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.

18th April 2013

Calendar

**Friday 19th April**
- 3.00-3.45pm: Uniform shop open

**Thursday 25th April**
- Anzac Day Holiday

**Monday 29th April**
- 2.30-3.15: Gymnastic Program for Foundation

**Tuesday 30th April**
- 9.00am-2.45pm: Foundation excursion to Melbourne Museum

**Thursday 2nd May**
- 12.30-1.15: Gymnastic Program for Level 3 & 4
- 2.30-3.15: Gymnastic Program for Level 1 & 2

**Friday 3rd May**
- 9.30-10.00/10.00-11.00am: Cross Country Trials

Principal’s Report

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone had the opportunity in some way to relax and enjoy a break. The weather certainly was on our side. It’s terrific chatting to our students hearing about their experiences over the holidays. Many children went away and visited so many different places and participated in a variety of different experiences whilst others enjoyed their time at home with family and friends. Great to see so many parents with huge smiles on Monday morning as they dropped off their children for the commencement of the school day.

Term 2 is already shaping up to be a very busy term. The Artist in Residence program with Stephan Hitchens has begun – more information from our Arts Committee in Snippets. The wall mural is looking brilliant. A very big thank you to all involved, particularly our parent helpers.

Education Week this year is taking place during the week commencing Monday 20th May. Our Open day / evening is scheduled for Tuesday 21st. Please add this date to your diary. We hope you are able to come during this day to help us in celebrating the wonderful achievements of our students and school.

This term we wish two of our teachers well as they take some well-deserved long service leave. Bernadette Towan and Bev Wright will both be travelling overseas during their leave this term. We wish them safe travels and a wonderful time away.

We are also celebrating the safe arrival of Lisa Watters’ new baby son. Don and Lisa welcomed Samuel Graeme George Watters into the world on Wednesday 10th April. Everyone is doing well. We are all absolutely delighted to hear this news and can’t wait to meet little Samuel.

We heard yesterday that Nicola Colgate-Jones has also given birth to a very healthy little boy named Felix Archer. Congratulations to Nicole and her family. Nicola will certainly be a very busy mum with three young boys to now look after.
I would like to announce the members of our School Council:


The roles of the SC members are:

**President:** Brenda Tierney  
**Vice President:** TBD  
**Treasurer:** David Apsey  
**Secretary:** Virginia Yeoman  
**Sub Committee Members (Convenors are underlined):**  
- **Finance:** David Apsey, Brenda Tierney, Lena Clark, Ricarda Lillis  
- **Resources:** John Pianta, Russell Waycott, (Craig Moyle – non SC parent rep)  
- **Education:** Lena Clark, Ian McKinlay, Victoria Erskine-Behr, Loula Tarenidis, (Fotina Mangonis & Sharon Breeland-Clencie, Craig Moyle – non SC parent reps)  
- **Parents Association Liaison:** Kylie Glover, Marita Warner, Loula Tarenidis  
- **Uniform:** Virginia Yeoman, Lena Clark, Ricarda Lillis, (Charmaine Neal – non SC parent rep)  
- **OHSC:** Russell Waycott, Lena Clark  
- **Marketing:** Marita Warner, Kylie Glover, Lena Clark, Ian McKinlay (Bernadette Towan & Alanna Hodgens – non SC reps)

A very big thank you to all our School Councillors and reps for their support and contributions to our school. We appreciate the time and effort that Councillors freely give. School Council plays an integral role ensuring the smooth operation of all facets of Donvale PS.

Below is a snippet from a recent article in the Age newspaper (11 April 2013) regarding the use of iPad technology in schools.

Tablets are becoming more popular in schools, and their portability is extending educational opportunities beyond the classroom. "You're providing immediate access to a database that is the world," says Dr Allen Partridge, e-learning spokesman for international software giant Adobe.

At a time when school systems around the world are making much of trying to supply all their students with laptops, what about schools that allow students to bring their own personal devices into the classroom?

"A student's own mobile device is highly personalised," Partridge says. "You can make a strong argument that personalisation promotes individuality and creative thinking. The findings indicate that students achieve more when using their own devices. "The ease of access on personal devices means there is no wasted class time logging on to school-owned computers," she says, adding that students were more responsible when using their own devices rather than the school's.

