I was thrilled to be appointed Acting Principal at Donvale Primary School for term two. Prior to the commencement of term two I spent some time visiting Donvale PS and was most impressed by the students, staff and wonderful facilities on offer at Donvale PS. When I went back to my ‘own school’ I was raving about the spacious grounds, quality learning environments and excellent academic results. During my visit I spent time with Mr Garry Briggs, the recently retired Principal who was able to provide me with a great deal of background knowledge on Donvale Primary School. Mr Briggs, the staff, students and the Donvale Primary School community should be extremely proud of their wonderful results and their learning environment. Congratulations to all!

We have many exciting events to look forward to during term two at Donvale Primary School. These include:

- Gateways program
- Level 4 excursion to Imax and Scienceworks
- Level 2 Craft power incursion
- Level 1 Fairy Park excursion
- Commencing our Leapfrog program for kinder students
- Mother’s day stall
- NAPLAN for Grade 3 & 5 students
- Parents Association Biggest morning tea

Prior to this term I have been the Assistant Principal at Glen Waverley South Primary School. I have held this position since 2009. I have two children, a daughter, Jasmine, who is five and currently attends Prep at Great Ryrie Primary School in Heathmont and a son, Jesse, who is three and has recently commenced Kindergarten. Importantly, I am a passionate North Melbourne fan!

As a child I lived in East Doncaster and attended Beverley Hills Primary School and East Doncaster Secondary College. Working at Donvale Primary School feels like I am returning ‘home’ to my childhood area.

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**WEEKLY DIARY**

**Friday 20th April**
- 10.00-11.00: Soccer Clinic for Level 3
- 2.00-3.00: Leapfrog Program

**Monday 23rd April**
- 8.30-9.30am: Uniform shop open

**Tuesday 24th April**
- 12.15-1.00pm: School Captains and Deputy Captains to Anzac Day Ceremony at Templestowe
- 2.15-3.15pm: Level 2 Gymnastic Program

**Thursday 26th April**
- Student Banking Day
- 2.15-3.15pm: Level 1 Gymnastic Program
- 3.30-4.30: After School Hockey Program
- Cross Country trials (Level 3 & 4)

**Sunday 29th April**
- 8.00-12.00pm: Working Bee

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**ACTING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

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.

**Snippets**

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19th April 2012

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In particular to Mrs Signorini & Mrs Rassias’s Prep class who made me many lovely letters and pieces of art for my office. I would also like to acknowledge Luca in Prep 00A, who after Monday’s assembly handed me a hand drawn card welcoming me to Donvale Primary School that he made during the school holidays. Thank you!

This term I will be hoping to get to know as many staff, students and families as possible. This will allow me to develop a greater understanding of Donvale Primary School. This role will be a wonderful experience for me and I hope to use my expertise to further add to and enhance the quality of education for all students at Donvale Primary School.

MATT CONEY

General News

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.

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!!

UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE
Please note the Uniform Shop is open MONDAY MORNINGS 8.45-9.30

With winter fast approaching remember to stock up on those warm items such as tracksuit pants and bomber jackets. Refer to the ‘Care Instructions’ in Snippets for looking after your child’s uniform.

If you can’t get to the uniform shop – Orders can be submitted with payment to the office. The order is then returned via your child’s classroom. Payment for uniform can be made by cash, and credit card.

Order forms are available from the uniform shop, the office, and from the website.

The school has a limited amount of second hand uniform items available, upon request. If anyone is interested in second hand uniform items please present to the office on Mondays straight after school. Charmaine Neal is the co-ordinator and will assist with second hand uniform items.

Good quality second hand uniform donations are accepted at the office at any time.

Website link: donvaleps.vic.edu.au/school-info/uniform

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Photos were handed out to be distributed to students today. If you have any queries about the photos, please contact Schoolpix direct.

Group photos
Envelopes were sent home with students who featured in group photos (e.g JSC, Choir, etc.). They are on display in the foyer outside the office.

REMINDE R S FROM THE OFFICE
• Payments
As you can appreciate we have a lot of notices and money coming into the school for various activities. When sending money to 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.

• Emergency Contact Details
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.

Grade 6 Windcheaters For Sale
We have 2 grade 6 windcheaters for sale - size A14. Price is $30. Please see the office if interested.

