School Review

From this year, new processes relating to school accountability have been implemented. Victorian schools are now using the new School Performance Framework to improve their performance by engaging their peers in a cycle of performance feedback that includes self-evaluation, review, planning, reporting and sharing exemplary practice across the system.

On September 3 this year, Donvale PS will be participating in a whole school Peer Review and Self-evaluation. As 2014 signals the end of our four year Strategic Plan (2011 – 2014), we must now look forward and plan the future direction of Donvale and further clarify the vision for our school. Part of this process is to examine, understand and learn from our experiences of these past four years. The self-evaluation provides an opportunity for our whole school community, including students, parents and all staff, to reflect on student outcomes in light of our goals, targets and key improvement strategies from this previous planning cycle. This includes examining teaching and learning strategies, the performance and development culture and other aspects of school operations so they can be strengthened and supported to improve student outcomes. In the process, we will celebrate our outstanding achievements and acknowledge the exemplary teaching and learning programs implemented during this time.

A panel has been formed comprising of a departmental School Reviewer, North Eastern Region Senior Advisor, two Peer Principals, School Council President, Leadership and Curriculum leaders of our school. The Review, facilitated by the School Reviewer, will take a full day and will include opportunities for all staff members, Student Leaders and School Councillors and other community members to participate.

I will ensure that our community is informed of the outcomes of our school review as we look towards the development of our next Strategic Plan.

Kids Matter

As mentioned in previous newsletters, Donvale PS is now working towards becoming an accredited ‘Kids Matter’ School. ‘Kids Matter’ is an Australian primary school’s mental health initiative. As a staff we draw upon the research and classroom ideas provided by this valuable organisation.

So why have we decided to work towards becoming a ‘Kids Matter’ School?

It’s because we genuinely believe that KIDS DO MATTER. We know that the
mental health and wellbeing of every child determines their ability or inability to focus on their learning and to be happy and effective members of our community. Children who experience various stressors within their lives need to have the supports in place to be able to cope and be resilient to these extremes which can take many forms. Bullying, for example, is one such concern that I know all parents share.

At Donvale PS we take bullying very seriously. Our Anti-bullying policy (found on our website) states: 
‘Donvale Primary School does not tolerate bullying in any form. All members of the Donvale Community are committed to ensuring a safe and caring environment, which promotes personal growth and positive self-esteem.’

I would like to reassure our parent community that I have not and never will ever tolerate bullying of any description. In keeping with our policy, any instances of bullying are dealt with swiftly and appropriately so that a safe and non-threatening environment is maintained for our students. We live our values where an expectation of RESPECT, COMPASSION, RESPONSIBILITY and RESILIENCE is continually modelled and taught. Our students understand that we all have the right to be safe and the right to learn without disruption. They respect that our teachers have the right to teach without interruption.

With the inclusion of the ‘Kids Matter’ program into our school, our current Anti-bullying policy is now under review. Schools are constantly evolving places therefore so too must also be our policies. With the necessary avenues of consultation needed to take place, the relevant school council subcommittee is now working to develop a new Anti-bullying policy inclusive of our new programs and initiatives. This will be presented to our community in due course.

‘Kids Matter’ states; “Working together is the best way to support children’s mental health and wellbeing.”

Parents and carers have an important role to play in creating a bridge between home and school. When the adults responsible for children take a positive interest in what happens at school, it helps children feel at home and connected. Children who feel connected are happier and more relaxed and are also more motivated to learn and strive for success.

There are many ways in which you can do this:

- Find out about what’s happening: read the school newsletter and check for notes that are sent home
- Participate in information sessions when they are offered
- Make time in your busy day to listen to your child tell you about what he/she is learning at school
- Build social networks to help your child feel part of the community by attending the various school and social events on offer. Schools can be a great place for parents and carers to forge long term relationships between families

Volunteer to assist:

- With the Parents Association
- At working bees…even if only for an hour or so, we all benefit from the outcome
- With training a sports team, or a special project such as the community fair or book fair
- Help out in classrooms or excursions / incursions
- With fundraising initiatives

If you have any queries or concerns about this discussion, please do not hesitate to come and speak with me. The children of Donvale PS are my absolute priority as they are of all the staff. We will always work to ensure that their school provides them with a safe and positive learning environment. My door is open!

