Senior School Choir

It is with great pride that we can announce that Donvale Primary School Senior Choir received an Honourable Mention at the Boroondara Eisteddfod at Methodist Ladies’ College last Sunday. The Honourable Mention places us in the top 6 schools out of the 14 who competed. We were singing against several top level private schools that have outstanding reputations for choral work so this makes our achievements even more impressive.

A huge thanks to Bec Clarke and Kerry Gerraty who put in hours of volunteer work into our choir and produce these amazing results. On behalf of the whole school community we would like to acknowledge our wonderful senior school choir and the work of Bec and Kerry.

The choir is also performing tomorrow (Friday, 25th May) at North Blackburn Square shopping centre at 11.30 to celebrate Education week.
Open day / night

What a wonderful event! The school looked fantastic and truly reflected the wonderful programs we have on offer at Donvale Primary School. There were many positive comments made about the school and this is due to the wonderful staff, students and community members we have at Donvale Primary School.

A big thanks to the resource subcommittee who worked hard on the weekend to make our school look so attractive, our Marketing committee who arranged all advertising material, balloons, signage and lighting for the school. Thanks to the members of school council who acted as ‘tour guides’ on our school tours. The feature of having actual parents of the school assisting on tours allowed our visitors to hear firsthand from our parents their impressions of the school. I believe this sent a very powerful message to potential families about the environment we have at Donvale Primary School. Thanks to the parents who organised and prepared the sausage sizzle for the event.

Thanks to all the staff that put in many hours work ‘above and beyond’ to showcase our school. Their hard work demonstrates their pride in the school. Finally, thanks to all the families who attended last night to make this event so special for our children.

As part of Education week we also held two other special events. These being the Anti Cancer Council’s Biggest Morning Tea and our Prep’s Grandparents and special person’s day. Both of these events were a great success with many people attending both events. Thanks to the three school choir groups who entertained these groups throughout the morning.

Level 2 Craftpower incursion

Our level two students (Grade 1 & 2) had a wonderful incursion at school on Wednesday. During this session the students made their own aeroplane with spinning propeller. The instructor from Craftworks showed each child how to use a coping saw, sand the wood and hammer small nails. There could be a few requests for trips to the hardware store this weekend! The level two students this term are studying Materials’ and this activity linked in perfectly with this unit of work.

District Cross Country

Today we had 60 students compete in the District Cross Country at Ruffy Lake Park. These students were selected after school trials were held earlier this term. The students have been training twice per week to prepare for this event. We look forward to hearing the fantastic results. Good luck to all involved. Thanks to Mrs Hodgson who has coordinated this whole event for Donvale Primary School.

Curriculum day

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.

Welcome back to Wendy Cheesman

Welcome back to Wendy Cheesman who has returned to her role of Administration Assistant at Donvale Primary School. Wendy had a wonderful trip with her family and we are all looking forward to hearing about her highlights of her trip to South Africa. During Wendy’s absence she was replaced by Debra Carter and Anne Rowland. Thanks to Debra and Anne for all their hard work.

Matthew Coney
The Assistant Principal

Strong Student Voice:

In our school’s Annual Implementation Plan one of our projects is to increase the student voice across the school. We have sought to do this by providing a range of leadership positions, forming a Junior School Council and giving students the opportunity to become Peer Mediators in the playground. In our Circles program the teacher consults with the grade 6 students in their group to plan the activities for the upcoming session. Our senior students have the opportunity to take a lead role by implementing some of these planned activities.

Through our learning we endeavour to hand responsibility back to our students and give them a voice. This may take the form of individual research in Inquiry Units of work, being a group leader in a reciprocal reading session or through the opportunity to form goals and strategies and reflect on their learning.

The text type for the recent NAPLAN writing test was Persuasive where students are asked to form an opinion on a topic then provide evidence to support their argument. We ask students to write with the audience in mind. How will it sound if it is read out aloud? We are all interested in what our students think and we are working hard to provide them with the skills to express their thoughts both on paper and with their voice. Three way conferences that have replaced the traditional parent/teacher interview are a wonderful example of how far we have come since the days of children being seen and not heard.

Ian McKinlay

Resources clean up before Donvale Primary School Open Day

A big thank you to the following people who came together to have a clean up of our school grounds on Saturday afternoon. It was a very cold and wet day so it was fantastic to be able to tidy up our school grounds so as to present a neat and tidy outlook for new parents to see.

As this was only a tidy up it was great to see some enthusiastic helpers.

A big thank you to Craig Yeoman, Paul Larder, Russell Waycott, Steve Cowell, Hayden Shimmin, Liang and Martin Dimitroff, Jaqui Frigo, Stacey Brown, Marita Warner, Jo Wood and James Clarke.

Your support for our school is very much appreciated by all.

