NAPLAN: This week, our Year 3 and 5 students participated in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers.

More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au

WORKING BEE: Many thanks to the following families for joining us last Saturday at the school Working Bee – Dimitroff, Moulton, Hoglund, Webber, Younger, Coxhill, Wood, Bishop, Jaeggi and Sabbadini. Also a big thank you to Ian McKinlay and Victoria Erskine-Behr for organising the day and then rolling up their sleeves to help out throughout the morning. Most tasks that were planned for the day were accomplished. That is, rock scoria was placed around our new raised garden beds, another raised garden bed was placed in the area and filled with soil (we now have 14 raised garden beds in total), mulch was distributed in the garden bed sitting in front of the mosaic wall and also at the front of the school and new plants were planted in these areas. It all looks just wonderful! We were so lucky with the weather as it stayed fine throughout the day. The raised garden beds are now ready to be planted with their winter crops. I know that the students and teachers are discussing what is best to plant at this time of the year. We will shortly be seeing some fabulous gardens growing. Emily, a year 1 student has written a letter to Costa the gardening guru featured in ‘Gardening Australia’ on ABC TV. Emily has invited Costa to our school to lend his expertise in growing healthy gardens. He has responded and stated that he will come and visit our school – sometime soon, I hope. In the meantime, he has sent the school a magazine titled ‘Organic’ for our Library where it is now on display. Feel free to pop in and have a read. Thank you, Emily for being so excited and enthusiastic about gardening and sustainability.
CROSS COUNTRY: Our whole school Cross Country event is taking place tomorrow from 11.30am – 1.30pm. It is preferable for students to wear their sports uniform and are encouraged to wear their house colour in any way they like. For example, a Red T-shirt, blue hair ribbons, green socks or a yellow jacket. As the weather this week has been very wet, the school grounds are also very wet and muddy. Whilst we have designed a cross country track that will for the most part be avoiding wet and muddy areas, it may be a good idea if your child brought to school a change of clothing particularly shoes, socks and tracksuit pants. Should the weather be inclement, we will not run the event. Fingers crossed that this cold wintry spell of weather will move on for us tomorrow. Also, if you are available to help out tomorrow, please see your child’s teacher. Everyone is invited to come along and join in the fun. We would love to see you there if available, supporting your child and their team.

Hope you are having a wonderful week.

Lena Clark

Some important dates for your diary…

- Open Day / Night – Wednesday May 20th. Please see the flyer included in this newsletter for more details.
- Trivioke Night – Saturday May 23rd. This is a major fundraiser for our school. Be quick and book a table for a fabulous night of fun and frivolity.
- Curriculum Day – Friday June 5th. A reminder that this is a student free day.

From The School Council President

As many of you would know, late last year we were promised $1.1million in government funding (dependent on the outcome of the state election) to be used in upgrading our school buildings and facilities.

Unfortunately the result of the state election meant that this funding has no longer been allocated to Donvale PS. Even more disappointing is that the most recent state budget has not allocated Donvale PS any funding at all for our much needed upgrades and maintenance.

Together, as a community, we must make our needs known to the current Education Minister and Premier Andrews.

There are a few ways that you can help do this:

- Write a letter/email to the Education Minister - The Hon. James Merlino MP
- Write a letter/email to the Premier - The Hon. Daniel Andrews MP
- Sign the petition at the front office (it will also be at the Trivioke night on May 23rd)

If you chose to write a letter please hand it to the front office or email it to Samantha, our Business Manager, jones.samantha.j@edumail.vic.gov.au. We will bundle them all together and have them delivered to the Minister and the Premier.

If you are unsure of what to write, school council is happy to provide some ideas about what to include in the letter.

The Andrews Government has stated that education is a major focus and has made several promises to this effect. Let’s make sure we hold them to this and help build a better school for our children and for future Donvale primary students. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to approach myself or any of the school council members.

Evan Raftopoulos
School Council President
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Junior Chef Club

This week's session was again a fantastic one. The little chefs were so good, they already knew all the techniques and tricks to make kebabs.

Their table manners were great and after the session finished, the senior girls stayed to help us clear up. Well done boys and girls, so proud of you all.

Thank you to Georgia Loccisano, Nat Tsui, Aya Chan, Miss M, Mrs Clark and Martin for helping with the program.

There will be no session next Tuesday, but we will open our doors to the public on the school Open Day which is Wednesday 20th.

The team helpers have been busy organising cooking demonstration activities for everyone to enjoy. Please don't hesitate to come and join us and learn to make a few dishes from around the world.

The timetables are:

- 9.00 am : Fredo Cookies (how to make cookies from scratch by grade 1 and 2 students, with a little help from grade 6 students).
- 9.45 am : Singaporean Noodles (how to make this famous restaurant style take away in just minutes by grade 5 and 6 students).
- 10.30 am : Sushi Californian Roll Tuna and Avocado (how to roll a perfect sushi by Aya Chan).
- 11.00 am : Pasta (how to make pasta from scratch using just eggs and flour by Laura Emozione).
- 12.00 pm : Gyoza (how to make pork pot sticker dumpling by Nat Tsui).
- 12.45 pm : Nasi goreng (how to make a simple fried rice by grade 3 and 4 students).

We will be open again on the Open Night from 6pm to 8pm.

