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Also a very special welcome to new students in other levels: Aryan P, Joshua A, Isabel M, Laura V in level 2. Ben A and Amanda H in Level 3. We know you will enjoy Donvale and we will help you settle in.

We also welcome back to our co-ordinator to our OSHP, Cassie who brings a great amount of enthusiasm and experience in OSHP to DPS. Please come and say hello to her in the next week and discuss your child attending our OSHP, which is a great program. Please note it has increased the hours of the morning Program, now opening at 7:00am till 9:00am each morning. After school remain 3:30 to 6:00pm. Students on Tuesday & Thursday also get automatic selection into our ASSC sports Program, Hip Hop dancing and Circus Skills in Term 1.

We also welcome Mrs Miriam Karelksy, who is working 3 days a week in our Level 4 Program. Miriam is a Secondary School teacher who is bringing great insights and skills to out Literacy and Numeracy program as well as working in other Curriculum areas.

Congratulations to all DPS school community members for a fantastic start to the 2012 School Year. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning and challenges.

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**WEEKLY DIARY**

**Monday 13th February**

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

**Wednesday 15th February**

- 10.00-12.00: Swimming trials a Carey Sports Centre, Bulleen

**Thursday**

- Student Banking Day

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We are currently finalising our Snippets distribution process for 2012. As we indicated late last year, from the beginning of March, we will not be distributing paper copies to families. Snippets will only be available via our website at www.donvaleps.vic.edu.au. Exceptions will be accommodated if you cannot access the internet. Final details will be distributed next week in Snippets to explain the details of the process.

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Please give careful consideration to...

Each year a number of positions become vacant for our School Council. This year there will be positions available for interested parents to nominate for on School Council. The role of a School Councillor at Donvale PS. is not an arduous one. It involves a School Council Meeting once a month in the evening and possibly one other sub-committee meeting of your choice possibly monthly per term, depending on the need.

It is imperative for the efficient running of our school that we have an active, vital and supportive School Council to allow us to continue to provide high quality academic and social learning opportunities. It is also fun and rewarding to be directly part of the decision making process for your child’s learning. I have included below some information to assist you in making an informed decision.

**Donvale Primary School Council Elections 2012**

**What is Donvale school council and what does it do?**

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

**Who is on our school council?**

There are three possible categories of membership:
- **A mandated elected parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DEECD) employees can be parent members
- **A mandated elected DEECD employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional community member category.** Its members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be community members.

The term of office for members is two years. Half the members must retire each year and this creates vacancies for the annual school council elections.

**Why is parent membership so important to Donvale Primary School?**

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in February or March each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider:
- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

**Do I need special experience to be on Donvale school council?**

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

**What do you need to do to stand for election?**

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March. For parents, this notice will probably be given to your child so you may need to check with them whether it has been sent home.

If you decide to stand for election, you will need to arrange for someone to nominate and second you as a candidate in either the parent category or DEECD employee category. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted in the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed. Remember:
- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
- A 2012 School Council induction pack is available on request for any interested parents. It explains in very understandable language the expectations of being on the Donvale School Council.

An amazing opportunity on Australia Day...

We had 19 past and present students involved from Donvale PS in the Australia day Choir and the organizers have been incredibly impressed with their behaviour and their commitment. The Choir performed on Australia Day evening at about 8pm at the Myer Music Bowl. The students have been fantastic! Our school was listed in the credits, which is also a bit of a buzz!

The students involved (they attended 5 rehearsals) are Australia Day Concert Participants Gabriella and Francesca De A, Bronte S, Stephanie W, Caitlin and Gemma G, Phoebe and Lucy C, Victoria G, Rachel C, Harrison B, Ashley W, Kate G, Katrina P, Sarah R, Bianca, Angelica and Chantelle F, Chloe S

Thanks you very much to Mrs Clarke who initiated the opportunity, supported us and coordinated our involvement. What a wonderful experience for our students.
A personal invite...

