2015 Class Placements

Teachers this week have begun the process of placing students into classes for 2015. This is a detailed process which we take very seriously with the intent of creating grades which have an academic, social, behavior and gender balance. We ensure that as far as possible, all students are placed with at least one friend and ask that parents / carers trust us to do this. Once teachers have completed their placements, leadership will oversee and finalise the classes with requests from parents taken into account.

Our policy is to avoid moving students once classes are compiled, as this results in a domino effect.

Mr and Mrs Pianta are retiring

John and Luanda Pianta have announced that they will be retiring from teaching at the end of this year after spending a collective 75 years in Education. Twenty of these years have been spent at Donvale PS by Mr Pianta and five years by Mrs Pianta. With only five weeks left of the 2014 school year, I’m sure that both teachers are now starting to feel very mixed emotions about taking this big step. I know you will all join me in wishing them both good health and good times as they both embark on this next phase of their lives.

Year 1 / 2 Camping Program

Our Year 1 / 2 camping program enables our students to gradually begin their school camping experiences so that their confidence in being away from their family and home is further developed. Our Year 2 students will be sleeping over at the school tonight and then spending Friday with our Year 1 students engaged in a variety of different camping experiences. Damper making, orienteering and camp craft are just to name a few. Thank you to our Year 1 / 2 teachers and Mr Pianta for organizing all the fun and braving spending the night with our very excited Year 2’s.

Twilight Working Bee – November 13th

A reminder that we are having a Twilight Working Bee commencing at 4.00pm on Wednesday 13th November. Stephan Hitchens, our Artist in Residence will be in attendance looking to finish off the mosaic wall. I know Stephan is looking forward to getting as many helpers as possible to help him out with this very large task. I look forward to seeing as many members of our community joining us on this evening. With such large school grounds, our job is never done. Your support will be very much appreciated. Our fabulous PA will be providing a sausage sizzle dinner for all who attend. Hope to see you there.
Celebration Concert – November 18th

There are many reasons why The Arts are an important factor in the development of children’s full potential. The Arts are a central force in human existence, and everyone should have sufficient and equal opportunities to experience and continue to participate in The Arts throughout their lives. The Arts are one of the main ways in which humans define who they are. They often express a sense of community and ethnicity. Because The Arts convey the spirit of the people who created them, they can help young people to acquire inter and intra-cultural understanding. The Arts teach openness towards those who are different from us. By putting us in touch with our own and other people’s feelings, The Arts teach one of the great human capacities – how to be empathetic, and to develop compassion and humaneness.

The learning areas of Visual Art and Music and Performing Arts, provide children with unique and multiple ways of exploring, forming, expressing, communicating and understanding their own and others’ ideas and feelings. The Arts provide our students with the skills and knowledge necessary to understand how their and others’ creativity reflect and depict the diversity of our world, its cultures, traditions and belief systems.

We are very proud of our Arts program at Donvale Primary School. You are invited to our biennial ‘Celebration Concert’ held on Tuesday November 18th at Doncaster Secondary College starting at 7.00pm where you will be entertained by the amazing talents of our students. We hope to see you there.

Parent Survey
Many thanks to the parents who took the time to respond to our annual school survey. The positive feedback and suggestions are very much appreciated.

We are currently in the process of collating the feedback so that we can share it with you.

Finally, if your child will not be attending Donvale PS next year, I would appreciate it if you informed the school asap. Thank you.

Hope you are having a wonderful week.

Lena Clark

Birthday Wishes To

Jasmine B and Charlie Mc

Who are celebrating birthdays from 7th November to 13th November

Alexander Buckle, James Kavenagh, Zed Glover, Lachlan Davis and Jessica Cowell
# November

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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'
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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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*
DONVALE JUNIOR CHEF
This week's session was again full of colourful creations by the little chefs.
They followed very carefully the step by step instructions to make Tiramisu.
Well done boys and girls.

Herman the German friendship cake is doing very well, and Angelica F 34R is looking after him for the next 10 days.
Some children from FRG have been feeding Herman this week.
The DJC Christmas party invitation was distributed today, please RSVP if your child wants to come.