Anzac Badges
We have Anzac badges for sale at the office.
INTERNET AND EMAIL RULES
Here are our amended drafts of our email and internets rules for 2012. If you have any concerns or questions about any of the points noted, please feel free to speak to Mr Gordon or Mrs Watters.

Email Rules
Whenever students use the school Email, even at home, they must agree to the following guidelines:

- I will only use Email at school when directed to do so by a teacher.
- I will not write hurtful messages to, or about, anyone.
- I understand that my Email account can be monitored by the school.
- If someone sends inappropriate material I will flag, save or print the email. I will also tell an adult.
- I will not register my school email address with other sites, and will keep my password secret.
- If I break these rules I will be banned from computers for one month.

Information and Communication Technology Co-Ordinator 2012

Internet Rules
Whenever students connect to the Internet they must agree to the following guidelines:

- I will only use the Internet when a teacher is in the room.
- I understand that my Internet usage is being monitored by the school.
- If I find inappropriate material I will click on ‘Home’ and tell my teacher immediately.
- I will never send my own name, or anyone else’s name, address, phone number, photos or any other identifying information over the Internet.
- I will not use a Chat Room unless directed by a teacher.
- If I break these rules I will be banned from computers for one month.

Information and Communication Technology Co-Ordinator 2012

From The Sports Coach
Welcome back to school and to what is shaping up to be a busy term of sport.

The final Summer Sports Round Robin should be completed today, weather permitting. Good luck to all the level 4 students involved.

Some confirmed dates for this term include:
- Soccer Clinic for Level 3: Friday 20th April from 10-11am.
- 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.
- Cross Country Trials: Thursday 26th April around the school grounds from 11.30am.
- After School Hockey Program: Thursdays 26th April, 3rd, 10th and 17th May
- District Cross Country: 24th May (12.00-2.30pm) 9/10 year olds - 2kms, 11 and 12 year olds - 3kms.

If there are any parents who can assist with the cross country, please see me.

Thank you.
Sarah Hodgson

Basketball
Welcome back to all the basketball families for Term 2. Game times for Saturday 21 April:

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If you have any concerns or questions please give me a call.

Enjoy and good luck.
Brenda Tierney
Basketball Coordinator
0419106795
What’s NEW for Term 2.
A new winter menu is out, a new choice of meal deals as well as some winter warmers for recess and lunchtime. Please be sure to read the NEW menu as there have been some changes.

Day of the Week Special at the Canteen.
Be sure to read the School Newsletter weekly as I will be choosing one item in the canteen

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Meal Deals for Term 2 - Available any day of the week
SCT Wrap Pack 1 $5.00
Famous SCTWrap
Mini Choc Chip Muffin
Vanilla Ice Cream Cup

Macaroni Cheese Pack 2 $5.00
Macaroni Cheese
Mini Choc Muffin
Moosie (choc/bluemoon)

Pizza Pack 3 $5.00
Pizza Magarita
Mini Choc Chip Muffin
Just Juice (apple/tropical/orange)

Sausage Roll Pack 4 $5.00
Sausage Roll
Mini Muffin
Quench (apple/raspberry)

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

The level 4’s have been encouraged to understand more about who is Jesus by exploring the story of Thomas. Thomas was one of Jesus’ disciples who had the experience of witnessing Jesus rising Lazarus from the dead; saw how the crowd greeted Jesus when he rode into Jerusalem for the Passover festival; was surprised and awestruck when Jesus overturned the tables of the money changers in the temple and was totally humbled when Jesus washed his feet before the Passover meal. For Thomas, Jesus was extraordinary, but when Jesus was arrested, sentenced and crucified, this was the end for Thomas. Even though Jesus had warned them all of his resurrection, Thomas refused to believe until he saw Jesus with his own two eyes and could touch Jesus’ hands and side.

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:27

Have a great week!

Shirley Mantfeld
CRE Teacher

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
20th-26th April
Angelina T, Liam Y, Jaymes M, Madison H, Brittany W, Karman S, Roy W, Elias S

Canteen
Newsflash
Christian Religious Education
OSH Club News
Dear Parents and Students,

Hope everyone is back to normal from the Easter break. We will be having cold days soon so at the moment we are trying to be outside as much as we can best utilising the sunny days.

