Welcome back! For those of you that were able to take some time with your children during these recent school holidays, I trust you had an enjoyable break. It’s been terrific catching up with our children and hearing all about their holiday events. From going to the snow, movies, beach, biking, hiking, playing with friends, our students certainly do know how to have fun. We were glad to see their smiling faces back and raring to go!

Term 4 has come upon us very quickly and we have much to look forward to as we make our way towards the end of 2014. Again, we are planning for our annual ’Carols on the Lawn’ - a celebration of our year and an opportunity for all members of our community to join together for some fun and relaxation. We also have a Music concert to be presented at Doncaster Secondary College – a celebration of our exceptional Performing Arts program. Year 6 Graduation will again this year be taking place at the Whitehorse Centre in Nunawading. This is a fabulous event where we celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of our outgoing Year 6 students. We have the 3 / 4 Camp coming up in a few weeks and the 1 /2 camping program which includes a sleepover for our year 2 students. There are many incursions and excursions planned, sports events, a Disco and Foundation Transition beginning shortly where we are very much looking forward to welcoming all our 2015 Foundation students to Donvale PS. With the largest Foundation enrolment our school has seen in many years, we are also looking forward to welcoming the many new families that will be joining our wonderful community next year. Please check our school diary on the newsletter and website for all the dates of our busy Term 4.

**Skoolbag App** – This term we are introducing a school application called ‘Skoolbag’. Rick Gordon has provided further detail of the purpose and benefits of this app to our school and to you in this newsletter. I would appreciate it if you took the time to read it and follow up by downloading the app onto your phone. As soon as you can do this, we can begin to provide you with an even more up to date level of communication.

**Barry Davis** - This term we welcome Essendon FC legend and educator, Barry Davis, to our school. Barry will be mentoring our senior students where he will bring his expertise in leadership development and sporting prowess to our students. We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Barry's calibre working with our students and very much appreciate his time and commitment to Donvale PS. Barry will also be joining us as a guest speaker at this year’s Year 6 Graduation.
Walk-a-thon - A big thank you to our wonderful Parents Association who planned an amazing walk-a-thon on the last day of Term 3. It was a terrific event and such a fun way to finish off the term. We raised approximately $4500. This money will go towards the purchase of new shade sails for our school. Thank you to all our staff, students and community members who put their runners on and walked and walked and walked! All your support is very much appreciated.

SunSmart - A reminder that Term 4 is a term where our students are required to wear hats when outside. As a Sun Smart school we aim to ensure that our children are protected from any long term damage to their skin should they be exposed to direct sunlight over a longer period of time. Please ensure that your child has a hat at school daily as we are implementing our ‘No hat, no play’ policy this term.

Curriculum Day - A further reminder that Monday 3rd November is a Curriculum Day at Donvale PS. This will be a child free day where children are not to come to school. The teachers will be using this day to finalise the end of year student reports. As the following day is the Melbourne Cup public holiday, I hope you are able to take the opportunity to enjoy the extended long weekend.

DPS Business Manager - And finally, I would like to introduce you all to our new Business Manager, Samantha Brown. Samantha has now joined us and is settling in well to role. Please take the time to come and introduce yourself to Sam if you have the time.

Hope your week is wonderful.

**Lena Clark**

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### October

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*Walk To School October begins* | 2.15-3.15; Level 1 & 2 Gymnastics | All day: Level 5 & 6 Excursion to Imax | | |
| 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  |
| 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  |
| 9.15-10.30: Foundation 2015 Transition | 2015 Transition |  |  | 4.00-9.30pm: Whole school disco |
| 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |
| 9.00am: Parent’s Association meeting | 9.30-2.30: Foundation Farm Excursion |  | Jnr Hooptime Regional Finals  
2.00-3.15: Foundation 2015 Transition | Assembly: Music Count Us In - whole school song |
General

School Banking
We have a new School Banking Coordinator starting this Term, Jenny Rafiopolous (Aaron 56W and Connor 12J). Thank you to Jenny for taking on this very important role.

A reminder if you have 10 or more tokens, you need to claim your reward before the end of the year. They cannot be carried over into next year.

If you need a new passport/reward card which shows the available gifts for this term, ask Jenny or there are spares at the office.

Introducing the Skoolbag App for Smartphones
We are very excited to announce the introduction of a special app for smart phones which will make communication amongst our school community so much more effective. It's called Skoolbag, and it's free.

