Welcome back. I trust that everyone had a wonderful break and took the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends. I managed to get lots of things done around my house. I really enjoyed pottering in my garden and relaxing in some of the beautiful warm weather that came our way. Unfortunately, it was short lived but it did give us a taste for Summer. I even managed to cook a few barbeques for some friends and read some very interesting books.

It was terrific to be able to share my holiday stories with the children. I really enjoyed hearing about all the fantastic activities the children were engaged in over the break. I had the wonderful opportunity of reading some of their fabulous descriptive stories where the children wrote about their holidays. I read about plane trips, train trips, movies, swimming, beaches, friends, restaurants, sleepovers…. and so much more. We have a very busy Term 4 ahead of us in particular with our planning and preparations for 2013. Impacting on this is our wonderful baby news. We now have three of our teachers leaving Donvale Primary School at the end of this year due to pregnancy. Our Year 3 / 4 teacher, Nicola Colgate-Jones has announced that she is pregnant. Nicola has now joined our other 2 staff members, Bec Signorini and Lisa Watters in the DPS baby club. We will look forward to seeing these lovely new babies around April of next year. A very big congratulations to these teachers.

We wish them and their families only the best and look forward to a cuddle or two!!

With three of our teachers taking maternity leave, we are now in a position where we will be looking to employ new staff. I will let you all know as soon as these appointments have been made. I can assure you that I will be looking to employ only the best teachers for our available positions.

As planning for staffing and class structures continues throughout the term, I ask all parents that have any requests for their child’s placement with regards to specific children, to please forward to me in writing a letter detailing the request. I would appreciate it if these letters could please be forwarded to me no later than Friday November 2nd. We will work to ensure that all requests are met. Further to this, please note that I will not be able to consider requests for teachers.

The Year 6 teachers are busy planning and preparing for the Year 6 Graduation. It is certainly proving to be a very special event for our Year 6 students. The Graduation this year will be held at the Whitehorse Centre in Nunawading. Parents will very shortly be receiving information about the plans for the evening including costs and ticketing. Please stay tuned for this.
A reminder that Wednesday 17th October is our Curriculum Day – a student free day. The Education Department provides for all government schools four Curriculum Days per year. These days are to be specifically used for ongoing professional learning with the staff. Our teachers currently are involved in intensive weekly professional learning sessions and this Curriculum Day will allow us the opportunity to further develop the learning that we have undertaken. Our fourth Curriculum Day for the year is scheduled for November 5th – the day before Melbourne Cup day. Again, all teachers will be at school on this day engaged in their ongoing professional learning. Please ensure that you also add this date to your diary as it is a student free day. OSCH Club will operate on both Curriculum days, if the need is there.

A snippet of some of the professional learning we have been engaged in is a focus on teachers developing ‘Learning Intentions’ for their lessons. A ‘Learning Intention’ is the term commonly used to specify to the students what is about to be learnt. The learning intention, or objective, for a lesson or series of lessons states clearly what the teacher wants the students to know, understand or be able to do as a result of the learning and teaching activities.

For example:
- To know how to construct a fair test in science
- To understand how an author creates characters in a short story
- To know how to calculate the area of a rectangle
- To be able to create an artwork using particular media
- To be able to use the internet to get reliable information
- To understand the rules of a particular sport.

The learning intention focuses on the skills, knowledge and / or understanding (what the students are going to learn), rather than the context (how students are going to learn).

To put it in another way, the focus is not on what students are going to do:

‘We are going to make birthday cards’ or ‘We are going to write a letter to the editor of the local newspaper’

But on what they are going to learn:
‘We are going to learn how to cut our shapes’ or ‘We are going to learn how to use writing to persuade’.

Framing a learning intention and then sharing that learning intention with students is a very powerful way for teachers to improve learning in their classrooms. The establishment of a learning intention is the basis of everything that follows in the lesson or series of lessons.


**FURTHER STOP WORK ACTION**
**TUESDAY 16TH OCTOBER.**
You most likely are aware that the Australian Education Union is taking industrial action in support of new enterprise agreements for teachers, principals, and support staff. As part of the Unions’ ongoing industrial campaigns, rolling stop work action has been planned. The Education Department notified me yesterday that further stop work action will take place next Tuesday 16th October. At this stage, I am unable to inform Parents whether or not their child’s teacher will be supporting the Stop Work action on this day. Staff is required to inform me if they intend to stop work 48 hours prior to the stop work action. I hope to be able to advise our parent community of my staff’s intentions by this Friday 12th October.

**Lena Clark**
**State School Spectacular**

Just a reminder that this will be televised on Sunday @ 3pm on Channel 7.

**Sun Smart School**

A reminder that students need to wear their hat this Term.

**Students leaving Donvale**

We are in the process of planning classes for next year and would appreciate it if you can let the school know if you are intending to transfer your child to another school for 2013.

**PAULS COLLECT-A-CAP IS ENDING ON 31.12.12**

Donvale Primary School has decided to participate in the Pauls Collect-A-Cap Program. It has only three months to go so let’s see how much we can raise for literacy resources in this time. Some students in Level 4 have already over 120 caps so this is a great start.

Collect-A-Cap has been a great success. Over the past 14 months, Pauls have donated more than $430,000 to almost 3000 local schools and community groups who have taken part in the program. So let’s get on board!

