Trespass signs: Due to the location and position of our school, over the years has seen it become a thorough fare for our local community members. People on a daily basis, walk through our school as a short cut to get from one end to the other as a matter of convenience. This has concerned me for some time now and I know that many of our parents also share in this concern. Our students, I fear, have become desensitised to ‘strangers’ on our school grounds. After receiving advice from the Department’s legal branch and following discussions with our School Council, we have decided to place trespass signs at the four entrances of our school grounds. As such, it will be considered trespass if an unauthorized person was on school property during school hours— that is, between 8.30am and 4.00pm. In this case, we would be within our rights to contact the police. We certainly do not wish to not welcome local community to frequent our school on weekends and before and after school hours. We believe that supports our community spirit and security of the school. However, the first and foremost priority is the safety of our students and it is solely for this reason that we have decided to take this action. Of course, our parent community is always welcome on our school grounds however it is protocol, as always, to sign in at the office upon arrival and sign out upon departure.

Libs $1.5mil commitment: Assembly last Friday was visited by Ryan Smith, Member for Warrandyte. Ryan has shown a very keen interest in our school over the past year and has acknowledged our need for improved facilities. Consequently, he has worked to secure a commitment of $1.5million to our school should the Liberal government succeed in the upcoming November state election. This is certainly an exciting commitment for our school and money that is much needed to support the provision of better classrooms and learning environment for all our students. Please take the time to read the ‘Media release’ statement in this newsletter.

‘Count us In’: We have a special presentation at Assembly tomorrow where our whole school will be celebrating music across the nation with our participation in the annual music ‘Count us in’ song. Thank you to Mrs Keep for organising this wonderful presentation and working with our students to support their readiness to perform. We look forward to seeing as many members of our community joining us tomorrow at Assembly to celebrate in the fun.
Celebration Concert: Also, please place in your diary Tuesday November 18. This is the date for our biennial ‘Celebration Concert’ – an event which celebrates our school’s performing arts program. During this concert, you will be treated by the amazing talents of the students of Donvale showcasing their performing arts abilities. It starts at 7.30pm and is held at Doncaster Secondary College. I hope that you are able to attend this very special evening. Many thanks again to Mrs Keep and also to Mr Gordon for planning this event and providing the opportunity for our students to perform publically.

Vandalism: Over the past few weeks, we have noted some vandalism occurring at our school. This is most disappointing as the lack of vandalism around the school is something that we have always prided ourselves in. I ask members of our community to support us if possible by being vigilant during the evenings and weekends when near or around the school. If you see anything that is questionable, please do not hesitate to contact the police. They are aware of the recent spate of vandalism we have incurred and will be increasing their vigilance around our school.

Twilight Working Bee: Another date to add to your diary is Thursday November 13. With daylight savings now in full swing, we are able to hold our Term 4 Working Bee during the weekday evening. I hope you can join us in helping with the many ongoing tasks that are required to keep our school grounds looking wonderful. Thank you to the PA who once again will be providing a BBQ sausage sizzle for our helpers. And a big thank you to the members of the Building and Grounds committee for organising the Working Bee. I look forward to seeing you there.

REMINDERS:
- MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER IS A CURRICULUM DAY AT DONVALE PS – STUDENT FREE DAY.
- PARENT REQUESTS FOR 2015 STUDENT CLASS PLACEMENT DUE TO ME NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER
- PARENT SURVEY DUE FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

Hope you are having a wonderful week and I wish you a relaxing extra long weekend. May your horse win!

Lena Clark

A MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT

As the year draws to a close it’s down to the business end for School Council. Leslie Tulloch was our special guest at our School Council meeting held last Wednesday 22nd October. Leslie presented the final report from the recent School Review. The results are very positive and more importantly, as parents you should be very excited to know our school is performing very well and on a very solid journey of school improvement.

At the meeting we also looked at some great drawings that were submitted for our garden design challenge. I certainly cannot wait to see how it transforms from paper to reality. A committee will be put together to choose the winning design and put plans into place to have the garden built.

