Curiosity is an important trait of a good learner and thinker. I don’t think you can find an intellectual giant who is not a curious person. Thomas Edison, Leonardo da Vinci, Marie Curie, Albert Einstein, they were all curious people. But why is curiosity so important?

It makes your mind active instead of passive. Curious people always ask questions and search for answers in their minds. Their minds are always active. Since the mind is like a muscle which becomes stronger through continual exercise, the mental exercise caused by curiosity makes your mind stronger. It makes your mind observant of new ideas. When you are curious about something, your mind expects and anticipates new ideas related to it. When the ideas come they will soon be recognised. Without curiosity, the ideas may pass right in front of you and yet you miss them because your mind is not prepared to recognise them. It opens up new worlds and possibilities. By being curious you will be able to see new worlds and possibilities which are normally not visible. They are hidden behind the surface of normal life, and it takes a curious mind to look beneath the surface and discover these new worlds and possibilities. It brings excitement into your life. The life of curious people is far from boring. It’s neither dull nor routine. There are always new things that attract their attention; there are always new ‘toys’ to play with. Instead of being bored, curious people have an adventurous life.

Knowing the importance of curiosity, here are some tips to develop it:

1. Keep an open mind

Be open to learn, unlearn, and relearn. Some things you know and believe might be wrong, and you should be prepared to accept this possibility and change your mind.

2. Don’t take things as granted

Don’t just accept the world as it is without trying to dig deeper, to understand better. Never take things as granted. Try to dig deeper beneath the surface of what is around you.

3. Ask questions relentlessly

A sure way to dig deeper beneath the surface is asking questions: What is that? Why is it made that way? When was it made? Who invented it? Where does it come from? How does it work? What, why, when, who, where, and how are the best friends of curious people.
4. Don’t label something as ‘boring’
Whenever you label something as boring, you close one more door of possibilities. Curious people are unlikely to call something as boring. Instead, they always see it as a door to an exciting new world. Even if they don’t yet have time to explore it, they will leave the door open to be visited another time.

5. See learning as something fun
If you see learning as a burden, there’s no way you will want to dig deeper into anything. That will just make the burden heavier. But if you think of learning as something fun, you will naturally want to dig deeper. So look at life through the glasses of fun and excitement and enjoy the learning process.

6. Read diverse kinds of reading
Don’t spend too much time on just one world; take a look at other worlds. It will introduce you to the possibilities and excitement of the other worlds which may spark your interest to explore them further. One easy way to do this is through reading diverse kinds of reading. We are our children’s role models. We need to encourage them to ask questions, to have a go at solving problems, to support their ideas and strategies with finding out answers, and most of all, to believe in their ability to do so. In the words of Albert Einstein, ‘Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death’.

Lena Clark

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**General**

**Late Arrivals**

Once again, we remind parents that when your child is late to school, parents MUST accompany them to the Office, and complete a Late Arrival note, then escort your child to class. Too many children are arriving after 9am, and being dropped off to make their own way into school.

Classes are disrupted by children arriving late, and the Office staff is disrupted by children asking for assistance to complete Late Arrival notices. School starts at 9am, and it is important that children are ready to line up by this time.

**Book Week**

Donvale Primary School likes to celebrate our love of books and reading by having special events to coincide with Book Week each year. This year the theme is ‘Connect to reading’ which reflects the enjoyment that the experience of exploring story and travelling to other worlds gives us.

We have a visiting author Sherryl Clark providing four one hour writing workshops on the 14th of August. She will be working with the children to help focus their thinking on the construction and impact of writing. This will support our term emphasis on the development of clear, strong writing across the school. This focus will culminate in a Writing Festival late in the term. The cost of $4.00 for our visiting author was included in your bulk billing.

The following Tuesday, 19th of August all the children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character. There will be a parade (weather permitting) at 9.15 a.m. so we can admire the creativity of each child and try to guess the character and book. The children will then participate in activities based on one of the short listed books for 2014. They will work in multi-age groups with two staff members. This day produces some wonderful displays for our Library, as well as exposing children to fabulous books and the opportunity of working in multi-aged cooperative groups.

If you have any queries feel free to catch me on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of any week.

*Bev Wright.*

**Writer's Festival**

To celebrate the wonderful learning and writing that is happening in our classrooms, the Literacy team and staff are pleased to announce our inaugural Writer's Festival.

The topic for our Writer's Festival is ‘My Treasured Possession’. The festival will take place on the 17th and 18th September in the GP room.

To help inspire and focus children on the writing topic, we ask that you have a discussion with your child on what treasured possessions are in your family. What makes them treasured? Where did they come from?

We are encouraging each child to bring in their treasured possession or a photo of their treasured possession to assist them with their writing. (Electronic games/gadgets will not be considered a treasured possession).

