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Snippets

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Calendar

29th August 2013

Thursday 29th August
• 5.30-7.00pm: Fathers Day Activities Evening

Friday 30th August
• 9.00-11.00: Athletic trials for grades 5 & 6
• 3.00-3.45pm: Uniform shop open

Monday 2nd September
• 9.00am: Parents Association meeting

Tuesday 3rd September
• Casual Dress Day - Pyjamas for Asthma Foundation

Important Dates To Remember

Friday 6th September
• Full dress rehearsal at school and photos taken

Monday 9th September
• Technical Rehearsal at the George Wood Performing Arts Centre

Tuesday 10th September
• 7.30pm: Performance

Wednesday 11th September
• 7.30pm: Performance

Acting Principal’s Column

Production: With less than 2 weeks to go now until the curtain goes up on the 2013 DPS Production, there is excitement in the air and much activity around the school with rehearsals, costume making and fittings all enthusiastically taking place. This is a wonderful example of the whole school community working together to create a production that we can all be very proud of. The Production nights are Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th September. Tickets for both nights can still be purchased at the school office. Can the staff go back to back with another production finale item? Watch this space!

Leaders In The Making: I would like to share with you a conversation I had in my office this week with some of our wonderful school leaders. After talking to another student about leadership, this student remarked to me that they didn’t know how to be a leader. I started to talk about our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and Compassion. It then occurred to me that the best way of approaching this would be to hear the thoughts of some of our school leaders. Their responses made it clear to us how they had all come so far on their leadership journey at Donvale. I have recorded their thoughts and advice below.

Ashleigh W:  You get to be a role model for other students. You have to want to do it. Enjoy the challenge.

Jon H:  Give it 110 % all the time. Make sure you enjoy it.

James B:  It helps you in the long run. It’s good for your self-esteem.

Georgia L:  You build up your confidence to do something you found difficult to start with, like speaking in front of people at assembly.
I think you would all agree that the leadership opportunities we provide for our students today will certainly benefit them in secondary school and for the years beyond. All students at Donvale can be a school leader by demonstrating our school values in their behaviour every day.

**Working Bee:** It’s always a pleasure coming to work though just a little bit more on Monday of this week as I observed and appreciated the efforts of the families who worked so hard at the previous day’s working bee to make our school look wonderful. It was great to see the number of children who willingly rolled up their sleeves and helped with the various jobs. And yes that paint seems to have come off! We never get tired of visitors to our school telling us what a wonderful setting we have. I’m sure the Grandparents who played some old fashioned games with the 1/2 children that Monday morning were very impressed with our school. Thanks to all the families who attended and to Mr Pianta and Mrs Erskine-Behr for their efforts in the organisation of the working bee.

**Uniform Policy:** Please find a copy of the DPS School Uniform policy in this week’s Snippets. We invite you over the next 2 weeks to provide us with your feedback. We intend to have this policy ratified at the next School Council meeting on Wednesday 18th September.

**Lena Clark.** As many of you would be aware Lena has had some health concerns recently. I have heard there have been some different versions of her illness so I would like to take the opportunity to reassure everyone that Lena is recovering very well at home, is sounding chirpy and intends to return to work on Monday 9th September. Lena would like to thank everyone in the Donvale School community for their best wishes and kind messages of support. It has been much appreciated. We all look forward to having Lena back soon.

**Ian McKinlay**

**General**

**Working Bee**
A very big thanks to the families and students who attended our working bee last Sunday. Many large and minor tasks were completed making our grounds looking great.

**Buildings and Grounds Committee**
A special “thank you” to Emily Y, Katrina P, Ruby B, Michael W, Chris W, Amy L, Sophie L, Mitchell L and former grade 6 student Thomas D with younger siblings for helping to paint.

Your laughter and joyful chatter, while working hard to make the seats bright and colourful was catching.

Thanks to the parents who also helped and kept a watchful eye over them.

**Arts Committee**
Grade 6 Windcheater Found
Thank you - Chris W, 56C

Please Be Aware
We have been notified of a sibling who has been diagnosed with shingles, the sibling was in the school ground after school yesterday. You cannot catch shingles unless you have come in contact with the infected person or haven’t been immunised against chickenpox. Pregnant women are at risk though.

Grade 5/6 Extended Literacy Group
“Life of Pi” by Yann Martel
- Time for Adventure -

The level 5 & 6 students in this group will find out how one young boy and one big wild tiger survive 200 days at sea. “Life of Pi” is available in hard copy and on ebook/ibook.

Sessions will be run on Thursdays at 10am during the level 5 and 6 reading group time. Looking forward to working with you.
Elisabeth Waycott

Art Show - News Flash
The art room is a buzz with activity. Each grade has started on their special combined art work for our first ever Art Show - 16th November 2013.

