Snippets

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Donvale Primary School provides students with a positive educational experience to achieve their potential in a comprehensive learning environment that is caring, secure and stimulating.

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**Calendar**

**Thursday 28th February**
- 2.00-3.30pm and 7.00-8.30pm: Parent Helpers Course

**Friday**
- 3.00-3.45pm: Uniform shop open

**Monday 4th March**
- School Photos
- 9.00am: Parent Association meeting
- Family Life Incursion for Level 5 & 6

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**Principal’s Report**

Yesterday’s Curriculum Day provided the staff with intensive professional learning on the effective teaching of spelling. We were fortunate to have had the day presented to us by Lorraine Edwards who has worked as a Literacy Consultant with the Education Department and provided Literacy professional learning to schools across several regions. Lorraine is highly qualified and a leader in the teaching of literacy. The teachers were engaged in workshops and team tasks which supported the development of their teaching practices. Lorraine has committed to working with us again in Term 2 to follow up from the day and to provide ongoing support to the staff.

Earlier in the week, I sent a note home to parents indicating our intentions to move towards updating and modernising our school uniform. Many thanks to the parents that have provided me with wonderful feedback thus far. All feedback is highly valued and will be presented to the Marketing and Uniform committees. This feedback will help to drive the decision making regarding the uniform. We are excited about moving forward with this change and are working closely with Ross Hayward Sports (our uniform supplier) with this process. Our aim is to minimise any additional costs to families and provide a gradual and flexible transitioning process that will be suitable to our families. I will continue to provide information to our parent community ensuring that you are kept in the loop with regards to the current state of play. In the meantime, feedback, suggestions and ideas are most welcome.

On Monday of this week, our Arts Committee met for the first time to discuss the mural walls that will be developed during Term 2 with our students and Artist in Residence, Stephan Hitchens. We have put our heads together and come up with some great ideas that we believe will strongly represent and celebrate our school community. More on this shortly. We are seeking donations of paint, any colour, that we could use for the mural. If you have any leftover paint that you no longer need, we would appreciate your consideration in donating this to us. Every bit helps.
Thank you to the families that have indicated their preference to receive Snippets online. This will commence with this week’s Snippets.

Lena Clark

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**General**

**Tunstall Square Festival**
This Saturday 4pm. Come along to support our Marimba Band, Music Makers and Senior Choir as they perform at the commencement of the festival.

**Reminder to participants:**
Please wear school summer uniform, bring a water bottle and meet by the stage area at 3.45pm.

Thank you

*Mrs Keep*

**Working Bee**
Date: Thursday 21st March
Time: 4.00 - 7.00pm

Yes, something new and different for Donvale Primary School. Put this date into your diary to help tidy up our grounds and gardens.

We will finish with a sausage sizzle. More information will follow next week.

*Resources Committee*

**Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease**
We have had an unconfirmed report of hand, foot and mouth disease. I have included some information.

**Headlice**
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.

- Students with long hair are very strongly advised to tie it back while at school.
- If your child has head lice – tell anyone who has had head to head contact with them. Also, it is important to let the school know so that we can advice parents in your child’s grade to check their child’s hair. Half the people who have head lice never scratch their head. If you don’t know about the head lice then they don’t know to look and treat for head lice.
- 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 have been around for many thousands of years and they will not be eradicated.
- Head lice don’t fly or jump – they crawl from head to head. This often happens when people play or work closely together

Head lice (*Pediculosis humanus capitis*) are small (3-4mm) wingless insects, which are common particularly in school aged children. Head lice are a common problem in Australian schools and exact figures on the size of the problem vary.

Eggs can be difficult to see; use a strong light (such as sunlight) and look on the hair shafts. If you are not sure whether an object you find is a head louse egg, try sliding it up the hair shaft using your fingers. Eggs are usually quite difficult to move, whereas dandruff and other items slide easily.
I am really pleased to announce that the response to DJC has been overwhelming and we are full in just 2 days. Please contact me if your child wants to be on the waiting list, so I can let you know ASAP when a spot is available.

There have been suggestions from some parents about the possibility of having extra sessions. Unfortunately we also have other commitments and resources can’t be stretched any further.

Thank you for your support. Thank you to the Pappas, Chan, Tran, Pascale, Apsey, Sinosich, Miers, Skinner, Farrell, Wolff, Hamilton, Raftopoulos, Churton, Loccisano, Sharpe, Tsui, Livanopoulos, Gray, Glover, Dawson, Hong, Sinclair, Leyh, Frigo, Krstic, D-Biggs and Rahimi families for their very generous donations.

There have been many enquiries from prospective parent helpers regarding this program. Yes we do need your support but we also can’t have too many helpers. Please contact me if you are interested helping us out.

We are now calling Parent Helpers, "Team Helpers" as there are not just parents wanting to help out in the DJC but also staff, grandparents, siblings and friends.

Thank you to Stacey Browne, Mrs Cheesman and Martin for helping out with refreshing the DJC Room.

