So much fun was had by all during the Year 2 sleep over last week. The children began their camping program with some night games followed by a movie and then bed. The staff was pleasantly surprised when the children settled well and everyone had a 'sort of' good night's sleep. The next day had the children engaged with some more camping experiences such as making damper and cooking it in an open fire, orienteering and art activities. A really big thank you to all the staff that supported the program – Mr McKinlay, Mrs Watters, Mrs Johnston, Mrs Gray and Mrs Durante who gave of their time and spent a night away from their families. Our staff always go above and beyond in their duties as they know that programs such as this, offer great learning experiences for our children. Your time and effort is always very much appreciated. Another really big thank you to all the staff that supported the program –

Our Prep Transition Program started this week. We warmly welcome our new 2013 Preps and families to our school. The program spans over a period of 4 weeks and includes a Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 20th November – 7.00pm in the school library. The transition program will provide the opportunity for our new students to familiarize themselves with the school, teachers and other students. They will participate in an assortment of activities that will help to provide further information to our teachers about each individual student's educational, social and emotional learning needs. This information will then be used in deciding grade placement for next year. The Prep teachers have been decided and will be announced during the transition process where each child will have the opportunity to meet and get to know their teachers for next year. I would like to thank all the Prep team (this year's and next) and in particular, Michelle Rassias, for all the planning and preparation of the transition / orientation program. It's a very thorough program which I have no doubt the children will very much enjoy.

It has recently come to my attention that there are many parents that are entering our school without firstly going to the office to sign themselves in. In the interests of the safety of our children, it is a requirement that anybody (other than a staff member) entering the school, must first make themselves known at the office, sign in and wear a badge or lanyard that indicates that they are an approved...
visitor. This includes parents that are coming in to the school to drop things off to their children. The Education Department’s School Policy and Advisory guide states that all visitors entering the school grounds must sign in to indicate they are on the school grounds. As a minimum, a record of all visitors to the school must be kept in the event of a school emergency or any future investigations. I know that this may seem pedantic however, it is a requirement and we must ensure that we do adhere to it. We have many parents that come to our school daily to help out in many ways. This is most valued and appreciated. I would ask that if you are coming to our school for whatever reason or purpose that you please firstly sign yourself in at the office.

A reminder that this Sunday morning is our Working Bee. Obviously many hands will make light work so we would appreciate a terrific turn out of parents to help make the day a great success. There is much tidying, mulching and weeding to be done so if you are free this Sunday we would very much appreciate you volunteering your time to support the school. It would be wonderful to get some new parents come along to help us out. The Parents Association always put on a fabulous sausage sizzle lunch for us all to finish off the morning’s work. All are welcome.

And finally, a plan of action from one of our Prep students, Eva S, who aspires to be the school Principal…..

“If I were in charge of the school…

* I would make Mondays a free dress day.
* Tuesdays would be games day. Everyone could bring iPods / iPads and DS's and play at lunch time.
* Wednesdays we could have breakfast at school.
* Thursday we could have a party at lunchtime.
* Fridays we could finish at 2.00pm.
* Every class could have a pet.
  * Prep – baby chicks
  * 1/2’s – hamsters
  * 3/4’s – rabbits
  * 5/6’s – turtles.

On the weekend someone could take them home to look after them.”

Such great ideas. I think Eva would make a wonderful Principal! (I’m not ready to step aside just yet but lovely to know that I could leave the school in such good hands!)

Lena Clark

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### General News

#### Resources Working Bee Sunday 18th November

We would like to remind all of our parents that we have a working bee on Sunday. That’s only this weekend! At this time of year the grounds and gardens need a bit more of a tidy up, so we would like as many parents to come along to help.

Following is a list of jobs that you may like to consider doing:

- Weeding garden beds
- Spread mulch into garden beds
- Pruning trees and shrubs
- Mowing and whipper snipping if any parents can bring along a MOWER OR BRUSHCUTTER, it would help to get our grounds tidied up now the grass is growing so fast!
- Sweeping and blowing the pathways
- Repairs to new front seating
- Clean up and weed our vegie garden

Come along and help out, your children will thank you.