The instructions for downloading it and setting it up are included on the following page.

The app enables the school to send reminders of events or alerts about last minute changes via push notifications, and if a response is required, you will be able to reply via text or email directly from your phone. Student absences can be logged via the app as well. Notices and permission forms will be sent and returned via the app, so no more lost notices in the bottom of kid’s bags! You will be able to link directly to the school bank account and pay for excursions or bulk billing. Calendar dates that appear in the app can be easily added to your own calendar as well. There is also lots of useful information contained in the app that will support our parents and families. (We apologise in advance for the spelling of that feature – ‘Kool Kontent’ – it’s a trademark/branding thing!) There will be many other ways that the app will be used as a tool for communication between the school and home.

We are hoping for a 100% take-up of the app, and will be using the final weeks of this year to fully integrate it prior to the commencement of the new school year, when it will be fully functional. Please take the time to download the app on all your mobile devices and tablets (it’s a phone app but will work on iPads) and register for each year level in which you have a student. This will allow us to send specific reminders and information to targeted groups about year level excursions, camps, class parties etc.

Rick Gordon
ICT Co-ordinator

Sunsmart Policy
Just a reminder that wearing of school hats is compulsory in Terms 1 and 4 as a part of our Sun Smart Policy. “No Hat No Play”.

Year 7, 2016
Whitefriars Catholic College for Boys are having an Open Day on Sunday 19 October.

Lashay Cartledge
Transition Coordinator
Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smartphones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- School, free push notification alerts
- School events
- School newsletters
- School documents
- School RSS feeds
- School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click “Free” then “install”.
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “iPhone Apps”, your school will then be visible, click “Free” then “install”.
5. When installed click “Open”
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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Don’t forget to like us on Facebook! 👍 Like

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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Dear Parent

The following information has been provided to me by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Yours sincerely

Marita Warner
School Council President

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance

From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

The majority of parents who received the EMA payment already elected to provide the money directly to their school.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, you can speak to our Principal, Lena Clark, about how you can access assistance from the State Schools’ Relief Committee for clothing and uniforms.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

If you have any questions about this change, please speak to our school principal, Lena Clark or go to the ‘GENERAL INFO’ page of our school website.

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Junior Chef Club

Welcome back everyone.

Due to the Foundation student’s excursion on 28th of October 2014, some of the children have to be moved to different groups.

Next week is the turn of group 1 to create our own style "Tiramisu".

Ingredients we need are: strawberries, eggs, chocolate blocks and lemons. Also any kind of chocolate malt drink powder such as Milo, etc.

We don't need much, any amount is helpful.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff
**Visual Arts**

Term 4 is an exciting time in the art room with the focus on textiles, 3D artworks, graduation bears for the year 6 students and Christmas art activities. The Foundation students will be doing some lovely artworks based on the farm using a variety of materials. Grade 1/2 students will be doing some weaving and making mobiles which will incorporate their unit that is focusing on materials. Grade 3/4 students will enjoy printing and artwork that focuses on their unit of work looking at the earth. Grade 5/6 students will also focus on their integrated unit looking at space and the planets as well as the thing that most year 6 students thoroughly enjoy… creating their graduation bear.

To finish off the year, all students love doing some Christmas artworks including creating decorative cards, making a Santa, angels and Christmas wreaths.

*Bernadette Towan*

**Mandarin**

This term is going to be another busy and exciting term for the Mandarin lessons. The juniors are going to focus on the topic “family”. The seniors are going to make use of the vocabulary that they have learnt from the story, “The Three Little Pigs” this year. They are going to use this vocabulary to make them into some short sentences and questions and answers (Q&A). They will have opportunities to practise spontaneously with peers with the Q&A that they have created.

A card system will also be introduced and used in the Chinese class whereby the students keep track of their efforts of speaking only Chinese. The children who have spoken only in Chinese throughout the entire class time will have the opportunity to take a card, write their name on the back, and place it in a box. At the end of the term, students will count their cards, I will total how many each student has earned, and then we will will draw three names from the box. The students whose names are chosen will be allowed to choose a reward.

*Sheena Saw*

**Performing Arts**

A number of special performances will be the highlights of term 4.

Our annual *Music Count Us In* song is entitled: “Paint You A Song” and will be sung at Friday’s assembly on November 31.

Our biennial *Celebration Concert*, featuring each of our choirs and a number of other musical groups, will be held at Doncaster Secondary College on Tuesday November 18.

