Following a few months of reflection, I have decided to retire at the end of Term 1 as Principal of DPS. Over my 15 years in this position at DPS, I have loved working with you all, and it has been a privilege and pleasure to be part of this wonderful Donvale School Community. I have found over the last few years, the role and responsibility of being Principal, rewarding, challenging and also becoming more demanding. This has prompted me to consider my future and I have not come to this decision lightly.

I have valued the respect and friendship shown to me over the many years of teaching, this will stay with me for the rest of my life as something I can treasure and value.

With the combined efforts from you and the school staff, the children are a credit to you. They are fantastic to work and learn with.

I will miss you all, but in the very best interest of all involved I know in my heart, this is the right decision.

Garry Briggs
Great time had by all......

Lots of fun and challenging things to do.

Wow how good it was. Congratulations to the 94 students who spent 3 exciting days at Forest Edge Camp last week.
The great learning, self challenging and succeeding, leadership, friendships built and respect for staff all developed over the time. The behaviour was exemplary and commented on in a very complimentary way by the Camp staff.
The weather, although damp, did not hinder the sense of adventure or friendship which was evident throughout the group.
Special thanks to the 10 Adults from DPS who so capably ran the camp with precision and confidence. They did a wonderful job and all are to be commended. Big thanks and very well done to Mr Reiter who coordinated the Camp.

Marimba band and Preps performs brilliantly

Our School marimba band and 8 Preps with Mrs Thomson, visited Donvale Pre-School on Tuesday to perform. The Preps were “Going Home” to their 2011 Pre-School to revisit and show how much they had grown to their classmates and kinder staff.

The Marimba Band played very well and supported by Mr Gordon and Mrs Keep certainly got all the kinder kids involved and having fun. The band also visited East Doncaster Pre-School to show their performing musical skills.

They have planned visits to perform at Warekila & Tunstall Square Pre-School before the end of this Term.
Thanks to some fantastic work from Kylie & Mike Glover, supported by staff and members of our School Marketing Committee, a new vibrant school brochure has been created to brilliantly show what life at DPS is like. It is in line with our website at www.donvaleps.vic.edu.au which I urge you to look at regularly.

Copies of the new brochure are available at our school office. If you know a family who has a 2013 Prep student, please collect an enrolment pack from the office or ask them to ring or call in to arrange a personal tour. Our very successful “2012 Leap Frog program will commence early Term 2, so collect a leapfrog enrolment form from our office. First Session is Friday 20th April so don’t miss out.
**General News**

**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**

SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us on 19th March 2012

**PHOTO DAY TIPS:**

- **Dress:** Clean and tidy as per school uniform guidelines
- **Hair:** Neat and swept off face
- **Orders:** Complete your order form and return to school prior to photography day
- **Pre-orders:** To pre-order online, take your personal ID Number found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au. If you have done your order online, still send in your child’s photo envelope.

**KILOMETER CLUB**

Last week was a quiet kilometre club with the grade 5, 6’s away. There was a surprise give away for the first 10 who turned up. Well done to all those who came for a walk/run. It was nice to have Mrs Cheesman join us too. Only a few weeks of the term to go, let’s get as many kids out there as possible. From time to time, there will be prizes for the first 10 who get there.

**PREMIER ACTIVE FAMILY CHALLENGE**

JOIN, JOIN, JOIN

Not long until the start - Remember to sign up. You can collect a from the office or log in at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge or call 1300 463 684. EVERYONE sign up today.

Thank you.

Jeanine

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**Special Thanks this week to:**

- Mr Gordon, Mrs Keep & Mrs Thomson who organised our Kinder Visits
- Our Grade 6 Peer Mediators who are doing a terrific job in our Junior Side School Yard.
- Mrs Gerraty who has volunteered to do data entry for our Victorian Premiers Readers Challenge again this year. For further info see Mrs Colgate–Jones of 3/4C.

*Have a great week as this term quickly draws to a close.................*

**GARRY BRIGGS**
Hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend - Basketball free!

**Fixture for Saturday, 17th March**

- Delights 10.10am DSC1
- Daisy’s 11.00am Leeds St
- Dreamers 11.50am DSC1
- Dingoes 12.40pm DSC2
- Dinosaurs 3.10pm Leeds St

For those who ordered a new singlet, they have arrived and can be collected from Marita Warner.

