Here is an excerpt from an interesting article I read recently:

‘School matters, but literacy starts at home.’ Teachers have long urged parents to read aloud to their children. But now there is a second and perhaps more powerful message: Talk to your kids, too. This message is from Laura Pappano in her book, ‘The Power of Family Conversation.’

According to Pappano, mounting research that links language-rich home environments with reading success and school achievement is driving educators and community groups to target families long before children even register for school. It is highly probable that home support for literacy markedly influences kindergarten language skills and in turn, fourth grade reading comprehension scores. In fact, exploratory investigative discussions between parents and children are central to higher-level literacy, while the social emotional bond parents have with children can amplify learning. Parents remain uniquely able to tailor explanations that click perfectly with their child and also provide more extensive opportunities for rich discussion than a teacher attending to a class of 25 students.

Melbourne Eisteddfod

Our Senior Choir is heading off next Wednesday to perform at the Melbourne Eisteddfod. I know they will have a great day participating in an event that is held in high regard amongst Melbourne’s music community. We wish them all the very best and know that they will represent our school, as they have always done, in the most exceptional manner. Our Senior Choir will be performing at our whole school Assembly tomorrow. Please come and join us if you are available.

Curriculum Day

Just a heads up for our families to place Wednesday July 23rd into their diaries. This day is a Curriculum Day at Donvale PS – a student free day. During this day, staff will engage in professional learning with a focus on the effective teaching of Writing and using iPad technology in the Literacy and Numeracy learning program.

Lena Clark
### Social Media

I would like to remind everyone that it is illegal for children under the age of 13 to be using social media programs such as Facebook, Instagram and Kick. Parents need to monitor their children’s use of these media.

* Lena Clark

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School Council Report

It is exciting to witness some major projects taking shape around the school.

The gorgeous "Four Seasons" mural across the GP room is looking more spectacular each week - what a lovely legacy for all the students of 2014!

In addition, capital works are well and truly underway to refurbish both the GP room and the Art room. Donvale Primary School will look vastly different in just one short term!

What great spaces we are creating for the kids!

School Council consists of both parents and staff. We meet approximately twice a term. School Council is where policies, strategic direction, expenditure and programs are discussed and ratified.

There are a number of sub-committees that meet separately and report into School Council. These committees are: Buildings and Grounds, Uniform, Marketing, Education and Finance and are generally led by a School Councillor.

The functions of a school council are outlined in the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* as follows:

- establishing the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community
- participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan
- approving the annual budget and monitoring expenditure
- developing, reviewing and updating school policies
- raising funds for school-related purposes
- maintaining the school’s grounds and facilities
- entering into contracts (such as for cleaning or construction work)
- reporting annually to the school community and to the Department
- creating interest in the school in the wider community
- informing itself of and taking into account the views of the community regulating and facilitating the after hours use of school premises and grounds

If you're interested in having some input into the direction of the school, have some expertise you'd like to share or would just like to get involved, please consider joining one of the sub-committees, most meet twice a term. Enquire at the office for more information.

*Marita Warner*

*School Council President*
General

Mosaic Wall Working Bee
The Working Bee this Sunday has been postponed and will be rescheduled shortly. Please stay tuned for updates. Our apologies if this has caused you any inconvenience.

Arts Committee

School Banking
Marina Younger will be taking over the School Banking for the last 4 weeks of term. If you have any questions you can still contact myself or Marina.
Thank you
Karen Webber

School Nursing Program 2014
A reminder to Foundation parents that the school nursing forms need to be returned.

Group Photographs
The following group photographs are on display outside the office and are available to purchase:
School Captains/House Captains/SRC/Junior Jammers/Marimba Band/Music Makers/Senior Choir/Year 6 Graduation.

Fill out the order sheet at the office with payment. Photos are $15. Orders must be returned by Friday 20th June. Orders can be placed online (www.msp.com.au), payments (cheque/cash/eftpos) can be made at the office. If paying by cheque, make the cheque to Donvale Primary School.

Help Donvale Primary School to win $10,000!
Help us raise funds by collecting mastheads of the Herald Sun and Sunday Herald Sun.

The Herald Sun and Sunday Herald Sun is giving Donvale P.S. the chance to win $10,000! It's easy for us to take part, just collect as many Herald Sun or Sunday Herald Sun mastheads as you can between Sunday 1 June and Saturday 14 June. Return them to us by Tuesday June 16th and we will tally and submit the final number. The school that collects the most wins! Scores are calculated on a proportional basis to the number of students that attend each school, so everyone has an equal chance of winning. Those mastheads add up fast and we can use the money for any school-related program. For more information, visit heraldsun.com.au/cashforschools.
The Dragons had a win on Saturday the second one for the season. Well done boys!! The Delights and the Dreamers again played side by side on the two courts at disc ending with almost identical scores. The Dreamers would like to thank Maggie B for helping out in the first half of the game. The Dinosaurs also had a win on the weekend.

This Saturday the Daffodils and the Daisies are playing each other. Go Donvale!! We would love to see some spectators cheer on our girls. So come along to the Disc at 11am to watch the girls battle it out.

One more week of games and then it’s into the finals. Game times for finals will be available at Training as well as in the snippets on Thursday.