Thank you to Donna, Elisabeth and Mrs Towan for their equal enthusiasm in helping us getting started.
Arts Committee

‘PYJAMA DAY’
Tuesday, 3 September 2013

Have you ever wanted to get up and go to School in your pyjamas?

Well the S.R.C are giving you the opportunity to do just that. The S.R.C are holding a ‘Pyjama Day’ on Tuesday, 3 September 2013, to help raise money to support Asthma awareness.

The S.R.C would like as many students as possible to come to School in their Pyjamas and donate a gold coin to support this worthy cause. Teachers are also welcome to participate.
Working Bee on Saturday

We plan to open the GP room and the art room this Saturday morning (31st Aug) from 10 am for any artistic parents who would like to come and help paint sets and props.

Last Minute Requests

We need the following please:

- Someone with a small truck/large van to do a lighting equipment pick up from Noble Park to the theatre late Sunday afternoon (8th Sept) or early Monday morning.
- Some volunteers to help lay and paint the black stage on Sunday evening (8th Sept).
- Two people to volunteer as follow spot operators for both nights, and who would be available all day next Monday (9th Sept) for tech rehearsal.
- Three single bed bases, preferably with castors for the three bears.
- An old legal wig or similar and an old style wooden lecturn
- Camouflage netting for a curtain.

The level 5/6 students require a number of items for the Production. If you are able to lend us any of the following items, please label them and send them in to our level ASAP.

- Lots of denim jackets for boys and girls, 10 bandannas, Silver (medium) high heels size 6-7, Elvis wig
- 2 x milk crates
- 3 brass instruments (ie saxophone, trombone, trumpet, tuba), preferably old or no longer used
- 4 Brooms, 2 metal mop buckets, 2 mops
- 2 pairs of male work boots/blundstomes that we can paint
- Oversized play money
- Fake wedding bouquet (preferably white)
- Ladies wig (big hair, that we can tease and mess up)
- 2 Plastic swords
- 2 Unused cameras (prefer large old style)

Full Dress Rehearsal

Full Dress rehearsals are happening in the GP Room at school next Friday 6th September at 9.30 am for Level 1/2 and FRG, 11.30 am for Level 3/4 and FHW and 1.00 pm for Level 5/6. Students will need full costumes and character makeup.

Technical Rehearsal

We are rehearsing at the theatre on Monday 9th September. School uniforms will be worn.

Performance Details

7.30pm Tuesday 10th September & Wednesday 11th September.

George Wood Performing Arts Centre, Yarra Valley Grammar School, Enter via Gate A, Kalinda Rd, Ringwood North.

All students should be at the theatre by 7.15 pm at the latest. Students are expected to perform on both nights. More details of drop off/pickup points will be circulated next week. Thank you.

Rick Gordon for The Production Committee
From The Sports Desk

Grade 3/4 Hooptime: Our grade threes and fours were involved in their first Hooptime (Basketball) competition on Tuesday. The competition caters for all levels of basketball knowledge and skill. (Rookies, Future Stars and All Stars). We submitted 4 Rookies and 4 Future Star teams. All children participated in a minimum of five games throughout the day. It was great seeing the teamwork, co-operation, enthusiasm and skill development displayed by our children.

Special mention and congratulations to our Donvale Devils (Future Stars) who went through the whole day un-defeated including Semi and Grand Final to be overall champions for the day. The Devils have qualified to go onto the next round (Regional) next term.

A very big thank you to the many parents who assisted throughout the whole day which ensured the day to run so smoothly. I also must praise and thank those senior students who took on the task of coaching some of the teams.

Well done Donvale.

Athletic Trials for grade 3 and 4 students were held today. Our grade 5 and 6 students trials are tomorrow (9.00-11.00). Parents are most welcome to assist on Friday if possible.

Super Swimmer: I wish to share some terrific sporting news regarding Ashley W, a grade 6 students. Ashley is competing in the Victorian Swimming State Championships this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Ashley is representing the Doncaster/Templestowe Swim Club and she has qualified for 6 individual events (100m backstroke, 200m backstroke, 50m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 200m freestyle and the 100m individual medley).

This is an enormous individual achievement and we all wish her well, good luck and our congratulations.

Thank you.

Mr Pianta

Basketball

Three wins and two losses were our games results for last Saturday. A big thank you to Rose W-H and Abby M for filling in for the Dreamers two weeks ago. The Dreamers at the last minute were down on players due to illnesses but luckily Rose and Abby came to the rescue! This week the Daffodils played hard with no subs so all 5 players were on the court for the whole match and were able to secure a win! Congrats to Kate B scored her personal best of 4 goals. The Delights had their first loss for the season a tough game against one of the better teams only two points the difference! great effort considering they played without their star player Renee T. A big week for all our players. Well done to all! keep up the good work!!

