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.

Calendar

27th June 2013

Principal’s Report

Last Saturday night I had the absolute pleasure of attending the Parent Associations Music and Movie Trivia Night. What a fabulous night it was with over $2000 raised for the school. It was wonderful to see so many parents relaxed and thoroughly enjoying themselves. A huge thank you to Peter and Kylie Gray for their amazing support on the night. Peter, most ably, hosted the evening and provided us with all the entertainment including brilliant lighting effects both inside and out. Thank you, Peter and Kylie. Your time, effort and energy is so greatly appreciated by us all! Also, a very big thank you to all the parents who attended on the night. Your ongoing support is so valued. And finally, another huge thank you to all the members of the Parents Association who worked so hard in presenting the night so that everyone could come along and have a wonderful time and raise some money for the school.

A reminder that we have a very special end of term assembly planned for tomorrow. Mary Wooldridge, our local MP, will be attending to help us officially celebrate our new school mural developed this term through our Artist in Residence Program. We hope that you are able to join us for this very special event. I would also like to thank Elizabeth Waycott for arranging Mary Wooldridge to attend our assembly. Thanks, Liz.

And finally, as Term 2 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community for the support provided to me during the past twelve months. Yes, a year has now passed since I took up the Principal position at Donvale PS. It has been an extremely busy twelve month but most certainly an extremely rewarding one with much positive change taking place. With your ongoing support, Donvale PS will continue along with its forward directions and offering the best learning opportunities to all our students.

Thank you to all the staff of Donvale PS. You have worked so hard to provide such exciting teaching and learning to our students. I wish every member of our school community a wonderful, safe and relaxing holiday. We look forward to Term 3 as we begin preparations for our school production.

Kind regards

Lena Clark
For your interest:

Below is an email I received on Wednesday 26th June 2013 from DEECD Secretary, Richard Bolt.

Today Premier Napthine announced the Victorian Government’s school funding proposal. The Victorian announcement is in response to the Commonwealth’s proposal, which in turn was a response to the Gonski Review.

The key points of the proposal are:

- In the six years from 2013-14 to 2018-19, the Victorian Government will increase investment in schools by $3.5 billion. In return it seeks from the Commonwealth the extra $7.0 billion that has already been offered, consistent with the ‘two for one’ principle.

- The combined additional public investment of $10.5 billion over six years represents a growth rate of 4.9 per cent per year and a per-student growth rate of 3.7 per cent, which is sufficient to ensure that no school will be worse off. The Victorian Government would remain the majority funder of schools in 2019, providing 60 per cent of public funding to all schools.

- Control over the distribution of funding among schools would remain with Victoria following negotiations with school sectors, and in consultation with schools. The impact on individual school budgets would be known once those negotiations were finalised. The resultant funding model would be consistent with the Gonski Review recommendation that funding be based on student need, and would follow the student.

- A condition of the Victorian Government’s agreement to funding reform is that decision-making within Victorian schools must remain with the schools, consistent with the autonomy reforms that are being implemented under Towards Victoria as a Learning Community. The Australian Education Bill contains unprecedented new powers for the Commonwealth to direct the management of schools. Victoria requires that the Bill be amended to remove provisions allowing Commonwealth education ministers to issue ongoing policy requirements, withdraw school funding if they are not satisfied with a school’s performance, and make ongoing funding conditional on school compliance with national policies.

The Premier has written to the Prime Minister in the above terms.
General

Wanted to Borrow!
Level 5/6 need to borrow many copies of the book 'Dragon Keeper' by Carole Wilkinson for our extension Literacy Group. If you have a copy to spare, and can get it to Miss Cartledge by tomorrow, we promise to take very good care of it for you.

Please name your copy and expect to have it returned approximately half way through Term 3.

Thanks in advance!

Level 5/6 Teachers

THANKS FOR DONATION

I am writing to say thanks to the SRC, the Students and Staff of Donvale Primary School for the $264.50 given to The HELP Charitable Trust to be passed on to the Shalom Pre-School in Mwanza Tanzania.

