Principal’s Report

The votes have been counted and the names for our House Teams will be announced today by our House Captains at our final Assembly for Term 1. Thank you to all the members of our community that took the time to vote. We had a terrific response with almost 200 votes counted. Our new House Captains will announce these names to the community during our final Assembly for Term 1.

Thank you to the wonderful families that came along to our Working Bee last Thursday. Although the weather wasn’t so kind to us, it didn’t stop the dedicated parents and students from rolling up their sleeves and getting into completing all the set tasks. The school certainly looks a treat. Thank you to the following families… Dimitroff, Waycott, Wu, Miles, Younger, Leyh, Loccisano, Glover, Frigo, Clarke, Bong, Denton, Chang, Merton, Giannakenas, Bardrick, Dawson, Tierney, Pizzey/Wood, Bryant, Smith, Yeoman and Brown. My apologies if I have left any families off the list. If so, please let me know so that we can ensure that you have been signed in as having attended.

You may have noticed that the mural walls are starting to take shape. Stephan Hitchens and members of the Arts Committee have been working tirelessly to get everything ready for the students and the Artists in Residence Program commencing in Term 2. I would like to particularly thank Loula Tarenidis, Georgia Loccisano, Donna Moulton, Fotima Mangonis, Elizabeth Waycott, Bernadette Towan and of course, Stephan, for all their hard work and enthusiasm in making this all happen. Such a great team effort!! The students will have wonderful opportunities next term to contribute to the mural walls and leave their mark on the school. The Arts Committee will be spending some time over the holidays to finalise preparations for the murals. If you have some time and would like to join them, they will be meeting at the school on Wednesday 10th April at 9.30am. Bring along your paint brushes, enthusiasm and smiles.

We say a sad goodbye to Soraya Van Eyk and wish her all the best in her new school. We would like to again send out a big thankyou to Soraya for all her work with our students. You will be missed.

As we come to the end of a very busy first term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their amazing dedication to their teaching. I am so fortunate to be working with such outstanding teachers who continually focus on improving the outcomes for their students. I know they are very much looking forward to a well-deserved break. To our Donvale PS families, I wish you a wonderful Easter and a safe, relaxing holiday. We look forward to seeing you in Term 2 commencing Monday April 15.

Regards

Lena Clark
**General**

**Free to a Good Home**

- 1 guinea pig – female approximately 4/5 years old
- 1 miniature bunny – male – approximately 2 years old
- 1 hutch that currently houses the guinea pig and bunny
- 1 pair of lovebirds – male and female – approximately 3 / 4 years old
- 1 cage and stand
- 1 budgie – male – white – approximately 4 years old
- 1 cage and stand

If anyone knows of someone looking for a pet please contact Ricarda Lillis, mob 0422 973 007

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**Marketing Sub-Committee**

Next term we will be distributing an A5 flyer to all neighbouring kindergartens. Please pick up a copy or two from the office, if you know any pre-school aged children that may be interested in our Open Day on Tuesday May 21st.

Our new flyer stars Emily and Oscar and highlights that new things are happening at Donvale Primary School. We plan to update our billboards in Term 2.

Our next meeting is 8am Tuesday 23rd April in the conference room opposite the staffroom. All welcome to attend.

*Marita Waner - Team Leader Marketing*
Performing Arts

Term one has flown by so quickly and we’ve had a lot of fun in the Performing Arts program.

Our Foundation students only managed a few lessons this term as they were only part time for the first few weeks. In our classes we have been moving and playing to the BEAT and learning songs such as “Walking to School”.

Grade 1 and 2 students have been learning about two beat notes (too-o0) and having practice at reading and playing written rhythms.

The Families of the Orchestra have been the focus for our grades and 3 and 4 students. They should all be able to tell you that there are four: Percussion, Woodwind, String and Brass, and be able to name the most common instruments by sight and sound.

Our senior students have been exploring the History of Rock and Roll and watching some interesting clips of bands and performers from the 50’s onwards who have impacted our modern music.

As I walk to my room each day I see the beginnings of our new murals. I can’t wait to see what is painted on to the blank canvas of the Performing Arts rooms next term! (For those who are interested I have documented the past murals and will keep up to date photos on the P drive so students can access copies of the sections they have painted in the past and those in the coming days.)

