Our Values

* Respect
* Responsibility
* Resilience
* Compassion

Trivioke Night: What a fabulous night our Trivioke Night was! Everyone had a fantastic time where much merriment was made throughout the evening. It was great to see everyone really letting their hair down and having a fun time. Many thanks to Virginia Yeoman and Paul Hooper for running the evening with their very entertaining version of Karaoke and Trivia combined into one. The talent of our parent community just astounds me! If the talent scouts were out and about, I’m sure that many parents would have been identified as future stars. Also a very big thank you to our absolutely amazing Parents Association most ably led by Kim Merton. The PA have worked tirelessly over several months in planning and preparing for the night and then again, worked tireless during the night and the next day in cleaning and returning the senior building back to looking like classrooms again. You are truly a wonderful group of parents and your commitment and dedication to the school is just so appreciated. Many thanks also to all our terrific community members who donated their wares for the live and silent auctions. We received many wonderful items and raised a fantastic amount of money from their sales. Just terrific! Thank you, again, to Peter Gray for lighting up the night so spectacularly – just makes everything look so much better and brighter! Thank you to Rick Van Gramberg and George Jaeggi for being such valuable members of the staff / parent band, The Right Staff – we had some fun. The night raised a fabulous amount of around $10,000 – outstanding! So now, we will be looking to spend the money on upgrading the junior playground. Stay tuned for this.

Principal for the Day: I’m very much looking forward to tomorrow when I get the opportunity to spend the whole day with two very lucky Donvale Primary School students. William and Abigail, will be providing me with a day of rest because they will be taking on the role of Principal for the day. Many thanks to Mel and Anthony Coops who were the highest bidders at the Trivioke Night and therefore afforded their children this life changing opportunity. We will be undertaking some very important work and making some very important decisions such as determining staffing and grade structures for 2016, writing the Principal report for Snippets, making special announcements and participating in special meetings. We will finish off with assembly which will be presented by both children. The children have put in for a few requests such as extending the recess and lunch times and beginning the day with a whole school game of scarecrow tiggy. Why not? They would also like to encourage all staff and students to come to school wearing one thing of their footy team such as a
beanie, scarf or ribbons in their hair. It’s going to be a fun day!

**Behaviour Code booklet:** The staff at Donvale PS is very enthusiastic and motivated in supporting all our students in becoming respectful, responsible, resilient and compassionate young citizens. As such, we work very hard to ensure that a consistent and fair approach to behaviour management is applied. Last Friday our school distributed to all our students a ‘Behaviour Code’ booklet. This booklet outlines the behaviour expectations at our school based on our ‘KidsMatter’ philosophies, our values and our rights and responsibilities. We ask parents to take the time to read this through with their child /ren and sign the ‘Behaviour Code of Conduct Agreement’ found at the back of the booklet. We would appreciate it if this agreement could then be returned to your child’s teacher by next **Monday June 1st**. The Behaviour Code booklet stays with you at home for reference and reflection as needed.

**Toilet Block Renovations:** The builders have finally started the work. We hope to have the renovation all completed by the end of this term in readiness for Term 3.

**Foundation Enrolments:** If you have a child starting in Foundation at Donvale PS next year, I would appreciate it if you could please enrol your child if you haven’t already done so. Even though we are still a fair way from the end of the year, a lot of planning and careful consideration goes into planning classes and grade structures for each year. The sooner we have an idea of our numbers, the sooner we can start putting everything into place. Also, if you know of any parent who is planning to enrol their child to Donvale PS, I would appreciate it if you could pass on this message.

Some dates to for your diary:

**Friday 5th June** – Curriculum Day – Student free day.

**Monday 8th June** – Queen’s birthday holiday

**Wednesday June 10th** – Parent Seminar ‘Protecting Your Kids Online’ – KidProof will be presenting this free seminar to be held in the Senior building 7.00pm to 8.30pm. More information on this can be found in this newsletter. Hope you can make it.

**Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th & Friday 25th June** – Parent / Teacher Interviews. More information from Mr Gordon on this shortly.

Mrs Clark

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**General**

**STEPS FOR BRAIN CANCER**

I'm currently completing a fundraising challenge for the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation. If you would like to find out why I'm doing laps of the oval at lunch time (No, the kids haven't sent me around the twist!) or are interested in sponsoring me please follow the link to my fundraising page.

[https://give.everydayhero.com/au/steps-for-brain-cancer](https://give.everydayhero.com/au/steps-for-brain-cancer)

*Bec Signorini*

**GROWING HEALTHY MINDS**

On Tuesday evening many of our staff and parents attended a wonderful seminar with Dr Craig Hassed, a leading expert on Mindfulness in the curriculum. We all really enjoyed the message imparted by Dr Hassed, that the most important thing one can do for their mind and body is just to live in the moment. He spoke at length about the detrimental changes in the brain caused by too much screen time, too much stress and too much multi-tasking. Dr Hassed coined the term, ‘efficient attention switching’, which really resonated with me.

