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Snippets

Thursday 21st February

- 2.00-3.30/7.00-8.30: Parent Helpers Course in the Library

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Principal’s Report

Thank you to all the parents that attended our school’s Information Evening on Tuesday of this week. We had a terrific turn out across all levels. As a staff, we very much appreciate your support and interest in what we do. A reminder that the ‘Tell me about your child’ meetings will take place throughout next week. If you are yet to return your response and wish to meet with your child’s teacher, we would appreciate it if you could get your notice back by Friday of this week.

It has come to my attention that many of our students are not fully adhering to our School Uniform dress code. The Donvale PS Dress Code and Uniform Policy was developed by School Council in the belief that it ‘provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities and caters for the financial constraints of families.’ I ask parents to ensure that their child/ren are dressed according to the expected dress code. We understand that there may be some days where for whatever reason, a student is unable to wear the absolute correct uniform. We would appreciate a brief note informing us of the reason. I have asked the staff to ensure that all students have clarity regarding our expectations with the school uniform and we will be working to ensure that our Uniform Policy is adhered to. We would very much appreciate parent support in this matter. For your information, I have attached the Uniform Policy to remind you of our expectations.

I would like to put another call out to any interested parents wishing to join our Arts Committee. The Committee will work in the development of a design for our mural to be situated on three surrounding walls in the Junior play area. Our first meeting is scheduled for Monday 25th February 3.50pm in the staff room. Stephan Hitchens, our Artist in Residence will be in attendance – a terrific opportunity to meet him and share your ideas. If you have the time to join us, your input would be greatly appreciated and valued. Thank you to the parents that have already volunteered their time to be a member of the Committee. Very much appreciated. Thank you to the feedback I have received so far from parents wishing to contribute their ideas and suggestions for this mural – keep them coming please!

In celebration of our Mandarin Language Program, Stephan Hitchens will be painting a Chinese Dragon on a large canvas for display in the school admin area. I am most keen for the students to have the opportunity of watching Stephan as he creates this painting. To allow for this, Stephan will be creating this painting in stages over the remaining Monday lunchtimes of this term. I will be inviting the students during the lunch break to come into the Senior building to watch the painting process from beginning to end. It is a terrific opportunity for our students to not only witness a professional artist at work but also to meet and get to know Stephan. I would also like to extend an invitation to our parent community to come along
during this time and join in the excitement. Our lunch breaks are from 1.30 – 2.30pm. If you have some free
time, we would love to see you there.

Our first Friday assembly took place last Friday. A gentle reminder to parents to not park their cars in the staff
car park at this time as these parks are dedicated to the staff. Your consideration with this is greatly
appreciated.

Unfortunately, again I find myself having to remind parents that the old kindergarten access at the south end
of the school, is not a car park. This is causing a traffic hazard which jeopardises the safety of our students. I
have informed Council and they will be monitoring the area. I ask that all parents drive safely around the
school and adhere to all the regulations. Again, the safety of all our students is paramount. I certainly do not
want to have a situation where one of our children gets hurt before the message gets across to those parents
who are not abiding by the regulations.

A reminder that **Wednesday February 27th is a Curriculum Day.** This is a student free day where our
teachers will be spending the day participating in intensive professional learning. Our focus on this day will be
the effective teaching of Spelling. We are fortunate to have Lorraine Edwards – Literacy Consultant –
presenting to us on this day. Please ensure that you diary this date.

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. As
mentioned in my newsletters last year, 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 2012 Parent Survey, many parents indicated that they really enjoy
flicking through the hard copy and appreciate it being 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 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 hard copy.

Many parents have already indicated their preference and we have begun creating our school data base
indicating parents that wish to have online newsletters and those who do not.

We also have had many new families join our school community this year. I would ask that all our new
families please consider these options and reply by returning the below form by the date indicated.

Parents that have not yet taken the opportunity to complete the below form, I would appreciate it if you could
indicate your preference and send the form back to school **no later than Friday 22nd February.** If you are
happy to read the Snippets newsletter online via our website, then we will not print one out 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. 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

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**DONVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

*Please return to your child's teacher by Friday 22nd February 2013*

Name:_______________________________________________________________________

☐ I do wish to continue receiving Snippets Newsletter as a hardcopy.

