Principal’s Report

The final process in selecting House Captains has taken place. On Wednesday of this week, students that were nominated for the position of House Captain and Vice Captains presented speeches to their peers why they would be worthy candidates for the role. Their peers were then given the opportunity to vote for their favourite candidate. The speeches made by each candidate were outstanding and the decision to choose the best was very difficult. The students conducted themselves very maturely throughout the entire selection process and respected the importance of the process and the role. After much deliberation, the students have now voted. So it is now with great pleasure that I announce our new school House Captains.

They are:

RED –
- Girl Captain: Ingrid B
- Boy Captain: Daniel R
- Girl Vice-Captain: Renee T
- Boy Vice-Captain – Liam D

BLUE –
- Girl Captain: Emily Y
- Boy Captain: Christopher W
- Girl Vice-Captain: Ruby B
- Boy Vice-Captain: Mitchell L

GREEN –
- Girl Captain: Hannah A
- Boy Captain: Christian L
- Girl Vice-Captain: Georgia M
- Boy Vice-Captain: Jake G

YELLOW –
- Girl Captain: Lucy C
- Boy Captain: James D
- Girl Vice-Captain: Abby M
- Boy Vice-Captain: Lachlan S

Congratulations to these students. We are very proud of their achievement. We know that they will take on this leadership role with great enthusiasm. These students will be formally announced at our special assembly this Friday.
Now all that needs to be done is the naming of our House Teams. We are nearly there in deciding this. As mentioned in last week’s Snippets, several suggestions have been put forward by our students and parents. The teachers will now shortlist 3 of their favourites which I will also announce at Assembly this Friday. From there, I will be asking the school community to vote for their favourite. There will be ‘Vote 1’ ballot papers in the school foyer during next week. Parents are invited to ‘Vote 1’ for their favourite House names. Voting will open Monday 25th March at 9.00am and close Wednesday 27th March at 4.00pm. The successful House names will be announced by our House Captains at our final Assembly for the term on Thursday 28th March.

A reminder that our guest visitor to the special Assembly this Friday 22nd March is the Mayor of Manningham, Cr Jennifer Yang. Cr Yang will be supporting us with our leadership badge presentations. Our School Captains, House Captains and Student Representative Council Members will be formally presented with their badges. We hope to see as many members of our community there to celebrate our students’ achievements with us. The Assembly is scheduled to commence at 2.30pm.

I would like to congratulate Soraya Van Eyk on her appointment to Eastern Ranges School of Autism. Soraya has worked at Donvale Primary School for 6 years as an Integration Aide. She has worked with many students during this time and has been an absolute asset to our school. We are sorry to see Soraya leave us but are excited for her in attaining this position as we know she has aimed to work at this school for some time now. All the very best, Soraya!

Finally, a big congratulations to Bec Signorini and her family. Bec gave birth to a healthy baby boy – Spencer Mark, on Tuesday 19th March. Mother and baby are both well. We are all so thrilled to hear this wonderful news.

Regards

Lena Clark

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**Assistant Principal’s Report**

I would like to share with you my most recent experience of a change of school uniform. Before coming to Donvale I had taught at Diamond Creek East P.S. for 10 years. For my first 5 years the school colours for the uniform were green and yellow the same colours as many of the schools in that local district. The groundswell of opinion in that school community was that it was time for a change and to stand out from the rest. And change we did as the students at Diamond Creek East proudly stepped out in their spanking new colours of tangerine, cobalt blue and black. The excitement and renewed sense of belonging and pride that accompanied these new uniforms was palpable around the school community. School morale had never been higher! We were making a bold statement about our individuality in a very obvious eye-catching manner. Staff members quickly ordered their Summer and Winter collections in the new colours and the students loved it when their teachers turned up in the adult version of their uniform.

At present there is a renewed sense of innovation and energy around our great school with new teachers arriving and exciting programs commencing. It’s not to say which ingredient in the mix is the most important in attracting new enrolments to our school, as a school is always the sum of its many parts, although the updating of the present school uniform may just prove to be the icing on the cake!

Ian McKinlay
A MESSAGE FROM THE 2012 SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT
The 2012 School council finishes up next week and 2013 nominations will be elected to positions on School Council. We have a varied group of parents and staff for 2013 who bring a wide range of skills, expertise, varied opinions and dedication. The role of the parent nominated School Councillors is to be the parent voice that represents the school community, and as such our current School Council and it’s Sub Committees have fully endorsed all current initiatives, improvements and change. We will continue to work hard to ensure that Donvale PS provides the best learning environment for our children.

