Coming back to Melbourne's rather cool weather was not something I was really looking forward to. As the plane approached Melbourne airport, the pilot announced the current temperature on arrival was 4 degrees Celsius! A plane full of Australian holiday makers all responded with a loud "OH NO!!" After spending three glorious weeks in France and Spain where the weather averaged around 30C, I must admit that I was feeling rather daunted by the prospect of returning to Melbourne's winter. I had heard about the rain, hail and freezing temperatures that Melbourne had been experiencing. We had had a wonderful time away enjoying the many beautiful sites of these two countries. I have brought home with me many wonderful memories which I will treasure forever.

However, with all the recent events in the world, coming back home to my family made any trepidation I was feeling all go away. Whilst travelling is such a wonderful experience, as Dorothy said, "There is no place like home."

Curriculum Day: Yesterday's Curriculum Day provided a wonderful opportunity for our staff to gain professional learning in a variety of areas. As Ian McKinlay outlined in last week's Principal's report, the staff were actively engaged in developing programs and skills across a broad range of our curriculum. Thank you to Jill Ridgwell, Leading Teacher and Literacy Co-ordinator at Oak Park PS, for providing her time and expertise in supporting us further as teachers of Writing. Our Literacy Curriculum team used the time to plan our upcoming Writer's Festival scheduled for September 17th and 18th. More information on this will be sent out shortly. Thank you also to our 'Kids Matter' Action team. As you are aware, we are moving towards becoming an accredited 'Kids Matter' school. This is something we are very proud of as we continue our focus on supporting our students' emotional health and wellbeing. Thank you also to Rick Gordon for his continued guidance and support in ensuring our staff's skills in IT are continually kept up to a high standard. We strive to ensure that our use of technologies in our teaching and learning programs is productive and targeted to our student’s needs.

Funding: On the last day of Term 2, I received a call from Mary Wooldridge, Member for Doncaster. Her office had received a number of letters from members of our school community outlining our concerns over the state
of some of our buildings – in particular the children's toilet blocks. This has been an ongoing concern over a number of years and certainly something that was strongly brought to my attention when I first commenced at the school. Government funding to schools is always a challenging and political issue. School Council led the charge in sending a strong message to our political leaders of our dire need for our issues to be addressed. Well, fingers crossed that these concerns raised by our community have not fallen on deaf ears. Ms Wooldridge has promised to look into the situation with a view to possibly provide some funding. Whilst this is not a definite confirmation of receiving some money, I am feeling a little more confident that we are making some progress. Thank you to the parents who took the time to write letters in support of our school and thank you to Loula Tarenidis, in particular, who strongly promoted the idea.

**Community Fair Money:** Just a quick mention to let our parent community know that the money raised through the Community Fair earlier this year has been very purposefully spent on purchasing various teaching resources for each classroom. The children are using these now to support their Literacy and Numeracy learning. Thank you again to our community for their continued support in providing our students with the best learning opportunities possible.

**Parent Opinion Survey:** The 2014 Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted during Term 3 from 28 July to 8 August 2014. The survey is an important part of every school's parent engagement strategies and assists with future planning and improvement. Parents are randomly selected to participate in the annual survey which is confidential and anonymous. Surveys will be distributed by mail. If you are selected to participate in the survey, it would be greatly appreciated if you could take the time to complete it and return to the school by Friday 8th August.

Finally, a very big THANK YOU to Mr McKinlay and the staff for a very smooth and settled start to Term 3. I am very much looking forward to catching up with all the students and hearing about what's been happening in their lives since I last saw them.

**Lena Clark**

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**GET YOUR SNIPPETS BY EMAIL**

This is the last year that snippets will come home as a printed copy. Snippets is on our school website which you can access anytime (www.donvaleps.vic.edu.au). If you would like us to email you the link each week, please fill out below and return to the office. Thank you.

**DONVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

Name:________________________________________________________________

Name of eldest student and class:  __________________________________________

I would like to receive my Snippets Newsletter online via our website.

My email address is:

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**General**

**SRI - Special Religious Instructions** - Consent forms went home at the end of last term. These forms must be returned and signed and both boxes ticked giving permission for your child to attend SRI at Donvale Primary School. This new form governs the way SRI is delivered in schools as per the new Ministerial Direction. Extra forms are available at the office. These forms need to be returned to school by the beginning of next week as SRI classes are commencing.

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Help Donvale Primary join the fight against cancer and raise funds for Aleisha’s chosen charity, the Redkite Foundation.

On **Monday 28th July**, come to school and show your support to our friend Aleisha by wearing your favourite wig or beanie, and bring along a **gold coin** donation.