Lena Clark
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## General

### Author Visit.

Sherryl Clark, a real live author, visited our school today to share her knowledge, books and ideas. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to ask questions about the writing process, where she gets her ideas and to listen to her suggestions about how to be a better writer. Children were engaged, asking clear question to help with their thinking and the process of writing. The visit was timed to fit in with Children’s Book Week next week and the writing that is currently happening in all our classrooms for the Writers Festival. We are very excited about sharing this writing with you at the end of term.
**Book Week**

Don’t forget - Book Week dress up day is **Monday the 18th of August**.

**MOSAIC WALL**

The Arts Committee would like to invite as many people as possible to come along to lend a helping hand on Sunday 24th August at the School Working Bee. With only the grouting to do, we are keen to complete the magnificent mosaic display. Fingers crossed the weather is kind to us!

Hope to see you there.

*Arts Committee*

**Working Bee Term 3**

We invite all parents and families to attend our Term 3 Working Bee on Sunday 24th August from 9.00am - 1.00pm, finishing with a bbq and drinks.

Tasks will include general tidying up of garden beds, preparation of vegie garden, cutting back of bushes near buildings/gutters, small amount of painting and general cleaning out of some storage rooms.

If anyone is able to bring along electric or motorised chain saws and/or hedge cutters, it would be most appreciated. If anyone knows how or where we can get rid of paint tins, please see the office.

Thank you
*John Pianta for Building and Grounds Committee*

**Sustainability Update**

Congratulations on a fabulous start to our Rubbish Free School initiative! It is great to see the overwhelming support with children across all levels proud to come to school with ‘Nude Food’ and reusable containers. The school grounds are already looking clearer and the students are noticing the amazing impact a small change can make for the future.

**Exciting News Just In!**

We are ecstatic to announce Donvale PS has been awarded a substantial ‘Communities for Nature’ grant to revegetate part of our school grounds. We are inviting all members of the school community to be involved.

In line with Cool Australia’s Enviroweek (August 24-30th), we will be introducing the **Garden Design Challenge**. Every class and family will be invited to submit their designs for new indigenous planting and upgraded vegetable gardens. Details will be circulated soon. Watch this space!!

**Bake Sale**

**Thursday 21 August** At recess and lunchtime outside the GP Room.

Prices from 50 cents to $2. As part of our integrated studies unit on Natural Disasters in Grade 5/6, we are raising funds to support the survivors of Typhoon Glenda in the Philippines. This typhoon hit the Philippines in July this year leaving hundreds of thousands of people homeless. We are aiming to raise $60 or more to donate to the Alabang Ladies International Group so they can buy a metal roof and umbrella nails to secure the roof to a house. Please help us support this cause.

*Jayden, James, Skylah and Zac*
Basketball

All the teams are doing well and having fun. Indi M (The Diamonds) scored her first ever goal well done Indi. The Dragons are working hard at training the pay off is that they are playing much better on game day. Keep up the good work Dragons. The Delights and The Daisies played off against each other on Saturday with the extra height of the grade 6 girls was a huge advantage for The Delights. I think the girls have had a growth spurt since last term.

Times for this week are as follows:
Diamonds: 9.20 am Leeds St.
Demons: 3.10 pm Leeds St.         Dolphins: 12.40 pm Disc 2
Daffodils: 11am Disc 2          Daisies: 10.10am Disc 2
Dinosaurs: 1.30 pm Disc 2        Dragons: 3.10 pm Disc 2
Delights: 9.20 am Disc 1         Dreamers: 8.30 am Disc 2

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

Junior Chef Club

This week’s session was full of flavour from all over the world.

We were very lucky that Jaz was available this week so she could come over and show us how to make traditional Indian roti bread.

Also the children had the opportunity to taste the real Indonesian/Malaysian drink called "es agar agar".

I'm so proud of these little chefs as they were very good in sharing and helping each other.

Well done boys and girls.

