School Review: Yesterday, Donvale PS held its School Review. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, this is where all Victorian government schools are asked to critically evaluate their achievements as measured against the goals and targets set out in the Strategic Plan. Each Strategic Plan spans over a four year period so at the end of the four years, schools are expected to take part in a Review. Our current Strategic Plan is concluding at the end of this year so we are now required to review our achievements and plan for the next four years. The day was facilitated by Departmental accredited Reviewer – Leslie Tulloch. The members of the panel consisted of myself, Ian McKinlay, Stuart Edwards (North Eastern Region Senior Advisor), Debbie Mierisch (Principal Milgate PS), Graeme Renshaw (Principal Templestowe Valley PS), Marita Warner (School Council President), Rick Gordon (ICT Leader), Michelle Rassias (Literacy Curriculum Team Leader), Peter Reiter (Numeracy Curriculum Team Leader) and Lashay Cartledge (Student Engagement and Wellbeing Team Leader). Every member of staff was invited to participate in the review and School Council, Parents Association and our Student body was also represented. It was an extremely constructive day where we were given the opportunity to celebrate the exceptional achievements of our school. Rigorous and robust discussion took place which will support our continued growth into the future. Many thanks to the members of the Panel whose dedication and commitment our school shone through. Thank you to all the Staff of Donvale PS whose focus on the students in all they do is unrelenting. We have a brilliant community at our school and I was never more proud to be a part of such an outstanding school.

Father’s Day: Tonight we will be welcoming our dads to our school to spend a wonderful activity packed evening with their children. It’s always terrific to see our students engaged with their families in a fun and relaxed way. Pizza and drinks will be on offer to finish the evening off. Thank you to the PA for organising this event – (I hope our mum’s take the opportunity for some ‘me’ time.) I’m looking forward to seeing our dad’s at school tonight. I believe we are expecting a big turnout. If you are unable to make it, I wish you a wonderful Father’s Day this Sunday where your children take the opportunity to show you just how much you are appreciated.

Finally, a very big thank you to the Neale Family for their generous donation of a microwave to our Senior building. Our senior students are extremely grateful!

Hope you’re having a wonderful week.

Lena Clark
# September

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## General

### Drop-off/Pick-up Zone

The Drop Off Zone has been developed to make it easier for you to pick up and drop off your children. The drop off zone IS NOT a parking area. No parent is to park their car and leave the vehicle or sit idle for any length of time. This creates a long queue of cars trying to enter the school to drop off their children. Parents are having to drive around cars parked in the zone, which does become a hazard to everyone who is trying to enter the school to drop off their children. If you are transporting students to various sporting or other venues, please wait until the morning traffic has left before using the drop off zone to park your car to transport students.

### Writer’s Festival - 16th and 17th September

Our Writer’s Festival is fast approaching. The children have been enthusiastically writing pieces on ‘My treasured possession’. With encouragement and guidance, the students have put in a huge effort in composing, revising and publishing their work.

We will be conducting a special assembly on Tuesday 16th September at 9:10 am to officially open our inaugural Writer’s Festival. During this time, awards will be presented to students. At the conclusion, parents and visitors are invited to our GP room to view all the finished pieces of writing.

The GP room will be open after school on Tuesday and on Wednesday morning and afternoon. This is a great opportunity to share and celebrate the wonderful writing that is happening here at Donvale Primary School.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Writer’s Festival!

*Literacy Team*

### Lost Bomber Jackets

Parents please check your child’s bomber jacket to see if you have the correct one. We have two lost bomber jackets and both are named. One is a size 12 named Abbey G and the other is a size 6 named Christopher N. Please return to the office. Thank you.
Mobile Muster – recycle your old phones, batteries and chargers at Donvale Primary School.

Collection boxes now a permanent feature at DPS.

MobileMuster promises to make more old phones into furniture as Australian stash reaches record levels.

AUSTRALIANS will recycle more than the equivalent of a Boeing 757 in old and unwanted mobile phones every year under a plan unveiled in Sydney today.

Mobile phone recycling scheme MobileMuster announced plans to increase recycling efforts from 87 tonnes of mobile phones and accessories yearly to 127 tonnes over the next five years, and increase its collection of unwanted phones from 50 to 55 per cent.

Australians are currently hoarding 23.5 million unused mobile phones, according to the scheme, in part of an escalating worldwide problem.

MobileMuster announced the increase to its recycling efforts while receiving formal accreditation for its voluntary recycling scheme, or a ‘green tick’ from the Federal Government.

But Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association recycling manager Rose Read said the recycling scheme relied on consumers donating their unwanted phones, rather than abandoning them in a drawer.

“If you get a new phone, you should be recycling the old one,” Ms Read said.

“People want to keep one phone as a spare, in case something happens, but do you really need a second or a third phone that is older technology?”

Ms Read said the number of unwanted and unused mobile phones grew by half a million in the past year to 23.5 million handsets, or more than one phone for everyone in Australia.

