In developing the vision for the Education State, the government conducted consultation to seek views of Victorians about our schools. Key themes that emerged from the Education State consultation included:

- that improving the quality of teaching is the single biggest thing we can do to improve outcomes for children and young people
- that the need to ensure the overall wellbeing of children and young people is as high a priority as literacy and numeracy, and that the characteristics of a good educator are broader than the capacity to teach literacy and numeracy in a mainstream setting
- the need for all students to have access to quality education regardless of their location, learning needs or backgrounds
- the importance of ensuring students see clear learning and career pathways and have access to appropriate and timely information to make informed choices
- partnerships with communities and businesses help schools to broaden learning experience and develop localised responses to student needs
- the need to consistently monitor student learning progress and school improvement.

The Framework for Improving Student Outcomes is made up of four priorities and six evidence-based initiatives. These include:

1. **Excellence in Teaching and Learning:**

   **Building practice excellence** - Teachers, Principals and schools will work together to exchange knowledge and ideas, develop and strengthen teaching and assessment approaches, build a culture of collaboration, master the use of learning interventions and student data, and enhance feedback to students and staff.

   **Curriculum planning and assessment** - Adjusting curriculum planning and assessment to suit individual student needs so that students can reach their potential.
2. Professional leadership:

*Building leadership teams* - strengthening succession planning, developing the capabilities of leadership teams and building a culture that is focused on improvement.

3. Positive climate for learning:

*Empowering students and building school pride* – engaging the school community and students to have a voice in the learning process, and proudly participating in school life.

*Setting expectations and promoting inclusion* - working with communities to implement a shared approach to supporting health, wellbeing, inclusion and engagement of all students, including behaviour expectations.

4. Community engagement in learning:

*Building communities* - building relationships and partnerships with the broader community.


Some important dates for your diary:

- Whole School Transition – Monday 23rd & 30th Nov, 7th Dec.
- Year 3 / 4 Camp – 25th, 26th & 27th November.
- Parent Helpers Thank you Morning Tea – Tuesday 1st Dec.
- Foundation Breakfast – Wednesday 2nd Dec.
- Swimming Program Commences – Wednesday 9th Dec.
- Year 6 Graduation – Tuesday 15th Dec.
- Carols on the Lawn – Thursday 17th Dec.

Hope you are having a wonderful week.

*Lena Clark*
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Term 4 House Sports

LAP-A-THON

Lace up your shoes, put on your hat, fill up your drink bottle and get moving because this Friday is the Term 4 House Sports Carnival!

Between 11:30 and 1:30, all Donvale Students will be out in the sunshine walking laps of the oval and earning points for their Houses. Students are asked to wear their sports uniform and add a little colour to represent their house.

Kids: remember to bring sun protection as 2 hours of sun can cause a nasty burn.

Adults: if you would like to help on the day you are most welcome. Kim Merton from the Parents Association will there to point you in the right direction.
To all our Parent Helpers

You are invited to a morning tea on Tuesday 1st December from 11.00 - 11.45 in the Senior Building.

The staff look forward to this opportunity of saying a personal thank you for all your assistance during the year in supporting our many wonderful programs and activities.

General

DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONE

We are once again pleading with parents to not park in the drop off/pick up zone. It is not fair for other parents who are trying to drop off/pick up their children and have to go around a parked car. We are asking for your cooperation regarding this matter. Thank you.

FROM THE LIBRARY

All borrowing of library books finishes at the end of next week, Friday 27th. All books need to be returned during the first week of December.

LOST BOMBER JACKET

Daniel S from 34R has lost his bomber jacket and hat. They are both named, please check your labels to see if you have the correct item of clothing and return to Daniel or the office. Thank you.

THANK YOU

Hi Everyone in the Donvale PS Community, on Friday evening we held our annual Disco. Special thanks to the children for coming and for their awesome behaviour. It ran smoothly with the help of many people for which we are very grateful and whom we would like to thank.

The help ranged from preparation in weeks prior to and on the night, assistance from the school office for which we are ever grateful for. Thanks to the kids and parents who helped set up on the night. To the canteen helpers who served our children snacks and the vital supervision of the children inside the hall, doorways and entrance. Also to those who stayed back afterwards to pack up and clean up. Special thanks to some children who helped before, during and after others arrived for the fun, including Amelie Y, Jesse and Emily Y, and Angelica F, Chantelle F and Bianca F, for their assistance and efforts. Thanks to Mrs Cheesman and Mrs Browne in the office, Mrs Clark for being our school staff supervision and Vanessa our Wonderful DJ.

From The Team, Jaqui Frigo, Marina Younger and Virginia Yeoman from The Parents Association.
Art Room News

At the beginning of term Mrs. Clark had a wonderful vision of a whole school collaborative art work in the form of a tree. I am so pleased to share that while it’s been a term in the making I have finally finished the tree mural on the front of the office ready for each student’s contribution. Students across all levels of the school have painted a blossom which will be placed on the tree in celebration of them as creative individuals and of their place within the Donvale Primary community. I am planning to install their artworks on the tree in the upcoming week weather permitting and I will be sure to inform you via Snippets once it’s complete.

As many of you have heard I also have the sad news that I will not be continuing on as the Art teacher at Donvale in 2016. I find myself in this bitter sweet situation due to the wonderful business success of my husband but this does sadly impact on my ability to be available as a teacher.

I feel so very blessed to have shared 2015 with you all. I cannot thank the staff, students and families for welcoming me into the incredible community that is Donvale Primary. I feel very proud of all that the students and I have achieved in the Art room. I hope you share my pride in the direction the art program is now moving and I am confident that 2016 will continue to nurture the creative minds of all Donvale Primary students.

