When I woke to the sound of pouring rain last Sunday morning, I was wondering how this was going to impact on our scheduled Working Bee. Fortunately, by the time I arrived at school, the clouds had cleared off and the sun was shining. We had a fabulous morning with many families arriving with buckets, shovels, brooms, hedge trimmers, brush cutters, blowers etc. It was great to see many of our children rolling up their sleeves and getting into it as well. The school was in need of a tidy up and tidy up we did. The school looks amazing. New basketball backboards were installed to two of our basketball rings, new lines were marked on the basketball courts, weeds were pulled, paths were swept, roofs and gutters were cleaned..... all finished up with a delicious barbeque lunch. A really big thank you to all the parents and children who gave of their precious time to help keep our school looking great.

I also want to thank the Glover family, who spend many, many hours working on our school website. They continually and most generously donate their time in designing and presenting the website in its most brilliant form. This website is often the first introduction that many families have to our school. As such, it is important that their first impression of our school is a positive one. I know that our website is definitely one of the best there is. Thank you to Kylie and Mike for their amazing support.

As you have already been made aware in a previous Snippets newsletter, that as part of the teachers’ industrial action, there are now bans on the writing of comments in school reports. The staff is very concerned about the impact this may have with our close community relationship, however they feel that they have no option but to continue to put pressure on the Baillieu Government to listen to the experts in education, go back to the negotiating table and hopefully work through the issues to come to an acceptable resolution. Once again performance pay is at the heart of their opposition to the government’s proposal, as it will be detrimental to the fabulous team work and support that our teachers give each other and in the end, not in the interest of our students. Report writing on average takes teachers around 70 hours of their own time outside of school and we all consider this an important and vital part of our partnership with you in the education of your children; so this action is in no way taken lightly. The staff asks respectfully for your support again.
We are very sorry for the disappointment that this action will cause. To help alleviate the impact that this may have, the basic report indicating your child’s achievement over the last 6 months will be distributed earlier than usual – Friday December 7th. The staff will be more than happy to discuss the report with you at a mutually suitable time. Thank you for your understanding over this very contentious and disappointing situation.

A reminder that our ‘iPad-a-thon’ is happening on Wednesday December 12th. Already many families have donated online – this is very much appreciated. The children are busy gaining sponsors so that we can raise as much money as possible to support our iPad program throughout the school. It will be a fun morning with the ‘iPad-a-thon’ commencing at 9.00am on the school oval. The Years 1 – 6 children will have the opportunity to run or walk laps of the oval in a two hour time limit. The Preps will join everyone at 10.00am with it all concluding at 11.00am. The children will be placed in their house colours so we are looking forward to some competition as well. More detailed information of the event will be sent home shortly. If you are free on this morning, please come and join us in the fun.

Currently, our Snippets newsletter is available to our families in two forms; hard copy which is printed at the school and sent home weekly to each family; and online via our Donvale Primary School Website. I am very keen to cease sending home the hard copy version of our newsletter. The administrative costs and environmental issues in printing copies each week are my justifications in wanting to do this. However, in our recent parent survey, many parents indicated that they really enjoy flicking through the hard copy and appreciate it to be sent home in this format. Some families also do not have access to the internet so communicating via hard copy email is their suitable option. So in an attempt to support all members of our community, I would like to make it an option for parents to choose whether or not they would like to have their Snippets Newsletter sent home as a hardcopy. I would appreciate it if families could please complete the form below and send it back to school no later than Friday 7th December. If you are happy to read the Snippets newsletter online, then we will not print one for you. If on the other hand, you would appreciate us to continue to send you a hard copy home, then we will do so for now. I am also keen to create an email distribution list so that we can readily email families any school information as needed. We would also appreciate it if you could please add your email address to the form below. I would like this to begin in 2013. I thank you for your consideration and hopefully, in doing things this way, we can minimise the cost to our school and environment.

Lena Clark
**General News**

**Celebration Concert**
There is no pre-ordered tickets for the night, ticket sales on the night only.

**Headlice**
We have had reports of headlice. We are asking parents to please keep checking their child/ren's hair. If your child has headlice, please let the school know so that we can advise other parents in your child/ren's class.

