Snippets

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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 6th December
• 11.00-11.45:  Parent Morning Thank You Tea in the Senior Building
• 12.00-1.00:  R.E. Concert
• 3.00-3.45pm:  Uniform shop open
• 2.30-3.30:  2014 Prep Transition Program
• No assembly

Monday 9th December
• Parents Association Luncheon

Tuesday 10th December
• Grade 6 Transition Day

Wednesday 11th December
• SRC “Chill Day”

Friday 13th December
• 9.00-1.30:  Parents Ass Christmas Stall
• 12.30-1.30:  Whole School Transition
• 2.30-3.30:  Assembly
(Presentation of training equipment grant by Brian McAllister from McDonalds)

LAST WEEK OF TERM
Monday 16th December
4.00-6.00pm Donvale basketball teams break-up/ presentation night

Tuesday 17th December
6.00-6.45pm:  Christmas Carols Night

Wednesday 18th December
10.-10.45:  ‘Meet the Teacher Day’

Thursday 19th December
Grade 6 Graduation Night at Whitehorse Centre

Friday 20th December
Last day:  1.10 Assembly
1.30 Dismissal

Principal’s Column

Parent Survey
This week, all families will have received a survey which we would greatly appreciate you taking the time to complete and provide us with your feedback. This survey asks you to provide us with valuable feedback on all areas of our school. We take this feedback very seriously. Your input and suggestions help us in ensuring that we continue to improve and provide the best learning opportunities for all our students. Completed surveys can be returned to the office no later than by Friday December 13th. I strongly encourage you to take the time to respond and share with us your thoughts and opinions on how well our school is meeting the expectations you have for your child.

School Magazine
Our 2013 School magazine has arrived and will be distributed to all our families shortly. I hope you enjoy looking through the magazine as much as we enjoyed preparing the pages. It is a wonderful keepsake of your child’s time with us this year. A big thank you to Miss Wilson for the planning and preparation she put in to enable us to present the magazine to you again this year.

Junior Chef Xmas Lunch
A very big thank you Liang and Martin Dimitroff for yet another very successful Junior Chef year at DPS. The program celebrated its end of the year with an annual Christmas party. All 108 student participants enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch presented by Liang and all the
parent helpers. The program is supported by many Parents who come along every week to help with the preparations and cleaning. We are indeed very lucky at DPS to have such wonderful supportive parents that allow a program like Junior Chef to take place. Thank you everyone!

**Parent Helpers Morning Tea**  
A reminder that the Parent Helpers morning tea will be taking place this Friday (tomorrow) at 11.00am in the Senior Building. All members of our community that have helped us throughout the year in some way are invited to attend. This is our small way of saying a big THANK YOU to everyone that works with us in making this school the wonderful school that it is. The CRE annual Christmas concert will follow the morning tea. I hope that families are able to attend these two very special events.

**Assembly**  
Due to our whole school transition program, there will be **no Assembly** this Friday.

Regards

**Lena Clark**

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**General**

**Lost Property**
There is a lot of lost property in the box outside the OSH room, these items are unnamed or have illegible markings. If you are missing any part of your students uniform please take some time to check. When the weather is fine it will be hung outside on the fence on the junior side. There are also a number of lunchboxes and drink bottles. All uncollected lost property will be removed on Wednesday December 18th to go to the secondhand uniform shop. Drink bottles etc will go in the bin.

If you have any concerns please see Karen in 1/2B

The office also has some lost items: swimming goggles, etc (from swimming program), children’s sunglasses, and other bits and pieces. We will be throwing these out on the last day.

**School Banking**
Next week will be the final week for school banking. Don’t forget to still bank during the holidays. Also, a reminder that we start the new year with 0 tokens.

Have a Merry Christmas and safe holidays.

*Marina Younger*

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**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**
If you are eligible for the Education Maintenance Allowance, please read the information included in this Snippets for full details. Application forms are available from the office. If you would like to utilise the EMA to assist with the 2014 school fees, please speak to Ricarda. Application forms need to be in by **28th February 2014**.

**Dance Awards**
Congratulations to Rose W 3/4P, Holly M 3/4P and Angelina T 5/6R who recently received trophies for achieving the highest exam results in their level for Jazz, from the Deanne Fordham School of Dance. Congratulations also to Natalie L 3/4P for receiving the Encouragement Award.

Well done girls, keep up the great effort.

*Maria Tomasi*
NEWS FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open each Friday up until 13th December (the shop will not be open last week of term).

The shop will have a special opening morning in January for pre - back to school selling - Wednesday 29th January from 9am to 10am.

Then normal selling time will resume Friday 31st January 3pm to 4pm.