Looking forward to seeing you all there to join us in celebrating our school.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

FROM THE KEBAB HOUSE:

- Pavit K 56G: It was really nice that the school has junior chef and we make this feast.
- Rose W-H 56W: Thanks for everyone who put it together, it was delicious.
- Noah G FB: I liked making the kebab.
- Jonathan H FB: I liked making the squishy meat on a stick.
- Gabriel L FB: Squishing the meat was fun.
- Max T FB: The bread was yummy and I ate the salad.
- Archie E 12S: I enjoyed shaping the meat.
- Noah L 12S: I liked making the kebab.
- Nicholas M 12S: I made a smiley face with sauce.
- Luciana K 12S: I liked eating the food.
- Emily M 12S: I like the flat bread.
- Manu P 56W: I think the kebab is fantastic.
- Aaron R 56W: It feels great to cook.
- Dylan S 56W: It's like eating at a restaurant.
- Laura V 56G: The food was great, we are lucky to have this program.
- Max M 34M: My favourite ingredient was the spring onion.
Basketball

Basketball times for games on Saturday 16th May.
Dynamites vs OLOP Firebirds at 3.10pm at the DISC 1
Destroyers vs Ser/St.Ch Scorpios at 1.30pm at DISC 2
Demons vs OLOP Panthers at 11.50am at the DISC 2
Daredevils vs OLOP Thunder at 12.40pm at DISC 1
Daffodils vs Ser/St.Ch Shooters at 10.10am at DISC 2
Diamonds vs OLOP Poppies at 10.10am at DISC 1
Dreamers vs OLOP Pelicans at 9.20am at the DISC 2
Daisies have a Bye
Dolphins have a Bye

Daffodils will be training in the GP room on Tuesday the 19th of May.
Dreamers had a slow start with a strong finish. Well done to Sophie and Maggie for playing a great game.

The Destroyers got destroyed by the top team in the division. They played at their best from start to finish which was very rewarding for everyone involved.

Daredevils played a fantastic game to win 17-6. First time goals went to Peter and Lucas. Awesome effort by the whole team.

Dolphins played a great game defeating OLOP Ladybirds 26-6.

Under 9 boys are required for Semester 2 competition. Games are Saturdays and training is Thursdays both at the DISC. This is for boys born in 2007 to 2009.

Under 11 boys are also needed. This is for boys born in 2005 to 2006.
If interested call Marita (0478 419 006) or Cassandra (0404 252 937)
Program Update

Dear families,

This week football has been a major highlight at OSHClub with many of the children even teaching the staff how to kick and handball. We have also donned our lab coats again for some more crystal making experiments and our mini master chefs have been cooking up some Jelly worms!

I am happy to announce that Tennis classes will be running on Monday afternoons for the remainder of the term. These classes are available to all children who attend the Monday afterschool care session at OSHClub. There are limited places for students at the school so make sure you get in quick!

Please see the information below regarding the upcoming Pupil Free Day. We are hopeful that this will run, however, this is dependent on numbers.

**When / what / how:**

Date:  Friday the 5th of June.   Please book prior to Friday the 29th of May.

Times: 7:00am to 6:00pm

Cost: $13.56 - $48.00 per child (Not including 50% tax rebate)

How to book: Please log in to your account online at www.oshclub.com.au and book in under the aftercare bookings tab.

What happens: Loads of fun for all ages including art/craft, games, sports, drama, board games and fun with friends.

What to bring: Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Also wear/provide appropriate clothing including hats.

Please note: we require a minimum of 15 children to run the day, parents will be notified by end of business Friday the 29th of May if the day will proceed.

Further Important Information for this Day:

- Once you have booked there are no refunds for cancellations.
- A $10 late booking fee applies for any casual attendances on the day.
- All regular Before and After Care bookings have been removed.

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

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.

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**Birthday Wishes To**

Jasmine B, Rosamund H, Olivia T, Sophie E

*Who are celebrating birthdays from 15th to 21st May*
Hope all the mums & grans enjoyed their special pressies.

There was thoughtful shopping going on Friday 8 May!

Thanks to all the checkout chicks for their dedicated retail assistance.

Open Night PA BBQ

We need helpers. Short shifts or help set up or pack up.

Any help would be gratefully appreciated.

Please see the flyer coming home this week or contact Liz Brown.

Sadly we still have a dozen or so families who have not returned their money or chocolates. (Names published next week).

Only joking, but please send in your money or return the Freddo’s.

We really want to finish up this fundraiser & put the money to good use!!

FRIDAY AFTERNOON TREATS

This Friday 15 May

Popcorn - $2 & Hot Chocolate - $2

Plus other delicious morsels.

Sales straight after assembly until stock runs out.

Last week we had unexpected enthusiasm more of everything on sale this week!

TRIVIOKE - Saturday 23 May.

Donvale Primary will be the

Get your Ticket Forms in to book your table.

Payment for the night is due this Friday 15th May. For those who have paid, tickets will be sent home

Asian Meal Deal Wednesday 27 May

Forms out this week

Can’t wait for this deliciousness!

Fast Food Freebies!

Order your Entertainment Book & enjoy massive savings.

Send your completed form in to the Office.
Want to work as a Teacher’s Aide in a Primary School?

Great for parents returning to work!

Study during school hrs (1 day per wk)

A strong job Prep Unit to enhance your resume and applying for jobs

Lined to 3 recruitment agencies

Theory and work placement offered at Donvale Primary School

Call Liz to check your eligibility for state funding


Or go to the link below for more details.

Donvale Primary School Open Day

Wednesday 20th May 2015

On Wednesday May 20th our Performing Arts groups will be participating in events throughout the day. We hope your child will be available to perform not only during the day but also in the evening as we showcase our wonderful musical talent. Please note what time your child is required in the evening and arrange for them to be in the designated venue five minutes beforehand, wearing full school uniform.

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**Evening Session**

**BBQ and Coffee stand—Open Day**

Don’t worry about organising dinner for your family! Come along to school and enjoy a feast from the BBQ stand or enjoy a tea /coffee or hot chocolate as you arrive ready for the evening. Catch up with or make new friends!

Food and drinks will be available **from 5.30pm**