In Term 2, as part of our ongoing commitment to communication, our Sub-Committees will report on all current and new initiatives through Snippets. Any feedback, points of discussion or suggestions relative to each Sub-Committee can be directed to these parent groups. (Names & contacts will be advised in Term 2)

We look forward to working with you all and remind you that you are welcome to a School Council or Sub-Committee meeting anytime, to experience and contribute to discussions and decisions.

Kind regards Brenda Tierney - 2012 Donvale School Council President

General

Student Banking
There will be NO school banking next week. Don’t forget to do some depositing over the holidays. Have a Happy Easter.

Marina Y

Subway Lunch Orders
Parents please note the following:

1. Subway lunch orders are each Friday. Order envelopes need to be in on Thursday (Subway collects them).
2. Late lunch orders will not be accepted.
3. Can you also let your child/ren know if they will be having a Subway lunch that week so they know if to take an envelope home or not. Subway do not supply envelopes to all students each week, so if you are not going to place an order and your child has brought an envelope home could you please send the blank envelope back to school.
4. I have included at the back of snippets a copy of the lunch order so that you can make copies and send to school stapled to an envelope or in an envelope CLEARLY marked. I will also put it on the school website.

Thank you.

Wendy

Casual Dress Day
Thank you to everyone who participated in the casual dress day and donated a gold coin. We raised $295 which will go towards the Good Friday Appeal.

Student Representative Council

Help!!
A group of students in grade 5/6 will be studying the novel, Amelia Dee and the Peacock Lamp by Odo Hirsch and we only have a small numbers of copies in the school. If you have a copy of this book at home which you are not using, we’d love to borrow it. We would take very good care of it, and we’d probably need it for about 6 weeks, after which we will return it with much gratitude.

If you have a copy which you would be happy to lend, please send it in tho the office as soon as possible… we would like the students to start reading it over the upcoming holidays. Please make sure it is named in some way so we can get it back to you.

Thank you! Mr Reiter and the 5/6 team

Wonnies Tennis Coming Term 2
More information will be coming home regarding a tennis program starting next term.
Well, we have had a wonderful start to the year and now all grades are participating in the weekly art program. Foundation students are now enjoying and happily participating in ‘The Arts’.

Both performing and visual.

We are still getting to know each other and I love trying to remember their names with a little game we play… ask them about it. We’ve not done a lot of art as yet but each student’s first activity was to draw a self-portrait. They will do another at the end of the year so you can see the progress, very interesting and a lot of fun.

All other classes are settled and enjoying their art experiences.

We also have an Artist in Residence starting in term 2 which is going to be so exciting for our students to work with and see how a ‘real’ artist works. All students from Foundation to Year 6 will be involved in creating a mural on three walls of the school buildings and they will also create a wonderful dot painting on canvas boards. All this will be closely monitored and guided with expert tuition from Stephan Hitchens… what a wonderful experience for our students.

I’m also very excited about our new school uniform. This has been on and off the agenda since I started 6 years ago at Donvale Primary School. I remember my first day at my own primary school, 50 years ago this year! My uniform was green and gold! It was everywhere and still is! How old fashioned and disappointing that we have not updated and made progress now that we are in the 21st century. As an art teacher I would love something original and unique but that might be scary! The dark blue in my opinion is classy, crisp, suits everyone and will not date as long as it is classic and simple in design. I know there is a lot of blue around too, but there is a reason….it looks great.

I also believe image plays an important part in all the choices we make in life. Corporations would not research and spend so much money on getting there image right if it did not make an impact. Let's make our students look fantastic, give a good image to our community, reach academic excellence, keep up with technology, and be leaders for the future.

Enjoy the Easter Break.

Bernadette Towan
Visual Arts, Donvale Primary School.

Message from the ARTS COMMITTEE
MURAL UPDATE

What an exciting few weeks for all of us in the Arts Committee. We started with a discussion; ideas were shared; Stephan turned our ideas into a drawing and we now have a blank canvas to start this exciting mural that our community can enjoy for many years to come.

As parents of the school we all agreed that every child will have some input with the mural that will be incorporated as part of their art class. How amazing for all our children to leave a mark on the school!

The Arts Committee has worked very hard in sourcing paints & supplies in order to complete this masterpiece. A special mention needs to be made to Georgia Loccisano who has walked and talked her way through lots of donations. Thanks also to Loula Tarenidis, Donna Moulton, Elizabeth Waycott & Stephan Hitchens for an amazing job in creating the blank canvas and for all their wonderful ideas. It is indeed, a team approach and we are having such fun along the way.

I am sure you are all looking forward to seeing the finished product as much as we are. The Arts Committee welcomes any parent support at any time. There is always room on the Committee if you would like to come along and join us. Our next meeting is this Monday at 3.45pm in the staffroom.

“Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.”

Leonardo da Vinci
CRE

This week the prep and grades 1/2 children heard that Easter is the time of year when Christians celebrate that Jesus is alive! Jesus came to show us what God is like and to remind us how God wants us to live (good values like caring, sharing, being kind to our friends etc)

Jesus died so that we can be friends with God.

We talked about the fun things of Easter (Easter eggs, hot cross buns and time with families). The children also had fun making Easter cards.


Have a great weekend! God Bless! Cheryl Shanks.

Basketball

Round 6 this weekend and we now have a good understanding of the competing teams in our relevant divisions. All players are having a great time representing our school in the Primary Schools competition. The competition will be having a break over the Easter/school holidays, so Round 7 will be 20th April.

Last week saw the Donvale teams have 2 wins, 2 losses and a bye. Special mention to Anastasia Tarenidis (Daisy’s) for filling in as a player for the Dreamers when they were short.

Games times for this Saturday 23rd March are as follows: Please come along and support our school

U11 Boys - Dinosaurs: Coach Penny Keoughran & Team Manager Andrew Miles – Court 1, Disc 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 2, Disc 10.10am

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

Player Profile
Vienna G - Daffodils

1. How long have you been playing?
Since February this year

2. What is your favourite subject at school?
Writing

3. What is your favourite food/drink?
Brie cheese and Fanta

4. Where is your favourite place to holiday?
Camping at Porepunkah

5. What do you love doing as a family activity?
Playing 31 card game and going to the beach
A bear chased me!!!!!!

I woke up in bed.

Mum said, “don’t forget your homework.”

I got my homework and I walked to school. But on the way I fell over. I got back up and continued. But…

A bear was running at me! So I ran and ran. But the bear was too good. I was going to be bear food!!

The bear was right there.

The bear grabbed me… and gave me my homework.

By Cody S

Gemma commenced Little Athletics at the Doncaster centre in October 2012.

Each week she competes in a program which includes four events from the following list: 70 metre run, 100 metre run, 400 metre run, 60 metre hurdles, discus, shotput, long jump & triple jump.

Her favourite event is the Triple Jump and she has trained a lot in her backyard and has lots of PB's to show for all her efforts. Although she has many more PB's for the other events too.

Last weekend, she received an overall 2nd place trophy in the "Under 8 girls" for her individual club - The Doncaster Saints.

Gemma is very proud of her achievements and cannot wait for the next season, when it resumes in October this year, when she will be competing with the Under 9 girls.

This week during P.E the Level 4s were focusing on Tennis and the skills you need to play. We were mainly working on our team work, ball skills and cowordataion. 5/6R played very well together and had lots of fun. Here are what some people thought about playing Tennis,

"It was very fun! And it is a amazing sport to play. And sometimes it can be every funny to watch." Alex 5/6R

"We had lots of fun learning new skills about Tennis. I LOVE TENNIS!!" Stephanie and Angelina 5/6R

"Hitting the ball with the racquet
Is fun when you smash it
Run and go get it"

Poem by Ashley and Anastasia 5/6R

By Ruby B
In Level 5/6 we have been focusing on one of the Seven Steps to successful writing, Tightening Tension.

For this task below, the students only had one minute to brainstorm the emotions and senses involved in various adrenalin provoking situations. They had to drop themselves right into the climax of a scene and pull the reader into the action, hopefully creating an exciting visual picture.

The wonderful first attempts of some of the students can be read below.

Lashay Cartledge, Peter Reiter and Rick Gordon

Storm at Sea

I hear the roaring of the thunder in my ears, the rain looked like cloths pouring down, and the waves looked excruciatingly threatening as if it was going to swallow you into darkness.

I could taste the salty water in my mouth; I felt a wave of fear rush over me. Everyone was screaming and shouting as if the world was going to end. Crash! Roar! Bang! All these sounds were pouring into my ears.

Suddenly the wave was coming in my direction, and it was then I realized I was standing in the same spot and haven’t moved an inch.

Danielle C

Storm at Sea

A rumble of thunder. A flash of lightening. The sound of the waves crashing against the shore. The wind howling and ringing in my ears. The fear of young children screaming and running off the beach leaving all their things behind. As I’m sprayed with the mist of the sea water upon my face, blinded by the sea salt. That sand starts racing at me like a dust storm. I run frantically down the beach. I’m so tired.

Abby W

Plane Crash

‘Agghh!’ I screamed. The plane was going down. It was doing a nose dive at 225km per hour. The plane was 100, no 50 feet from the ground. I turned and looked at the pilot. The pilot was dead.

