IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

**Twilight Festival at Tunstall Square**
NEXT SATURDAY 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**
95 Level 4 children will be attending Forest Edge Adventure Camp next Wednesday 7th, Thursday 8th & Friday 9th March accompanied by 10 staff.

**AASC Sports Programs**
These have commenced. Tuesdays - Hip Hop dancing and Thursdays - Circus Skills. OSHP still has places available.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

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

**Prep Information Evening**
Wednesday 7th March from 7:00-8:00pm our 2012 Prep Parent Information Evening will be held in our School Library. All parents of new Preps are invited to attend.

**Congratulations to our School Leaders**
Last Monday, although inclement weather, we inducted our 31 peer Mediators and two Choir Captains. Mr James Clarke represented our School Council at the ceremony held indoors in our Senior Building. Congratulations to these senior students who have taken on leadership roles.

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**WEEKLY DIARY**

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

**Monday 5th March**
- 8.30-9.30am: Uniform shop open
  (Please note: Open 1st Wednesday of the month from 3 - 4pm)
- 9.30am: Class rep meeting
- Tennis trials (2 boys/2 girls)

**Tuesday 6th March**
- 3.45: Hip hop dancing

**Wednesday 7th March**
- Level 4 on camp

**Thursday 8th March**
- Student Banking Day
- Level 4 on camp
- 3.45: Circus skills

**Friday 9th March**
- Level 4 on camp

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We are currently finalising our Snippets distribution process for 2012. As we indicated late last year, from the beginning of Term 2 we will not be distributing paper copies to families. Snippets will be available via our website at www.donvaleps.vic.edu.au, or via a direct Email. 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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Donvale Primary School provides students with a positive educational experience to achieve their potential in a comprehensive learning environment that is caring, secure and stimulating.
School Council 2012-13

Following the closing of the nomination period for our School Council, I am very pleased to announce the following parents and staffs have been elected to your School Council for 2012-13.

Garry Briggs
James Clarke
Virginia Yeoman (new)
Ian McKinlay
Jane Petty (new)
John Pianta (re-elected)
Rick Gordon (re-elected)
Kylie Glover
Marita Warner
Brenda Tierney (re-elected)
Russell Waycott (re-elected)
Brad Wolff
Dianne McNaughton (new)

As the number of vacancies equal the number of nominated candidates, no election will be required. Please note that School Council does have the ability to co-op two Parent members to be an active part of our school council for 2012-13.

It is very important that we also genuinely thank the School Councillors who have not returned this year for various reasons. Mr. Craig Semmens, Mrs. Marina Younger, Mrs. Jane Hancock, Mr. Murray Gerraty, and Miss Linda Pyne. It has been a pleasure and privilege to work beside these wonderful, committed parents and staff, who over the time they have been on Council, have contributed in so many positive ways. Through their leadership and enthusiasm, many innovations and positives outcomes have come about to make DPS the great learning environment it is. On behalf of all members of our school community, I thank you very much. You all, in many ways, have made a difference.

Prep 2012 Information Evening

We have organised our 2012 Prep Information Evening for WEDNESDAY 7th March from 7:00-8:00pm in the School Library. We are inviting all parents of our great 2012 Preps to come along and hear from our Teachers about what they have done, what they are doing, and what they are planning to do with your Prep Child this year. It’s a great opportunity to hear from your Prep Child’s teacher about this year. Also a chance to ask questions and put a face to a name!!

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:00pm for about 1 hour.
Peer Mentors begin with responsibility

Our Grade 6 Peer Mediators have commenced working around our Junior side of the yard. Two trained senior students each day patrol at lunchtime, assisting our junior students with resolving minor incidents and encouraging them in their play and relationships. Staff on yard duty are always around to assist and if necessary intervene. This Peer Mentoring Program provides a wonderful opportunity for students to interact and gives our senior students a real, active role in making their school safe and enjoyable for everyone. The responsibility afforded our Senior Students certainly encourages a mature and respectful attitude to their peers and younger students.