Recycled phones are stripped of elements including gold, nickel, copper, silver and cadmium for reuse, while plastic is recycled into fence posts and garden furniture.

The voluntary, not-for-profit scheme is funded by Australian telcos as well as phone and accessory companies that operate in Australia such as Samsung, HTC, Motorola, Nokia and Huawei. Apple, Sony and LG do not participate in the program.

United National partner, the STEP Initiative, estimates the world will generate 65.4 million tonnes of e-waste, including abandoned mobile phones, by 2017.

Simon and Ashton from FIW regularly ride their bikes to school. It is great fun and helps them learn the road rules with their Mums.
Garden design challenge

The closing date for garden design entries has been extended!

You now have until Friday September 12 to work your design and green fingered magic…

Just a reminder that the main focus for our new garden area is to:

- revegetate with indigenous tree/shrubs.
- invite native fauna back to the area (birds, lizards, insects, frogs…)
- improve and raise vegie gardens, develop “orchard” area.
- minimise weeds.

It would be wonderful to include areas such as a butterfly garden, wetlands, greenhouse, etc. Be as creative as you like – this is our school, our garden, our oasis.

Plans should include as much detail as possible, including recommended species, full grown size estimates, advantages of plant choices and types of native fauna which will be attracted to area.

We welcome plans for the indigenous area, the produce area, or both.

Please submit your designs to Victoria EB or Annie J

…Meet you in the garden…!

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**We need your help!**

Hi we are Abby, Mitchell, Zed and Sebastian (all in 5/6C). We have decided to help Edgar’s Mission for our CBL (challenge based learning). Earlier in the year their farm was burnt by the bushfires in the Grampians area. Edgar’s mission is a farm sanctuary for rescued farm animals. We have decided to run a weet-bix drive to provide food for the animals. We would like it if you could donate a box or two. There will be a box will be near the office Your donation would be greatly appreciated by us and the lucky animals at the farm!

From the 1st of September to 22nd of September
Growing Healthy Minds

The years of early childhood are a crucial time for laying down neutral networks – especially for emotional security, an enthusiasm for language and secure physical skills. However, the human brain is far from mature by four to five years of age. Children at the edge of middle childhood should not be expected to anticipate the consequences of their behaviour in a detailed way. Young children, especially very young children, have real limits to how much they can regulate their own behaviour. Nor is it realistic to expect them to talk much about their reasons for what they have done, or not done. Young children have some ability to understand the feelings and perspectives of other people, but only when linked meaningfully with actual experiences (Hodder Education, UK, 2013).

With this in mind, it is not surprising that we sometimes misinterpret children’s behaviour. I have always been a firm believer that if you understand where a child is coming from, you can understand his or behaviour much better. This gives the adult much more opportunity to find the right response.

I came across this great reminder of looking below the surface in order to understand a child’s behaviour and wanted to share it with the Donvale community (see below).

Happy reading!

Lashay Cartledge

"Like an iceberg, the bulk of behaviour’s “mass” is found below the surface; it is what gives rise to the part that is visible. Behaviour is triggered from feelings, which stem from the more deeply rooted needs of a person. These are not needs like, “I need lollies/ I need a new toy/ I need to play video games.” Basic human needs consist of things like autonomy, safety, security, trust, empathy, understanding, adequate sleep and nutrition, a sense of belonging and inclusion, competency, respect, and love.

When a child’s basic needs are met, s/he feels satisfied, connected, secure, confident. The behaviour looks “good.”

If a child’s needs are not met, he may feel insecure, afraid, angry, or detached. The behaviour that shows, then, looks to be what we might call “unacceptable” as the child reaches out to try to satisfy these unmet needs. This occurs subconsciously, of course; a child is not able to articulate: “You know mum and dad, I have not felt included in the family since the new baby arrived, nor have I felt respected when I speak, so I’m going to be whiny and belligerent for a while.” His needs are valid; his feelings are valid. But he is misguided in his attempts to rectify them.

What we must do as parents is, in the face of misbehaviour, remember that 90% of what is going on is below the surface. We must look deep to ensure the child is getting everything he needs, for behaviour builds from there.” (Author unknown)
Mrs Keep sharing some more of her trip to Africa

Fifteen days in Rwanda, my fourth visit to this beautiful country:

Visiting poor families, sharing musical ideas with staff and students at Kigali Christian School, wonderful food prepared in a simple kitchen, enjoying traditional dancers.

We witnessed extreme poverty (one family could not afford the $2 annual fee for their child to attend school).

Yet the people were warm and welcoming.

Each time we visit we see the difference even small amounts of money make.

This year we were able to donate more musical instruments and books, a computer and camera, art reference books (things to make out of paper and card) and some curriculum ideas.

