While there have not been direct links established, the February ‘asthma spike’ is believed to be largely due to children coming into contact with triggers that they have had time away from now that they have returned to school.

What can parents and carers do to help their children avoid asthma exacerbations at school?

- Ensure that your child is always carrying their reliever medication (eg. Ventolin, Asmol, Airomir or Bricanyl) as well as a spacer. Also ensure that you provide medication to the school or preschool that your child attends if required
- Ensure that you have provided the school or preschool with an updated Asthma Action Plan that has been signed by a medical practitioner
- Ensure that your child knows how to recognise early asthma symptoms, and can self-administer their reliever medication properly
- Encourage your child to seek assistance from school/preschool staff if they experience asthma symptoms
More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

**Zumba Classes**
Every Tuesday from 7-8pm at Donvale P.S. in the GP Room. First class $5, casual $10. A fun way to keep fit with Latin rhythms.

**Singing and Dancing Opportunities in 2012**
The Australian Youth Choir and the Australian Youth Dance Theatre not only give young people the opportunity to develop their skills within the Performing arts under expert guidance, but the chance to make new friends and perform in exciting concerts. Our kids work as a team, develop life long friendships and have great fun. Visit our website to find out more about our programs [www.niypaa.com.au](http://www.niypaa.com.au)

**Choir Victoria**
Boys and girls aged 5 years and up are invited to audition for the Victorian Boys Choir or Victorian Girls Choir on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at our venue in Ringwood East. Choir Victoria Inc is a performing choir employing professional music staff to give your child excellent musical tuition in an atmosphere of great fun and friendship. For an affordable musical and wonderful lifetime experience for your child, please contact Ros or Sam to arrange a booking for your child’s audition. Contact: Ros 0403 472 033 / Sam 0417 531 128 BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.

**Doncaster Salvo Familyzone**
What do billy carts, braids and building blocks have in common? Come to Doncaster Salvo Familyzone and find out... they're all part of Building our Family's Heritage... which is Familyzone's theme for March. Join us on Sunday March 4th @ 3.29 pm!... Bring the whole family.

**Ringwood City Soccer Club**
Mini Matildas soccer program for 5-9 year old girls. Wednesday evenings 4.15-5.45pm at Jubilee Park, Ringwood.

**Come ‘n’ Try Hockey**
Doncaster Hockey Club is running a FREE clinic for boys and girls aged 5-13 on Saturday 25th February from 10am to 11am at the club, cnr Springvale and Reynolds Roads, Mullum Mullum Reserve.

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**Snippets Request Form**

I am unable to access the internet and would still like to receive a printed copy of snippets

Student: _______________________________ Class: ______

(Snippets goes home with the eldest in the family)

Parent Name: _______________________________