School Captains and Vice-Captains 2015

Earlier this week, our current Year 4 and 5 students had the opportunity to participate in a process which saw the nomination and selection of our school Captains and Vice Captains for 2015. The candidates were so impressive when they presented to their peers why they felt they were worthy of the role and what they would bring to the role if selected. This made the selection process extremely difficult as there most certainly were many very capable candidates for these roles. The roles of Captain and Vice-Captain are significant leadership roles that require the successful candidates to demonstrate strong leadership capabilities including our core values of responsibility, compassion, resilience and respect. I believe our Captains all demonstrate these values at all times. I congratulate Sophie E and Dylan S in attaining the positions of girl and boy School Captain. I also congratulate Amanda H and Michael W in attaining the positions of girl and boy School Vice-Captain. This is a wonderful achievement for these four students. I know they will capably carry out their roles next year and continue to make us proud. Well done Sophie, Dylan, Amanda and Michael. I’m very much looking forward to working with you next year as Leaders of our school.

Carols on the Lawn A reminder that we have ‘Carols on the Lawn’ planned for next Tuesday 16th December commencing at 6.00pm. This is a family event where we encourage all members of our community to come along and join us on this very special evening. Bring along a rug to sit on, some food to nibble on and some drink to keep your throat hydrated as we expect to see and hear lots of carolling from everyone! A special visitor is scheduled to arrive around 7.45pm so make sure you are there for the fun.

Student Reports The end of year student reports are being sent home tomorrow, Friday 12th December. If you have any queries regarding your child and his / her report, please do not hesitate to see your child’s teacher. The teachers are available for meetings should you need to meet.

Meet the Teacher Day Next Thursday 18th December, our students will have the opportunity to meet their class teachers and visit their class rooms for 2015. This information will not be made available prior to this day.
Year 6 Graduation  We are all very much looking forward to next Thursday evening 19th December as we celebrate the achievements of all our Year 6 students during their Graduation ceremony. Whilst this is a time to celebrate and acknowledge our amazing Year 6’ers, it is also often a time of melancholy and reflection as we say goodbye to our students and some families that have been on a journey with us over the last 7 or more years. The ceremony is scheduled to commence at 7.30pm at the Whitehorse Centre in Nunawading. I know it will be a truly memorable occasion for our students and families attending.

End of Term 4 A reminder that Friday 19th December is the final day for the 2014 school year. Students will be dismissed from Assembly at 1.30pm with assembly commencing at 1.00pm. It would be wonderful if we could have as many members of our school community join us then to send off the school year together.

Warm Regards

Lena Clark

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2015 Start Dates

Wednesday 28th January:   Staff start
Thursday 29th January:   Curriculum day
Friday 30th January:   Year 1 - 6 Students start
Monday 2nd February:   Foundation Students start
General

This year DPS is supporting the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal.

Please pick up a Kmart Wishing Tree card from the office and make a family’s Christmas one to remember.

1. Get your tag.
2. Complete the tag by choosing who your present is for.
3. Attach your tag to an unwrapped gift.
4. Place your present under the School’s Christmas tree.

All gifts will be delivered to Kmart Burwood East by Mr and Mrs Pianta. Thank you to those families who have donated already.

Growing Healthy Minds

Please return...
I have happily loaned a number of my personal wellbeing resources to parents and students throughout the year. I am missing quite a few. If you haven’t yet returned them to me, could you please do so before the end of the school year.

In particular, I am looking for a child meditation book called 'Indigo Dreaming', as I have not seen this one in a while.

I am very much looking forward to sharing these resources and other articles I find relevant with the Donvale school community next year.

We are all really looking forward to our Wellbeing and KidsMatter official Launch day early next year. Stay tuned...

Have a wonderful Christmas break, everyone. Be safe!
Lashay Cartledge, on behalf of the KidsMatter Action team.

QKR!

