It is wonderful to finally have had my first day at Donvale Primary School as Principal. It was such a great day and a most welcoming start to our journey together. It was terrific to meet some parents and I look forward to meeting and getting to know as many of you as I can. Please feel free to drop in anytime to come and say hello. I have an open door policy to welcome all staff and parents to come and see me anytime I am available. Also, I am available for parents to come and have a chat any time before or after school. You will find me walking around the school in the mornings, meeting and greeting the students as they arrive for their day of learning. I will also be out at the end of each day ensuring that our children all make their way home safely.

I spent my first day wandering around in and out of classrooms. It was terrific saying hello to all the children and even more terrific to see that they remembered me! I will be working hard to get to know the children as much as I can over the coming months. The big smiles and warm hugs that I have been receiving from them makes me feel even more welcome. Thank you to everyone!

My holiday overseas was amazing. My husband and I went. We sometimes had to pinch ourselves to believe that we were even there. All the things we had learnt about in school had suddenly come to life. We saw the ancient ruins of Rome, the Colosseum, Eiffel Tower, Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, ‘Duomo’ in Florence…. and so much more! We can’t wait to go again. With new leadership, new initiatives, ideas and enthusiasm are brought to the school. School Council, Staff and I will very soon be entering into discussions on the forward directions of Donvale Primary School. I am really looking forward in working together with everyone in forming these future forward directions – such exciting times!

Ian McKinlay and myself will be attending Eastern Metropolitan Region’s Principal Conference this week. Unfortunately, it will mean that I will be out of the school on Thursday and Friday of this week. Not great timing however, it will provide a terrific opportunity for me to meet my new colleagues in the Region. It is important to work with other schools as I believe strongly that we can all learn much from each other.

Just a reminder that we are currently taking enrolments for Prep 2013. Our numbers so far are indicating that we will be running 2 Prep classes. If you are someone or know of someone that is still deciding about which school to enrol their child in, I would encourage you to please come and see me.
We have so much to showcase and celebrate at Donvale; I would love the opportunity to personally show you our wonderful school.

Again, thank you to everyone for my very welcoming start to Donvale Primary School. I am very much looking forward to my time at the school.

Lena Clark

The Assistant Principal

Welcome Mrs Clark:
Tuesday was a special day for Donvale Primary School when we extended a warm welcome to our new Principal Mrs Lena Clark. Indeed this is a very special year for Lena as she has just returned from a much anticipated overseas trip. In welcoming Lena on Tuesday at a special staff morning tea I reminded her that although she may have been to London, Paris, Venice, Florence and Rome, her final destination, Donvale, was the most important! Mrs Clark enjoyed her first day touring classrooms, meeting teachers and students and then making herself comfortable in the office. Mrs Clark comes to us as a highly respected and well-credentialed educator and we are thrilled at her appointment at our school. We are all looking forward to working with Lena very much. Donvale Primary’ School’s future is in excellent hands!

Ian McKinlay

General News

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PS. We are still collecting kids denim jeans and black school shoes in the tubs in the old Italian room (across from the library). We will take these to Uganda with us. Thanks.
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Education Maintenance Allowance
Instalment Two
The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid into bank accounts from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who chose the EFT payment option on their application form. Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September. Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment. Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 29 February 2012 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on 3 August 2012.
Eligibility information can be obtained from: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm

Contact: School Office for application form and further information.

Thank You
Thank you to all parents & students who took part in the STAY & PLAY on Monday. It was a great success and we had a very positive response to this little event.
Loula T

Trivia Night Raffle Tickets
Someone had sent in their raffle ticket money without the ticket stubs. If you have your stubs at home, please send them in as your tickets will not go in for the draw.

SONIC Study!
Salt & Other Nutrient Intakes in Children
Are you interested in helping improve our understanding of the associations between children’s health and diet? Thank-you to all the parents who has completed the SONIC study forms and returned them to school. Through this study your child will begin to understand the link between what they eat and what happens in their body. His or her contribution will help determine the salt levels in Victorian primary school children and from which foods this salt is coming from.
If you would still like to joins us there is still time. Please complete the yellow consent forms and the health questionnaire provided. If you would like a copy of these forms please contact Manuela Rigo on PH: 9244 6380 or e-mail: m.rigo@deakin.edu.au If you would like further information on the SONIC Study please visit our Facebook page. http://www.facebook.com/SONICstudy or see the ABC Report on Utube http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIoXdUGuFuE

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Level 3 students begin their Gymnastic Program on Monday 6th August from 2.30-3.15. Please ensure permission forms are returned.

