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.

**WEEKLY DIARY**

**Friday 11th May**
- 9am—1pm Mothers’ Day Stall
- G.A.T.E.WAYS Half day

**Monday 14th May**
- 8.30-9.30am: Uniform shop open
- 9.30am—10.30am Trivia Night Committee Meeting (Library Conference Room)
- 3.00pm—4.00pm Second Hand Uniform Sale (Library Conference Room)

**Tuesday 15th May**
- NAPLAN
- 2.15pm—3.15pm Level 2 Gymnastics

**Wednesday 16th May**
- NAPLAN
- 7.30pm School Council Meeting

**Thursday 17th May**
- NAPLAN
- Student Banking Day
- 2.15pm—3.15pm Level 1 Gymnastics
- After School Hockey Program—In GP Room if wet

**Friday 18th May**
- 9am—4pm P.A. BBQ at Bunnings
- 2pm—3pm Leapfrog
- 3.30pm—9.00pm After school Senior Choir Rehearsal

**Happy Mothers’ Day to all the Mums in our Donvale Primary School community!**

**COMING UP:** Tuesday 22nd May - Open Day!

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

Open Day / Night
Just a reminder that our Open Day / night will be held on Wednesday, 22nd May. More detailed information about this event will be advertised next Thursday in Snippets. Thanks to all the staff, in particular Mrs Marilyn Gray who is coordinating this event. Thanks also to the members of the Marketing subcommittee who are also busy organising lights and signage to ensure that we can showcase our wonderful school to current and prospective families. I am sure this will be a great event!

Curriculum Day Monday 28th May
A reminder to parents that Monday 28th May is a curriculum day at Donvale Primary School. Students are not required to attend school on this day. Curriculum days provide staff with the opportunity to work together on a professional learning activity. The outline of this day will be written about in upcoming editions of Snippets. As per the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) guidelines all curriculum days are approved by School Council.

Student reports
On Friday, 22nd June all students at Donvale Primary School will receive their report that outlines their achievements for semester one. Students in Levels 1 – 3 also will take home their portfolios. Level 4 students will have some work available for viewing in their Ultranet Learning Portfolios.

The curriculum that is delivered at Donvale Primary School follows the guidelines of the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS), which outlines what is crucial for all students to learn from Prep to Year 10. Schools use the Standards to plan their teaching and learning programs, including assessment and reporting of student progress.

Five educational principles
The Standards work on five educational principles that underpin schooling for all Victorian students:

**Learning for all:** the belief that all students can learn given sufficient time and support, and that good schools and good teaching make a positive difference.

**Pursuit of excellence:** seeking to accomplish something noteworthy and admirable, individually and collectively, and perform at their best.

**Engagement and effort:** acknowledging that student ability is only one factor in achievement and if stu-
students work hard and make an effort they improve.

**Respect for evidence:** seeking understanding and truth through structured inquiry and the application of evidence to test and question beliefs.

**Openness of mind:** being willing to consider a range of different views and consider different ways in which evidence is perceived and solutions can be reached.

### Three strands of learning

There are three strands in the Victorian Essential Learning Standards that define what students should know and be able to do at different stages of learning:

- **Physical, Personal and Social Learning:** such as health and physical education and civics and citizenship.
- **Discipline-based Learning:** covering subjects such as the arts, economics, English, mathematics, geography and history.
- **Interdisciplinary Learning:** covering communication and information technology.

As a parent when you receive your child’s report talk to your child about their achievements, congratulate them about their results and encourage them to continue to work hard and strive to reach their potential.

Parent teacher interviews will be held in the last week of term two. At any time if any parents have any concerns please contact the office and either the class teacher, Ian McKinlay or myself will contact you to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.

Matt Coney

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### The Assistant Principal

**Circles:**

There was movement in the corridors at lunchtime yesterday as our students made their way to their Circles group for the first time this year. The process of finding, in some cases a new venue for their group was a job in itself for some of our younger students. It was great to see our senior students stepping in and lending a helping hand. This is what our Circles program is all about, students forming positive relationships across the school levels. Our first mini-session was all about a quick chat and introducing new members to the group. A special welcome was made to students who are new to Donvale this year. We are all looking forward to meeting again soon and continuing what has been a very worthwhile values based program at our school.