Times for this week are as follows:

Dinosaurs: v Milgate Jest @ 2.20pm Disc 2
Daisy’s: v B/Hills Bluebirds @ 10.10am Leeds St
Delights: v Ser/St.Ch Spirits @ 8.30am Disc 2
Dreamers: v Ser/St.Ch Centaurs @ 10.10 Disc2
Daffodils: BYE

Information & updates

For more information or general enquiries please contact Diana on 0434 027 144 or email dianamen@tpg.com.au. Also contact Diana if you have basketball news for the snippets.
Player Profile – Sophie E - Dreamers

Q. How long have you been playing?
A. 3 years

Q. What is your favourite subject at school?
A. Art

Q. What is your favourite food/drink?
A. Chocolate and Lemon Fizzy

Q. Where is your favourite place to holiday?
A. Queensland and I like Dromana too

Q. What do you love doing as a family activity?
A. Going for family drives

Quote of the week

"Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence wins championships."

- by Michael Jordan

OSHClub News

Program Update

Dear Parents & Student,

We are so close to the end of term. This week Children are going to surprise their father on Father’s Day with their beautiful art and craft work.

I would like to thank all the parents who helped to remove the furniture from OSHroom during the working bee. I am very grateful as the room looks more spacious and clean now.

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.

Online bookings for Mitcham and Blackburn Holiday Program are open. To avoid last minute rush or disappointment book the children in advance.

Remember bookings can be made right until 12pm the night before, or you can book on the day by calling or leaving the text message but there will be an 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. For some reason if you need to cancel the child from attending the after school care session you can cancel online if it is before 24 hours or leave a text message on the program phone (0402362443) if it is on the day.

Jagruti Shah

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.
Next Week’s Activities

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Birthday Wishes To

Celebrating 29th Aug to 5 Sept
Alyse C, Zain W, Vanessa C, Daniel H, Nathan B

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FOCUS - running a short free course (Pathway to Aged Care) commencing on the 7th October 2013 in Box Hill. The aim of this course is to assist parents wishing to return to the workforce, particularly those wishing to obtain employment in the community services sector.
Parents Association

Fathers Day Activities Evening

Bring along your Dad or special person (Grandfather, Uncle or friend).

Thursday 29th August, 5.30PM TO 7PM

Commencing at 5:30pm in the Senior Building will be some fun activities including a plane flying competition, handball competition and more.....

The evening will conclude with a dinner of pizza and ice creams to be served in the G.P. Room.

Federal Election Sep 7th

With only just over 1 week till Election Day
We need more EVERYTHING.....

Please remember to donate items towards our school fundraising stalls.

Please send back the “Request for Assistance” notice that came home early this week.

This will assist in rostering on Saturday 7th Sep.

Homemade baked item donation packages will be coming home early next week. The pack consists of a plate, bag and tie and ingredient label.

Donated baked items will be received Friday 6th Sep and Saturday 7th Sep

If you did not receive the “Request for Assistance” or Election Day Cake Stall notice, they can be downloaded from the NOTICES section on the website

Any enquiries to Stacey Browne
brownestacey1968@gmail.com

Class Themes

FRG-Car Care,
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FHW-toys (5-8 years) new or 2nd hand,
12J-Plants and Gardening,
12J-Plants and Gardening,
12B- outdoor ornaments/furnishings,
12W-Stationary,
12W-Stationary,
34E-Toys (9 12 years) new or 2nd hand
34MP-Gourmet,
34P-Assorted Filled Jars, (hair stuff, lollies, pens, pencils, stickers, tiny toys anything that looks interesting in a sealed see through jar)
56R - Craft Item's and Homemade Cards. 56C- Soaps and Candle's
56G-Books and Music, new or 2nd hand.

There are still places left for our car boot sale.

$25 for stall holders.
Donvale P.S Raffle

Every Family has received raffle tickets to sell or purchase. These came home this week

1st prize
Ipad, donated by the Parents Association

2nd prize
A bike donated by Hoskins

3rd prize
$120 in Coles Vouchers

More tickets available at the office

DRAWN AT ASSEMBLY
LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Coming in Term 3 & 4

⇒ Father’s Day Evening activities, Thu 29th Aug
⇒ DPS Raffle, Aug-Sep
⇒ Federal Election Day, Sat Sep 7th
⇒ Meal Deal Day - Hotdog, Wed 18th Sep
⇒ Kids Disco Friday October 25th
⇒ Art Show and Auction Sat Nov 16th
⇒ Christmas Stall
⇒ Christmas Carols at School

2013 Parents Association Contacts

President – Kim Merton (Abby 56R, Ella 12J & Indi FRG)
Vice President – Jo Wood (Katrina 56C & Dan 34MP)
Secretary – Karin Moule (Holly 34P)
Promotions/Snippets – Stacey Browne (Ruby 56R & Maggie 34E)

Next scheduled P.A Meeting is Monday 2nd Sep at 9am in the library. At this meeting we will be planning our fundraising program for 2014

We value your opinion and ideas, please come along.

