Our Values

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Resilience
- Compassion

States Schools Spectacular: State Schools Spectacular is on this weekend at Hisense Area. Several of our students will be performing and representing Donvale PS. Many thanks to Kerry Gerraty and Peter Reiter who have been working with the students to prepare them for their performance. As always, I know they will make us proud but most importantly, I know that they will enjoy this opportunity and very special experience that their involvement in the SSS provides. Along with several other staff members, I will be attending the event this Saturday. I am very much looking forward to seeing our students shine on the big stage.

Hooptime: Last week many of our year 3 /4 students competed in the Hooptime competition and what a fabulous result our DPS basketballers achieved. One of our teams, Donvale Devils, made it through to the Grand Final which they won! The Donvale Devils will now compete at the Regional Level in Dandenong on 30th October. We are extremely proud of all our students particularly on their brilliant sportsmanship, support of each other and overall exemplary behaviour. A very big thank you to the many parents who came along on the day to support the children. Special thanks go to Jeanine Innes for sourcing two sets of extra basketball singlets, to past student Stephanie Wolff for her wonderful coaching, to several Grade 5 /6 students for coaching and scoring and to Marita Warner and Samara Sherwin for providing transport. Also a very big thank you to Mrs Luanda Pianta for the many hours spent in training and coaching the students. A great team effort!

Writers Festival: Donvale PS’s inaugural Writers Festival is coming up next week. The teachers and students have focused their writing this term on the topic ‘My Treasured Possession’. I am so pleased with the fantastic writing I have seen developing during the term. The vocab, synonyms, sentence structures, and beautiful handwriting used by the students has been outstanding. We can’t wait to share the finished stories with you all. Hope you can join us on Wednesday 17th and / or Thursday 18th September. The special awards assembly will be taking place on the Wednesday at 9.15am in the Senior Building. The Writers display will be in our newly renovated GP room. Come along and help us celebrate the fantastic writers of Donvale Primary School.

 Fathers Day: Last Thursday evening, our Parents Association arranged for our students and their dad’s / granddad’s to get together at the school to be involved in an evening of games and events – ‘The Father’s Day Amazing Race’.
It was absolutely terrific to see so many dads / granddads join us on this night to participate in the fun. A delicious pizza dinner followed the activities – a well-earned treat for everyone. Thank you to all the PA members, in particular Liz Brown, for all her hard work in planning and organising the night. A fabulous time was had by all.

All of these events mentioned above are only just a snippet of what Donvale PS offers to all our students. It shows that we certainly are a busy school where our dedicated staff continuously strives to offer our students the best teaching and learning programs available. Not a week goes by where our students are not involved in an activity or task that engages them with their learning and their community. It is no wonder that people are talking about Donvale PS as the place to be. Our current Foundation enrolment for next year is the largest Foundation enrolment the school has seen in years. Great students, great staff and great community – the word is out about our Donvale PS – the hidden gem!

Hope you’re having a wonderful week.

Lena Clark

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**From The School Council President**

I have had a number of parents approach me and ask questions about the School Review, that I was a part of last Wednesday. I will attempt to provide an overview, from a parent’s perspective.

Each school has a strategic plan which runs for four years. We are nearing the end of the current strategic plan and the School Review is the first step in forming the next strategic plan, that will run from 2015 to 2018.

The strategic plan sets goals and targets for the school, in curriculum areas as well as student wellbeing and student engagement. All of these are periodically measured through testing as well as student and parent surveys.

The day started with an amazing I-movie that was put together by Mr Gordon’s class - an overview of DPS from the kids point of view. I hope it can be uploaded onto our website soon.

The Review was facilitated by Leslie Tulloch who is an accredited School Reviewer. Leslie asked lots of questions and will use all the gathered information to formulate a report, that will be presented to Lena and then to School Council in October.

Throughout the day, the teachers, education support staff, student leaders and parents all answered questions from the panel. Overall, the support for Donvale Primary School was extremely positive.

As parents, we don’t always see, and I certainly didn’t appreciate the depth of planning that goes into delivering the curriculum to our kids. The teachers work in more than one team - their "level team” and generally another team as well, such as numeracy, literacy, well being etc. I had an opportunity to hear the details of their plans and see how thoroughly they prepare, to ensure that teaching standards, integrated topics and behaviours / values are consistent throughout the school.

*Marita Warner*
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### General

**Writers’ Festival**

**Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th September**

Less than one week until our Writers’ Festival officially opens! Our students are busily adding the finishing touches to their ‘My Treasured Possession’ piece.

Just a reminder that we will be holding a special assembly on Wednesday 17th September at 9:10 am in the Senior Building to open the Writers’ Festival. Parents and visitors are invited to our GP room to view all the finished pieces of writing after the assembly, Wednesday afternoon and before and after school on Thursday. Teachers will be taking their grades during class-time to view all the wonderful writing created by the students.

Hope to see you at our Writers’ Festival.

_**Literacy Team**_
**From The Office**

**Level 3 & 4 Camp**: Last instalment is due next week.

Statements were sent home reminding parents of any outstanding fees and bulk billing. Can all payments be made before Friday which is the last day of term.

Thank you.

**Junior Chef Club**

The timetable and the team helper's roster was given out last week. If your child did not get one, please check on the wall in the junior chef room or you can contact the school.

The curry house is now closed, but stay tuned as we are going to explore "tiramisu" next term.

We don't cook, we create food.

*Liang Dimitroff*

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**From The Sports Coach**

**District Athletics**: Our District Athletics are on Tuesday 16th September. Could all children participating please return permission forms and payment by Friday 12th September. Children attending are required to wear our school sport’s uniform and bring along snacks, lunch and drinks. We should return back to school by 3.00pm. All parents are most welcome to attend throughout the day.

