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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Principal’s Report

Anzac Day, yesterday, is a day for us to celebrate the spirit of Australia and honour our many men and women who have lost their lives for our country. ANZAC Day is probably Australia's most important national occasion. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. On April 25, 1915, the Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli where they met fierce resistance from the Turkish defenders. At the end of 1915, over 8,000 Australian soldiers had been killed. News of the landing on Gallipoli had made a profound impact on Australians at home, and 25 April has become the day on which Australians remember the sacrifice of those who have died not only in the First World War but all the wars since and still. Although the Gallipoli landing failed in its military objectives, the Australian and New Zealand actions during the campaign left us all a powerful legacy. The creation of what became known as the ‘ANZAC legend’ has now become an important part of our national identity. I know that our families of Donvale PS spent some time yesterday acknowledging and remembering our past and current service men and women. We were fortunate last week to have the Hon. Kevin Andrews MP attend our Assembly to present us with a new Australian flag. This week, we fly the Australian flag with particular pride in remembrance of our fallen soldiers. Thank you to Liang Dimitroff for organising Kevin Andrews’ visit to our school so that we could take possession of a much needed new flag.

Last week, we were informed that we have received a Government building grant of $142,000. This is very exciting news as we continue in moving our school forward. I will shortly be attending Departmental briefings which will provide us with clarity on the expectations and accountabilities of how we will be spending this money. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to continue in updating our school buildings and provide even better learning opportunities for our students.

Last week, Stephan Hitchens (Artist in Residence) and our Year 5 / 6 teachers, began working with our Year 5 & 6 students in the development of ‘DVT Live’ - (Donvale TV Live). This is another exciting program and learning opportunity we are bringing to our students. In fact, only a handful of schools across Victoria are providing such learning programs to their students. The program enables our students to utilise a variety of multimedia skills and technologies in developing their literacy skills. A media room incorporating cameras, green screens, computers, sound
systems etc is being established in the Senior building. Students will develop a news and reporting format where they will take on various roles such as cameramen, reporters, journalists, writers, directors and producers.

We are all very excited about this project as it enables our students’ Literacy learning to be strongly linked with real life experiences whilst also providing opportunities for personal development. A big thank you to Stephan for providing his expertise in supporting this project (yes, he is multi-skilled!) Another big thank you to one of our very supportive parents, Alex Loccisano, for providing us with equipment / resources and his expertise in allowing us to successfully provide this opportunity to our students. More information on this from Stephan in this week’s Snippets.

A Working Bee has been scheduled for Sunday May 19th 9.00 – 1.00pm. Our school is on a very spacious and treed setting. Whilst we are very fortunate to have such magnificent grounds, the upkeep is quite substantial. I encourage our families to come along and help with a general tidy up including some gardening and maintenance. We finish up with a sausage sizzle lunch provided by the wonderful members of our Parents Association. We hope you can make it on the day.

A reminder that 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. The PA will again this year be providing a sausage sizzle to our community and visitors during the Open Evening. So come along, relax, enjoy and don’t feel you need to rush home to feed the kids. We will also have a coffee van selling hot coffees. We hope that you take the opportunity to enjoy this service whilst touring our school. We look forward in our families joining us in celebrating the wonderful achievements of our students and school.

Regards

Lena Clark

General

A Message from the Marketing Committee

The main role of the Marketing Committee is to manage the school communications into the wider community with the aim of attracting more enrolments to our wonderful school.

We do this through activities such as brochure design and distribution, website content, assisting and planning school events and ensuring our local kindergartens have all the latest information. Growing our school has a direct impact on funding available and will enable our school to offer even more great programs and resources - directly benefitting our children. At last Tuesday's meeting the following was discussed:

Open Day

Please ensure you have Tuesday May 21st marked in your diary. It is always a wonderful day where we showcase our school. Every classroom will be open and there will be displays in some of the spare classrooms as well as a full musical program on the night. We will be asking for some parent help to create some displays around the school. Staff will be compiling a list of displays and "tidying jobs" that will need doing, so if you have a spare hour or two, please grab a friend and find the list on display at the office and put your name beside a task that needs completing. The list will be at the office in a couple of weeks.

Leap Frog program

Our wonderful Foundation teaching team are planning a Leap Frog program to run in May, followed by a transition program later in the year. We are distributing all the information to about 20 local kindergartens along with Open Day brochures.

Signage

We are beautifying the front entrance of the school to make it more open and welcoming. Signage will be updated around the school. We would like to further improve the front entrance and car park area. If you have any suggestions for further improvement to the front of the school, including the front gardens and play areas, please place your ideas into the suggestion box in the front office foyer.

We meet on a Tuesday at 8am. Next meeting date will be advertised in Snippets and on the website calendar.

The Marketing Committee
DONVALE PRIMARY LAUNCHES DTV LIVE!
Donvale Primary has launched a new exciting opportunity for Grade 5 & 6 students with the establishment of a "fully operational" digital television news broadcasting studio onsite.