After the seminar, many of the staff in attendance took the time to discuss the science and sentiments behind the seminar, as well as the key message, of focussing on one thing at a time and looking after ourselves, with their students. Children are never too young to understand how to look after their minds and bodies. After all, Dr Hassed reminded us that children are born with the innate ability to live in the moment. It is busy day to day life that actually makes them forget this very important, innate skill!

If you would like a copy of the lecture notes from Dr Hassed, or to loan my copy of his book, ‘Mindful Learning’, just pop in and see me.

I am only ever too happy to share things that are good for the mind, body and soul with you all!

This weekend marks the end of ‘Mindful in May’. The staff and students in Level 5/6 have really enjoyed being ‘Mindful’ for a month together. Read below to find out first hand from some of the students, how Mindful in May has helped them.

*Lashay Cartledge, Student Wellbeing coordinator*

**Mindful in May**

**By Anastasia T, Sophie L & Maggie B- Level 5/6**

“I feel a bit tired now”

“Yeah, I want to go outside and play basketball!”

“Well, sometimes it’s better just to drop anchor and relax.”

Research says that if you take at least 1 minute to drop anchor and relax, that the rest of your day will be way calmer.

All of the 5/6 students at Donvale Primary School have enjoyed meditating during ‘Mindfulness in May’.

Thank you to our teachers for signing us up. It has helped us unwind and recharge.

Here are a few comments from some students in our Mindful in May diary…

I really enjoyed taking some time to think and drop anchor. I also found it interesting because you normally breathe without noticing but with this you can actually control your breath.

We have had such a busy day and it was helpful to drop anchor and relax. Maggie B

Today we did an elastic band exercise. It was really fun making cool shapes with an elastic band, inside our body. I made a circle a triangle and a square. It was really relaxing. Leah B

Like many others I find it helpful to read a book whilst swotteling. That is my way to drop anchor. Sophie L

I like dropping anchor because it gives me time to think about what is going on that day and gives me a few minutes to relax. Angelica F
Hello to all the families at Donvale Primary. I thought it high time I introduce myself as I have been teaching in the Art Room for 4 whole weeks! I can’t believe how fast the time has gone.

Here is a little snapshot of what we have been up to:

Seniors have been exploring Tint, Tone and Shades of the one colour and how they can be used to create depth and mood.

Middle school have been having a lot of fun with fine line markers creating OP Art (Optical illusion Art). It has generated much discussion on perspective by creating 3D effects with 2D mediums. Not to mention the vertigo we got while creating our works!

Juniors have been challenged with making Dragon Puppets. Our puppets are made from coloured paper and required a lot of fine motor skills when tracing and cutting out the scaly body parts. The final result has been an amazing Kaleidoscope of colour and culture!

Foundation students have been learning Monet. We used oil pastels and paint to create softly coloured sorbet toned flower fields of cool blues, pale greens and lemon yellows.

Watch this space for more artistic wonders the students create

Ruth Donaldson

Junior Chef Club

Next Tuesday is the turn of group 5 to join us in the kebab house.

Ingredients we need are: lettuce, tomatoes and spring onion.

Thank you to Marina Younger, Jaqui Frigo, Vicky Ugrenovic, Georgia Loccisano, Virginia Yeoman, Nat Tsui, Nancy Kontos, Kim Merton, Wanan Ho, Liz Brown, Ellen Fraser, Andrew Miles and Martin for helping with the program.

Also thank you to Ruby C, Zoe S, Vienna G and Nikita S for helping me cleaning up the DJC room.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff
The Gold Rush

“Do you have a miner’s permit?” asked one of the students in grades three to six this week during their gold rush incursion where they took on the roles of Chinese miners and police officers. As a police officer, the student went on to arrest those miners who did not have a permit and chained them to logs! Students moved through a variety of activities as they explored the Victorian gold rush of the 1800s through the perspective of Chinese miners. The activities included:

- Leaving wives and children behind in China and taking a boat to Australia
- Walking from South Australia to Ballarat to avoid paying taxes. This included carrying their belongings on bamboo poles on their shoulders.
- Becoming officers who arrested those miners who did not have mining permits
- Taking on the role of lion dancers to rid corners of evil spirits and bad luck
- Appreciating different ways of eating - using chopsticks
- Panning for alluvial gold
- Measuring the weight of gold in ounces and learning about the biggest gold nugget ever found – The Welcome Stranger

It has been three fantastic days of hands on cultural exploration of an important era of our country’s history!

