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 14th September**
- JSC CASUAL DRESS DAY - Gold coin donation
- 9.00-10.00: Preps Fire Ed visit

**Sunday 16th September**
- 12.30 onwards: Marimba band performing at Manningham Community Open Day

**Monday 17th September**
- 8.30-9.30: Uniform shop open
- Assembly: Senior choir performing

**Tuesday 18th September**
- 9.30-2.30: District athletics at Rieschiecks Reserve

**Wednesday 19th September**
- 7.30pm: School council meeting

**Friday 21st September**
- 11.30-12.30: Preps Fire Ed visit
- Last day Term 3: 2.30 finish

**Monday 8th October**
- Term 4 resumes

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Last weekend, 28 of our students participated in the ‘States Schools Spectacular’ held at Melbourne’s Hisense Arena. By all accounts, the event was indeed ‘spectacular’ as were all of our students and their performances. I am so very proud of all of our students that participated in the event. Not only did they excel with their performances but they excelled with their behaviours. Students at Donvale are well known for representing their school in a positive and respectful manner. Thank you to all of our students in ensuring that we do not lose sight of our values and how we treat each other. All of our students spent countless hours practising and preparing so that they would present their very best. Of course, participation for such an event just doesn’t happen. I would like to give a very special thank you to Rebecca Clarke, who expertly guided and supported our students to participate in the event from beginning to end. We all think that Mrs Clarke is remarkable – we appreciate all of her hard work and effort in ensuring that our participation was a great success. Also, a great big thank you to Nina Vasiadies, Karen Murphy and Laura Annakin whose help and support was invaluable! I know that many other parents and staff also helped out in many ways. A great big thank you to everyone!
Last week, one of our Year 6 students – Adam B, received some wonderful news. He recently participated in the ‘Commonwealth Bank Australian Maths Challenge 2012’. Adam’s results were simply outstanding. He came first in the State and 9th in Australia. This achievement is exemplary! Congratulations Adam. We are very proud of you.

On Tuesday September 11, Ian McKinlay, myself and our Junior School Councillors had the fortunate privilege of being invited to attend the Manningham Council Chambers. The visit was hosted by the Mayor, Cr Geoff Gough (an ex teacher of Donvale PS) and by Cr Meg Downie (who has visited Donvale PS as a ‘Principal for a Day’). The students gained an understanding of how Council is run, what the job of a Councillor is, an understanding of the role of the Mayor and what makes a good leader. We were then treated to a tour of the new Manningham Library and Art Gallery. What a fantastic experience this was for perhaps our future politicians. The children; Ruby B, Christian S, Gabby D, Renee T, Billy M, Rachael B, Skylah B and Jessica S were fabulous representatives of our school. They asked relevant and probing questions of our Councillors. Ian and I were extremely proud of them.

Over the past few years, I have been fortunate to have participated in several inspirational professional learning sessions conducted by Professor John Hattie. One of his most recent and famous books is titled, ‘Visible Learning for Teachers – maximising impact on learning’. Hattie is most famously known for his research in determining ‘what works best’ in education so that we are able to maximise the learning outcomes for our students. Hattie points out that in Education, most things work, more or less. The questions are around those which work best and therefore best repay the effort invested. Hattie’s research showed convincingly that one of the largest single most influences in improving student achievement is the quality of the teaching – so what makes a difference to student learning is in the hands of the teachers. He also points out the differences between expert teachers and merely experienced ones.

They are:
1. Expert teachers can identify the most important ways in which to represent the subject that they teach.
2. Expert teachers are proficient at providing an optimal classroom climate for learning.
3. Expert teachers monitor learning and provide feedback.
4. Expert teachers believe that all students can reach the success criteria.
5. Expert teachers influence surface and deep student outcomes.

As an Educator and a Leader, I am relentless in pursuing excellence with the quality of teaching we are providing to our students. Donvale PS does indeed have excellent teacher however we can never stand still and rest on our laurels. We are always on a continuous journey of improvement – a journey that does not ever lose sight of why we are here – our students. As teachers, we are very much in a privileged position. We have the ability to change lives for the better in every way.

To finish off - A quote from Day, 2004: “To be passionate about teaching is not only to express enthusiasm but also to enact it in a principled, values-led, intelligent way. All effective teachers have a passion for their subject, a passion for their pupils’ and a passionate belief that who they are and how the teacher can make a difference in their pupils’ lives, both in the moment of teaching and in the days, weeks, months and even years afterwards.”

A Curriculum Day has been planned for Term 4 - October 17th, 2012 where the focus of our professional learning will be on our continual improvement of teacher practice. Please add this date to your diary as it is a student free day.

