With just over three weeks to go, and still so much to do, we are well and truly in the grips of an extremely busy time of the year. At school, there are many scheduled events and happenings crammed into these last few weeks of term. Also of course, many of us have a number of family, and other, commitments which we must attend at this time of the year. It all makes for a fun, but very hectic time. As adults, we can become even more tired than usual but children are probably most affected. Teachers often notice this tiredness having a huge impact in the classroom at this time of the year. I attended a seminar some time ago at which child psychologist Andrew Fuller, was the presenter. Andrew spoke in detail about the importance of getting enough sleep – for everyone. Children of about 9 years of age, for example, need a minimum 10 hours sleep each night. This figure only very slightly decreases as children get older. I know it is difficult sometimes, but we ask that you please try to ensure that your child is sufficiently rested and ready to start school each and every day.

Members of staff are currently finalising student placements for next year and are attempting to accommodate a range of important factors in relation to class placements. Staff is working on achieving the best possible balance of abilities, personalities and friendships in each class group so we have a successful and smooth beginning to the new school year. As always, the best interests of each class group will be the deciding factor in determining all placements.

This week, we commenced our whole school transition program. This program takes place over three Mondays where the students have the opportunity to experience the classrooms and perhaps teachers that they will be with next year. This helps their familiarisation with the new environments. ‘Meet the Teacher’ session for our students will take place during the final week of term on Thursday 18th December. This is where the children will visit the classroom they will be in next year and meet with their teacher for 2015. Parents will be informed of student placements also on this day.

With a number of teachers leaving the school at the end of this year, leadership is now in the process of making new teacher appointments to the school for next year. This is very exciting as we prepare to welcome new teaching staff to Donvale PS. I hope to be able to notify our parent community of the 2015 staffing profile sometime during the last week of term.
Deloittes: Last Friday, a parent from our school, Wendy Harris and a team from her workplace, Deloittes, came to lend a hand as part of the Company’s ‘Impact Day’. The team of around 9 people helped with furniture moving, gardening and general tidying up of the school grounds. Their support with these jobs was invaluable and much was accomplished during their time at our school. The staff and I wish to send out a big thank you to the team and in particular to Wendy, for offering this service to our school. We certainly hope to welcome them all again in the near future.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea: We are very fortunate at Donvale PS to have many parent helpers that support our programs and work that we do. As a gesture of thank you, we would like to invite all helpers that have supported us throughout the year to join us next Monday 1st December for a special ‘Thankyou Morning Tea’. This will take place in the Senior building from 11.00am. We extend a very warm welcome to all our helpers and hope that we can see as many of you there during this time.

3 / 4 Campers: As you are reading this, Ian McKinlay and myself will be at camp with our 3 / 4 students in Phillip Island. Communications with teachers throughout yesterday and this morning have let us know that they are all safe and well and having a wonderful time. I’m sure they will all have some exciting stories to tell upon their return.

Hope you are having a wonderful week.

Lena Clark
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**To all our Parent Helpers**

You are invited to a morning tea on *Monday 1st December* from 11.00 - 11.45 in the Senior Building.

The staff looks forward to this opportunity of saying a personal thank you for all your assistance during the year in supporting our many wonderful programs and activities.

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Thank You
General

Student Banking

The last day for school banking will be on Thursday 11th December.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop on Friday afternoon in the school will be closing at the end of Term 4 this year. Uniforms can be purchased at RHSports retail outlet, Unit 14 - 100 New Street Ringwood. The shop is open 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. Alternatively you can leave your order at the office and it will be collected by RHS and delivered to your child’s class to take home. Or you can email your order directly to info@rhsports.com.au or call 9870 1377.

Hands Up Volunteer Truckies!

We need a parent who is willing to tow the school trailer to Noble Park to pick up some lighting and sound equipment on the morning of Tuesday 16th December and return it on Wednesday 17th. This will enable us to make our Carols on The Lawn even more special. Please form a neat queue at the School Office or let Mr Gordon know of your availability.

Regards,
Rick Gordon

IT Equipment Donation

We are very grateful for the generous donation of some data projectors that were surplus to requirements at Servier Laboratories, a pharmaceutical company. Thanks to Geoff Gray, Marilyn’s husband, for organising this special donation. It will save us money on replacement globes and allow us to have more mobile units within the school. Thanks also to Martin and Liang Dimitroff for the recent donation of a laser printer.

If any parents have a similar opportunity, we are often looking for serviceable computers, notebooks or other IT equipment. We particularly need some flat screen computer monitors for both PC and Mac. Please let me know of anything that you think the school can use!

Rick Gordon - ICT Co-ordinator

EMA 2015

A reminder to parents that from 1 January 2015, the government will not be providing the Education Maintenance Allowance.

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

Some money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Some schools will not be receiving any funding - Donvale Primary School is one of the schools that will not be receiving any EMA funding (or equivalent) in 2015.

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.
Junior Chef Club

Our Christmas party is next Wednesday the 3rd of December at lunch time in the GP Room.

If you haven't already done so, please RSVP if your child would like to come. It has been very hard for us to pick the menu as we know that the little chefs love all types of food. Can't wait to see all the smiling faces at the party.

"Herman" the German friendship cake is still doing very well. The children keep passing it on to their friends and baking a very nice cake.

Well done boys and girls.