☐ I would like to receive my Snippets Newsletter online via our website.

My email address is: ________________________________________________________________
**GENERAL**

**REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE**

- Please return the CRE permission forms and payments to the office ASAP as we need to organise books, etc.
- Level 6 Anoraks have arrived - if you have not paid, please do so ASAP so that we can hand them out.
- All payments to the school needs to be in an envelope. Please make sure that the sides are well sealed as coins do fall out.
- There is a lot of payments to be receipted, so please be patient with me in processing your payment and sending home receipts. Thank you - Wendy

**Wonnies School of Music**

Please forward all Wonnies enrolment forms to them and not to the school. Thank you.

**Student Banking**

Deposit books can be handed in on Thursday. Money is counted and deposits entered on Friday, deposit books are then handed back to the classes to be returned home.

**Subway Lunches**

Subway lunch orders need to be at school by recess on a Thursday. No late lunches will be accepted.

**Pauls Collect A Cap**

We are collecting Pauls caps. There is a box outside the staffroom for collection.

**Diagnosed or contact with Chicken Pox? Please let the school know...**

Dear Parents,

Our son, Seamus, is in grade 3 at Donvale Primary School. At the age of one, Seamus was diagnosed with Crohn’s Disease (a chronic bowel disease) along with a number of other conditions, including severe allergies to peanuts. Seamus has been on many medical treatments over the past 7 and a half years including chemotherapy/immunosuppressant drugs and steroid treatment.

Amongst the various side effects of these treatments, he has lost immunity to many of the diseases that he was immunized against as a baby. These include measles and mumps and also chicken pox. Unfortunately, because of his poor immune system, Seamus is in particular danger if he comes in contact with the chicken pox virus. It is potentially fatal to immune-suppressed children. We are asking that if your child comes in contact with or is diagnosed with chicken pox you let us or the school know as soon as you possibly can, so that we can get Seamus to the hospital for an infusion of a drug that can help his system combat the virus. It is also important but not so urgent that we or the school is notified if your child contracts any other contagious condition. Our contact details are listed below.

Thanks so much for your understanding and awareness!

Rebecca and James Clarke

Home phone: 03 9841 6885/Rebecca Mobile: 0419 119 895/James Mobile: 0408 127 357
Dear Parents & Students,

Welcome to OSHClub 2013!

It is great to see you all again and to catch up with all the exciting things your children did over the holidays. A special welcome to all the preps and other children who are using the program for the first time this year. We look forward to getting to know you all. All the preps will be dropped to their classes in the mornings and same way will be picked up from their classes in the afternoon by OSH staff.

Drink lots of water and stay hydrated, remember to use sunscreen and hat to prevent heat related illness.

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 $3.00. 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](http://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.
**Playgroup**

Donvale Primary School has been running a successful playgroup for well over 10 years now – some of our ex-playgroupers are in year 8! We have already had our first couple of playgroup sessions for 2013 and are looking forward to welcoming more members over the next few weeks. We run playgroup sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 9-11am in the school GP room. Every week at playgroup is different. We use different toys, have different activities and play in different ways. The one thing that is the same is visiting the library to listen to stories, sing some songs and borrow some books. We have a roster of activities for each term and this term’s is listed below. If you are interested in coming along to playgroup, please pop in and see us or ring Rebecca on 9841 6885 or 0419119895 or email rebecca@theclarkes.biz.

Wednesday Group Roster, Term one, 2013

Wednesday 13th February – playtime

Wednesday 20th February – summer collage

Wednesday 27th February – bubbles

Wednesday 6th March – sport day

Wednesday 13th March – playtime

Wednesday 20th March – Easter baskets

Wed 27th March – Easter Hunt and special morning tea

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**Donvale Junior Chef Club**

1. Sessions run every Tuesdays by volunteers.

2. Every child who wants to participate in this program must pay $5.00 for a year to help with the cost of the ingredients.