Further Diary Dates:
Wednesday 31st October 2012 – Parent Information Evening ‘Forward Directions’ and iPad Forum. Please note, these information sessions will be held on the same night beginning with ‘Forward Directions’ followed by iPad forum.
I will be discussing with our parent community the forward directions of Donvale PS. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend.
Rick Gordon and Peter Reiter will be outlining the introduction and implementation of the 1:1 iPad program. Parents with students in the senior area of the school, in particular, are strongly encouraged to attend.

Lena Clark
CASUAL DRESS DAY TOMORROW — Friday 14th Sept
This Friday is casual dress day, please bring a gold coin donation. All the money raised will go to Shades for Aids. This is a program of hope for Cambodian children who have been affected by AIDS and HIV. So don’t forget to wear your favourite sunglasses.
Ruby B - Junior School Choir

SCHOOL BANKING
• There will be no school banking next week.
• Please note the Wallet, Watch, Lunchbox and Handball reward items are no longer available for redeeming as stocks have been exhausted.
• Keep saving for the release of the USB in Term 4.

Thank you.
Marina

DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 4
Wednesday 17th October - Curriculum Day (Student free day)
Wednesday 31st October - Parent Information Evening, ‘Forward Directions'/iPad Forum at 7.30pm

MINKE DRINKS
Minke drinks will no longer be available for the rest of the term.

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

C.R.E.
Christian Religious Education

In CRE for grades 3 and 4, we have been thinking about how God created the world, and that when He finished He saw that it was very good.

We have also thought about God saying, “Now we will make humans, and they will be like us.” We are made in the image of God, and to be in relationship with Him, and also to relate to others.

God loved us so much that He wants to bring people to Himself, all who have wandered away from Him, and He has done this through the Lord Jesus Christ when He gave His life on the cross for us all.

This is Good News.

Have a good week.
Judith Grayden

District Athletics are next Tuesday 18th September.
Please return permission forms by Monday 17th Sept. Children participating will leave school at 9.00am sharp. Congratulations and good luck to those involved. Parents are most welcome to attend and support our team.

Term 4 Sports Clinics. Children in levels 1, 2 and 3 took home this week information/enrolment form regarding sport clinics happening at Donvale Primary School next term (Soccer and Dance Oz). Please follow the procedure on the form (do not send money/forms) to school). There is a cost for the clinics but still represents great value. A representative from the company Big Sports will attend our Monday assembly at the beginning of Term 4. If this form has been lost I have extras at school, so please see Mr Pianta.

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From The Sports Coach

Canteen Newsflash

Keep Healthy, Keep Warm, Keep Hydrated
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Maths fun For Everyone – Make a Rain Gauge

You will need:
Funnel
Graph paper with 1 cm squares. Download some to print out at: http://www.csiro.au/helix/mathsbyemail/activity/20120703/1cm-graph-paper.pdf
Pencil or pen/Tall, thin jar/Measuring cup or syringe. You can buy measuring syringes at a chemist. Marker/Cloth tape/Heavy chopping board

What to do:
Put the funnel upside down on the graph paper and trace its outline. Remove the funnel, and count the number of squares inside the outline. Count the number of full squares, and also any squares with more than half of their area in the outline. This number is an estimate of the collecting area of the funnel in cm$^2$.
This number is also the number of mL you will collect if one cm of rain falls. To get the number of mL collected after one mm of rain, divide by 10, and write this number down.
Measure out this much water in mL, and pour it into your collecting jar. Mark the water level on the side of the jar and label it ‘1 mm’.
Measure out the same amount of water again, add it to the jar and mark the next point, labelling it ‘2 mm’. Repeat the measuring and marking until your jar is almost full.
Put the funnel into the jar. Use tape to secure the funnel so it won’t get knocked out of the jar.
Tape the jar onto the middle of a chopping board. This will make it a lot harder to knock over your rain gauge.
Put the gauge outside, where it can be rained on. It’s best if it isn’t under trees, or near a wall
Check your gauge at the same time every day. If there is water in the jar, remember to empty it after you record the rainfall.
If you want a more accurate measurement of the rainfall, pour the water collected into a measuring cylinder and record the volume in mL. Divide by the number of cm$^2$ in the collecting area and you will get the rainfall in cm.

What’s happening?
Rainfall is a measure of the amount of water that falls over a period of time, often one day.
Rainfall is usually measured in mm. If you put a box outside and there was 1 mm of rain, then the water collected inside the box should be 1 mm deep.
However, there are some problems with using a box like this. It can be hard to measure the depth of water – if you put a small amount of water in the bottom of a box, it’s hard to tell if there’s 1 mm of water or 2, or even 3. An open box is also more likely to lose water to evaporation.
To make it easier to read, this rain gauge has a large collection area, the funnel. The funnel directs water into a storage and measurement container, the jar. Since the measurement container is a different shape to the collection area, there was a conversion between the volume of water collected and the depth of rain that fell on the gauge.
The collection jar is thinner than the widest part of the funnel, so each mm of rain will take up more than 1 mm height of the jar. This vertical exaggeration makes reading the gauge easier.

