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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.

Calendar

**Friday 3rd May**
- 9.30-10.00am: Cross Country trials for 9/10 year olds
- 10.00-11.00am: Cross Country trials for 11/12 year olds
- 2.45-3.15: Assembly
- 3.00-3.45pm: Uniform shop open

**Monday 6th May**
- 2.30-3.15: Gymnastic Program for Foundation
- ‘Gnarnayarrahe” Aboriginal Educator speaking to all classes

**Tuesday 7th May**
- 10.00-1.30: Marimba Band performance at Tunstall Sq Kinder

**Thursday 9th May**
- 12.30-1.15: Gymnastic Program for Level 3 & 4
- 2.30-3.15: Gymnastic Program for Levels 1 & 2

**Friday 10th May**
- 2.00-3.00: Leapfrog program

Principal’s Report

On Tuesday of this week, I had the absolute pleasure of joining our wonderful Marimba Band ‘on tour’. The Band delighted two groups of 4 year old kinder children firstly at Florence Ave Kindergarten and then at Doncaster East Kindergarten. The kinder students danced, clapped and laughed along with our students as they brilliantly performed an assortment of songs from their repertoire. It never ceases to amaze me just how talented our students are. Each Band member most capably played their instruments and joined in the celebration of our school. I was so proud of the way they represented our school to the wider community. A very big thank you to Anthea Keep and Rick Gordon who ‘take the show on road’. They work tirelessly with the students each week so that the DPS Marimba Band is a band that is second to none. Well done to everyone. I am very much looking forward to next week where we once again will be visiting our local kindergartens to showcase our wonderful school.

Please take note that our Friday assembly time will be changing from tomorrow, May 3rd. Our Assemblies will now commence at 2.45pm and conclude at approximately 3.15pm. The students will then return to their classrooms where they will finish the day with their class teachers. The children will then be dismissed from their classrooms by their teachers. At the conclusion of Assembly, parents are asked to wait outside their child's classroom, as per usual. Students will be dismissed at the usual time of 3.30pm. The teachers feel that this time change will alleviate the 'rush' that is currently being created with Assembly concluding at 3.30pm.

Our Visual Arts teacher, Bernadette Towan, is taking leave as of next Wednesday 8th May. Bernadette will be travelling through Europe during her time away. I’m sure she will be taking the time to visit the many marvellous art galleries scattered throughout Europe gathering ideas to inspire us all upon her return towards the end of term 2. Bernadette will be replaced with a very experienced Art Teacher, Mrs Becky Hayes. I know you will all join me in wishing Bernadette a wonderful time away and welcome Mrs Hayes to our school.
Many parents and students are commenting on how wonderful the school is looking. The mural walls and the front of school ‘facelift’ is certainly adding to the positive aesthetics of our school and creating a real ‘wow factor’. Of course, all of this positive change is just another example of what can be achieved when a community works together. Many thanks to Marina Younger, Liang and Martin Dimitroff and Jaqui Frigo for rolling up their sleeves and replanting one of our front garden beds. Also a big thank you to Marina for her very generous donations of plants. The garden looks amazing however there is still some more exciting elements to be added. Stay tuned for this!

A reminder that a Working Bee has been scheduled for Sunday May 19th 9.00 – 1.00pm. We would particular like to encourage our dads to come along as we will be requiring some digging. Our intention is to create a new entry from Elata Street for our students to enter the school. Ian Pizzey, another very supportive parent, will be very generously donating his time and service in placing a new entrance gate that will sit just before the school drive out area. This will eliminate the need for students coming along Elata street to cross over the school drive when entering the school. We are also looking to continue with some planting at the front of the school. Of course, there is always the usual 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. If you are free on this day, please come along to the school to lend a hand. It would be terrific to see some new faces join us.

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.

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**Lena Clark**

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**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. This is your last chance to purchase. The cost is $15.00. Orders are due in tomorrow.

**2014 Enrolments**
A reminder to current families who have children starting Prep next year, to collect an enrolment form from the office. Please return completed forms back ASAP. Also children who are enrolling for 2014 are eligible to enrol in the Leapfrog Program starting Friday 10th May.