It is with much excitement that I would like to introduce QKR! (pronounced quicker) to Donvale Primary School. QKR! is a fantastic new app powered by MasterCard that allows parents to make payments to the school via their mobile phones. It is available for both Apple and Android devices and is guaranteed to save a substantial amount of time for both parents and staff. The first payments available on QKR! will be the 2015 school fees. Notices for school fees will be sent home tomorrow. Included at the end of today’s Snippets is an instruction sheet on how to download QKR! to your phone. Once you have downloaded the app and registered you will need to find Donvale Primary School. Simply scan the below code or type DONVALEPS after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr!, and then the app will always recognise you as part of Donvale in future to make payments even easier.

If you have any queries at all about using the app please do not hesitate to visit Wendy or myself for some assistance. In 2015 QKR! will become Donvale’s preferred payment method and we appreciate your support in launching it to our school community.

Thanks,
Samantha Browne - Business Manager
School Uniform For Sale

Due to a family leaving school, a full range of new style navy uniform is for sale - one of each only. If you are interested, please contact Frank on 0409431613.

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Beat the Brain Slump these Holidays

Help your child beat the brain slump these holidays. Summer holidays are a great time to get your child reading for relaxation. Most children are pleased to have a break from the rigours of school work over the summer holidays, but many will not open a book again until the beginning of the next school year.

Not only does this make it difficult to get back into the swing of study when the time arises, it also means a valuable opportunity is missed.

And that is the opportunity to discover the joy of reading for pleasure. Reading for pleasure is a wonderful way for your child to escape and unwind. It’s also a great way to keep their brain active.

Studies have shown that children who stop reading over the school holidays experience something American researchers call the "summer slide" - a term used to refer to students' learning losses over the summer break.

Researchers used the analogy of a 'tap' to provide some insight into their findings, saying that while children are at school there is a flow of information, and all children have the same opportunities to learn.

When they are not at school, however, that 'tap' is turned off, unless there is some active engagement with books or other resources. Children whose 'tap' stays on throughout the summer holidays return to school with an advantage over those whose 'tap' may have been turned off for the past two months.

Over time, that advantage accumulates, and becomes a reason why some children are more successful at school than others.

Success aside, there is a world of enjoyment waiting to be discovered inside the pages of picture books and novels. Books are perfect for the sofa, the back lawn and the beach – all the places your child is most likely to be lounging these school holidays.

The Department has even compiled book lists for children of different ages – making it easy to find something for your pre-schooler, Preppy, eight-year-old or teenager. The book lists, which are refreshed every year by reading experts to include popular new releases, form part of the Premiers' Reading Challenge – an annual event that inspires young people of all ages to read more books.
This year is been another great year for the Junior Chef program. We had 120 children involved and another 29 on the waiting list (unfortunately only 6 spots became available this year). We wish we could take all the children who want to join in, but unfortunately I only have 2 hands and limited financial resources.

The children came to the junior chef room as soon as they finished their lunch. They learned about how to create restaurant style food as well as respecting other people cultures and food.

More importantly they also learned to help each other and shared the food as we only had enough to sample. Our culinary journeys in 2014 started from China, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, Italy with a short stop over in Japan and ended up in Donvale with our very own style creations.

Thank you to all the team helpers who worked tirelessly and brought their own cultures to the program. I am not just talking about the parents but also some staff, adult siblings and grandparents who helped us out. It proves that a big job can be done when we support each other.

What makes me really proud of these little chefs is they know what good food is. They even knew when we were using shop bought pastry for our dimsim for our last party (they are actually still in the foundation class).

And they were always willing to try new food, very adventurous for primary school age children.

Good bye and good luck to all grade 6 chefs. Some of these children were only in grade 1 when they started creating food with us.

Of course a lot has changed since then (back then no regular classes, no room and it wasn't called Junior Chef).