3. Every child gets the benefit of: 3 sessions (1 session each term), 1 cookbook, sampling the food they create and an all you can eat Christmas Party at the end of the year.

4. Extra donations are always welcome (some families prefer donating ingredients through out the year and some families want to donate cash with the form, either way donations are always welcome, thank you).

5. The children only sample the food they make so please they also need to bring their lunch along (we can't afford to provide lunch for them).

6. No take away food as we can't afford to do this.

7. If your child wants to participate please send the form (forms have not been handed out yet) and $5.00 back to school ASAP as this program is very popular and unfortunately we can't take too many children.

8. The school and the parents helpers don't make any money from this program.

Regards,

Liang
The Donvale Basketball competition is all inclusive and about our kids getting some exercise while socialising with their friends. It is a great introduction to the world of sport.

I would like to thank our many volunteers who have nominated to help as Team Managers, Coaches and our Committee.

It’s our parent volunteers that make it all possible. Committee Members: Marita Warner, Diana McNaughton, Sue Goold along with Team Managers.

** We have a request to any families who have Donvale basketball singlets and are no longer playing – if you would like to sell or donate back to one of our team managers we would really appreciate it.

*Our under 9 girls team need small size singlets***

**Games times for this Saturday are as follows:**

**U11 Boys** - Dinosaurs: Coach Penny Keaughran & Team Manager Andrew Miles – Leeds St Sports Centre
1.30pm

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**Open Girls** - Delights: Coach Den Merton & Team Manager Nina Vasiliades – Court 1, Disc 9.20am

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**U9 Girls** – Daffodils: Coach Kim Merton & Team Manager Charmaine Neal – Leeds St Sports Centre, 11.00am

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**U11 Girls** – Daisy’s: Coach John Tarenidis & Team Manager Stacey Browne – Court 2, Disc 11am

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**U11 Girls** – Dreamers: Coach Liz Brown & Team Manager Amanda Ehler - Court 2, Disc 11am

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Some of you may have noticed that two of our girls teams are playing each other.

**The Donvale Derby.**

Anyone is welcome to come along and support our students. Any interested students who would like to play can pick up a Registration form from the office or on the school website

**General Basketball info:**

Uniforms: if you would like to order a uniform see your team manager.

All Girls teams training at DSC every Tuesday 3.45-4.45. Boys training Wednesdays in the GP room 3.30.

**Reminder** that all children at training must be supervised by an adult other than the coach. (Coaches are unable to attend to children missing or hurt during training) All players required at games 10mins before start time with short nails and hair tied back in a pony tail, **no plaits**

For any enquiries please contact Diana McNaughton on 0434027144 or di-anamcn@tpg.com.au

Registration forms are available by contacting Diana or on line via our website [www.donvaleps.vic.edu.au](http://www.donvaleps.vic.edu.au) under extra curricula.

*Stacey Browne/ Diana McNaughton*
Parents Association

CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE
Our major fundraiser for the year is under way. Families have been very supportive and some have even taken more than 1 box to sell.

Thankyou very much to those families who decided not to sell chocolates and have kindly donated the $20 profit to the school.

Money raised will go towards supporting the “Artist in Residence” program scheduled for term 2.

For those families who have sold their chocolates, you can return any unsold chocolates and money to the PA Storeroom located between the Foundation (Prep) and Level 2 Line-up. A Parent Association rep will be available to receive your chocolate box and money.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING
Last Mondays meeting was very successful and a new Committee has been elected.

President – Kim Merton
Vice President – Jo Wood
Secretary – Karin Moule
Snippets – Stacey Browne

Lena Clark also attended and shared her vision for Donvale Primary with us.

Our next meeting will be this coming Monday, 18th @ 9am after drop-off and will take place in the library.

We will be discussing upcoming fundraising events and organising some sub-committee’s to organise some of these.

All parents are welcome. Toddlers also welcome (a little play area can be set-up).