Everyone welcome even if you have never attended a meeting before.

Stacey Browne
P.A
Policy Statement

In consultation with the school community and School Council a Uniform Policy including a Dress Code has been developed. We believe this provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Create collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the school.
- Foster ownership and a sense of belonging.
- Develop school unity by enhancing the atmosphere, tone, spirit and cultural norms of the School.
- Provide safety and security for both individuals and groups.
- Foster equality for all students.

Enhance the school image within the wider community.

Implementation

The DPS school uniform is sold on school premises by a contractor, opening for a minimum of one hour per week and further times as requested by the school to fit in with the DPS transition program.

The Uniform Committee will operate a second-hand uniform service to allow the purchase of good-quality items at a low cost.

The Dress Code will be displayed at the Uniform Shop along with details of uniform items and cost of purchase.

Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health condition must apply in writing to the Principal.

School Council, Principal and staff are responsible for the implementation of the School Uniform Policy and Dress Code. School Council requires the Principal to hold overall responsibility for the implementation of the School Uniform Policy and Dress Code.

The following procedures will apply to students who do not comply with the Dress Code:

- A note will be sent home by the Principal informing parents that their child was not dressed in accordance with the School’s Uniform policy and Dress Code. This includes sports uniform on Physical Education class days and sports days. Parents will be reminded of the School Uniform Policy and Dress Code expectations.
- Parents requiring support to ensure that their child complies with the School’s Uniform Policy and Dress Code are asked to discuss the matter with the Principal.
- Students not in sport’s uniform on the day of an interschool event may be excluded from participation.

Dress Code

The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions.

Students are expected to wear school uniform as identified in the ‘Uniform Items’ list below and ONLY uniform items from this list.

Summer and winter uniform items can be mixed and matched. E.g. Boys grey shorts with navy long sleeved polo. Girls bootleg pant with Navy short sleeved polo.

Students are required to wear the School sports uniform on their Physical Education and Sports days.

Students will wear school hats for outside activities during Terms 1 and 4 and at other times of high UV exposure. The only hats acceptable are the ‘Sun Smart’ hats that are sold by the Uniform Shop, which have been deemed compliant with the School’s Sun Smart Policy.
Students will wear appropriate footwear and socks (as described in the ‘Uniform Items’ list below) for the various activities they undertake at school. No open toed footwear will be permitted. The only sunglasses acceptable, excluding prescription glasses, are the Sun Smart sunglasses. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.

Other jewellery, for example, bangles, bracelets, necklaces are not permitted.

Tidy and manageable hair at all times for hygiene and sport purposes. The only acceptable headbands and ribbons, if worn must be in the school colours of blue/green/yellow. Extreme hair colours (e.g. Green, pink or purple rinses) and accessories are not permitted. Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.

**Uniform Items**

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Refer to Section 3, Point 3 summer and winter uniform items can be mixed and matched. E.g. Boys grey shorts with navy long sleeved polo. Girls bootleg pant with Navy short sleeved polo.

**Evaluation and Review**

This policy to be reviewed every three years, or following referral by School Council.

**References**

- Department of Education Pro-forma Uniform Policy
- Donvale Primary School Sun Smart Policy

This policy was ratified by School Council....
2013 PRODUCTION TICKET BOOKING FORM

Family Name: _____________________________________________________

Eldest Child: ________________________ Grade: ________________

PLEASE NOTE:
- There is NO limit of tickets per family, and seats will not be allocated.
- Donvale P.S. students do not require a ticket (ticket price was included in Term 3 Bulk Billing).
- Due to theatre Health & Safety regulations, all other children require a ticket. Toddlers cannot sit on parent’s knees, and prams or pushers are not allowed into the auditorium.
- Payment can be made by cash, cheque, eftpos (at the office) and credit card. NOT Bpay.

TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

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Credit Card Payment Slip-Donvale Primary School

Please find enclosed payment of $______________ being payment for:

Production Tickets

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EXPIRY DATE: _____/_____  VISA ☐  BANKCARD ☐  MASTERCARD ☐

CREDIT CARD NO: __________________________________________

SIGNATURE: ___________________________________________ DATE: _____/____/____