Brad Wolff  Resources Committee

Premier’s Reading Challenge

I hope you are all getting lots of reading done and are getting closer to achieving your certificate. We have 12 weeks left. How many more books do you need to read to achieve your goal? How many books a week do you need to read to do this? Follow your plan and watch your reading record fill up!

Happy reading.

Mrs Colgate-Jones

National Buddy Day

National Buddy Day aims to raise awareness about the issue of bullying in Australian primary schools, and provides an opportunity to celebrate friendship.

One of the most common forms of violence in the lives of children is bullying, affecting one in every four Australian students every fortnight.

Whilst National Buddy Day is on the 1st of June, we will be holding our own Donvale Buddy Day on Tuesday 29th May so that we can couple National Buddy Day activities with our Circles program. Students will be asked to wear purple on this day and will be involved in activities promoting the Better Buddies values of caring for others, friendliness, respect, valuing difference, including others and responsibility.

Visit http://www.buddyday.org.au for more information about this important initiative.

General News

Grade 6 Windcheaters For Sale

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

Entertainment Book:

We have 1 book left in the office. Please see the office if interested.

Headlice

This is a reminder to keep checking your child/ren’s hair regularly for any signs of headlice. If headlice is detected, please let the school know so that we can send home a note to students in your child’s class. We do recommend children with long hair to keep it tied back.
We have a big week of sport coming up!

Firstly, the district cross country is being run today. With 60 children from Donvale Primary raring to compete, I'm sure we will have some great stories and results to share with you.

Tennis Australia is running their 'Hot Shots' tennis program at school next Wednesday 30th May. The level 3's will get to enjoy this fantastic program.

We are also very lucky to have the Rebel Rush Rugby program coming to our school on Thursday 31st May. The level 4's will be involved in this fun, non-tackling, and safe introduction into the exciting sport of Rugby Union.

Don't forget......

Kilometer Club runs every Friday morning from 8.20am. Please meet at the senior basketball court. If it is wet, kilometer club will be cancelled.

Sports dates for this term include:
- Gymnastics for Level 1: Thursday 24th May
- District Cross Country: 24th May (12.30-2.15pm) at Ruffey Lake Park. 9/10 year olds - 2kms, 11 and 12 year olds - 3kms
- Hot Shots Tennis Program for Level 3: Wednesday 30th May, 11.30am-1.30pm.
- Rebel Rush Rugby Program for Level 4: Thursday 31st May, 11.30am-1.30pm
- Regional Cross Country: 31st May

Level 4 Winter Round Robin Sports days: Thursday 14th June, Thursday 21st June. Back up day is Thursday 19th July. Sports include football, soccer, netball & tee ball.

Thank you

Sarah Hodgson

A special thank you to our junior chefs: Angelica F, Andrew F, Anise B (12B), Samuel M, Joshua G (12C), Chantelle F, Nash D, Sophie E (34B), Michael W (34C), Thomas D, Caitlin G, James B (56A) for their fantastic job at our school open day cooking demonstrations. They created "Donvale style: Singaporean Noodles, Steamed chicken dim sim, Cupcakes and Pizza" also serving them politely to our school visitors. Well done everyone.

Thank you to the: Pizzey/Wood, Frigo, Moulton and Brooks families for their donations.

Also thank you to Martin, Jaqui Frigo, Claire Bosdorf, Donna Moulton, Mavis and Adam Robertson for helping the club on the open day.

Next Tuesday 29 May is group 2's turn to create Pizza with us. Please remind your child to come to the junior chef room as soon as they are finished eating their lunch.

Ingredients we need for next week are: BBQ chicken (cold one will do), 1 kg Plain flour, corn kernel (frozen), frankfurt, ham and bacon.

Please donate some to us if you have any spare at home, we don't need much, any amount is helpful. Thank you in advance.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Dear Parents & Students,

Children cooked Lemonade Scones during ASC and Honey Joys during BSC. On Tuesday children enjoyed jumping the ropes and playing variety of games like Limbo, Octopus, Toilet Tiggy and In Out, In Out, On during AASC. Triathlon on Thursday was great fun for children playing with scooter and going with obstacle races. After sincere efforts of children and staff the display board is ready for Open Day with art and craft work done by children and their photographs.

If you have yet to fill out an authorisation form please come in and see me and fill one out.

Please make sure all enrolment forms are up to date and all medical action plans have also been checked and changed or updated if needed.

Remember bookings can be made right up til 12:00 the midnight before, or you can book on the Day but there will be extra charge of $2.00. If you’re ever stuck and would like your child to attend OSH After School Care you can call me or leave a message on 0402 362 443 and I will get back to you.

