Welcome back! I trust that the recent holiday break gave you the opportunity to enjoy some quality time with family and friends. It's great to see the children looking so well and even more pleasing to see them excited about returning to school to catch up with their friends and teachers. It is a going to be yet another very busy term where the teachers have planned an exciting program of teaching and learning. Our biennial School Production is this term and the students have already begun rehearsals for this spectacular to be held towards the end of the term. Many thanks to the Production Committee who have already met several times to allow us to hit the ground running with our preparations.

Line Marking: Although we have been on term break, the school has been a busy place in our absence. You may have noticed the new line markings on both the junior and senior side of the school. We now have clearly defined basketball, netball, softball / rounders, volley and bat tennis courts for our students and visiting schools to enjoy. Thank you to our community and the magnificent fund raising efforts of our Parents Association who provided the funding for us to carry out this work. I’m sure you would agree that it looks wonderful. The students are already very much enjoying the newly defined courts.

Upgrades: The toilet renovations are almost complete. Whilst we were assured that all works would be completed by the commencement of Term 3, we still have a little more painting to do before the students are able to use the newly renovated toilet block. Depending on the weather, I am hoping that all painting will be completed by the weekend. In the meantime, the middle school toilet block will remain in use.

You may have also noticed that the breezeway in the middle school building has been given a facelift making it a far more aesthetically pleasing area.

Let’s not forget the planned upgrade of our junior playground. The Playground Committee is hard at work investigating all our options. Hopefully this area of the school will also very shortly receive a facelift.

All of the wonderful upgrades of our school facilities are taking place with the continued support of our community not only through the generous fundraising efforts but further through the many who offer their time and commitment in helping us out in every which way.
Parent Reporting Survey: At the end of Term 2, all parents received their child's mid-year student report. The Education Department has now given all Victorian Government schools the opportunity to develop and format their own student reports. As we are committed to providing our parents with a comprehensive and accurate report on their child's progress, we would appreciate your feedback to enable us to develop a reporting program that delivers just this. This is an opportunity for you to have your say. Your feedback will be considered with our aim being to present the new reporting program by the end of this year. I strongly encourage all our parents to take the time to complete the survey found on the following link.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DGYFL5L

Many thanks to Mr Rick Gordon, our Reporting and Assessment coordinator, for developing the survey.

Veggie Gardens: As mentioned previously, our dedicated Parent, Michelle Bishop, recently sent out letters to several major companies / stores seeking donations for the continued development of our veggie gardens. To date, we have received around $700 in cash and materials / equipment. Many thanks to Bunnings - Nunawading, Masters - Box Hill South, The Greenery – Templestowe, and Aumann’s – Templestowe for their support with this. Of course, a very big thank you to Michelle in sourcing these donations for us – much appreciated! Fingers crossed, we will continue to receive further donations from other stores that have been approached.

Thank you: A very big thank you to the Loccisano family for their very generous donation of 150 sets of playing cards to the school. Playing cards are a great way for students to reinforce their number work in a fun, interactive and engaging way. The teachers are very grateful for the donation and are keen to put the cards to use in their maths lessons.

‘Building Resilience in Schools Grant’: At the end of last term we were informed by the Education Department that we were the recipients of a grant worth $5500 which is to be used in supporting us to measure and strengthen student resilience at our school. The Departmental initiative’s intentions are to support us in identifying issues amongst our students and then provide teachers with professional learning in helping to address these issues. As a ‘KidsMatter’ school, this grant will support the work we are already doing in building student self-esteem, resilience, confidence and social and emotional wellbeing. Please read the articles I have placed in this newsletter (taken from the local paper) in reference to the Grant and information on how, as a parent, you can support the development of your child’s resilience. There is also a flyer attached that provides an invite to all parents to attend a free parenting seminar provided by Manningham Council and Early Childhood Management Services (ECMS). I encourage you to attend this seminar titled ‘Guiding Children’s Behaviour’ facilitated by Dr Louise Porter – a child psychologist with over 30 years experience in private practice consulting with parents and practitioners.