The children at Shalom are among the most disadvantaged of their community and would not be able to learn to read and write without the passion and commitment of their teacher Cecelia. In response to the need she built a single room in her parent's back yard.

Every day seventy eager children come to learn. Resources are very meager. Each child has an exercise book. There is a chalk board. They all pack in to this room or alternately have classes under a tree.

Because many of the children barely eat at home, Cecelia feeds them. This cost USD$200 per month. The money sent from your fund raising efforts will go to essential items like books, mats, pencils and food.

When Anthea and I visited in 2012 we were very moved by the needs of the children and Cecelia's passion to give them a chance in life. So we decided to assist them through HELP.

Thank you so much for your concern for people in a part of the world where people do not have the same advantages that we do.

Peter Keep

This photo shows Cecelia taking a lesson outside
From The Sports Desk

Last Thursday saw our Level 5 and 6 children complete the final games of our Winter Sports (Soccer, Netball and Tee Ball). Again, special thanks to all those children and the many parents who assisted on this day.

Congratulations to our Mixed Netball and Mixed Tee Ball teams who both went through the competition undefeated and are now District Champions. Great achievement children.

May I take the time to thank all our Donvale children for their enthusiasm in Physical Education and Sporting activities this term and to the many parents who have supported so many different activities.

I wish all children and families a safe and happy holiday and for the children to be refreshed for Term 3.

Good luck to all our Donvale Primary School Basketball Teams competing in their Grand Finals on Saturday. Go Donvale.

Lachlan H (Level 6 student 2012) Under 14 (1) Bulleen Boys team have qualified for the National Championships in Darwin in September 2013. This is a great achievement as only the top 4 teams are invited from each State. Last year Lachlan represented Victoria in the Victorian Primary School’s Basketball Team.

Mr Pianta

Donvale Junior Chef

Next terms timetable will be handed out today.

Please check on the wall of the DJC Room if your child doesn't get one or you can contact me directly.

Our menu will be "Hamburger". Looking forward to creating this yummy food with our junior chefs.

Congratulations to Emma W and Sophie L both from 34M for their new role as "Junior Chef Room Monitors", well done girls.

Thank you to families that have already notified us about their absence so that we can offer their spot to other children on the waiting list.

My family and I had the opportunity to travel to Brunei and Indonesia in the past few weeks. And we've been sampling lots and lots of food that we can't find at home.

Most food there is a fusion between the local and the migrant influences.

We ate lovely Indian food that is actually never heard of in India and only available in the region.

It proves our belief that food creation is a never ending business, and we can cook whatever our imagination allows us.

After all, it's always good to be home again (even though we don't have drivers and servants to look after us here).

Have a lovely break everyone.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff
Basketball

No Games Last Week

As all five teams won their semi-final and advanced through to the grand final, they had a week off last week.

GRAND FINALS

10am. Disc 1 - Open A Girls, Delights v's Our Lady of the Pines Flames
10am, Leeds St - U9 A Girls, Daffodils v's Donburn Dolls
10.20am, Disc 2 - U11 C Girls, Dreamers v's Beverley Hills Bluebirds
12pm, Disc 1 - U11 D Girls, Daisy's v's Donburn Dynamites
12.20pm, Disc 2 - U11 C Boys, Dinosaurs v's Milgate Jets

Good Luck to all teams. Go out and do your best

MEDAL PRESENTATION

WILL BE HELD AT ASSEMBLY FIRST WEEK OF TERM 3 FOR ALL 5 BASKETBALL TEAMS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 2013 SUMMER SEASON.