**Whole School Swimming Program** is planned for the 10th, 11th, 12th, 15th and 17th December at Aqualink Surrey Park/Box Hill using their redeveloped indoor facilities. An expression of interest to attend this program went home with every child today. Could all parents please take the time to complete the form and return it to your child’s teacher by the end of the first week of Term 4 to assist with buses and planning.

**Walk To School October 2014** is again happening at Donvale Primary School and we encourage all children and families to participate.

*What is Walk To School 2014?*

This year, Walk to School 2014 encourages primary school kids and parents across the state to walk to and from school during October.

Walking to school can help children to achieve the recommended 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity every day, and adopt physical activity habits for life.

Walking to school can help reduce traffic congestion, parking difficulties and the associated environmental impacts.

Walk to school activities provide opportunities to raise awareness of the broader health and wellbeing benefits of children being active.

*John Pianta*
Basketball

This week will see “The Delights” and “The Dreamers” playing off against each other again. Very strange as we find ourselves cheering on both teams. It will be a tough game for the girls as many of the players will be away attending State School Spectacular. It was good to see Sarita N back at training on Tuesday with her moon boot in tow just in case. It was a wild storming training session with amazing wind and huge hail stones. We even had some light rain inside the stadium!

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

- **Diamonds:** 11 am Disc 1
- **Demons:** 11.50 am Disc 1
- **Daffodils:** 11 am Disc 2
- **Dinosaurs:** 12.40 pm Disc 1
- **Delights:** 8.30 am Disc 1
- **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, 16 September 2014 | Daisies |

**UNIFORMS**

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

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**Education Maintenance Allowance**

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

**What is EMA?**

The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

**How it is paid?**

Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:
- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Fund Transfer) into the parent’s bank account;
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

**Who is eligible?**

The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions. It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

**What is changing?**

In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute those funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

**Why?**

Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

**Will my child be worse off?**

No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need.

The students who will benefit the most
Dear Parents & Students,

I hope you all survived the hail storm Tuesday night with minimum or no damage at all.
I just can’t believe that we are so close to the end of the term.
Remember to get the hats ready for the term 4 as we follow “No hat, no play” policy in term 4.

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.

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

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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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](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

The Book Haul thanks to our generous DPS Community. The Library has lots of new and interesting titles!

FATHERS DAY EVENING – A massive turnout with 60 families attending.
Over 40 pizza’s devoured, agile dads, excited kids,
100’s of hoops sunk, some amazing singing voices discovered.
The Amazing Donvale Primary.
Thanks to the wonderful helpers & great planning by Liz Brown & Kim Merton.

Walk-a-thon - Friday 19 September – 9am to 11am.
Great prizes, great cause, great fun.
Fundraise for shade sails ..........
Money collected due Wednesday 17 September.
Register your selected prize.
Meal Deal Day

Wednesday 10 September

was a Hot Dog & Chocolate Muffin bonanza

Thank you to the helpers for feeding 190+ hungry kids.

Footy Fever has sprung with spring!

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FYI - HUGE BOOK WAREHOUSE SALE

50-90% OFF EVERYTHING FOR TWO DAYS ONLY!

Thousands of fantastic children's books will be on sale including paperback novels, picture books, chapter books, activity items and much more!

**Fill a box for $40 section!**

**Thursday 18 September 8.00am - 5.00pm**

**Friday 19 September 8.00am - 5.00pm**

Scholastic Warehouse 9-11 Northern Road
West Heidelberg VIC 3081

You can pay by cash, EFTPOS or credit card.


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Next PA meeting Monday 15 September, in the Library.

Come & chat about next Term's activities. New ideas & faces needed.

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sushi sushi TUESDAY lunch orders

We need helpers on Monday's to process the orders.

If you are able to help for an hour or so from time to time we would be grateful.

Next term we will be rostering.

Please contact Georgia Loccisano 0410 439 826.

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August 25, 2014

Ms Liz Brown
Donvale Primary School
Elata Street
DONVALE VIC 3111

Dear Students, Staff and Parents from Donvale Primary School,

Thank you so much for your extremely kind donation of school uniforms for the children in Papua New Guinea. We were amazed at how many bags full of uniforms you collected and what great condition they were in.

These uniforms will be extremely useful and appreciated by the girls and boys in PNG who don’t have as much as we do here in Australia. They will likely leave in a shipping container destined for PNG towards the end of this year.

A huge thank you also goes out to Jacqui Frigo for taking the time to drive to the Lasallian office and drop off additional uniforms, toys, books and small furniture. It was very much appreciated.

We look forward to getting in touch again once we know when the shipping container will be ready to leave and we will provide you with photos and information about the children once the uniforms arrive.

Again, thank you very much for all the hard work you put into collecting the school uniforms and donating them to Lasallian Foundation.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions by emailing info@lasallianfoundation.org or phoning 03 9508 2700.

With warmest regards,

Mandy Palmer
Fundraising Manager
Birthday Wishes To

Who are celebrating birthdays from 12th to 18th September

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Cho's Taekwondo Academy Australia - Learn taekwondo Korean traditional martial arts.
Zumba Fitness - Party yourself into shape. Licensed instructor Tuesday nights opposite Tunstall Square.

The Sinclair garden at 124 McGowans Rd, Donvale will be opening as part of the Open Gardens Australia scheme. A portion of the $8 entry fee (kids entry is free) will be donated to support the endangered Leadbeater's Possum, with the remainder supporting community garden projects through OGA.

The garden will be open on Sat and Sun 13-14 Sept from 10 am to 4.30 pm.

The garden notes are available on the OGA website:

You need to go to the site, then scroll down to the weekend of 13-14/9 and click on the 'notes' link beside 'Sinclair garden'.

If you are interested I'd love to see you here on the open weekend, please put the date in your diary!