Casual Dress Day for all students is tomorrow, Friday 3rd August to support Lachlan H as a member of the Victorian Primary School’s Basketball Team. A gold coin donation from each child would be most grateful.

Keep collecting and returning Coles Sport’s Vouchers to school please.

Donvale Primary School registered and participated in the Victorian Premiers Active Families Challenge in Term 1. Due to the high numbers of students who participated, we have been rewarded with a $350 sports voucher from Rebel Sports. Congratulations and well done. Special thanks to Jeanine who did much of the paper/computer work collating the results.

Level 4 students have been placed into various basketball teams in preparation for their Hooptime Tournament. Training skills and drills have been happening each Thursday. Thanks to those parents who have offered to assist on this day.

Mr Pianta

TERM 3 MEAL DEALS.
Garlic Bread
Please note that the garlic bread is only available when ordering Mac Cheese or Spaghetti Bolognaise.

| Toastie Pack 1 | $5.00 |
| Hammer & Cheese Toastie |
| Rock Deli Chips |
| Just Juice (Apple/Orange/Tropical) |

| Hotdog Pack 2 | $5.00 |
| Hotdog (plain/sauce/cheese) |
| Mini Muffin Choc Chip |
| Quench (App/Rasp) |

| Mac Cheese Pack 3 | $5.00 |
| Macaroni Cheese |
| Garlic Bread (2 slices) |
| Moosie (Choc/Bluemoon) |

| Nuggets Pack 4 | $5.00 |
| Nuggets x 6 |
| Mini Muffin Choc Chip |
| Ice Cream Cup Vanilla |

Keep Healthy, Keep Warm, Keep Hydrated
Angie (SUPER cookie) Canteen Management Services
C.R.E.
Christian Religious Education

We have talking about an amazing thing in CRE for years 3 and 4. We have been talking about the Bible, and why it is so amazing. One of the reasons is that it changes peoples’ lives when they believe and obey what is written in it.

The Bible is like a library which is made up of 66 books. These have been written over many hundreds of years, but they all have the same theme which is God, and knowing Who He is. The Bible tells the story of how He reaches out to people, showing us His love and wanting us to know Him. There are 39 books in the Old Testament (before Jesus was born), and 27 in the New Testament that tell us about Jesus and what He did when he came to earth, and how we can live for him.

Today, we have been using the Bible. How do we find what we need to find in the Bible? It is made up of chapters and verses, which have been marked so we can find things easily. In some Bibles there are subjects that we might be interested in learning about, and where we can find an answer in the Bible. There is often a Bible reading plan in the front as well, which suggests how we can read through the whole Bible in one year.

There are many translations of the Bible in English, and also in many languages throughout the world, but there are still many people who don’t have access to the Bible in their own language. What a privilege we have to find it so readily available to us.

God bless, and have a good week.

Judith Grayden

Our Level 4 students practice every Thursday in preparation for their Hooptime Tournament
A reflection from the traditional story “Goldilocks and The Three Bears” by 2A

I enjoyed the plays that we did with our table groups. I was Goldilocks. How she did lots of actions in the story.
Madison

I enjoyed the plays because I liked being Goldilocks and watching the other plays.
Gemma

I enjoyed writing the invitation for the Teddy Bear’s Picnic party. I liked drawing the picture and colouring the invitation.
Jamieson

Today I enjoyed the Teddy Bear’s Picnic Party because I really like the fairy bread.
Ebony

I enjoyed the production because I liked how they used their loud voices for the acting.
Harrison

I enjoyed making the mask because it was goldilocks. She had locks in her hair.
Anastasia

I enjoyed making the mask because drawing the face was fun and curling the hair.
Daniel

I enjoyed the picnic because we get to have a picnic with our toys. I liked lollies because we get to eat the lollies, fairy bread and teddy bear biscuits.
Megan Y

I enjoyed the teddy bear's picnic party because I liked the food and the songs. I liked taking my teddy to school.
Chloe

I enjoyed the crossword because of the words. They had interesting words we had to find about the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.
Ryan

I enjoyed making the Goldilocks masks because I liked curling the hair and sticking it on and also drawing her face.
Isabelle

I enjoyed making masks. I liked play acting because I liked being a tiny bear.