A very genuine invitation is extended to all families to come along to our “Investiture” Assembly on Monday 20th February at 9:00am. The mayor of Manningham, Mr Geoff Gough will be presenting the badges to an number of our student leaders, School Captains, Deputy School Captains, Junior School Council Reps and Environment Captains. The Ceremony will conclude at approx. 9:30am with a morning tea for parents of the invested students. I look forward to seeing lots of DPS families attending to support our elected student representatives.

Congratulations to a Girl Joey...

Congratulations to Kirralee G on gaining her Badge this week. Kirralee undertook a task late last year of watering our school plants for a month. She was very diligent and committed and was rewarded with being given her badge for her promise challenge. Great to see our students following through on personal goals so well. Congratulations Kirralee from all your friends in our school community.

OSHP is up and running again...

Our excellent Out of School Ours Program (OSHP) has commenced again from 7:00 am in the morning and 3:30pm in the afternoon. Cassie, our fantastic co-ordinator is available before & after school to answer any questions you have about accessing this program. Remember all families qualify for getting 50% of their OSHP fees back.

After School Sports Program...

Today, we had a sample of the great Program available to a limited number of students commencing on Tuesday 21st Feb at 3:45pm with Hip Hop Dancing. We had many more applicants than places available, so some students will unfortunately not receive a place this term. Those who do not gain a place in Term 1 activities will have preference in our different Term 2 sessions.

Note: if your child attends OSHP on Tuesday and/or Thursday afternoon, they are guaranteed a place in that afternoon’s activity. All OSHP students on that day are expected to be part of the program.

If you have gained a place you will be notified NEXT WEEK. No notification, unfortunately means you have not been successful in gaining a place.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Getting to know you Chats are Scheduled for MONDAY 20th Feb & Tuesday 21st Feb. Reply slips need to be returned NEXT MONDAY.
- Level 4 Camp Meeting is on tonight from 7:00-7:45pm in the Senior Building.
- Investiture Assembly on Monday 20th Feb at 9:00am

Have a great week and enjoy the sun....

GARRY BRIGGS
FROM THE OFFICE

Payments
With the start of the New Year it is timely to be reminded of some routine procedures. As you can appreciate we have a lot of notices and money coming into the school for fees and other activities. When sending money into school please put all money into an envelope that has your child’s name, class and the activity you are paying on it. Seal this envelope securely – this helps the loss of those gold coins out of the side. The envelope needs to be handed into the classroom teacher, who will gather up all the payments and send them securely to the office. Alternatively, use the credit card slip on the bottom of the Bulk Billing notices. The school have pay in envelopes which are available from the office. These are useful as they have all the prompts for the information we need. Payments can be made in the following way: we have EFTPOS facilities at the office for Debit Card, Visa and MasterCard, cash and cheque.

Statements
Statements will be sent home from time to time during the year. These are a statement of account and not a bill, and will show your current family balance including outstanding invoices, overpayments and credit notes issued. You can request a statement from the office at any time. If you have any questions please ring and discuss the issue with me.

EMA
EMA application forms are available at the office. For further information refer to the flyer at the back of snippets. 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.

Grade 6 Anoraks
Money is due for anoraks. We are expecting delivery any day now.

Student Accident Insurance Arrangements
Parents/guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including transport costs.

Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from commercial insurers for parents to purchase. We have information from EBM Insurance Brokers at the office.

Ricarda Lillis
Business Manager

Immunisation/Birth Certificate
Just a reminder to prep parents about immunisation and birth certificates.

Schools require an immunisation certificate when children start school so we know which children are not immunised. If there is an outbreak in school, the children who are not immunised may be required to stay home to prevent them catching and spreading the disease. We also require a birth certificate, so if you have not presented it please do so as soon as you can. Thank you.

Emergency Contact Details
Parents could you please let the office know if you have changed any of your contact details (work, home and mobile) or address. It is in your child’s own interest that we have our records up-to-date at all times in case of an emergency, etc.

Sick Bay
The school has a sick bay and a number of Level 2 First-Aid Staff. The school is not equipped to look after students who are sent to school already unwell or re-dress old wounds. Sick bay is simply there to deal with children who fall ill or are injured during the course of the day.

