At the commencement of Term 2 a newly appointed Acting Principal will be in place at DPS. I am very pleased to inform you that Mr Matthew Coney, the Assistant Principal from Glen Waverley South PS. has been selected by Eastern Region to be the interim Principal. Mr Mc Kinlay and I met Mr Coney on Wednesday and spent time showing him around, meeting staff and students and familiarising him with some of the great things happening at DPS.

We are very fortunate that Mr Mc Kinlay will provide a stable and informed link for Mr Coney to rely on throughout term 2.

I would urge you to make the effort to “say hello” to Mr Coney, in the first few weeks and give him a wonderful DPS welcome to our great school. Matthew visited our school yesterday and was suitably impressed with our great school, the fantastic engagement of our children and the very positive feeling around our school.

During term 2, a rigorous DEECD guided process will take place to select the substantive Principal. The substantive Principal will commence at the beginning of Term 3.

We all wish Mr Pianta and Mrs Pianta all the very best on their exciting trip in the next few months as they travel around Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland on their much deserved and earned Long Service Leave in their new caravan. I am sure you will be kept up to date on their travels at various times through Snippets.

We have been very fortunate in arranging for Mrs Rebecca Clarke to take over full time Mrs Pianta’s class, and Mrs Hodgens to take on full-time teaching role in 3/4A. Mrs Sarah Hodgson, a very experienced and highly qualified teacher, will continue our Phys-Ed/Sports program and Mr Pianta’s Level 4 Literacy and Numeracy support while he is on leave.

We also wish Mrs Miriam Karelsky, who has worked with a group in our Level 4 literacy & numeracy groups this term, all the very best in her new teaching position in term 2. Mrs. Karelsky has provided quality instruction to students and her Secondary School perspective has enhanced our Grade 5/6 strategies benefiting the staff and children.

**GARRY BRIGGS**
As this is my last Snippets article, I wish to sincerely thank all members of our School Community for their wonderful support over my 15 years at Donvale PS. It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to work with your children and beside you over that time.

You have made being your Principal, a very positive, rewarding and productive time where I could always be respected, challenged, but knew that on a personal level, your friendship and support could always be relied upon.

I will greatly miss DPS and all it involves, but I leave confident that the future for our school is secure, bright and exciting for you all.

The children are wonderful, the staff fantastic and the parent body a delight to be part of. This departure is not about me, but about the great future and learning opportunities of your children, so be positive, encompass it and move forward with purpose and energy.

You are a wonderful group and I thank you, “from the very bottom of my heart” for everything you have allowed me to be part of.

Thanks for everything.

Farewell and good luck.

...............Garry Briggs
Finally our Level 4 students were able to complete their first day of Summer Sports. The second/final date for Summer (Inter) School Sport is planned for Thursday 19th April (first week of Term 2). All venues are the same, except for basketball which will be played at the Templestowe Leisure Centre (2 courts).

Grasshopper Soccer will conduct a clinic for our Level 3 children on Friday 20th April between 10am and 11am. Each school family received a brochure today from “Grasshopper Soccer”. Please visit their website for further details at www.grasshoppersoccer.com.au. They are offering in Term 2 an 8-week program (caters for all abilities) during after school hours at a Donvale venue.

A very big thank you to the many children who so eagerly participated in the National Ride/Walk 2 School Day last Friday. KiloMetre Club continuous tomorrow at 8.20am.

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 26th April for Level 3 and 4 children.
- District Cross Country 24th May.

May I wish all parents and children an enjoyable, happy and safe Easter.

Finally, a big thank to Mr Briggs for his wonderful support. All the very best in your retirement.

From The Sports Coach

C.R.E.
Christian Religious Education

This week the preppies and grades 1/2 children heard that Easter is a time to be celebrated because JESUS is ALIVE!!!
We talked about how we would celebrate Easter and we made Easter cards.
Verse for the week is "Who is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!" (Matthew 8:27)
Have a fantastic break over the holidays!
“Happy Easter!! God Bless!
Cheryl Shanks.

