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

Monday 7th May
- 8.30-9.30am: Uniform shop open

Tuesday 8th May
- 3.45 - 4.45 Active After School - Jump Rope
- 2.15 - 3.15 Level 2 Gymnastics

Thursday 10th May
- Student Banking Day
- 2.15 - 3.15 Level 1 Gymnastics
- After School Hocket Program— In General Purpose Room if wet
- 3.45—4.45 Active After School - Triathlon

Friday 11th May
- G.A.T.E.WAYS Half Day
- 9am - 1pm Parents Association - Mothers Day Stall

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Level four excursion
Today our level four students went on an excursion to Scienceworks and the IMAX cinema as part of the integrated studies that involves studying the Earth as a planet in our solar system, how our solar system works and how we fit into the wider universe. I am certain the students and staff will have had a fantastic day at these wonderful educational, hands on venues. We look forward to hearing about the day.

What is NAPLAN?
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

What will be tested?
NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the National Statements of Learning for English and Mathematics which underpin state and territory learning frameworks.

All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN tests.

Can my child be prepared for the NAPLAN tests?
NAPLAN is not a test of content. Instead, it tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum, so excessive test preparation is not useful. Students should, however, be familiar with test instructions and common forms of questions. Teachers routinely prepare students for testing including, as appropriate, practice on sample tests. Adequate preparation ensures that students feel comfortable in the testing environment and are able to confidently demonstrate what they know and can do.
**NAPLAN Timetable**

**Tuesday 15th May:**
- Year 3 – Language Conventions (40 minutes) & Writing (40 minutes)
- Year 5 – Language Conventions (40 minutes) & Writing (40 minutes)

**Wednesday 16th May:**
- Year 3 – Reading (45 minutes)
- Year 5 – Reading (50 minutes)

**Thursday 17th May:**
- Year 3 – Numeracy (45 minutes)
- Year 5 – Numeracy (50 minutes)

For more information about the NAPLAN tests please refer to the following website

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**Parents Association meeting**

On Monday I attended the Parents Association meeting and I was so impressed by the real sense of community and teamwork that was evident as this meeting. At this meeting they spoke about many exciting events that the students, staff and parents have to look forward to in the future. Donvale Primary School has a very supportive parent community who work cohesively to make Donvale the wonderful school it is.

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**Working bee**

Thanks to all the following community and staff members who attended last Sunday’s working bee. Everyone worked hard to make our school look very attractive. A big thanks to Brad Wolff who coordinated this event.

Thanks to the following community members who assisted at our working bee: Steve Cowell, Ian McKinlay, Shane Tierney, Russell Waycott, Jo Wood, Hayden Shimmin, Garry Wolf, David Slattery, Charmaine Neal, Andrew Mangonis, James Clarke, Murray Gerraty, Liang and Martin Dimitroff, Diana McNaughton & Liz Brown.

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**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 soon. Please keep this date free.

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**Student Teachers:**

Throughout this year many student teachers from Deakin University, La Trobe University, Australian Catholic University and R.M.I.T. will be placed at Donvale Primary School as part of their pre-service teacher training. It is a credit to our school that we are so highly sought after and regarded in this crucial aspect of teacher training. All teachers at our school are not only willing to have student teachers in their classrooms, they are most keen to mentor them and develop their skills by modelling lessons themselves. In all classrooms the student teacher will teach the same program planned by the teacher. The class teacher is there to assist, guide and support the student teacher in their lesson preparation and delivery and then to provide valuable feedback for the student teacher to reflect on. The children in the class benefit from extra help with their work and enjoy getting to know another teacher who is taking a keen interest in their learning. The teachers at Donvale take pride in their efforts in providing the best possible training for our students’ next generation of young teachers.

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**Circles:**

We are pleased to announce that our Circles program will be starting next week. Due to some timetabling changes and students attending Gym it has not been possible to begin this valuable program to date. The Circles program has been operating now for three years and we are proud of the important role it plays in bringing the whole school together at one time in multi-age groups with the aim of reinforcing our school values and promoting positive relationships throughout the school.

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Ian McKinlay

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The Assistant Principal
Congratulations to all the students who participated in the school cross country events held last Thursday & Friday. A fabulous effort by all. The team is being finalised & the children who have been chosen to represent the school at the District Cross Country will be notified by their class teacher by the end of the week. There are 2 training sessions per week until the District Cross Country on Thursday 24th March. See details below.

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......
- Kilometre 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 3rd, 10th and 17th May
- Gymnastics for Level 1: Thursdays 10th, 17th and 24th May
- Gymnastics for Level 2: Tuesdays 8th, 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

Level 4 Winter Round Robin Sports days: Friday 1st June & Thursday 21st June. Sports include football, soccer, netball & t-ball

Thank you

Sarah Hodgson

**BASKETBALL - AFTER SCHOOL TEAMS**

Games for 5 May

Dolphins 8.30am    DSC2
Delights 9.20am    DSC1
Healthy Lunch Voucher

Congratulations to Zac T on winning the canteen “Healthy Choice Raffle” at assembly. Information regarding this raffle is on the back of the canteen menu. Food items from the "Occasional food" box is not included in the "Healthy Choices".

Hot Chocolate

This is just a reminder that when I am serving “Hot Chocolate", I am only serving it as “Warm Hot Chocolate”. This is a popular item in the cooler months, and it is as a safety option for the students.

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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

C.R.E.

Last week the preps heard that God cares for his people just as a mother hen gathers and cares for her chicks. This week they heard that God is also like a gardener. God wants you to grow into loving, healthy and caring people just as a gardener looks after his plants.

The grades 1/2 have been learning about JESUS how he was a caring friend to others. We talked about being a caring friend also. This week they heard that Jesus chose special friends to help him with his ministry. Just as we might help our friends and work together as a team!

Our special verse for the week is taken from 1John 4:11 “Dear friends, since God loved us this much, we must love each other.”

Have a great week!! God Bless!! Cheryl Shanks
OXLEY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE— OPEN DAY 5TH MAY
11AM—3.30PM. More information is available at the office.

ELTHAM COLLEGE YEAR 7 OPEN NIGHT—10TH MAY—
6.30PM –9PM
1660 Main Road Research

Anglicare Courses in Term 2:
“Dads Matter: What Kids Really Need From Their Dad”
“Why Being a Dad Matters”
And more
For more information ask at the school office or phone Anglicare on: 9721 3656
**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 gifts for their mums, grandmothers or special friends on the day.

If you are able to help, please fill out and return the form sent home today, or speak to Kim Merton.
(Stall Co-coordinator)

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**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.

Full details came home last week. For further information, please contact Kylie Glover
(Biggest Morning Tea Coordinator)

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**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 week with Snippets for interested families to fill out.

The more helpers we get the easier it will be to run the event.

Please contact Jo Wood (BBQ Co-ordinator) for further information or to show your interest in assisting on the day on
0407 547 454
We Need Your Help Please!!!!

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

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 all there!

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.
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@iinet.net.au to show your interest or come and speak to me in the playground.