New School Bank lady

Due to work commitments Mrs Maria Tomasi, who has done a wonderful job over 2 years running our School Bank system, has had to relinquish this position. I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Marina Younger has kindly volunteered to take on this role.

Please remember:
$ - School bank day to bring in your book and money is THURSDAY of each week.
$ - Bank books will be returned to your child, ready for the following Thursday.
$ - Bank tokens, rewarding savings are still operating.
$ - Enrolment packs to join in the savings habit are available from Ricarda or Wendy at our office.

Mayor of Manningham visits us

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Welcome back to Mr Mc Kinlay from a medical procedure. Great to see you so well and moving like a Gazelle!!!

Have a great week and enjoy it……………

GARRY BRIGGS
**STUDENT INFORMATION**

A printout of student information full details should have come home today. Please check these details and make any changes and send back to school ASAP.

It is very important that we have up-to-date information at all times in case of an emergency. Please make sure that your email address is correct as we will be needing it for snippets distribution.

Thank you

**HEADLICE**

Unfortunately we have had a few cases reported. Reminder, please continue to monitor your child’s hair closely. If your child has headlice, please let the school know so that we can ask parents in your child's grade to check their children's hair.

We appreciate the support from all families in regards this matter.

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

**KILOMETER CLUB**

What a fantastic start to Kilometer Club. 41 excited kids turned up to run. A very big well done to Billy Mc who did an impressive 7 laps and on his final lap, had about 10 kids following him. This week we completed 74kms. Let’s see if next week we can get 50 kids and do 100kms.

Look out for Mrs Murphy next Friday, who is planning on joining us for a run.

See you all at 8.20 on Friday morning.

Jeanine

**PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2012**

The Premiers Reading Challenge is on again. This year it has been launched in conjunction with the National Year of Reading, so it’s a perfect time for students to be inspired by the Challenge and to discover the magical power of books. It is an ideal opportunity for parents and families to share in these experiences too.

This year the booklists have been expanded to cater for different types of interests. There are thousands of books to choose from, including fiction, non-fiction, plays, poetry and short stories. The book lists are available online. The challenge is open to all levels and you will find a large selection of the books available in the school library.

The permission forms will be handed out shortly, these will need to be returned to ensure that you are registered, receive your certificate and have your name published in “The Age” at the end of the Challenge.

If you have any questions please ask either myself or Kerry Gerraty.

Mrs Colgate-Jones

**TUNSTALL SQUARE FESTIVAL**

Our Marimba band and Senior choir will be performing on the stage at 4pm. Those students involved are reminded to

* be at the stage by 3.45
* wear black and white

- bring a drink bottle, sunglasses (for Boris the Bassman) and recorder (for White Flower).

Thank you.

Mrs Keep

**From The Sports Coach**

Kilometer Club continues tomorrow (8.20am) for all children, parents and 4 legged friends. A big thanks to Janene and her helpers who got us started last week.

**Bikes/Scooters:** I encourage children to use this mode of transport and exercise whenever possible to come to school. Don’t forget to wear your helmet.

A “Ride/Walk To School Day” is planned for Friday 23rd March.

**District Swimming Sports** were held last Tuesday. A very big thanks to all the children involved and to the many parents who attended and supported our team.

Each and every child did their very best and were most supportive towards all members.

Donvale Primary School came second in the sports.

Well done team, we are very proud of your achievement. Special mention to our 12 year old girls relay team (Elizmare S, Jamie-Lee A, Jesse D and Brittany W) who won and are competing this morning in the Division Swimming Carnival. Elizmare will also swim in the 12 year old girls 50 metres freestyle.

**Round Robin Summer Interschool Sport** (softball, rounders, cricket, basketball and bat tennis) for our Level 4 students was cancelled today due to the wet weather.

In second Term, Year 10 students from Blackburn High School will be coming to our school to conduct a series of hockey coaching programs for Level 3 and 4 students. A total of 4 sessions will be held on Thursday afternoons after school 3.30-4.30. Session dates are April 26th, May 3rd, 10th and 17th. This program has been very successful in previous years. Information and registration for this program will come out today and be returned ASAP to class teacher.

