Curriculum Day: Last Friday, teachers from Donvale PS attended a full day of professional learning focused on teaching mathematics. We shared the day with teachers from Templestowe Valley PS who very kindly hosted the event. The day was facilitated by a renowned Numeracy consultant, Mr Michael Ymer. We all came away from the day with fresh ideas and enthusiasm as to how we can best teach mathematics to our students. It was doubly beneficial in that we shared the day with teachers from another school. This allowed us to learn from each other and share our best practice. A very productive day was had by all with many thanks to the staff of Templestowe Valley PS for sharing the day with us. We look forward to reciprocating the gesture in the very near future.

Student Reports: Our teachers are currently working on mid-year reports for our students. At Donvale PS, we take reporting to parents very seriously and understand the importance of providing you with an accurate account of how your child is progressing academically, socially and emotionally. As such, the reporting process is quite lengthy and follows a logical timeline. Prior to beginning report writing teachers complete student assessments and compare evidence of learning to the Australian National Curriculum - Victorian Essential Learning Standards (AusVELS) across the domains. Evidence of learning consists of things that students say, make, write or do that communicate their understanding of concepts and mastery of skills. Teachers use this evidence to make judgments about student achievement along a continuum and enter this information into our assessment and reporting programs. As well as student learning being plotted on the continuum, comments are also added to explain to parents what their children have achieved and areas for improvement or future learning. After a proof-reading process is completed, reports will be ready to print and then sent home in readiness for the Parent / Teacher interviews scheduled for Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th June – with Wednesday being the late night interview day. Reports will go home Friday June 19th. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers for their time, energy and effort in writing their student reports. It takes many hours of work most of which is done in the teacher’s own time. I know that the just passed long weekend was spent by most of our teachers writing student reports not to mention the many late nights they have spent during the term. They are also continuing on with their full teaching program and are now beginning to plan for Term 3. We are very fortunate at Donvale PS to have dedicated teachers who always focus on the students and ensuring that they can provide the best learning opportunities for them. I am very grateful, as the Principal of Donvale PS, to have such a committed staff and I know our parent community is also.

Our Values

• Respect
• Responsibility
• Resilience
• Compassion
At Donvale PS, we know that working together with our parent community provides the students with greater opportunities for effective learning. Below is a list of some suggested activities of what you can do at home to help with your child’s literacy and numeracy learning and support the great work we are doing at school.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO TO ASSIST YOUR CHILD AT HOME**

- Emailing family and friends
- Using social network sites to communicate with family and friends
- Reading a book series together
- Reading the instructions for a new item together to find out how it works
- Recording family events or travel experiences in a journal or on an online blog
- Writing plays and performing them for family and friends
- Reading, selecting and collecting news articles and creating an album about a sporting team, pet type or leisure activity
- Solving crosswords, word puzzles, brain teasers, playing word games and quizzes together
- Browsing libraries and book shops together
- Making an iMovie on the iPad together
- Following a map or brochure on an outing, including reading the public transport timetables and information signs at public places.

If you are ever looking for fun games and activities I encourage you to look at the following website:


Enjoy making a leisure experience, one with a learning opportunity.

**Committee Members Wanted!** Each year our Parents Association do an absolutely marvellous job with fundraising for our school. With the success of our recent Trivioke Night, the total amount of money that has been raised so far this year is just in excess of $17,000. The year is not over so we anticipate this amount to rise as the remaining scheduled fundraisers for the year take place. The amount raised so far is simply an outstanding effort that can only have been achieved through the hard work of our PA members and with the support of our entire community. As stated, it has been suggested that the money raised is to go towards the upgrade of our junior school playground. This is a significant project and one which should be undertaken with complete consultation with our community. As such, I would like to form a committee whose role would be to survey and consult our community in determining the best way we can move forward with this. It will also involve seeking advice from experts in school play areas and addressing issues such as compliance and OH&S. It may also be determined that this money may not quite be enough for what the community feel would be suitable for the area. What then? Discussions such as this, plus many others, I’m sure, will need to take place so that we can achieve the best outcome for our students. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact me by Friday 12th June at the latest. I’m looking forward to forming a committee that will represent our community’s viewpoints and contribute positively to enabling this very exciting project to move forward as soon as possible.
Cyberbullying Parent Forum: Last night, parents of Donvale PS had the opportunity to attend a forum presented by Catherine Gerhardt from ‘Kidproof Australia.’ The forum focused on how as parents, you can protect your children when they are engaged with online activities. Thank you to the parents and staff who attended last night.