Change is crucial but challenging. Next term I hope to implement more technology into some of my classes—but that means I have to work hard at learning new skills myself! Our students are so comfortable with technology and I’m sure I will be the student at times while they teach me!

Next term will also be busy for our choirs who will be working hard to present performances in Education Week. Open Night is May 21st, so make sure you keep the date free.

May you all enjoy a relaxing break over Easter and I look forward to seeing you in Term 2.

Anthea Keep

From The Sports Desk

Wow, first term is over already.

Tennis has been the big focus for all the children this term at Donvale Primary School in Physical Education lessons. Level 4 children have been involved in Summer Sports (Cricket, Softball, Rounders, Bat Tennis and Basketball).

Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6 children participated in Swimming Trials with some moving to District Swimming and the Division competition.

A very big thank you to the children for their enthusiasm and to the parents who have assisted in many ways.

Term 2 - Tennis will continue into next term.

Level 5 and 6 children will be involved in Winter Sports (Netball, Football, Soccer and Tee-Ball).

We will also be involved in school trials for our District Cross Country (23rd May). School trials and District cross country is open to all 9, 10, 11 and 12 year olds.

Gymnastics: Our Foundation, Levels 1 & 2 and Levels 3 & 4 children will be involved in a Gym Program in Term 2. Dates and times will follow early next term as part of Bulk Billing.

P.S. A big thanks to the many, many children who supported last weeks Ride/Walk 2 School. A great effort.

Finally I wish all parents and children a safe and happy Easter.

Mr Pianta
Basketball

No games this week due to the Easter break – The teams will have a well earned rest.

Last week saw the Donvale teams have 4 wins and 1 loss.

Training will be first week back of Term 2 – usual times.

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

Player Profile

Stephanie V - Donvale Delights

1. How long have you been playing?
   I started in the 2nd semester of Prep, so that's 5 years.

2. What is your favourite subject at school?
   I enjoy literacy and Ipad's.

3. What is your favourite food/drink?
   Sushi

4. Where is your favourite place to holiday?
   Queensland.

5. What do you love doing as a family activity?
   Camping

OSHClub News

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). Have a good Easter and see you all back in Term 2.

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

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.
Donvale Junior Chef

All the information sheets are on the wall in the DJC Room, please feel free to look at them. We have been given a few new DPS Aprons donated by our lovely Parents Association, thank you PA (Kim Merton). Our first session which is Group 1 will be on the first Tuesday back to school in term 2 (16 April 2013) at Lunch time. The ingredients we need are: lettuce, tomatoes, spring onion, cabbage, onion and carrot. We don't need much, please donate some if you have any spare.

Last Friday, DJC and Mr McKinlay successfully organised a surprise birthday lunch for Mrs Clark. Mrs Clark had no clue about this, so it was really lovely time.

Thank you to Emily Y (56G), Peter M (56G), Chantelle F (34M), Nash D (34M), Dylan S (34E), Angelica F (34E), Jesse Y (12J), Angus P (12F) and Joshua M (FHW) for joining us to make Mrs Clark's lunch memorable.

Also thank you to Jaqui Frigo, Marina Younger, Jessica Denton and Martin for helping us out.

Looking forward to creating and enjoying Crispy Dumplings with our little chefs.

Have a lovely break everyone, and Happy Easter.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

BIG THUMBS UP:
- Jesse Y (12J) for ordering Laksa for his meal at the restaurant with his parents and enjoying it (Laksa is a Malaysian spicy noodle soup).
- Emma W (34M) for helping her mum cooking Moussaka for her family (Moussaka is an eggplant based dish popular in Balkan and Mediterranean Cuisine).
- Harrison M (34P) and Jaymes M (12W) for enjoying a Teppanyaki Dining experience with their Dad (Teppanyaki is a Japanese cuisine).
- Mitchell L (56C), Sophie L (34M) and Amy L (FRG) for enjoying Thai food with their family (Green Curry Chicken is HOT).

WOW ... Well Done Boys and Girls, These children really know what GOOD FOOD is!!!
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 ASAP.