We would like to remind all families of their responsibilities in regards to their sick children. If your child is ill or has been ill, please be responsible and do not send them to school until they are fully recovered. Too often students present themselves at the sick bay, quite unwell and on investigation, indicate that they have been away sick or were ill in the morning but the parent/carer decided to send them along, hoping they would improve or be alright. This is not fair to your child and not fair to us. These students need to be cared for by their parents. Thank you for your cooperation in regards this matter.

Medication at school
If your child has to take medication during school hours, a medication authority form has to be filled out. Forms are at the office as well as on the website. Any medication that comes to school has to be kept at the office and not with the student (except ventolin).

Please note: Wherever possible, medication should be scheduled outside the school hours, e.g. medication required three times a day is generally not required during a school day: it can be taken before and after school and before bed.

Asthmatics should have their medication with them at all times.

Anaphylactic students have their medication kept at the office in their named individual bags.
Lost Property

The beginning of the year, when your children are looking great in their new school uniforms is the time to make sure they are clearly named. Already we are experiencing cooler mornings, as it gets warmer through the day and they take off their jumper and forget where they have left it. I want to be able to return it to them. Please name everything not just their jumpers you would be amazed at what turns up in lost property. Don’t forget personal belongings such as lunchboxes and drink bottles.

The lost property box is in the passage outside the uniform shop in Building A and Building B has a basket at the top of the ramp outside the door.

Thank you
Karen Murphy

Headlice

Head lice will be a problem from time to time in Donvale Primary School and it is important to work together as a school community to minimise the frustration caused by the problem.

Students with long hair are very strongly advised to tie it back while at school.

If your child has head lice – tell anyone who has had head to head contact with them. Also, it is important to let the school know so that we can advice parents in your child’s grade to check their child’s hair. Half the people who have head lice never scratch their head. If you don’t know about the head lice then they don’t know to look and treat for head lice.

Head lice are not fussy about the heads they live on – they make no consideration for income, ethnicity or hair colour. They live their entire lives on human heads and their entire food and water source is supplied from the scalp.

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years and they will not be eradicated. Head lice don’t fly or jump – they crawl from head to head. This often happens when people play or work closely together.

Head lice (Pediculosis humanus capitis) are small (3-4mm) wingless insects, which are common particularly in school aged children. Head lice are a common problem in Australian schools and exact figures on the size of the problem vary.

Eggs can be difficult to see; use a strong light (such as sunlight) and look on the hair shafts. If you are not sure whether an object you find is a head louse egg, try sliding it up the hair shaft using your fingers. Eggs are usually quite difficult to move, whereas dandruff and other items slide easily.

Information pamphlets about treatment and controlling head lice are available from the school office.

Personal goods brought to school

Personal property is often brought to school by students and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

We therefore do discourage students and visitors from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Uniform

The uniform shop is open every Monday from 8.30-9.30am, and the first Wednesday of the month from 3.00 – 4.00pm. If you are unable to attend, you may place an order by completing an order form and forwarding this together with cash or credit card details. Orders will be delivered to your child. Order forms are available from the office.

Visitors to school protocols

If you are a parent helper, working in your child’s classroom, working around our school on Parents Association or other tasks, YOU MUST follow this procedure.

- You must first sign in the parent helpers book, indicating your time into our school. Take a visitors’ lanyard which has visitors authorisation badge attached.
- Wear the lanyard at all times around our school.
- On finishing, return lanyard to hook outside office and sign out in parent helpers book.

This is in line with DEECD requirements. We would ask your full cooperation in regards to this procedure as it is very much based upon school security in the very best interest of your child. It also ensures if we have a situation where we need to evacuate for any reason, we as the responsible body will know who is in the school at that time.

School Banking

Bank books will only be processed on a Monday due to Maria having other commitments on Friday. Banking books can still be handed in on Thursday.

A new way to open accounts

Parents can now open accounts via any Commonwealth Bank branch, online through NetBank, or by downloading a paper-based form. We also have banking packs at the school office.

Handed in at office

A blue Verbatim USB was handed in at the office. If it is yours, please collect.
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.