Our popular *Carols on the Lawn* is set for Tuesday December 16 and each child will have the opportunity to perform on this occasion.

In class the Foundation students will sing songs about The Farm, Water and Christmas, while learning about Tempo, Beat and Pitch.

Level 1 and 2 students will be focussing on Structure and Expression in music.

Level 3 and 4 students will be listening to The Four Seasons by Vivaldi as they learn about “Changing Earth”, and also strengthening their understanding of notes and rests.

Level 5 and 6 students will study Pacific Harmonies and continue learning ukulele chords, recording their performances on iPads.

All classes will end the year by singing traditional and modern Christmas songs.

*Anthea Keep*
Division Athletics  Congratulations to both Ruby B (12y.o Girl) and Madison H (11 y.o Girl) who competed today in discus at the Division Athletics Carnival.

1/2 Gymnastics finished yesterday. Thanks to all the children who participated and the parents who supported the program. This now completes our whole school gym program.

5/6 Summer Sport (Cricket, Softball, Bat Tennis, Basketball and Rounders) will be played next Thursday. These games were “washed out” in first term.

Walk To School Month is October. We encourage all children to support this program where possible. Each classroom has it’s own October calendar with children’s names attached. Each day a child walks to/from school and it will be recorded on the grade’s calendar. Let’s get WALKING!

John Pianta

Basketball

Hooptime last Term was amazing with all the Donvale teams doing really well and so many kids having a great time! The two teams that made it to their grand finals were mainly players from our “Delights, Dreamers and Dragons” Well done to our players for going so far. We are proud of you. As a result of all that fun at Hooptime we have had some interest from kids in joining the primary school regular teams. Some of our teams have places so no need to wait, come join now! “The Dragons” would like to welcome Lucas O’s to their team.

“The Daisies” Emma W was on fire the second last Saturday of last term! Shooting goal after goal! Even so Emma many times passed the ball to a team mate to have a shot for goal when she could’ve taken the shot herself. We are so proud of you Emma you are a credit to your team and you are a fine example of what being a team player really means. Well done Emma congrats on your personal best of 6 goals too, keep up the good work!

Times for this week are as follows:

Diamonds: 11 am Leeds st
Demons: 12.40 Leeds st
Daffodils: 10.10 am Disc 2
Dinosaurs: 1.30 pm Leeds
Delights: 9.20 am Disc 1
Dolphins: 1.30 pm Disc 1
Daisies: 11 am Disc 2
Dragons: 3.10 pm Disc 1
Dreamers: 8.30 am Disc 1

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
Program Update

Dear families,

I would like to form you that I have taken up a position with Mitcham Primary School OSHClub and it is with sadness that I will be leaving Donvale OSHClub.

I will still be working in the mornings this week and next week helping the new coordinator Kate transition into the program with 13th October as her first day.

Caroline Collins (Mrs. Collins) will be coordinating the afternoons for the first two weeks helping run the program with different casual assistants from OSHClub. Jennifer will be still working four mornings.

I have enjoyed my time here for the past two and half years. I thank the school staff, parent community and children for your support and friendship. It is going to be very hard for me to say good bye. I will be still seeing some of the families from 19th January 2015 who will be attending the Mitcham HP as I will be overseas visiting my family for four weeks from 17th December.

I hope you welcome and support the new coordinator to the program.

Remember your hats everyday 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.

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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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 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

Disco Fever has hit!
Get your Glamour or Ghoul outfit,
and rock to the beats.
Friday 24 October.

Foundation, Grades 1 & 2 – 5.30 – 7.00pm
Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 7.30 – 9.00pm

Cost per student - $5.00
Ticket order form sent home earlier this week,
or get a copy from the office.

Walk-a-thon - Friday 19 September – was amazing!
Thank you to all those that participated.
A special thank you to Drill Sergeant Mrs. Emily Wallace,
for warming up the troops! A fun, fabulous start to a great morning.

Prizes will be sent out next week!
Get ready to bounce those balls, jump, pack your bags, and hit that ball.

sushi sushi TUESDAY lunch orders
Term 4
unfortunately will be postponed.

NO SUSHI ORDERS
until mid-November

Change to PA meeting time

PA meeting Friday 10 October in the Library - 1.30pm.
Come & chat about Term 4 activities. New ideas & faces needed.
What's Happening

Prep to Year 2

Preparing today's students for tomorrow

It might seem unrealistic now, but in the not-too-distant future positions like this will be a reality. Victorian schools are partnering with parents to ensure every child is prepared for the jobs of the future.