DTV ... Donvale Television .... LIVE!
This facility will allow students to produce a weekly "current affairs" type program which will be shown throughout the school via the white board technology. Students will use their already solid multimedia and literacy skills to work on a "real", "live" television set and further grow in confidence and maturity. This opportunity is in addition to their current studies and is complimentary.

Students have the opportunity to fulfil many exciting roles each week.
Starting with:

- director
- producer
- film crew
- editors
- journalist
- roaming reporters
- sports reporter
- researcher
- analyst
- copywriting
- news readers
- weather presenters
- and many many more.

They will:

- work in teams
- learn presentation skills
- production strategies
- editing
- new programs on iPads
- and research methods.
- Students will have the opportunity to interview local area personalities, their footy team, the junior master chefs and teachers and more.
- They will develop adverts, opening and closing graphics, titles and marketing materials.

We invite all students, staff and families to get involved. Encourage your child to become the next international news anchor person or great journalist or television show host.

The next Tracey Grimshaw, Matt White or Eddie McGuire could be amongst our students.

Stephan Hitchens (Artist in residence)
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARTS COMMITTEE

As a school community we are loving the week to week transformation that is being created by Stephan & the children. It is so exciting to see parents coming to school just to see the new instalment of our mural and to have their children show them how they have contributed. Stephan and able assistants Loula and Donna have worked continually this week to ensure the House Emblems are painted by each grade during Art Class. The children will now be helping Stephan create the dot painting which will surround each flower. The boards representing each House – Waratah (red), Grevillia (blue), Acacia (yellow) and Banksia (Green), are progressing well and look to be completed sometime next week. With a distinctive aboriginal design, they are a striking representation of Australian flora, and a wonderful image of our new House colours.

The paint pallets & brushes are almost done and we still have silhouettes, music notes, words and more marvellous things to be completed. Thank you to everyone for their encouraging support. This project has been such a fulfilling experience in bringing our community together.

The administration office walls, at the entrance to the school, have also had a makeover, with a fresh coat of paint. New dynamic sign writing will be added over the next few weeks welcoming visitors to the school.

If you would like to be involved with the mural project and other evolving painting projects, please join the Arts Committee in the Staff Room on Tuesday – (30 April) at 3.45pm, for a coffee and a chat. A great opportunity to bring out your inner Albert Namatjirra!

The Arts Committee

From The Sports Desk

Kilometre Club - Began last Wednesday and will continue each Wednesday starting any time after 8.20am on the Senior Basketball court. Thanks to those children who participated and a big thanks to Janine Innes for her assistance. At the moment Yellow (Acacia) house is leading the event. One point is recorded to each House for each individual participant.

Gymnastics - Begins next week for our Foundation, Levels 1, 2, 3 & 4 children. Mondays for Foundation (2.30-3.30), Thursdays (2.30-3.30) for Levels 1 & 2 and Thursdays (12.30-1.30) for Levels 3 & 4 children.

State Trials - Congratulations to Billy Mc (Basketball/Football) and Georgia L (Basketball) for progressing to the next round of selection. Well done and good luck.

Basketball

LAST WEEKS RESULTS.

Last week saw the Daisy's take on the Dreamers in the 2nd Donvale Derby of the season. Great game had by all.

All up Donvale teams had 2 losses and 3 wins last week

Game times for this Saturday 27th March are as follows: Please come along and support our school

U11 Boys - Dinosaurs: Coach Penny Keaughran & Team Manager Andrew Miles – Leeds St, 1.30pm v. Beverly Hills Bullants

Open Girls - Delights: Coach Den Merton & Team Manager Nina Vasiliades – Court 1, Disc 9.20am v. Milgate Midgets
U9 Girls – Daffodils: Coach Kim Merton & Team Manager Charmaine Neal – Leeds St Sports Centre, 11am
v. Milgate Stars

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

U11 Girls – Dreamers: Coach Liz Brown & Team Manager Amanda Ehlert - Court 2, Disc 10.10am
v. Milgate Sparks

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

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

**Player Profile**

**Montserrat p.c - Donvale Daisys**

1. How long have you been playing?
   Since last July, so less than a year.

2. What is your favourite subject at school?
   Music and Arts.

3. What is your favourite food/drink?
   I love noodles. For drinking I like apple juice.

4. Where is your favourite place to holiday?
   I went to Sydney this summer and I enjoyed it so much.

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

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**Birthday Wishes To**

26th April to 2nd May
Roy W, Theodore H, Hayden D, Lachlan S,
Junior Chef Club

We decided to call Group 2 the "Conservatives" as most of the junior chefs in this group preferred to stick to the traditional dumplings such as spring roll and money bag.

Some came up with their own creations such as: hat, lolly, t-shirt, tent and more. They also did a fantastic job on their food presentation using fresh veggies. We were very lucky that we could show the children fresh home grown produce this week. We had carrots from the Dawson grandma's veggie garden, also some parsley, mint and chillies from my own veggie garden. The children could tell the difference between home grown and shop bought produce.

Well done everyone.

