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

14th November 2013

**Friday 15th November**
- 3.00-3.45pm: Uniform shop open
- Whole School Swimming Program

**Saturday 16th November**
- 8.00-11.00pm: Expressions Art Show

**Monday 18th November**
- Swimming Program

**Tuesday 19th November**
- Swimming Program

**Wednesday 20th November**
- Swimming Program
- 7.30pm: iPad Information Night

**Thursday 21st November**
- Swimming Program
- 2.00-3.15: Prep Transition

**Friday 22nd November**
- Swimming Program

Principal’s Column

Yet another busy week at Donvale Primary School with lots of events and exciting learning experiences taking place.

**Tennis Australia**
Our year 3 / 4 students had an exciting day on Tuesday where they were treated to a tennis clinic presented by Tennis Australia. The students had professional tennis lessons encompassing drills and skills, participated in ball service speed measurements, had fun in a wind booth where they tried to catch as many balls flying around them as possible, and had their photos taken with authentic Australian Open Tennis trophies. What a wonderful experience it all was for our students.

**Foundation Transition Program**
Our Foundation students for 2014 were welcomed to our school for their first transition session on Tuesday of this week. Excited students and parents made their way to the Foundation classrooms where they were enthusiastically greeted by our wonderful Foundation teachers, Mrs Michelle Rassias, Mrs Marilyn Gray, Mrs Alanna Hodgens and Mrs Bev Wright. The students waved goodbye to their mum’s and dad’s as they busily began tackling the variety of fun tasks and activities planned for them. Many of our parent members then made their way to the Library where they joined me in participating in our ‘Parents as Helpers’ course. The next ‘Foundation ‘14’ transition session is scheduled for Thursday November 21st. We are looking forward to once again greeting the newest members of our community and sharing in some more exciting learning experiences.

**Junior Chef Program and Sustainability**
Teaching our students about sustainability is focus for us at Donvale PS. With Sustainability a priority in the new Australian Curriculum, our school is continuing to work hard in developing policies and programs that serve to support our students’ knowledge and understandings of the concept. One such program that is being developed is our ‘Gardening Club.’
It is within this Club that our students have the opportunity to become actively involved in growing their own fresh herbs and vegetables. Eventually, these vegetables make their way to our Junior Chef program where they will be cooked up in the delicious recipes designed by our wonderful Junior Chef coordinator, Liang Dimitroff. I had the pleasure this week, of tasting some yummy soup cooked by our students and Liang that contained our very own home grown silverbeet. It was absolutely delicious – such a perk to the job!

Mrs Erskine-Behr, our Sustainability co-ordinator, has managed to arrange for our school to take possession of three compost ‘green cones,’ donated to us from the Manningham Council. It is planned for these compost cones to be installed on Thursday during our Working Bee. These will support our learning regarding ‘reduce, reuse and recycle’. We are also excited about preparing for the ‘Resource Smart Sustainable Schools Program’. Mrs Erskine-Behr will provide more information on this later. Thank you Mrs Erskine –Behr.

Melbourne Tigers Basketball Clinic On Wednesday of this week, around 80 of our students attended the Manningham Disc where they had the opportunity to participate in a Basketball Clinic facilitated by two Melbourne Tigers players, Chris Goulding and Nate Tomlinson. The students were expertly guided through some basketball drills and were all given a signed poster and voucher to attend a Melbourne Tigers basketball game. Everyone had a terrific time. Many thanks to the parents that attended and helped out with the clinic. In particular, a big thank you to Diana McNaughton for organizing the visit.

Working Bee A final reminder that our Working Bee will take place this afternoon. This will be an extra special Working Bee as we will be asking for some parents to help out with preparations for our ‘Expressions 242’ Art Show commencing this Friday. As always, there is much to do at our school and to have as much support as possible would be very much appreciated. Our parents in the PA will be providing a delicious sausage sizzle to finish off the event. I hope that you can lend a hand.

‘Expressions 242’ Art Show Not long to go now before our Art Show. We are very excited about this event and are looking forward to the ‘sneak peek’ on Friday afternoon (3.00- 4.00pm) where family and friends are invited to come along to share and enjoy with their children the art work of our students. You will have the opportunity to view our auction items and begin the bidding process on some art works. On Saturday evening, our parent and wider community are invited to attend our ‘Expressions 242’ Art Show. Art work auctions, incredible artwork door prizes, ‘live’ painting by Stephan Hitchins (our Artist in Residence), fine wine and finger food are all planned for this very special event. Tickets are still available from the office and will be available for purchase on the night. If you haven’t yet purchased your ticket, please arrange to do so as soon as possible. We hope that you are able to support this event as all funds raised will go towards the school.

Ian McKinlay Finally, just to inform you that Ian McKinlay, our Assistant Principal is on leave until the end of the year. I’m sure you will join me in wishing Ian a much deserved and well earned break. We look forward to seeing Mr McKinlay back on board at the commencement of the 2014 school year. We welcome Mrs Sarah Hodgson to our school who is replacing Mr McKinlay in the classroom during his absence.

