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 22nd November**
- 3.00-3.45pm: Uniform shop open
- Swimming Program

**Tuesday 26th November**
- 9.15 - 10.45: Prep Transition

**Wednesday 27th November**
- Meal Deal Lunch Order Day

**Thursday 28th November**
- 1.30 - 3.00pm: Senior Choir performing at Bupa Retirement home
- 4.30pm: Senior Choir performing at Tunstall Square ‘Turning On Of The Christmas Lights’

Principal’s Column

Art Show  Donvale Primary School’s ‘Expressions 242’ Art Show has proven to be a wonderful event that will become a regular on our school calendar. Last Friday’s ‘sneak peek’ followed by Saturday night’s auction, was a resounding success. The students thoroughly enjoyed escorting their family members and friends through our ‘gallery’ showing off their masterpieces. Family and friends were able to view the wonderful assortment of art experiences all our students have created throughout the year. It was simply wonderful! On the Saturday night, family and friends again joined us for a night of sheer enjoyment and fun. Mr Rick Gordon moonlighted as an auctioneer and very capably led the proceedings of the evening. Thank you Mr Gordon for doing such a wonderful job! Much excitement stirred as friends and family raced to outbid each other for the prized pieces of art developed by our students. Throughout the evening, bidding was also fierce with our silent auction pieces. Overall, the whole event was outstanding with an approximate total of $5000 being raised. What a brilliant effort by all! A very big thank you, in particular, to Mrs Bernadette Towan. The Art Show is a celebration of the wonderful Visual Arts teaching and learning program that she delivers. Our students are exposed to art in a most exciting and creative way. This can only happen when a teacher is dedicated and passionate about their craft. Mrs Towan is indeed just that! Thank you Mrs Towan for all your hard work and vision not only in presenting the Art Show but also for your inspirational art lessons. We are very lucky to have you. I would also like to sincerely thank two remarkable parents who have worked tirelessly alongside Mrs Towan throughout the whole planning and preparation process. Liz Waycott and Donna Moulton are two extraordinarily talent parents who shared in the vision with Mrs Towan. They were key people in supporting the Art Show and we are so thankful for their ongoing input, creativity, commitment and big smiles! Also a very big thank you to Georgia Loccisano and Danielle Churton. Georgia provided the Arts Committee with ideas, drive, structure and lots of good common sense whilst Danielle contributed her magnificent graphic design expertise. All the members of the Arts Committee contributed in so many ways in ensuring that our ‘Expressions 242’ Art Show was the success that it deserved to be. Thank you to Jo Wood (‘the lady with the truck’) who along with Liz, transported the
display boards to and from the school. Thank you to Stephan Hitchins, who once again, supported us with his style and expertise and delivered some magnificent paintings for us on the night. Thank you also to the members of our community who embraced the concept of the Art Show. And lastly, a big thankyou to all the staff members who attended the evening. Your encouragement and support, as always, is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to our next Show where we can once again join together in celebrating our amazing students’ creativity and artistic talents.

Working Bee  Last Thursday’s Twilight Working Bee also proved to be a great success. We had many parents and students come along to help out with the list of tasks that needed attending. Many parents stayed on to quite late helping out with the preparations for the Art Show. This was very much appreciated as there was so much to do. We also had several of our dads help out in erecting a fence and gate around our vegie garden. It looks amazing! We also had parents helping with the installation of our brand new green composting cones. Very exiting! Check out our website for some photos. Our Parents Association, as always, fed the masses with their gourmet BBQ sausage sizzle which included fresh rosemary and lettuce from our very own vegie garden. It was a wonderful example of community spirit where we all worked together to achieve much. A very big thank you to everyone who came along and helped out in some way.

Student drop off and pick up  It has been brought to my attention that several of our students are being dropped off early to school or left late after school with parents assuming that their children are adequately supervised. Unfortunately, I cannot guarantee supervision of the children prior to the teacher duty hours which commence at 8.45am and conclude at 3.45pm. Yes, staff is generally at school well before and after these hours however during this time they are engaged in professional meetings and planning. It is not expected that they supervise your children during this time. It is quite OK to drop your children off at the school prior to 8.45am or have them remain at the school after 3.45pm however you must do one of two things if this is to occur.

1. Remain in supervision of your child or

2. Place your child into before or after school care.

My apologies if this is an inconvenience in any way however, the safety of all our students is of absolute paramount importance. Your support and consideration with this will be greatly appreciated.