Anthea Keep

For more info see: www.helpct.org
Junior Chef Club

Next term timetable is:
- Group 1: Tuesday, 14th October 2014
- Group 2: Tuesday, 21st October 2014
- Group 3: Tuesday, 28th October 2014
- Group 4: Wednesday, 5th November 2014 (Tuesday is Melbourne Cup public holiday)
- Group 5: Tuesday 11th November 2014
- Group 6: Tuesday 18th November 2014

And please put on your calendar our Christmas party (yes .. again) is on Wednesday, 3 December 2014.

Thank you everyone for your endless support, this program wouldn't run without you.
We don't cook, we create food.
Liang Dimitroff

BIG THUMBS UP:
  (So for a treat, they got potato cakes made from the potatoes, spring onion and celery they grew themselves in the garden)
- Stephanie V and Tahlia S (56G) for making a film about our program and also helping clean up the tables and floor after the session had finished, thank you girls.

FROM THE CURRY HOUSE:
- Chantelle F 56C: Very good and tasty.
- Ella M 34P: I really like it and I'll cook it again at home.
- Niki R 56G: It's the best chicken curry I ever had.
- Sarita N 56G: I was really surprise that there was no spices on it.
- Tahlia S 56G: I reckon very easy to cook but tastes very delicious.
- Stephanie V 56G: This is my favourite dish I cooked.
- Christopher B FRG: The potatoes were yummy, it was cool to cook curry.
- Max D FRG: My potatoes are hot, turmeric is yellow spices.
- William C FHW: Smells good but hard to cook.
- James K FRG: My first chicken curry ever and I like it.
- Scott M FRG: My very first eating and cooking curry and I like it.
- Cooper R 12W: It taste excellent, I am sure my Mum would like it.
- Rowan S 12W: Something that good, awesome but easy to cook.
- Wattles S 12W: Taste awesome, it's brilliant menu.
- Callum S 12W: fantastic food but hey easy peazzey to cook.
- Alyse C 34P: Delicious and simple to cook.
- Elyse S 34P Not very hard to cook at all and very yum...
- Scarlett H 34P: Easy to cook and it's yummy.
- Zara W FHW: It’s yummy and I am happy because it's easy to cook.
Dear Parents & Students,

I just can’t believe that we are so close to the end of the term. Remember to get your hats ready for Term 4 as we follow “No hat, no play” in term 4. For all the dads, get spoilt on the Father’s Day and have a lovely weekend.

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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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.
Parent’s Association

FATHERS DAY EVENING - TONIGHT!
Mums & Grandma’s - if you are at home & feeling lonely - we need helpers!
THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 5-6.30PM
FUN ACTIVITIES ON THE NIGHT & PIZZA DINNER

Meal Deal Day
Wednesday 10 September
Hot Dog & Chocolate Muffin
$4.50 worth of scrumptious-ness!
Kids wear your footy colors.
Form sent home this week & attached at the back of Snippets.
Orders & cash in by Monday 8 September

Walk-a-thon - Friday 19 September – 9am to 11am.
Nag the neighbours, ask your aunty, beg your butcher, lobby the locals & petition the pizza delivery guy for donations for our Walk-a-thon.
With all money raised buying shade sails to keep the kids cooler (than they already are...)!!
Great prizes, great cause, great fun.

Next PA meeting Monday 15 September, in the Library.
Come & chat about next Term’s activities. New ideas & faces needed.
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 Funds Transfer) into the parent’s bank account; or
- 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 these 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 from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.
Birthday Wishes To
Charlotte M, Clare and Zoe T

Who are celebrating birthdays from 5th to 11th September

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More information on the following advertising is available from the office:
Surrey Park Swimming Club - Swimming and diving lessons

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!

Natasha (Tahlia, 5/6G)

It’s Adult Learners Week: Parents can be amazing learners, too!
Are you interested in furthering your education? Would you like to learn something close to home that fits in with your family commitments?
If so, then you will join 110,000 other Victorians every year who are taking a course at one of 300 Learn Local organisations right across the state.
There are courses and programs that can help you change careers, gain a qualification, improve your IT, maths and literacy skills or just learn something fun and new.
A mum-of-three from Kaniva in the Wimmera recently won $5000 as Outstanding Learner of the Year at the Victorian Learn Local Awards. Lisa Stimson attends LINK Neighbourhood House in Kaniva and takes a Women in Ag course to help run her family farm.

To find a Learn Local near our school see: www.learnlocal.org.au
Footy day meal deal  
Wednesday 10th September

☐☐  Footy finals fever is here!  ☐☐

Wear your favourite football club colors to school and enjoy a "footy" lunch prepared by the P.A. Mums.

Hot dog
And
Chocolate Muffin
$4

Fill in the bottom part of this form place it in envelope with correct money and return to school by Monday 8th September.

_____________________________________________________

Child's name___________________  Class_______

Hot Dog
Chocolate Muffin
$4.00

Place order form and correct money in an envelope and return to school by Monday 8th September.