Looking forward to seeing as many of the parents as possible for our working bee

Don’t forget the great sausage sizzle and a cool drink afterwards supplied by our fantastic P.A

Brad Wolff

Resources Committee

#### Junior School Council

Hi everyone,

I just wanted to tell you that next week we will arrange a collection area near the school office for the Connections Christmas Gift and Food Appeal. Connections is a community organisation that supports over 2000 people each week throughout Melbourne’s southern and eastern suburbs. All you have to do is buy an extra present, it will be given to families that need help or can’t afford presents and food. Presents for all ages are wanted. We are also collecting food, you could make a small food hamper with non-perishable items. Thanks for your support.

Ruby Browne & Renee Tierney JSC

We would love to put a Christmas tree in the reception area for people to place their gifts and food under, if anyone has a tree and decorations they could donate or lend to us please contact myself.

Many thanks.

Mrs Colgate-Jones
From the Office

Term 4 Bulk Billing
There are still some Term 4 Bulk Billing and Camp Instalment payments still outstanding. Please forward payment to the office. If you have any questions speak to either Ricarda or Wendy. Reminders will be sent home to families before the excursions/incursions. All money to the school must be in a sealed and clearly labelled envelope. We have pay-in envelopes available for parents use at the office.

2013 Fees
2013 Fee Notices will be mailed to all families in January. School Council have approved a new fee structure. Fees for 2013 have been approved as $267 per student. Full details about the fees will be in the notice sent home to families in January.

Book Pick Up Day
There will be no book pick up day in 2013. Teachers will be distributing the student’s stationery from the classroom.

Office Closing and Opening
The office will close for the holidays on the 21st December 2012 at 1.30pm and reopen on the 31st January 2013. This is the same day as the students start.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop is open every Monday morning from 8.30am to 9.30 am. They will be open at Prep Transition times on Tuesday 27th November and Thursday 6th December, for parents of prep students to organise uniform purchases. The uniform shop will be open on the 1st day of school – 31 January 2013 from 8.30am. If you are unable to come into the school, order forms are available from the office and on the Donvale Primary School web site.

Second Hand Uniform
If you wish to purchase 2nd hand uniform come into the office on Monday afternoons and assistance will be arranged or speak to Charmaine Neal in the playground.

Uniform Shop Update
Due to the increases in manufacturing costs, there will be a price rise effective from 2013

The uniform shop’s last day this term is Monday 10th December

The uniform shop will re-open on the first day of school January 31st 2013

The uniform shop will be open on the following prep transition days:
Tuesday 27th November at 10.30am and Thursday 6th December at 3.00pm

We are now selling gaberdine shorts for an introductory price of $15.00. They are suitable for girls and boys

Lost Property
We have quite a big collection of bits and pieces that have been handed in at the office (soft toys, children’s jewellery and other toys). If not collected by the end of the year, we will throw them out.

Australiasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads
Throughout the year Donvale Primary School has competed in the Australiasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads. This is the first time the school has competed in this event with a team of 28 Grade 6 students. The APSMO Olympiad consists of 5 separate contests, 1 per month from May to September. Students compete on an individual basis and must complete each of the 5 contest papers to be eligible. Team scores are calculated after the 5th contest by the sum of the top 10 overall student scores within the team.

The aims of the APSMO Olympiads are:

- To introduce students to important mathematical concepts
- To teach major strategies and develop flexibility for problem solving
- To foster creativity, ingenuity and strengthen intuition
- To stimulate enthusiasm and enjoyment for mathematics
- To provide the satisfaction, joy and thrill of meeting challenges

Donvale Primary School was thrilled to receive 6 awards this year.

- Adam B & Harry C were in the top 10% individual scores.
- Alex S, Liam Y, Hrishi T and John Z were in the top 25% individual scores.
- Brittany W received the Encouragement Award Certificate for her perfect score in the final contest
- Adam B also received the trophy for the highest individual score within the team.

We are so proud of these students for their dedication to the Olympiad and on receiving such spectacular results in the school’s first effort at this challenge. Congratulations must also be given to the other 22 students who all showed substantial improvement in every session.

Luanda Pianta
Numeracy Coordinator
This week’s session was another great one. The children were well behaved, enthusiastic and very cooperative. We had to swap a few children at the last moment as some were away so we could have a manageable number of children in each session. Their creations were as good or better than the pictures in some of the food magazines. Well done everyone.