**Times for this week are as follows:**

- **Diamonds:** 10.10 am Leeds St
- **Demons:** 11.50 pm Disc 1
- **Daffodils:** 11 am Disc 2
- **Dolphins:** 12.40pm Disc 1
- **Dinosaurs:** BYE
- **Dragons:** 2.20 pm Disc 1
- **Delights:** 8.30 am Disc 2
- **Dreamers:** 9.20 am Disc 1

**Training Roster for Tuesday and Thursday**

This Tuesday 3rd June is “The Delights” turn to train at school. If it is raining then see your team manager, who will let you know what will happen for training.

Today 29th The Diamonds are training at school. Next Week 5th June it will be “the Dolphins” turn.

**Players Needed for Next Season – July to December**

- **The Dragons (grade 5&6 Boys)** will be losing two players next season. PLEASE any Grade 5 or 6 boys wanting to give it a go WE WANT YOU!
- **The Daffodils (grade 3&4 Girls)** Also need players join our team! The girls are having a great FUN!!

**Come Join In On Our Last Training Sessions For The Term:**

If you would like to join if for the last few training sessions for this season and see how you like it then you are most welcome. Call Diana 0434027144 or email dianamcn@tpg.com.au and we can give you the details.

**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 dianamcn@tpg.com.au or 0434 027 144

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Birthday Wishes To

William E, Jake G, Lucy Mc

Who are celebrating birthdays from 30th May to 5th June
Junior Chef Club

The Foundation children proved that they are also capable of creating dimsim with the senior children. They were happily working together, and sharing the food. What an amazing group of little chefs. For children on the waiting list please understand that when a spot is available we have to give it to the child on the top of the list.

Thank you to Jaqui Frigo, Niki Savage, Georgia Loccisano, Melanie Coops, Mrs Clark, Mrs Cheesman and Martin for helping with the program. Also thank you to the Frigo, Loccisano, Younger, Neal and Skinner families and Mrs Collins for their food donations.

Next week is the turn of group 4 to be busy in the kitchen. Ingredients we need are cucumber, lettuce, tomatoes, spring onion, coriander and lemons.

We don’t cook we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

BIG THUMBS UP:
- Sebastian K 56C and Christopher A 34R for doing a great job as the group leaders.
- Zoe N 12W for delivering her home grown tomatoes on time for us to use.
Well done.

FROM THE KITCHEN:
- Jared S 56W : Yum!!!
- Rayan R 56W : I’d rather have these than cheeseburgers.
- Aaron R 56W : Never had them before but they are the best.
- Sebastian K 56C : Tastes divine.
- Christopher A 34R : Best dimsms I’ve ever tasted.
- Cameron D 34R : They look weird !!
- Alfie H 34R : Best meat I’ve ever made.
- Angelica F 34R : They are amazing.
- Sophie S 12W : Epic and delicious, I am very happy with the spot that available for me today.
- Ryan A 12S : This is the best food ever.
- Lucas C 12S : I would eat this everyday!
- Daniel W 12S : I love them and I want to eat again.
- Karli M 12S : Best dimsim ever.
- William C FHW : Delicious !
- Ethan C FHW : They are tasty.
- Noah L FHW : Yum!
- Christopher N FHW : Delicious.
- Peter T FHW : Delicious and believe me it tastes yum.
OSHClub News

Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Dear Parents & Student,

Welcome to week 6 of term 2. Children have been enjoying food from different cultures this week. 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.

OSHClub would like to thank all who attended the biggest afternoon tea. Some of you might have realized that I was not at the program this week during the afternoons. The reason is I was helping out at the Mitcham OSHClub. Caroline stepped up as Coordinator in my absence. Thank you Caroline and Shukra for running the program in my absence. Special thanks to Laura V and Nadia S for taking extra responsibility of collecting the preps from their classes and showing Shukra the prep classes.

Donvale OSHClub staff and children would like to say good bye to William L as he is going to another school. We all wish him the best for his future and we will miss you William.

Remember bookings can be made right until 12pm the night before, or you can book on the day by calling or leaving a 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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OSH program phone: 0402 362 443/9842 2261
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.
THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO SPREAD THE FREDDO LOVE....
HOORAY TO US –
THE CADBURY CHOCOLATES DRIVE IS FINISHED......
ALL MONEY OR UNSOLD FREDDOS ARE DUE BACK NOW!!

Special mention to the Dawson & the Kraus Families who sold a huge number of Freddos –
Official chocolate champions - thanks so much!

The PA is excited to invite DPS Family and friends to attend

a pre-release showing of

How to Train your Dragon 2
Sunday 15 June 2014 at 4pm

Where: Croydon Cinema, Level 1, 3-5 Hewish Rd – heaps of parking
Cost: $11.00 per ticket
Order forms coming home this week.
It’s going to be fun!

sushi sushi lunch orders EVERY TUESDAY!

If you don’t have an order form handy – complete a plain envelope with your name, grade, 2 x hand roll selections, your drink choice & include $6.50

Orders due by 10am Mondays, delivered fresh to the school every Tuesday lunch time

Hand Roll Flavors –
Crispy Chicken, Avocado & Cucumber, Cooked Tuna with Cucumber, California

Envelope order forms sent home during the week or available from the office

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