WEEKLY DIARY

**Friday 23rd March**
- 8.20am: Kilometer Club
- National Ride To School Day
- 5.30-9.00pm: School Disco

**Monday 26th March**
- 8.30-9.30am: Uniform shop open
  (Please note: Open 1st Wednesday of the month from 3 - 4pm)
- Assembly: Prep’s Easter bonnet parade
- 9.30am: Parents Association meeting
- 10.45-11.30/12.15-1.00pm: Marimba Band performance at Kinder

**Tuesday 27th March**
- 10am: Preps visiting Greenview Rest Home
- 1.15: Circles lunch
- 3.45: Hip hop dancing

**Thursday 29th March**
- Student Banking Day
- 3.45: Circus skills

**Friday 30th March**
- 2.00pm: Assembly (Easter raffle drawn)
- 2.30: Dismissal

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

School Council report March meeting...
Last night we had our combined 2012-13 School Council Meeting. We commenced with a finishing up of the current School Council, with a number of members not renominating.

The new Council including 2 new members, was then addressed by Ms. Mandy Dunn, Regional Network Leader (RNL) who outlined the DEECD protocol for selection of a new Principal for DPS.

The main points were:

The meeting then reverted to our first 2012 Meeting of the new Council who:
**Elected Executive:**
- President: Mrs Brenda Tierney
- Deputy President: Dianne McNaughton
- Treasurer: Still to be confirmed
- Secretary: Virginia Yeoman

**Team Leader of sub committees:**
- Management: Still to be confirmed
- Resources: Brad Wolff
- Uniform: Virginia Yeoman
- Canteen: John Pianta
- OSHP: Russell Waycott
- Education: Rick Gordon
- Marketing: Marita Warner
- Parents Association: Kylie Glover, Marita Warner

Other agenda items discussed were:
- New brochures.
- 3 foci for DPS for 2012.
- 2012 Budget – confirmed.
- Annual report update.
- Proposed curriculum day - Monday 28th May.
- Thanks from Garry to previous and current SC for their support and friendship over the 15 years.

Have a great week.

GARRY BRIGGS
Leaders with Influence

Last Thursday Mrs Watters and myself accompanied 15 of our school leaders to the 2012 National Young Leaders Day at the Melbourne Convention Centre. The Halogen Foundation hosts the National Young Leaders Day to inspire students to begin a life-long journey of leading themselves and others according to good leadership values. The Halogen Foundation created this national event because they believe in the potential of all students and want to challenge them to achieve their goals and make a positive contribution to the world.

The students were spoken to by 5 inspirational leaders, Mike Martin, (director of the Halogen Foundation), Marita Cheng, (Young Australian of the Year), Joy Smithers, (actress and director of the Hope Cambodian Children’s Foundation), Lorin Nicholson, (blind guitarist) and Andrew Swallow, the captain of the North Melbourne Football club.

Each speaker had a different story to tell though there were some common threads or messages coming through strongly;

- All the best leaders do what they do for others
- Great leaders have influence
- How you use your influence will determine what sort of leader you become
- Leadership is uniting people around a common cause
- Leadership is wanting to achieve a really clear goal
- People want a leader who inspires them to be better than what they’re capable of
- When you doubt yourself don’t listen to yourself
- You can achieve anything if you never ever give up

Our school leaders would no doubt have been inspired by the achievements of these engaging speakers from ordinary backgrounds. At Donvale we are very proud of the example set by all the students in leadership positions. A day such as this one can only inspire confidence and self belief in our students as they continue their leadership journey.

Ian McKinlay

Lost Property

As we get closer to the end of term it is time to check if your child/ren have misplaced any items of clothing or lunchboxes. Please check the LOST PROPERTY BOX outside the before and after school care room.

There is also missing - a clearly named bomber jacket size 12 Antonia P, could you please check at home. I have an unnamed bomber jacket which may belong to your child.

I also have a size 10 bomber jacket brand new, was left in the senior building in second week of term. Please see Karen Murphy in senior building if you have any queries.

Thanks.
Karen

University of New South Wales Tests will be conducted later this term and early next term. If you would like your child (Year 3-6) to take part please make sure you have filled in an application form and paid fees by Wednesday April 18th, 2012. Posters with testing subjects and dates are displayed near the office and in Senior Building. Copies of the application form have been sent home but you can get copies from the general office. Any other inquiries please see Mrs Petty.