EASTER RAFFLE
A huge thank you to all the families who donated items for our Easter Raffle. We were overwhelmed with the amount of donations received. It enabled us to make up 24 raffle items this year. Hope your tickets were lucky!

KIDS DISCO – A GREAT SUCCESS
Thank you to the DPS community, families and staff for making the disco a fun night last Friday. Many thanks to all those who offered their help and assisted during the evening. Many hands make light work.

To the children at both disco’s, your behaviour was exceptional – thanks to you all.

We had a surprise visit from Mrs Clark at the end of the junior disco, and she saw everyone leaving with smiling faces. A special thanks to the Gray family (Kirralee 34E and Nathan FRG) for donating the fantastic lighting that added to the atmosphere. All very much appreciated.

The PA will be asking all children to offer suggestions for the next disco later in the year.

Jaqui, Marina and Stacey – Disco Committee

“So, you think you can tip ?”
Donvale Primary School Footy Tipping Competition – CANCELLED
Due to lack of interest. To those families who completed an entry form and paid, you will be reimbursed.

FIRST MEAL DEAL DAY
Our first Meal Deal day was held yesterday. The lunch time service was very successful with 157 children taking up the offer. Thanks to all the mum’s who helped out – big pat on the back.
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.

**Coming in Term 2**
- Family Movie Night
- Mothers Day Stall
- Bunning’s BBQ Fundraiser

**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*

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**From The Students**

On the 17th March I did a tri-Athlon in Geelong. It’s where you swim, ride and run. My favourite was the ride. I went into the briefing area and lined up with the other 9 year old girls. I looked over at the 10 year old boys and spotted my cousin Toby. “This”, Toby said pointing to his cap “is coming off as soon as I get out of the water”. Then they started moving, “good luck” I said. “Same” said Toby.

Then I was called and I went into the first group. Beep went the buzzer and I ran in to the water. The sand was all rocky and hard but I got through it. When I got out of the water, I ran to transition and spotted my bike. I put my helmet and shoes on then sprinted with my bike to the ride.

I rode my bike and passed lots of people. That made me feel better because I was struggling. I rode around the U-turn and rode back to transition. As I took my helmet off I knew I was close to the finish. I started running on the sidewalk and fell on the sand. I got up and sprinted to the finish. As I run through the finish I heard my name, it was my cousins shouting “go Leah”. I finally cross the finish and felt so proud of myself. I got water and lined up for a photo. I was rushed to one line and got my photo with Joel Selwood, Captain of Geelong the team I barrack for. I loved my triathlon, I can’t wait to do my third.

*Leah B, 34P*

Hi, I’m Kate
On the 17th March my sister Leah and I did the Weetbix Tri-Athlon down in Geelong. We had to get up very early in the morning at 6.30am and we left at 7.00am.
The swim was 100 metres, the ride was 3km and the run was 500 metres. My favourite was the swim. Well, it wasn’t really a swim because it was too cold. So we did a wade. At the end we had a drink of water and I had a picture with Lydia Lassalo, a gold medallist in the freestyle ski jump and Joel Selwood a Geelong Cats player. Then we went to find Mum and Dad. I can’t wait until next year.
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Donvale Magpies Auskick Program 2013: The AFL football season is about to start shortly followed by the Auskick Program. This provides children a fun and safe environment to learn how to play one of the sports they love to watch. Donvale Magpies is an established Auskick program close by that focuses on fun and friendship while building great experiences and skills in AFL Football. The program starts on Saturday April 20th 2013 and runs every Saturday for 15 weeks. Join now through the AFL Auskick website and look for Donvale Magpies Auskick. For further information please contact Andrew Gilmour Donvale Magpies Auskick Co-ordinator on 0402894782 or happygilmour23@optusnet.com.au.

Communication Corner - Speech therapy services
Communication Corner is a private speech therapy practice which assesses and treats children with a range of speech therapy difficulties. Clinics are located in Doncaster East and Forest Hill as well as being a mobile service so therapy can be done in the convenience of your child's home, school or kindergarten (within the Manningham and Whitehorse regions). Anisha John is a registered Speech Pathologist with eight years of experience working with children. If you are concerned about your child's communication, call 0431 979 619 or go to www.speechtherapycorner.com.au for more information.