Jagruti

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0402 362 443
Coordinator: Jagruti
Assistants: Caroline, Ling, Lekky, Lee, Jade
OSHClub Head 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.
Canteen Newsflash

Next week special — Tuesday 29th May, 2012
Moosies - Chocolate or Bluemoon
Special Price $1.00
Normally $1.30

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.

HOT OFF THE PRESS
Manningham Council Health Inspector visited the canteen today to assess the premises. I am happy to report that I was given a 5-STAR RATING (4th year running).

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 (SUPER cookie)
Canteen Management Services

Asthma, Coughs and Colds:
Information for Parents and Carers
The common cold, caused by an upper respiratory tract infection, is one of the most common illnesses for children and adults in Australia. Colds are more common in winter months as people spend more time indoors, in close contact, and can be more likely to pass on viruses that cause the common cold.
Colds can be a trigger for asthma, and asthma management can become more difficult for children and teenagers attending school if they have a cough or a cold. Ensure your child reduces the risk of passing on coughs and colds by avoiding coughing or sneezing on, or near other people and that they wash their hands appropriately after blowing their nose or handling used tissues. Coughing or sneezing onto the inside of their elbow instead of their hands can also prevent the transmission of infections. If your child is unwell, it is recommended that they stay home and rest to reduce the chance of spreading infections and to give them a better chance to recover quickly.

While there is no known cure for the common cold, symptoms such as headache, cough and runny nose can be managed, and children with asthma are advised to see their doctor before using any medication, or herbal and natural remedies, as these may react with their asthma medications. Many cold and flu medications available over the counter are not suitable for children and teenagers, and some medications may also trigger asthma symptoms, it is best to avoid these unless recommended by your doctor.
People with asthma should avoid the following medications if possible:
- Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta blockers tablets and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), ACE inhibitors (used to control blood pressure)

Saline drops and nasal sprays may help relieve blocked sinuses, and gargling with salty water may help relieve a sore throat. If cold symptoms become more severe, parents and carers are encouraged to consult their doctor as soon as possible for advice. Nasal sprays should not be shared between people as this may transmit infections and viruses. It is also highly recommended that in the lead-up to winter, people with asthma ask make use of influenza (flu shot) vaccinations.
Parents Association News!

Sausage Sizzles

A big thank you to the following people who helped at either one or both of our recent sausage sizzles. Karin, Claire, Gayna, Jacqui, Fotina, Liz, Danielle, Barbara, Craig, Kathryn, Vicki, Den, Andrew, Charmaine, Kim & Mel. If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive me!

Overall we raised more than $1,000 for the school.

Special thanks also to DiCenso Butchers & Brumbys at Tunstall Square for providing sausages and bread at a big discount.

Thanks, Jo Wood (BBQ Queen)

WE STILL 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.

Also we are now selling bags of 5 chocolate bars for $3.

Please contact Kim Merton: ph 0407 447 434

Entertainment Books

We are still 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 out last term or you can pick one up from the school office. For further information, contact Loula on 0410 430 578.

Next Parent Association Meeting

There will be combined PA and Trivia Night meeting on Monday 4th June at 9.30am in the Library.

Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you have never been to one before. Come along and find out what is coming up for this term!

Please note the next Class Representative meeting has been pushed back to Monday 18th June at 9.30am. Venue TBC.
Trivia Night update

Are you a Tradesman or own your own business?
We are looking for Tradesmen or business owners willing to donate a small amount of their time or Service as a donation for our Trivia Night. If so, please contact Kathryn 0417 117 651 or via email Soterales@iinet.net.au.

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
- Jackson Court – East Doncaster
- The pines – 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. Please contact Karin Moule: 0419 583 990. Thanks!

Thank you to the following families who have already offered to assist us with our collection of donations.
- Tunstall Square – Donvale – Marina Younger
- Devon Plaza – East Doncaster – Kim Merton
- Doncaster Shopping Town – Westfield Doncaster – Jan Nitsos
- Ringwood Shopping Centre – Ringwood – Liz Brown
- Forest Hill Chase – Forest Hill – Tania Smith

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BLACK TAEKWONDO - Classes for beginners to advanced. Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood.

BRIDGES - Multisensory learning Center. Specialize exclusively in teaching reading, writing and spelling to non-readers and students having difficulty acquiring reading, spelling and writing skills.

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE - Looking for a host family for Alex, an American 17 year old learning at Donvale Christian College.

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND - Looking for host families.

COME AND MEET DANI AND DAN FROM THE BLOCK - On Saturday 9th June at Doncaster Mitre 10 from 12.30 - 2.00pm. There is a colouring competition - collect from the school office if interested.

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE - Opportunities for Girls - limited places available for 2013 and 2014.

THE SALVATION ARMY - Family Zone - Sunday 3rd June @ 3.29pm. Celebrating family, faith and fun.