SRC Christmas Food and Gift Appeal

This year we are having a Christmas Food and Gift appeal. We are collecting for Uniting Care Connections, Child youth and Family Services.

Please bring your gift wrapped and labelled for boy, girl and age group and /or non perishable foods, eg cans, rice, pasta, sauces etc. Please ensure all foods are within their use by date. Boxes will be placed under our Christmas tree in the foyer outside the staffroom for you to leave your food donations. Gift donations can be placed under the tree at the office. If you have any questions please see Dylan in 3/4E. The collection ends on Wednesday 18th December.

Junior Chef Club

The party went very well, the children were fantastic and on their best behaviour (they were very excited). They queued patiently, sharing and enjoying themselves. You have made us all so proud and made us feel that all our hard work was worth it.

This years menu included hamburgers (252 pieces), Singaporean noodles, fried rice (all time favourite, 8 kg of rice), crispy dumplings (502), tempura, garden salad, mini cheesecake, mango pudding, vanilla cake with creamy icing, chocolate slices, pandan and coconut brownie and biscuits, lollies, cordial, fruit platter, chocolate coated icecream and cookies as a goodie bag.

The event ran smoothly with the assistance of a big army of helpers made up of students, parents, grandparents and staff.

Thank you to the following families: Frigo, Younger, Leyh, Warner, Brown, Loccisano, Raftopolous, Mangonis, Sinosich, Miles, Savage and Mrs Collins for their donations.

Also a big thank you to Jaqui Frigo, Marina Younger, Nikki Savage, Jenny Raftopolous Kate Pascale, Maggie Tran, Liz Brown, Kathy Farrell, Adam Robertson, Andrew Miles, Mr Pianta, Mrs Cheesman, Mrs Collins, Mrs Erskine-Behr, Mrs Clarke and Martin with helping with the party. Special thank you to Emma W 3/4M, Zed G and Sebastian K 34P for helping cleaning up the room. The grade 6 children Emily Y, Vicky M, Marvin C, Peter M, Chris W, Christian L and Thomas J for their opening speeches. Apologies if I have missed thanking anyone.

We don't cook food, we create food

Liang Dimitroff
Donvale Primary School

CRE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2013

Invitation to Parents

Dear Parents

Thank you for the opportunity of teaching your children in Christian Religious Education at Donvale Primary School this year. We have had a great year together.

To celebrate Christmas with the children in CRE for 2013 we are holding a CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CONCERT:

**The Sparkle Box**

All parents and family members, including younger siblings, are invited.

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Please come and enjoy the Celebration with your children as they have been very busy preparing items for this occasion.

Looking forward to celebrating Christmas with you this year!

God Bless

Donvale Primary School CRE Team

*Cheryl, Judith & Shirley*

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To all our Parent Helpers

You are invited to a morning tea on

**Friday 6th December**

from 11.00 - 11.45 in the Senior Building

The staff looks forward to this opportunity of saying a personal thank you for all your assistance during the year in supporting the many wonderful programs and activities that Donvale Primary offers its students.
‘CHILL DAY’

The S.R.C are having another ‘Chill Day’ and offering icy-poles, jelly-cups and watermelon slices for sale.

**When:** Wednesday, 11 December 2013  
**Where:** At school canteen  
**Time:** Lunchtime 1:30pm – 2:30pm

**Prices As Follows:**  
Icy-Poles - $1.00 each  
Jelly in Cup - $1.00 each  
Watermelon Slices – 50¢ each

See you at the Canteen on Wednesday, 11 December.  
Enjoy Chilling Out!!

There will be 3 lines outside the Canteen: (1) Foundation, Grades 1 and 2; (2) Grades 3 and 4 and (3) Grades 5 and 6.

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**Carols on the Lawn**

**Tuesday 17th December at 6pm**  
**near the L4 building**

Bring along your picnic tea, a rug or chairs and enjoy mixing with other families over dinner (6.00 – 6.45pm).

Students will then lead us in Christmas carols commencing at approximately 6.45pm until 7.30pm. If everyone is good, we may get a special visitor!

Bring along your family and friends!

Don’t forget your Santa hat, etc.  
Battery operated candles are welcome!  
Live flame candles are not permitted for safety reasons.
Level 5/6 PIZZA PARTY
by Natasha B

Pyjamas and onesies were worn on Thursday night, which kicked off with dancing and chatting to friends. Pizza was handed out, along with cans of soft drink. Smells of pizza wafted around the building.

Despicable Me 2, the movie we watched, played not long after the pizza. During the movie, bowls of snacks were passed around for people to enjoy. Halfway through the movie, everybody got the chance to say ‘hi’ to Lucy, who lives in the UK, as we Facetimed her. The movie resumed and when it ended, parents were waiting. Overall, it was an awesome night enjoyed by both teachers and student.