JSC Casual Dress Day

Thank you to everyone in our DPS community, for your support of our sponsor child, Tadele. Fortunately, he now no longer needs our sponsorship. Last Friday’s fundraiser raised $264.55, which we have decided to donate to State Schools Relief. To find out more information about SSR, please go to www.ssr.net.au/

Mrs Watters

Happy Birthday

23rd - 29th March
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Level 4 Round Robin Sports Day will be next Thursday 29th March.
To complete the Summer Sports Round Robin, the second date is Thursday 19th April.

Tomorrow is the National Ride/Walk To School Day. Let’s get as many children and parents involved.

Kilometer Club continues also tomorrow at 8.20am.

Some confirmed dates for Term 2 include:
- Gymnastics for Level 1: Thursdays 26th April, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th May
- Gymnastics for Level 2: Tuesdays 24th April, 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd May
- After School Hockey Program: Thursdays 26th April, 3rd, 10th and 17th May
- Cross Country Trials: Early Term 2 (Thursday) for Level 3 and 4
- District Cross Country: 24th May (12.00-2.30pm) 9/10 year olds - 2kms, 11 and 12 year olds - 3kms


Thank you.  
Mr Pianta

Next week is the last chance to send the form in with $5.00 enclosed to the school if your child wants to participate in this program.
The form is on our school website, snippets 23rd February edition and at the school office.
We need to finalise the groups, the menus, parents helper roster and also produce a cookbook for every child in the program.

Thank you to the Sinclair and Sinosich families for their very generous donations of kitchen stuff.

As always any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much for your support.

We don’t cook, we create food  
Liang Dimitroff

C.E.R.
Christian Religious Education

The grades 3/4 have been learning in CRE to live in a loving and generous way. This was shown by Jesus in his dealings with people, how he loved and forgave. We learnt about people who have given their lives to help others, like Colleen Redit, a New Zealander who started a school in India for young girls who weren’t getting any education. They now have a beautiful five-storey building with a training centre, a 24 hour hospital and a home for 150 girls and 250 other people. Colleen says they have proved that God gives generously and that giving can make a difference to our world.
Have a good week. God bless,
Judith Grayden
Try this: A game of Hex

You will need
Two different coloured pens or textas
A hex board printed out - download one here:

An opponent to play against

What to do
In Hex, you have to try and link two opposite sides of the board with your hexagons. Your opponent is trying to link the other two sides with their hexagons.

Decide who is going to go first. The first player is trying to link the two white sides. The second player will try and link the two black sides.

Taking turns, each player marks a hexagon as theirs using a pen. The white player can use empty circles, and the black player can use ‘x’s.

Any hexagon on the board can be marked so long as it hasn’t already been claimed.

Once a hexagon has been marked, the other player cannot mark the same hexagon.

You win if you have connected your two sides with a path of hexagons that you have marked. When you have won, it will be impossible for your opponent to link their two sides.

If you like playing Hex, you could print a large board:

on A3 sized paper or draw a big copy of the board onto a sheet of cardboard. Then you can use counters instead of drawing on the board, and you can re-use it over and over.

What’s happening?
Hex was invented by a mathematician named Piet Hein in 1942, and several years later, it was re-invented by another mathematician, John Nash. Both mathematicians were interested in using maths to study games. John Nash eventually won a Nobel Prize in Economics for his research into different games.

Many different mathematicians have proved the game can’t end in a draw – if the board fills up so that no one can play another piece, then one player must have won. John Nash used this fact to show that a perfect first player would always win, even against a perfect second player. However, John’s proof doesn’t actually tell you what the perfect strategy is.

Since the first player has an advantage, many Hex players start the game with a special first turn – the first player plays their first move, then the second player has the option to swap sides with the first player. If the start player plays a really good move then the second player will swap and have the advantage.

More information:

An online version on a smaller board:
http://www.mazeworks.com/hex7/

The maths of Hex (more advanced)
http://maarup.net/thomas/hex/

Nifty Numeracy Nonsense!
Hope everyone has a wonderful term break & see you in Term 3.

Cheers – Luanda Pianta Numeracy Co-Ordinator
Parent Association News!

Cadbury Chocolate drive 2012
Our Chocolate fundraiser has now finished!
There are still a large number of families who have not yet returned their outstanding $50.00 or the box of chocolates. Prompt payment would be appreciated as soon as possible so we can finalise our accounts.

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.

Parent Association
Annual General Meeting
Monday 26th March
9.30am in the library
I encourage all parents to attend our annual general meeting for 2012. Come along and find out the special events for the year and meet other parents from all levels to discuss fundraising events for the school, next term events and to voice any concerns or new ideas relating to our school.