**Name Tags on Uniform**
Parents please check that the name on uniform at home belongs to your child. Lost uniform that has been labeled cannot be found in lost property.

**iPad Sale**
There will be an iPad sale tomorrow at Apple Stores and Online, for one day only. Special prices will apply.

*Rick Gordon*

**School Banking Christmas Competition**
Monday 19th November - Friday 14th December
- All School Bankers can enter the competition, where they could win an Apple Ipad Mini (value $369). There are 12 to be won.
- Students are to make 1 deposit through School Banking and they automatically go in to the draw. The more times you deposit the greater your chances are!

Good luck Super Savers!

*Marina*

**CONNECTIONS CHRISTMAS GIFT AND FOOD APPEAL**
Hi everyone,
We are now accepting donations of gifts or food hampers 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. We hope to have Christmas tree up next week for you to place your gifts or food under, we still need decorations though.

Please note that the Junior School Council Casual Dress Day has been changed to the 7th of December, due to the level 3 students being on camp next week. With the money raised the Junior School Council will also buy some gifts and food.

Thanks for your support.

*Ruby B & Renee T JSC*

**School Working Bee Sunday 18th November**
A big thank you to all the people who took the time to turn up for our school working bee last Sunday. The weather hung in for us and we achieved a great result. The grass was mowed which was fantastic and our vege garden got a spruce up. Weeding and mulching as well.
A couple of new basketball back boards were replaced and a seat was repaired.
Thank you to everyone who contributed to this work.
It was great to see some new faces at the working bee.
Thanks also goes to David Frigo for supplying the bin for the rubbish.
Thank you also goes to the P.A for supplying a B.B.Q and drinks after the work was done.
Well done to the following people Luigi Petruzziello, Adam Robertson, Martin and Liang Dimitroff, John Pianta, Jo Orchard, Craig Yeoman, Kym and Brad Wolff, Jo Wood, Ian Pizzey, Shane Tierney, Dawson Family, Katrina Larder, Jason and Sophie Ehler, Drew Smith, Kiara Smith, Marina & Emily Younger, Vicky Mangonis, Christine Marshall, Charmaine Neil, Sarita Neal, James Clarke, Jaqui Frigo.

Appologies to any one that may have been missed.

*Brad Wolff - Resources Committee*

**To all our Parent Helpers**

You are invited to a morning tea on **Tuesday 11th December** from 11.00 - 11.45 in the Senior Building

The staff looks forward to this opportunity of saying a personal thank you for all your assistance during the year in supporting the many wonderful programs and activities that Donvale Primary offers its students.
The children have worked very hard this year, they were willing to sacrifice their lunch time to learn how to create food with us, so they all really deserve to get special treats from us. All the team helpers are also looking forward to throwing a special party for all our little chefs. If you would like to donate some ingredients toward this party please contact us directly, so we don't get too many donations of the same items. Thank you to the families that have already donated.

Thank you to the Nitsos, Pascale, Cassidy-Meyzis, Cowell, Goold and Sinosich families for their donations. Also thank you to Donna Moulton, Liz Brown, Stacey Browne, little chefs Darcy + Amy, Mrs Clark, Mr McKinlay and Martin for helping with the program.

To our chef Pearl D 56B we wish you all the best and hope you "GET WELL SOON".

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang, Jaqui and all the team helpers

FROM THE STUDENTS : 
- Leah B 34C : I love it, it's awesome.
- Michael W 34C : fantastic.
- Imogen M 00B : good, I am the best chef in the world.
- Ava H 00B : lovely, I am the best chef from DJC.
- Zac T 00B : Good, I love DJC.
- Callum S 00B : I love DJC and I love the food too.
- Vienna G 00B : I love it, I am happy, finally I can do my cooking with Liang after waiting a long time.
- Angelica F 12B : fantastic.
- Anastasia T 12B : very nice, my Mum will be jealous when I tell her later at home.
- Emma W 12B : They are the best and awesome.
- Thomas J 56B : really good, all the flavour really exploded in my mouth, I am the best taster in the world.
- Peter M 56B : Mind blowing flavour, I am the third best chef in the world.
- Chris W 56B : It melted in my mouth as well as crunchy, I am the second best chef in the world.
- Jade M 34A : Mind blowing
- Chantelle F 34B : It was great and DJC awesome.
- Nash D 34B : It's very nice.
- Stephanie W 56C : It was extraordinary.
- Jessica C 34B : brilliant.
- little chef Darcy : good and fantastic.
- little chef Amy : good and fun