One thing that never changes is we love creating food.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff
Yesterday was Donvale Playgroup’s last session for 2014 and we all celebrated at a Christmas Party. The children decorated Christmas bells and we all enjoyed a feast of lovely Christmas treats. The Children received some reindeer food for Christmas Eve, a little bag of lollies, a small gift and a certificate. Over the past couple of weeks we have had lots of fun doing Christmas craft activities and reading Christmas stories.

We would like to thank a number of people who have supported our Playgroup throughout the year. Firstly, to Mrs Clark, we thank you for your continued support. Special thanks to Kylie Gray for running the sessions and to Mr Pianta for always looking after our Playgroup. We would especially like to thank all the wonderful families of Donvale Primary School who donated toys and books to our Playgroup throughout the year. They were very much appreciated and have been well used. Thanks to the OSH Club for allowing our playgroup to run some sessions in their room when the GP Room was unavailable. And finally, there would be no playgroup without the wonderful children and families that come along every week. We have had a great year and we look forward to hopefully seeing you all back next year.

At this stage, Playgroup will run on a Tuesday (instead of Wednesday). If you would like to come along and see how much fun we have at Playgroup, please feel free to pop in and say hi next year. While we usually start back mid-February, we will advise of the exact start date for 2015 via Snippets. If you would like further information on our Playgroup, please feel free to contact Kylie Gray on 0404 455 237. Everyone is welcome.

We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and hope that you enjoy this very special time with your family and loved ones. And to all our beautiful playgroup children, we look forward to seeing you next year.

Amanda Ehler
(Playgroup Helper)
PLAYGROUP CRAFT & CHRISTMAS PARTY 2014
Basketball

We have 4 teams into the Grand Final!! YEAH!! Congratulations to The Delights, The Dolphins, The Diamonds and The Demons!

“The Delights” won their semi-final so had a lovely rest this week. “The Dolphins” won Saturdays Preliminary final 22-12 and are looking forward to this weeks’ Grand Final game. “The Diamonds” also had a lovely rest this week after winning last weeks’ Semi Final. The Diamonds displayed great passing and playing as a Team with Kyla shooting her first goal and Zoe got two points from free shots, Indi scored a goal from a very cool layup all finishing with a win 18-2. “The Demons” also rested up. So 4 teams ready for a huge Grand final on Saturday!!

Go Donvale!!!

TEAMS LISTS FOR 2015 on Skoolbag

We have 9 teams again for 2015. The team lists are too long for snippets so they will be loaded onto the “Skoolbag” app. Click on News then click onto Basketball Club News. If you do not have the App and would like the list forwarded to you then please contact Diana at dianamcn@tpg.com.au I will be happy to email them to you. If you have not paid registrations then please do as soon as possible. We do have some spaces available and you would like to join then contact Diana for a registration form.

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

Times for this week are as follows:

Delights v OLOP Flames: 9.30 am Disc 1
Dolphins v Serp St.Ch Challengers: 11.30 am Disc 1
Diamonds v OLOP Pearls: 11 am Disc 2
Demons v Serp St.Ch Coyotes: 1pm Leeds st

UNIFORMS

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

Introducing our 2015 School Captains and Vice Captains

My heart is pumping wanting to know if I got school captain. Mrs Clarke is standing in front of us. She starts to talk. "The girl school captain is Sophie," An applause starts. My heart is pumping wanting to hear if I got school captain. "And the boy school captain is Dylan." Another applause starts. I take a deep breath. Happy, excited, thrilled, I can't believe it. I stand up and walk over and stand next to Sophie. Dylan S

Hi, my name is Sophie Ehlert. I feel very honoured that I have been given the opportunity to lead our school as School Captain next year. I would like to congratulate everyone who tried out to be School Captain, you should all feel proud of the great job you did. I am really looking forward to next year and working with Mrs Clark and the other Captain and Vice Captains, Dylan, Amanda and Michael. I think that we will make a great team and all work hard. I will represent our school with pride and do my best to support the students and teachers of Donvale. I hope that I can continue to help make our school the great school that it is. I am very excited, but I am also a little bit nervous. The School Captains this year have done such a great job. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and hope you have a happy and safe New Year. Sophie E

Getting elected Vice School Captain was an amazing feeling inside. It may not have been school captain but it was still a great accomplishment. As I was presenting my speech I was really nervous and worried but after I was ok with it and I just want to tell you to go for your dreams even if you don’t think you can do it, you never know unless you try. Amanda H

Michael is absent, so we will get him to write something in next week’s Snippets.

