Visual Arts Teacher: This week, we welcomed our new Visual Arts teacher, Mrs Ruth Donaldson to our school. Ruth has an Arts and Design background and comes to us with fabulous references. She loves teaching Art and is so excited about getting to know our students and community. The students have spent this week familiarizing themselves with their new Art teacher and participating in some ‘get to know you’ art activities. Please feel free to visit the Art room and say hi to Mrs Donaldson. I know she would love to meet you.

Kevin Andrews MP: A reminder that we will welcome Kevin Andrews MP to our Assembly tomorrow. Although Anzac Day for this year has passed, we should never forget the Anzac story. Kevin Andrews has recently returned from Gallipoli and will attend our Assembly to speak with our students and community about the message of Anzac Day. I hope that you will be able to join us in sharing the ongoing spirit of Anzac we hold at Donvale PS.

Toilet block upgrade update: We have begun with the tidying up of the breezeway areas in preparation for the toilet block upgrade. The large white cupboard which sat in the middle school breezeway has been removed as too have all the rubbish bins and display boards. The area already looks much neater and cleaner. The breezeways of both toilet blocks will be painted in fresh bright colors making this area of the school look so much more pleasant and appealing. The middle school building toilets will be closed off and will become storage areas with the junior building toilet block being renovated. This block of toilets will cater most adequately for our Foundation to Year 4 students. I am hoping that the upgrade will all be completed by the end of this term – perhaps wishful thinking but I remain positive.

Hot Chocolate Fridays: I would like to send out a big thank you to Melanie Coops and Moira Edwards, two wonderful parents who last Friday after school set up a mini stall in our GP building canteen area. They sold delicious hot chocolates, lamingtons and icy poles to our students and families. Our community warmly embraced the idea with the ladies virtually selling out of everything within 20 minutes. Melanie and Moira plan once again to set up shop this Friday after assembly again selling hot chocolates, lamingtons and icy poles. I know that this generally is the time of the day that hunger pangs strike, so I would like to encourage you to go along to the canteen area and make a purchase. All money raised will go towards upgrading our junior play equipment situated at the front of our school. The mini shop will be open every Friday after school for the remainder of the term.
Open Day: With Open Day / Night fast approaching, members of the PA and School Council are furiously working in getting all the organisation and planning in place for the day. Again this year, we plan to offer a BBQ and hot drinks to our visiting community members. If you have some time to help out with these two stands, we would appreciate you contacting Kim Merton (Parents Association President) and offering your help. Kim can be contacted on 0407 447 434. As usual in schools, we tend to generally have the same people offering up their help. It would be wonderful if offers of support could be gained from members of our community that perhaps may have always thought that they wanted to do something but couldn’t find a way to do. Well, here is that chance. Please don’t hesitate to contact Kim. All offers of help will be very much appreciated.

Mother’s Day: I would like to wish all our Mothers a very special Mother’s day. Hope you get the chance to relax and feel very spoilt on your day – you deserve it!

Dates for your Diary:

‘Paint the Nite’ fundraiser – 7th May – TONIGHT! Not too late to purchase a ticket. Please see Sam or Wendy at the office. Money raised will go towards upgrading our junior school playground.

Working Bee – this Saturday 9th May. We are working on getting the school looking amazing for the Open Day/Night. Starting at 9.00am. Join us if you can.

Triviake Night – May 23rd – start booking your tables and getting your singing voices ready. It is going to be a great night full of surprises! I have booked a table with some Principal colleagues of mine so we will clearly be the table to beat! We have already started studying in our spare time.

Hope you are having a wonderful week!

Lena Clark

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**Cross Country**

Come and join us for our

**Cross Country Carnival**

**Friday 15th of May**

11:30am - 1:30pm on the Oval.

All students to wear their sports uniforms OR house colours.

We would love to see you there!
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**General**

**From The Office**

**Payment Notices and Permission Forms**

At Donvale Primary School we strive to minimise our waste and environmental impact in every aspect. This includes in the office where we regularly need to print bulk billing payment notices and permission forms for students. With three excursions in this week alone, we have noticed a significant increase in the number of payment notices and permission forms that have needed to be reprinted for students multiple times. In efforts to continue being an environmentally friendly school, we ask that parents please endeavour to return the first copy of payment notices and permission forms that they receive to avoid Wendy and myself having to print out multiple copies.

