Principal’s Column

Open Day: Our Open day / night held yesterday welcomed our school community and visitors to our school. We had a wonderful attendance considering the very inclement weather. This day enables us to showcase and celebrate the wonderful programs, achievements and teaching and learning that take place on a daily basis at our school. Many thanks to all of our very supportive community members who, once again, banded together to ensure that the day was a great success (and braved the rainy evening!) School Councillors worked tirelessly both behind the scenes and front of house with developing and distributing flyers / leaflets, organising advertising boards to be placed in an around Donvale and surrounding suburbs, participating in the school tours and celebrating our school with the wider community by spreading the word to local kindergartens and the like. A huge effort that is very much appreciated. Also, thank you to the PA who always manage to provide us with the best BBQ in town all washed down with piping hot drinks – all most welcome on a chilly wet evening. Always a big thank you to Liang and Martin Dimitroff and all the parent helpers who spoil us with delicious delicacies from the Junior Chef program. Thank you yet again to Andrew Sherar and Peter Gray (and family) from Lightmoves for lighting up our school so brilliantly. They always do such a wonderful job in making our school look so fabulous at night. I particularly liked the lighting on our mosaic wall which made the feature sparkle and shine. Thank you to our School Captains who joined us on the school tours flying the flag proudly for their school. You are fabulous in representing Donvale – I am very proud of you. And, of course, a mighty thank you to our staff at Donvale PS who continue to provide outstanding teaching and learning opportunities to all of our students. It was a long day for us all but a day that provides us with a further opportunity to proudly showcase our magnificent school. What a team!

Toilet Block Renovation: The renovation of the junior school toilet will be commencing next Monday. This will mean that the junior toilet block will be temporarily closed down whilst the builders do the work. In the meantime, the students will be using the middle school toilet block. The renovation should take approximately five weeks to complete. As such, we will look forward to Term 3 where our junior toilet block and middle and junior breezeways will be bright, fresh, clean and somewhat more appealing than what they are at the moment. Many thanks again to School Council for their support in gaining funding from the Education Department to allow us to carry out this much need work.
Marimba Band Tour: This week, our Marimba Band toured and entertained two kindergartens (Tunstall Square and Donvale Pre-school). This is such a wonderful way to not only share the talents of our students and provide them with further opportunities to perform to an appreciative audience, but it also provides us with the opportunity to introduce Donvale PS to the wider community. I am very proud of the students and of how they represent our school. They are all excellent ambassadors for Donvale. Also a big thank you to Rick Gordon and Anthea Keep for their never failing dedication and commitment to the performing arts and our school, in general. Mr Gordon and Mrs Keep do such an amazing job with these students and preparing the band for the tours. It’s fun, it’s entertaining and it’s a celebration of the excellent teaching and learning that Donvale PS provides all of its students.

Trivioke Night: Coming up this Saturday is our Trivoke night. We are all very much looking forward to an evening of fun and frivolity where we get to sing, dance and play games all for a great cause – the students of Donvale PS. It’s not too late to join us so if you haven’t bought tickets and would like to attend, please see Wendy at the main office.

Staff Car Park: Another reminder to our parents that the staff car park is for staff only please. On several occasions, staff has approached me to let me know that they have not been able to park in the staff car park due to parents having taken the parking space. I would appreciate it if you could please respect this parking area as being for staff only. Thank you.

Important Diary Dates:

Friday June 5th is our school’s curriculum day. This is a student free day.

Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th June – Parent / Teacher interviews. More information to go home shortly.

Wednesday June 10th – Protecting Kids Online Parenting Seminar 7.00 - 8.30pm (More information shortly)

Hope you are having a wonderful week.

Lena Clark

Lena Clark
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General

Financial Assistance

The Victorian Government has now introduced the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). This will be provided to assist eligible families to cover the cost of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid concession card or are a foster parent you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards these activities. The annual CSEF amount per student for primary school students is $125. Applications are available at the office and must be submitted to the office by June 26th. Please come to the office if you would like more information.

School Banking

Change to banking day: As from next term, school banking will be processed on Wednesday. So students need to bring their bank books in on a Tuesday.

2016 Enrolments

If you have a little one who is starting school next year, please see the office for an enrolment form.
Mandarin

大家好（dà jiā hǎo - Hello everyone)!

Can't quite remember how some Mandarin words that we have learned sound? Practise pronouncing some of the words we have learned by listening to them on the following links using the password 'dps'.

https://quizlet.com/83856308/greetings-flash-cards/
https://quizlet.com/83870471,numbers-1-to-10-flash-cards/
https://quizlet.com/83870584,numbers-11-20-flash-cards/
https://quizlet.com/83870667,numbers-10-to-100-by-tens-flash-cards/
https://quizlet.com/83870805,colours-flash-cards/
https://quizlet.com/83969284/i-wear-f-2-flash-cards/
https://quizlet.com/83970687/i-take-the-to-australia-transport-f-2-flash-cards/

Happy Mandarin speaking!