State Hooptime at Dandenong

Awesome, we got into state! On Thursday the 28th of November the Donvale Devils went to State Hoop Time Basketball. We won all our games but lost the semi final. Overall it was a great day and we all had FUN! We would also like to thank Mrs Pianta, our coach, for all the time she spent training us.

Written by Madison H. and Madison S.

We had great times and we had tough times at State Hooptime in Dandenong. We won most of our games. The only game we lost was the semi-final against a really good team. We ended up fifth in the State. Everyone tried their hardest.

By Zed

The whole team had a fantastic time but at the same time we are sad that it is finished. We played against easy teams and hard teams. We lost one game and won all the other games. I think we have done a good job to come 5th in State.

By Ben
Maths Fun for Everyone

Measuring Money

You will need
• 100 five cent coins
• 50 ten cent coins
• 25 twenty cent coins
• 10 fifty cent coins
• Tall skinny jar (or drinking glass)
• Permanent marker
• Kitchen scales
• Pen and paper

What to do
1. Count out the correct number of each type of coin and put them in separate piles. Calculate how much each pile is worth.
2. Put all the five cent coins into the jar. Shake the jar to settle the coins. Mark the height of the coins on the side of the jar using the marker and label the mark ‘five cents’. Then empty the jar.
3. Repeat step 2 with each of the other types of coins, changing the label to match the coin type. Which type of coin took up the most room in the jar? Which took up the least?
4. Put all the five cent coins on the scales. Record their mass and then take the coins off the scales.
5. Repeat step 4 with each of the other types of coins. Which type of coin weighed the most? Which weighed the least?
6. Compare the value, volume and mass of each type of coin. Do you notice any patterns?

What’s happening?
If you look at Australian silver coins, heavier coins weigh more. For five cent, ten cent and twenty cent coins, the weight of the coin is proportional to the value. This means that five dollars weighs the same, whether it’s made up of five cent, ten cent and twenty cent coins, or a mixture of the three. However, fifty cent coins don’t match the pattern – they are only a few grams heavier than twenty cent coins.

When you put different coins into the jar, you might find they come up to different heights. These jumbled piles of coins all have different volumes. However, the coins themselves are all made of the same metal, and they each weigh the same amount. If you melted the coins down, each pile would have the same volume of metal. The difference comes from how the coins are arranged in the jar, and how big the gaps between the coins are.

More information
Detailed descriptions of Australian coins:
http://www.decimalcoins.com/

Make a coin sorter in this activity from our archives
http://csirohelixblog.com/2013/07/16/make-a-coin-sorter/

Interesting Facts:
Coins have been around for thousands of years. In many cultures, coins have been made of precious metals such as silver or gold. The value of the coin came from the metal in the coin, so a heavier coin would be worth more. These days, most coins are made of relatively cheap metals, and heavier coins are not always more valuable.

When Australia changed to dollars and cents in 1966, fifty cent coins were round and made of a different metal to five, ten and twenty cent coins. It was uneconomical to continue to make these coins – there was a lot of silver in them and the price of silver increased. When the mint reissued 50 cent coins, they chose a different shape – a dodecagon – to help prevent confusion with 20 cent pieces. This might explain why five dollars worth of fifty cent coins is relatively light.
Basketball News
A big finals week for our teams last Saturday! One loss, three wins and one bye. Dinosaurs, Daisy’s and Daffodils all straight into the Grand Final on Saturday 13th Dec. Congratulations Donvale! Delights and Dreamers need to fight it out this Saturday for a place in the Grand Final. Good luck Girls! The Dinosaurs had a huge win on Saturday and were even more pumped after some of the team had a day out to watch the Melbourne Tigers on Sunday see Andrew Miles’s and the boys reports bellow. The Tigers recruitment drive was a huge success with an increase from 5 to 8 teams! All teams are now registered but we could do with a few more players see details bellow.

Times for this week are as follows:

Dinosaurs: Bye - Daisy’s: Bye - Daffodils: v Bye
Delights: v Serp/St.Ch Spirits @ 9 am Disc 2
Dreamers: v Serp/St.Ch Sapphires @ 9.30am Disc 1

Team Profile - THE DINOSAURS day out with the Melbourne Tigers - On Sunday three of the Donvale Dinosaurs players plus two extras attended the Melbourne Tigers game against the Sydney Kings, it was a great day out and an amazing experience to watch the game live. Unfortunately the Tigers lost by four points. After the game we were able to attend the Andrew Gaze Room for an opportunity to meet some of the players, the boys were able to get their signatures and have photos with them, they also got a chance to meet Dante Exum who is expected to be drafted in next year’s NBA draft, the boys felt a bit short next to him as he is only 18 years old and already 198cm tall, he currently plays school basketball for a Lake Ginninderra College in Canberra, he was born in Melbourne.