Blood was coming out of his mouth. His face was pale. His eyes were as white as his face. The plane was now 30 feet from the ground. I chose to jump. I quickly ran to the door and opened it. The smell of smoke coming in to the plane was awful.

Christopher W

Storm at Sea

I woke up. The boat was shaking mad! I went into the darkness on the deck. I smelt the oil, flying through the air. I noticed a plane in the corner of my eye. I felt helpless against the power of the storm. I was hearing the waves bang on the ship like a hurricane. At the same time I was tasting the saliva as it was coming up in the back of my throat. I was holding the handrail with my tightest grip. It was like the world was coming to an end.

James D

Burglar in the house

I breathe softer and softer. I find a hiding spot as I see the door opening slowly. I see a black mask and black clothes. He’s in the house…

I’m sweating like I’ve run a marathon. As I reach or the phone he turns the corner. I could not get it. I’m terrified. I had never felt so scared in my life. I hear a smash!

Billy McC

Burglar in the house

Click. SMASH! Broken glass flies everywhere. I’m lying in my bed breathing heavily. I hear footsteps coming my way. I don’t know what to do! Do I hide? Do I stand and fight? There is one thing I do know. I don’t want whatever broke that glass to break me!

My bedroom door opens. Sweat is pouring down my face, my eyes are going blurry. A tall round figure appears in my bedroom. His face is covered. He has torn clothes and there is something in his hand. I hear his deep voice and the whoosh of the wind, but before I know it there is something digging in to me!

Jon H
Parents Association

CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE
Thank you to all the wonderful families who have supported the Cadbury chocolate drive by making a $20 donation or selling the boxes of chocolates.

We only have a few families who have not returned the money for the chocolates, if those families could do so by Wed 27th March please.

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.

Thank-you to everyone who has donated to our Easter prize baskets.

We do not require any more.

KIDS DISCO – FRIDAY MARCH 22ND
Foundation, grade 1 and 2 – 5.30pm – 7pm
Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 7.30pm – 9pm

Tickets and helper rosters went home this week. If you still want to come but haven’t ordered your tickets, please don’t worry as you can still purchase if you go to the office or see Jaqui Frigo, Marina Younger or Stacey Browne

Food and Drink prices

Popcorn $1  Assorted Chips .50c
Lolly Bags $1  Assorted Chocolates $1
Pop-Tops $1  Bottled Water $1

**Just a reminder to everyone, we would like all children to be dropped off and picked up by an adult**

GET YOUR TIPS IN
“So, you think you can tip ?” Donvale Primary School Footy Tipping Competition

Entry forms need to be back by 3.30pm 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.

FRIENDSHIP LIST’S
Every student brought a friendship list home last week. Please return this back to school as soon as you can. We hope to have the lists typed up and sent home by end of term.

Entertainment Books for July 2013-June 2014 are coming our way very soon. Cost per booklet is $65

Stay tuned for more information at the beginning of term 2.
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.
Please return all completed lunch orders by Friday 22nd 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 last week. Vegetarian and Gluten Free options available
Please let us know if your child has any allergies.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To the many families who have participated in the various fundraising activities this term and to all the wonderful helpers that have given up their time.

The support we get is testament to the strong community spirit we have at Donvale primary.

Parents Association
**Program Update**

**Dear Parents & Students,**

Program will run from 2:30 to 6pm on the last day of the term 1 (28/03/13, Thursday).

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**

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.*
Advertising Material

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

Blackburn High School – Open Night – Wednesday May 1, 2013 – 6pm – 8pm

OSHCLUB - Looking for a job in Outside School Hours Care

The Eastern Primary School Football League - Is a midweek Auskick program that runs a Junior Saturday morning competition for U10 and U12 players.

- SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS:
  - Bubble Dome
  - Box Hill Indoor Sports Centre
  - Manningham Art Studios
  - Extend
  - Holiday Kidz Club
  - OshClub
  - Bop Till You Drop Performance Camp
  - Ariels Super Clinic
  - Healthways Recreation Centre, Mont Albert Nth: Jazz, funk & hip hop dance, Tenpin bowling
  - RSPCA

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Coordinator Glenn Powell 0421012845
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Class

Box Hill North
Josh 9807 9899

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Bread (choose one) 6" White Roll 6" Wheat Roll

Meat (choose One) Chicken Ham Turkey Beef None

Cheese Cheddar Cheese

Salad Lettuce Tomato Cucumber Carrot

Sauces BBQ Tomato Mayo

Fruit (choose one) Apple **Cookie Yoghurt VANILLA or BERRY

Drink Apple (Just Juice 250ml) Orange (Just Juice 250ml)

Water (400ml)

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PLEASE CIRCLE ITEMS REQUIRED & ENCLOSE CORRECT MONEY