Thank you to the Frigo, Fankhauser, Ehler, Merton, Bosdorf, Browne and Dawson families for their donations. Also thank you to Jaqui Frigo, Kim Merton, Kate Pascale, Mrs Cheesman, Mr P, Mrs Clark and Martin for helping with the program.

We don't have any spare spots available at the moment, if any become available we will contact the next person on our waiting list. Thank you for your support.

Next week is the turn of Group 3 to create dumpling with us. We don't have much time and we want them to learn as much as possible so please remind your child to come to the DJC room as soon as they finish their lunch or they can bring their lunch with them to the room. The ingredients we need for next week are: tomato and spring onion, we don't need much and any amount would be helpful, thank you.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

BIG THUMBS UP:

- Sophie E (34M) and Ben P (34W) for did a great job as the Group 2 group leaders.
- James D (56R) and Tyler D (34P) for making sausage rolls with their Mum at home.
- Coco C (12W) for speaking a few French words with Liang, Merci beaucoup Coco.

Well done boys and girls.

FROM THE LITTLE CHEFS:

- Sophie E (34P) : Really yummy/ Ben P (12W) : Yum !!! Some opened up and stuffing came out.
- Andrew F (12W) : They're the best crispy dumplings I have ever tasted./Anise B (12W) : Too delicious !!!
- Coco C (12W) : It was the best dumpling I've ever had./Gemma G (12W) : Fantastic
- James D (56R) : I love cooking, this was rather the best session that I've had./Lachlan S (56R) : Absolutely indescribable delicious
- Madison H (34P) : Absolutely fantastic./Leah B (34P) : They were scrumdiddlyumptious.
- Zed G (34P) : Inspiring taste and wizzy squizy yummy./Nathalie L (34P) : So delicious.
- Samuel M (34P) : It was really yummy./Madison S (34P) : I was in heaven.
- Michael W (34P) : I love the meat inside them./William L (34E) : They're the best.
- Dylan S (34E) : The filling I love./Rayan R (34E) : Pretty good.
- Joel D-Biggs (34M) : Delicious and crunchy, very yummy.
Program Update

Dear Parents & Students,

Children were busy with Anzac day activities last week. From next week we will be busy with different active after school care sports.

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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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 bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
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. Families who have not returned their money will be individually contacted. We would love to wrap up this fundraiser and begin allocating funds to be spent around the school.

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 last week. 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. Books can be collected immediately.

DONVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDRAISING AND SOCIAL EVENTS 2013
Last 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. We have had a great response, but still need more families to nominate the fundraising activities they are able to assist with. So if you have not returned your form please do so.
Remember, if you cannot assist at the time the event is being run, you can still help with the preparations.

Everyone’s time is valuable and every little bit counts

Coming in Term 2
Mothers Day Stall – Fri 10th May
Meal Deal Day – Wednesday 15th May
Family Movie Night – Fri 24th May

Please note change of date for Family Movie Night. It will now be held on Friday 24th May. (Not Friday 3rd of May as previously advertised) STAY TUNED for more information soon

Meal Deal Day – Wednesday 19th June
Music and Movie Trivia Night – Sat 22nd June
Bunning’s BBQ Fundraiser – Sat 13th July

Next P.A. meeting is Monday 29th April at 9am in the library.

This is a special meeting to begin planning for a proposed Donvale Primary School Community Fair in term 1, 2014.

Anyone interested in joining this sub-committee is welcome.

Next scheduled P.A Meeting is Monday 13th May at 9am in the library.
Everyone welcome even if you have never attended a meeting before.
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More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

OPTUM OUTCOMES  - Is a counselling service operating in Donvale which has been providing high quality therapy to families, couples, children and individuals for over 15 years. Optum specialises in children’s issues, marriage counselling and family therapy along with anxiety and depression in individuals and prides itself on caring, respectful and effective counselling dedicated to well being. Please phone, email or visit website for any enquiries or information.
Contact: Simone Miller
Phone: 0422 006 932, Email: simone.miller@outlook.com

ACADEMY OF DANCE VICTORIA  - Enrolments now open for Term 2. Welcoming students aged 3yrs to 18yrs girls and boys. Ballet, jazz, jazz bop, etc.

WARRANDYTE HIGH SCHOOL  - School tour available by appointment.

STUDENT EXCHANGE  - Looking for host families.

School Camps & Excursions: Asthma

If your child has asthma, attending school camps and excursions can introduce them to new asthma triggers especially if they are going into new environments. It is essential that your child can participate fully and safely in all school activities. The following is a list of considerations to make for your child before they go on school camp or an excursion:

- Is your child’s asthma currently well controlled (e.g. no symptoms at night, reliever use less than 3 times per week)?
- Has your child had an asthma attack or asthma symptoms recently?
- Does the school have an Asthma Action Plan for your child?
- Has the school asked you to complete a School Camp and Excursion Medical Update Form?
- Does your child have their reliever medication and spacer on hand at all times?
- Are they attending with any other medications to be taken on the camp/excursion? If so, are there sufficient instructions to staff for use/dosage?
- Does your child self-administer their medication? If so, has their technique been checked recently?

For more information please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au.
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 play-writing 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.

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.