Canteen Newsflash
**Welcome to all families of Donvale Primary.** Hope you all had a wonderful summer break.
An updated menu for Term 1 2012 has been distributed, if you did not receive a copy, you can get one from the office. Pizza Margarita is NOW available. This is through a new supplier (Allied Chief), so it will be a little different, but from feedback already received it’s been given the thumbs up.

Parents please use the new class name codes when placing a lunch order. (00A, 00B, 12A, 12B, 12C, 34A, 34B, 34C, 56A, 56B and 56C). Ask your child if uncertain of class name.

Following are some NEW Meal Deal "Packs" and they are valid until end of Term 1. If you are ordering a “Pack” simply write on the lunch order bag what Pack it is. **eg: wrap pack 1**

### Meal Deals for Term 1 - Available any day of the week

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

From The Sports Coach
May I first welcome all students and parents back to school for 2012.
Some “house keeping” information and Term 1 dates to begin with.
- **Timetabled Phys Ed** lessons will begin next week for all students.
- **Timetabled sport** for Level 3 and 4 children will also begin next week.
- **Swimming trials** are on the 15th February for children who wish to compete. Children can have a go at all events or choose whatever event/s.
- **District swimming sports** are on the 27th February.
- **Inter school sport** (Summer) dates for Level 4 are March 1st and March 18th. Sports include cricket, softball, basketball, rounders and bat tennis. Venues for these dates are yet to be decided.
- **National Ride 2 School Day** is on the 23rd March.

Thank you.
**Mr Pianta**
Right on Target

You will need:
Large concrete area
Chalk
Hacky-sack or small bean bag for throwing
Some friends to play with
Tape measure (optional)

To make the field
Draw five circles, one inside the other, on the concrete with chalk. They should all have the same centre point, and their diameters (widths) should be 30 cm, 60 cm, 90 cm, 120 cm and 150 cm.
Number the circles, with the largest circle numbered 1, the next largest 2, and so on. The smallest circle is numbered 5.

How to play
This game has several rounds, and each player has a go being first in a round. Each round, the first player chooses a special way to throw the hacky sack (say over the head, or after spinning on the spot) and a place to throw from. Starting with the first player, every player attempts to throw the hacky-sack onto the target in the special way. Before the throw, each player must choose the target they are aiming for. They call out a number from 1-5.
If the hacky-sack lands inside the circle they called out, or a smaller circle, they made the shot! That player gets the points for the circle they called out (not the one the hacky-sack landed in). If the hacky-sack landed outside the circle they called out, they score no points.
Once everyone has had a go at choosing the shot, players add up their points. The player with the highest score wins!

What's happening?
This activity is all about estimating errors. If the players could always get the hacky-sack to hit the middle of the target, the game wouldn’t be any fun. If you make the throws hard enough, people won’t always hit the middle of the target and guessing the right circle becomes very important.
If you choose the ‘1’ circle all the time, you’ll get points on more rounds, but you’ll only get one point each time you succeed. If you pick the ‘5’ all the time, then you probably won’t get points very often, but when you do, it will be lots of points.
A good strategy is to match your prediction with how easy you think the shot is. If you think the shot is easy, then choose a high value target. You’ve got a good chance at getting lots of points. If you think the shot is hard, then choose a big target. That way you’ve got a better chance of getting at least something.

Applications
In many sports, players have to make the choice between making an easy shot for fewer points, or trying for a harder shot worth more. For example, in rugby league, a penalty can be taken as a kick for goal worth two points, or the team can tap the ball and go for a try worth four or even six points.
A team that is behind may be more likely to try for risky shots worth more points. On the other hand, if a team only needs a few points to secure their lead, they may choose to take low scoring, safe shots. Both of these actions have more pronounced effects at the end of the game, where there won’t be many more opportunities to change the final result.
Being good at throwing is very important in this game. If you want a game where guessing is more important than throwing, you could try this variant:
Before each player makes their throw, every other person writes down which circle they think the hacky-sack will end up in.
The thrower doesn’t make a prediction.
The thrower scores points for the smallest circle they hit.
Everyone else scores points if their guess was right.
You could also try exchanging the hacky-sack for Velcro darts or any other game that uses a bull’s-eye target.