All money goes directly to the Redkite Foundation, the cancer charity providing essential support, financial assistance, information and counselling, and education and support for children and young people with cancer, and the families and friends who support them.
Junior Chef Club

The children learnt about so many different Asian spices such as lemon grass, ginger, turmeric, kaffir lime leaves, garlic, coconut milk and curry powder. They also learned about roti which is Asian style flat bread and coconut rice which is steamed rice cooked in coconut and salt.

The salad was also a big hit, some people call this pickled vegetables which is really Asian style coleslaw with fish sauce, lemon and sugar dressing. This was a very big adventure for some children who have never seen or eaten curry before. Well done boys and girls.

Thank you to the Fankhauser and Buckle families for their food donations.

Also thank you to Jaqui Frigo, Niki Savage, Cass Buckle, Mrs E and Martin for helping with the program.

Next week is the turn of group 2 to create chicken curry with us. Ingredients we need are: spring onion, garlic, carrot, cucumber, tomatoes and chilli.

We don’t cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

BIG THUMBS UP:

- Angelica F 34R, Luca L 12SM, Riley E FRG, James T 12J and Hayden D 34P for happily changing their timetable due to some children being absent.

Thank you boys and girl for your cooperation.

FROM THE CURRY HOUSE:

- James D 56G: I wish the bone was edible.
- Joshua F 12J: The roti is good and the chicken is very nice.
- Joel D-B 56G: Pretty easy to cook and taste yum..
- Jayden B 56G: The bread was really nice.
- Alex B 12J: Delicious and fantastic, I want to make it again.
- Max M 12J: I like the salad the best.
- Nathan G 12J: The best chicken ever.
- Robbi S 12J: The chicken was tasty.
- Eddy S 12J: Perfect.
- Connor R 12J: The chicken rules the curry.
- Andrew F 34E: It was great.
- Nadia S 34E: I'd like some more curry.
- Anastasia T 34E: It's so delicious, I want more.
- Emma W 34E: Best curry ever and I like the rice.
- Holly O 12W: The chicken curry is very nice, if there's an adult helping you, it would be easy to cook the curry.
- James T 12J: It's fantastic.
- Hayden D 34P: I had fun making it.
Basketball

It was fantastic to see all our Basketballers on stage at assembly on Friday. Very impressive seeing how many Donvale Primary Student participate and enjoy playing basketball. Mr Gordon commented that the primary school basketball adds to our sense of community in the classrooms and at school.

We are now back into the swing of a new season. Team managers will be handing out a scoring roster very soon.

Times for this week are as follows:

Diamonds: 11 am Disc 1
Demons: 11.50 am Disc 1
Daffodils: 11 am Disc 2
Dinosaurs: 1.30 pm Leeds St
Delights: 8.30 am Disc 2

Dolphins: 12.40 pm Disc 2
Daisies: 10.10 am Disc 2
Dragons: 3.10 pm Disc 2
Dreamers: 8.30 am Disc 1

Training Roster for GP room Tuesdays

| Tuesday, 29 July 2014 | Dreamers |

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

Birthday Wishes To

Lilly M, Maggie B, Mira C, Dale L, Michael W, Jayden B, Christopher B

Who are celebrating birthdays from 25th to 31st July
Dear Parents & Student,

The Curriculum Day program was fun for the children. They enjoyed cooking pancakes and pizzas. We played group games like Poison ball and Octopus. It was nice to see everyone playing together. We also went with Microwave puff painting which was very popular. Children did have a bit of computer time too. The best part was that they were all at Donvale Primary School and having fun with friends.

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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OSHC 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.

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KUMON - English or Maths Programme. August free trial. Must register by 11 August.

PARK ORCHARDS BASKETBALL CLUB - Free basketball program for kids.
Parent’s Association

GREEN UNIFORM DONATIONS
A large number of green uniform was donated, with a few pieces swapped to growing senior students!

A big congratulations to Liz Brown for organizing the Drive, and identifying a charity that will pass on the love.
De la Salle mission will be freighting our pre-loved items to PNG, where the kids will be decked out in green uniforms & sports gear provided by our school.

PA have scheduled some exciting events & would love your help!
If you would like to help in the preps or at the event, contact the Coordinator listed below:

- Meal Deal Day, Wednesday 13 August – Kim Merton 5/6C
- Scholastic Book Fair, Wednesday 20 (setup), sales Thursday 21 & Friday 22 August - Karin Moule 3/4P (0419 583 990)
- Fathers Day Activity Night, Thursday 4 September – Liz Brown 1/2SM
- Meal Deal Day, Wednesday 10 September – Kim Merton 5/6C
- Walk-a-Thon, Friday 19 September – Marina Younger 1/2J, Georgia Loccisano 1/2SM, Niki Savage 5/6W

More info posted closer to each event.

Coming soon – DIM SIM RECESS! Oooooh yeah.