Regards

Lena Clark
General

Please Be Aware
We have had a reported case of chicken pox in the senior school. It is a very common and contagious viral infection.

Reminder
There will be no assembly tomorrow.

From The Sports Desk

Regional Hooptime Final
Congratulations to our Grade 3/4 “Future Start” (Donvale Devils) who competed last Friday in their Regional Basketball Final. The Donvale Devils won their pool section and have now qualified to compete in the State Final. This is a fantastic effort when you realise in excess of 1000 teams began the knock-out competition which started in Term 1. The Devils are now in the final of 32 teams.

Melbourne Tigers Basketball Clinic was held yesterday. Some 80 children participated in skills and drills and a big thanks to Diana McNaughton for organising this activity. Our Donvale Primary School Basketball Association is always wanting children of all abilities to play in their Saturday competition. Registration and information for the 2014 season is available at the office.

Due to the large number of children who participated, the Melbourne Tigers hope to run a similar clinic in the future.

Tennis Clinic
Our Grade 3/4 children were involved in a Tennis clinic/activities session organised by Tennis Australia and Tennis Victoria and the local Donvale Tennis Club. On a class rotation system the children participated in:

1. Speed serve and twister activity.
2. Tennis skills/drills activities.
3. Individual photos holding the Men's/Women’s Australian Open Tennis trophies.

Finally, don’t forget NOVEMBER is Walk To School month. Let’s keep up the great effort and walk as often as possible to and from school whenever possible.

Thank you.
John Pianta

Birthday Wishes To
Celebrating from the 15th to 21st November
Vasita G, Ben J, Daniel S, Zoe S, Elise H, John G
MELBOURNE TIGERS
Yesterday 70 students participated in our Melbourne Tigers fun session with Chris Goulding and Nate Tomlinson. By all accounts everyone had fun! A pity about the rain but thanks to Mr P’s fast actions we were able to move it to the DISC. Chris and Nate were able to show us how much fun basketball is! And how it is possible to chase your dream. Today each student who participated will receive a signed poster & a free juniors voucher to attend a Melbourne Tigers home game. The voucher may be still valid for games after the dates listed just phone the number on the flyer that came with the voucher. Tiger’s games are so much fun for the whole family. It is more than just basketball with pre game and half time entertainment as well. Highly recommended even for the family members not interested in sport. We have lots new students keen to play basketball next year. At this stage there will be enough players to form teams for all. So get those registrations into the office!

Games results for last Saturday
We had 4 wins and 1 loss for Saturday. Delights had a nail bitting finish! They came up from behind to be one point in front in the last 30 seconds so it was a very tense end with the girls having to slow the game down until the siren went so the other team couldn’t get the ball and score. Well done Delights an amazing team effort! Dreamers had a huge win with only five players, every player scored and thanks to Abby M for filling again. Daffodils had a strong win with Zoe N scoring her first goal. Well done to all players.

Typing error on 2014 registration forms
Registration forms were sent to all interested new players for next year however there is one small typo in the body of the form under “parents please read” in regards to teams grading and age groups it should read as follows “Teams are graded according to age and ability, Under 9’s cannot turn 9 during 2014, Under 11’s cannot turn 11 during 2014. Open grade will be 11 and 12 year olds”

Dates and RSVP’s:
Registrations for next year due by 29th November Current players to return to managers. New players return to office. All paid registrations go into a draw to win a prize. Medal presentation and BBQ Monday 16th Dec 4pm BER building RSVP to your team manager by 12th December.

Information & updates
For more information or general enquiries please contact Diana on 0434 027 144 or email dianamcn@tpg.com.au. Also contact Diana if you have basketball news for the snippets.

Quote of the week

“Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen”.
-Michael Jordan
Junior Chef Club

This week is our last session for the year. The children produced very amazing creations and it's sometimes hard to believe that they are only primary school children. They are always able to come up with such fantastic ideas and turn them into reality on their platters. As always their well mannered behaviour makes all of us very happy to be part of this program as a volunteer. Well done boys and girls.

Our Christmas party is on Wednesday 4th of December at lunch time. The invitations will be coming home shortly.

Thank you to Jaqui Frigo, Maggie Tran, Liz Brown, Mrs E, Mr P, Mrs Clark and Martin for helping with the program.

We don’t cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

GREEN THUMBS UP:

To Mrs E and all the gardening club children who plant, watered, and harvested vegetables from our school vegie garden. Last week we threw a lunch party for these children as they've been working very hard and really deserve thanks. So proud of them as the only ingredients I had to buy were mince beef, rice, flour and seasoning the rest was harvested from their garden by the children. Even the eggs were from the Frigo's chickens. They picked the vegies, washed them, organised the table setting and after finishing eating they cleaned the tables, did the dishes and vacuumed the floor.

Well done boys and girls.