We reviewed our Student Engagement and Bullying policies at length and these will be finalised and included in Snippets for your perusal in the near future.

As a member of the Marketing and Uniform committee I would like to take this opportunity to remind all students and parents that this is the final term for transition into the new uniform. I am looking forward to 2015 to see the whole school in our wonderful new uniform and remind parents that we require everyone’s co-operation in ensuring that our students come to school dressed in the correct uniform. We are thrilled with our new uniform and so are the students.

Lastly I would like to thank all the parents who wrote letters for our local MP. The announcement by Ryan Smith MP that he has pledged $1.5 million towards our school is proof that a little effort goes a long way. I am proud to have been a part of it. Thank You.

Loula Tarenidis
Donvale Primary School to receive $1.5 million towards major upgrade

Donvale Primary School will undergo a $1.5 million upgrade under a re-elected Napthine Government, Member for Warrandyte Ryan Smith announced today.

"The Napthine Government is building better schools for Victorian students and I’m delighted that the Donvale Primary School community will soon benefit from improved facilities under a re-elected Napthine Government," Mr Smith said.

"I’m delighted that the Napthine Government will deliver for the students, families and staff of Donvale Primary School.

“This investment will deliver much needed modern learning facilities for Donvale students in order to maximise the already high educational standards that are on display in this vibrant school community.

Funding from the Napthine Government will support decision making at the local level, with the school community to have the flexibility to determine the best use of the funding.

“Donvale Primary School has a great opportunity to provide an enhanced vision for their students”, said Mr Smith.

“I want to thank Principal Lena Clark and her school community for their strong passion in advocating for the upgrade of this fantastic school.

The Napthine Government is working hard to upgrade school facilities right across the state, delivering 40 per cent more maintenance funding directly to schools, as part of a $1.1 billion investment in school infrastructure.

As part of this program, there have already been commitments in the Warrandyte Electorate of $807,000 toward the renovation of Warrandyte Primary School and a $4 million commitment to redevelop Warrandyte High School, as well as $104,272 of targeted maintenance funding for Anderson’s Creek Primary School.

The Napthine Government is building a better education system, with a record $9.2 billion for school education in 2014-15, $1 billion more than Labor’s last budget in 2010.

Media contact: Dan Stewart 9870 7396
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## General

### Celebration Concert

Our Celebration Concert is only a few weeks away.

*7.30pm Tuesday 18th November at Doncaster Secondary College*

The evening will showcase some of the many ways Performing Arts and Music is used across the School.

Come along to hear

- Our three choirs
- Two Rock Bands
- Marimba Band
- Mandarin dance/drama
- Brain breaks
- Tables chant
- Multicultural dances

and more!

Tickets are $5 (door sales only on the night) for non-performers. Students who are performing are asked to wear black & white.
**DPS Skoolbag App**

Please download this app to your mobile devices if you haven't done so already. It's a great way to keep in touch with school events, and we will be adding notices, permission and payment functionality in time for next year. Snippets is also distributed this way, and will be going paperless next year. If you are running iOS 8, make sure you have updated the app since downloading it, in order to iron out a few bugs.

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Go to the App Store
2. Search for 'Donvale Primary School'
   (If using an iPad, change the dropdown list to 'iPhone Apps')
3. Download
4. Click 'OK' to receive Push Notifications
5. Click 'More' on the bottom right of the app, then 'Setup'
6. Select the Push Categories that apply to you - the Year Level(s) of your children.

**Android Users**

1. Go to the 'Play Store'
2. Search for 'Donvale Primary School'
3. Install
4. Click 'Accept' for various permissions - no data will be modified on your device
5. Open the app
6. Click 'More' on the bottom right of the app, then 'Setup'
7. Select the Push Categories that apply to you - the Year Level(s) of your children.

**Remembrance Day Poppies**

Remembrance Day Pins are available for purchase for $1 at the school. SRC students will be bringing them to classes every day or they will be available from the office.

**Twilight Working Bee**

Our next Working Bee is planned for **Thursday 13th November** from 4.00-7.00pm. We encourage as many parents to attend our final Working Bee for 2014.