More information

Hope you all had a wonderful holiday break and are ready to get right back into ‘Numeracy Nonsense’!

Cheers – Luanda Pianta
Numeracy Co-Ordinator
Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome back to Term 1 for 2012! Thank you to all who have asked about my holiday. I had an amazing trip and loved every bit of it but am so happy to be back with all the children! I hope everyone had a safe and happy holidays. This year we have so many new and exciting things happening at OSH Club. In term one we will begin the Active After School Care Program every Tuesday and Thursday beginning from Tuesday 21st February. All children in after school care will get the chance to participate in these lessons of Circus Skills and Hip Hop! Make sure to enroll so you don't miss out!

I would also like to welcome our newest staff member to OSH Club, Mrs Caroline Collins! She will be with us every afternoon from now on so please make her feel welcomed in the OSH room!

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

Coordinator – Cassandra Tan
Staff: Caroline Collins
Program Phone: 0402 362 443
OSH Club – 8564 9000
Admin: admin@oshclub.com.au
Bernard Birman Enrols at School

Biography:
Bernard is a Birman cat with white paws and a big fluffy tail. Favourite foods: Tuna, cheese (lots of it) and chicken. Hobbies: Early morning walks (on his lead), Bird watching, getting into everything. Ambition: Bernard intends to study hard and eventually go to university and major in String Theory, or become a manager at a cat food factory.

Bernard is very excited. Today he is going to enrol at the Donvale Primary School. He is wearing the new suit that he got for Christmas and has been very careful not to get it crushed. “Make sure that you have clean paws!” warns his guardian. So Bernard is very careful not to step into any puddles on his way to school. He has brushed his tail and given his whiskers an extra lick.

And here is the school with a big sign outside saying that enrolments are being taken. Bernard is going to meet the Principals and he is feeling a bit scared. He is happy that his guardian is coming with him. The stairs outside the school door look very big.

But all goes well and the Principal is very nice. Then Bernard is able to tour his new school. The classrooms look great and have lots of colourful posters around the walls. And the playground is simply awesome! Bernard has to have a go on the slide. “Meorrow!!” he shouts as he goes sliding down. What fun! And Bernard has already decided where he is going to have lunch everyday – on the bench beside the big coloured pencils.

Bernard goes home and can’t wait for school to start.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
10th - 16th February
Roxy Q, Abby M, Billy S
Parent Association News!

Parent 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

**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 tonight and return by the due date.  

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

**Friendship list 2011**

A friendship list will come home this week. It is a great resource to help with organising social events, afterschool play times and parent get togethers throughout the year. Please return this form by the due date to have your families details added to the list.

**LOST PROPERTY**

It's early in the year but we already have a few items in our lost property box. Please make the effort to clearly label all school uniform items and feel free to check the box should your child lose an item. The lost property box is located in the middle building outside the uniform shop, opposite the library.

**FOR SALE**

Children’s wooden fort with slide and rope ladder including sand pit underneath and a cubby house for sale. $500 for the lot or $400 for the fort and $100 for the cubby. For further details please see Kathryn.

Chocolates for Sale at the office. Only 25 cents a bar. Please see the office staff for purchases.

**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.  
Full details will accompany this newsletter.  
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.
## 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!

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## 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 accompanying this newsletter 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

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### Special events organised by the Parents Association for 2012

**Term One**

- **Cadbury Chocolate Drive**
  - Monday 20th February - Friday 2nd March

- **Kids Disco**
  - Friday 23rd March
  - 5.30pm - 7.00pm (preps grades 1 and 2)
  - 7.30pm - 9.00pm (grades 3, 4, 5 and 6)

- **Easter Raffle**
  - From Monday 19th March - 30th March
  - Raffle drawn at Assembly on 30th March

All of these events/activities are organised by the PA and rely heavily on the help and support from parents to ensure they are successful. We are encouraging families to put up their hands to help out where possible.

### Parent Association Meeting Dates 2012

All parents at Donvale Primary are welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly meetings to discuss upcoming special events, organise fundraising activities, join in on a variety of information sessions and to meet other parents from the school. Our first PA meeting will give you an opportunity to lend a hand, offer advice, ideas or concerns and join in the fun in planning for future events during the year.