(Samuel) The game was really loud when the Tigers got a goal, the score was 63 to 67, the Tigers lost but the day was good!

(Alfie) The best thing about going to the Melbourne Tigers was that we saw slam dunks! We saw loads of people and my favourite player was Number 43 (Chris Goulding), it was a really fun day.

(Harrison) I enjoyed watching the game and then meeting the players, we sat behind the goals to see all the action.

(Rudy) The game was amazing to go too, I loved seeing the players. All the players were really tall, we also got free hand clappers to make noise. Our seats were good because they were behind the goal.

(Jaymes) I enjoyed watching the game and meeting the players, I also liked watching the cheer leaders.

Players needed to complete teams!!

- 3 Boys (grade 5/6 next year) to join our open Boys team “THE DRAGONS”.
- 2-3 Girls (grade 1/2 next year) to join our under 9 team “THE DIAMONDS”
- 2 Girls (grade 3/4 next year) to join our under 11 team “THE DAFFODILS”

If you are interested in playing basketball and have some fun! Then please register now!! Contact Diana McNaughton 0434 027 144 or email dianamcn@tpg.com.au to find out how.

Medal presentation and BBQ Monday 16th Dec 4pm BER building RSVP 12th DECEMBER
## Program Update

Dear Parents & Student,

OSHClub will be running from 1:30pm to 6 pm on 20th December, Friday due to early finish of the school on the last day of the year.

Drink lots of water and stay hydrated, remember to use sunscreen and hat to prevent heat related illness.

Online bookings for Mitcham and Blackburn Holiday Program are open. To avoid last minute rush or disappointment book in the children in advance. Blackburn holiday program starts from 2nd January 2014 and Mitcham holiday program starts from 6th January 2014.

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 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

### Next Week’s Activities

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OSHC program phone: 0402 362 443  
Coordinator: Jagruti  
Assistants: Caroline and Liz  
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.
Parents Association

Christmas Stall

Friday 13th December
From 9am

All children need to bring their own bag to put their gifts in.
Gifts range in price from 50 cents to $5

P. A Christmas lunch

Monday 9th December, from 12noon

Bucatini Italian Restaurant & Bar 454 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham

This is a social event for all parents who would like to attend. We will chill-out and celebrate another great year of fundraising for our school.

It is also an unofficial way to get to know other parents and enquire about being a part of the Parents Association Committee for 2014.

R.S.V.P to Kim Merton kimmerton22@optusnet.com.au

All committee positions are “vacated” at the end of each year. Our first meeting back next year will be our AGM and all vacated positions will need to be filled.

Parents Association AGM Monday 10th February, 2014 please put in your diaries.

If you are interested in nominating for a position on the P.A committee for 2014, info packs will be sent home SOON summarising position descriptions and will include nomination forms.

Donvale Primary School Community Fair

29th March 2014

Preparations are well underway for an exciting school fair so please make sure you note the date in your diary. Rides to suit all ages have been booked and entertainment and stalls of all types are currently being organised. Any ideas, skills or contacts that you have that can help make the fair a success would be appreciated. The following people are coordinating the different aspects of the fair and can be contacted either out in the school yard or by email:

Stalls: Kim Merton; kimmerton22@optusnet.com.au
Entertainment: Kym Wolff; kymwolff@optusnet.com.au
Rides: Kelly Gray; marciepeanutis@hotmail.com
Finance/Admin: Jo Wood; jo@pizeng.com
Marketing: Marita Warner; maritawarner@live.com.au
Cleaning/Security/First Aid: Liz Waycott; ebeth.waycott@bigpond.com

Regards Fair Committee

Stacey Browne
Birthday Wishes To
Celebrating from the 6th - 12th December
William L, Sophie L, Anthi P

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43 Astelot Dve, Donvale
Saturday 7th December 8am-4pm
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More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

CRICKET CAMPS AUSTRALIA - Register today. Schramms Reserve, Doncaster

HEALTHWAYS RECREATION CENTRE - Holiday Program: At Mont Albert North. Swimming lessons/Tenpin Bowling/Jazz, Funk & Hip Hop Dance

THE SALVATION ARMY - Community Christmas Celebration. Sunday 8th December 3.30-4.30 at Doncaster East

CHATTER BOX - Occupational therapy groups for children 4-10 years old. A full day therapeutic program designed for children diagnosed with special needs.
**Financial Assistance - Information for Parents**

**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- $200 for prep students
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6.
- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16*

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

**How to Apply:** Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

**Closing Date:** You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by 28 February 2014.