**Slings/Triangular Bandages**

If your son/daughter has recently had a sling/bandage from the sick bay can you please wash and return it. Thank you.

**DTV Vimeo CHANNEL**

We have set up a closed Vimeo Channel to enable you to view some past editions of DTV, and the music video clips that were produced by the Year 5&6 students at the commencement of the year. In order to view the clips, you will need to log on to Vimeo using the details provided on a note that your child will bring home today.

In order to limit the scope of the viewing audience to our school community, please keep these details within your own family. **Do not publish them on the internet or post them on social media.** You may, however, forward them via email to close relatives. We will change the password from time to time, and will notify you accordingly.

Enjoy!

*Rick Gordon, ICT Co-ordinator*
Growing Healthy Minds

Over the last two weeks I have included two articles full of ideas on how to help children sleep better; 'Sleep and kids' mental health' and 'Dealing with bedtime worries and nightmares'.

Read below for some extra tips for the family. Also, you can visit the Donvale Primary website to click on the helpful links below.

Lashay Cartledge, on behalf of the KidsMatter Action team.

'Sleep strategies for the whole family'

These expert tips from Associate Professor Harriet Hiscock, paediatrician and sleep researcher, are great for managing common sleeping speed bumps or simply getting the family into the swing of a great night’s sleep.

Golden rules for kids’ sleep

- Establish a bedtime routine - so they know what to expect and have time to wind down.
- Keep bedtime consistent (within 30 mins), even on the weekends - big variations can disrupt their body clock and undo all your good work.
- Make sure they fall asleep in their bed - snoozing off on the couch or in front of the TV can affect their routine and make them less likely to want to sleep alone.
- Remove all TVs, computers and mobile devices from their bedroom - the light stimulation alone will make it harder for them to settle down.
- Avoid caffeinated foods and drinks after 3pm - caffeine is a stimulant which is likely to keep young bodies awake.
- Have a wind-down period yourself - show kids that a bedtime routine is important for the whole family.

When your child won’t stay in bed

- Limit the number of times they can come out of the bedroom (one or two times works well).
- Reward them for complying with the rules (eg a stamp or sticker in the morning).
- If they keep coming out, take them back to their room with minimal fuss or arguments.

When your child won’t fall asleep alone

- Identify who (eg mum or dad) or what (eg music) they need in order to fall asleep and return to sleep if they wake in the night.
- If it’s you, slowly withdraw from the bedroom in stages (also known as ‘camping out’).
- If it’s something else (such as music), gradually reduce the amount of time the child spends with it before going to sleep.

Looking after yourself

- Go to bed soon after your child - if your child wakes often in the night, you may be up again shortly after you turn in.
- Follow good sleep hygiene rules - ie limit media use in the bedroom and have time to wind down.
- Limit your consumption of caffeine and alcohol before bedtime - they can lead to poor sleep.
- Do some stress-busting - try things like relaxation, yoga, and mindfulness meditation as often as you can.

For more information click on these links via the Donvale Primary School website;

Sleep Health Foundation fact sheets  —  The Royal Children’s Hospital sleep tip sheets
Healthy Kids Seminar Series - a free seminar by Murdoch Children’s Research Institute on common child sleep problems and sleep tips for parents
Infant Sleep e-Learning Program – an evidence-based, online course by Murdoch Children’s Research Institute for professionals but it also suits families ($50, 1 hour duration, includes parent resources)  —  Raising Children Network information by age group
This week’s session we talked about the difference between normal cheesecake we did 2 years ago and our Tiramisu. We found some similarities between the 2 styles, but also some differences. So we decided that Tiramisu is a kind of Italian style cheesecake as Mascarpone is an Italian style cheese.

But of course the one we used is Australian made Mascarpone cheese.

Thank you to Jaqui and Marita for giving us eggs from their chickens, freshly laid that morning.

Also thank you to Jaqui Frigo, Georgia Loccisano, Mrs Clark and Martin for helping with the program.

Special thank you to Joshua M 12SM and his grandma Kim for introduced us to Herman the German friendship cake.

