As you read this, Ian McKinlay and myself are out of the school attending a two day Principal's conference. The purpose of the conference is to provide us with further insights into the future direction of education in Victoria and to provide us with collaborative opportunities with our colleagues. There is much movement and change in the education sector at the moment. It is well within our interest to keep abreast of these changes and work to ensure that our students and school move forward with these changes.

Our Year 5 / 6 happy campers are having a wonderful time. Staff on camp have informed us that the students are enjoying the activities and are all working well together. The venue is fantastic and the food is delicious. At Donvale PS, we offer a whole school camping program so that we can provide opportunities for students to try new challenges in a supportive environment and continue to build our very positive student/staff relationships.

By now, everyone has adjusted to their new teachers, classes and the routine of school. As parents/carers there is much you can do to support your children. We all want our children to be happy and successful at school and research tells us that three basic things are especially important.

They are:

1. **Getting plenty of sleep** – including quiet or reading time before bed, so the body and thoughts are settled. Every child has a different requirement for sleep, but from Foundation – Year 4, 10 hours is good to aim for.

2. **Healthy nutritious breakfast and lunch.** Sometimes it is too easy to skip breakfast, but participation in school activities will burn up energy and a hungry child will more easily lose concentration and become tired. Plenty of water also assists brain function. Useful information for parents can be found on ‘The Raising Children Network’ website.

3. **Regular school attendance.** Children who attend school every day have increased opportunity to establish and maintain friends and learn more effectively. Children need to be at school BEFORE the bell goes – this helps their organisation and settling time with others before they go into class. Teachers need children to be at school every day so they can keep up with the rest of the class as school work often continues on from what they learnt the day before.
If you child is absent due to illness or for a serious reason, the school MUST be notified. Please either contact the school or send a note to your child’s teacher. The class attendance rolls will be marked accordingly. Should the school not be advised, your child’s absence will be marked as ‘unexplained’. Then if your child is absent for a period of 3 days, you will receive a phone call from the teacher or Office staff asking you to provide an explanation. We appreciate all assistance from Parents / Guardians with this matter.

Below is a circular that was recently sent to all schools.

The Victorian Government is introducing new measures to ensure students attend school every day and get the most out of their schooling.

Children and young people who attend school regularly and complete Year 12 or equivalent have better health and employment outcomes and higher incomes throughout their lives.

From 1 January 2014, amendments to the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 will come into effect in relation to the enforcement of compulsory school enrolment and attendance. New procedures to implement the legislation will take effect on 1 March 2014.

This new legislation means that parents could receive an Infringement Notice if their child misses five full days of school in a year without a reasonable excuse. Principals are able to use their discretion when deciding whether or not to escalate issues of non-attendance.

Importantly however, new procedures for enforcing attendance are articulated as a strategy of last resort, when other interventions to improve attendance have failed.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Kind Regards

Lena Clark

From The Assistant Principal

You may have been reading some articles in the newspaper lately about building children’s self-esteem, coping skills and resilience. It is certainly an area that is being given much attention at the moment. At Donvale we are in the fortunate position where we are able to offer an evening session at the school for parents on these very topics. Brodie Sheehan, a psychologist employed by onPsych is going to give a presentation on Wednesday 23rd April at 7.00 p.m. in the school library. Brodie will talk about the ways in which you can build your child’s self-esteem, positive outlook and coping skills. At the same time she will also discuss how you may recognise any anxiety/depression in your child and the positive steps you can take to alleviate this. Brodie will also discuss the important role that nutrition and certain foods play in children’s emotions and well-being. This promises to be a very beneficial session for all parents and we extend a warm welcome for you all to attend.

Ian McKinlay
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**Term 2:**

22 April to 27 June**

** Term 2 starts on Tuesday 22 April as Monday 21 April is a public holiday for Easter Monday.

Please note: Friday 25 April is ANZAC Day.
Can You Help?
Our Grade is looking for empty 1.25 litre plastic soft drink bottles for our Plant and Herb Heads stall at the fair.
Thank you.

Ms Johnston

1/2SM are looking for the most colourful and whacky socks in your sock drawer! If you have any preloved socks that fit this description your donations would be very much appreciated. We will be decorating them for our 'mystery socks' stall at the fair. Please bring any socks that need re-homing to 1/2SM. We promise that their new home will be a very happy one!

Mrs Signorini

If you have a talent for face painting and would like to help out at the Community Fair, please contact Karen Webber (Kirra 12W/Jed FRG) on 0405 731 044. Thank you.