In favour of the iPad device is the wide variety of apps available, both Apple standard and third-party, and also because the iPhone was the most popular smartphone among students. So there is wide familiarity with the functioning of iOS devices. The long battery life and availability of support via Apple stores is also positive consideration. Also in the iPad's favour was its ease of use. Technical issues are out of the way, and students can concentrate on the lesson.


Regards

**Lena Clark**
**General**

**Group Photos**
Photos for the following groups are on display at the office - School Captains, SRC, Senior Choir, Junior Choir-Junior Jammers, Middle Choir-Music Makers and Marimba Band. If you would like to purchase please fill in the order form at the office. The cost is $15.00. Orders must be returned to MSP Photography by **Friday 3rd May** so please make sure you order before then.

**Anzac Badges**
We have badges for sale - gold coin donation. SRC students will go around daily to see if any students would like to purchase.

**Uniform Shop Update**
The uniform shop will re-open this Friday at 3pm for any winter items you require.

Our new winter uniform will be implemented in 2014.

Winter tunic order forms will be available with in the next fortnight at the uniform shop and on the website. We ask for a pre-order so the stock can be purchased. More information to follow.

Please direct any uniform queries to Virginia Yeoman on 0412 658 472 or email vyeoman@bigpond.com

*Uniform Sub Committee*

**Wonnies Tennis Lessons**
Tennis lessons start next week. If you are interested collect an enrolment form from the office. Lessons are $8.

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE ARTS COMMITTEE**

Our Artist in Residence Program with Stephan Hitchens has begun with a BANG!! The children have begun this week by placing their handprints along the coloured waves previously painted on the walls and what fun they had. The colours represent our school house colours. It will be wonderful to watch the mural walls develop and progress as the weeks of this term go by. The final result will showcase all elements of our school including high academic outcomes, Physical Education and Sports curriculum including our recently selected House Teams (Waratah – Red House, Grevillia – Blue House, Banksia – Green House, Acacia – Yellow House) which will be showcased on the 4 boards that were erected during the school holidays. Also our Arts curriculum incorporating the Visual and Performing Arts programs, our Mandarin Language Program and our IT curriculum will be featured. Our values & school motto of "Celebrating Excellence" will also be featured on the wall. You may all have noticed that the front wall of the Admin building has started to have a facelift also. The school will have a bright open and inviting feel and we thank all the families who joined us over the school holidays to start the transformation. Again ALL of you are welcome to help with the Arts Committee & we thank everyone for their hard work. Your positive & exciting comments are extremely motivational. We look forward to the next chapter of our mural.

*The Arts Committee*
From The Sports Desk

A big welcome back to all families and students to Term 2, 2013.

Physical Education: I will continue the “Tennis Theme” with all grades for the next 2-3 weeks. At the completion of the Tennis Theme the focus will be on the following Fundamental Motor Skills.

Foundation:
- Throwing - (the ability to propel an object through the air or along the ground by hand).
- Striking - (to cause a ball to move through the air or along the ground struck by a part of the body or equipment).
- Catching.

Levels 1 & 2:
- Striking
- Kicking (propelling a ball through the air or along the ground with the foot).

Levels 3 & 4:
- Kicking
- Throwing
- Ball control (the ability to manipulate a ball in such a way that the participant can do whatever he/she wants. E.g dribble using hands or feet).

Levels 5 & 6:
Skills related to Football, Netball, Soccer and Tee-ball.

Kilometre Club:
Will begin next Wednesday 24th March beginning at 8.15-8.45am at school (weather permitting). I encourage as many children and parents to be involved.

School Cross Country Trials
Are scheduled for Friday 3rd May.

Gymnastics
Programs start for our Foundation, Levels 1, 2, 3 and 4 begin in week 3 of Term 2. Permission forms need to be returned to class teachers along with payment before the program begins.

Mr Pianta

CRE

In CRE this week, the level 4’s will be starting a new unit titled “Daring to Step Out”. In this unit, they will look at Jesus’ teaching and how it works in everyday life. In response to God’s love, students are challenged to show acceptance to others and to be willing to forgive, even when it is hard to do so. They will look at practical, everyday situations where people make choices to live the way Jesus taught.

Love each other, just as I have loved you. John 13:34

Have a great week!

