**Our Values**

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Resilience
- Compassion

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**Garden Beds:** We recently were fortunate to receive donations from the Bunnings Nunawading store of several plants comprising of vegetable and flower seedlings and some Australian natives. Our Year 3 / 4 students and some of our Foundation students, spent some time last Friday at our Veggie patch, busily planting, weeding and generally tidying up the area. It is so pleasing to say that all the garden beds have now been fully planted out and all are growing magnificently. The children very much enjoyed the planting and taking care of the garden. All our students are certainly very proud of their achievement and, in particular, watching the plants growing and becoming fruitful. The teachers use this experience in the classroom within their teaching and learning programs to explore, for example, mathematical concepts such as time, measurement and space. The Literacy program is enriched with our students excited to read and write about their experiences and their learning about the science of growth. Of course, sustainability, recycling and healthy eating underpin the focus of the learning. Thank you to Mrs Erskine-Behr and 3 / 4 E for co-ordinating the planting last Friday. Such a great job by all. Also, a very big thank you to Michelle Bishop, our wonderful parent who rallies local community support and managed to arrange for the donation from Bunnings. I encourage you to please take the time to visit our Veggie patch and delight in our students' achievements.

**Visual Arts Display:** Whilst on the topic of celebrating our students work, I hope you are able to take the opportunity to visit the Donvale PS Visual Arts display. As mentioned in last week's newsletter by our Visual Arts teacher, Ruth Donaldson, a display of some of our students recent art work is on display at The Pines shopping centre. This is a terrific celebration of our students' talent. It's just wonderful to have the opportunity to show off to the wider community what we are doing in the Art Room at DPS. A big thank you to Mrs Donaldson for taking her own time in organising and arranging this display.

**Resilience in Schools Program:** As mentioned in previous emails, our school was fortunate to recently receive a grant of $5,500 to support the building of teacher capacity to undertake whole school approaches in enhancing our students’ resilience, optimism, confidence and social and emotional skills. The first part of our involvement in the program requires our Year 3 to 6 students to
participate in an online survey. All parents of students in these year levels recently received information regarding their child’s participation in this survey. Parental permission is of course required so if you are yet to return the signed consent form that was sent home, I urge you to do so before August 31st. The results of the survey will help identify the strengths of our students and enable us to plan for future initiatives in building resiliency. If you have any queries regarding this program, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Lashay Cartledge.

Hooptime: A big congratulations to our Senior Hooptimers for their achievements at last week’s Hooptime event. We certainly do have some wonderful basketballers at Donvale PS all of whom represented our school so proudly. Please see Mr McKinlay’s report in this newsletter for all the details.

Some important dates for your diary…

- Book Fair – Library Thursday 20th and 21st August (Please come along and support our school).
- Book Week Activity Day – Tuesday 25th August (Children come dressed as a book character)
- Whole School Athletics Sports – Friday 21st August – all invited!
- School Council Finance and Education Sub Committee meetings – Wednesday 26th August
- School Council Meeting – Wednesday 2nd September
- State School Spectacular – Saturday 12th September Hisense Arena
- Whole School Production – ‘Eureka’ – Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th September

Hope you're having a wonderful week.

Lena Clark

From The Assistant Principal

Hooptime:
The State Basketball Centre was again the first class facility for our Level 5/6 students to enjoy a fabulous day of basketball matches last Thursday. We travelled to the centre with 2 Future Stars teams and 5 Rookie teams. Even though the pressure was on after the Level 3/4 students had earlier this month staged an All Donvale final, our senior students proved they were up for the challenge with the Donvale Devils playing off against the Donvale Dolphins! Again a huge thank you to Peter and Cassandra Buckle for their time, expertise and enthusiasm for this event and for the many parents who also gave great support in a variety of roles.