**Mathletics/Reading Eggs PD:**

Last night the teachers at Donvale were given a most valuable PD session on Mathletics and Reading Eggs. We are all very excited about the new innovative changes to the Mathletics program and the wonderful opportunities that the new Reading Eggs program offers. Using our Interactive Whiteboards teachers will be able to take students through the reading of a text highlighting various aspects and challenging them with a range of comprehension activities. Our students find that learning is fun with these interactive programs which encourage and reward them with points, graphs and certificates that celebrate their success.

Ian Mckinlay

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### General News

**WORKING BEE COMING UP**

Our next Working Bee is coming up on Saturday 20th May 8am—12.00pm.

Please come along and help to make our school look fantastic for Education Week and Open Day.

**WINTER WARMER SALE**

Brrr, it’s getting chilly….are you trying to keep warm? Do you need a jacket, or a spare fleecy top to help get you through winter? The Second Hand Uniform Shop has a collection of jackets, sleeveless vests, windcheaters, bomber jackets, track pants and beanies (sizes and quality vary). Come and check out the range at our special winter sale on Monday 14 May 2012, 3:00pm – 4:00pm in the library. Remember, second hand uniform is available every Monday at 3:30pm – enquire at the office.

**Can you help with a displays upgrade?**

We are looking for parents to help us update/replace some of the displays in the corridors and classrooms. Education Week is fast approaching and we would like to have our school looking its best. If you are able to give up a few hours of your time we would be very appreciative. Please register your interest at the office and I will be in contact in the next few days.

Rebecca Signorini

**Florence Avenue Playgroup OPEN DAY**

Saturday 19th May 10am—12pm. We invite all interested parents and carers to view our delightful, well-equipped Playgroup facilities which caters for indoor and outdoor play. We are a non-profit organization owned by Manningham City Council, and member of Playgroup Victoria. Open Mon-Fri, for 2 hourly sessions. 7 Florence Ave., Donvale. For further information contact Krissy Carmichael 0422 953 625

**Anglicare Courses**

“Why being A Dad Matters”, “Talking Teens”, “Discipline vs Punishment” and many others. For more information contact the school office or go to Anglicare’s website: www.anglicare.org.au [look for media, newsletters, Parent zone, then select Eastern]. For bookings contact: Mitcham Community House: 9872 6658

**OPEN DAY - Box Hill Secondary College Middle Years Sports Campus - Official Victorian Specialist Sports School**

Thursday 17 May 9.00am—5.30pm Dunloe Avenue, Mont Albert North, Phone: 9895 1127 or go to http://www.bhssc.vic.edu.au/

More information at the DPS school office.

**Tintern Schools FREE PARENT EVENINGS**

On Wednesday 23 May Tintern Schools will be holding an Information Evening for parents.

Address: 90 Alexandra Road, Ringwood East in the CM Wood Centre at 7.30pm.

More information at the DPS school office, or phone Tintern Admissions office: 9845 7878 or email: admissions@tinternschools.vic.edu.au
Congratulations to Billy Mc and Lachlan H who have successfully moved through to the next stage of the Victorian Schools Basketball Trials. Well done and good luck for the next round to be held in June.

It’s Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 18th May. Get involved by leaving your car at home and walking to school. What a great way to start the day!! For more information visit walk.com.au

Don't forget......
- Kilometer Club / Cross Country training every Friday morning from 8.20am.
- Additional Cross Country training will be held on Tuesday mornings at 8.20am.

For those interested in participating in either of the above sessions, please meet at the senior basketball court. If it is wet, the training session will be cancelled.

Sports dates for this term include:
- After School Hockey Program: Thursday 17th May.
  Session today (10th May) has been cancelled
- Gymnastics for Level 1: Thursdays 10th, 17th and 24th May
- Gymnastics for Level 2: Tuesdays 15th and 22nd May
- District Cross Country: 24th May (12.00- 2.30pm) at Ruffey Lake Park. 9/10 year olds - 2kms, 11 and 12 year olds - 3kms
- Regional Cross Country: 31st May
Level 4 Winter Round Robin Sports days: Thursday 21st June & Thursday 19th July. Sports include football, soccer, netball & t-ball

Thank you
Sarah Hodgson
Next Week Special - Tuesday 15th May, 2012
Buy 3 Dim Sims for $2.00 and SAVE 40c. This can be purchased either over the counter at recess and lunchtime and/or through a lunch order.