More information
Measuring rainfall from space: http://pmm.nasa.gov/

Cheers,
Luanda Pianta - Numeracy Co-ordinator
State School Spectacular
Last Saturday members of our Senior Choir were involved in the State School Spectacular. It was an amazing performance, with more than 3000 talented and passionate performers from schools right around Victoria.
A huge thanks must go to Rebecca Clarke for her tireless efforts in rehearsing with our students over many weeks and several full days in the city. Karen Murphy and Nina Vasiliades also provided assistance on the rehearsal days and throughout the performance. I know our students found it to be a tremendous experience.
Channel 7 will be broadcasting behind-the-scenes and highlights on Sunday October 14 at 3pm.

Marimba Band Performance
This Sunday members of our Marimba Band will be participating in a Manningham Community Jam. This is a unique opportunity for them to be involved with another large music event.
The program will be held at Manningham City Square, 699 Doncaster Rd, between 11am—2pm. Students need to be there at 12.30 to set up. The time of our performance will be approximately 1.00pm. Come along and enjoy a great family activity.

Level 4 Expo
On Wednesday September 19 the Level 4 students will be presenting some Asian Musical Performances as part of their Asian Studies topic. Each class has been preparing their items over the past term and you will be delighted to see their dancing and hear their compositions.
The Expo will be held in the Level 4 building and will be open for public viewing between 3.30 and 5.00 pm. The musical performances will begin at 4pm.
After the "Hot and Spicy" culinary journey this term, we need to cool down a bit, so next term we are going to create "Cheesecake in a glass". This is a yummy, elegant and beautiful dessert that is healthy enough to enjoy in moderation, easy and quick to make as they don't need time to set. The children are going to learn how to crumble the biscuits, make cheese mixture using food processor (lucky us we have 3 sets of them) and using colourful fruits and mint for garnish.

Group 1 : Tuesday 23 October 2012, Cookies and cream cheesecake in a glass.
Group 2 : Tuesday 30 October 2012, Blueberry cheesecake in a glass.
Group 3 : Tuesday 13 November 2012, Orange and chocolate cheesecake in a glass.
Group 4, Tuesday 20 November 2012, Strawberry cheesecake in a glass.

Thank you to the Sinclair family, Sally Armstrong from Nunawading, Deborah Koh from Nunawading and Laura & Peter from Vermont for their donations.

The timetables and the team helper roster will be handed out first week back to school next term. Sessions will involve the same group of children, everything remains the same just a more cool and sweet menu. Looking forward to have fun with all our little chefs next term.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang and Jaqui

FROM THE STUDENTS.
(As written and not corrected).
Here are what the group 1 children think about our culinary trip to India:
- Caitlin G 56A : It was delicious, I love cooking and I cook it at home for my family.
- Scarlett H 12B : I love DJC
- Anise B 12B : I really enjoy cooking club and the food very yummy.
- Samuel M 12C : I like cooking and taste nice.
- Jackson C 12C : My first Indian food and I really like it.
- Joshua A 12C : My first butter chicken and I cook it by myself.
- Mitchell L 34B : Fantastic, normally we only had Indian take away food but this time I actually bring home some Indian food that I cook.
- Jayden B 34B : I like Indian food now, and I'm so proud of myself because I create it in the junior chef.
- Rylie B 56C : I love cooking Indian food and I proud of my self because my family can taste what I create at school.
- Alexandra N 56C : I love cooking.
- Chantelle F 34B : I really like it.
- Kate B 12C : I love Indian food.
- Nash D 34B : I like Indian food.
- Little chef Darcy and Amy : I like Indian flat bread
This week at playgroup we had lots of fun decorating cupcakes.

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**STORIES FROM THE STUDENTS**

**State Schools Spectacular 2012**

A massive roar of clapping and cheering arose from the audience as the start of the 2012 State School Spectacular began.

The sound of the orchestra filled Hicence Arena as we (the massed choir) started to sing ‘All you need is Love’. The massed dancers skipped onto the stage and started dancing with so much enthusiasm which made the arena buzz with excitement.

As the day went on we sang many more songs from The Beetles to LMFAO to Train.

We had great fun and enjoyed every second of it. It was an amazing experience for all of us to perform in front of 10,000 people and the grade 5’s can’t wait until next year!

By Chloe V
State Schools Spectacular Captain
Yesterday the Preps spent the day at Chesterfield Farm. Overall, their behaviour was absolutely exemplary! We all had such a fun day and the smiles from ear to ear were priceless!

