As mentioned in last week’s Snippets, Angie (Super Cookie) will be taking up a new position at another school. This is very sad news for us as Angie and Canteen Management Services have been a terrific support to us over the many years they have been at Donvale PS. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Canteen Management Services and Angie for all the amazing work they have done in the canteen (and beyond!) Delicious and healthy lunches for our children have always been a priority for Angie. We have all very much appreciated her work and time with us. We wish Angie all the very best in her new venture. We will miss Angie but know this is not goodbye!

With regards to our canteen, it will remain operational in its current state to the end of this term. As I am still keen to provide a canteen service to our students, I have investigated some options. One is to outsource the canteen whereby we use a company that takes all orders online, prepares all orders off school site and then delivers the lunches to school. The other option is to run a canteen from within the school as it is currently being operated. At this stage, both these options are distinct possibilities however it does not appear possible to operate the canteen every day. This is not a viable option for a school of our size hence Angie making the decision to move on. I will keep you informed of any outcomes regarding our canteen.

Over the last few years, Donvale PS Values have been based on the Framework of Values set out by DEECD. Respect, Integrity, Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion, Care and Compassion, Honesty and Trustworthiness, Fair go, Responsibility, Doing your best and Freedom. We will continue to stand by these values daily in our teachings and relationships with the students and members of our community. As a staff, however, we have decided that whilst this set of values is quite complete and comprehensive, we would prefer to compact these and create a distinct 4 or so that we feel would best represent our school. A Parent Survey is soon to make its way to your home. We would appreciate your feedback on this. Your opinions and thoughts are highly valued. We very much would like to develop these values with your input.

I am aware that parents are very keen to hear about the vision we have for Donvale PS as we move forward into 2013. As such, we would like to invite all parents to an Information Evening early next term. I will be able to provide you with a date and time in the next newsletter. During this Information Evening I would like to take the opportunity to outline and share Donvale Primary School’s ‘forward directions’. We would also like to provide the opportunity for parents to have a say in these values.
to ask us any questions regarding their child’s education. I have often been asked, for example, about the provision of a language program at our school. I am currently investigating the possibility of providing such a program in 2013. As already mentioned, all parents will shortly be receiving a school survey. In this survey, there is an opportunity to provide us with feedback on your preference of language taught. Whilst we recognise Italian as being Donvale’s previous language of study, I ask you to consider the option of introducing an Asian language such as Mandarin. The new Australian Curriculum (AusVELS) has a strong focus on Asian studies; introducing an Asian language would strongly support us incorporating Asian studies into our curriculum. In my formal and informal discussions thus far with staff and parents, I have so far received much feedback indicating a preference for a Chinese language. I would very much appreciate all parents taking the time to complete the school survey at it will provide us with much valuable feedback.

You may also have heard about our plans to implement a 1:1 Ipad program into the school next year. This is very exciting as it demonstrates our focus in providing a 21st century education for our students. We are currently in discussions with Educational ICT firms to determine the best leasing options available. At this stage, we are investigating the possibility of providing a 2 year leasing option to parents of students in our Level 4 (Years 5 & 6). This will incorporate a complete package including hardware, software, insurance and ongoing support. I will discuss this during our Parent Information evening however we also intend to run a further information session / forum dedicated specifically to providing full clarity to parents with every aspect of the Ipad program. More information about this forum will be forwarded shortly.

On another note, many parents have been inquiring about our Education Support Staff and their positions at our school. Unfortunately, as with any role, it can only be supported if there is a need for that role. In 2013, the number of students on the disability program will substantially decrease primarily due to a number of these students leaving to commence secondary school. As a leader of the school, I can only employ staff when and as required. Unfortunately, this will mean that some of our valued Education Support staff will no longer be with us next year. Whilst I would love to continue to employ each and every one of these staff members, I am sure you will appreciate that this is just not possible. I will continue to keep parents informed of these changes as they occur, particularly parents with children in the disability program.