Some children from grade 3/4 have been looking after Herman until he is ready.

Next week is the turn of group 4 to create Tiramisu with us on Wednesday as Tuesday is the Melbourne Cup holiday.

Ingredients we need are strawberries and eggs.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

FROM THE PASTICHERIA:

- Sebastian K 56C: That is my favourite dessert by far.
- Christopher A 34R: I would like to have it everyday.
- Aaron R 56W: It's the finest Tiramisu I've ever had.
- Rayan R 56W: It was very different from our regular food.
- Hayden D 34P: I don't really like cream but it was a good experience.
- John G 56G: It was quite intriguing because I was able to do it.
- Jackson C 34P: Five stars !!!!!
- Zoe N 12W: Delicious because you can put in everything you like.
- Emily M 12W: I like it because of the sponge cake mixed with the cheese and cream.
- Holly O 12W: It was delicious because a lot of chocolate and other yummy things.
- Ryan A 12S: The best Italian cheesecake ever.
- Lucas C 12S: It's like I am in the Willy Wonka chocolate factory.
- Armani K 34R: What am I going to say?
- Karli M 12S: It's like I'm in chocolate heaven.
- Indi M 12S: Delicious, I like all the chocolate.
- Cameron D 34R: Nice, easy to make and weird.
- Abby G 34R: It was delicious, I love it.
- Angelica F 34R: Very very very very nice.
- Charlotte F 12S: Finally I can get in and it's the best dessert I ever had because there is a lot of chocolate on it.
From The Sports Coach

Hooptime: Congratulations to our Level 5/6 Future Stars Basketball Team (Donvale Donkies). Don’t be fooled by their name, they have qualified for the State Finals, following their successful day at the Regional Finals last week. Go Donkies.

Today our Level 3/4 Future Stars (Donvale Dingoes) are competing in their Regional Final.

District Cricket: Today our 5/6 Cricket Team competed against St Charles to decide the District Champions.

Bike Education: This begins for our Level 3/4 children (11th November - 3/4P and 3/4R and the 13th November for 3/4E). Children are asked to bring their bikes/scooters and helmets to school during Bike Ed.

Swimming Program: Please ensure payment for this program is made ASAP to assist with planning. The dates are as follows: 10th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th and 17th December. As soon as we have organised session times, notices will come home.

John Pianta

Basketball

“The Daffodils” are pleased to welcome Alyse C into their team. She is settling in very nicely. Have fun Alyse we love having you!

On Saturday Nathalie L played a blinder of a game for “The Daisies”! Her defence and ability to steal the ball to gain possession was faultless. Great effort Nat! It was a fantastic nail biting finish which saw “The Daisies” take out the game with a one point win. Well done girls!

Times for this week are as follows:

NO GAMES THIS WEEK

Training Roster for GP room Tuesdays

NO TRAINING NEXT WEEK DUE TO CUP DAY HOLIDAY

REGISTRAIIONS FOR 2015

We are taking registrations for next year. Existing players will receive their forms from their team managers and they will asked to return completed forms and fees to their manager also.

NEW PLAYERS: If you are interested in joining our basketball competition even if you have never played before we would love to have you join us. Registration forms can be picked up from the office and returned with fees in an envelope marked “BASKETBALL” with your name on the front.

UNIFORMS

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

CONTACT

For Information, registration forms and snippets news please contact Diana at dianamcn@tpg.com.au or 0434 027 144

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The booming thunder sent adrenalin straight through me as I lay still in my warm bed. My house shook as the rumbling terror continued; I shook with it. It was cold and dark, rain showered my house as lightning sparked the night sky. The grey clouds grumbled, with crackling shocks joining them.

The monster is angry, and it’s coming for me.

It’s electrifying roar scares me beyond words....

THE BEAST IS AWAKE
Skylah 5/6G

STORM

The cataclysmic cackling of lightning, I see it.

The booming, bashing and crashing of thunder, I hear it.

Through the window of my bedroom I look and observe the night sky, witnessing...