Regards

Lena Clark
General

TWILIGHT WORKING BEE
A very big thank you to all the families who attended our Twi-Light Working Bee last Thursday. Your efforts ensured our gardens and school grounds were looking terrific for our Art Show. Thanks to those parents who assisted in the setting up and preparation of the Art Show.

We also now have a terrific steel fence surrounding our developing Vegie Garden. Special thanks to Hayden Shimmin and his gang of helpers for this. Again, those attending were treated to a tasty barbeque and drinks provided by our Parents Association. Thanks all!

Building and Grounds Committee

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.

Sports tops
It has been identified there may be a small batch of the new sports polo’s that have experienced some quality issues, if you feel you have one of these tops please see the ladies at the uniform shop.

Lisa Kelly
RHS Shop manager

From The Sports Desk

Bike Education begins for our year 3 and 4 students next week. These children are encouraged to bring to school their bike/scooter and helmet on the following days:

3/4MP - Mondays
3/4P - Tuesdays
3/4E - Tuesdays

The Bike Ed activities will take place during the children’s Phys Ed allocated time. Children without a bike/scooter will assist with the activities.

Remember, November is Walk To School Month - so let’s all get walking.

John Pianta
The Friday Afternoon Sneak Preview was the official start of a wonderful event. Greeted by excited kids at the door, chiming “Welcome to Donvale Primary School 2013 Impressions Art Show” it was immediately obvious how proud and excited the students were about presenting their art.

With the brilliant Marimba Band playing in the background, students walked through with parents, sibling, grandparents and very important people, pointing out their work and admiring others. Lots of beautiful cards were purchased showcasing the work for the wider community to appreciate.

The room had been transformed, thanks to many that turned up Thursday night, (erasing their fingerprints with double sided tape), hanging by rafters to drape fairy lights, displaying, cleaning and clearing. Thank you – without this big group arriving at the Twilight Working Bee, the room would not have become the Art Gallery it was!

Saturday night was the night of nights. An amazing array of art, thanks to the hard work of all students at DPS, and the dedication, flair and commitment from all parents and teachers involved. The night showcased special guest artistry with enthusiastic audience participation.

A significant amount of money was raised, a good cross section of the school was involved, and feedback sounds like people enjoyed the 2013 Impressions Art Show. Thank you to a wonderful Arts Committee. A small dynamic team that brought lots of different skills, supported by the wider school community to produce a feel good event.

Somebody once said, teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success. A great result by a wonderful community for an amazing school, with terrific kids!

The Arts Committee will hold a wrap up meeting Tuesday 26 November at 3.40pm to discuss what went well and what could be improved on. Feel free to come to the meeting, or provide written feedback.
Basketball News

Last Saturday our teams had three wins and two losses. The Delights second week in a row winning in the last 30 seconds by one point! The Dinosaurs were one point up when their opponents had two free shots after the siren! Very tense but they missed both shots so Dinosaurs were the winners by one point! The Daisy’s fought hard against the top side were not able to win but should be very proud of themselves for the great effort! This Saturday is the last of the games before the finals start.

Times for this week are as follows:

Dinosaurs: v Ser/St.Ch Cyclones @ 2.20pm Disc 2
Daisy's: v Donburn Dynamites @ 11am Leeds st
Delights: v Ser/St.Ch Spirits @ 8.30am Disc 2
Dreamers: v Ser/St.Ch Sparkles @ 10.10am Disc2
Daffodils: v Donburn Divas @ 9.20am Leeds

Player Profile – Christopher A - Dinosaurs

Q. How long have you been playing?
A. 2 years
Q. What is your favourite subject at school?
A. Maths
Q. What is your favourite food/drink?
A. Pizza and Coke
Q. Where is your favourite place to holiday?
A. Fiji (hope to go there one day)
Q. What do you love doing as a family activity?
A. Going to the swimming pool

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

“Never say never, because limits, like fear are often just an illusion.” By Micheal Jordan
CRE

The prep and grades 1/2 children have been hearing the Christmas story. We have used fuzzy felt and Christmas story books and had Christmas activities! We are also practising for the CRE CONCERT on the 6th Dec.

If possible could the prep children please come as Angels and shepherds for the concert?