Ian McKinlay
Canteen Easter Raffle
This will be drawn tomorrow at school assemble -
Friday 30th March 2012

All students have a chance to win the Easter
Hamper, displayed at the canteen.
All lunch orders received from the 16th -
30th March, 2012 will automatically be
placed into the draw.
Good Luck

Lunch orders
The canteen will be open tomorrow for recess and
lunchtime. Lunch orders can be placed as the
students will be having early lunch from 12.30 til 1.30.

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

What’s NEW for Term 2.
A new winter menu will be out, a new choice of
meal deals as well as some winter warmers for
recess and lunchtime.

Enjoy the holidays and wishing you all a Happy
Easter.

Keep Healthy, Keep Cool, Keep Hydrated
Angie (cookie)

Donvale Jnr Chef
Thank you to everyone who has already returned their
form and money.
The groups, menus and timetables will be handed out
first week back to school next term.
Thank you to the Brown, Meyzis (Cassidy), and Nitsos
families for their very generous donations of kitchen
stuff.
As always any donations will greatly appreciated.
Have a lovely break and looking forward to working
with our little chefs next term.

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

From Junior Chef members and team
we wish Mr Briggs all the best and a
very happy retirement.
Thank you for always supporting our
club.
We will miss you.
STORIES FROM THE STUDENTS

National Young Leaders Day
On Thursday the 15th of March JSC, the school captains and the environment captains attended National Young Leaders Day along with over 4000 other leaders.
We heard all sorts of speeches from Mike Martin, Marita Cheng, Joy Smithers, Lorin Nicholson and Andrew Swallow. My favourite speech was Lorin Nicholson’s because he was full of inspiration and he got the crowd involved.
It was a GREAT day!!!!
By Gaby and Christian

On Thursday 15th of March, 9 JSC members, 3 school captains and 2 Environment captains went to the National Young Leaders Day at the Melbourne Convention Centre. Our first speaker was Mike Martin and he taught us about the different types of influences you can have on people. Marita Cheng our 2nd speaker talked about making your own decisions and keeping going no matter what. Our third speaker Joy Smithers, was very inspiring because she became a leader when very young. Lorin Nicholson our next speaker told about his amazing achievements being blind. Last but not least Andrew Swallow, our final speaker talked about following your dreams and never giving up. In the end it was great and we learnt a lot about leadership.
By Renee and Ruby

Last Thursday all the kids with leadership roles at Donvale Primary went to the National Young Leaders Day.
The speakers were Mike Martin, Marita Cheng, Joy Smithers, Lorin Nicholson and Andrew Swallow. They told us about their leadership roles and that you should believe in yourself and others no matter what! We learnt about initiative and influence, so now we know how to help the school and be a better leader!
By the amazing Rachael and Jess!!
More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

EAST DONCASTER INFO NIGHT - Tuesday 1 May at 7pm

BLACKBURN HIGH SCHOOL
Open Night – Thursday 26 April, 2012
Session 1 – 5.00pm – 6.30pm - Open Night Presentation at 5.15pm
Session 2 – 7.00pm – 8.30pm – Open night presentation at 7.15pm
All Welcome – come along and see the exciting new facilities and learn about our new teaching and learning model.

GRASSHOPPER SOCCER - Term 2 programs starting from Sat 28th and Sun 29th April.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
NUNAWADING BASKETBALL CENTRE - Holiday camps: Starting 2nd April

PRO TENNIS ACADEMY - A fun filled three days of tennis at Donvale Tennis Club

World Autism Awareness Day: 2 April

Melbourne’s celebration: Sunday 1 April 2012

1.4km walk from Victoria Gardens at 1pm, beside the River Yarra in the centre of Melbourne with multi-coloured balloons
Balloon release in Birrarung Marr at 3.15pm
Supported by Fed Square – who are “lighting it up blue” again for us
This is a free event open to all – bring all your family and friends so that we can generate greater awareness of ASD
Walk is suitable for strollers/wheel chairs – it is beside the river so please make ensure your children are safe at all times
Wear something blue!
T-shirts available to purchase at the start of the walk ($12.50 children’s sizes, $15 ladies/unisex/men’s sizes)
X-Factor contestant, Declan Sykes will be walking with us and counting down for the balloon release
This will be the third year we have walked and released balloons to recognise this important date and participation grows each year. We are aiming for 3000 people – so please put it in your diary.