**3 MONTHS TO GO!**

The last day of the Pauls Collect-A-Cap Program will be 31st December 2012. There is just over THREE months left to keep collecting and raise funds for your organization, so please keep collecting and get your caps sent in!

**UNIFORM SHOP**

New Line for Summer—Boys and girls gabardine shorts, sizes child 6 to child 16. Special introductory price $15.00. The uniform shop is open on Monday 8.30am-9.30am or orders can be left at the office.

**Music Matters**

**State School Spectacular**

Just a reminder that this will be televised on Sunday @ 3pm on Channel 7.

**C.R.E.**

**Christian Religious Education**

Today in CRE in grades 3 and 4, we have heard how Jesus was willing to touch and heal an outcast – a man with leprosy. We thought about people in our society who are discriminated against and how we can follow the example of Jesus to be compassionate towards others and include people who are left out.

“You show love for others by truly helping them, and not merely talking about it.” 1 John 3:18

Have a good week.

God bless,

Judith Grayden

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**Donvale Jnr**

Welcome back to term 4.

This term we are going to create "Cheesecake in a glass", and the timetables are:

- Group 1 : Tuesday 23 October 2012
- Group 2 : Tuesday 30 October 2012
- Group 3 : Tuesday 13 November 2012
- Group 4 : Tuesday 20 November 2012

As some children are going to be away on their original allocated DJC day, we have rearranged the groups. This was done so we won't have too many children in any one session and no one will miss out.

Thank you to all the parents who notified us in advance about this.

The timetables and team helper roster will be handed out tomorrow.

Our annual DJC Christmas Party is on Friday 7 December 2012. The invitations will be handed out soon.

There have been many menu requests from the children and all the team helpers have decided to cook most of these requests (lucky for our little chefs).

Thank you to the Younger family for their very generous donation.

We need lemons, could someone please donate a few if they have any spare.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang and Jaqui
Dear Parents & Students,

We have been informed of an upcoming curriculum day and are hopeful that this will run, however, this is dependent on numbers.

When / what / how:

Date: Wednesday 17th October 2012. Please book prior to Friday 12th October.
Times: 8:00am to 6:00pm
Cost: $9.00 - $46.00 per child (Not including 50% tax rebate)
What happens: Loads of fun for all ages including art/craft, games, sports, drama, board games and fun with friends.
What to bring: Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Also wear/provide appropriate clothing including hats.

Please note: we require a minimum of 15 children to run the day, parents will be notified on Friday 12th October if the day will proceed.

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 till 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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| After Care Activities   |                       |                   |                        |                          |
| Caramel Popcorn         | Make your own play dough| CURRICULUM DAY   | Cooking: Rainbow cupcake| Origami Picture Frame     |
| What’s the time Mr. wolf| Big Foot Relay        |                   | Book Walk               | Zip Zap Zoink 97         |

Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0402 362 443
Coordinator: Jagruti
Assistants: Caroline, Lekky, Athena and Jennifer
OSHCClub 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!

Vision Portraits Fundraiser

Friday 9th November
You receive a 10" x 13" portrait for just $15 in colour or black and white. Full details coming home tonight. Contact Kathryn for questions/concerns 0417 117 651/9717 9480.

Kids Halloween Disco

FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER
Juniors (Preps, Grade 1 & 2) 5.30-7pm
Seniors (Grades 3-6) 7.30-9pm
Come dressed up in your best Halloween costumes and join your friends for a great night of dancing.
Parental support is required for this event to run. Please fill out the bottom section of form (form will be coming home soon) and return by Friday 19th October with full payment.

Tupperware Party!

Need your current Tupperware lids or pieces replaced or fixed or just want to check out the new products available? Come along on Saturday 20th October at the Arden Crescent Rosanna Uniting Church, Rosanna between 9am - 1pm or talk to Kathryn to receive a catalogue. Phone orders welcome. (0417 117 651/9717 9480)
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
12th-18th October
Ashley W, Adam B, Becky S, Imogen M, Madison S

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MILGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL - Celebrating 30 years with a fete. Saturday 27th October 12pm - 6pm.

WISEONES
THE VIKINGS
Donvale Primary School

My ancestors were Vikings? Were yours?
Where did they come from? Why were people scared of them? What did their writing look like? How did they cheat in trading? What did people say about their singing? What’s a longboat? How does all of this link to your family? How did the Vikings share the work? What’s a “thing”? What’s global warming? Was it a bad or a good thing then?

Enrol for next term and find out.

WiseOnes Application for 4th Term, 2012
This program is available for all Grade 1 - Grade 6 children who have qualified for WiseOnes.

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I wish to enrol my child in the unit "The Vikings" starting week beginning Monday, 15th October, 2012.
I give permission for a copy of this slip to be handed to the WiseOnes teacher.

Child's Name ___________________________________________                     School
________________________________________________________________________

Date of Birth __________________________ Class (2012) ______
Parents' Names ____________________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________________
Phone:          BH _______________    AH __________________        Mobile ______________

My child has already qualified for WiseOnes          YES/NO
I would like a free test for my child      YES/NO.
I would like my child to be tested with a fuller assessment to qualify for WiseOnes (assessment cost $200 inc GST).

Please send this slip and payment of $212.00 on Wednesday, 10th October, 2012.

As we are a non-credit business, children will not be accepted into the program for the term unless the fees and enrolment form are returned by the above date.

If paying by cheque please make it payable Donvale Primary School.
For further information, please contact Pat Truscott on 9326 6441 or Mobile: 0407 313 657.