DJC Christmas Party invitations have already been handed out. Please contact us if your child is a member and didn’t get one.

Thank you to Paul and Melissa Bennett for their donation. Also thank you to Donna Moulton, Kim Merton, Kate Pascale, little chef Indi, Mrs Clark, Mrs Cheesman and Martin for helping with the program.

Ingredient we need for next week is Strawberry, please donate some if you have any spare.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang and Jaqui

BIG THUMBS UP:
1. Mrs Hodgens for cleaning up the Junior Chef Room after a bird decided to pay us a visit, lucky we were not operating at the time. Thank you Mrs Hodgens.
2. Georgia M 34C for cooking Fettuccine Carbonara with her Mum.
3. Harrison M 12A and Jaymes M 00A for making home made pasta with their Dad.
4. Ruby B and Nash D both 34B for doing the DJC Christmas Party invitations.
5. Angelica F and Maggie B both 12B for baking the cookies for this week’s session.
6. Olivia A 34A and Leah B + Alexandra B both 34C for their willingness to cooperate with us regarding the groups.

FROM THE STUDENTS:
- Tahlia S 34B: I love it and really delicious.
- Gemma G 34B: Fun and easy to make also delicious.
- Chantelle F 34B: great food.
- Nash D 34B: very nice.
- Andrew F 12B: I am the best chef in Donvale.
- Ben P 12B: I like it, I am the best chef in the world.
- Khodi B 00B: yummy, I am Liang’s best friend.
- Lachlan H 00B: I don’t know what to say.
- Max M 00B: I really like it and delicious.
- Isabelle Miranda 12A: I never knew it will be taste this good, I love DJC so much.
- Laura V 12A: fantastic.
- Anthi P 12A: Brilliant and I love it.
- Emily Y 56B: Delicious, the best.
- Hannah A 56B: love it, I wish I can take some home for my Mum.
- Kiara S 34A: fantastic flavour.
- Abby M 34A: I used to hate cheesecake but now I like it.
- Olivia A 34A: I love it very much.
- Leah B 34C: really yummy, really fun to make and to eat.
- Alexandra B 34C: really good, I want to take it home for my Mum.
### ARTS AND CRAFTS DONATIONS

Darcy, Stephanie, Nick, Adam, Trivina, Matthew, Billy and Shadia are supporting a geriatric hospital in Numurkah that was affected by floods in March and October. If you have any spare wool, knitting needles or knitting patterns can you please deliver them to the 5/6C or 5/6A classroom in the BER building to support this cause.

### Donate a Footy

Hello, our names are Alex, Alexzondra and Christian. We are planning to donate footballs to Maryville Football Club who were affected by the Black Saturday bushfires. So if you have any footballs, still in good condition, which you don’t use, could you please donate them to us to give to the footy club? Please bring them to Grade 56C in the Senior building.

### Our group are Jessica S, Liam, Georgia, Daniel H., Brenton & Elizmare.

We are asking Donvale Primary School if you could donate school supplies and sports equipment to Tully State School! Tully State School was affected by Cyclone Yasi. All the students were terrified and even one student went missing for about 2 weeks. (He was found later in Cairns, Queensland) We have a box in 5/6C that’s will be accepting any donation that you have. We would like pencils, books, textas, rulers and simple sports equipment.

### Hi this is Kye, Jamie and Liam and we’re the group ‘KJL Helpers’. We are trying to help a community in Fiji, in trouble after the recent floods there. If you have any blankets, toys, books, etc. that are spare or unused it would be a great donation. If you could donate we would be over the moon and can help people.

KJL helpers out.

### What is Challenge-based Learning?

As a method of studying natural disasters, our students have been challenged to form into teams, research recent natural disasters and learn how the communities have been affected at a personal level. Their challenge is then to find a practical way to assist the local communities in the area, create an action plan, and enact their plan to help the community to recover. This is an exciting new method of learning which will give the students a real understanding of other people's needs, and a sense of achievement when their plans have been realised. It’s all about ‘making a difference’.