**Visitor Sign In and Passes**

Thanks to a recent upgrade to our Visitor Sign In system, it is now even easier for parents to sign in at school. When signing in and out please now select the ‘Parent Helper’ menu option for a much speedier process. Since the introduction of the iPad sign in system we have had a number of our Visitor Passes on lanyards go missing or fail to be returned. If anybody has any of these passes could they please bring them back into the office as soon as possible. I would like to thank everybody for their assistance and co-operation since the introduction of the new system at the beginning of the year. This process forms an important part of our student safety procedures here at Donvale and your support with this has been greatly appreciated.
Is your child in prep this year?

This year you would have received the A Healthy Start to School brochure as part of your Prep library bag. An information booklet designed to help you and your child transition into school.

This was the first year the booklet was produced and the Victorian Government is seeking feedback from parents on its usefulness via an online survey.

By completing the online Healthy start to school survey you can contribute to the future content of the booklet and share experiences that may be useful to future Prep parents.

The survey takes about ten minutes.

To access the survey, visit: A Healthy Start to School - A guide for parents of prep children in 2015

School Nurse Visit

Cathy Pataki a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training will be attending the school to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents’ consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

Parents are invited to contact the visiting primary school nurse if there are any issues they wish to discuss. The contact number for the visiting primary school nurse is 0412 161 472.

Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office. This completed Referral form needs to be returned to the school office.

Music Makers Choir performance

The level 3/4 choir are planning to perform at assembly tomorrow in conjunction with a visit from Kevin Andrews. They will be singing “Here You Lie”, a reflective song associated with Anzac Day.

Growing Healthy Minds

Mindful in May is going very well in Level 5/6!

Check out the link below, entitled ‘Just Breathe’. It is a great example of young children dealing with their own emotions, using a simple and free technique - their own breath.

“The film is entirely unscripted – what the kids say is based purely on their own neuro-scientific understanding of difficult emotions, and how they cope through breathing and meditation. They, in turn, are teaching us all…”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVA2N6tX2cg&app=desktop

Lashay Cartledge, on behalf of Level 5/6
Mindful in May by Mason P (Year 6)

Mindful in May is a great thing that we can do as a Level. Instead of just normal meditation, every day we do something new.

It is for a good cause, and everybody enjoys it. The best thing about it is that even if you don’t have PE, and miss out on exercising your body, with Mindful in May, you can still exercise your brain.

By paying our $30 sign-up fee, we are helping towards raising enough money to give two thousand African children clean water!

Every day one child in our level writes what Mindful in May did for them in the ‘MIM diary’.

Here are a few examples…

*I thought to myself, just relax, let your worries and Silly thoughts fly away.* Sophie L

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

*It was nice to drop Anchor and take time to relax.* Mason

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**Basketball**

Basketball times for games on Saturday 9th of May.

Dynamites vs OLOP Piranhas at 3.10pm at DISC 1

Destroyers vs OLOP Redbacks at 1.30pm at DISC 2

Demons vs Donburn Tornadoes at 11.50am at DISC 2

Daredevils vs Beverley Hills Broncos at 2.20pm at Leeds Street

Dreamers vs Beverley Hills Belles at 9.20am at DISC 1

Daisies vs OLOP Pinecones at 9.20am at DISC 2

Daffodils vs Diamonds at 10.10am at DISC 1

Dolphins vs OLOP Ladybirds at 11.00am at DISC 2

Daisies will be training in the GP room on Tuesday the 12th of May.

Diamonds must wear the alternate tops for this game.

The Dreamers have been playing fabulously with Jade Mc shooting some awesome goals a couple of weeks ago. A special mention also goes to Jessica C who scored her personal best of 5 goals last weekend, what a great effort. Terrific game played in the Donvale Derby, well done to both the Daisies and Dreamers.

The Diamonds showed great determination, they ran hard for the whole game and never gave up. Their defensive skills and confidence to chase the ball are improving. Eva has found a secret weapon – chocolate on breakfast cereal. Yum!