HOOPTIME GRAND FINAL COMMENTARY

"Hi I'm Bill Macdonald and welcome to the last game in the 2014 Hoop Time. Who is it going to be, the mighty Donvale Donkeys or the Elwood Dolphins? The last game is about to be played, the donkeys run on to court one. They aren't doing drills like every other game, they were sitting down talking and doing stretches. The parents and everyone else in the crowd were cheering them on just before the buzzer goes. 1!! 2!! 3!! Donkeys EHH-OHH. Five players walk on to the court Jake, William, Dylan, Anastasia and Madison.

"The ref throws the ball up but wait! What's this? The Dolphins get possession because Jake taps it then grabs it; folks this is the first time I've ever seen this call. The Dolphins throw the ball into number 30, he finds it hard to get around Dylan and passes it back to number 13 and he finds it hard to get around William. Dylan tries to double tag him but he throws it back to number 30 and scores the first basket of the game." The Donkeys starting five are very tired because they've played the last two games straight.

"Jake lobs the ball to Dylan, and Dylan sees William and passes to him and then he gets the equaliser......" As the game goes on no one else scores for the next five minutes.

"Here comes Madison and she gets fouled on the way up. She gets her two shots and the first one doesn't go in and the second is good! She sinks it. Now the Donkeys are one point up. As the Dolphins pass the ball in the Donkeys intercept the ball. Anastasia passes to Jake and he goes in for a layup and scores. The Donkeys have a three point lead (5-2)."

"Hello and welcome to the second half of the state final. The scores are 5-2 with the Donkeys in front. We have a close grand final today folks and it can go either way. Both the refs come to the middle of the court as they throw the ball up and the
Dolphin player taps the ball then grabs it, he did the exact thing Jake did in the first half. The Donkeys have possession now. Dylan passes it to Will and Will passes to Madison then she goes in for a shot and just misses. The Dolphins get the ball number eight passes to 13 then he strolls in for a layup with no pressure. Dylan and Madison come off Lachlan and Kiara come on. Dylan and Madison needed time to rest because they have been playing the last two games straight. Will gets the ball in play again. Lachlan passes back to Will, Will passes to Anastasia and she just misses. The Dolphins get the rebound and pass to the tallest girl on their team. The Donkeys run back into defence, Will is watching his player. Bang!! The tall girl just charged into Will and he does not look good. Will gets subbed off and Zed comes on.

"Jake lobs the ball to Zed and he shoots and scores!! The scores are now 7-4. Number 30 passes to the tallest player on the court number eight. He just drives down the court and scores. 7-6 now with the Donkeys still in front. William comes back on for Zed. Dylan passes to William. Will takes the ball down the court passes to Jake and he drives and scores. The scores are now 9-6." The Dolphins are trying to get a three point's but they can't get it in.

"We’re here in the last minute and the scores are still 9-6. The Donkeys are holding the ball up (passing around to waste time). There’a soundly ten second and the Dolphins get an intercept and it’s number 30. Five seconds to go he shoots from three and it bounces off the ring.”
DONKEYS TAKE THE WIN! WE NOW HAVE OUR STATE CHAMPIONS EVERYONE! Donvale have played well all Hooptime, staying undefeated all the way. And starting every game with a great cheer but now they’re celebrating flat on the floor with smiles from ear to ear.