Teachers on Leave: This term we have three teachers who have taken some leave to allow time to travel overseas. We wish Miss Cartledge, Mrs Keep and Mrs Rassias safe and exciting travels and look forward to hearing about their journeys as they return during the term. During their absence, Miss Cartledge is being replaced by Mrs Rochelle Nicks; Mrs Rassias is being replaced by Mrs Nicola Colgate-Jones, and Mrs Keep is replaced by Mrs Claire Rowell. I know that you will join me in welcoming these teachers to our school.

Hope you’re staying warm and having a wonderful week.

Lena Clark
Dear Parents,

The most important thing that we can do as a school community is to make sure we give each and every student a great education and a great start to life.

I know from speaking to many of you that you have great ideas for how we can improve the education we provide our students at school, and more broadly how we can improve our school system as a whole.

I also regularly hear ideas from our staff, our school council, our local businesses and others in the community on how we can make our education system even better.

The Victorian Government has committed to making Victoria the Education State and has recently begun a consultation process – asking for us to share our ideas and experiences, our challenges and solutions – to help us improve our education system across the state.

This is an opportunity for all of us to have our say and play a role in shaping what our education system will look like in the years to come.

I will be thinking about how I can contribute my ideas to this consultation and I will be asking our staff to participate as well. I invite you to join in the conversation, because your ideas and insights – as parents of children currently in our school system – are critical to making sure we get the vision right for our state to become the Education State.

You could also use social media to encourage your family and friends to join the discussion – education impacts everybody, and everyone deserves the opportunity to have their say.

The best way to get involved is to go to educationstate.education.vic.gov.au where you can join in the online conversations or register to attend one of the sessions running across the state throughout June and July.

As always, I invite you to share your ideas with me on what is working well and what we can do better.

Regards

Lena Clark
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Start collecting for our school now!

Don’t forget to remind your friends, relatives and neighbours that when they shop at Woolworths to collect the earn and learn stickers for our school. We have a box at the school office for you to place your stickers and/or sticker sheets. This promotion runs from the 15th July to 8th September. The more stickers we collect, the more resources we can get for our school.

St John’s Incursion 27th July

St John Ambulance will visit our school on Monday 27th July to deliver free First Aid in Schools training to our students. Through the First Aid in Schools program, trained St John presenters will lead students from Foundation to Level 6 through tailored sessions on the importance of First Aid and what to do in the event of an emergency.

Our junior students will learn about how to identify when there is an emergency, keeping themselves safe, and how to call for an ambulance. Senior students will learn about delivering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the things they can do to assist in an emergency.

Students will be given a special piece of homework for parents to complete. We encourage you to “do your homework” and go online with St John to see how much you know about First Aid. Are you First Aid READY?

More information about the St John First Aid in Schools program can be found at: www.stjohnvic.com.au/schools

Mandarin Class (hàn yǔ kè)

2015年7月16日

Don’t understand something in class? Need to ask for help on how to say or do something in Mandarin? Check this out! https://quizlet.com/87257528/asking-for-assistance-flash-cards/

Please use 'dps' as the password to access the quizlet.

A great app for younger students to practise Mandarin vocabulary is Fun Chinese. I have used it briefly in class with Foundation to grade 2 students so far but it has a simple and straight forward interface and a selection of games that students of any age could enjoy!

Happy Mandarin learning!

李老师 (lǐ lǎo shī)
Welcome back everyone.

Our sessions starts next Tuesday the 21st of July.

The timetables have already been handed out earlier this week. Please check on the wall in the Junior Chef room if your child didn't get one.

The menu is: Crispy wonton served on fried rice and savoury coleslaw.

Ingredients we need are: lemons, eggs, cabbage, spring onion and cucumber.

Thank you to all the team helpers for once again agreeing to helping with the program.

Looking forward to being busy with all the group 1 little chefs next week.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

Welcome back Donvale families, another very exciting term of learning is upon us! This week has already been very productive across all year levels and it has been a joy to have everyone back in art.

Foundation: This week we have been exploring our visualisation, cutting and weaving techniques while creating a textured picture of Hairy Maclary.

1 and 2: with much enthusiasm the 1s and 2s have starting making a 3D primary colour tree sculpture. We are using timber, clear acetate and paint to create our sculptures. This art work will cross a couple of weeks but I will be sure to let you know once they are complete and on display.

