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 12th December 2013

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Principal’s Column

School Captains and Vice-Captains 2014 Last week, our current Year 4 and 5 students had the opportunity to participate in a process which saw the nomination and selection of our school Captains and Vice Captains for 2014. The candidates were so impressive when they presented to their peers why they felt they were worthy of the role and what they would bring to the role if selected. This made the selection process extremely difficult as there most certainly were many very capable candidates for these roles. The roles of Captain and Vice-Captain are significant leadership roles that require the successful candidates to demonstrate strong leadership capabilities including the values of loyalty, compassion and respect. I believe that the elected Captains demonstrate all these capabilities. I congratulate Abby M and Oscar Y in attaining the positions of girl and boy School Captain. I also congratulate Tahlia S and Zac C in attaining the positions of girl and boy School Vice-Captain. This is a wonderful achievement for these four outstanding students. I know they will capably carry out their roles next year and continue to make us proud. Well done Abby, Oscar, Tahlia and Zac. I’m very much looking forward to working with you next year as Leaders of our school.

Parent Survey Donvale PS has a strong commitment to building the partnership between our school and the local community. As such, we very much value and appreciate your opinion on how well our school is meeting the expectations you have for your child. Last week, a Parent survey was distributed to all DPS families. We ask that you take the time to complete this survey, if you haven’t already done so, and return to school by tomorrow, Friday 13th December. The information and feedback given to us by you is important as we always look to improve and provide the best learning opportunities for all our students. I encourage all
Foundation parents, as newer members of our community, to take the time to respond to the survey as your journey with us has just begun. Thank you to the families that have returned their Parent Survey so far.

**Carols on the Lawn**   A reminder that we have ‘Carols on the Lawn’ planned for next Tuesday 17th December commencing at 6.00pm. This is a family event where we encourage all members of our community to come along and join us on this very special evening. Bring along a rug to sit on, some food to nibble on and some drink to keep your throat hydrated as we expect to see and hear lots of carolling from everyone! A special visitor is scheduled to arrive around 7.30pm so make sure you are there for the fun.

**Student Reports**    The end of year student reports are being sent home tomorrow, Friday 13th. If you have any queries regarding your child and his / her report, please do not hesitate to see your child’s teacher. The teachers are available for meetings should you need to meet.

**Meet the Teacher Day** Next Wednesday 18th December, our students will have the opportunity to meet their class teachers and visit their class rooms for 2014. This information will not be made available prior to this day.

**Artist in Residence** I am pleased to announce that our ‘Artist in Residence’ program will continue next year. We are fortunate to again have the opportunity to invite Stephan Hitchens to attend our school as an Artist in Residence. Stephan will work to support our Visual Arts teacher, Bernadette Towan, in continuing to provide innovative and exciting art experiences for all our students. More information to come next year.

**Art Show**    Please take the time to visit YouTube to view the presentation / performance by our Artist in Residence, Stephan Hitchens at our recent ‘Expressions 242’ Art Show. It’s great to see particularly if you were unable to attend the event. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eivxmMXdboI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eivxmMXdboI)

**Year 6 Graduation** We are all very much looking forward to next Thursday evening 19th December as we celebrate the achievements of all our Year 6 students during their Graduation ceremony. Whilst this is a time to celebrate and acknowledge our amazing Year 6’ers, it is also often a time of melancholy and reflection as we say goodbye to our students and some families that have been on a journey with us over the last 7 or more years. The ceremony is scheduled to commence at 7.30pm at the Whitehorse Centre in Nunawading. I know it will be a truly memorable occasion for our students and families attending.

**End of Term 4**    A reminder that Friday 20th December is the final day for the 2013 school year. Students will be dismissed from Assembly at 1.30pm with assembly commencing at 1.00pm. It would be wonderful if we could have as many members of our school community join us then to send off the school year together.

Warm Regards

**Lena Clark**
General

Uniform
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.

Subway Lunches
There will be NO subway lunches next week (last day of term).

Credit Card Payment
The Commonwealth Bank has updated our eftpos machine and now requests us to put in the 3-digit number at the back of the credit card (This is if you have filled out the credit card payment option on notices or phone in with your credit card details). If you are not comfortable in doing this, please make use of the BPay option for any payment to school, or you have to come in and swipe your card. If paying by BPay, please remember to let the office know what the payment is for.

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*

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**.

If you received EMA this year, you have to reapply for 2014.

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**. Thank you to those families who have donated.
Dear Families,

In anticipation of next year's school fete, I am hoping to gather a large amount of plants to sell. If you are a gardener and can pot up any plants, please start potting!!!

We also need:
- plastic pots (especially 6" or smaller)
- empty, clean 1.25 l drink bottles

Thanks in anticipation

Annie Johnston

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‘Chill Day’

Thank You from the S.R.C.