House Athletics:
We’re very excited about the first House Athletics Sports to be held at Donvale tomorrow. Along with the friendly, chanting rivalry between our Houses it will be a chance to select the Donvale Athletics Team that will represent our school at the District Athletics meet at Reischieks Reserve on Tuesday 15th September. We all owe Emily Wallis a big thankyou for initiating and coordinating this exciting event. Thanks also to the teachers who have supported Emily with various related tasks. It would be great to see many parents in attendance. The teachers’ race alone should make it worth your while! The meet will commence at 10.40 a.m. for the 3-6 students and at 12.00 p.m. for the F-2 students. The event will close at 1.30 pm for everyone.

Ian McKinlay
Thank you
Bunnings
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**BOOK WEEK - "Books light up our world"**

- 25 Book Week Activity Day
- Lunchtime: Jnr Chef Group 6
- 26 5.30pm: Finance Subcommittee meeting
- 6pm: Education Subcommittee meeting
- 27 Lunchtime: Italian cooking for students

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**Term 4**

Monday 5th October to Friday 18th December
Double stickers this weekend!

Keep collecting those stickers. This Friday, Saturday and Sunday Woolworths will be doing double stickers. That means two stickers for everything $10 spent instead of one.

Some fundraising reminders from the office

Ivan’s Pies - It’s not too late to order the finest selection of pies/pasties for the family. Orders due in tomorrow.

Hair Accessories - Wear our school colours in your hair and raise some money for our school. Forms due back tomorrow. Orders will arrive mid-September.

Book Week - ‘Books light up our world’

Dress Up Day - Tuesday 25th August

All the children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character. Parents are welcome to join in the fun with their own costumes if they wish. There will be a parade (weather permitting) at 9.15 a.m. so we can admire the creativity of each child and try to guess the character and book. The children will then participate in activities based on one of the short listed books for 2015. They will work in multi-age groups with two staff members. This day produces some wonderful displays for our Library, as well as exposing children to fabulous books and the opportunity of working in multi-aged cooperative groups.

Junior School Playground Committee Update

We have met a few times since the last update and are excited to report that the first stage of the upgrade will take place over the next couple of months. This stage includes demolition and removal of the wooden combination unit and bridge unit, as well as refurbishment of the current metal playground structure. Also, a playground border will be installed with a top up of soft fall. If anyone has a contact for soft fall, we would appreciate you letting us know.

On completion of this we will be left with vacant space and would love input from the school community regarding ideas of how to further develop an engaging play area for our children. Please email suggestions or photos of other play areas to dpsjuniorplayground@gmail.com.

Also, in addition to the recent line markings, a couple of hopscotch, a snakes and ladders game and an alphabet snake will be painted on the asphalt around the school.

We’ll keep you posted on the progress, including the plans for Stage 2!

Leanne Maguire
Choir performance

The Junior Jammers and Music Makers choir have been working hard this term and would love to perform for you this Friday at assembly. Family and friends are invited to come along and celebrate the music that we enjoy singing together each week during our lunch time rehearsals.

Recorder classes

A number of students have expressed interest in learning the recorder. I have agreed to trial lessons for the next few weeks with anyone in grade four who is interested. These lessons will be held on Wednesdays at recess and are free. If your child has a recorder they should bring it along next week. If not, I have a number of class recorders they may use.

Mrs Keep
Junior Chef Club

This week's session were full of very enthusiastic chefs. They tried very hard to do the wonton wrapping technique perfectly. Their creations were much better than restaurant ones, as they knew exactly what the filling would be. Some senior chefs stayed behind to help us out with the cleaning. Well done boys and girls.

We also want to teach the children about how good organic food is for their body. I brought some of my home veggie garden produce to the class and showed the students the difference. Thank you to Ms E and her little crew for planting vegetables and herbs in our garden bed.

Thank you to Mrs Collins for donating green beans and carrots this week. Also thank you to Marina Younger, Jaqui Frigo, Christine Cowell, Jan Nitos, Kate Kraus, Jacinta Erwin, Ms E and Martin for helping with the program.
Ingredients we need for next week are: spring onion, tomatoes and cucumber.