Hope to See you there 😊
Donvale Primary School

Uniform Policy

Policy Statement
In consultation with the school community and School Council a Dress Code and Uniform Policy has been developed. We believe this provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

Rationale
The purpose of this policy is to:-
- develop a sense of pride and identification with the school through equity of appearance
- maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community
- eliminate peer pressure to wear less appropriate clothing
- assist with pupil identification and safety on excursions/incursions and activities

Implementation
- The DPS school uniform is sold on school premises by a contractor, opening for a minimum of one hour per week and further times as requested by the school to fit in with the DPS transition program
- the Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions
- the only headwear acceptable is the Sunsmart hats that are sold by the Uniform Shop, which have been deemed compliant with the school’s Sunsmart Policy
- the only sunglasses acceptable, excluding prescription glasses, are the Sunsmart sunglasses
- stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- extreme hair colours (eg. Green, pink or purple rinses) and accessories are not permitted
- other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school
- the Uniform Committee will operate a second-hand uniform service to allow the purchase of good-quality items at a low cost for, but not exclusive to, those families experiencing economic hardship
- the Dress Code will be displayed at the Uniform Shop along with details of uniform items and cost of purchase
- parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health condition must apply in writing to the Principal
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for the implementation of the Dress Code.

Evaluation and Review
This policy to be reviewed every three years, or following referral by School Council.

References (if required)
Department of Education Proforma Uniform Policy
Donvale Primary School Sunsmart Policy

Appendix (if required)
Donvale Primary School Dress Code

This policy was ratified by School Council on 18th May 2011
UNIFORM
In line with Department of Education guidelines, Donvale Primary School has a compulsory uniform policy. The set uniform is practical and encourages children to wear clothing that is suitable for school. If earrings are worn they must be studs. Other jewellery – bangles/necklaces are not permitted. If headbands are worn they need to be school colours.

Uniform items include:

**GIRLS: Summer**
- Button front dress/
  - bike shorts (optional) under dress
- Green shorts
- Yellow/Green short sleeved polo top
- Bottle green windcheater/bomber jacket
- Green or white socks
- Black leather shoes/appropriate sports shoes
- School issue SunSmart hat-compulsory

**BOYS: Summer**
- Green shorts
- Yellow/Green short sleeved polo top
- Green or white socks
- Bottle green windcheater/bomber jacket
- Black leather shoes/appropriate sport shoes
- School issue SunSmart hat - compulsory

**Winter**
- Black watch tartan pinafore/skirt
- Long sleeved yellow polo top
- Bottle green windcheater/bomber jacket
- Green/white socks or green tights
- Track suit/bootleg pants - green
- Black leather shoes/appropriate sports shoes
- Beanie – green

**Winter**
- Track suit pants - green
- Long sleeve polo top
- Bottle green windcheater/bomber jacket
- Beanie - green
- Black leather shoes/appropriate sport shoes

Parents seeking exemptions to the uniform dress code due to religious belief, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health condition must apply in writing to the Principal.
More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

FAMILY LIFE VICTORIA - Presents a parent seminar Tuesday 5 March 7.30pm at The Madeleine Centre, Kew.

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR - Come along and try a free class.

A3 - Performing arts programmes and workshops.

HELEN O’GRADY - Boost your child’s creativity, confidence and communication skills through drama.

MAPLE STREET EARLY LEARNING AND KINDERGARTEN - Free open evening Thursday Feb 28 from 6-8pm.

PINES LEARNING - Information session on “Allergy Safe Food, Planning to Plate” on Tuesday 5 March, 9-10.30am and 11am-12.30pm.

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE - Open day 2 March 10am-2pm.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHOIR AND YOUTH DANCE - Singing and dance programs.

PIANO TEACHER - Member of the Victorian Music Teachers Ass.

KUMON - Kumon Mitcham Education Centre.

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ZUMBA CLASSES with SPICE UP YOUR LIFE

Zumba Fitness at Donvale Primary School. Tuesday evenings from 7 - 8pm in the GP Room. Starts Tuesday 19th February (numbers permitting). Great cardio workout and lots of fun. Ring Danielle if you are interested - 0425 754 246.