Congratulations to Rose Wallbridge-Hall (Captain), Josh Goodfellow (Captain), Holly Moule (Vice-Captain) and Tommy Weill (Vice-Captain) on their election to the school captaincy positions for 2016. The competition was indeed tight with many of the candidates being very capable and worthy of the roles. All candidates were outstanding in their presentations where they were asked to present to their peers why they should be chosen for the role of Captain. After the votes from their peers and teachers were tallied; Rose, Josh, Holly and Tommy became our elected Captains for 2016. I’m very much looking forward to the opportunity of mentoring these students throughout the year and developing their leadership skills and capabilities. They are great role models and will be wonderful leaders and representatives of our school. Well done to all our students on the very respectful manner they conducted themselves throughout the whole process. We are very proud of you all.

Year 3 / 4 Camp: Last week’s Year 3 / 4 Camp to Camp Adanac was a wonderful opportunity for our students to participate in activities and events that allowed them to develop their independence, social, team building and leadership skills. The teachers had planned well and the children had an interesting schedule of fun activities that kept them occupied for the three days and two nights away. Of course, teacher involvement is at the heart of any successful camp and the teachers on this camp are no exception. Thank you to Mr Reiter, Mrs Rassias, Mrs Erskine-Behr, Mrs Durante, Miss Valentine and our two student teachers; Miss Tarlinton and Miss Batrouney for all their hard work in ensuring a successful camp. They ensured the safety and well-being of every student. During the day, they guided and encouraged students and at night, they reassured those that may have been missing their mum or perhaps feeling a little scared of night monsters that may have been lurking. It was a fantastic camp where a great time was had by all.

Foundation Breakfast: The Foundation students excitedly arrived to school early yesterday morning still dressed in their pyjamas, ready to participate in the first part of the DPS whole school camping program. After a hearty breakfast, the students brushed their teeth, got dressed into their school uniforms and prepared themselves for the school day. It is a terrific way to support the children in building their independence and resilience. Thank you to the Foundation teachers, Mrs Hodgens, Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Wright, Miss Brown and Miss Colson (student teacher) for all their planning and preparation with this program. It was a wonderful morning.
**Battle of the Bands:** Last Sunday, several of our students competed in Wonnies’ ‘Battle of the Bands’ held at Andersons Creek PS. Congratulations to all our band members who represented our school so marvellously. Our Junior band (Kirra, Noah, Jesse, Amin, Ryan, Chris, Sophie, and Josh) were outstanding with their rendition of ‘Jessie’s Girl’ and our Senior Band (Emma, Ella, Anise, Daniel, and Jamieson) placed third out of six with their performances of ‘Say Geronimo’ and ‘Price Tag’. Such a fabulous effort by all our students. We are very proud of their talents and achievements. Thank you to the teachers from Wonnies for supporting our students and developing their musical skills and talent.

**Special Religious Instruction:** The new Ministerial Direction and Special Religious Instruction Policy states that SRI may only be delivered during lunchtime or in the hour before or after school. These requirements make the delivery of this program extremely difficult for us. As such, after consulting with staff, School Council and ACCES Ministries, I have decided that SRI will no longer continue at Donvale PS.

The Victorian government has introduced new curriculum requirements to ensure students learn about global cultures, ethics, traditions and faiths and to build strong and respectful relationships.

The new curriculum will be taught by school teachers, who will receive training and guidance to deliver the new content across four existing curriculum areas: Civics and Citizenship, Ethical Understanding, Intercultural Understanding, and Personal and Social Capability.

These changes reflect the importance of religion and ethics in our society and ensure that all school students, regardless of their background or faith, can learn about the ideas and values that define a modern, multicultural Victoria.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the members of ACCESS ministries, past and present, who have contributed to the SRI program at DPS over the years.