Bolts of lightning slashing the face of the Earth.

I watch in despair as the bright flash of lightning continues its rampage.

I think for a while, until the sound of thunder booms in my ears, ruining my concentration.

All of a sudden I hear a powerful shriek from my sister as she runs out of her room, panicking in an uncivilised manner.

I also see my parents discussing what our next move should be.

Then I gradually start to hear silence as peace is finally restored.

This is the day that the storm struck Donvale.

John G. 5/6G

Birthday Wishes To

Jasmine B and Charlie Mc

Who are celebrating birthdays from 31st October to 6th November
Dear families,

Last week we were celebrating both Halloween and Melbourne cup with lots of different craft, cooking and sport activities. The children enjoyed our Melbourne Cup Trivia quiz with Alfie coming out as the clear winner this week! The highlight from this week has been our cooking activity where we made Ghost pancakes. We loved creating the spooky shapes and practicing our pancake flipping. Whilst we were cooking we learnt about safety in the kitchen.

Next week we will be celebrating Diwali Festival which was on October 23rd and learning about healthy eating through lots of fun activities.

Parents and children will also notice a big change in the OshClub room this week as we will be updating with lots of new furniture, games and craft supplies!

Please note that OshClub will not be running on the Pupil free day (3rd November). We hope everyone enjoys their long weekend! Active Afterschool Care will also not being running this week due to the public holiday and pupil free day. We will make up this session by adding on an extra week at the end.

Mondays are Tennis and Tuesdays are Taekwondo.

Special thanks to Caroline and Jennifer who have been a wonderful support to me in my first weeks!

Parents- we would love to get your input into our program so if you have any ideas or suggestions please add them to our suggestion box or let us know!

Remember to get your hats everyday as we follow “No hat, no play” policy in term 4.

Thanks,

Kate

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.

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OSHC program phone: 0402 362 443/9842 2261
Coordinator: Kate
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.
The Glamour & Ghoul Disco totally rocked!
Over 150 kids jived to the beats, mountains of lollies, chips n softies were consumed, thanks to the ace mums who worked the canteen counter!! A big thanks to Jaqui Frigo & her magnificent disco ducks who organised a wonderful night!

VISION PORTRAITS - Friday 7 November.
Last chance to make your booking this week.
Pay online or at the office.
$15 sitting fee,
Free 10 X 13" framed portrait of your choice.
More photos available for purchase on the night
No tough sales pitch.
Professional shots.

Next PA meeting is going to be huge!!
PA meeting Friday 14 November in the Library straight after school.
3.40pm start.
Light refreshments served to parents (& associated kids) attending.
This is an important planning meeting for next year’s activities.
Come & give your ideas.
New ideas & faces needed – or just come for the food.

STAY TUNED ♪♫♪
Meal Deal Day – Wednesday 12 November – it’s going to be delish.
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Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 15 November
Huge fundraiser for the school, good fun, roster for helpers coming out soon.
*****
State Election – Cake Stall & Sausage Sizzle
Saturday 29 November
We want you!! Vote, eat, help.
*****

Great things to come…………..
Icy pole Recess
Bring it on!!
Tuesday 2 & 9 December
*****
Christmas Stall
Friday 12 December, fab gifts for all!!
*****
Christmas Carols on the Lawn
Final Year gathering
Tuesday 16 December from 6pm.
BYO picnic, blanket & yuletide joy.
More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

MOVIE NIGHT - “Pride” Sunday 9th November, 6.30pm at Croydon Cinema. Helping to raise funds for the Upstream 50km challenge on 15th Nov. Money raised will go towards The Summer Foundation. $15 ticket - please ph Liz Brown 0411439155 (Leah, Kate and Darcy’s Mum).

Term 4 Meal Deal

Wednesday 12th November

Hot dog
And
Chocolate Muffin
$4.50

Fill in the bottom part of this form place it in envelope with correct money and return to school by Monday 10th November.

Child’s name__________________________  Class _______

Hot Dog
Chocolate Muffin
$4.50

Place order form and correct money in an envelope and return to school by Monday 10th November.