Thank you for your assistance and have fun sharing your treasured possessions with your child.

*Mitchelle Rassias*  
*Literacy Curriculum Team Leader*
SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

As has been mentioned in previous communications, there has been some significant changes to religious instruction in schools.

The recently released Ministerial Direction MD141 has:

- clarified the basis upon which special religious instruction may be provided in a Government school;
- established procedures for the provision and conduct of special religious instruction in Government schools; and
- established procedures for the care and supervision of students who do not participate in a school’s special religious instruction program.

I wish to assure our parent community that, at this stage, there will be no changes to the program that is currently being run at our school. This, however, according to my responsibilities as outlined in the Directive, will always be up for review and any decisions made that impact on the program will be guided by the needs and feedback of our whole school community.

Special Religious Instruction (SRI) – previously CRE – is a Christian based religious instruction program that is presented by Access Ministries. All our instructors are fully accredited and follow the departmental approved Access Ministries Curriculum. This is available for parents to view on the following website. www.accessministries.org.au

All SRI instruction at Donvale Primary School is in line with the expectations as set out within the Departmental Directive. A reminder that no student will be allowed to participate in any SRI without the new parental permission form being submitted to the school. These were distributed to parents last term. They are available at the office if needed.

If you have any further queries regarding this program at our school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Lena Clark
Principal

FROM THE OFFICE

Term 3 Bulk Billing

There are still quite a few families who have not paid for upcoming events. Payment is required before the event. These activities form part of the curriculum being taught. If you are unsure if you have paid or not contact the office and we will send home a statement. Bulk Billing notices for term 3 are also on the website. Our next incursion is on Friday 14th August as part of the following weeks Book Week.

Statements

Statements will be sent home to families that have a balance of either fees and bulk billing outstanding or any outstanding credits. Please take a moment to look at the statement and contact the office if you have any questions. Your statement also has your family BPay details on it. Keep this as a reference to make payments with.

BPAY

Every family has a BPay reference that is in unique to your family. When payment is made it transfers directly to your family account. However, we still need a remittance to advise us which fees you are paying. By returning the remittance portion with your BPay payment reference on it, we are able to tick your student off as having paid, as some concern has been expressed by parents that BPay does not lodge overnight.
Cash
Cash payments sent to the school need to be in a sealed and well labelled envelope with the students name, class, payment details and how much cash is in the envelope. Too often money is being handed over loose at the office counter.

Level 3 & 4 Camp
Instalment 1 and Instalment 2 camp notices have been sent home. Instalment one payment is overdue. Instalment 2 is due on the 14th August. Some parents have elected to pay the full amount in one payment, please let me know if you have chosen this method. Instalment 3 will be sent home on the 14th August, all camp payments are to be finalised by the end of Term 3.

Ricarda Lillis
Business Manager

UNIFORM
It’s great seeing the students wear with pride their new uniform. To keep this great look happening we need to take care that all our students arrive at school dressed in their uniform according to the dress code. Unfortunately, some students have introduced different garments or extra items to their uniform. Some of these are:

- Brightly coloured socks with pretty patterns on them. These are not uniform issue. The correct socks for girls in their winter uniform are either white socks or navy tights. The boys have grey socks.
- Leggings are not a part of the uniform. If your daughter is cold in socks, then it is suggested she wear under her tunic the school’s navy blue tights. There is also a blue bootleg pant option for winter wear instead of the tunic.

The Uniform Policy is on the website with further information on the school policy and dress code.

Uniform Committee

MINDFUL MATES
This August, we’re getting involved in Mindfulness Matters to help support healthy bodies and healthy minds!
Grill’d has partnered with not-for-profit organisation Smiling Mind to encourage Australians to be more ‘mindful’ of their physical and mental health. As such, Donvale Primary is proud to be a recipient of the Local Matters community donation program at Grill’d Fairfield. Funds from the program will provide Smiling Mind resources and materials that will support the mental wellbeing and resilience of our school community.

To jump on-board and support Mindfulness Matters, get down to Grill’d Fairfield during August and pop your Local Matters token into the Donvale Primary jar!

Take a look at the website below for more detail.

Lashay Cartledge
Smiling Mind website: www.smilingmind.com.au
Grill’d website: www.grilld.com.au
From The Sports Coach

Gymnastics: Our Level 5 and 6 students have started their intensive Gymnastic Program for this term. Our Level 1 and 2 children begin their program on Wednesday 20th August.

District Winter Sports: Congratulations to our Mixed Netball and Mixed Tee Ball tams who are District Champions for 2014. At the moment we are organising venues, dates and times for the two teams to compete at the next level of competition.

Tennis Clinic: Next Thursday our Foundation and 1/2 children will have the opportunity to participate in a professional tennis clinic conducted at school.