Shirley Mantfield

Level 4 CRE Teacher
Game times for this Saturday 20th March are as follows: Please come along and support our school

U11 Boys - Dinosaurs: Coach Penny Keaughran & Team Manager Andrew Miles – Court 2, Disc 12.40pm
Open Girls- Delights: Coach Den Merton & Team Manager Nina Vasiliades – Court 1, Disc 9.20am

U9 Girls – Daffodils: Coach Kim Merton & Team Manager Charmaine Neal – Leeds St Sports Centre, 11am

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 2, Disc 11am

The U11 girls teams are playing each other in the Donvale Derby.

Go out there and do your best. Good Luck to all players for this weekend.
Welcome back everyone.

All the team helpers and myself were very happy to see our little chefs. Our Junior Chefs are not just good, they are fantastic. Also the helpers looked very smart in their new DPS aprons and name tags.

The session started with the 2 group leaders: Emma W (34M) and Jackson C (12W) showing leadership and responsibility by being there on time and helping the others. The children were just amazing with their ability to produce their very own dumpling creations... In total we made about 480 dumplings and they all got eaten. Seems a lot but when you start to eat one it’s very hard to stop.

This term we are creating Crispy Dumpling. The children make the filling mixture from scratch, and we showed them a number of different styles of folding them. They are free to create their own masterpieces. Some children prefer to stay with the traditional types such as Spring Rolls or Wonton (this style is the hardest), But others prefer their own imagination, so these are some of the dumplings they came up with: aeroplanes, handbags, lolly's, school bags, boxes, envelopes, flowers, hats and more.

Still not done yet, after finishing their masterpieces the children also had the opportunity to do restaurant style food presentation using fresh vegetables as garnish. Their creations were just unbelievably fantastic, specially when we realise some of the children are just 5 years old. Well done everyone.

Next week is the turn of group 2 to create dumplings with us. If you are not sure about your child’s grouping, please feel free to come to DJC room and check, all the information is on the wall. The ingredients we need for next week are: lettuce, spring onion, cucumber, onion, cabbage and carrot please donate some to us if you have any spare.

Thank you to Jaqui Frigo, Maggie Tran, Liz Browne, Mrs Clark, Mr Pianta, Mrs Pianta, Mrs E and Martin for helping with the program (apologies if I forgot somebody, as many people helped us out, thank you so much for your support).

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

FROM THE LITTLE CHEFS:

- Emma W 34M : Best ever
- Jackson C 12W : They're crunchy and healthy
- Josh G 34M : Spicy and yummy
- Chantelle F 34M : Amazing
- Leo Z 34M : Super dooper yummy
- Tahlia S 56R : Really delicious
- Abby M 56R : It was fun making them cause my hands got all sticky
- Ruby B 56R : They're the best food in the world
- Nikki A 56R : It was really fun
- Joshua A 34E : I can't believe that I made that hat one
- Tyler D 34E : Fantastic
- Sebastian K 34E : Can't resist them
- Manu P 34E : They're really really good
- Aaron P 34E : They were the best
- Max M 12W : The best
- Sophie S 12W : They're awesome
- Vienna G 12W : They're awesome too
Maths Fun For Everyone

You will need
Several long strips of paper

What to do
Take a strip of paper and fold it in half end-to-end and make a crease. Open it out and then re-fold to make the crease into a right angle on the inside.
Take a new strip of paper. Fold it in half and then fold it in half again, putting the left end over the right end each time. Open it up, and then adjust each crease to be a right angle.
Take a third strip of paper. Fold it in half three times being careful to put the left end over the right each time. Lie it on its side and adjust the creases to be right angles, as before. Follow this pattern to make a 4- and a 5-fold shape.
Make two 4-fold shapes and see if you can make the 5-fold shape out of them. Can you see a pattern in these shapes?
See if you can make a 6-fold shape by arranging 5-fold shapes.

What’s happening?
The shapes you’ve been making are called dragon curves. You can make a bigger dragon curve by starting with a larger piece of paper and folding it in half more times. However after about five folds, it becomes difficult to fold the paper in half.

You can also combine two smaller dragon curves to make a larger one. To do this, you’ll need to put the correct ends together so they meet at a right angle. There are a few different ways you could do this, but only one of them is correct – to check, compare it to a single folded curve.

Although we’re calling all these shapes “dragon curves”, there’s actually only one shape that’s truly a dragon curve. The true dragon curve is the shape you get from an infinite number of folds.