The grades 1/2 can wear Christmas clothes or colours (Santa hats or reindeer ears, tinsel in hair or around neck, etc) ($2 shops are great for these!)


Don’t be afraid...You will have a son. His name will be JESUS .Luke 1;31

Nothing is impossible for God! Luke 1;37.

Have a great week! God Bless! Cheryl Shanks.

Junior Chef Club

The invitations for the DJC Christmas party were handed out this week. The party is on Wednesday 4th of December at lunch time in the GP Room.

There is no need to bring lunch, all food and drinks will be provided.

If you would like to help us out with any donations for the party or if your child is a member and didn't get their invitation please contact Liz Brown or Marina Younger.

The children deserve a great Christmas party as they've been sacrificing their lunch breaks to join us to learn how to create food.

The menu requests keep coming in so it will be very tough for the team helpers to decide the menu as all are the children's favourites. Thank you to the Warner family for their donation towards this party.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

FROM THE LITTLE CHEF:
- Josh G and Joel D 34MP : Definitely fried rice and crispy dumplings the rest are bonus.
- Kiara S 56G, Indi M FRG and Ella M 12B : We are coming and please cook us fried rice.
- Connor P FRG : dumplings please.
- Manu P, William L and Dylan S 34E : We would like to have hamburgers please.
- Josh A 34E : cakes and ice cream please.
- Cameron D 34MP : I am not a member so I am not coming but I like noodles very very much.
Dear Parents & Student,

This week children were busy working on flags of the country of their origin. Jennifer Tran will be leaving for holidays by the end of this week. Can we all wish her happy and safe journey. Liz Moore from Mitcham Primary School will be helping in the mornings along with Mrs Collins while Jennifer is away.

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 lot of water and stay hydrated. OSHClub is missing the spare hat. If anyone comes across a hat with OSHClub written on it you please get it back to the OSHRoom. Donation of spare clothes for our Dress Up area will be appreciated.

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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OSH 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

WOW! OUR VEGIE GARDEN HAS A FENCE

Thanks to the generous donation of fencing materials from the Warner family and Hayden Shimmin for providing his valuable time and expertise to install the fence.

The erection of the long awaited garden fence was made possible, thanks to monies raised from within our school community.

A big thankyou goes to Mrs Victoria Erskine-Behr for her tireless efforts in the management and co-ordination of the gardening club.

She thinks the garden looks AWESOME!!

MEAL DEAL DAY - WEDNESDAY 27th NOV

Another great lunch will be provided on this day.

For a small charge, the children can order

1or 2 sausage’s in bread, a vanilla choc top ice cream and juice

Order forms come home this week. If you do not receive one, you can collect one at the office.

Orders to be back at school Monday 25th November

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

If you are interested in nominating for a position on the P.A committee for 2014, info packs will be sent home summarising position descriptions and will include nomination forms.
**Coming in Term 4**

* Meal Deal Day, Wed 27th Nov
* Christmas Stall, Friday 13th Dec
* Christmas Carols at School, Tue 17th Dec

**Coming in 2014**

**Donvale Primary School Community Fair**

**29 March 2014**

**Update**

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; marcipeanutis@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*

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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)

Stacey Browne

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**Birthday Wishes To**

Celebrating from 22nd - 28th November

Natasha B, Kirra W, Zoe N, Wattle S
HUGE 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
Chest freezer
Electric lawn mower

ROSEBUD HOLIDAY HOUSE TO RENT
3 Bedroom Timber House – Sleeps 8-9
FANTASTIC LOCATION – Just 5 min walk to shops, café, cinema, pier and beach
Hi peak rates: $200 per night (min 3 nights)
Off peak rates: $170 per night (min 2 nights)
Call Karen Durante for booking info 0425 716429

AQUALINK BOX HILL REDEVELOPMENT COMPLETE!

SWIM LESSONS
STARTING TERM 1, 2014
(New bookings taken from 19th December, 2013)

- Specialised learn-to-swim pool
- All lessons indoors
- Low student to teacher ratios
- Lessons from 6 months old to adults
- Lessons 7 days
- Squads available
- AUSTSWIM qualified teachers
- Intensive holiday program available

FOR BOOKINGS:
Ph: 9898 8876 or Email: reception@surreyparkswimclub.com.au
Address: Aqualink Box Hill, Surrey Drive, Box Hill, 3128
www.surreyparkswimclub.com.au

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