The one off Italian cooking class will be on Thursday 27th August at lunch time. Only a few spots are left so if you want to join Laura, this is your last chance. Please send in $4.00 with your child's class and name to the office and we will send home the form.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

FROM THE ORIENTAL KITCHEN:

- Coco C 34E: They are way better than the shop ones and I will make them at home.
- Harrison M 34M: They are "Supercalafragilistic expialidocious".
- Charlotte E FGH: I had fun making them.
- Naysa G FGH: I liked the crunchy thing and I like the rice and I liked putting on the sauce.
- Noah G FB: They were fun to make and it was yummy.
- Matthew M 34R: I like it, I love it, Mm Mm Mm.
- Gabriel L FB: Fun to make.
- Lachlan H 34M: "Funtastic", tasty, crunchy, hard to make.
- Jackson C 34M: 5 stars, marvellous, these are nice, we need more.
- Simon K 12S: This is my first session and I like all the food.
- Gemma G 34R: I love the food and I enjoyed making them, they are all very nice.
- Lily V 34E: They were outstanding.
- Sophie S 34M: I don't like them but I ate some but fun to make.
- Alyse C 34R: Hard to do but very tasty food.
- Ryan A 34R: Fun to make but I can't eat them as I don't like onion and celery.
- Sebastian K 56C: It tastes like an Asian restaurant.
- Zac N 56C: They are really tasty.
- Kyla I 34R: I loved the wontons and I am good at making them too.
- Noah L 12S: They were delicious.
- Nicholas M 12S: I loved everything, but I think the salad had too much vegetables.
The Donvale Primary School students participated in the McDonalds Hooptime last Thursday. The school did very well and ended up with two of their future star teams in the grand final. It was Donvale Devils versus Donvale Dolphins.

In the end the Devils just pulled through and made it to regionals. The Dolphins unfortunately did not make it but we're still really happy for the Devils.

In the Devils who are still thriving winners, are Jasmine, Leah, Jade, Dylan, Michael, Samuel, William, Emma, Izaiah who are continuing on to the regionals but unfortunately the Dolphins who consists of Jessica, Rose, Nadia, Kirralee, Alfie, Tommy, Zed and Jamison, headed home as runners up.

Donvale Devils

Donvale Dolphins

The rookies teams (people who had not played basketball before) had lots of fun and enjoyed every minute of being at Hooptime. Hayley was one of the coaches of the team Ducks and this is what she had to say about Hooptime: "The Ducks were fantastic, they worked hard and executed everything I told them to do. At the end of the day what I enjoyed most was seeing the smiles on their faces."

In the end the day was a success. The grade fives of Donvale Primary School are looking forward for the next round of Hooptime in 2016.

The deers (another rookies team) won all of their games. In the Deers were Chloe, Maggie, Lisa, Khian, Ellery, Reece and Eby. This is what Eby had to say about the day "I love how everyone in my team tried their best. In the end it was a fantastic day because our team won all our games! I am so proud of me and my coach!" The Deers were coached by Madison H and had a fantastic turn out.
The Dominators (a rookies team) did an amazing job on the day. In their team was Laura, Sophie, Amanda, Lucas, Mason, Max, Lilly, Lachie and Sandiv. Laura said after the game "I loved it! How we never gave up." The coach of the Dominators was Lisa, Max's mum. At the end of the day they had won two of their five games.

The Dragons were so happy to be at Hooptime. Their Coach was Madison S and here is what she had to say "I am very proud of my team and have a go and they enjoyed what they were doing on the court. On the first game they were nervous but they still had a go. Well done Dragons." In their team was Olivia, Joel, Dan, Zoe, Anthi, Cameron, Shani and Anistacia. The Dragons won four of five games.