By William, Jake and Dylan
Dear families,

It’s the last week of school and the Christmas and Holiday activities are in full swing here at OshClub. We are making cards and decorations as well as cooking up lots of yummy treats!

For those who ordered Tennis t-shirts they will be arriving this week so make sure you collect them before the last day!

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and safe holiday period. Looking forward to seeing you all in the new year. Holiday programs will be running at Mitcham and Blackburn over December and January. Hope to see you there!

Remember to bring 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.
Parent’s Association

Christmas Carols on the Lawn
Final Year gathering

Tuesday 16 December from 6.00pm.

It was a Tuesday before Christmas,
And on the school lawn,
All the kids were excited,
Tired parents & teachers with yawns.

The picnic blankets were laid out,
All snuggled together with great care,
In the hopes that the kids voices would shine,
And carols they would share.

Bring your meal or just drinks and nibbles,
Out on the lawn there will be much merrymaking,
Come sing along,
but definitely no faking.

6.00 onwards,
join the Donvale Primary gang,
hopefully Santa will appear,
finish a great year with a bang!

Christmas Stall – Friday 12 December –
All I want for Christmas ……. is everything!!
And you can get it all at the stall.
Loads of good stuff –
Socks, snow globes, spinners & screwdriver sets
Mugs, magnets n measuring tapes
Balls, bags & bottles,
Chocolates, coffee caddies, cars, & crayons,
& more ….. everything!
*****
Heaps of choice gifts for mum, dad, your bro, nan, sister, grandpa, & even your teachers (but no apples for sale)!
Lots of special pressies for sale.
Groovy gifts from 50cents, with a few high end gifts up to $8.00.
BYO bag to takeaway your gifts.
*****

ICY POLE RECESS - TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER

Over 150 kids enjoyed the icy delights.
Thanks to the super cool team of yummy mummies for serving up the poles.
Thanks to El Presidento, Kim Merton for steering the PA activities this year.

An amazing effort, with at least 5 activities/meal deals a Term. It’s a big job, done very well!! Thanks Kim.

Of course ably assisted by many, many mums
(& a few lovely dads).

Thank you to everyone who contributed to raising money for our terrific school and our great kids!

PA CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST - ALL WELCOME
FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER - 9.30AM
FOOD FOR ALL SEASONS IN WARRANDYTE
(Best café in eastern suburbs!!!)
Everything homemade and delicious.

Come & have a chat & a big piece of carrot cake.
Everyone welcome.
RSVP KIM MERTON IF YOU NEED MORE DETAILS - MOBILE - 0407 447 434

Birthday Wishes To

Anthi P, Dylan S, Simon K, Alexandra B

Who are celebrating birthdays from 12th to 18th December
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Beverley Hills Junior Football Club - Canteen Manager required.

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Just Shift It! Monday 12th Jan - 30 day cleanse.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS:
1. Healthways Recreation Centre.
2. Early Intervention and Inclusive Learning.
5. Templestowe College - Animals Holiday Program.

Personalised Pillowcases

- Give as a Christmas gift
- Great idea for school camps and sleepovers.
- I will be in the school Library on Monday 15th December from 3:30pm.
- Come in and browse.
- Many different fabrics and colours to chose from.
- Pillowcases are $20 each.

Suzie Wallbridge
0418 525 165
Miss Moppet
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- Reduces the time school staff spend on administrative tasks

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on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

**Step 2** Register

Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register

**Step 3** Find our school

Scan the QR code or type in the text label provided. Our school will also appear in “Locations Nearby” if you are within 4kms of the school

**Step 4** Register your children

When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

Now you’re ready to order directly from your phone...
Manage your children’s details

- Add your child’s details and photo
- Tap to add another child
- Tap the student card to edit details on that child
- Tap to show Manage Children option

Purchase school items

- View school items
- Pay by selecting a card

Add multiple payment cards

- Pay with any scheme credit, debit or pre-paid card accepted by the school
- Select from any of your registered cards

We want your feedback!

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