Regards,

李老师

Ms. Lee
VALUES

Donvale Primary School has been running a highly successful ‘Values’ program for many years. All classes are involved in learning that focuses on the development of our students understanding of each of our four core values.

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, RESILIENCE AND COMPASSION

Lessons allow for relationship building, sharing of thoughts, ideas and feelings. All designed to support each child's emotional well-being. Students are actively involved in each lesson through activities such as role play. Activities aim at developing responsibility and self-esteem in all our students. Children feel part of a group, connect and engage positively with their peers.

We also use the Framework of Values set out by DET into our teaching;

Integrity, Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion, Care and Compassion, Honesty and Trustworthiness, Fair go, Doing your best and Freedom.

The Values program is part of Donvale Primary School’s proactive approach to developing a supportive and cohesive community of students who care for each other and encourage their classmates to be the best they can be.

Donvale Primary School is a ‘KidsMatter’ school

We are very enthusiastic about motivating and teaching students how to be physically and mentally fit, in order to be happy and healthy learners.

What is ‘KidsMatter’?

‘KidsMatter’ is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children. KidsMatter primarily promotes preventative measures in order to raise strong, healthy and mentally fit kids.

The ‘KidsMatter’ framework is divided into four component areas to make the task of working to improve student's mental health and wellbeing in schools more manageable.

The four components are:

1. Positive school community
2. Social and emotional learning for students
3. Working with parents and carers
4. Helping children with mental health difficulties. Each component is unpacked into more specific target areas and goals to help schools with their planning.
For more information, please visit http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary. The website has some wonderful videos with case studies from schools across Australia. It also has some very useful resources and links for parents.

At Donvale Primary we are currently working on the first component, ‘Building a Positive School Community.’ The staff has participated in six professional learning sessions, led by the ‘KidsMatter’ Action Team. It has been wonderful to work together as a staff to brainstorm and implement strategies that will build on the wonderful sense of community we have at our school. Some of these initiatives have included:

- DPS Wellbeing and ‘KidsMatter’ Launch Day.
- All teachers out in the school yard after school to connect with the community and make ourselves available to parents and students.
- Wine and cheese welcome night after the Foundation information session for new Foundation parents.
- ‘Welcome Back’ BBQ for all DPS families at the completion of our Wellbeing Day
- ‘Getting to Know You’ interviews
- ‘Carols on the lawn’ at the end of the year
- Regular Snippets articles educating parents about raising physically and mentally fit children. At Donvale Primary, we believe that the ‘KidsMatter’ framework will help students, staff and the wider Donvale Primary community be happier and healthier learners and citizens than they already are!
- ‘Paint the Nite’ – Mother’s Day celebration
- Trivioke Night
- Open Day / Night
- Dr Craig Hassad – ‘Mindfulness’ seminar
- School Chaplain / Wellbeing Officer

We would like to thank the many members of our parent community who have strongly supported us in becoming a ‘KidsMatter’ school. In fact, several parents have attended some of the professional learning sessions and others have offered suggestions / ideas for areas of learning that we could incorporate into our teaching and learning program. All of these suggestions and ideas are terrific and we very much appreciate and welcome your input. We have noted all that has been put forward and we will certainly aim to do our best to follow up with them. I can’t guarantee that all will happen immediately, however, they are on our agenda and will have a part to play in our strategic planning of ‘KidsMatter’ at Donvale PS.

Some areas of future learning we intend to incorporate into our teaching are:

- Continuing to support students and parents in dealing with anxiety
- Social and emotional learning
- Body image and abuse

We have also spent much time this year, working on a consistent approach to behaviour management – all underpinned by our values and right to be learn without interruption, right to teach without disruption and right to come to school and be / feel safe.

A Donvale PS ‘Code of Conduct’ booklet has been developed from this. Students will have taken this booklet home this week. I urge all parents / carers to spend time with their children reading this booklet and discussing the expectations set out within it. The last page is a contract between your child and the school which we would appreciate you and your child signing and returning to school asap. Our approach to behaviour management is not a punitive one. Yes, there are consequences for making the wrong choices however, our aim is for our students to learn from these times and understand the impact this may have had on others.
– we all have rights and it is our responsibility to ensure that we do not impinge on others’ rights. We do have high expectations of all our children and we certainly will not tolerate inappropriate or unacceptable behaviours.

I would like to sincerely thank Lashay Cartledge (Student Wellbeing Coordinator) and the ‘KidsMatter’ Action Team for all their hard work and dedication in bringing the ‘KidsMatter’ initiative to our school. All staff at Donvale PS take student wellbeing very seriously and understand its overarching importance in enabling all our students to be actively engaged in their learning. We continually are working to provide a positive environment in which our children can grow and flourish.