Can you believe its Summer?? Another wet day, but ‘Chill Day’ was still a big success. The S.R.C would like to thank all the students who bought an icy-pole, jelly cup or a watermelon slice on the day. We raised over $200, which will go towards National Young Leader’s Day next year. We would like to thank Amanda Ehlert, Jacqui Frigo and Bianca Frigo for all their help in preparing and helping out on the day. A special thanks to Mrs Murphy and Mr Pianta for also helping out in the GP Room on the day. We really appreciate your help, Chill Day couldn’t run without you. The S.R.C. has raised over $400 this year from having Chill Days, and we would like to thank all the students, teachers and parents for their support.

By Sophie E 3/4P

‘Casual Dress Day’

On 3rd of December, SRC organised a casual dress day. The theme of the day was ‘When I grow up’.

Kids came dressed up as artists, singers and many more. Teachers came dressed up in their old school uniform and everyone had a ball. The effort people put into what they wore was astounding. Altogether the SRC raised $220.40 towards the Christmas food and gifts appeal.

Thank you to every one for helping out.
Melbourne Tigers Match

On Sunday 8th December, I went to see Melbourne Tigers play basketball and receive a cheque from McDonalds, for our school, at half time.

I went with my mum, Chloe, Mathew, Aaron, and Trevor. It was a very exciting game. Melbourne Tigers won by two points.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Donvale Primary School very much, for giving me this opportunity to represent them.

By Ben J, 34P

Basketball

Aaaaaahhh Jumping up and down!! All FIVE Donvale teams made it in to the GRANDFINAL!!! How exciting! See the times below and come along as a cheer squad for our teams. All the players should be very proud of themselves. Donvale teams play with real pride, good sportsmanship and respect for their coaches and the other teams. So each and every one of you truly deserve to be in the Grand Final. Congratulations Delights, Dreamers, Daisy’s, and Dinosaurs. Good luck for Saturday! GO DONVALE!!!

Times for this week are as follows:

Dinosaurs: v Beverley Hills Bullants @ 12pm Leeds st
Daisy’s: v Donburn Dynamites @ 11am Disc 2
Daffodils: v Donburn Dolls @ 10am Disc 2
Delights: v OLOP Flames @ 9 am Disc 2
Dreamers: v OLOP Ladybirds @ 9.30am Disc 1

Medal presentation and BBQ Monday 16th Dec 4pm BER building

Player Profile – Lilly V - Daffodils

- Q: How long have you been playing?
  - A: 2 years
- Q: What is your favourite subject at school?
  - A: Art
- Q: What is your favourite food/drink?
  - A: strawberries and lemonade
- Q: Where is your favourite place to holiday?
  - A: Queensland
- Q: What do you love doing as a family activity?
  - A: Going to the beach

Information & updates

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

Quote of the week

“I play to win, whether during practice or a real game. And I will not let anything get in the way of me and my competitive enthusiasm to win”

-----Michael Jordan
Junior Chef Club

2013 has been a very good year for the Junior Chef Club. Thank you to the school community (students, parents, staff, family, everyone) for their ongoing support.

Also thank you to the 2013 Group Leaders (Emily Y, Christian L, Chris W, Sophie E, Emma W, Ben P, Indi M, Darcy B, Jackson C and Abbey G) and the 2013 DJC Room Monitors (Zed G, Sebastian K, Sophie L and Emma W) for doing a great job. This program couldn’t survive without you.

From all of us in DJC, we wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Have a lovely and safe holiday.

We don’t cook, we create food.

Liang and all the team helpers

FROM THE PARTY ATTENDANCE :
- Josh G 34MP: It was really lovely and I love all the food.
- Jessica C 34MP: It was really fun and the food was delicious.
- Tyler D 34E: Excellent party with yummy food.
- Ben P 12W: I thought that it was very good.
- Gemma G 12W: I really like the dumplings, I hope we will have them again next year.
- Andrew F 12W: It was amazing.
- Caitlin F mini chef: awesome.
- Jayden B 56R: The best thing ever, the noodles was awesome.
- Harrison M 34P: I think we should have another one soon.
- Nash D 34MP: All the food in the party was very nice.
- Chris W 56C: It was very good and the food was great.
- Josh M FHW: I like all the food, all are yummy.
- Cooper R FHW: I like all the food, and thank you.
Dear Parents & Student,

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

At this stage so close to the end of the year I would like to thank the children and the families for attending OSH this year. And I would like to wish the grade 6 children all the best for moving onto high school. They are always welcome back to visit us and let us know how they are going.

Yippee we will be having Christmas party on the last day of the term and just not that we will be having something special served most of the days in the last week specially with grade 6 farewell on Wednesday afternoon.

The OSH staff is wishing the families very Merry Christmas and Happy and Safe New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone back at the program in the new year.