Lion Dancing

Let’s get rid of any the bad luck around us! Foundation to grade two students worked together to make lots of loud sounds with drums, gongs and cymbals to help the lions do the lion dances. The lions were led by the Laughing Buddhas and every student helped to get rid of all the bad luck and evil spirits around us! The students had great fun taking part in all the different roles that are equally important within a lion dance!
KIDPROOF AUSTRALIA

You are invited to attend a free parent seminar

‘PROTECTING YOUR KIDS ONLINE’
From Street Savvy to Internet Savvy

WHEN: Wednesday June 10th
TIME: 7.00pm - 8.30pm
LOCATION: Senior Building Donvale Primary School.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Child safety expert Samantha Wilson’s highly acclaimed signature presentation ‘Protecting Your Kids Online’ is coming to Donvale PS.

This popular presentation puts the spotlight on how parents can keep their kids safe while enjoying the benefits of technology.

Whatever the concern: predators, cyber bullies or inappropriate material, this compelling presentation helps parents understand that they don’t need to be a techie to keep their kids safe in cyberspace.

‘Protecting Your Kids Online’ explains in an easy to understand manner:

- The top three reasons kids use the internet
- How technology changes the way kids communicate
- The risks associated with each online activity
- How to recognize the warning signs that a predator may be targeting your kids

If you can relate to ANY of the following statements, you MUST NOT miss this presentation!

- I want to feel comfortable that my kids are protected when they are online
- I want to understand what my kids are using the internet for
- I am confused about messaging, MySpace, Facebook, and chat rooms
- I am concerned about strangers or bullies online
- I want to learn ways to monitor my kids internet use
- I don’t know what 99, LMIRL, and WGP mean

About Kidproof

Samantha Wilson is a world class speaker, President and Founder of Kidproof Safety. She has presented the subject of internet safety to thousands of students, parents and educators and has selected certified Kidproof presenters to deliver the very popular CyberSafety School and Parent seminars directly to school.

The ‘Protecting Your Kids Online’ parent seminar is a 90 minute presentation designed for parents and educators who want to learn ways to help keep their kids safe while online.

Hope you can join us in attending this very important parent seminar. I look forward to seeing you there.

Lena Clark
PROTECTING KIDS ONLINE

Keeping kids safe online is an important job for parents. These five tips will help.

I am sure I'm not the only parent out there blown away by new technology. It seems like there are gadgets and devices that I thought, as a kid, would only ever exist in sci-fi movies, and yet here we are now carrying them around in the palm of our hands! Technology is continually morphing and adapting and every new tech device which makes its way onto the market is now connected to the internet. Our children are linked to this stuff physically, socially and emotionally, so how can we keep up?

My parents taught me manners, how to ride my bike and how to cross the street safely. I can teach these things to my kids as well because I had such great role models who empowered me to make safe choices. But cyberspace?! This is trickier as we are one of the first generations of parents having to deal with it. When it comes to parenting, the Internet is no exception; it is just like every other new stage of parenting that we go through. There are some things that we are going to have to learn to keep them safe.

5 ways to keep kids safer online and still enjoy everything that the Internet has to offer.

1. The Internet is a place and not a thing.
   From this moment on I need you to think about the internet as a place and not a thing. The internet is a place where we go; we go there to do shopping, get information or catch up with our friends. The internet is vast, public and constantly expanding. When our children are online they are in a public place with up to 1.8 billion people. That Smartphone you just gave your child to contact you to let you know when they need to be picked up or to let you know if their plans change on the way home – guess what – you have just put them in that public place. Are you working with them to develop the skills and responsibility they need to navigate their way?

2. Rules, guidelines and consequences.
   Parents generally have rules and expectations when it comes to how their children behave in a public place. I know my children are reminded to “use their manners” and “treat others as you would like to be treated”. When we are thinking about protecting
our kids online, remember that it is another area that you need to put rules and guidelines in place; and consequences need to be enforced if these rules and guidelines are broken. Perhaps a family meeting is in order to set out an internet safety contract? Family members can discuss issues and expectations around internet usage such as rules on giving out personal information, posting messages, and photographs. Where are children allowed to go when they enter into the Internet arena, who are they allowed to communicate with and how long are they allowed to spend there?

3. Develop critical thinking skills
What kids need to develop before they can truly be safe either on line or in the real world is their critical thinking skills. The use of critical thinking is one of the most valuable things we can pass onto our children. Promoting and fostering these skills is crucial to the development of lifelong problem-solving. Encourage kids to think about what they have posted online. Who could see or read it? Was it in an open public space, or only with friends? Was there anything in the post that could upset someone or be interpreted differently? Have they made sure that no house numbers, license plates, school jumper logos are in the photos they have posted? A picture is worth a thousand words these days.