The Destroyers destroyed Donburn, with all players playing exceptionally well. Special mention to Lachlan for scoring 10 goals.
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?

For those that are new to our school, please read below to learn all about how KidsMatter benefits your child and our school community.

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

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](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 have participated in four 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!

Lashay Cartledge Wellbeing Coordinator.
Junior Chef Club

This week's junior chefs showed us that they were a very caring bunch of children.

They shared the food equally even though some ate very quickly, some were slow eaters and some had to leave early.

Their creations were magnificent, some even tried hot chilli sauce.

Well done boys and girls.

Next Tuesday is the turn of the group 4 to join us in the kitchen.

Ingredients we need are: lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber and cabbage.

Thank you to Marina Younger, Vicky Siatos, Jacinta Erwin, Kim Merton, Christine Cowell, Mrs Clark, Ms E, Miss M and Martin for helping with the program.

Please stay tuned as we will be having authentic cooking demonstrations with dishes from around the world at the school Open Day which is Wednesday 20th of May.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

BIG THUMBS UP:

- Ella M 34M for delivering the spring onions on time for us to use and also joining us to enjoy the hot green curry chicken with us.

FROM THE KEBAB HOUSE:

- Hayden D 34E: It's a beautiful dish and the bread was lovely.
- Alex B 34M: I could eat a million of them.
- Stephanie B FB: Fun to do and delicious.
- Georgia G FB: I like making them and delicious.
- Aeryn K FB: Good.
- Indi M 12W: Very tasty.
- Allie E 12W: Going to cook for Mummy on Mothers day.
- Peter T 12W: It was delicious.
- Spencer P 12W: It was my first lesson and it was delicious.
- Amy L 12W: Thought they tasted delicious and magnificent.
- Jackson C 34M: Beautiful flavour.
- Lachlan H 34M: Fantastic.
- Nikita S 34M: Best ever.
- Zoe S 34M: Deliciously awesome.
- Yuting W 34M: Good.
- Lily V 34E: Speechless.
- Kamari V 34E: Yummy.
- Robbi S 34E: It was ok.
- Connor R 34E: Good flavour.
- Eddy S 34M: Not the best I've had.
Dear families,

To celebrate Mother’s Day this weekend, the children have been busy making lots of gifts and crafts for their mothers. Football has also been a highlight for the children and the grade fives have even invented their own game of “Football Tiggy”!

Over the last few weeks we have been working on a variety of different science experiments. These do not always turn out perfectly and sometimes we do not see the results straight away. I want to commend the children for their flexibility of mind and their ability to problem solve when faced with these situations. It is wonderful to see them developing the skills essential to becoming lifelong learners. After a patient three week wait we are finally seeing changes in our Bouncy egg experiment with many of the egg shells dissolving.

Next week, our goal is to try lots of new things! This includes cooking recipes, crafts, games and even afternoon tea ideas.

Wishing all the mothers a very happy Mother’s Day this weekend from everyone at OshClub.

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](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.*
IT'S Flat-Out Friday

Friday 8 May
Great gifts from $1.00 - $6.00
BYO bag to take your goodies home.
Helpers needed from 9am to 12.45pm.
RSVP text your time availability
to Kim Merton - 0407 447 434

TRIVIOKE!!!
Saturday 23 May.
Donvale Primary will be the

Get your Ticket Forms in to book your table.

As handy as a pocket-knife!

New Stuff wanted for Trivia Night Hampers.

Any donations would be gratefully appreciated.
Please drop any contributions into the baskets in your classroom.

Even more to come ......
PA Barbie Open Day – Wednesday 20 May
Asian Meal Deal Wednesday 27 May
Dim Sim & Sausage roll recess sales!!
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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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

You will be able to purchase:

- Hamburgers with coleslaw $4.00
- Sausages in bread $2.50
- With or without onion
- Soft drink $1.50
- Pop Top $1.50
- Water $1.00
- Coffee - $2.50
- Tea - $2.50
- Hot Chocolate - $2.50

Birthday Wishes To


Who are celebrating birthdays from 8th - 14th May

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