**ASIAN FLAVOUR FOR OUR SCHOOLS** is the latest headlines in our news this week. Teaching every student a key Asian language and making every school have a sister school in Asia is the priority plan our Government has for all Australian schools. This news is very timely for us in particular as Mandarin language learning has now been added into our curriculum for 2013. Providing a forward thinking curriculum that will enable our students to be active, productive and successful members of our ever changing society is a focus we hold at Donvale PS. The implementation of a 1:1 iPad program further demonstrates our resolve with this. Last night’s Information Evening and iPad forum allowed us to present to our community in further detail the inclusion of these two new programs to our curriculum. It was a very successful night with a terrific attendance. I would like to thank our parent community for their attendance, interest and support. I very much appreciated the opportunity to share with our parent community the future directions of Donvale PS. I also would like to particularly thank Rick Gordon and Peter Reiter for their hard work in developing the iPad curriculum in our school. This is an enormous job. Their effort and dedication in working towards the successful and effective implementation of a 1:1 iPad program into our school is very much appreciated. Whilst there is still much to do, I know that if we all continue to work together, we can ensure that we provide the best learning opportunities for all our children.

Earlier this week, Ian McKinlay, Peter Reiter and I interviewed several potential teachers for employment to Donvale PS next year. We were absolutely blown away by the calibre of the applicants. This made our job rather difficult but in the end we were unanimous in our decision. So it is with great pleasure that I announce the provisional appointment of Meagan Wilson to our school for 2013. Meagan is already known around our school as she recently completed her final teaching practicum with us. During this time, Meagan demonstrated a very strong ability to work with all members of our community. She is committed to teaching and building positive relationships with her students. We are very excited by Meagan’s appointment and look forward to welcoming her to our school.

A reminder that Monday 5th November (day before Melbourne Cup) is our Curriculum Day – a student free day. Teachers will be spending the day working with their teams planning and preparing the students’ end of year reports. As you may appreciate, this is a very time consuming process that involves much discussing, moderating, reviewing, analysing…. ensuring that parents are given an accurate account of their child’s progress throughout the year. I hope that you are able to take the time to enjoy with your family an extended weekend. Unfortunately OSCH Club will not operate on this day due to lack of numbers.
A further reminder that 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. Tomorrow (Friday 2nd November) is the last day that I will be accepting these requests. Please note that I will not be able to consider requests for teachers.

Unfortunately, it has again been brought to my attention that we have had some parents choosing to drive through our pick up and drop off zone in a manner that is not respectful of our rules. I need to again remind parents to be mindful and diligent when driving through this area of our school. Ensure that you always drive slowly, cautiously and stop at the stop signs. The safety of our children is paramount!

Just wanted to finish off this week’s newsletter with a very big THANKYOU to Kathryn Soterales and her very strong band of support people re: Halloween Disco night last Friday. I was able to make my way through the scary faces, lights and music to see what a wonderful time the children were all having. By all accounts, the behaviour of our children was exemplary – as always. An event like this doesn’t just happen. Lots of planning and preparation is needed for it to be the success that it is. I applaud our parents and friends and thank them their never waning support.

Lena Clark

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General News

### 2013 TERM DATES

**Term 1**: 29 January to 28 March  
**Note**: 29th January - Teachers only  
30th January - Curriculum day (student free day)  
31st January - Students start  
The office and the uniform shop will be open on the 31st January

**Term 2**: 15 April to 28 June  
**Term 3**: 15 July to 20 September  
**Term 4**: 7 October to 20 December

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**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 your child will not be attending Donvale PS next year.

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**Poppies For Sale—$1**

We are selling poppies at the office on behalf of the Doncaster R.S.L. Please support them by purchasing a poppy for $1.

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**PAUL’S COLLECT—A—CAP IS ENDING ON 31.12.12**

Don’t forget to bring in your Paul’s milk caps.

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**Christian Religious Education**

The preppies have been learning how we can talk and listen to God by praying. We talked about thanking God for (family, friends pets) and for asking God to help us make good decisions. Today we heard the story about Samuel found in 1Samuel 3:1 - 10.  
The grade 1/2 children have been learning how to treat others as they would like to be treated. We talked about being a good friend by helping, sharing, forgiving, being friendly etc.  
This week we talked about caring for the beautiful world that God created for us to live in. We talked about how we can care for the environment (by recycling, vegetable gardens, picking up rubbish etc.)  
Our verse for the week is from the book of psalms. Psalm 133:1 “It is truly wonderful when we live together in peace”.