**Uniform Sub Committee Update**
The uniform sub-committee is very excited to announce the introduction of our new Donvale Primary School Sports Uniform.

As of term three your child/ren will have the option to wear their very own sports uniform on their nominated sports and PE days. The sports uniform consists of a sports polo shirt made of cool mesh combined with micro fibre shorts and track suit pants. It will make our school look very competitive for those inter-school sports events in the older grades. Stock will be available in the uniform shop from term three.

A reminder that our uniform shop is open on Friday from 3.00-345pm. Alternatively you can download an order form from the website.
NOW AVAILABLE AT DONVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Donvale Primary School is committed to providing a range of options to parents to make the payment of School fees as easy as possible. As well as cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS payments we are pleased to advise that BPay is now available as another payment alternative.

Full details are available on the Family Statements enclosed. Please use the reference on your statement to make a payment using BPay. A current statement is attached to this letter. It will currently show any fees or bulk billing that is still outstanding. If you have made a payment this week, or are on an instalment plan, or have nominated EMA towards the annual fees these amounts will still be showing. If you have any queries regarding your family statement please call the office. Reminder statements will be sent home from time to time as required throughout the year.

To ensure the correct allocation of payments, parents are asked to forward the remittance advice from their statement, with the charges being paid marked, as shown below. Or the bulk billing notice with BPay indicated and the charges that are being paid indicated on it. If the School does not receive this advice within two (2) days of the payment being made, the funds will be allocated at the School’s discretion.

Please feel free to contact the School if you wish to make special arrangements for the payment of your account.

Ricarda Lillis
Business Manager

From The Sports Desk

Gymnastics started this week for our Foundation, Levels 1 and 2 and also our Levels 3 and 4 children. Thanks to the children who have so willingly participated.

Kilometre Club continued yesterday (Wednesday) 8.20-8.45am with many participants. This activity is open to all children and parents. Red House (Waratah) was the winning house.

Cross Country Trials will be held tomorrow (Friday). 9/10 Year old boys/girls starting at 9.30am with the 11 and 12 year olds competing at 10.00am. From these trials I will select a School Cross Country Team to compete in the District Cross Country on Thursday 23rd May at Ruffy Lake Park. At the District event 9/10 year olds run 2kms while the 11 and 12 year olds run 3kms. If selected, children will be expected to join in training before school twice a week and at home to be prepared for the event.

With our cross country trials, children are encouraged to wear a piece of clothing relevant to the colour of their house (Red/Blue/Green or Gold). A points system will be used to decide the winning house on the top 10 finishes in each event.

Thank you.

Mr Pianta

THE HON. KEVIN ANDREWS MP ATTENDED OUR RECENT SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AND PRESENTED THE SCHOOL WITH A NEW AUSTRALIAN FLAG.
Junior Chef Club

Group 3 was a group of a very adventurous junior chefs. Their creations were very futuristic such as triangling" (dumpling with triangle shapes), "mubopling" (dumpling with music box shape) and so on. They even made their own mixing sauces (not happy with the shop bought one), their garnish was as good as if not better than at a restaurant and the best thing was they also ate all their salad and still wanted more salad... wow...

The children are already giving us menu requests for our Christmas party (it was still April children, not even December yet ... !!!) We are very proud of them all. Well done everyone.

Thank you to the Cowell, Frigo and Loccisano families for their donations. Also thank you to Jaqui Frigo, Liz Brown, Christine Cowell, Mr Pianta and Martin for helping with the program. Next week is the turn of group 4 to create dumplings with us. Ingredients we are in need of are spring onion, tomato, cucumber and lettuce. We don't need much, any amount is helpful, thank you.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

BIG THUMBS UP:

- Chris W (56C) and Abbey G (12J) who did a great job as the group leaders.
- Kate B (12J) for her kindness and willingness to help Liang, thank you Kate.
- Dylan S (34E) for creating wonton with his Mum at home.
- Luca L (12J) for explaining to his family's visitors about the process of creating dumplings.
- Chris W (56C) and Mitchell L (56C) for eating chilli sauce with their dumplings.

Well done boys and girls.

