This week’s Curriculum Day was a day where all staff was actively engaged in intensive professional learning. The day began with a guest presenter, Adam Brice, from Apple Computers. We invited Adam to present to us his knowledge and skills in implementing a 1:1 iPad program in a school. Adam has a strong teaching background. He discussed with us his experiences in successfully implementing a 1:1 iPad program in his school. This experience and insight is extremely important and will hold us in good stead as we prepare to embark on a 1:1 iPad program in 2013. All staff was given the opportunity to access iPads where we were skilfully introduced to many applications that we can utilise in our Literacy and Numeracy teaching. The implications to our teaching and learning incorporating such technology are enormous. We were indeed most fortunate to have Adam working with us yesterday. He has offered his ongoing support which we, of course, will gratefully take up. The day continued with staff spending time analysing our current student achievement data. From this information, we are able to identify where we are now in our achievements and where we need to go next with regards, in particular, to our teaching practice. Staff worked in teams developing their skills in utilising data to effectively plan their teaching and learning programs. We specifically looked at developing our skills and knowledge in differentiating our teaching so that we can cater to the individual learning needs of all our students. We know that teachers are the single most important factor in making a difference to student learning. This is why; all professional learning at Donvale PS is focused on developing teacher capacity. I always say, even though our achievements are great, we can always be greater!!

A further reminder that Monday 5th October (day before Melbourne Cup) is our Curriculum Day – a student free day. This is our final Curriculum Day for 2013. We are planning to spend the day continuing on with the professional learning from our weekly sessions and yesterday’s Curriculum Day. Teachers will also begin the process of reporting to parents on their child’s progress. Please ensure that you add this date to your diary as it is a student free day. OSCH Club will operate on this day, if the need is there.

Yet another reminder:
Wednesday 31st October 7.30pm: Parent Info Evening ‘Forward Directions’/iPad Forum’
I will be taking the opportunity to share with our parent community the forward directions and vision that I have for Donvale PS. I will begin the evening at 7.30pm. Rick Gordon and Peter Reiter will follow my presentation. They will be presenting the iPad implementation process to the Year 5 / 6 parents. Of course, all parents are welcome to attend this part of the evening.
As mentioned in last week’s Snippets, planning for 2013 staffing and class structures is now underway. 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.

Lena Clark

Reminders from the Office

Payments to School
Please make sure that the sides of the envelopes are sealed when placing coins inside. There has been a number of envelopes missing money which would have fallen out in student’s school bag.

Students leaving Donvale
We are in the process of planning classes for 2013. We would appreciate it if you can let the school know ASAP if your child will be leaving DPS this year.

Headlice
There has been some reports, so please keep checking your child’s hair for any signs of headlice.

Head lice are not fussy about the heads they live on – they make no consideration for income, ethnicity or hair colour. They live their entire lives on human heads and their entire food and water source is supplied from the scalp.

Head lice don’t fly or jump – they crawl from head to head. This often happens when people play or work closely together.

If your child has headlice, please let the office know so that we can alert other parents to check their child/ren’s hair. Unfortunately, head lice will be a problem from time to time in Donvale Primary School and it is important to work together as a school community to minimise the frustration caused by the problem.


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!

Parents Association Meeting

A reminder to all interested parents of the school that the next Parents Association meeting will be held in the Library on Monday 29th October at the earlier time of 9am. (Yes during assembly)!
This meeting will be discussing the 2013 Action Plan Proposal for Council, so if you want to put up any new fundraising ideas for approval, come and join us, we would love to hear your new ideas.
We had some new faces at the start of the year attend a couple of meetings. I hope we didn’t scare you away, come back and join us we need a new surge of faces! Our PA has done a brilliant job this year and raised a lot of money for the school. I think it’s a good time to freshen things up for 2013 so come along, and join in the friendships.

Hope to see you there.

P.S. Lena Clark will be attending the PA meeting. She will be available to provide further support and encouragement to the group and answer any questions that the PA has.

Mel Stephenson
Parents Association
Australian Mathematics Competition
The results of the 35th Australian Mathematics Competition held on 2nd August in primary and secondary schools are now available. Hundreds of thousands of students from over 40 countries entered. Students from Year 3 to Year 12 compete on the same day, making it possibly one of the largest single events on the Australian education calendar. An Australian initiative, the AMC was introduced in 1978 as the first competition of its kind in schools here. It is now a truly international competition, having become the major school mathematics enrichment event and benchmark for mathematical ability throughout the Pacific and South East Asia. It tests everything from basic numeracy skills through to advanced problem solving.

Donvale Primary School entered 33 students this year. Two students received a Certificate of High Distinction; 2 obtained a Distinction; 17 achieved a Credit and 7 received a Proficiency Certificate.

All students who competed will receive a certificate of Participation and every student is provided with an individual performance report.

The Competition is conducted by the not-for-profit Canberra-based Australian Mathematics Trust under the trusteeship of the University of Canberra.

Donvale Primary School is extremely proud of these students for their outstanding achievements in a world-wide forum. Hopefully next year we can have even more students willing to take up the challenge!

Luanda Pianta
Numeracy Co-ordinator

C.R.E.
Christian Religious Education
This week the prep children heard the story of David and Goliath (found in i Samuel 17:1-50)
They heard how David trusted God to help him with a task that required courage.
We talked about how we sometimes have to be brave and how our parents or teachers can help us.
Psalm 37 v3 Trust in the Lord and do good!
The grades 1/2 heard the story of the lost sheep in Matthew 18 v10-14.
Jesus told this story to show that everyone is important to God and that He wants all of us to belong to his family.
We talked about people who care for us and how we can show our friends that they are important by caring for them and treating them kindly.
Jesus said “Anyone who hears and obeys these teachings of mine is like a wise person who built a house on solid rock.” Matthew 7 v24.
Have a great week !! God Bless! Cheryl Shanks.