Interested families can speak to a member of the PA to find out more about these activities, or come along to the PA meeting on **Monday 27th February** to be given a run down on what is planned and how you can help.

Dates for this year are: March 26th, April 30th, May 28th, June 25th, July 30th, September 3rd, October 29th, November 26th, December 10th (Christmas lunch) All meetings are on Mondays directly after the weekly assembly.
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.

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

OUR LADY OF THE PINES PARISH - Will be starting catechist classes for those who wish to make their first Holy Communion (Grade 4 and above), Reconciliation (Grade 3 and above) and Confirmation (Grade 6 and above).

DEEP CREEK ANGLICAN CHURCH - DCKIDZ Club.

TEMPLESTOWE DANCE ACADEMY - For 3 and 4 yr old and Kinder classes.

MANNINGHAM COUNCIL - Booklet on Healthy Lifestyle Week. Includes talks, workshops, arts, health and fitness activities.

1ST NUNAWADING SCOUT GROUP - Youth vacancies in all sections available. Adults and leaders are also very welcome.

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

LION BUSHIDO KARATE ACADEMY - Training from beginners to advanced.

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SPICE UP YOUR LIFE!!!

ZUMBA FINES

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
LETS START THE YEAR WITH A BANG, CLASSES RE-OPEN
TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY AT 7PM

Come and Join the arty at Zumba Fitness Classes in Donvale. Not only is it a fantastic cardio workout, but it is great for the body and mind. Who would have thought that working out could be fun! Come and see for yourself...

Tuesdays 7-8pm
Donvale Primary School
Elata Street, Donvale

ALL CLASSES REQUIRE PRE-BOOKING AT EVERY CLASS EITHER THROUGH EMAIL OR SMS.

BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!!! PRICE REDUCTION

First Class $5.00
Casual Class $10.00 per session
Buy 5 sessions for $40 and get 1 session free
Buy 10 sessions for $85 and get 1 session free
Email Enquiries: spiceupyourlife85@gmail.com Phone Enquiries: Danielle 0425 754 246

Wonnies School of Music are currently taking enrolments for term 1, 2012 at Donvale Primary School.

Have you or your friends ever wanted to learn an instrument? Well what are you waiting for!!?

In-school and private lessons are being offered to all students over a HUGE variety of instruments! If you like to rock hard, you can even try out for our ROCK BAND!

ENROLMENT FORMS AT SCHOOL OFFICE OR EMAIL: enquiries@wonnies.com.au  p. 9812 2568

www.wonnies.com.au
Imagine visiting the World's Most Famous Tourist Attractions …Imagine going shopping overseas … The Term 1 program for WiseOnes will let you make amazing discoveries as we whiz around the world on a fun filled, 8 week Around the World Holiday! Use puzzles, quizzes, problem solving, challenges, memorizing facts and figures and the World Quiz Game. Parents, this is a chance for your child to use his/her visual and spatial skills, mathematical knowledge; geography skills; increase general knowledge about countries around the World and improve his/her memory.

**WiseOnes Application for 1st Term 2012**

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

I wish to enrol my child in the unit "Around The World In 8 Weeks" commencing week beginning Monday, 13th February, 2012.

I give permission for a copy of this slip to be handed to the WiseOnes teacher.

Child's Name _______________________________ School: _______________________________

Date of Birth _______________________________ Grade (2012) __________

Parents' Names _______________________________

Address ___________________________________________________________________________

Phone: BH ________________ AH ________________ Mobile ________________ Email: ________________

My child has already qualified for WiseOnes YES/NO

I would like a free test for my child YES/NO.

I would like my child to be tested with a fuller assessment to qualify for WiseOnes (assessment cost $200 inc GST).

**Please send this slip and payment of $212.00 by Thursday, 9th February, 2012.**

As we are a non-credit business, children will not be accepted into the program for the term unless the fees and enrolment form are returned by the above date.

If paying by cheque please make it payable to Donvale Primary School.

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

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