Chesterfield Farm Recount

- On Wednesday we all went to Chesterfield farm.
- At the farm we got to feed the animals. We giggled when the duck bit Nikita.
- Our favourite was when Rohan drove the tractor and did donuts.
- After that we came back to school and Max fell asleep!

By Prep T
WOW!!!! What a fantastic way to end a term studying farm animals. On Wednesday 12th September Prep SR and Prep T made a visit to Chesterfield Farm. We were taken on a fun filled guided tour of the farm by Farmer Beth and Farmer Rowan. The children had some hands-on experience in milking a cow and feeding some of the animals. A big highlight for many of the preps was the tractor ride.

On Wednesday we went to Chesterfield farm. We went on a bus. We saw some rabbits. We saw a python snake. We went on a tractor ride.
By Eddy

I milked a cow. I fed the animals. I watched an Animal Show. I went to the farm
By Milly

I fed the sheep and I fed the Llama. We went on a bumpy tractor ride.
By Will.

We went to Chesterfield farm and we milked the cow. I saw some pigs and I feeleed the tail.
By Karli

I had a great time. I liked the rabbit. It was cute. We fed the animals. We had a tractor ride. The ride was bumpy.
By Robbi
Igloo Adventure

Over the past few weeks Eddy Lusk has been involved with the Level 4 students creating the most wonderful igloo from milk bottles. After the collection of over 400 bottles by the school community the students armed with liquid nails and hot glue guns constructed the igloo in the senior building. The team work was amazing as suggestions went flying as to the best version to create, stability, sharing equipment, photographing and finally tidying the completed project.

The activity was not without its disasters. After constructing three quarters of the structure it was realised it couldn't be removed from the building! Answer – a removable lid! Then, as Eddy and Mr Pianta picked it up to move, it dropped and the whole thing, breaking half the side away! Global warming or complete meltdown! Eddy came to the rescue with patience and time reconstructing the sad sight to its former glory.

It was developed to use as a reading centre, play mathematical games inside and use as a maths resource:

- Counting for a purpose
- Reciting larger number sequences
- Estimation
- Counting with one-to-one correspondence
- Using counting strategies such as counting on, counting back and subitising
- Counting progressively larger collections
- Gaining an understanding of the continuous nature of number patterns.

At the moment it is located in the senior building but it is hoped to move through the school as requested by staff and students (if it can fit through the doors!)

How can we ever thank Eddy enough for accepting the challenge, his patience and providing enjoyment for students, hopefully, many years to come? This was an ambitious project that the whole Donvale Primary School Community can now enjoy. Come through the senior building to have a look when you have time and maybe give some more suggestions for its use!

Luanda Pianta
Dear Parents & Students,

Unbelievable, just one more week to go for the school holidays. Children enjoyed Coconut macaroons cooked by Daniel R, Alfie H and James D and the Honey Caramel Popcorns were also yummy. I am so proud to have such well-behaved and fantastic children at the program.

Big thanks to Rachael Biggs (Joel’s mum) for donating some good games and the books to OSH and also to Chris Dawson (James and Tyler’s mum) for sharing the recipe of Honey Caramel Popcorn and giving us the bag of popcorn for the same. At this stage I would like to thank all the parents and the school staff for supporting me to run the program successfully.

Online bookings for Mitcham and Blackburn Holiday Program are open. To avoid last minute rush or disappointment book in the children in advance.

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

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**Next Week’s Activities**

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**Parent Information**

OSH program phone: 0402 362 443  
Coordinator: Jagruti  
Assistant: Caroline, Lekky and 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](http://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.
More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

FAMILY MEDIATION CENTRE - The Door to Door Program is a group program designed to support children from separated families. Tuesdays October 23 & 30 and November 13 & 20

MANNINGHAM COMMUNITY - Open day, Sunday 16 Sept 11am—2pm. Free musical jam session.

WAVERLEY SOFTBALL ASS. - Holiday program October 1-4 1am—12pm daily.

DONVALE CRICKET CLUB - Looking for junior players, boys and girls welcome.

DANCE OZ - Spring camp at Melbourne Girls College and Sacre Coeur Girls

MANNINGHAM YMCA - Learn to skateboard: 8-14yr olds. Wednesdays during school terms 4-5pm at Warrandyte Skate Park
Learn to hip hop at Manningham City Square, Doncaster every Tuesday during school terms 4-5pm.

ZUMBA CLASSES AT DONVALE

Every Tuesday evening in the G.P. Room from 7-8pm

First class back is Tuesday 9th October

- Wear something pink. This class will be a special event in raising funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.
- Kids and Males welcome. All entries for new clients will get a second class at half price.
- 1 hour will be our Zumba Class and half an hour will be fun and games. Gold coin donation upon entry and raffles will also be available to purchase with some great prizes to be won. All proceeds will go towards the National Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Your support will be greatly appreciated.