FROM THE LITTLE CHEFS:

- Chris W (56C) : The crispy beef dumplings were full of flavour, I wish I could have them again and again.
- Abbey G (12J) : It was fun making them.
- Mitchell L (56C) : I like the dumplings with the chilli sauce.
- Jayden B (56R) : I can't wait until the end of the year party, because we will get some more.
- Jessica C (34M) : Fantastic !!!
- Chloe A (34M) : They are delicious.
- Sophie L (34M) : Best cooking session I've ever had.
- Nadia S (34M) : This is so yum.
- Christopher A (12J) : They are very funny creations.
- Kate B (12J) : It tastes good with lettuce around it.
- Scarlett H (12J) : "Fantastico".
- Luca L (12J) : Its original and spicy.
- Zoe N (12J) : This is my first session and I love it, it was delicious.
- Elyse S (12J) : They are nice and crispy and this is also my first session.
- Zoe S (12J) : My first junior chef and they taste yum.
- Jesse Y (12J) : I like them because they are so crispy and so yum.
- Chantelle F (34M) : Amazing.
- Jaymes M (12W) : Fantastic, I am very happy finally I can get in after a long time on the waiting list.
Basketball

LAST WEEK’S RESULTS.

All up Donvale teams had 1 loss and 4 wins. What a great result. Congratulations to Reece A, who scored his first goal for the Dinosaurs. Keep up the good work Reece!

Game times for this Saturday 4th May are as follows: Please come along and support our school.

U11 Boys - Dinosaurs: Coach Penny Keaughran & Team Manager Andrew Miles – Court 1, Disc 12.40pm
v. Our Lady of the Pines Magic

Open Girls- Delights: Coach Den Merton & Team Manager Nina Vasiliades – Court 2, Disc 9.20am
v. Serpells/St Charles Spirits

U9 Girls – Daffodils: Coach Kim Merton & Team Manager Charmaine Neal – Leeds St Sports Centre, 11am
v. Our Lady of the Pines Poppies

U11 Girls – Daisy’s: Coach John Tarenidis & Team Manager Stacey Browne – Court 1, Disc 10.10am
v. Our Lady of the Pines Pinecones

U11 Girls – Dreamers: Coach Liz Brown & Team Manager Amanda Ehlert - Court 2, Disc 11am
v. Donburn Dynamites

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

Stacey Browne

Samuel.M - Dinosaurs

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

Samuel.M - Dinosaurs

1. How long have you been playing?
   - 3 years

2. What is your favourite subject at school?
   - PE

3. What is your favourite food?
   - Italian Food

4. Where is your favourite place to holiday?
   - USA

5. What do you love doing as a family activity?
   - Bike Riding
The prep children heard the story of the lost sheep and how their shepherd searched everywhere until he had found it! This story can be found in the book of Luke 15 v1-7. Jesus told this story to show how everyone is special to God! God cares for us like a shepherd who cares for his sheep. The grade 1/2 children heard The parable Jesus told about the vine and the branches.

This parable can be found in the book of John c15 v1-4.

They heard that God wants them to live a fruitful life. He wants them to have good values, such as, doing your best, learning, helping others, sharing and caring for others!

The verse for the week is John 15 v 12 ‘Now I tell you to love each other, as I have loved you!’

Have a great week! God Bless!!

Cheryl Shanks.

Birthday Wishes To

3rd—9th May
Ella M, Chloe A, Stephanie V, Kye S, Maisam S, Aryan P

An article from The Age Newspaper

Fitter children do better at school

Physically fit children achieve better results in class than unfit students as exercise becomes a major indicator of academic performance.

The most active children are outperforming those who do not take part in regular physical exercise or organised sport, a new study has found.

Researchers have also found that the more physical exercise or structured sport that students do the better they perform with their classwork.

But sedentary children are at risk of their academic results falling away, the researchers have told the Gov-

Bruce McDougall

ernment.

The Federal Government will spend $120 million this year promoting grassroots participation in sport in a bid to fight obesity and improve children’s health and performance.

About one third of the budget has been allocated to children in after school care, providing them with free sport and physical activities up to three times per week.

Research by a specialist team at the University of Wollongong shows ‘30 to 40 minutes of physical activity per day has demonstrated shows a clear link between physical exercise and academic achievement.