I enjoyed the teddy bears picnic because I liked the food. I liked making the puppets.
Lilly

I enjoyed the crossword, finding the clues across and down. I liked the picnic because it’s really fun.
Alfie

I enjoyed the picnic party because I loved the food and songs, mostly the food. There was teddy bear biscuits and fairy bread.
Tommy

I enjoyed the Teddy Bear’s Picnic Party because I liked eating lollies and everyone ate all the lollies. I had 4 lollies. I enjoyed the play because I was the narrator. I like to be a narrator because I like telling stories.
Laura

I liked watching the performance of “Goldilocks and the three bears”. My favourite part was when the Three Bears went for a walk in the woods.
Jackson

I enjoyed the crossword. I liked the cloze activity because I liked filling the gaps about the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.
Christopher M

I enjoyed the Teddy Bear’s Picnic Party. I liked the music and the song we sang, “The Teddy Bear’s Picnic Party”. And I enjoyed being the narrator. I liked the part when Alfie was shouting.
Anthi

I’ve learnt you should never enter a house that you don't know.
Coco

I enjoyed eating the food at the Teddy Bear’s Picnic.
Lachlan
Dear Parents & Students,

Children loved microwave puff painting and were busy with AASC. Children helped in arranging the art and craft delivery. Next week we will be going with Olympics at OSH.

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 Shah

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0402 362 443  
Coordinator: Jagruti  
Assistants: Caroline, Lekky, Jennifer  
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.
Parents Association News!

TRIVIA NIGHT HAMPERS!

We will be having a ‘hamper wrapping day’, where we will be wrapping up items for our silent auction and other prizes for the Trivia Night. If you are interested in coming along and helping out, we would love to see you there.
When: Friday, 3rd August, 9.00 onwards. (THIS FRIDAY)!!!
Where: The GP room.
All welcome!

Trivia Night!

Tickets are currently on sale for our school’s trivia night. (To be held on Saturday 11th August). Tickets are $20 each. You can get a group together and book a table of 10, or buy individual tickets, it’s up to you! Return money to the school in a clearly named envelope asap. Tickets will be handed out next week. BYO nibbles and come and join the fun!
All welcome.
Hope to see you there!

Coles BBQ

Thank you to the following lovely people who gave some of their time to help with the BBQ last Saturday. Loula, Marina, Marita, Craig, Andrew, Charmaine, Charlie and Jacqui. We raised just over $400, including sale of chocolates and raffle tickets. Thank you for all your help in very cold, wet conditions. Thanks, Jo Wood.

Father’s Day Bunnings fundraiser BBQ

We have once again been given the opportunity to run a BBQ at Bunnings Nunawading, on the 31st of August. (The Friday before Father’s day). If you think you may be able to help out for a short while on the day, please contact Jo Wood, (BBQ coordinator) on 0407 547 454.
Thank you, Parents Association.

Billy G’s Cookie Dough

This fundraiser is finishing this week. If you would still like to order, please make sure your order and correct money is handed to the office by Friday 3rd August.
More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

MANNINGHAM CITY COUNCIL - July to December 2012 Arts & Culture Guide.


ZUMBA CLASSES - Tuesday evenings from 7-8pm in the G.P. Room. A fun way to keep fit.

FOR SALE – Donvale Primary School Uniform
2 x windcheaters, size C8
2 x girls bootleg pants, size C6
2 x shorts size, C6
2 x yellow polo shirt (short sleeve), size C6
2 x summer dresses, size 6
1 Broad rim hat
1 Scrunchie
1 school bag

Price I am asking is $120
Contact Sarah on 0405 957 247

Living Well with Asthma: Advice for Parents and Carers
1 in 10 people in Australia have asthma, and people with asthma often rate their health a lot worse and report a poorer quality of life than the general population. Children and adolescents with current asthma are more likely to miss days of school/preschool due to asthma and a key aspect of improving quality of life is ensuring that your child or teenager is are able to engage fully in physical activity and social aspects of life and learning.

Good asthma control is:
- Symptom free during the day and during physical exercise, reducing the need for reliever medication
- Symptom free at night, allowing for a good night’s rest
- Rarely experiencing asthma attacks or exacerbations
- Preventer medication and devices are being used correctly and as prescribed (eg. on a daily basis)
- Having an asthma action plan to follow, both for the school/preschool and at home, and promptly acting on the plan when asthma symptoms occur

Asthma symptoms are not a normal aspect of life and should be taken seriously. Children and teenagers with poor asthma control should be encouraged to seek assistance, and should visit their GP or respiratory physician for an asthma review as soon as possible.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au