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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<td>Christmas Cupcakes &amp; Giant’s treasure</td>
<td>Pancakes &amp; Piggy in the middle</td>
<td>Computer time &amp; Cricket</td>
<td>Christmas party Afternoon tea &amp; Kid’s movie</td>
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Parents Association

Friday 13th December
From 9am
All children need to bring their own bag to put their gifts in.
Gifts range in price from 50cents to $5

Coming in Term 4
Christmas Carols at School, Tue 17th Dec

Coming in 2014
Donvale Primary School Community Fair

29 March 2014
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
What can we do as a family to support our school?

Family/School Partnerships

“When families are involved in their children’s education in positive ways, children can achieve higher grades and test scores, have better attendance at school, complete more homework, demonstrate more positive attitudes and behaviors, graduate at higher rates and have greater enrolment in higher education.”


BENEFITS

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<td>• Children’s performance, attitudes and interests are enhanced.</td>
<td>• Improves the parent’s understanding of schools and education.</td>
<td>• Provides practical help for busy teachers.</td>
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<td>• Children stay in school longer and have a greater regard for the importance of schooling and the value of learning.</td>
<td>• Enables parents to share the knowledge of their children with teaching staff.</td>
<td>• Impressions of parents are more positive.</td>
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<td>• Children often pursue higher education.</td>
<td>• Parents gain confidence in helping their children.</td>
<td>• With schools and parents communicating through memos, notices, diaries, phone calls, courses, etc a two-way channel for interaction and exchange, creates an appreciation for the use of the parent network for communications.</td>
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<td>• The parent/child interaction is enriched.</td>
<td>• Parents gain an understanding of the teacher’s job, feel more comfortable with the school and carrying over of school activities at home.</td>
<td>• An awareness of parents’ talents and interests in school and children.</td>
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<td>• Children will have more positive attitudes towards school.</td>
<td>• Awareness that families are welcome and valued at the school.</td>
<td>• Awareness of community resources to enrich curriculum and instruction.</td>
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<td>• Enables the child to be an active learner, generating his/her own learning opportunities and outcomes.</td>
<td>• By participating in Parents Associations and having a voice in school decisions on policy:-</td>
<td>• Openness to and skill in using mentors, business partners, community volunteers and others to assist students and augment teaching practice. (Collaboration with the community- resources, services &amp; parents)</td>
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<td>- The child is empowered to learn and be an active participant at school.</td>
<td>- There is a feeling of strong attachment to the school.</td>
<td>• Stronger identity (of school).</td>
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<td>- Parents have input into policies that affect their child’s education.</td>
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Parent Association (PA)

Strives to develop at school, a real sense of community between parents, teachers and students.
Works closely with the school authorities especially the Principal to achieve common goals.
Encourages interaction and cooperation between home and school.
Encourages active participation by parents in the life of the school.
Have a “friend raising” as well as fund raising role.
Provides a forum for discussion of relevant educational issues for parents.
Assists in planning and organising functions for parents, staff and students
Works to provide additional resources for teachers.

If you are interested in your child’s educational environment and want relationships with teachers and staff at your child’s school, a great way to help obtain this is to be a regular contributor within the Parents Association (P.A)

The P.A’s primary role is fundraising.
You can always assist with any fundraising event organised by the P.A, by providing any support that has been requested i.e. your time, your knowledge and expertise and most importantly your input and feedback.
The P.A have regular monthly meeting’s to which all families are invited.
Please come along and have an input into what happens at Donvale Primary.

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)

If you would like to be a part of the Parents Association for 2014
Please read the position description document and nominate yourself.
Nomination forms can be handed into the office before the end of term, or Term 1 next year, by Wednesday 5th Feb.
Alternatively, you can attend the AGM and nominate on the day.
PARENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

DESCRIPTION OF ROLES

MEMBERS
President
Vice President
Secretary
Snippets/Promotions
    General

The role of President involves……..
    Chairing the monthly meetings and co-ordinating the committees business.
    Liaise with the Principal and Business Manager

The role of Vice President involves……..
    Assisting the President

The role of Secretary involves……..
    Compiles and distributes the minutes from the monthly committee meetings

The role of Snippets/Promotions involves……..
    Compiles and distributes the weekly P.A update in conjunction with committee, Principal and Business Manager, to be included in the school newsletter “Snippets”. Design promotional material for flyers to advertise P.A events.

The role of General member involves……..
    Attending monthly meetings and assisting with /co-ordinating organised events when you can.
PARENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE
NOMINATION FORM
Please tick your nominated role.

President
Vice President
Secretary
Snippets/Promotions
General

Your Name

Your Contact Details

Thank you for your nomination.
We look forward to seeing you at the Parents Association AGM to be held in the school library, Monday 10th February 2014

Donvale Primary School
Parents Association

Stacey Browne
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| BIG 5 SPORTS  -  For 2014 Term 1. Soccer and Dance Oz |

## East Doncaster Secondary School

- Girls Small Jumper - Excellent condition
- EDSC School Bag… with padded computer compartment - Excellent condition

Sell both for $30.00  negotiable
Phone 0408 537 058 - Janene (Donvale)
**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.