4. Keep the lines of communication open.
Parents need to continue to talk safety with kids. Use current and relevant issues that emerge in the media as a starting point. Internet safety discussions are as important to talk about as drug and alcohol awareness. Our role as parents is vital. I know it can be a challenge to find the time some days for anything other than daily tasks, homework, and “life”. Take the time to find out what your kids are doing online, why they are using it and how they are using it. Get them to teach you; most kids are happy to teach their parents a thing or two!

5. Resist pulling the plug
We know one of the main reasons kids will not let their parents know when they have a negative experience on the Internet, is because they fear that you will take it away from them. Children fear that you will disconnect them from their world and pull the plug! In our attempt to try to keep them safe, we often want to remove all internet access. Let your children know that you will be there to help them navigate their way through social netiquette and not punish them by taking it away.

The great news is that you do not need to be a techie to keep your kids safe. Protecting kids online is a parenting issue, not a technology issue. As parents we must keep up to date with what our kids are doing online, and understand the activities and the risks presented, and guess what – it changes often!

Catherine Gerhardt, Kidproof Melbourne

Kidproof provides proactive and preventative child and family education programs. We work with schools, community groups and other child centric organisations. We provide peace of mind for parents and create safer communities for everyone.

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- melbourne@kidproofsafety.com
- 1 300 577 663
Dear families,

Next week is a short week due to the Pupil Free day on 5th of June. If you would like your child to attend the OshClub program on this day bookings need to be made via the OshClub website by Friday 29th May (tomorrow). We are hopeful that this will run, however, this is dependent on numbers. Please note, if we do not run the program at Donvale primary there are spaces available at Mitcham program. Please speak to our staff for more information.

As it is World Environment Day on Friday 5th June we will have lots of activities based on an environmental theme this week. Some of the highlights include making a 3D rainbow, paper mache world globes and setting up our see through compost in the nature area.

I will be on teaching rounds again for the next two weeks and so both Jennifer and Caroline will be working during this time.

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.
Terrific Night, Full of Laughs

Rock Star Mums & Dads with the Right Staff Starting the Vibe

Impressive, Tremendous Organising Committee - Allstars

Virginia Yeoman & Paul Hooper Awesome-Most Host & MC!

Incredible Mess on Sunday but the Tiny Tidy Team Sparkled

Outrageously Successful Fundraiser with $10K Raised

Kisses to Those That Helped in Preps & Setup But Couldn’t Come – Givers with a Capital G!

Excellent Community! We Are the Champions of the World!!!

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON TREATS**

Friday 29 May

Hot Chocolate - $2 plus other delicious morsels.
Sales straight after assembly until stock runs out.

Amaze-balls Asian Meal Deal

Wednesday 27 May

Was enjoyed by over 120 kids & teachers.

WELL DONE TO OUR CULINARY QUEEN LIANG & HER Sizzling wok team! Lunch was delici!

Special mention to Martin & Wendy in the office.

Minions – the Movie

DPS Pre-Screening Sunday

21 June 2015 - Croydon Cinema

Ticket order Forms out next week.

One Direction

Cooking is Love Made Visible
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Will E,
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MELBOURNE UTD - Two day Junior Basketball Camp.

WARRANDYTE HIGH SCHOOL - International Homestay Families Needed.

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE - Win a scholarship valued at more than $50,000. Open to girls and boys for entry into Year 7 in 2016.

BUBBLE DOME - Term 2 Holiday Program.

FREE DENTAL TREATMENT FOR CHILDREN Good News – The government’s Child Dental Benefit Schedule has now been extended! If you book an appointment before the 15th June, you are guaranteed an appointment during the school holidays. Saturday, After School and Early Evening appointments available so that children don’t need to have their school day interrupted to visit the dentist. We are the not for profit community health service for Whitehorse.

VICTORIAN TENNIS AWARDS:
Tennis Victoria recently asked the Victorian Tennis community to nominate worthy applicants for consideration for the Victorian Tennis Awards 2015. All awards will be presented at Tennis Victoria’s Championships Dinner on Monday 29 June, 2015, at the MCG. Sporting Schools Coach Vicky Lee was nominated in the Coaching Excellence ANZ Tennis Hot Shots category. We are delighted to inform you, Vicky have been shortlisted as a finalist (Top 3 in the state)

COACHING EXCELLENCE ANZ TENNIS HOT SHOTS - Vicky Lee has been named as a finalist (Top 3 in the state).

Vicky runs lessons on a Wednesday at Donvale Primary at Lunchtime and after school and week-ends at Doncaster Tennis Club.

Bookings & Enquires:e: vicky@slamin.com.au
m: 0403 129 648

Term 3 2015 enrolment form:

FREE t-shirts: Please remember to claim your child’s FREE t-shirt from: hotshots.tennis.com.au/claim

FREE t-shirts (teenagers/adults): Please remember to claim your FREE t-shirt from: cardiotennis.com.au/register

Vicky Lee