The What's Happening series helps you to learn more about how it's being done.

During the first years of school, your child is encouraged to make sense of the world around them through real-life experiences. When they start school, they will develop more independence, as well as enhance their academic, physical and social skills.

During the first years in primary schools, teachers are focused on a safe and happy environment where students are valued, praised and encouraged. Teachers work to support your child to learn.

In the classroom

The curriculum focuses on developing basic knowledge and skills in English and maths, as well as basic physical and social capabilities which form the basis for all future learning. Students are encouraged to express themselves and extend their thinking through the Arts.

Varied activities and a vibrant classroom are important for your growing child. It is here that your child can develop positive attitudes to learning, foster friendships and learn to work with others.

During this stage, your child will become more aware of their local community.

Students at this stage

- develop basic literacy and numeracy skills
- develop basic motor and movement skills
- learn to work together in class
- participate in physical activities that build their potential
- express ideas and feelings through artwork

What you can do

- talk to your child about their day. Ask them “What was your favourite part of school today?” “What did you find the most interesting today?”
- read books with your child, point out words on signs, and generally help them to enjoy reading
- talk to your children about the topics, themes and areas currently be covered in the classroom
- speak with your school to learn how they will be covering the curriculum for your child as each school tailors this to meet the needs of your child and their peers.

It is important to remember that each child is different; some may find parts of their learning program more challenging than others.

Speak with your school if you have any questions about what your child is learning and how they are progressing.

To see how your child is being prepared for their future, visit education.vic.gov.au/futureready
Birthday Wishes To


Who are celebrating birthdays from 10th to 16th October

Bully Stoppers: Speak Up Against Cyberbullying

Students achieve their best at school in safe and supportive environments, where they are free from bullying and disruptive behaviour.

We put a big emphasis on making sure we provide a great environment for our students – one that promotes tolerance and is inclusive, harmonious and free from bullying.

We can work towards this goal through education in the classroom, intervention in the playground and a focus on promoting positive behaviours.

However, with the rise of social media, bullying now occurs online, as well as in person. Cyberbullying is just as harmful as face-to-face bullying, and it can occur at any time of the day.

Cyberbullying is an increasing issue in the wider community – and the best way to tackle it is for schools, students and parents to work in partnership.

Donvale Primary School is supporting the Victorian Government’s Bully Stoppers campaign – which has just launched a new series of tools and resources for parents and students to support students in preventing cyberbullying.

These resources, called Bully Stoppers: Speak Up Against Cyberbullying, are available on the Bully Stoppers website, at www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers - visit the site to find out more.

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All For Kids Market  -  At the New Hope Church Blackburn - Recycle baby and kids goods into cash.  All stalls indoor.

Neighbourhood Watch  -  Newsletter

Doncaster/Templestowe Swimming Club, Aquarena Aquatic Centre  -  Come along and have a fun morning competing.  Medals awarded.  Raffle prizes.  Pop Up Stands.  Food Stalls.  Sunday 19 October  9am start.  Entries close 10 October.
Tennis Australia's
Tennis Hot Shots
at Donvale Primary
(inside the school gym)

Session Times
Thursday 1:30-2:30pm

Note: if joining late in the term a
pro rata fee system will be used.

After school lessons
available at
Doncaster & St. Gregory's
Tennis Club week days and
week-ends

$10.50 per
session

Enrolment: please call or email us

MAX. (4) students per coach

Includes FREE:
1 x FREE racquet
1 x FREE hat
1 x FREE MLC Hot Shots t-shirt
1 x FREE "Play anywhere tennis net"
1 x FREE pencil case

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FREE TENNIS LESSON
at Donvale Primary
(inside the school gym)
Thursday Oct 23rd 1:20-2:30pm

Donvale Primary students are invited to a FREE tennis
lesson on Thursday October 23rd from 1:30-2:30pm in the
school's gym

ANZ tennis hot shots is just for kids, smaller courts, lighter
rackets and low compression balls that don't bounce too
high make learning tennis fun and easy for primary aged
children.

There are three stages - Red, Orange and Green - that help
to develop children's skills and confidence. Children are
taught by qualified coaches and progress at their own pace,
moving on to the next stage when they are ready.

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

After school and weekend trial lessons are also available.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

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