Thank you.

Mr Pianta

**STOP PRESS STOP PRESS**

CONGRATULATIONS to the Girls relay team, they came 2nd and also to Elizmare who came 2nd in her event. Well done!

Mrs Keep
Canteen Newsflash

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

Basketball

Games for 3 March:
Dolphins 8.30am  DSC2
Delights  9.20am  Leeds St
Daisy’s   10.10am Leeds St
Dreamers 11.50am DSC1
Dingoes  1.30pm DSC1
Dinosaurs BYE

There will be NO games next Saturday, 10th March because of the long weekend – ENJOY!
Anyone who has ordered a new singlet, please make sure that you give the $25 to your team manager, Brenda Tierney or Marita Warner. The singlets should be here by the end of the week.

HAVE FUN and GOOD LUCK.

Brenda Tierney
0419 106795
btierney@tennis.com.au

Donvale Jnr Chef

There have been many requests from the children to make “Curry Puffs” (our most wanted item on the menu at our Christmas party last year).
Hopefully we have time and are able to run a class after school in our new room, as we need at least 1.5 hours to make these.
Also there have been requests to see our party photos, so here are a few in this weeks snippets.
A total of 97 children attended. Lots of parents, teachers, students and 2 preschool children (back then, now they are in Prep) worked together to make this happen.
Our new DJC room is still in the process of getting there, any kitchen stuff donations will be greatly appreciated.
If you have anything spare, big or small, old or new, such as plates, spoons, forks, mixing bowls, platters, fridges, rolling pins, table cloths, microwave ovens, tea towels, etc, please send them to the school. Thank you very much for all your support.
If your child wants to participate in the program this year, please send the form to school with $5.00 enclosed. Thank you to the families that have already sent back their form.
We are planning each term with a theme so all the children in the different groups will be learning similar food and cooking techniques.
To check our last years recipes please go to our school website, or send $3.00 in an envelope with your child's name and class to the office to get a copy of last years cookbook.

We don't cook, we create food
Liang Dimitroff
STORIES FROM THE STUDENTS

2012 School Captains and Vice-captains

My name is Nick

I have been a student at Donvale for six years now and seen many great kids ahead of me grow and eventually leave the school. Late last year I thought about my final year at Donvale and I really felt I would like to make a contribution to the school.

I enjoy all kinds of sport, Cricket, Running and especially Soccer. I am goalkeeper for my local club “Ringwood City.”

At school my favourite subjects are Sport, Maths and Computer. My favourite type of computer games are Mind Strategy games.

In my position as school captain I hope to develop my understanding of leadership skills and I have a current project with the Manningham council on safety at the DISC car park that I would like to complete.

Through the year I hope I can grow an understanding of leadership and teamwork that helps me prepare for the exciting times ahead at Secondary School.

My Name is Becky

I went for this leadership position because I thought it would be a really great experience to have and I thought I could represent the school well.

I enjoy playing basketball. I play for the Donvale Dolphins, and have been playing for them since prep.

My favourite subject at school is reading. I also like maths.

In my position as school captain, I aim to work with the teachers and make the school a better place.

I also aim to represent the school well in public.

At the end of this year, I expect to be more confident at speaking in public.

Hello, my names Jesse

I nominated for a student leadership position because I wanted to make a difference to the school and be a role model for all other students.

I enjoy dancing, singing and basketball and love to play lots of varieties of sports.

My favourite subjects at school are writing and P.E (Physical Education).

As Vice Captain my aim to achieve is to keep the school the way it is because it’s such a great school! But if needed, I’ll find some areas that can be improved and work on making them better.