From The Sports Coach
Division Athletics
Congratulations to the following children who competed last Thursday in this event. Lachlan H, Jesse D, Jessica S, Alexzondra N, William C, Elias S, Jon H, Jayden B and Jake G.
Each child has qualified for the Regional Athletics held today by either winning or coming second at the Division level. Great effort everyone - we wish you well for today.

Remember October is Walk To School month. We encourage as many children to participate when/where possible in this program.

Level 3 children will have the opportunity later this term to participate in the Bike Ed program. Please ensure bikes/scooters and helmets are in very good condition for this activity.

Last Monday saw the beginning of our two sport clinics (dance and soccer). These will continue next Monday and for the following Mondays as per the registration program.

Mr Pianta

Donvale Jnr Chef
Next Tuesday 23 October is Group 1’s turn to create “Cookies and cream cheesecake in a glass”.
Please remind your child that they need to be in the Junior Chef room as soon as they have finished their lunch or they can bring their lunch to the room. We don't have much time and we want them to learn as much as possible.

Thank you to the: Mangonis, Wright, Oldham and Smith families also Sally Cockroft from Nunawading for their donations.

Ingredients we need for next week are: Chocolate Ripple Biscuits and Strawberries. Please if you have any spare it would help a lot.

We don’t cook, we create food.
Liang and Jaqui

BIG THUMBS UP TO:
1. Hamish W 00B for his adventurous culinary journey creating San Choy Boy (lettuce cup) with his family.
2. Sebastian K 34A for his ability to name all the ingredients contained in the homemade dimsim we gave him.
3. Nash D 34B for helping clean up the Junior Chef room ready for term 4.
**Maths fun For Everyone**

**Try this: Play Scopa**

**You will need**
A deck of cards/1–3 opponents/Pencil and paper

**Playing a round**
Scopa is played with a 40-card deck. There are 4 suits: diamonds, hearts, clubs and spades. In each suit, there are cards numbered from 1-10. You can make a Scopa deck out of a normal card deck by removing all jacks, queens, kings and jokers. The aces are used as 1s.

One person is chosen to be the dealer.

At the start of the round, 4 cards are dealt in the middle of the table. Then 3 cards are dealt to each player.

The player to the left of the dealer goes first.

On your turn, play a card from your hand.

If there’s a card on the table with the same number, you can pick up both cards and put them in a pile to the side.

If not, choose cards on the table that add up to the card you played and put all of them in your pile. Suits don’t matter for adding, only the numbers. (Although they can have different scores at the end of the game!)

If you can’t add up cards to make your card’s number, place your card face up on the table with the others.

Once a turn is finished, it’s the turn of the next player to the left.

If you take the last card off the table, you score 1 point. The next player will have to put a card on the table.

When everyone has run out of cards in their hand, 3 new cards are dealt to each player. Then the player on the dealer’s left starts again.

The round ends when everyone has played all the cards in their hands and there are no more cards to deal. The player who last took cards from the table gets any cards remaining on the table and adds them to their pile.

**Scoring**
At the end of the round, points are given based on the cards collected.

1 point for the 7 of diamonds.
1 point for having the most diamonds. If there’s a tie, no one gets this point.
1 point for the most cards. If there’s a tie, no one gets this point.
1 point for the best ‘Primiera’. To calculate Primiera, choose 1 card you collected from each suit, then add up what they are worth based on the following values:

- 7s are worth 21
- 6s are worth 18
- 1s (aces) are worth 16
- 5s are worth 15
- 4s are worth 14
- 3s are worth 13
- 2s are worth 12
- 10s, 9s and 8s are worth 10

The person with the highest sum for their Primiera gets 1 point. If there’s a tie, no one gets this point.

**End of the game**
After a round, the next player becomes the dealer and another round is played.

The first person to 11 points is the winner!

By David Shaw

More information
Scopa rules: [http://www.pagat.com/fishing/scopone.html#scopa](http://www.pagat.com/fishing/scopone.html#scopa)

Cheers –
Luanda Pianta Numeracy Co-Ordinator
Dear Parents & Students,

I am so happy to inform that we did have Curriculum Day programme running on 17th of October. Children enjoyed the day with lots of different craft and cooking activities, especially Coconut macaroons and chocolate milkshake.

Remember we are in Term 4, so need to follow ‘No Hat, no play’ Policy. Please bring your hat with you every time you are at OSH.

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

When / what / how:
Date: Monday, 5th of November, 2012. Please book prior to Tuesday, 30th of 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 Remember: Once you have enrolled into this day there are no refunds for cancellations. All regular before and After Care bookings have been removed.
Please note: we require a minimum of 15 children to run the day, parents will be notified on Tuesday, 30th of 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 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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OSHClub News
More information on the following advertising is available from the office:


**ZUMBA CLASSES AT DONVALE** - Keep fit and have fun. Every Tuesday evening in the G.P. Room from 7.00-8.00pm.

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

**STAGE MASTERS** - Presenting Disney’s High School Musical live on stage. October 24-28 at St Martin’s Youth Theatre, South Yarra

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

19th - 25th October
Ben P, Pavit K, Tommy W

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**Care Monkey and Asthma Australia**

CareMonkey is a safe and free web app for sharing health care information. Asthma Australia has partnered with CareMonkey in order to contribute to the safety and well-being of people with asthma. Parents can create a profile for their child in CareMonkey which can be shared with trusted carers, including family, friends, teachers and sports coaches. Vital information such as emergency contacts, health and safety alerts, medications, allergy details, asthma plan and more can be easily shared.

Consider creating a profile for your child with asthma (or other medical condition) and share this with others including the staff at your school or preschool. Go to caremonkey.com for more information.