Cheers
Ruth Donaldson
Visual Arts
This week's session went well. All the little chefs were confident and responsible so the session went very smoothly.

The senior children stayed behind to help us out with the clean up.

The foundation children showed their maturity and knew what to do, which made all of us very proud.

Thank you to Marina Younger, Laura Emozione, Kim Merton, Wanan Valentine, Jacinta Erwin, Carolyn Henry, Mrs Clark and Martin for helping with the program.

Group 6 was my last class. After 7 years with my "baby" it's time for me to move on. We are very lucky to have Laura who is willing to continue this program.

Some of the grade 6 children have actually been doing cooking with me every single year since they were in Prep. My first time ever helping with the cooking at this school was about 10 years ago.

My oldest child (who is now 15) was in Prep, and his teacher was Mrs Carol Klein and the integration aid was Mrs Toni Grimes.

We made pancakes, of course I couldn't do what I was supposed to do as my baby (Nash) who was meant to be sleeping in his pram was crying.

And I didn't plan this coincidence that my last class was also making pancakes.

Looking forward to joining in with Barbara in her Tongan kitchen next Tuesday.

Our annual Christmas party is on Wednesday 2 December 2015 at lunch time.

Please RSVP by sending back the bottom part of the invitation to the school.

All the regular little chefs are invited, but if your child is in any of the one off sessions and would like to join us please send in $5 to the office.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

FROM THE SWEET KITCHEN:

- Jaimee E 34M: These are fantastic and I don't want Liang to leave.
- Luca L 34R: Couldn't decide for strawberry or caramel so I had both, pretty good.
- Charlotte B FGH: It was fun.
- Ava H FGH: Yummy.
- Brooke H FGH: Awesome.
- Ruby V FGH: Yummy.
- Ruby C 34M: Really good and I don't want Liang to leave next year.
- Abbey G 34M: Tasty.
- Ella M 34E: It's delicious and I want to make them again.
- Eva S 34E: Brilliant, I want 10 times a day.
- Leah B 56C: Easy, yet amazing.
- Madison H 56C: Terrific meal to end the year.
- Connor P 12S: Pancakes were delicious, I want to make them next year.
- William L 56W: Real easy to make.
- Michael W 56W: Good.
- Rose W-H 56W: Good, better than the ones Mum makes
- James T 12S: Ridiculously delicious.
- Ashleigh S 12S: Yummy.
- Zara W 12S: It was great and yummy.
- Alyse C 34R: Flat and delicious.

Basketball

U11 Boys – Destroyers – This weeks game was against Beverly Hills. While we missed several shots, it is great to see the boys working on set plays during the match. We won the game 37-12. Congratulations to Luca on a personal best of 7 points for the match.

U9 Daredevils.
Fantastic team win by the boys and some great scoring by Spencer. It is wonderful to see everyone doing the things they are learning at training.
Keep it up!

From Dolphins Under 9 Girls. Hard fought game with a thrilling finish. Dolphins had a shot at goal with 7 secs to go and just missed and went down by 1 point. Fantastic defensive game from Zara W. Next week we welcome back Indi M after 6 weeks off with a broken arm. Looking forward to having you back Indi. Go Dolphins

The Demons enjoyed a week off due to a walkover!

Outgrown Basketball Tops Gratefully Accepted!!

Any Grade 6 players, or players not continuing or players that have outgrown their basketball tops that are looking for a home for their old playing tops - all donations gratefully accepted.

Hand any donations into the office or to your Team Manager.
See Charmaine Neil to buy good quality second hand tops.

DIARY DATE

Presentation Night
Monday 14 December – 5.30pm
End of year celebration/presentation for all teams in the Senior Building.
Complimentary sausage sizzle for players and their families.
RSVP Form coming out for catering purposes.
Dear families,

What’s on next week?: Next week we are exploring the world around us and different cultures. We will be creating a giant map of the world to explore our ancestry, experiment with some African cooking recipes, Bollywood dancing and multicultural crafts.

Grade 3/4 Camp: OshClub hopes all our grade three and four students have a fun and exciting time on camp this week. We look forward to hearing about your adventures when you return. Parents, if your child is on camp please remember to cancel your OshClub booking. This can be done online via oshclub.com.au

Birthdays: We have lots of OshClub birthdays to celebrate this coming week! Wishing the following children a very Happy Birthday from OshClub: Oliver O (20th), Ruby V (21st), Hima T (23rd), Chloe C (24th) and to both Kirra W. and Zoe N (26th) who will be celebrating their birthdays on camp!

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. This can be done online at www.oshclub.com.au

### Program Update

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| After Care | **Cooking: African sweet potato cookies** | **Craft: Unity wreath** | **Inquiry: Ancestry map** | **My place in the world** |
| Activities | **Game: Capture the Flag** | **Game: Run the Gauntlet** | **Game: Exchange race** | **Backyard cricket** |

**OSHC program phone:** 0402 362 443/9842 2261

**Coordinator:** Kate

**Assistants:** Caroline and Emily

**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.*
No Icy Pole Recess this week.
Back to a canteen near you, next week.

Get walking – Friday 20 November
House Sports Day @ School – Walk/Run Lap-a-thon.
Includes a special treat from PA!!

To all the parents who helped out at the DPS Disco.
A particular shout out to the Supreme Jaqui Frigo
who always sorts a great night.

A reminder - don’t forget the Pizza Meal Deal
will be coming to those that ordered:
Friday 20 November.
Lunch will be served after completion of the lap-a-thon.

290g Cadbury Marvellous Creations blocks of chocolate
on sale at office for $3.
A delicious bargain!
Birthday Wishes To

Oliver O, Ruby V, Hima T, Chloe C, Bryce V, Kirra W, Zoe N

Who are celebrating birthdays from 20th to 26th November

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