Good luck and enjoy!

*Brenda Tierney*

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**From The Sports Coach**

- Our Level 4 children’s Summer Sport (Softball, Rounders, Cricket, Basketball and Bat Tennis) Inter School competition was cancelled again today due to possible thunderstorms.
- **Kilometer Club** will continue tomorrow at 8.20am.
- Level 3 and 4 children may still register for our After School Hockey Program begins next term. Forms can be collected from Mr Pianta.
- Students and families are encouraged to take the Premier’s Active Families Challenge of 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days between 19th March and 30th April 2012. Register now at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge.
- **National Ride 2 School Day** is the 23rd March. Let’s get as many as possible Donvale students walking/riding to school on this day.
- **Gymnastics** - Level 1 students (Friday 2.15-3.15) and Level 2 students (Tuesdays 2.15-3.15) will be given the chance to participate in a Gym Program beginning week 2 of next term for 5 weeks (5 sessions). This will be part of Bulk Billing ($20.00) for Term 2.

Thanks.

*Mr Pianta*

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**Basketball News**

*Canteen Newsflash*

**Canteen Easter Raffle**

Drawn Last day of School - Friday 30th March 2012

All students have a chance to win the Easter Hamper, displayed at the canteen.

All lunch orders placed from the 16th - 30th March, 2012 will automatically be placed into the draw.

**Good Luck**

**Reminder**

Please remind your child, if they have ordered a frozen item or a Minke drink on their lunch order, they need to bring their lunch bag with them to the canteen at lunchtime to collect it. Without their lunch bag there is no proof of this order. (I do stamp on their bag in RED print “collect from canteen”. This would be more so in the junior school as they are learning to read.

**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
Hi, my name is Kate and I ran for a choir captain because I have always wanted to make a difference at this school. I enjoy singing, drawing and making others smile.

My favourite subjects at school are Music, Art and English. As the choir vice-captain I aim to achieve trust, be loyal to the other choir members and an understanding of what it’s like being a leader.

At the end of 2012 I will like to have made a difference on this school and have faith in myself.

ENVIRONMENT CAPTAIN

My name is Amy. I nominated for a student leadership role to make a difference to the school in a positive way. I enjoy Diving, Gym and Singing. My favorite subjects at school are Maths, Art and P.E. In the role of Environment Captain, I would like to make people aware of what they can do to help the environment. If we are all careful how we dispose of rubbish, cut down on the electricity we use and replace plastic shopping bags with environment friendly green bags, we are on our way to making the planet a healthier place.

By the end of 2012, after having a leadership role, I would like to be more responsible and hope the school continues to be aware of environmental issues.

Level 4 children told us that they had Butter Chicken for their dinner at camp last week. And yes, we are going to create “Butter chicken served with saffron basmati rice and salad” in term 3. Hopefully we have extra time also to do the Naan bread.

Thank you to the Younger and Frigo families for their very generous donations of cooking appliances and kitchen stuff for our room. As always any donations will be greatly appreciated. Someone's junk could be someone else's treasure.

We have a brand new fridge (2 doors, freezer on top). It wasn't in our budget, but we need one and we managed to get it at a good price. Some children from 34A had a quick look when we opened the box, and they said wow ...

If your child wants to participate in this program please send the form with $5.00 enclosed to the school asap. The form is on our school website, snippets 23rd February 2012 edition, and at the school office.

The school will be sending the receipts home when all the forms have been processed and we will finalise the group over the school holidays.

That you for all your support.

We don't cook, we create food. 

Liang Dimitroff
My name is Jessica. I went for JSC because I want to help the school in any way that I can and make friends with students and teachers. I enjoy having a lot of fun, playing basketball, and lots of different sport. I have lots of subjects that I love, but the ones that stand out are P.E. and Art. My aim as JSC is to put a smile on everyone's face and to be a great role model. By the end of 2012, I would like to have improved my confidence and become a better public speaker. Thank you.