Thank you to Marina Younger, Jaqui Frigo, Jaz Kalsi, Gaylene Young, Mrs E, Mrs Clark and Martin for helping with the program. Also thank you to the Fankhauser and Miles families for donating capsicum and potatoes.

Next week is the turn of group 5 to join us in the curry house. Ingredients we need are: potato, red capsicum and garlic.

We don’t cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

BIG THUMBS UP:
- Pavit K 34P for helping Liang carry some food to the junior chef room, thank you Pavit.
FROM THE CURRY HOUSE:
- Jessica C 56C: It was sensational.
- Nathalie L 34P: I tried curry and it was the first time and I liked it and the roti too.
- Abby M 56C: I loved the roti bread and the coconut rice.
- Daniel S 56C: My first chicken curry, I didn't think I like it but I loved it.
- Lucas O 56C: I can eat this everyday, the coconut drink was very nice too, I drank 3 glasses.
- Mitchell L 56C: Absolutely divine, the chilli sambal was a kick.
- Luca L 12S: It's delicious, I want more.
- Caitlin F FRG: I loved the chicken.
- Bani K FRG: I have it at home.
- Ruby Y FRG: I loved it all, my first chicken curry.
- Mira C 12S: It was yum, the drinks so fresh.
- Ava H 12S: It's awesomely tasty.
- Rosamund H 12S: I like the drink and it's from Malaysia and I liked the bread.
- Amy L 12S: Absolutely delicious, I want more.
- Rose W-H 34P: I loved the roti, it's great and so is the rest.
- Pavit K 34P: It tasted really good and we should try it at home.
- Tyler D 34P: My first chicken curry, easy to cook and yummy.
- Harrison M 34P: The rice goes well with the chicken because it tastes good together.
OSHClub News

Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Dear Parents & Students,

It was so good to see most of the children including Foundation working on word search, a real good brainstorming activity especially in the morning. Children loved the hot chocolate for breakfast and tacos with beans, lettuce, cheese and tomato sauce for their afternoon tea. We are trying to cut down the sugar level in the morning by offering milo thrice a week at the moment instead of having it every morning. Children happily accepted the change so they got hot chocolate as a reward. Some of the children also tried Japanese pancake. It was nice to see children trying veggies in their pancakes.

Emily Bound from OSHClub was filling in for Caroline when she was away sick.

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

Next Week’s Activities

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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.
Hot Potato Meal Deal Lunch - Wednesday 13 August

Was delightful!!!!
Over 90 kids stuffed a hot potato full of delectable toppings.
Well done to the great team who served the deliciousness.
Big thanks to Tunstall Fresh who donated the potatoes.
Lovely people at Tunstall Fresh & a great place to get fresh vegies & fruit!

GET A LOOK AT THE BOOKS!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Parents, we are looking for some extra helpers for this year’s book fair.
Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd of August.
Before school 8.45 – 9.30 AM, or
After school 3 - 4.30 PM.

WIN A $15 VOUCHER TO SPEND AT THE BOOK FAIR!
Just colour in or complete the pictures that came home today and hand them in to the office by Monday, 18th August.
GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!!

Sponsor a Book
Our library needs some new books to keep the kids keen.
The Book Fair will showcase some of the desired titles, but if you can’t make it, or know a book you would like to donate, please contact Karin Moule 0419 583 990.
Here’s some our lovely librarian has selected for our kids to enjoy:

Weirdo 2 - Anh Do
Pig Pug – Aaron Blabey
Ava Anne Appleton (Accidental Adventurer) - Wendy Harmer
Boy Vs Beast Series, Tom Gates Series, Ronald Dahl Series.
Non-fiction available for sponsorship at the Fair.
A special plaque at the front of the book commemorates your family’s generosity.

♥ FATHERS NIGHT - THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 5-6.30PM.
FUN ACTIVITIES ON THE NIGHT & PIZZA DINNER ♥

Walk-a-thon - Friday 19 August – 9am to 11am.
Raise funds for new shade sails around the school.
Great prizes, great cause, great fun.

THE PA MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED DUE TO THE BOOK WEEK PA-RADE —
ITS NOW ON MONDAY 25 AUGUST 9AM