Working mathematically
Because you’re folding in half every time, the distance between creases is always the same on a strip. The angle of the fold is also the same. The only difference is whether it bends left or right. So we can describe a dragon curve by listing the directions of the folds.

The first dragon curve has only one crease – we can assume it’s a right.
When you fold this in half again, you add two creases – a right (R) before the original crease, and a left (L) after it. So your paper has three creases – R, R, L. A third fold creates four new creases. The sequence becomes R, R, L, R, R, L, L.

There are many different ways of making the next list of creases from the previous one. Here are two of them:
Write the previous sequence with gaps in between the letters. Then put R in front of this, L in the first gap, R in the second gap, L in the third gap. Keep adding R, L, R, L in the gaps until you get to the end. You should end up putting an L after the last letter. So the third fold would be R, R, L, R, L, L.
Write the whole of the previous sequence. Then write R. Now, write the previous sequence, only back to front (so write the last letter first) and with R and L switched. So the third fold would be R, R, L, R, R, L, L. (Note that R, R, L back to front and with the letters switched is R, L, L.)

These two completely different techniques give exactly the same answer, as long as you start with a dragon curve!

Happy numbering!

Luanda Pianta
Numeracy Coordinator

Dragon Curves

Fold a strip in half, then in half again. Then unfold so each crease is a right angle.

A 4-fold dragon curve.

You can combine two 4-fold curves to make a 5-fold one.

You might need to use sticky tape to hold bigger dragon curves in shape.

More information –


Dragon curves and Jurassic Park (video): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCyC-K_PnRY

Happy numbering!

Luanda Pianta
Numeracy Coordinator
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. We would love to wrap up this fundraiser.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
The school is participating in this great program. So when you shop at Woolworths, don’t forget to pick up your tokens. Tokens can be handed in at the office.

Entertainment Books for July 2013-June 2014 are here.

Cost per booklet is $65. Order forms came home with snippets today. If you want to purchase a book, return the completed form to the office. This offer is open to people outside Donvale Primary so if you have friends or family that would like a book add them to your order or collect another form from the office.

DONVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISING AND SOCIAL EVENTS 2013
Earlier this week a letter went home to all families asking you to volunteer some time to help organise fundraising events for the rest of the year. We hope this is a way that the families of Donvale can get together and have some input into how we run the events. If you are able to help out please return the completed form to the office.

EASTER RAFFLE
Well done to all our Easter raffle winners. We have 1 prize still unclaimed. The name is Sue-Zhen Kan (Deloitte). Can you please ask them to collect it from the office.

Coming in Term 2
- Family Movie Night – Fri 3rd May
- Mothers Day Stall – Fri 10th May
- Music and Movie Trivia Night – Sat 22nd June
- Bunning’s BBQ Fundraiser – Sat 13th July

Next P.A. meeting is this Monday 22nd April at 9am in the library. Everyone welcome even if you have never attended a meeting before.
Dear Parents & Students,

Hope you all had a wonderful Easter and welcome back. Good luck with cold weather and the daylight saving.

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, Lekky, Athena, Laura 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.

Birthday Wishes To

**Birthdays celebrated this week:**
Mehar L, Kirralee G, James B, Indi M, Carys Y

**19th - 25th April**
Angelina T, Jaymes M, Madison H
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DONCASTER SALVOS - Family Zone. Sunday April 21st.

DONCARE - Various courses for Parents/Carers.

MANNINGHAM - Free Session on how to compete in a market for volunteers.

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

There have been a lot of changes at Blackburn High School. Come along and see the new facilities and hear about our new learning model. Leaders of the four Houses will be presenting a comprehensive overview of the House and Mentor Class organisational model at 6pm in the House areas. The Principal, Dr Sandra Woodman, will be speaking in the School gymnasium at 7pm.

All Faculties will be on display and Faculty Heads, staff and students will be available to speak with you about the educational opportunities available at Blackburn.

Registered Experienced Piano Teacher, Mrs Betty O’Callaghan A mus A., L mus, B mus (Melb). Beginners welcome at her Donvale studio Currently teaching beginner students (prep to Grade 4) at Xavier College, Kew. Working With Children Certificate current. Please phone 9842 4697 to discuss private piano tuition for your child.