Player Profile

Ella.M - Daffodils

1. How long have you been playing?
   2 Years
2. What is your favourite subject at school?
   Sport
3. What is your favourite food/drink?
   Strawberries and Apple Juice
4. Where is your favourite place to holiday?
   Torquay
5. What do you love doing as a family activity?
   Swimming at the beach

Girls teams training at DiSC, Tue 3:45 to 4:45
Boys teams training in GP Room, Wed 3:45 to 4:45
In our lesson today, we have learnt how ordinary people can help fulfil God’s purposes for the world. God equips people for both big and small tasks, as they live their lives for God every day. Christians believe God can help people today as they face life’s challenges.

We learnt that even little things we do can have big consequences. Miriam, who looked after her baby brother Moses, showed great courage when she approached the princess and offered to care for him, after the princess had found him in a basket on the river. Moses was the one who, years later, would lead the Hebrew people out of slavery.

So even ordinary people can live God’s way every day, and we can all play a part in God’s purposes for the world.

I hope you will all have a safe and happy break in the next couple of weeks.

God bless,
Judith Grayden

OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
Dear Parents & Students,

I can’t believe that we are at the end of the term. Enjoy the break and see you all next term.

Program will run from 2:30 to 6pm on the last day of the term 2 (28/06/2013, Friday).

We value your input/ideas to make this program successful. Please feel free to add your comments to the Quality Improvement Plan sheet available next to the sign in/out sheet in the OSH room.

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
OSHClub 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

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Is now closed for 2013
Thank you to everyone in the school community for donating.
WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING TOKENS UNTIL JULY 29TH.
YOU WILL SEE THE WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN BOX NEAR THE OFFICE.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We have 3 books for sale at the office $65 each.

Music/Movie Trivia Night

Music/Movie Trivia Night

Was a huge success with 90 people enjoying a fun filled night of entertainment.
A HUGE thank you to Peter Gray, (Kiralee 34E and Nathan FRG). Peter was a great host and also provided the questions, audio visual equipment and lighting.
Thank you to the team of mums who helped organise this event.

FEDERAL ELECTION, AUGUST ? or SEP?

This is going to be a great opportunity to raise some funds for our school.
When you come to vote you can look around at some stalls, have something to eat and drink, even get your car washed by the local 1st Doncaster East Venturer’s.
Start collecting all those things around the house you have been meaning to get rid of and store it to sell on this day.
More details to come – Car Boot Sale and Stall Holder Enquiries to Stacey Browne
brownestacey1968@gmail.com

Thank you for all the offers of help. We have had a fantastic response from our school community. Rosters will come home before the end of term.

Coming in Term 3

⇒ Scholastic Book Fair and Book Week activities, Wed 21st Aug – Fri 23rd Aug
⇒ Father’s Day Evening activities, Thu 29th Aug
⇒ School Production Raffle, Aug-Sep
⇒ Federal Election Day, Aug-Sep

Next scheduled P.A Meeting is Monday 15th July at 9am in the library. Everyone welcome even if you have never attended a meeting before.

Stacey Browne
Birthday Wishes To
Celebrating 28th June to 18th July:

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

**Kids Cucina** - Keep your children busy these holidays by joining Kids Cucina’s large choice of cooking classes. St Peter and Paul Hall, Leeds Str Doncaster Easter.

**The Mitcham Hotel** - On Wednesday 3rd July Kids Xmas in July, includes Kids Eat free, colouring activities, plaster mould painting and lucky dips. On Wednesday 10th July we are having a Kids Disco. The night starts at 5.30pm and includes face painting, plaster mould painting, make your own rockstar sunglasses, limbo and other great games. There will be lots of prizes through out the evening as well as Kids Eat Free.

**Warrandyte High School Theatre** - The Pirates of Penzance with the Diamond Valley singers and Eltham Orchestras.

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**Do you know about the services available to people with asthma?**

Posted by: Asthma Foundation Victoria

If you have asthma or care for someone with asthma there are services out there to help you that you may not be aware of. Not only is there your doctor but also respiratory physicians, paediatricians, clinical immunologist/allergy specialists, asthma educators, pharmacists, hospitals and The Asthma Foundation of Victoria. For more information on how to access these services see your doctor or contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA.