Snippets

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

14th March 2013

Friday 22nd March
- Ride 2 School Day
- 2.30pm: Assembly - Mayor of Manningham presenting badges to school leaders
- 3.00-3.45pm: Uniform shop open
- School Disco

Principal’s Report

“Yes- we know why Tunstall loves Donvale Primary School. What a talented group of students lead by amazing teachers! Plus- such great interest from your parents and friends! You certainly have it all happening. Thank you for opening Tunstall Twilight Festival 2013- you did us proud! I hope Tunstall can work closer with your school and welcome any ideas for further work together. Please pass on our congratulations to all that were involved- a very successful evening.”

This is from an email sent to us by Irene Goonan, Manager of Tunstall Square.

We are always very proud of our students and all their achievements. Congratulations everyone on a wonderful event.

The word is certainly spreading. I continue to conduct many school tours for Foundation enrolments for 2014. There is much interest in our school and very positive feedback from prospective parents. Recently, several parents have commented to us about our outstanding achievements in all areas of the curriculum. This is a recurring theme with parents wishing to find out more about our school. There is a strong sense that good things are happening. We are quickly getting a name for the new innovations to our curriculum and our forward thinking approaches. All this, of course, is underpinned by the strong community spirit Donvale Primary School prides itself on.

End of Term 1 is fast approaching. Our last day of Term 1, Thursday 28th March, will conclude with an Assembly commencing at 2.00pm. The winners of the Easter Raffle will be drawn during this time. Not long to go so make sure you purchase your raffle tickets to make sure you are in the draw. Lots of terrific Easter prizes to be won. Also, a reminder that we have a special Assembly on Friday 22nd March where the Manningham Mayor, Cr Jennifer Yang, will be in attendance to present our school leaders with their leadership badges. This will include our School Captains, House Captains and Student Representative Council members. The House Captain selection process has begun and our new House Captains will be selected shortly. We are still taking on board suggestions for the names of our House teams. Please feel free to let us know if you have some ideas. Some suggestions thus far are:


All of these suggestions are wonderful. Let’s keep thinking and sending the ideas in. A decision will be made in time to be announced at our special school Assembly on Friday 22nd March. It will certainly be an exciting Assembly. I hope you are able to attend.

You may have noticed that the preparation for our murals has commenced. A big thank you to the Moulton family that spent some of their Saturday last week to begin the painting process. The Moulton’s are unable to attend our Working Bee on March 21st so offered their time last weekend. It was a very hot Saturday so their time and effort is very much appreciated. The Art Committee is meeting again next Monday at 3.45pm in the staffroom. If you are available and would like to join us, please feel free to come along. We value all input. The good news is that we have just about decided on the design of the mural. It will incorporate elements that represent Donvale Primary School. We will be celebrating our Arts, Language and Sports programs, acknowledging the past and showcasing the present while demonstrating our innovative approach to education. The children from Foundation to Year 6 will all have an opportunity for input into the mural with the support of our Artist in Residence, Stephan Hitchens. Thank you to the wonderful members of the Arts Committee who are working so hard in sourcing materials, paints etc. It is going to be terrific! Thank you also, to the parents who have kindly donated spare paint. There will be a paint drop off point in the school foyer during the Working Bee on Thursday 21st March. If you have any spare tins of paint, your consideration in donating them to us would be greatly appreciated.

The next meeting of School Council will be held on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm following our Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm. School Council positions will be ratified at this meeting and our community will be advised of our new School Council structure in our last Snippets for Term 1.

Regards

Lena Clark

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**General**

**Headlice**

We have had reports of headlice at school. If your child/ren have headlice, please let the school know so that we can let other parents in your child’s grade know to check their child/ren’s hair. I have sent home separate information sheets. (English and Chinese).

**Working Bee**

Roll up, Roll up, Roll up, to our Twilight Working Bee on Thursday 21st March from 4.00 - 7.00pm to assist tidying up our spacious grounds and then indulging in a sensational sausage sizzle.

*Resources Committee*

**Payments to school**

Another reminder to parents that when sending money to school, please make sure the envelope is well secured so coins do not fall out as well as making sure that envelopes are named. Thank you.

**Casual dress day**

On Thursday the 21st of March there is a casual dress day. We encourage everybody to come along in ‘Working Bee’ clothes. Whether you come as a gardener or a painter, anything you’re comfortable in to come help out around the school, if you can.