Thank you to Marina Younger and Jaqui Frigo for their efforts in the bread roll, hamburger and dimsim production. I heard that they were making about 400 of each, how spoilt our little chefs are.

Also thank you to the Frigo, Fraser (Ellen) and Warner families for their donations towards our party.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

AASC Tennis Coach - Awarded Club Coach of the Year!

AASC Tennis Coach Vicky Lee of Slamin Tennis & Fitness on Sunday November 23rd was Awarded the George Gilmor Club Coach of the year award by the Tennis Coaches Association of Victoria. (TCAV). The event was held at the beautiful venue of Kooyong pictured above with the Doncaster Tennis Club President Mike Hindson.

Birthday Wishes To


Who are celebrating birthdays from 28th November to 4th December
Basketball

This week’s report is from “The Daisies”: Another great season for The Daisies sees them into another finals series. After two full seasons Nathalie L scored her first goal and then backed it up with another pearler. Maggie B scored her personal best with 9 goals. What an amazing team effort! Well done girls! Also a big thank you to Ruby B filling in as coach.

Well we have just had the last of the seasons games played. Over all the Donvale teams are sitting on average in about 4th place on the ladders. Now on to the finals. A couple of rules and reminders.

All spectators to pay a door entry of $1 at the door. Please bring correct money.

Any issues or complaints at all please see your team manager please do not approach or yell at the referees or the supervisor at the door. Otherwise a tech foul can be given or you may be asked to leave the stadium. If your problem cannot be sorted with your manager then please call Diana 0434027144 on Monday.

Only two basketballs per team allowed in the stadium. Abuse is certainly not allowed but extremely loud cheering and encouragement is a total MUST!!

Date to remember: Monday 15th December 5.30pm end of season Presentation and BBQ BER building.

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

- Diamonds v OLOP Opals: 10.30 am Leeds St
- Demons v Serp/St.Ch Coyotes: 2.30 pm Leeds St
- Dolphins v Serp/St.Ch Challengers: 12.30 pm Disc 2
- Daffodils v Bev Hills Bluebirds: 9.30 am Disc 1
- Daisies v Donburn Dazzlers: 10.30 am Disc 1
- Dinosaurs v OLOP Redbacks: 12.30 pm 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, registration forms and snippets news please contact Diana at di-anamcn@tpg.com.au or 0434 027 144

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Advertising Material

**Sunday 30th November**

10 Ida Court  
Donvale  
10am to 4pm

*We will have HEAPS available:*

- Kids clothes  
- Toys  
- DVD’s  
- Tools  
- Furniture  
- Linen  
- Kitchen stuff (dinnerware, saucepans, etc)

**It’s beginning to feel a bit like Christmas.** Come and join us as we usher in the season at the Salvos’ Community Christmas Celebration. We invite the community to join us to remember the reason for the season.

Sunday 7th December  
@ 10.29am!  
followed by a sausage sizzle (gold coin)

37 Taunton Street East Doncaster  
- carol singing  
- the blessing of the babies  
- musical items  
- Christmas fun  
free face painting and balloon sculpting

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Dear families,

Next week is the first week of December so we will be starting holiday activities such as decorating the Christmas tree and making Santa hats! Also, if you have a holiday tradition (recipe, songs, activity) that you would like to share with the group please let us know. We also have lots of fun activities like a ‘Blindfolded Obstacle Course’ planned as we focus on awareness of others and celebrate differences.

Last week’s highlights: Chicken Fight battles in Taekwondo and making slime experiments. We also enjoyed a new healthy afternoon snack of Cheesy Vegetable Pikelets. If you would like to try this recipe at home you can find a copy of the recipe at the sign in area or on taste.com.au

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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OSH 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](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

Scholastic Book Sale
50-90% OFF EVERYTHING FOR TWO DAYS!
Thousands of fantastic children's books will be on sale
- paperback novels, picture books, chapter books, activity items & more!
Great stocking fillers.
Thursday 27 November: 8.00am to 5.00pm
Friday 28 November: 8.00am to 5.00pm
Scholastic Warehouse 9-11am - Northern Road West Heidelberg.

Elect to help ….
Make your cake matter ….
State Election – DPS Cake Stall & Sausage Sizzle Saturday 29 November
Can you labour for the school, and be liberal with the sauce?
Thanks to those who have volunteered. More helpers needed.
Contact Kim Merton if you can help.

Donated cakes & slices to be collected Friday 28 November
Plates & labels sent out this week.
Great opportunity to get some community money into the school with lots of voters expected at our school polling booths.

STAY TUNED - Great things to come…………

Icy pole Recess
Also Tuesday 9 December

Christmas! The very word brings joy to our hearts. No matter how we may dread the rush, the long Christmas lists for gifts and cards to be bought and given - when Christmas Day comes there is still the same warm feeling we had as children, the same warmth that enfolds our hearts and our homes.
~ Joan Winmill Brown

Ahhh……so get ready for it………
Christmas Stall - Friday 12 December – Only 2 more weeks to save your pocket money!

ICY POLE RECESS
IT’S SUMMER ON A STICK JUST $1.00
COME TO THE CANTEEN WINDOW AT RECESS ON TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER

Christmas Carols on the Lawn
Final Year gathering!
Tuesday 16 December from 6pm.
BYO picnic, blanket & mistletoe.