School Production – ‘Eureka’: With now only days to go before our School Production it is ready, set, go to show time. The technical rehearsal will take place on Monday where we will be taking the students to the Theatre to finalise all details. We check lighting, sound, seating, costumes and fine tune any of the performances ensuring that the students are feeling comfortable, confident and ready to show off their talents on the night. School Productions at Donvale PS are always extraordinary events. For our first time parents at DPS, I’m sure that you will be, as I was two years ago, so wonderfully amazed at the calibre of what is presented. Most importantly, of course, our Production provides the opportunity for all our students to shine on the big stage. At this point, I would like to say how impressed I have been with all the staff and students this term in preparing for their items. Throughout the term, staff has ensured that our usual Literacy and Numeracy learning programs have endured minimal disruption however, understandably at this stage of preparations, the Production has now become our focus. The rehearsals are going extremely well with the effort and enthusiasm of all the students, staff and parents being outstanding. Well done everyone!

Drama Education in school has so many benefits to students overall. Research shows how the students benefit physically, emotionally, socially and cognitively. The following is a list of why we value drama education at Donvale PS.

◊ **Self-Confidence**: Taking risks in class and performing for an audience teach students to trust their ideas and abilities. The confidence gained in drama applies to school, career, and life.

◊ **Imagination**: Making creative choices, thinking of new ideas, and interpreting familiar material in new ways are essential to drama. Einstein said, “Imagination is more important than knowledge.”

◊ **Empathy**: Acting roles from different situations, time periods, and cultures promotes compassion and tolerance for others’ feeling and viewpoints.

◊ **Cooperation/Collaboration**: Theatre combines the creative ideas and abilities of its participants. The cooperative process includes discussing, negotiating, rehearsing, and performing.

◊ **Concentration**: Playing, practicing, and performing develop a sustained focus of mind, body, and vice which also helps in other school subjects.
and life.

◊ **Communication Skills:** Drama enhances verbal and nonverbal expression of ideas. It improves voice projection, articulation of words, fluency with language, and persuasive speech. Listening and observation skills develop by playing drama games, being an audience, rehearsing, and performing.

◊ **Problem Solving:** Students learn how to communicate the who, what, where, and why to the audience. Improvisation fosters quick-thinking solutions, which leads to greater adaptability in life.

◊ **Fun:** Drama brings play, humour, and laughter to learning; this improves motivation and reduces stress.

◊ **Emotional Outlet:** Pretend play and drama games allow students to express a range of emotions. Aggression and tension are relaxed in a safe, controlled environment, reducing antisocial behaviours.

◊ **Relaxation:** many drama activities reduce stress by releasing mental, physical, and emotional tension.

◊ **Self-Discipline:** The process of moving from ideas to actions to performances teaches the value of practice and perseverance. Drama games and creative movement improve self-control.

◊ **Trust:** The social interaction and risk taking in drama develop trust in self, others, and the process.

◊ **Physical Fitness:** Movement in dram improves flexibility, coordination, balance and control.

◊ **Memory:** Rehearsing and performing words, movements, and cuies strengthen this skill like a muscle.

◊ **Social Awareness:** Legends, myths, poems, stories, and plays used in drama teach students about social issues and conflicts from cultures, past and present, all over the world.

◊ **Aesthetic Appreciation:** Participating in and viewing theatre raise appreciation for the art form. It is important to raise a generation that understands, values, and supports theatre’s place in society.

**State School Spectacular:** All our best wishes to our students representing Donvale PS at the State School Spectacular this Saturday. It is a brilliant event held every year at Hisense Arena. We know the students will make us proud and we look forward to seeing them perform for us at an upcoming assembly. Thank you to Mr Reiter and Mrs Gerraty for all their amazing work and support with the students in preparing for their performance. Enjoy the day!

**Junior Chef:** This week, some of our students had the opportunity to experience a foodies perspective of the Polynesian culture when they came to the Junior Chef room to make some fruity trifle. Many thanks to Barbara Hogland, in particular, for taking the time to share her knowledge of this culture with our children. It really was a very delicious experience! Thank you also to Liang Dimitroff and Marina Younger for their ongoing support with this program. It’s wonderful for our students to have these opportunities in experiencing different foods from around the world. With the continued support from our parent community, I know that there are many more such cultural experiences planned for the future.

**Footy Day:** Yesterday’s Footy hot dog day organised by our Parents Association, managed to raise around $500. This is a wonderful amount which is now planned to be put towards the purchase of new books for the classrooms. Thank you to our PA for organising this day and thank you to our community for supporting the event. As with all we do, our aim is for our students to benefit.

**OSHClub Holiday Program:** A reminder that OSHClub is currently asking all interested parents to participate in a survey to determine the viability of them to running a school holiday program at our school.
Please click on the link below to make your way to the survey.