The Working Bee will be held after school from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. We would like to see as many people as we can to help us make our school a better place. Please bring a gold coin donation as the money we raise will be sent to the Royal Children’s Hospital.

Thanks S.R.C
Grade 5 & 6 children completed the final games of our Summer Sports Interschool competition last Thursday. A big thankyou to all our children who participated in either Cricket, Basketball, Bat Tennis, Softball and Rounders.

Special mention to our Donvale Yellow Cricket team that went through undefeated and are the District Champions. Both our Basketball teams (Mixed and Girls) were runners up and our Bat Tennis team were third. Big thank you to Kim M, Marc B and Erica T who coached/umpired the Basketball. The cricket team will play a Division Final in Term 4.

Football Clinics

Monday 4th March our Levels 5 and 6 children were given a clinic with representatives from Beverly Hills Junior Football Club while on Tuesday 12th March our Levels 3 and 4 children were instructed in skills with the Donvale Magpies Football Club.

Ride/Walk 2 School Day is Friday 22nd March. Children and parents are highly encouraged to participate by either riding or walking to school. On this day, leave the car in the garage and do Donvale proud.

Elections for our 4 House Captains and Vice Captains will take place on Wednesday 20th March in the Senior Building (2.30-3.30). The Mayor of Manningham will be presenting badges to all school leaders at Friday 22nd March assembly.

Premier's Active Families Challenge

Remember to register before 16th March for us to win some exciting prizes. Thank you to those families who already have.

We have received $149 for being part of “The Athlete’s Foot School Rewards Program”. I will purchase sporting goods. When buying shoes from any “The Athlete’s Foot” stores mention Donvale Primary School.

Gymnastics

Children in Foundation, Level 1 & 2 and 3 & 4 will be able to participate in a 5-day Gymnastic Program in Term 2. Dates, times and cost will be in your Term 2 Bulk Billing.

From The Sports Desk

Donvale Jnr Chef Club

The DJC 2013 Cookbook, the timetables, the DJC room rules and the team helper roster were handed out yesterday. Please let us know ASAP if your child will be away on the day so we can arrange another time so they don’t miss out.

Please note that we charge a very low fee of only $5.00 for the whole year including a free all you can eat lunch party at the end of the year. We want to give the opportunity to as many children as possible to join in this program.

Because we charge a low fee, no refunds will be available should your child be unable to attend the program. THANK YOU VERY MUCH for all the families who have very generously donated extra to this program. The children will definitely enjoy and appreciate your generosity.

Children that are participating in the Jnr Chef Program are at all times expected to adhere to our school values where they demonstrate respect, responsibility, resilience and compassion.

Thank you to all the DJC Team Helpers for supporting this program again this year. We wouldn't be able to run this program without your support.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff
Basketball

Coming into round 5 of the season should be a breeze after a whole competition bye last weekend. Thank goodness no one had to play in that heat. Good luck to everyone for a great round of games.

A special congratulations goes out to Montserrat P (34MP) For having a blinder of a game in round 4 and scoring her first goal. I still think it had something to do with those brand new basketball boots.

Girls teams training at DiSC, Tue 3:45 to 4:45

Boys teams training in GP Room, Wed 3:45 to 4:45

**Donvale Daisy’s are having a training session after school tonight on the junior side basketball courts if anyone would like to come along and watch**

Player Profile

**Abbey G - Daffodils**

1. How long have you been playing?
   2 years

2. What is your favourite subject at school?
   Maths

3. What is your favourite food/drink?
   Chicken Nuggets & Fanta

4. Where is your favourite place to holiday?
   Queensland

5. What do you love doing as a family activity?
   Walking our dog Jess and going on picnics

Games times for this Saturday 16th March are as follows: Please come along and support our school

U11 Boys - Dinosaurs: Coach Penny Keaughran & Team Manager Andrew Miles – Court 2, Disc 1.30pm

Open Girls- Delights: Coach Den Merton & Team Manager Nina Vasiades – Bye

U9 Girls – Daffodils: Coach Kim Merton & Team Manager Charmaine Neal – Leeds St Sports Centre, 10.10am

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

U11 Girls – Dreamers: Coach Liz Brown & Team Manager Amanda Ehlert - Court 1, Disc 10.10am
Christian Religious Education

Judith, Shirley and I were very pleased to be back last week and to see all those beautiful smiling faces! It was lovely catching up with the teachers and all the children. I was very pleased to meet the new little preppies!