“There is a dose-response relationship between physical activity and cognitive development/academic achievement — the more the better,” the Wollongong University’s Dr Stewart Veal said.

“The benefits (of exercise) are substantial … and the more physical activity they (students) do the greater increase in grades.”

International researchers have suggested that exercise increases the flow of blood and oxygen to the brain and may lead to increased levels of norpinephrine and endorphins, important in stress reduction.

A spokesman for the Department of Health and Ageing said new guidelines for physical activity were expected to be finalised by the middle of this year.

Nationally more than 190,000 children take part in the program each term but there is a waiting list of around 600 schools and after school centres.

More than half of parents surveyed said their child had become interested in joining a sports club or a school team and 66 per cent said their child had become more physically active.
**Maths Fun For Everyone**

**Try this: These uncertain times**

**You will need**

- 2 friends
- 2 stopwatches that can measure hundredths of seconds
- Ball
- Metre ruler
- Paper
- Pen

**What to do**

- Give each of your friends a stopwatch.
- Hold the ball 1 m above the ground.
- Make sure your friends are ready. Drop the ball, and have your friends time how long it takes for the ball to hit the ground.
- Compare the stopwatches. Write the times down on the paper.
- Drop the ball again, and compare the times. Are the times the same?
- Repeat a few more times, and compare the results.

**What’s happening?**

You will probably observe that few (if any) of the times match exactly, although they will be similar. This is because differences in your friends’ reaction times lead to slight differences in the readings on the stopwatches.

The measurement of the height also contributes to differences in readings. The second time the ball was dropped, it may have been a few millimetres higher or lower than the first drop. It might not sound like much but it does make a difference to the times recorded on the stopwatches.

What is the correct time? The answer is, you can’t tell just from the measurements. In some cases, your friends might know they missed the start, or pushed the wrong button on the stopwatch. In such cases, if you know a mistake was made, you should ignore the measurement.

Whenever a measurement is made, it is not possible to be sure that the measurement is completely accurate. We say that there are uncertainties in the measurements. The sources of these uncertainties are called errors.

Sometimes the uncertainty will be small, at other times it can be quite large. Generally speaking, the lower the uncertainty, the more confident you can be that you have an accurate measurement. The uncertainty can sometimes be unacceptably high. In such cases you might have to change your measurement method to obtain results with a lower level of uncertainty.

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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.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books for July 2013-June 2014 are here.

Cost per booklet is $65. 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

Thank you to those people who offered their time to assist at various fundraising events throughout the year. Confirmation has been sent home. Looking forward to working together.

Everyone’s time is valuable and every little bit counts.

Mothers Day Stall – Fri 10th May

The annual Parents Association Mothers Day stall will be run Friday 10th May. Gifts will range in price from 50c up to $4. All children need to bring their own bag to carry their purchases. No bags will be provided at the stall. Thanks to those people who have offered to help run the stall.

Coming in Term 2

- Meal Deal Day – Wednesday 15th May
  Students will be able to purchase a pie with a cookie and a drink. Order forms will come home soon.

- 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 Friday 10th May at 2pm 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.

Stacey Browne
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OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Dear Parents & Students,

We were busy with the Anzac activities last week. Children are excited to make something special to give their mother for Mother’s day. Thanks to Skylah B and Christopher W for running the Anzac cookies cooking activity. They demonstrated fantastic leadership skills.

Last week children were also busy with the colouring competition to win free ticket of the movie ‘Returns to Nim’s Island’. We witnessed very good colouring work from all the children which made the things so hard for us to decide the winner. And the winners are Nadia S and Joshua A. Well done.

Everyone is invited to OSHClub’s biggest afternoon tea at OSHRoom on 22nd of May, Wednesday. Come and taste the cooking treats made by the children. Come along and make your cup count in the fight against cancer.

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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Coordinator: Jagruti
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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.
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More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

ACADEMY OF DANCE VICTORIA - Enrolments now open for Term 2
ACTION DRAMA STUDIO - Acting and musical theatre.
BILLANOOK COLLEGE - Tour Saturday 4 May 10.15 am for a 10.30am start.

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 at lunchtime on a Wednesday with Nick! Nick 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!
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