Templestowe Village Festival - Sunday 21st April 9am to 5pm. Inviting children to participate in their 2013 Colouring Competition. Prizes will be awarded to three different age categories. You can download the sheet from http://bit.ly/colour-comp or collect it from the school office.
Wonnies Tennis are currently taking enrolments for Term 2, 2013 at Donvale Primary School.

We are excited to announce that all students at Donvale Primary will be able to start tennis lessons during school hours next term. Our tennis coaches will be running a program for all (Prep-Grade 3) and another program for (Grade 4-6) students. (Only $8 per session)

Our coaches are young and are passionate about the game. All children are welcome to come and try. Even if they have never played before.

If you are interested in music, our music teachers have taken the hassle out of driving children to after school lessons by teaching during school hours. We have Group or Individual lessons available. Join the band!

ENROLMENT FORMS AT SCHOOL OFFICE OR EMAIL:
enquiries@wonnies.com.au  p. 9812 2568

Positions Vacant;
2013 U10 Football Team

If you are looking to have some fun and learn more about Aussie Rules football then now is your chance. Come on, join our family club and watch your children having fun, like we do. Enjoy the family spirit of DonvaleFC and make some new friends this year. Our U10 Coach, ‘Macka’ is a former Donvale Premiership Player with many years of experience. Last year he assisted the DFC U9’s and this year he is taking on the coaching of his son, James’s team.

Phone him today to discuss how he will ensure your child is having fun learning to play our greatest game and bring the rest of the family to enjoy the family spirit @ Donvale FC.

Under 10; Adrian MacNamara
kellymcnamara@optusnet.com.au 0413 730 467
Junior Coaching Coordinator; Mark ‘Jordy’ Djerdevic
jordykristy@v7mail.com 0417 615 690

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Enrolments for Auskick and Junior teams are open now. Don’t delay.

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Coming Up Term 2, 2013 . . .   Heroes, Villains and Star Wars

Donvale Primary School

What leads us to change from good to evil or reverse? Remember in Star Wars Darth Vader, Dark Lord of the Sith, was the scourge of the Jedi but he began life as Anakin Skywalker, a young slave from Tatooine, skilled in piloting and strong in the Force. The path of a Jedi is often difficult, filled with conflict and pain, yet Luke Skywalker, a simple farmboy, became the greatest hero the galaxy has ever known. Meet other heroes - Hercules, Penelope, Arthur, Boadicea, Weary Dunlop, John Monash and more amazing 20th century people who showed heroic characteristics. Are you a hero too? Learn more about drama and acting. Learn playwriting and how to develop dialogue. Tell great stories old and new.

WiseOnes Application for 2nd Term 2013
This program is available for all Grade 1 - Grade 6 children who have qualified for WiseOnes. The unit for second term commences week beginning Monday, 29th April, 2013. The unit will run for 8 weeks (of the 9 weeks available) beginning: 29th April; 6th May; 13th May; 20th May; 27th May, 3rd June, 10th June (Queen’s Birthday Holiday), 17th June, 24th June.

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I wish to enrol my child in the unit "Heroes, Villains and Star Wars" commencing week beginning Monday, 29th April, 2013.
I give permission for a copy of this slip to be handed to the WiseOnes teacher.

Child's Name ________________________________
School: ________________________________
Date of Birth _______________________ Class (2013) _______
Parents' Names ______________________________________________________________
Address _________________________________________________________________

Phone: BH ___________ AH ___________ Mobile _______________
Email: ________________________________

My child has already qualified for WiseOnes YES/NO
I would like a free test for my child YES/NO.
I would like my child to be tested with a fuller assessment to qualify for WiseOnes (assessment cost $200 inc GST).

Please send this slip and payment of $220.00 on Wednesday, 24th April, 2013. As we are a non-credit business, children will not be accepted into the program for the term unless the fees and enrolment form are returned by the above date.
If paying by cheque please make it payable to Donvale Primary School.
For further information please contact Pat Truscott on 9326 6441 or Mobile: 0407 313 657.