For further details, please contact Kathryn on 0417 117 651

Parent Association
Easter Raffle
Thank you to the families who have donated chocolate eggs to our annual Easter Raffle.
We have 6 great prizes to raffle off at the end of term assembly on Friday 30th March.
Raffle tickets are on sale from today until 2.00pm Friday 30th. Class reps will be available each day to sell tickets to the school community or you can purchase tickets from the office.
Good luck to everyone who enters this year’s raffle!!!

News Flash!!!
Hip Hop classes
Next Tuesday is the last Hip Hop class for the term. Miss Kiki has requested that children enrolled in the classes bring casual clothes (Hip Hop cool!) to wear for their last presentation. Parents are welcome to attend for the last half hour to see the great routines the children have been learning.
Kids Disco 2012

The Kids Disco is to be run this Friday 23rd March.
Preps, grades 1 and 2 @ 5.30pm to 7.00pm and Grades 3,4,5 and 6 @ 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

Tickets have been issued to all students attending. No ticket sales will be made on the night.

Only Donvale Primary School students are able to attend the disco.

Snacks and drinks will be for sale during the night. Prices are as follows:

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Children with major allergies are required to bring their epipens (clearly named) to the disco and hand them to Kathryn at the door.

Thanks to all parents who have volunteered their time to help with supervising and running the canteen at our disco. Your time and effort are most appreciated.

2012 CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Listed below are our class reps for this year. We are still looking for a rep for 56A. If you are from that class and feel you can offer your assistance please let Kathryn know as soon as possible.

- 00A Loula Tarenidis and Cathy Farrell
- 00B Erika Thorn
- 12A Carolyn Gray
- 12B Clare Bosdorf
- 12C Karin Moule
- 34A Kim Merton and Kylie Glover
- 34B Jaqui Frigo and Christine Dawson
- 34C Liz Brown
- 56A TBA
- 56B Marina Younger and Karen Smith
- 56C Kerry Gerraty

FRIENDSHIP LISTS

Friendship lists will come home next week. Special thanks to Megan Moyle for entering all the family details and compiling our Friendship lists this year.

Check out snippets and general Parents Association information on our Website:

Donvale.ps@edumail.vic.edu.au
BUNNINGS BBQ 2012

We have been given the opportunity to run a BBQ on Friday 18th May from 8am – 5pm

This is a great opportunity to raise additional funds for our school. Please consider helping for a two hour shift on this day.

A separate notice is coming home today with Snippets for interested families to fill in.

Trivia Night update

The date for our Trivia Night celebrations is Saturday 11th August 2012!!

We are currently asking for donations from the local community and from families within our school. If your line of business is able to donate either goods or services towards our silent/public auctions or prizes on the night we would love to hear from you!!

Also, parents can help by asking their local businesses if they are willing to donate goods or services to our event. If you have a great hairdresser, mechanic, pet groomer, chiropractor or favourite shop, consider asking them for a donation for the trivia night. Also consider asking places you visit on a regular basis such as local swimming schools, Karate or ballet classes etc. Every donation helps to make our night a greater success. Let them know we are giving all businesses free advertising for a month via our website and the Trivia Night booklet that will be distributed to all families within the school community during August/September.

We need many helpers to ask for and collect donations to ensure the event is a great success. If you can go to any of the below mentioned shopping centres to ask for donations, please let Kathryn know as soon as possible. A kit will be sent home with you with a letter to hand to shop owners outlining the event and advertising benefits. If you shop at one of these centres regularly, please consider helping the Trivia Night committee in requesting donations for our major fundraiser for the year.

Please give Kathryn a call on 0417 117 651 or via email at Soterales@optusnet.com.au to show your interest or come and speak to me in the playground.
More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

BLACKBURN FOOTBALL CLUB - GIRLS EFL. Are you a girl aged 8-18 who loves her footy? The EFL and AFL are holding a FREE all-girls super clinic. Tuesday April 3, 9.30-11am (8-12 year olds) 11.30-1pm (13-18 year olds) at Jubilee Park, Ringwood.

DONVALE MAGPIES AUSKICK - Locally based (Donvale Reserve). Fun for the whole family. Contact details of the coaches for different age groups is at the back of the flyer or go directly to the Auskick site to enrol. Caters for Preps through to Grade 3.

STRACHAN EYECARE - Vision problems can be subtle so all primary children should have their eyes examined every two years.

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

NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA - will be holding auditions for boys in grades 1 and 2 on Saturday 23 June 2012. Successful boys will commence training in February 2013. Contact the National Boys Choir of Australia on 9872 4480 or email office@nationalboyschoir.com.au for further information. www.nationalboyschoir.com.au

Yamaha Acoustic Guitar. New Condition. With hard case, music books and electric tuner - $200

King Clarinet - in good condition - $150

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