The Dream team was also a rookie team. They played really well and won two out of five games. Kathrine says "My team worked together and tried our best. I love how we always stayed positive throughout the day." In the team was Alexandra, Kathrine, James, Josh, Parvit, Aaron, Eli, Angelica and their coach was Liz.

Basketball is not something you do, it is a feeling,
A feeling like nothing else matters but the ball,
Scoring is your aim, so you can win the game
Keeping hydrated will keep you at number 1,
Experiencing your team winning the final,
To get you into the fine grand final,
Basketball season is nearly over but I could not do it without my peers,
Always supporting me, year after year,
Losing one week, winning another,
Leading everyone on, one after another.

It's the wind in my hair, the squeak of the shoes, that's why we come week after week. We play with intensity and put pressure on the ball. We can let our troubles go and forget everything but the game.

We shoot, we score, we win, we lose, but it's all about what happens next. We weather we call a play, screen or roll, we stick like glue. We help each other, we pass and defend, that's why I turn up each week, too see the smile on my teams face when we win another.
When one falls we all gather around to give them a hand. It gives everyone a chance to smile. We huff and we puff and we get the fast break, we have a sub or a timeout, to figure out what we do next. Half times here and we are up by 10. I get two shots and here the swish, this is why I love the game basketball.

When the ball hits the ring, it's like you have won tatts-lotto,
When the ball goes straight through the net, it's like the stream meeting the ocean,
When you win the game it is like you have won the smile of your best friend
This is why I love basketball

It's the high five with your team when they score a goal,
It is the smile of the other team when you help them up,
It's the way basketball runs these days,
Whether you are on my team or on the other,
We stick together like nothing else matters,
Basketball is a team sport and that's how I like it,
This is why I love basketball!

Hayley P.

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Birthday Wishes To

Milan M, Maisie S, Jedd W, Nicholas M, Samuel D

Who are celebrating birthdays from 21st to 27th August

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Murdoch Childrens Research Institute - Step-a-thon. Registration is free. 31st Aug-6th Sept.
Dear families,

I would like to formally introduce myself. My name is Joyce and I am currently stepping in for Kate while she is on teaching placement. I have been in the industry for roughly ten years and I have just completed my Diploma of Children’s Services. Currently I am studying a Bachelor of Criminology and Psychology hoping to work in the Child Protection field. I would like to thank the staff, children and the families who I have met so far for being so welcoming and making my time so far very enjoyable.

This week we have been discussing various topics and brainstorming ideas for science experiments with Science Week. Next week we will be celebrating Book Week.

Thanks,
Joyce

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.
Friday Bonanza!!!!
Choc Chip Cookies at Recess &
Icy poles at Lunch on Friday
Just the thing for little athletes.
$1.00 each. Sold from the Canteen window.

"I think that I could never spy
A poem as lovely as a pie
A banquet in a single course
Blushing with red tomato sauce
A pie whose crust is oven kissed
Whose gravy scalds the eater's wrist
The pastie and the sausage roll
Have not thy brown mysterious soul ...
"

BARRY HUMPHRIES, extract from Piece in the Form of a Meat Pie

Order your great Australian bite from Ivan's Pies
Send in your order form & money payment
Before end of school Friday 21 August

Term 3 – Raffle coming soon. Great prizes!!

The Scholastic Book Fair is on.
Thursday 20 & Friday 21 August – Before & After school sales
If you can help please contact Karin Moule 0419 583 990

Congratulations to the design winners!
The 5 cent challenge.
If you don't have time to go to the Bank, the Bank comes to you. Cassandra Buckle will be selling 5c pieces on Friday
- before school, throughout sports day and after school.
No limits on spending.
Keep filling those bottles!
Challenge closes Wed 16 September –
Weigh In & winners announced Fri 18 September - last day of Term 3.
Did you know no 5 cent pieces were produced in 1985 & 1986.

Father’s Day Stall coming – Friday 4th September
Sales consultants needed. Please contact Kim Merton 0407 447 434.