Uniform Shop Update
As you are aware we have had a few issues with the sports tops. We have met with our uniform supplier RHS, who has advised that they have sourced a new manufacturer for the tops. RHS will be exchanging the faulty sports tops as soon as stocks become available. The school community has embraced the new uniform and it does look very smart. This was an unforeseen manufacturing issue that RHS are aiming to rectify smoothly and quickly.

Thank you from the Uniform Sub-Committee

Junior Chef Club
Our Cookbook, time tables, etc. will be handed out in the last week of this term. This is due to all our resources being used for the school fair.

We don’t cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

From The Sports Coach

Hockey Program: A reminder for children in grades 3-6 to return their After School Hockey Program registration form to their class teacher if they wish to participate in this program in Term 2. The dates are 29th April, 6th, 13th and 20th May from 3.30 - 4.30pm.

Premier’s Active April: To register go to www.activeapril.vic.gov.au

National Ride 2 School Day: Is on Wednesday 19th March. I encourage as many children (and parents) as possible to ride a bike/scooter to school on this day.

Thank you.

Mr Pianta
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Judith, Shirley and myself were so pleased to restart our classes for the year! It is always so lovely to see all those beautiful smiling faces! Each year I start by telling the children a little about myself and they are always surprised to know that my four sons came to this school and that there are still some teachers here that taught them! I also have 4 grandchildren now (another on the way!!) and the children were also amused that one day one of my granddaughters will be at this school!

It was lovely to see so many preps this year and our first lesson was about the love God and Jesus have for them and how each one of them is special! This week we are talking about the importance of books and how you can learn lots of things from reading. I explained that we learn about God and Jesus from the Bible.

The Grades 1/2 children heard that Jesus was a child like them and that he also went to school and played with his friends. This week they heard that when Jesus grew up he chose 12 helpers to teach others about God and to help the sick and the poor people. We talked about the importance of helping others and being a good friend.

The verse for the week is taken from Luke 2;40 The child Jesus grew. He became strong and wise and God blessed him.

Have a great week! God Bless!

Cheryl Shanks.

Basketball

Not much news this week due to all the players enjoying a long weekend. Back into it this week! On Saturday at 9.20 the Delights and the Dreamers will be clashing! Good luck to both teams it would be nice for it to be a draw! Go Donvale!

Times for this week are as follows:

Diamonds: 11 am Leeds St
Demons: 11.50 am Disc 1
Daffodils: 11am Disc 2
Dinosaurs: Bye
Daisies: 9.20am Leeds St
Dolphins: 12.40 pm Disc 1
Dragons: 3.10pm Disc 2
Daffodils: 11am Disc 2
Delights: 9.20 am Disc 1
Dreamers: 9.20 am Disc 1

Training Roster for Tuesday
This Tuesday 11th March is “The Dreamers” turn to train at school.

Uniforms
For any questions about uniforms speak to your team manager or contact Charmaine at charmaine.neal@bigpond.com

Contact
For Information and registration forms please contact Diana at dianamen@tpg.com.au or 0434 027 144

Sports Interview – Ruby B - Dreamers

Q. How old are you?
A. I’m 11

Q. How long have you been playing b’ball for the school?
A. I played 2 years ago and I have come back to the Dreamers for my last year of primary school

Q. What is your favourite or funniest moment in b’ball?
A. When in one game, the other team was shooting and I rejected the ball in her hands.

Q. Do you have a favourite sports hero &/or team?
A. Melbourne Tigers

Q. What do you like to do for fun?
A. Rainbow loom, sing, hang with friends

Q. What do you want to be when you grow up?
A. I want to be a producer/editor of movies and tv shows
**OSHClub News**

**Before School / After School Care Program**

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Welcome to week 8 of term 1. Special thanks to Leo for donating his spare hat to OSHClub. Next week we will be busy with a couple of Multi-Cultural activities.

Remember we are in Term 1, so we 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.

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

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 (0402362443/98422261) if it is on the day.

Jagruti Shah

**Next Week’s Activities**

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<td>Chinese Calligraphy &amp; Tennis (AASC)</td>
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OSH program phone: 0402 362 443/9842 2261
Coordinator: Jagruti
Assistant: 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](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.*
Donvale Primary School Fair - Saturday 29 March

Get on your bike and send in your order forms for unlimited ride wristbands and great value Meal Deals! Form enclosed with Snippets.

Keep the donations rolling in.
Any good quality toys, prize donations gratefully accepted.

Make sure you invite friends and family to the Fair.
It’s going to be a great day.

A balanced diet is chocolate in both hands

Cadbury Chocolates delivered the last week of Term 2
Perfect timing for Easter treats

Book the babysitter, ring the restaurant!