Late Lunch Orders
There have been quite a few late lunch orders. If your child is having a lunch order, could you please prompt them to remember to hand in their lunch order first thing in the morning.

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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

DONVALE JUNIOR CHEF

Our room is still not yet finished, but already looks fantastic. Thank you to Martin, Donna Moulton, Stacey Browne and Jaqui Frigo for their hard work on the make over of the whole room.

We still need lemons, if you have any spare to donate to us. This would be much appreciated.
We also still need more kitchen tools, anything spare would be wonderful.

Information regarding this program (such as groups, rules, team leader, etc) are on the wall in our room, feel free to check.

Next week (Tuesday 15th) is Group 1’s turn to create "Donvale Cocktail Pizza" with us. Please make sure all the children in Group 1 go to the Junior Chef room as soon as they have finished eating their lunch.

The ingredients we need for next week are
- plain flour
- mozzarella cheese
- red capsicum
- olives
- frankfurt
- tomatoes
- spring onion
- parsley

Please don’t buy us the expensive brands. Homebrand always turns out beautifully.

Thank you to the Browne, Brown, Goold and Lilis families for their very generous donations.

This year’s cookbook will be handed out next week, as we are still in the middle of making them.

We don’t cook, we create food.
Liang Dimitroff
OSHCNews
Before School / After School Care Program

Dear Parents & Students,

James D, Sandiv W and Youliang Z cooked yummy choc chip muffins for everyone on Monday and on Tuesday children enjoyed jumping the ropes during AASC. We could not go on with Triathalon due to bad weather last week.

Information about upcoming Curriculum Day:

Date: Monday 28th May 2012
Time: 7am-6pm
Cost (per child, per day) from $11.00
For booking enrol online at www.oshclub.com.au if not enrolled. Once enrolled with OSHClub, log in to your account and choose the Aftercare option to register for the Curriculum Day.

Please remember: Once you have booked into this day there are no refunds for cancellations unless we decide not to run the program due to lack of bookings.

Please note: If the number of enrolments is under 15, the program will not be able to be run. A decision will be made 3 working days prior to the bookings closing if the program will be running or not. You will be contacted either way.

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0402 362 443
Coordinator: JAGRUTI
Assistants: CAROLINE, LING
OSHCHead Office: 03 85649000
All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Parents Association News!

Trivia Night Meeting

The next Trivia Night Meeting will be held on

Monday 14th May, 9.30am In the Library.

Parents are encouraged and welcome to attend our committee meeting to help plan and organise this year’s Trivia Night.

Hope to see you there!

Trivia Night Donations!

We are still looking for parents to help deliver letters asking for donations for our upcoming Trivia Night Fundraiser.

The shops we are trying to cover include:

- Blackburn Road Shopping Strip - East Doncaster
- Eastland - Ringwood
- Forest Hill Chase - Forest Hill
- Jackson Court - East Doncaster

If you can help deliver our letters to one of the above mentioned shopping complexes, or have another shop or business in mind, please let know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Thank you to the following families who have already offered to assist us with our collection of donations.

- Tunstall Square - Donvale - Melinda Stephenson
- Devon Plaza - East Doncaster - Kim Merton
- Doncaster Shopping Town - Westfield Doncaster - Jan Nitsos
- Ringwood Shopping Centre - Ringwood - Liz Brown

Entertainment Books

We are now selling this year’s Entertainment books. They are $65.00 each with $1000s of savings which can be used across Australia. Also available are Entertainment books for the Geelong area.

Order forms went our last term or you can pick one up from the school office. For further information, contact Loula on 0410 430 578.
WE NEED YOUR HELP
There are still some Cadbury Fundraiser boxes of chocolate left to sell. If there are any families that could possibly sell another box, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Kim Merton

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.

For further information, please contact Kylie Glover
(Biggest Morning Tea Coordinator)