I know that together we are teaching our children to become responsible, resilient, respectful and compassionate young citizens.

Lena Clark

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**Junior Chef Club**

Our open day yesterday was full of flavour from all over the world. It started in the morning with Nicholas, Joshua, Rosamund and Nash making Freddo cookies which were a big hit with the visitors and of course ourselves. The little chefs knew exactly how to makes all the cookies the same size and shape.

Next was Angelica, Michael and William cooking up some Singaporean noodles. The frypan was playing up a bit but it didn't stop them producing a fantastic creation. The visitors certainly enjoyed tasting their dish.

Followed by Ruby, Ashleigh, Mira and Anise doing Sushi Californian rolls. They didn't need too many ingredients just avocado, carrot and sprouts. The Sushi roll tasted nice and looked beautiful. Some of the children also tasted some of the Wasabi (hot.. hot..).

The children with the help of Georgia, Dylan, Harrison and little Alicha made pasta from scratch just using 2 ingredients, eggs and flour. From this dough they created many different shapes of pasta such as fettuccine and butterfly.

As the pasta tasted so good, all we needed was a simple home-made tomato sauce to go with it and yum...

When we go to the restaurant (Japanese or Chinese) sometimes we see dumplings that are crispy on the bottom and steamed on the top. Some people call these pot sticker dumplings, this time we made a Japanese style which is called Gyoza.

Jesse, Zoé, Coco and Jaime made the fillings, expertly filled and folded the pastry and then cooked them. They also created their own style fried rice.

After a long discussion between the little chefs, they decided to add in a few different kinds of vegetables and sauces to the rice. The result was a very nice fried rice.

Well done boys and girls, I am very proud of you all. Not just your creations that were amazing but also your attitude was fantastic.

A big thank you to Marina Younger, Aya Chan, Laura Emozione, Nat Tsui and Martin for contributing their time and effort and also donating ingredients on the open day.

Also thank you to all the junior chef children who worked very hard on the day.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff
Dear families,

As the weather gets colder outside we are discovering lots of fun inside games, crafts and activities at OshClub. One of our favourite activities is cooking and this week we made a delicious Banana Bread. The recipe is below so you can try it at home!

**Banana Bread**

**Preparation Time:** 10 minutes    **Cooking Time:** 45 minutes    **Makes:** 10-12 slices

**Ingredients**
- 1 cup (150g) plain flour
- 1/2 cup (75g) self-raising flour
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 125g butter, melted, cooled
- 2 eggs, whisked
- 3 ripe bananas, mashed

Preheat oven to 180C. Grease and line the base and side of an 11 x 21cm x 6cm deep (base) loaf pan. Combine flours, sugar and cinnamon in a large bowl. Whisk butter and eggs together. Stir in banana. Spoon into prepared pan. Smooth the surface. Bake for 45-50 mins or until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Set aside in the pan for 10 mins before turning out onto a wire rack. Serve warm spread with butter.

Please also note that if you would like your child to attend the Pupil Free Day on 5th June, bookings need to be made via the OshClub website by Friday 29th May. We are hopeful that this will run, however, this is dependent on numbers.

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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Parent’s Association

FRIDAY AFTERNOON TREATS
Now every second week.

Next one - **Friday 29 May**
Hot Chocolate - $2 plus other delicious morsels.
Sales straight after assembly until stock runs out.

Asian Meal Deal Wednesday 27 May
Don’t miss out on this awesome lunch.
Menu choices & payment due at the latest Monday 25 May
Extra forms available at the office.

Thanks to the Barbie Girls (n Ken’s) on Open Night PA BBQ
A sizzling hot team on a cool autumn night. A big thanks to
Liz Brown for coordinating the delicious’ness, &
the tong team!
To Melanie Coops who warmed people’s hearts (& toes) with a free cuppa.
Your team was also awesome.
Warmed people’s hearts (& toes) with a free cuppa.
Good Community, feelin’ the love & right back @ ya
mum, dads, n teachers!

TRIVIOKE - Saturday 23 May.
Donvale Primary will be the

“If’s now or Never”, submit your Ticket Form.
Tables can be made up.
“Word Up”

Wait for it – Minions the Movie
DPS Pre-Screening
Sunday 21 June 2015 - Croydon Cinema

If you buy an Entertainment Book
You could book a cheap holiday for the Term Break!!
Send your completed form in to the Office,
& get your ticket/vouchers to paradise.

Turn his frown upside down!
Send back the cash or the chocolate amphibians PLEASE.
Birthday Wishes To

ABBEY G, BANI K

Who are celebrating birthdays from 22nd to 28th May