We don’t cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff info@amperacatering.com

From The Students

My first day at school
I’m really excited! Today is my first day of grade 2. Me and Scarlett met up outside. We gave each other a hug. Then I asked Scarlett “What did you get for Christmas?” She answered “A skateboard and converse shoes.”

Finally the music went. A big white board said “Welcome back grade 1 / 2. Please meet here and wait for your teacher. Thank you.” I read it aloud. Soon a teacher came out and said “Welcome back. It is lovely to see you all again. Please come to the front when I call your teacher. Thank you.”

First she called 1 /2 F. They went inside, then all the other grades. Then we said the roll call. Then we got straight to work.

By Elyse S - 1 /2]
Basketball

3 weeks into our competition and we have had some really hot days. Lots of red faces at the game breaks so ice packs and cold wet face washers come in really handy. I commend all our players for being so resilient and coming off the court each week happy win, lose or draw….great sportsmanship.

Girls teams training at DiSC, Tue 3:45 to 4:45, Boys teams training in GP Room, Wed 3:45 to 4:45.

** 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: Please come along and support our school

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

Open Girls- Delights: Coach Den Merton & Team Manager Nina Vasiliades – Court 2, Disc 9.20am

U9 Girls – Daffodils: Coach Kim Merton & Team Manager Charmaine Neal – Leeds St Sports Centre, 9.20am

U11 Girls – Daisy’s: Coach John Tarenidis & Team Manager Stacey Browne – Court 1, Disc 10.10am

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

Player Profile

Maggie Browne – Donvale Daisy’s

1. How long have you been playing?
   This is my second year.

2. What is your favourite subject at school?
   MATHS!!

3. What is your favourite food/drink?
   Food: Ice cream
   Drink: Fanta

4. Where is your favourite place to holiday?
   Merimbula

5. What do you love doing as a family activity?
   Watching the block.
Dear Parents & Students,

Hopefully we are out of the hot weather now. Thanks to Nadia S, Sophie S and Yanzhen C for cooking yummy banana cake. Unfortunately we could not run the Curriculum Day program due to less booking. It’s good to see the program getting busier and busier day by day.

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 for bookings within 24 hours. 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.
Parents Association

CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE
Thanks to everyone for assisting us with this fundraiser. Can all families who have sold their chocolates, please return money to school. For those who would like to sell more, there are some boxes still available.

The Parents Association have been invited to visit the Cadbury factory shop to purchase Cadbury products at wholesale prices. This invitation is only open to 25 people. Monday 18th March has been set aside for this and the first 25 people to contact Kim Merton on 0407 447 434 will be attending. You will need to make your own way to the Cadbury factory, Canterbury Road Ringwood, for a 9.30am shopping experience.

EASTER RAFFLE
Raffle Tickets came home this week.
Don’t forget, all prize baskets need your donations to fill them 😊
Stationary, home wears, tea towels, gift cards, magazines, Books, biscuits, wine, toys ???????? anything you can think of. Donations can be given at the office.

TUNSTALL SQUARE TWILIGHT FESTIVAL
Saturday 4pm, Come along and support our local community. The school choirs and marimba band will be performing on the night. The roster for the DPS Sausage sizzle goes out this week

KIDS DISCO – MARCH 22ND
Foundation, grade 1 and 2 – 5.30pm – 7pm
Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 7.30pm – 9pm
Ticket orders going home this week.

NEXT P.A MEETING – Monday March 4 9am OSHC Room
“Come and have a Cuppa”. Join other parents of the school and discuss various issues including fundraising, while meeting new people with common interests and goals. Hopefully our Principal has time to pop her head in also 😊

We are always looking for parents to assist with various activities, So please join us – toddlers are welcome.

**We are also considering a new name, out with P.A and in with ?????**
Come along and bring your suggestions with you.

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS TERM
• Footy Tipping Comp
School Photo Day is: Monday 4th March

Have your child’s school memories captured forever.

Please take time to read the relevant information on the envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other.
- Every student must present their own envelope to Photographer on photo day, even if money is included in brother or sister’s envelope.
- Please include correct money, as no change is available on Photo day.
- If paying by cheque, please make payable to “MSP North East Melbourne”
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request, please collect prior to Photo Day.
- Online ordering is available, full instructions are printed on the envelopes.
Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease

What is it?

Hand, foot and mouth disease is a common viral infection.

It is characterised by fever, and tiny blisters in the mouth and on the hands, fingers and feet.

It affects all age groups, but commonly infants and children under 10 years of age. Outbreaks frequently occur in childcare centres and schools.

Incidence is greatest in summer and early autumn.

What can cause hand, foot and mouth disease

It usually develops as a result of infection with the human coxsackievirus. It is less commonly caused by an enterovirus which may lead to more serious diseases.

The virus is spread:

- By secretions from the mouth and nose, and by direct contact with the blisters
- From the faeces of an infected person to the mouth of the next person through contaminated hands

The incubation period is 3-6 days after exposure to the virus.