This will provide OSHC with a much better idea of the numbers of families who would use a Holiday Program at the school and whether it is going to be viable to run one. If you are interested in such a program at our school, I urge you to respond to the survey asap.

Some important dates for your diary:

- State Schools Spectacular  Saturday 12th September
- School Production  Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th September 7.00pm
- End Term 3  Friday 18th September 2.30 Dismissal
- Begin Term 4  Monday 3rd October
- Term 4 Curriculum Day  Monday 2nd November (Student free day)

Hope you’re having a wonderful week.

*Lena Clark*

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**September**

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**Term 4**

Commencement date is Monday 5th October.

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**Birthday Wishes To**


**Who are celebrating birthdays from the 11th to 17th September**
**Last Minute Requests**

We need the following please:

- Some strong people to load staging and props onto the truck and unload at the theatre late Sunday afternoon/evening. Please see me to arrange times.

- A person to volunteer as a follow spot operator for both nights, and who would be available all day next Monday (14th Sept) for tech rehearsal.

**Technical Rehearsal**

We are rehearsing at the theatre on **Monday 9th September**. School uniforms will be worn.

**Performance Details**

7.30pm Tuesday 15th September & Wednesday 16th September.

George Wood Performing Arts Centre,

Yarra Valley Grammar School, Enter via Gate A, Kalinda Rd, Ringwood North.

All students should arrive at the theatre at 7.00pm, (7.15 pm at the latest). Students are expected to perform on both nights. Tickets are still available for both nights, please feel free to invite friends and relatives. Tickets will also be available to purchase on the night.

Thank you.

*Rick Gordon for*

*The Production Committee*

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**General**

**PRODUCTION PHOTOS**

Photos will be on display early next week. The price is $4.00 each or $10.00 for 3 photos. Photos will be printed 6’ x 8’ (15 x 20cm).

**STUDENTS LEAVING DPS**

We are already starting to plan for 2016 and would appreciate it if you can let the school know if your child will not be returning to Donvale next year.

Thank you

**STUDENT BANKING**

There will be **no** student banking next week.
大家好（dà jiā hǎo – Hello everyone)! I have some interesting events to bring to your attention which will take place next week. I know it is a very busy time but if you are interested and have the time, please read on! The Confucius Institute Day event will take place during the day for any parents, guardians and families who would like to enhance their understanding of Chinese culture. The Chinese Cultural Gala performance will take place in the evening. It is a free event however you will need to register for tickets. Please see below for further details! If you see me wandering around the school, please don’t be shy to say a quick nǐ hǎo (Hello) and practise your Mandarin with me!

Ms. Serina Lee
Mandarin

Confucius Institute Day, Thursday September 17th

The Confucius Institute is a centre of education excellence for Australian companies wishing to do business in China, the general public who has an interest in Chinese language and culture and for Chinese companies and executives working in Australia. The Institute is a partnership between the University of Melbourne and the State Government of Victoria, and is affiliated with the Chinese Ministry of Education. It is one of over four hundred Confucius Institutes globally.

– Confucius Institute, University of Melbourne

The three Melbourne-based Confucius Institutes (University of Melbourne, Latrobe University and RMIT University) are joining together in the hosting of this important cultural event. It will take place to celebrate the 11th anniversary of the founding of Confucius Institutes. The event will include a series of sessions showcasing Chinese culture aimed at enhancing attendees' understanding of China. Activities will reflect the regional diversity of China, and changes to Chinese culture over time.
Junior Chef Club

This week we felt like we were in Polynesia with all the tropical fruits, flowers even a few Tongan's words. Thank you to Barbara Hoglund and her team helpers for providing such a treat for the children. Well done boys and girls.

The children are all very smart little chefs. I always have to do my homework otherwise I won't be able to satisfy their ongoing curiosity. They ask me about the relationship between wonton and tortellini, how they look so very similar. About the difference between Aussie style trifle and tropical trifle, and about the possibility that kebab was traditionally made by open fire, and more.

They learn to respect other peoples culture through food. At DPS we also celebrate our multicultural community. We had Japanese sushi with Indian omelette, Chinese wonton with Macedonian influence and Singaporean noodle with Dutch seasoning. Interesting concepts and the dishes were yum...

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff
**SWEET TREAT (TROPICAL TRIFLE)**

While trifle is an English dessert dish, the people of the Pacific Islands have adopted it with great zeal, where it is now a must have on the dessert menu with every special occasion or celebration.

We had the pleasure of making tropical trifle on Tuesday in Junior Chef & I have the honour of announcing its success.