3 and 4: Have had a ball creating marker pen self-portraits only using dots. Students have used the dots to effectively outline features, enhance shadows and create movement with repetition and direction. The final effect is really quite outstanding and they will be on display shortly.

5 and 6: For the next three weeks seniors’ students are working in small group to produce a Claymation. Students have begun planning their movies and next week will be producing their backgrounds from mixed media items. Once their backgrounds are complete the photography will commence so I will be sure to keep you in the loop with their progress.

One final note that I am very excited about is that I have begun an ART CLUB on Wednesday lunch times. As this is a start-up program which will take time to develop I am offering this to the senior students. During Art Club students will participate in collaborative art works that we plan to install in the gallery near the bike lockers. This will be a slow process to get up and running but as soon as our first installation is up I’ll be sure to announce the news.

Thanks again to all the Donvale Primary students for their artistic efforts!

Cheers Ruth Donaldson – Visual Arts
Some articles featured in the local Manningham Leader and The Weekly Review
Guiding children’s behaviour
Free parent information session

Early Childhood Management Services (ECMS) in partnership with Manningham City Council welcome all families to attend this free information session on “Guiding children’s behaviour”.

In this session, Dr Louise Porter will advocate for a guidance approach to children’s behaviour. This method teaches children to manage their emotions and impulses. The session will also describe how to safeguard children’s self-esteem by acknowledging their achievements and supporting their development.

Date: Thursday 20 August
Time: Arrive 6.45pm for 7pm start
Venue: Ajani Centre - Ted Ajani Reserve, 284 Thompsons Road, Lower Templestowe 3107
Admission: Free
Bookings: Please register your attendance at https://childbehaviour20.eventbrite.com.au
Enquiries: Contact Eva Brennan at ebrennan@ecms.org.au

Presenter profile
Dr Louise Porter is a child psychologist with over 30 years experience in private practice consulting with parents and practitioners.

For more details on this information session and the presenter Dr Louise Porter please visit www.ecms.org.au/parent-information-sessions.

Manningham City Council together with ECMS staff will be available on the night to answer any questions that you might have about local early childhood services.

Presented by Early Childhood Management Services (ECMS) and Manningham City Council
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Dear families,

Welcome back everybody! I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday break. The children have been sharing all their holiday adventures with us at OshClub and it is great to hear that everyone had fun with their families and at holiday programs.

This week we have been redesigning the OSH room. All the children pitched in to help and we are all very proud of our new look. The new design means that there are many more useable spaces for the children including a quiet area, construction area, home corner and both craft and games tables. If you have any feedback or suggestions please let us know.

Next week’s theme is “Little Green Thumbs” and our activities will be focused of nature and the environment around us.

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 ac-
Hope you had a fabulous Term break!!

Actually – PA has great things coming throughout Term 3!

Come along & get involved.

Next PA meeting – this Friday 17 July @ 3.30pm

Planned events include:

- Tasty Treats @ Recess
- 2X Meal Deals
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Production Raffle
- Fathers Day Stall
- Pie Drive (YES!!)
- 5c Fundraiser

Come along & check out what you might like to get involved in!

Put in your 5 cents & the Class that has the most, wins a group prize

More details next week!

Beautiful Chocolate – served after assembly every second Friday

Next Friday Afternoon Treats - Friday 24 July
Scholastic Book Fair Baby!!
Yeah.
Coming to the DPS library near you – 26-28 August.

This is no pie in the sky fundraiser....
It’s happening. Pie Order Form coming home soon.

Birthday Wishes To

Gabriel L, Eva S, Ruby Y, Kate B, Shani B

Who are celebrating birthdays from 17th to 23rd July

Op Shop Volunteers Needed

Doncare needs friendly volunteers to assist them in their Op Shops.
Funds raised in the shops by our volunteers provide substantial funds to our programs in Domestic Violence, Emergency Relief, Family Services, Counselling and Social Support for Seniors.

Call us on 9856 1500
Email us at Opshops@doncare.org.au or drop into one of our shops and ask for an application.