The lesson last week was an introduction, explaining that we learn about God and Jesus in the Bible. The preps and grades 1/2 heard that Jesus came to earth to show us what God is like. They heard that Jesus wanted everyone to be his friend and how he always cared about everyone.

I talked to the children about being a good friend to each other especially to anyone that might be lonely or shy and find it hard to make friends!

The verse for the week was from 1John 4:16 'God is love'.

Have a great week! God Bless!
Cheryl shanks.

OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Dear Parents & Students,

Thank goodness we are out of the hot weather now. Children are enjoying the Easter activities and are busy with Easter colouring sheets. They will be busy with some Easter craft and cooking activities for the next two weeks.

Online bookings for Mitcham and Blackburn Holiday Program are open. To avoid last minute rush or disappointment book in the children in advance.

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

OSHC 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
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 by the end of term. For those who would like to sell more, there are some boxes still available.

ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT
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.

**This trip has been amended to start at 2pm**
Must wear covered in shoes. No heels

EASTER RAFFLE
More tickets are available at the office or from Karin Moule (Holly 34P). Please have all money back to school by Monday 25th March. The donations for our prize baskets are coming in thick and fast. Please keep them coming, the more donations there are, the more prize baskets we will have.

KIDS DISCO – MARCH 22ND
Foundation, grade 1 and 2 – 5.30pm – 7pm
Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 7.30pm – 9pm
Please get all ticket orders and money in this week, including orders returned with missing information. Tickets and helper rosters going home next week.

“So, you think you can tip?” Donvale Primary School Footy Tipping Competition
Entry forms need to be back by Friday 22nd March. Fixtures and rules available at the office and on the website under “downloadable forms”. Fixtures need to be clearly named, with losing teams crossed out and placed in an envelope with money. Mark envelopes to the attention of Soraya Van Eyk.

MEAL DEAL DAYS
The Parents Association have decided to treat the kids every term this year, by providing MEAL DEAL DAYS. The parents don’t have to make lunch that day – the P.A will do that for you!

Our first MEAL DEAL DAY of the year is planned for Wednesday 27th March.
If your child/ren wishes to take part they will receive
Sausage in bread (more than 1 can be ordered)
A piece of fresh seasonal fruit (of their choice)
A lemonade icy pole
Order forms came home today

FRIENDSHIP LIST’S
Every student brought a friendship list home last week. Please return this back to school as soon as you can.
On Sunday I did my first Weet-bix triathlon in St Kilda. I was so nervous before the race. Ready, set, go! Keep running into the water. I was so tired from the swim and I still had the bike and run to do. Where is my bike, it took me a while to find it, there were so many. There it is, I found it! Still had a 2 Km bike and a 500 meter run ahead of me. Here comes the turn, keep cycling here comes another turn. Now I need to start the run. The hardest part is changing over from bike to run, as your legs feel like jelly. Finally I had finished. I asked my big brother Sean why he had squirted me with water bottle while I was finishing the run. Once I crossed the finish line I got a medal.

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

KOONUNG SECONDARY COLLEGE - Info Evening Monday 25th March. Guided tours from 5pm.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS - Girls and boys aged between 15-18.

IRABINA
- For parents and carers working with children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Workshop will cover the difference between a tantrum and a meltdown Monday 18th March 7-9pm.
- Toilet training skills development for children with autism-One step at a time. Tues 19th March 9.30am-11.15am.

FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CENTRE - Seminar for grandparents who are affected by the separation or divorce of an adult child. Free seminar Wed 27th March 10am to 1pm at Family Relationship Centre in Ringwood.

CHOIR VICTORIA - Recruiting now. All children aged 5 yrs an up at Tintern in Ringwood Sat March 16.

THE SALVATION ARMY - Familyzone. An hour of whole family fun, followed by a light meal. Sun 17th March at 3.29pm at Taunton Str Doncaster East.

DONVALE MAGPIES FOOTBALL CLUB - Looking for more players to join Under 9 and Under 10 teams.

TENNIS VICTORIA - Mum’s Program. How to have fun and get fit.

SCHOOL KIDS BONUS - Are you eligible? Brochure available or go to Australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus or call 132 468