All children who participated thoroughly enjoyed themselves. This was clearly evident by their constant remarks during the session, as to how much they loved what they were doing and what they were making. We gave a little bit more attention and consideration into our ingredients by baking our own sponge cakes, custard made from scratch, fresh fruits and jelly diluted to lessen the sweet intake.

I loved every minute of the session especially knowing the students were having so much fun. They each had their own desert cup that they made their own trifles in and was served with home made lemonade with pineapple. Most of them requested a second serving and was given the opportunity to make another for themselves. I can simply wrap up the session by saying, "We had a ball".

Thanking the school Principal Lena Clark, for allowing this one off session to take place. Thank you Liang for the opportunity and trusting us to wear your shoes on the day and for all your hard work that made this session a success. Thank you also to Marina Younger for your help and effort in ensuring tasks were completed as expected. We missed Laura Emozone on Tuesday, but she played a major role in organising all paper work and making arrangements where ever needed. Thank you Laura! Last but not least, thank you to all the parents that allowed their children to join us in this wonderful experience.

Kind Regards

*Barbara Hoglund*

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**FROM THE SWEET KITCHEN:**

Luca L. 34R: I love custard!
Noah L. 12SM: Delicious and can't stop eating it.
Amin K. 34R: I liked it so much, could not stop eating.
Matin K. 12W: Really delicious and not hard to make.
Theodore H. 12C: Pretty.
Amanda H. 56W: Delicious and easy to make.
Chloe C. FB: Yummy and creamy.
Chloe C. FGH: Delicious.
Ashleigh F. 34R: It was really fun to make.
Karli M. 34R: Magnificent and going for seconds.
Jesse Y. 34R: Reminds me of Hawai'i.
Joshua M. 12C: Really yummy and easy to make.
Rosana S. 12C: Yummy and can't stop eating.
Kirra W. 34E: Magnificent.
Jedd W. 12C: Fantastic.
Amelia S. 12W: Divine.
Eva S. 34E: I want it every single day.
Emma W. 56C: I will be making it again at home.
Rosamund H. 12C: The best thing ever!
Dear families,

Can you believe that we are nearing the end of term 3? Time really does fly when you are having fun and I am certainly having so much fun here at Donvale with the children. This week we have been looking at Endangered animals and making posters as well as adding to our Spring display which will be up shortly. Things to look forward to next week are the “Talk like a Pirate Day” next Friday which will coincide with our last day of term. Next week we have also focused on children’s suggestions and ideas with the activities we have planned.

In regards to the last day of term, we will be starting early at 2:30 and running until 6pm as per usual.

I also look forward to watching the children perform in the school production next week. I know the children are busy rehearsing and are looking forward to their performances.

Until next 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.

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OSHClub 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.
Term 3 – Raffle tickets $2 each in a book of 10. Winners will be grinners with great prizes. Bonus - Family prize of 4 X Croydon Cinema tickets & a block of Marvellous Creations for the most books sold!

Tickets must be returned Wednesday 16 September

Raffle drawn Friday 18 September so all tickets need to be back to be in the draw!

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Big thanks to all the mums who provided exceptional customer service to the choosy customers @ the DPS Fathers Day Stall on Friday 4 September!!

Hope all the dads & pa’s loved their mugs, pens, screw drivers, air fresheners & all the other glorious gifts purchased.

Lets be frank,
Hot Dog day was a huge hit with over 190 kiddies munching on the hot dogs.

Big thanks to the hot dog crew who served up the special lunch on Wednesday!

and the sixth sense donating 5 cents! It’s all making sense!

NOT LONG NOW.
Challenge closes Wed 16 Sept – Weigh In & winners announced Fri 18 September - last day of Term 3.

Pasta time away at the next PA Meeting – Friday 9 October @ 1.30pm, in the Library.
More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

THINGS TO DO IN THE HOLIDAYS:

NUNAWADING TENNIS CLINIC - Mon 21st to Thur 24 Sept, 10am - 2pm. Morning tea/lunch provided.

BUBBLE DOME - Minecraft movies and animation

HEALTHWAYS RECREATION CENTRE - For 5-12 year olds! Activities include: ten pin bowling/art & craft/cooking/ball sports and lots more!

AMPITUPEVENTS - Basketball

IRABINA - Helping children with Autism

DEEP CREEK ANGLICAN CHURCH - Family Fun Day 1st Oct 10am-1pm

The proposed Junior Training nights going forward for Under 10s, Under 12s and Under 14s are that we train on the following nights prior to the Season starting.

Thursday the 17th of September [A training night and also a further registration night]

Tuesday the 22nd of September

Thursday the 24th of September is a School Holiday Cricket camp between 2.00 pm and 4.30 pm followed by a barbecue. More details to follow.

Tuesday the 29th of September

Tuesday the 6th of October.

First Game is a one dayer on Friday the 9th of October 2015.

Warren John McAlpin

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