And finally… Last Friday morning, the wonderful parents of our Parents Association, provided a scrumptious ‘Father’s Day Breakfast’ for all the dads in our school. It was wonderful to see so many of our dads enjoying this special time with their children. All the research states that parental involvement in a child’s education, has an enormous positive impact on the learning outcomes achieved by the child. This is why, at Donvale, we absolutely value parent participation and support. Often dads, not through lack of wanting to, just simply do not always get the chance to come to school to be a part of what we do. As such, it was terrific to see so many dads at school last Friday morning beaming proudly as their children ‘showed off’ our school, their classrooms and some of their book work and learning. We know that education just doesn’t happen at school – it is all around us. At Donvale, we are indeed fortunate to have a community of parents that are just so engaged with their children’s learning both at school and at home. Just to finish off…. again a huge thank you to the PA for their amazing effort in planning, preparing and delivering the Father’s Day breakfast. Also a very big thank you to the staff that worked tirelessly to support the event – you are all brilliant!!

Lena Clark

General News

Curriculum Day
Just a reminder that Wednesday 17th October is a Curriculum Day. This is a student free day.

Cookie Dough Fundraiser
Orders have been placed and delivery of the cookie dough should be here before the end of term. I apologise for the delay, if you have any queries please give me a call on 0417 117 651.
Thank you.
Kathryn Soterales

WiseOnes Term 4
Coming up in Term 4, beginning Monday 15th October. The unit is ‘The Vikings’. An enrolment form will be in snippets next week or can be collected from the office.
Level 3 children finished their Gymnastic Program last Monday. A very big thanks to the children and the parents who attended.

Level 4 children are booked into the Gymnastic Program next term beginning October 24th (2.30-3.15).

Our District Athletic team is now completed. Children chosen to represent our school will be notified tomorrow (Friday). The District Athletics are on September 18th at the Doncaster Athletic Track (George Street). Permission forms are Program of Events will be sent home next week.

Next week (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday) I am prepared to have extra training after school from 3.30-4.5 for any children in the Athletic Team. (Shot put, Discus, Long jump, Triple jump Relays and Sprints). I encourage children in the 800m and 1600m events to put in extra training each day whenever possible.

Term 4
Big 5 Sports welcomes Donvale Primary School into their sporting program and are very pleased to have the opportunity to run sport clinics at Donvale Primary School. I am sure that the classes will be very successful in regard to the skill development, co-ordination and social interaction of those involved.

The confirmed details for the clinics at Donvale Primary School are:

**Soccer**
- Commencement date: Monday 15th October
- Ending date: Monday 3rd December
- Age: Prep - Grade 4
- Time: 3.40-4.40pm

**Dance Oz**
- Commencement date: Monday 15th October
- Ending date: Monday 3rd December
- Age: Prep - Grade 4
- Time: Lunchtime 1.30-2.30pm

There are no costs involved. Children and parents will be informed via a flyer at the end of Term 3, and then again at the beginning of Term 4.

Mr Pianta

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

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C.R.E. Christian Religious Education

The preps lessons at the moment are to help them understand that they are all special to God. We have looked at baby Moses who grew up to have a significant role in Gods plan to help his people, and today we are looking at the birth of John the Baptist who also had a special job to do to fulfil Gods plans. (Luke Chapter 1)

We talked about all the ways they can help their parents, siblings, friends and teachers even while they are still little.

The grades 1/2 children heard the importance of books and what we can learn from them. We talked about the Bible being where we learn about God and his son JESUS and how we can go to the Bible to see how God wants us to live.

We looked at a story about a man from Ethiopia who was helped by the Bible. (Acts 8 26-39) We also looked at a story that showed how the Bible Society actually started.

The verse for the week is from James 4:8 Come near to God and He will come near to you.

Have a great week!
God Bless!
Cheryl Shank's.
Our culinary journey around Asia this term was hectic, full of colours, rice and spices. We did manage to cover a lot of the complexities of Asian cooking during our 4 Tuesday sessions. Yes, they were very busy sessions but the children gained lots of information about our Asian Neighbours. They discovered that rice is the main meal in this part of the world. Vegetables are used not only because they are healthy but also for flavour, decoration, colour and to bulk up the meal. We are very lucky to have a strong school community, with their generosity and assistance the children were able to experience the genuine feel of different Asian cultures. The children used traditional table settings and indulged in more extravagant menus.

Thank you everyone for your support, we couldn't run this program smoothly without your help. The DJC team and all the children really appreciate you.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang and Jaqui

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OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Dear Parents & Students,

Children enjoyed eating pancakes in the morning cooked by James D and Tyler D and Honey Joys in the afternoon made by Anna L and Coco C. Along with cooking activities children also loved the science activities.

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

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0402 362 443
Coordinator: Jagruti
Assistants: 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 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.
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