WEETBIX TRIATHLON

I don't like weetbix, but I'll do a triathlon for them plus I like doing triathlons. In triathlons you have to swim 100m, ride 3km and run 500m. It was so tiring, it seemed like forever. I started at 10am, but I got there at 8am. I felt so proud of myself. I loved the ride.

Leah B

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

16th - 22nd March

Aleisha H, Olivia A, Vicky M, Georgia L, Aiden H, Emma W, Rain L

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SUNSMART VICTORIA

Although Term One finishes at the end of March (congratulations - you've almost made it!), the need for sun protection continues until the end of April. The sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays are still at damaging levels. Check the SunSmart UV Alert daily at www.sunsmart.com.au for local sun protection times and ensure that students use a combination of the five SunSmart steps during those times.

Slip on cool, covering clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
Slop on SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen. Make sure you apply a generous amount and keep reapplying it throughout the day. It normally only lasts around 2 hours. Make sure to check the use by date.
Slap on a wide brimmed hat that shades the face, neck and ears (Baseball or peak caps don't provide adequate protection).
Seek shade – try a shady tree, verandah, pergola or shade sail!
Slide on some sunglasses (if practical for your setting). They should be labelled AS 1067 so you know they are UV protected.

Please continue your SunSmart habits during term one holidays and continue your sun protection routine into term two by checking the UV Alert daily in the weather section of the newspaper, on the free SunSmart app for smart phones or on the SunSmart website and be sun safe not sorry!
More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

**HAVE YOUR SAY AT THE DONCASTER RAIL FORUM**
Mary Wooldridge is hosting a community forum at Manningham Function Centre on Thur 22 March from 7-8.30pm so you can have your say on a rail link for Doncaster.

**MANNINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**
Elgar Court Occasional Child Care Centre - Has some vacancies. Care is available on an hourly basis between 9am - 5.30pm for children under school age. Located opposite Westfield Shoppingtown.

**NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR**
Will be holding auditions for boys in grades 1 and 2 on Saturday 23 June 2012.

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

**SECONDARY COLLEGE OPEN DAYS:**
Warrandyte High School - Thursday 3 May
Koonung Secondary College - Thursday 22nd March

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**
- **BUBBLE DOME** - Learn the latest in 3D animation and games design.
- **FITNESSWORX** - Offers fun, active, engaging and non-competitive alternatives to traditional sport.

The Doncaster Salvos are screening the full movie The Lion The Witch & the Wardrobe this weekend on the big screen Sunday 18th March @ 2.00pm. Cost is a gold coin donation per person, and refreshments will be for purchase. Please bring all your friends along.

AND then... our next Familyzone is Sunday 1st April @ 3.29pm! Come Inside the Wardrobe and explore The meaning of Easter. More information contact Aux-Captain Anne Hill—Tel: 03 9842 4744/ Mob:0408 567 617 or email: anne.hill@aus.salvationarmy.org
This is a fairly new unit with WiseOnes. Learn how symbols work, how to check if things are equal, the difference between the sides of an equation. Show your parents how you can do things that look hard but you can do easily. We use a balance and actual items to make it work before we try to do it on paper then in our heads. There are three levels of fun and challenge especially designed to get you thinking. Have fun doing a different kind of lesson in a very small group.

**WiseOnes Application for 2nd Term 2012**
This program is available for all Grade 1 - Grade 6 children who have qualified for WiseOnes.
The unit for second term commences week beginning Monday, 30th April, 2012. The unit will run for 8 weeks on the weeks beginning Monday, 30th April, May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, June 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th. NB Monday 11th June is a holiday.

I wish to enrol my child in the unit "Hands on Algebra" commencing week beginning Monday, 30th April, 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, 26th April, 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.
Donvale Primary School

Girls Tunic Uniform Order Form
Winter 2012

Student Name: ............................................. Grade: ............

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All other garments will be available from the shop
Monday mornings 8.30 to 9.30am

To ensure you have your winter uniform requirements

Complete this form and return it to the office before 23rd March 2011.

Do not include your payment with this order. Payment is due when your order is
collected at the shop.

Orders will be available first week of school term 2

When the stock is available your order will be held for you for two weeks only.