Entertainment Books
Will be arriving at school the beginning of Term 2
Discounted dining and entertainment for a bargain – all in a book!
From The Students

Walk to school month

Hi everybody I am Chloe A and I am going to tell you about walk to school month. Every classroom has a Walk to school month graph that marked them when they walked to school. Then Ralph came from his company to assembly and picked someone from the hat and I got a chance to design my own Nikes. They came from America and they took about 4 or 5 weeks to be delivered.

The laces were bright pink, the base was light blue, the Nike sign was bright yellow and the inside was light green. Hope you liked my piece of writing.

Chloe A 34R

Birthday Wishes To
Sebastian K, Rose W-H, Aleisha H, Olivia A, Archie E,
Patrick Z

Who are celebrating birthdays from the 14th to 20th March

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Beverley Hills Junior Football Club: Register now at AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU.
Allforkidsmarket.com.au: Saturday 22nd March 9-1pm at the NewHope Church, Springfield Rd, Blackburn Nth.

DONCASTER HEIGHTS AUSKICK

Rieschiecks Reserve
(enr George Street & Victoria Street, Doncaster East)

Pack Collection
Saturday March 22nd 9am – 10.30am
Register and pay online www.aflauskick.com.au
Click on Doncaster Heights Auskick
Clinics START SATURDAY APRIL 26th
9am – 10.30am
Coordinator Glenn Powell 0421012845
Partner Club D.H.J.F.C & Fremantle FC
New kids always welcome ( for boys and girls aged 4-12 )
LOOM BANDS STARTER KIT FOR SALE...
ONLY $15

EACH KIT INCLUDES:
- Loom for making the bracelets
- 600 latex free rubber bands of various colours
- 24 s-clips
- hook
- instructions to get you started
- BONUS 6 Charms

Endless hours of Creative Fun!!

Contact Nina (Steph 5/6G, Lily 3/4/R) 0412 842 840
GET YOUR SNIPPETS BY EMAIL

Currently, our Snippets newsletter is available to our families in two forms; hard copy which is printed at the school and sent home weekly to each family; and online via our Donvale Primary School Website. We are very keen to cease sending home the hard copy version of our newsletter. The administrative costs and environmental issues in printing copies each week are our justifications in wanting to do this.

We also have had many new families join our school community this year. We ask that all our new families as well as other families who wish to add their name to our data base, to please consider these options and reply by returning form ASAP.

We thank you for your consideration and hopefully, in doing things this way, we can minimise the cost to our school and environment.

________________________________________________________________________

DONVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Please add my name to your data base to receive Snippets by email.

Name:________________________________________________________________

Name of eldest student and class: __________________________________________

My email address is:
________________________________________________________________
RIDE AND MEAL DEAL – EARLYBIRD OFFERS

Get in early and save!

We are offering the opportunity to get some bargains with our ride tickets and meal deal early bird offers.

RIDES and ACTIVITIES
Tickets on the day will be $4 each or 3 for $10, and $40 for an unlimited ride/activity wrist band.

Early bird offer is **wrist bands** for only **$30**.

Rides/activities are:

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RIDE and MEAL DEAL COMBOS

Think all that fun will make you hungry? Then our **Ride and Meal Deal Combos** are the way to go – for a bargain price of **$70**.

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**APPROVED**
RIDE AND MEAL DEAL – EARLYBIRD OFFERS

ORDER FORM

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 21 MARCH 2014. NO LATE ORDERS ACCEPTED.

Orders will be distributed via class during week of 24 March 2014. Kindergarten collection at information booth on fair day.

Name: ...........................................................................................................

Student Name: ...........................................................................................

Class/Group: ............................................................................................... 

Phone Number: ...........................................................................................

ORDER

BBQ Combo: ................................................................................................. 

Asian Combo: ............................................................................................... 

Unlimited Ride Wrist Bands: .......................................................................... 
(In addition to wrist bands in meal deals)

Total: ........................................................................................................... 

PAYMENT

☐ Cash  ☐ EFTPOS (please bring order to office)  ☐ Credit

Credit Card Payment Slip - Donvale Primary School

Family Name: ____________________________  Total payment  $___________

Payment for: __________________________________________________________________________

CARD HOLDER'S NAME: _________________________________________________________________

EXPIRY DATE: ___/____  VISA ☐  BANKCARD ☐  MASTERCARD ☐

CREDIT CARD NO: ___________ ___________ ___________ ___________

Security 3-digit Number (back of card): ___  ___  ___

SIGNATURE: ____________________________  DATE: ___/___/___