Some tips to help parents support their child’s interactions with media and minimise potential risks are:

- Get online with your child
- Expect kids to behave well online
- Model appropriate online behaviour
- Praise kids for doing well online
- Use current media stories to start the conversation
- Move kids out of their bedrooms with technology – keep it public
- Know who your kids are connecting with online
- Set rules and guidelines
- Enforce consequences
- Be their ‘friend’ on social media sites
- Help them set their privacy settings correctly
- Take a proactive and preventative stand
- Be aware of strangeness more than strangers
- Know and try the apps and websites your kids are using
- Don’t threaten to take away the technology

- Remember the world wide web is the biggest public space your child will ever hang out in
- Monitor your child’s online activities as best you can
- Start those difficult conversations today; it may be difficult but it is far easier than dealing with the worst case scenario after it happens.
- Teach you kids to self-monitor online
- Encourage them to speak up about online misuse
- Request both random and advanced access to their online presence
- Consider signing a family internet contract
- Know their passwords
- Educate yourself – don’t be a dinosaur
- Don’t let the technology take over your parenting.

Dates for your diary...

Planning Week beginning Monday 15th June:

Monday – Year 5 / 6 planning day
Tuesday – Year 3 / 4 planning day
Wednesday – Foundation, Year 1 / 2 and Specialist teachers planning day

Monday 15th June – Whole school Dance and Social & Emotional Learning program facilitated by ‘Footsteps’.

Parent / Teacher Interviews – Tuesday 23rd 3.40 -6.00pm and Wednesday 24th June 3.40pm – 6.00pm & 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Parents will again have the opportunity to make appointments via our online booking system. More information will go home shortly.

Hope you’re having a wonderful week.

Lena Clark
### June

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### General

#### 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.

#### VOMITING

We have had a number of students vomiting at school. Many different things can make kids throw up. In most cases, though, vomiting in children is caused by gastroenteritis, an infection of the digestive tract. Gastroenteritis, often called the "stomach flu," usually is caused by common viruses that we come into contact with every day. Besides causing vomiting, **it also can cause nausea and diarrhea**.

Vomiting due to gastroenteritis is caused by viruses that can spread to others and bring the school into a mass of vomiting children as well as staff. So keep your child home from school until there's been **no vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours**. And remember that washing hands well and often is the best way to protect your family against many infections.

We understand it can be extremely frustrating when you're a working parent and you need to get back to work. Most children have the odd vomit or upset stomach - either from over-eating, nerves, over-heating or for absolutely no particular reason. There is usually absolutely nothing wrong with them at all.

However, vomiting and diarrhoea are also symptoms of some very infectious diseases, the spread which can be reduced by excluding the infectious child from contact with others who are at risk of catching the infection. We ask for parent’s understanding and support regarding this matter.

#### STEPS FOR BRAIN CANCER

My fundraising challenge for the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation continues this week and I would like to thank the DPS community for their support thus far. I’ve had so many kind words of encouragement, very generous donations and even offers of company whilst I walk during lunch times and after school. It has truly been amazing and very humbling. Please follow the link to my fundraising page to check out my total step count, $$ raised so far and some photos of the journey.

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

*Be* Signorini
The group 6 children were a fantastic bunch of little chefs. They made their kebab mixture so confidently, and knew all the reasons behind every step of the recipe. They were so polite and shared the food fairly.

After the session finished, the senior children stayed behind to help us out with the clean up. Well done boys and girls.

By now all the children have learned about simple but critical food safety hygiene.

All our recipes from this term are in this year’s cookbook which was distributed online last term.

Thank you to the Kraus, Younger and Loccisano for their donations.