Thank you to Mr Gordon, also the Fankhauser, Coops and Hong families for their donations.
Also thank you to Jaqui Frigo, Jass Kalsi, Gaylene Young, Melanie Coops and Martin for helping in the program.

Next week is back to our usual day which is Tuesday, it's group 5's turn to join us in the kitchen.
Ingredients we need are strawberries and chocolate blocks.

We don't cook, we create food.
Liang Dimitroff

FROM THE PASTICHERIA:
- Jessica C 56C: It was marvellous.
- Nathalie L 34P: I'm not a big fan of cakes but this is very good. My tiramisu was delicious and I can't wait for the Christmas party.
- Lily V 34R: It was really delicious and I ate it too quickly.
- Abigail C FRG: It's tasted fabulous, that's the best food in my entire life.
- Caitlin F FRG: It's fantastic, it's tasted like a cupcake.
- Bani K FRG: It's very yummy and I've never had this dessert before.
- Ruby Y FRG: It's tasted scrumptious, it's the best thing I've ever had.
- Mira C 12S: Easy to make and I am going to make some at home with my Mum.
- Ava H 12S: It was like chocolate heaven.
- Rosamund H 12S: I like it because of the cream cheese mix with the Milo.
- Amy L 12S: The food is delicious, I ate a lot of strawberries.
- Pavit K 34P: The tiramisu was day dreamy and I wish I can have it all the time.
- Tyler D 34P: Yummy yummy in my tummy.
- Harrison M 34P: I want more, they are really yummy and fun to make.
- Michael W 56G: It was really good and very nice.
From The Sports Coach

**Hooptime:** Congratulations to our Level 3 / 4 team Future Stars Basketball Team (Donvale Devils) who have qualified for the State finals, following their successful day at the Regional Finals last week. Go Devils!

**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 if your child is attending to assist with planning. The dates are as follows: 10th, 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th and 17th December.

**Walk to School Month—October:** A big thank you and congratulation to all the children who supported this state wide program during the month of October. Well done.

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**Basketball**

No games last week due to Cup weekend. However we do have some very important dates coming up:
- Friday 21st November registrations due back to team manager or for new players hand to the office.
- Thursday 13th November this year Prep children invited to come have a try see details below
- Monday 15th December 5.30pm end of season Presentation and BBQ BER building.

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**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 dianamcn@tpg.com.au or 0434 027 144

**CALLING ALL FOUNDATION STUDENTS TO COME AND TRY** – Foundation/Preps try out session is Thursday 13th November. If you are in grade 1 to 5 and interested in having a try then contact Diana 0434027144 for training times and we will let you come and try with one of our current teams.
BASKETBALL
COME, TRY & HAVE SOME FUN

When: Thursday 13th November

Where: Disc Basketball Stadium Springvale Road

Time: 3.45pm for 30 minutes

Who: All Foundation students

Playing basketball is so much fun when you are in a team with your friends. Bring your parent or carer come and see what it’s all about.

Ask for Cassandra or Bec
Bring your ball if you have one

For More info Contact person:
Diana 0434027144 or dianamcn@tpg.com.au
Dear families,
I hope you all enjoyed the Cup day long weekend! At OshClub over the weekend we received some new furniture, games and crafts so we have begun to give the room a new look! There is still a little way to go so you may notice more changes in the next few weeks. Thank you to all the children who have offered to help sort through the new supplies and assist me in organising the room.

This last week at OshClub we went on an Alphabet Scavenger Hunt and also created a wonderful food rainbow to decorate our brand new home corner. James Dawson was our Sport Trivia winner this week and he has chosen the topic of “I.T” for next week’s trivia quiz.

This coming week is National Recycling week so we have lots of craft activities planned using recycled materials. We also will be celebrating World Kindness Day on Thursday and making poppies for Remembrance Day on Tuesday.

Active Afterschool care is back on this week:
Monday- Tennis with Vicki
Tuesday- Taekwondo with Master Park

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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VISION PORTRAITS will click into action - Friday 7 November.
Thanks to those that made bookings.

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.

Meal Deal Day
Wednesday 12 November
Hot Dog and a chocolate muffin
Get your forms in this week!!
Extra order forms at the back of Snippets.
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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).

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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.