Remember booking can be made right up till 12.00 am the night before, or you can book on the day but there will be extra charge of $2.00. If you are ever stuck and would like your child to come in to OSH after school you can call me or leave a message on 0402 362 443 and I will get back to you.

Jagruti

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**Advertising Material**

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

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

**BILLANOOK COLLEGE**
Saturday morning tour 28 April at 10.15am. School at work tour - Thursday 10 May at 10.30am.

**DONCARE**
- ‘How to talk so kids will listen & listen so kids will talk’ - Six-week session Tuesdays 7-9pm. 1st May - 5th June.
- ‘Eat your vegies, please! Family meals - no worries’ - Two-week session workshop for parents of children aged 2-5. Evening and daytime courses.

**TEMPLESTOWE VILLAGE FESTIVAL**
Sunday 22nd April from 9am to 4pm at Templestowe Village Shopping Centre
Garment Washing Instructions

- Warm / cold **NOT HOT** gentle machine wash. Note spot bleaching may occur if garments are exposed to undiluted detergents. We recommend that you avoid pre-soaks as they can also cause colour to leech out.
- Treat any stains before washing (be aware stain removal products may contain bleach and can affect colours). It is preferable to treat stains as soon after they occur as possible – rinsing with cold water will often assist in preventing the stain from setting.
- Separate darks, colours and whites. Wash garments made of like fabric and colours together.
- **DO NOT SOAK**
- Fasten any buttons, studs and zips before commencing – this will help avoid garments being damaged during the washing cycle.
- Ensure you **always** turn garments inside out to protect their colour during washing.
- Hang clothes on line inside out. Never hang washing in direct sunlight.
- **DO NOT TUMBLE DRY** Using the dryer can cause shrinkage and pilling – fibres break down and garments will wear out more quickly.
- If ironing is required, please use a warm setting. Hot iron settings can also be responsible for pilling, shrinkage and colour loss.
Parent Association News!

**Biggest Morning Tea**
Monday 21st May
9.30am – 12.00pm
In the GP Room

All Donvale families and friends are welcome to join us for our annual Biggest Morning tea to help raise funds for the Cancer Council.

Please see the attached invitation for full details.
For further information, please contact Kylie Glover

**Mother’s Day Stall**
Friday 11th May
9am – 1pm

The Parents Association is once again running the annual Mother’s Day Stall. We are looking for parent helpers to assist the children in buying a huge variety of gifts for their mums, grandmothers or special friends on the day.
If you can help out between 9am and 1pm, please fill out the attached form and return to school as soon as possible or speak to Kim Merton (Stall Co-coordinator)

**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 orange notice came home last term with Snippets for interested families to fill out. A copy is being resent to all families again this week.
The more helpers we get the easier it will be to run the event on the day.
Please contact Jo Wood (BBQ Co-ordinator) for further information or to show your interest in assisting on the day on 0407 547 454
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.
We Need Your Help!!!!

We need parents to help deliver our letters asking for donations for our upcoming Trivia Night Fundraiser.

The shops we are trying to cover include:
- Tunstall Square – Donvale – Melinda Stephenson (thank you)
- Devon Plaza – East Doncaster
- Jackson Court – East Doncaster
- Blackburn Road Shopping Strip – East Doncaster
- Doncaster Shopping Town – Westfield Doncaster – Jan Nitsos (Thank You)
- Eastland – Ringwood
- Forest Hill Chase – Forest Hill
- Ringwood Shopping Centre – Ringwood

Thank you to the two families who have started to assist us with our collection of donations. If you can deliver our letters to one of the above mentioned shopping complexes or have another shop in mind, please let Kathryn know as soon as possible.

Next Parent Association Meeting

Monday 30th April
9.30am start
In the Library

All parents are encouraged and welcome to attend our monthly Parent meetings to discuss happenings within the school, organise fundraising events and voice new ideas, opinions or concerns.

Hope to see you all there!

Entertainment Books

We are now selling this year’s Entertainment books. Only $65.00 each with $1000s of savings which can be used across Australia.

Order forms went our last term or you can pick one up from the office. Alternatively books can be purchased online. Just remember to put Donvale PS as your source.

For further information, contact Kathryn on 0417 117 651
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.