Also thank you to Marina Younger, Jaqui Frigo, Wanan Valentine, Kim Merton, Jacinta Erwin, Mrs Clark and Martin for helping with the program.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitoff

FROM THE KEBAB HOUSE:

- Martin the photographer: The best group ever, very quiet and polite too.
  (Wow ... normally Martin never gives comments)
- Jaimee E 34M: Being the leader was fun and the kebabs were really yum.
- Luca L 34R: "Bruce" the kebab was awesome.
- Charlotte B FGH: It looked nice.
- Ava H FGH: I liked the carrots, the flat bread and the thing on the stick.
- Brooke H FGH: All of it was so yum.
- Ruby V FGH: I liked it because I made it.
- Connor P 12S: Kebabs were delicious.
- James T 12S: It was brilliant and I loved the taste of the meat.
- Ashleigh S 12S: They were yummy and I loved it.
- Kade W F1H: I didn't like it but I liked the flat bread and salad.
- Gemma G 34R: Kebab goes nice with the hot bread.
- Alyse C 34R: It's good because I plated it up nice.
- Ruby C 34M: They are really yum.
- Abbey G 34M: Delicious, I loved it.
- Ella M 34E: It's the best kebab I have ever had!
- Leah B 56C: Just like a sausage on a stick, Perfect for lunches Mum!!
- Michael W 56W: I made mine a taco.
Dear families,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing long weekend! This coming week is filled with lots of exciting activities to keep us busy in the last few weeks of term. We will be continuing our winter crafts with ice cube painting, pompom crafts and making our own kites to fly. We will also be testing out a few new group games at OshClub including ‘Dodgeball Skittles’ and ‘Ship, Shark, Shore’.

I will be back from my teacher placements next week and am looking forward to seeing all the OshClub children and families. I would like to say a big thank you to Jennifer for Coordinating whilst I have been away and to Mrs Collins for all the help and support.

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.
Parent’s Association

FRIDAY AFTERNOON TREATS

THIS FRIDAY 12 JUNE
Hot Chocolate - $2 plus other delicious morsels.

Fill a box for $40.00
WE ARE TAKING 50–90% OFF EVERYTHING
Thousands of fantastic children's books will be on sale, including paperback novels, picture and chapter books, activity items and much more!
Thurs 11 June – 8am to 5pm Fri 12 June – 8am to 5pm
9–11 Northern Road West Heidelberg

Ticket Order Forms due – last day - Friday 12 June
Minions – the Movie - Sunday 21 June 2015 - Croydon Cinema
$11 tickets & a range of snack options.
Extra Forms at the Office.

Birthday Wishes To

Daniel P, Harrison M, Luca C-S

Who are celebrating birthdays from 12th to 18th June
More information on the following advertising is available from the office:


Victorian Youth Theatre - Acting courses for young people (aged 8-18). 13 locations across Melbourne.

What's in the Box - Designers and Creators Market, Box Hill Town Hall. (14th June, 12th Sept, 12th Dec).

Warrandyte Tennis Club - Wednesday nights and Thursday mornings. Sections suit all experience levels.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS:

Park Orchards Basketball Club - We are running our very successful 3 on 3 basketball tournament ("Half Court Hero's) again during the term 3 holidays. It is a great way to keep the kids entertained and active for 3 days during the school break.

Nunawading Basketball Stadium - Amp It Up - develop your basketball skills.

BTYC - Learn exciting skills such as rolls, handstands, cartwheels, and much more.

Westside Circus Brunswick - General circus classes covering a range of disciplines including juggling, hula-hooping, acrobalance, aerials, tumbling and more!

Manningham YMCA - Basketball skills clinic at Manningham DISC.

Park Orchards Steelers - Basketball - Registrations now open.

Inviting all boys and girls aged 5-12 to come and join us in a footy fun day this July!

The AFL Victoria School Holiday Programs introduce boys and girls to the basic skills of Australian Football. The program is a fun and inclusive program and includes football skills and drills, mini games and a ‘fun football’ experience.

Box Hill, Bundoora, Casey, Moorabbin, Altona, Pakenham, North Melbourne

For more information or to register please visit [http://www.aflvicholidayprograms.com.au/](http://www.aflvicholidayprograms.com.au/)