FROM THE KITCHEN :
- Christian L 56C: So soft and tasty plus the cake was so warm.
- Indi M FRG: It was really good, it was fun making the cake.
- Kiara S 56G: The best thing I ever made.
- Marvin C 56C: It was very fluffy and tasted good.
- Jake G 56C: It was very good and tasty and amazing.
- Gemma G 56C: The most delicious thing I've ever made in the junior chef.
- Sarita N 56C: I never knew such simple ingredients will make such a great treat.
- Amy L FRG: It was really really good.
- Connor P FRG: It was tasty and it was nice.
- Maggie B 34E : Fantastically awesome.
- Angelica F 34E: I love it and the ice cream is amazing.
- Kirralee G 34E: Awesome, I wish I can have it again.
- Anastasia T 34E: Scrumdidlyumious
- Megan T 34E: Really good and I really enjoy it.
- Laura V 34E: Spectacular, I feel like making it again.
- Connor R 12B: It’s the best
- Joshua M FHW: It was good, I really like the cake.
3/4 Gardening Club is cool because...

“It’s a great chance to grow vegetables!”
Anastacia

“I love knowing that what we are eating is what we’ve grown.” Emma

“I like to grow my own vegetables.”
Angelica

“I love Gardening Club because we get to plant the plant and then eat them.” Elaheh

“Gardening Club is fresh.” Harrison

“Gardening Club is a good chance to learn about plants.” Chantelle

“Gardening Club is sooo much fun and a good way to get active!” Chloe

“Gardening Club is a good chance to work together and have fun.” Holly

“Gardening Club is fun and you learn how to take care of the garden. One day you might get a garden of your own and you’ll know how to take care of it.” Pavit

“Gardening is so, so, so fun because we plant plants and when the plants are grown we pull the plants out and then we cook them.” Nadia

“I love Gardening Club! At Xmas I don’t know what we are going to do but I know it will be fun.” Anthi
Program Update

Dear Parents & Student,

Children enjoyed tacos and pancakes. Jennifer Tran will be going on holidays to America in two weeks. Can we all wish her happy and safe journey.

Remember we are in Term 4, so need to follow ‘No Hat, no play’ Policy. Please bring your hat with you every time you are at OSH. Drink lots of water and stay hydrated. OSHClub is missing the spare hat. If anyone comes across a hat with OSHClub written on it, you can please get it back to the OSHRoom. Donation of spare clothes for our Dress Up area will be appreciated.

We would like to encourage more children to attend the OSHC program by offering a free session to families who have never been to the program before. All the families must have received the flyer for the same. Feel free to contact us for any of your queries.

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 12 pm 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
Assistant: Caroline and Jennifer

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

Another great lunch will be provided on this day. For a small charge, the children can order Sausage in Bread, Choc Top Ice Cream and Juice

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Coming in Term 3 & 4

- Art Show Preview Fri Nov 15th
- Art Show and Auction Sat Nov 16th
- Meal Deal Day, Wed 27th Nov
- Christmas Stall, Friday 13th Dec
- Christmas Carols at School, Tue 17th Dec

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Coming in 2014

The DPS Community Fair Saturday 29th March

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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)

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P.A Christmas lunch Monday 9th December,
Bucatini Italian Restaurant & Bar 454 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham

More details soon

Stacey Browne

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HUGUE GARAGE SALE
43 Astelot Dve, Donvale
Saturday 30th November 8am-4pm
Sunday 1st December 8am-1pm
LOTS OF HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
Kids toys and books
Clothing and shoes
Furniture
Electrical goods
Clothes dryer
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Air compressor
HEAPS MORE!

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• Kinder aged children
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• Friendly

Vacancies for Jan 2014 in Nursery – up to 2 year olds
Limited spaces for other age groups
195 Whitehorse Road, Blackburn
• Government Funded Kindergarten Program
• Qualified Kindergarten Teacher
• Located behind the Blackburn Medical Centre
• Next to Blackburn Primary School
• Off-street parking for easy drop off
• Special Dietary considerations catered for by our Chef
• Three, free, one hour orientation sessions

Simply drop into the Centre, phone us on 03 9894 1996
Or Email info@maplestreet.com.au
It’s not too late to order your tickets, please fill out and send to school tomorrow. Tickets will also be on sale on the night.

Donvale Primary School presents

**EXPRESSIONS**

**Saturday 16 November 8 – 11pm**

An evening to remember to celebrate and showcase the Visual Arts Programme, featuring the creative efforts of all 242 students.

**BOOK NOW!**

Tickets $30 per person, includes:

- Art Show: Exhibition, Auction & Silent Auctions
- Hosted evening with Live Art Display by Stephan Hitchins
- Fabulous Door Prizes
- Professional catering with gourmet cheese, epicurean biscuits and assorted delights – gluten free options available
- 3 hour wine, beer & soft drink package (Jacob's Creek, Deakin Estate, Carlton Draught)
- Responsible serving of alcohol. 18 years plus event.

For more information, please contact Ricarda or Wendy in the office on 9842 3373.

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**EXPRESSIONS**

Family name: ...........................................................................................................

- No. of Adults @ $30 per person?  
- No. of gluten free guests to cater for?  
- Cash (correct money please)  
- Cheque (made out to Donvale Primary School)

- Credit Card  

Name on card ..........................................................................................

Exp. □□ Signed ........................................................................

TOTAL $ ................