National Trampoline Competition: Kiara S, a Level 6 student is representing her Club and State in the National Trampoline Competition this weekend in Tasmania. We wish Kiara all the best at this elite level.

Reversible Netball/Basketball Rings: We now have a new set of reversible Basketball/Netball rings on the Junior asphalt area. May I take this opportunity to thank the Parents Association and all our families, as much of the cost for these rings came about due to your fundraising efforts from this year.

John Pianta

Junior Chef Club

The children were so enthusiastic to learn more about curry. We explained that curry is not always spicy hot, some are mild or even plain depends on what kind of spices we put in. The aroma of the children's home made chicken curry made us all feel we were actually in Asia, yes that authentic!! They also learnt about "sambal" which is chilli jam and how to package restaurant style takeaway.

Well done boys and girls.

Thank you to Jaqui Frigo, Marina Younger, Michelle Kavenagh, Irene Miller, Mrs E, Mrs Clark and Martin for helping in the program.

Next week is the turn of group 3 to join us in the "curry house".

Ingredients we need are: spring onion, coconut milk, chilli, cabbage, tomatoes and carrot.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

BIG THUMBS UP:
- Aaron R 56W and Connor R 12J, for baking dairy free cake for Liang, thank you boys.

FROM THE CURRY HOUSE:
- Michael W 56G: Tasty! I feel like I'm back in Asia.
- Jesse Y 12J: It tastes lovely.
- Dylan S 56G: Yum... yum... !!
- Hamish W 12J: Yum Yum Yum, I ate them all.
- Zoe S 12J: Best, easy, yummy thing to make. My first spicy food and I love it.
- Maisie S 12J: It was fun and I am taking it home for my Mum.

Ashleigh F 12J: It was really fun to make and it's yum.
- Jaimee E 12J: It was yum.
- Jackson C 34P: Five Stars !!!
- Ben P 34P: Very unique in many ways.
- Chloe G 34R: It was so delicious and nice.
- Armani K 34R: It was the best meal ever.
- Lily V 34R: I loved it, it was the best!
- Abbey G 34R: It was delicious.

- Emily M 12J: It was fun making the chicken curry and it was very nice.
Basketball

Last week saw an evacuation of the DISC right in the middle of The Dreamers game. They thought it was the end of the game for them with sirens going and lights turned off. Fortunately a false alarm. The Daisies had a huge win with Rose W/H scoring a personal best of 24 points.

The Dragons are very pleased to welcome a new coach. Cody S’s mum Kate has put up her hand to coach. Dejian did a fabulous job and will be missed by all. Kate had the boys sweating it out at training and having fun. Good luck this week to the Dragons.

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Training Roster for GP room Tuesdays

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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

Elise R, Gemma G, Ruby B, James D, Bardia M

Who are celebrating birthdays from 1st - 7th August

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DEEP CREEK PRESCHOOL - Positions available—3 year old 2015.
Cover your head for cancer day

On Tuesday the 28th of July, we held a beanie/ wig/ hat day called ‘Cover your head for cancer’.

Lots of kids throughout the school were wearing their lovely hats. Everybody who was involved donated a gold coin or more for the Red Kite foundation.

In the morning, we had two wonderful ladies come from Camp Quality that put on a puppet show for us. The puppets told us about how people with cancer can look different to others, but are still the same.

They also told us 3 key words to look out for during the play and they were: chemotherapy, side affects and positivity.

We learnt that ‘Laughter is the best medicine!’

It was a great turnout and everyone had a fun time covering their hair and head for cancer.

By Anastasia

Photos by
Renee T and Danielle C
**OSHClub News**

Before School / After School Care Program

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This week most of the time children were busy playing group games in the choir room (room next to us). They were having lots of fun. It was nice to see all of them playing together. Next week we will be exploring Japan. Parents and children are free to share any information about Japan or a Japanese cooking recipe.

Thanks Laura V for donating the soccer ball to OSHClub.

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.

**Please remember to update the contact details (Especially the phone numbers and address) on the enrolment form if there is any change. You can do so online.**

Jagruti Shah

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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](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.*
Parent’s Association

DIM SIM 
RECESS!
Tuesday 5 August.
$1.00 each.
Served from the Canteen window at 10.30am. Recess only.
No need to order, just bring your money & your appetite.

Hot Potato Meal Deal Lunch - Wednesday 13 August
$5.00 Potato, toppings & a drink.
Kids will be served a baked potato & they add the toppings
choose from butter, cheese, corn, sour cream & coleslaw.

Watch out for the order forms coming home soon.
Helpers needed. Contact Kim Merton 5/6C.

POP THE FATHERS DAY ACTIVITIES INTO DADDY’S DIARY
- THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 5-6.30PM. FUN ACTIVITIES ON THE NIGHT & PIZZA DINNER FOR THE KIDS & DADDY/PA/PADRE. ♥

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.

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