Basketball News

Registration for the 2013 season is now due. All children in grade 1 – 6 are eligible to play. Forms are available from your team manager or the School office. Please return to the office marked to the attention of Marita Warner by Monday, 3rd December.

Any queries please contact your team manager.

Brenda T

Congratulations to our ‘Future Stars” Hooptime Basketball Team (Donvale Devils) who have qualified to play off in the State Finals on Friday 30th November. In excess of 500 teams started in this competition early this year with only 16 qualifying for the State finals. The children have been training regularly three times a week for all of this term. Great effort children and good luck.

Thanks to the many Level 3 children who participated this week in their Bike Ed Program. Bike Ed for these children will resume after their camp.

Mr Pianta

This week’s session was another great adventurous culinary journey. The children were fantastic and their creations were absolutely better than cookbook photos. Well done everyone.

Please RSVP to us if your child is a DJC member and wants to come to the DJC Christmas Party at lunch time on Friday 7 December 2012. If your child will be away on that day please let Liang know ASAP (0411 111 283 or info@amperacatering.com) so we can arrange something else.
Performance Reminders
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 note that tickets are available only at the door on the night.)

Level 2 students have been learning about the life cycle of various creatures following our hatching of chickens. We wrote diaries from the perspective of a caterpillar!

**CATERPILLAR DIARY**

By Sophie L

**DAY 1**

HOORAY!!! Finally I've hatched!! VERY HUNGRY!!

**DAY 2**

Oh my gosh! I've been eating for a day & a night & I'm still hungry!! I've eaten 65 leaves.

**DAY 3**

Got new skin today! Hurt a bit, felt like shaving!!!

**DAY 4**

Wow, I'm very tired!!

(looking at himself)

AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH

OH NO OH NO OH NO!! I'M FAT & I've turned bright pink!!

**DAY 5**

Shed my last skin. Now I'm in my chrysalis.

**DAY 6**

Today I came out of my chrysalis!

I'm a very pretty butterfly, sea blue with yellow spots!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

23rd-29th November

Natasha B, Zoe N, Kirra W, Amanda H

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

**VICTORIANA ROSE** - Unique Gifts & Vintage Wares. 144A Springfield Rd, Nth Blackburn.

**OSCHCLUB** - Looking for a job in Outside School Hours Care?

**SCHOLASTIC** - Biggest end of year book sale. Thurs 29 and Fri 30 Nov, 9am to 6pm.

**SALVATION ARMY** - Salvo Community Christmas Celebration. Sunday 2nd Dec 3.30-4.30.

**HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

Summer Reading Club at the local library.

Extend Adventure school holiday program.

**Garage Sale**

58 Chippewa Avenue
Donvale

Come and grab a bargain, lots of new and second hand items to be sold.

Furniture, T.V, digital set top box, brand new 19" LCD computer monitors (x2) and equipment, electrical items, new laundry/bathroom equipment, NEW! Golf Storage Racks x 2, Car Bike racks x 3, BMX boys Bike x 1 toys, new and used clothes, and so much more.

You don't want to miss out. Hope to see you there!!!
Dear Parents & Students,

It was nice to see children engaged in different aboriginal activities. Next week we will be going with fire safety activities. My goodness we are so close to Christmas. Just one more month to go before school holidays.

January holiday program bookings are open now. Blackburn holiday program starts from 2\textsuperscript{nd} January 2013 and Mitcham holiday program starts from 7\textsuperscript{th} January 2013.

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 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.