### Stay tuned for an exciting concert coming up in December by ‘Ash’ a group of young musicians who sing to ease the trauma of the Black Saturday bushfires in Marysville. They will be performing at Donvale Primary School together with the school choirs, marimba band and much more….. Gold coin donation.
**OSHClub News**

**Program Update**

Dear Parents & Students,

Hopefully this good weather continues for long so that we can have good time having ice creams and icy poles. We went with Mexican and Indian theme based activities and continuing with themes next week, we are going with aboriginal activities.

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

Assistant: Caroline, Leeky, Athena, Laura 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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**Christian Religious Education**

For our last few weeks of CRE lessons we are looking at the Christmas story. Theism week the prep and grade 1/2 children heard the Christmas Story called "God’s littlest Angel". Her name is Angie and we see God’s great plan through her eyes. God wanted to make a way for people to be able to live in heaven with Him one day. That plan was to send His only Son, Jesus, to earth to teach people how to know God better.

We also discussed how people get ready for a new baby, how special babies are and ways we can celebrate the birth of a new baby.

"I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy. This very day ...a Saviour was born for you. He is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

Have a great week! God Bless!

Cheryl Shanks.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

16th — 22nd November

Daniel S, Gabriella and Francesca D, Zoe S, Elise H, Abdurahman S, John G

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**Happy Birthday**

16th — 22nd November

Daniel S, Gabriella and Francesca D, Zoe S, Elise H, Abdurahman S, John G
Important information for our musicians

Our choirs have been asked to perform at...

**Tunstall Square Christmas Promotion**

Date: Thursday November 29
Venue: West side of Tunstall Square (near ANZ bank)
Time: 5.30pm (please arrive by 5.20pm)
We should be finished by 6pm.
Uniform: As we are promoting our school please wear your clean Donvale Primary summer uniform. Christmas ribbons/hats/tinsel would be great too!

*(Please note that the L3 students will be away on camp so it only involves the Junior and Senior choirs)*

As we end the year we look forward to our special **Celebration Concert**

This involves all our choirs, bands, recorder groups etc.

Date: Wednesday December 5th
Venue: Doncaster Secondary College
Time: 7.30pm
What to wear: Black and white by all participants
Cost: $10 per family/$5 person

Please complete the form below and return it to the office by Monday 19th November:

Please tick your availability

My child/ren ________________________________________________________________________
will be able to participate in the following:

☐ Thursday 29 November at Tunstall Square
☐ Wednesday 5 December at Doncaster Secondary College

Signed: ________________________________________ Date: ____________________
Parents Association News!

Buy one, get one free Book Fair!

It is November, so we are once again running the Scholastic book fair. For every book that is purchased, you receive a second book of equal or lesser value FREE!

When: Thursday 22nd November and Friday 23rd November, before and after school. 8.45am to 9.30am and 3pm to 4pm.
Where: The library conference room.

Please note that only books that are supplied to us will be sold. We will not be able to reorder any books.
Please contact Karin on 0419 583 990 if you would like to lend a hand, or for further information.

Parent Association Upcoming Events

Here are a few dates to put into the diary.

November
22nd & 23rd Scholastic book fair.
26th Last PA meeting of the year.

December
10th PA Lunch.
12th Walkathon
14th Christmas stall.

Further details will be advised as events draw closer.

More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

Smash and Nude Food Movers - Leading up to Christmas, this is an ideal opportunity for your parents to get some quality products at amazing prices! Sale Fri 16th and Sat 17th Nov. For example: Drink Bottles from $2, Nude Food Movers from $2, Insulated Lunch Bags from $5, Backpacks from $10

Junior Strings of Banyule - Invitation to view open rehearsal on Wed 28th Nov, 5.30-6.30pm at Ivanhoe Girl’s Grammar School. New members are being accepted.

Road To Bethlehem - Mon 10 Dec to Thur 13 Dec. Walk the journey of the Christmas story in Nunawading.

Asthma Australia - Make a short film or poster to deliver the message of asthma management, etc. Competition closes 21 Dec. Prizes of 4 iPad minis plus incentive prizes.

Did you know that
Donvale Primary School’s Rock band will be competing at the BATTLE OF THE BANDS
They need your support!
Sunday, 25th of November – 12.30pm start.
Anderson’s Creek Primary School Hall
Tickets can be purchased at www.wonniesbattleofthebands.com

Come along and support your schools Rock band!