Have a great week (enjoy your long weekend!!!) God Bless.  
Cheryl Shanks.
This week's session was great, with a good combination of sweet cool dessert and perfect weather. The children were absolutely well behaved so we could finish early and they still had time to have a play outside and enjoy the sunshine. Their creations was as good as or better than the restaurant ones. We used home made cookies, fresh fruits and special mint from our own school veggie garden that was picked fresh by the children that morning. Well done everyone. All our chefs are all very excited about our Christmas Party.

Next Tuesday is a holiday so no DJC or school. The following Tuesday, the 13th November is group 3's turn to create "Orange and Chocolate cheesecake in a glass". Ingredients we need are: Chocolate ripple biscuits, Oranges and strawberry. Please donate some if you have any spare.

Thank you to Donna Moulton, Liz Brown, Sue Goold, Little chefs Amy+Darcy+Noah, Mrs Cheesman, Mrs Signorini and Martin for helping with the program. Also thank you to the Ehlert and Leyh families for their donations.

We are humbled by the endless support and help from our school community and neighbours which aids in running this program so smoothly. As a result we will be able to run this program again next year with another exciting and varied menu tied in with Donvale's new focus and the 2013 curriculum. More information soon or you can talk to the principal Mrs Clark.

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

BIG THUMBS UP:
1. Mitchell L, Jayden B and Joel D from 34B for their ability to name all the ingredients in the fried rice we gave them.
2. Kiara S 34A, Sophie E, Madison H and Nash D from 34B, Lucy M, Alexandra B from 34C for picking the mint from our school veggie garden for use in the program.

FROM THE STUDENTS:
- Jessica G 56C: It's awesome, never had it before.
- Christian L 56C: It's better than Coles's Cheesecake, and I made it by myself.
- Samuel M 12C: Yummy.. I like cheesecake.
- Nathalie L 12C: Really nice.
- Abbey G 12C: It was very good.
- Kate B 12C: Awesome.
- Sophie L 12C: Delicious
- Liam W 34A: Brilliant, I'll make it at home.
- Sebastian K 34A: Absolutely brilliant.
- Sophie E 34B: It's looks good.
- Madison H 34B: Absolutely brilliant.
- Jaydah B 34B: Awesome
- Jessica C 34B: Fantastic
- Joel D 34B: The best in the world and I made it, I am very happy finally I can get in after 2 years on the waiting list.
- Chantelle F 34B: I love it
- Nash D 34B: Very nice
- Georgia M 34C: Delicious
- Gemma G 12A: Very .. very .. yummy
- Little chef Noah: Yummy
- Little chef Darcy: Very.. very.. very.. good
- Little chef Amy: Good

Mrs Clark joined in our cooking class last week.
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Dear Parents & Students,

It was so good to see children busy with Halloween activities and learning basic karate and table tennis skills during AASC. Children are enjoying the new games we got at OSH.

Unfortunately the program is not running on the 5th of November (Curriculum Day) due to low numbers.

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

OSHC program phone: 0402 362 443
Coordinator: Jagruti
Assistants: Caroline, Lekky, 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.
Parents Association News!

**Vision Portraits**

Last chance to get your family portraits done through our vision Portraits fundraiser. Only $15!! You receive a 10" X 13" portrait of just the kids or the whole family with a timber frame in either full colour or black and white, and it only takes 15 minutes of your time. Money raised is going directly back into our school. Order forms can be collected from the office or for further details please contact Kathryn Soterales at kcsoterales@bigpond.com

All money and orders need to be delivered to school by Friday 2nd November (tomorrow) by 3pm.

**Kids Halloween Disco**

A special thanks to all the families who supported our kids disco last Friday night. The night was a huge success and I believe the children had a great time dancing the night away! Your support in setting up, running the canteen, supervising the children (some over two sessions!!) and packing up at the end was most appreciated and without your support these types of events just couldn't run. Thank you

**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. (Times to be advised next week).

Where: The library conference room.

Please note that only books that are supplied to us will be sold. We will not be able to re order any books.

More information to come out next week, or contact Karin on 0419 583 990.

**Parent Association Upcoming Events**

Here are a few dates to put into the diary.

**November**
- 9th Vision portraits.
- 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:

ACADEMY OF DANCE VICTORIA - Catering for students aged from 3yrs to 18 yrs girls and boys. Beginners to advance levels welcome.

School of Music

are proud to present

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Sunday, 25th of November – 12.30pm
Anderson’s Creek Primary School Hall

Tickets on Sale Monday, 5th of November
www.wonniesbattleofthebands.com

Come along and support your schools Rock band!