At the end of 2012 I will look back on being Vice Captain and think how great it was and how it’s changed the way I see things.
**My Day at District Swimming**

When I went on the bus to the district swimming I started feeling excited and nervous. I sat on the window side with my Mum. We were going to the Croydon Memorial Pool. It was one lap (50 meters). When we got out of the bus there were other schools doing their district swimming. Our swimming group went around the other schools and placed a water-proof mat, to place our swimming stuff on. When they had finished we moved to the seats. I placed my white cap on and waited for 9/10 year old boys to start freestyle. I was then called up by Mr P to do freestyle, my Mum and Dad (who was taking photos) wished me good luck. I said to myself if you win your in the next level. The whistle went off and so was I. I came fifth, close for a ribbon. Next up backstroke I said to myself. When Mr P called me up for backstroke. Off went the whistle again. This time I came third, I got pretty excited for coming third. Next was the freestyle relay, my relay team was did not get a ribbon. The bus was almost at the school grounds when another bus cut the corner and we walked the rest of the rest back. (It was not a long walk, luckily).

*James D*

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SPLASH! Here we are at Croydon Memorial Pool on the 28th of February for District Swimming. 29 enthusiastic Donvale students competed. Everyone tried their very best and did extremely well. Our school came 2nd at the District level, FANTASTIC EFFORT! 4 girls got through to Division. Jamie A, Elizmare S, Brittany W and Jesse D. These 4 girls got into their relay team and Elizmare got through in her freestyle individual event because they won their District event. The relay team came 2nd out of 8 schools in Division. Most of them were from private schools or have swimming pools at their school, so the girls did very, very well. Elizmare came 2nd in her event at Division which is also great for the same reasons. Everybody did very well. Good job to everyone.

*By Jamie A, Elizmare S, Brittany W and Jesse D*
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 Spelldrome 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!
Parent Association News

Class Reps Meeting
Monday 5th March
9.30am in the library

Thank you to the parents who have nominated themselves to act as class reps for their respective classes this year. A full list of helpers will be issued at the meeting. We still need class reps for prep A, 34C, and 56A.

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 could fill one of these positions please let Kathryn know a.s.a.p.

Cadbury Chocolate drive 2012

All Cadbury Chocolate money and unsold chocolates need to be returned to school by tomorrow Friday 1st March.

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)

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.

Kids Disco 2012

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.

If we do not get enough parent support the event will be cancelled.

Please let me know if you are able to help.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to the families who have already donated chocolate eggs to our annual Easter Raffle.

We are asking families to donate chocolate eggs towards our raffle and hand them into the office for collection. Raffle tickets will go on sale Monday 19th March. Class reps will be available each day to sell tickets to the school community. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 30th March this being our last day of term.

We need your help!!!
Saturday 3rd March
Tunstall Square Twilight Festival BBQ Fundraiser

I need volunteers to assist me in cooking and serving sausages on Saturday to help raise additional funds for our school. If you can help please contact Kathryn on 0417 117 651 ASAP.
TRIVIA NIGHT!!
Change of date for meeting!!!

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 was organised for Monday 12th March which is a public holiday (Labour Day) so we are now holding it on **Monday 19th 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
2nd-8th March
Sophie S, Vivienne J, Georgia M, Nicholas H, Oscar Y, Angus P, Stephanie K, Antonia P, Laura V, Lachlan H

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**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!

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

**ZUMBA CLASSES**
Family and friends Day - Tuesday 6th March!!! Each new attendant will receive a half price session on their second visit. Keep fit with Zumba. At Donvale P.S. in the GP Room from 7-8pm. First class $5, casual $10.

**NUNAWADING LIBRAY**
On Tuesday 13 March join others in an afternoon with Andy Griffiths from 4-5pm.

**FREE PARENT INFO NIGHT** - How do I raise a Resilient Child? - the 32 skills that build resilience
Wednesday 21 March 2012  Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm  Location: Brighton Grammar, Robert Sanderson Centenary Centre, entrance on St Andrews St, Brighton
Bookings: 9596 8814 or info@shineacademy.com.au

**BLACKBURN HIGH SCHOOL AUTUMN CONCERT**
Thursday 8th March 7pm at One Community Church. Admission: Adults $5

**AUSKICK**