**Junior Chef Xmas lunch:** This is such a special event that our Junior Chefs thoroughly enjoy every year. Yesterday, around 136 students enjoyed the delicious feast that was created by the many parents who have been involved in the program this year. The menu this year consisted of a selection of foods the children have cooked throughout the year. Everything was just delicious! So much so that most of the children went back for seconds, thirds and possibly even more! A very big THANK YOU, in particular, to Liang and Martin Dimitroff for working so hard over the last seven years in making this program the wonderful success that it is. Of course, they couldn’t have done it without the support of the many parents – so also a big thank you to the many parents who have supported the program. Yesterday I counted around 25 parents that were at the Christmas party helping out with the food preparation, organising, setting up, serving and cleaning up. Liang and Martin’s time at Donvale PS is coming to an end this year as their youngest child is moving on to secondary school. Their contribution to our school over their time with us has been immeasurable. We wish them all the very best and will miss their valued support.

**New teaching staff to Donvale PS:** With all new teaching appointments now finalised, I am pleased to announce and welcome the following new teachers to the staff of Donvale PS.

Mrs Jesamine Chin – Class Teacher
Ms Jayde Valentine – Class Teacher
Mrs Rochelle Nicks – Class Teacher
Mr Christian Garcia – Class Teacher
Mrs Clare Jones – Class Teacher
Mr Michael Chigros – Xeni – Class Teacher
Mrs Deborah DeStefanis – Visual Arts
Mr Michael Hogg – Physical Education / Sport

I’m sure you will join me in welcoming the new staff members to our community.
Meet the teacher: Next Monday, your child will have the opportunity to move to their classroom and spend an hour with their 2016 class and teacher. As mentioned in previous emails, class structures have taken many hours of consideration by leadership and the staff. In forming classes, we take into account what we believe to be the best learning opportunities and interests of each child. As part of this, we consider student and parent requests where possible and of course, teacher feedback. Again, I ask parents to respect the decisions we have made and appreciate that our decisions are final.

Some important reminders for your diary:

End of Year reports go home: Friday 11th December

Year 6 Graduation: Tuesday 15th December at the Whitehorse Centre, Nunawading. Graduates arriving at 5.30pm for dinner. The doors open at 7.30pm for family and friends with the Ceremony commencing at 7.45pm.

Carols on the Lawn: Thursday 17th December 6.00pm. Show starts at 6.30. Bring along something to eat and drink, something to sit on and some Christmas cheer. I’m sure if we continue to be nice that a very special visitor may make his way to the event too.

Last day of Term 4: Friday 18th December - early dismissal at 1.30pm. Final Assembly for 2015 commencing at 12.45pm.

Hope you’re having a wonderful week.

Lena Clark
### December

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Our annual **Carols on the Lawn** will be held in the final week of term.

**Thursday December 17, 6.00pm**

Bring along your rugs/chairs and some food to eat (picnic or takeaway) and enjoy a relaxing evening on the senior lawn with all our school families.

The program will commence at 6.30pm and all children will be participating, each grade level will present some songs together and we’ll also hear from our three choirs.

We are hoping that Santa may even arrive towards the end of the evening!

Students may wear casual clothes and in particular Christmas colours/t-shirts/hats etc. if they wish.

Please keep the date free and come along for this fun evening.

(If the weather is inclement we’ll hold the event indoors)

Regards,

Anthea Keep
LIBRARY
No more borrowing of books. All books due back now!

SUBWAY LUNCH
There will be NO Subway orders on the last day of term. Last Subway orders will be Friday 11th.

STUDENT BANKING
Next week will be the last week for student banking. Any rewards ordered now will only be handed out next year.

SWIMMING PROGRAM
The whole school swimming program starts on Wednesday 9th and runs until Wednesday 16th. Notices went home last week outlining the program and times. Payment for this program was included in bulk billing. If you have not paid for swimming and want your child to participate, please pay at the office ASAP.

Thank you

JUNIOR PLAYGROUND UPDATE
Stage 1 is complete! It is exciting to report that refurbishment of the metal structure, addition of a playground border and decking of the sandpit area are now finished.

Once again a big thank you to everyone who helped achieve this. There are plans for a Friendship Chair and a couple of other additions which we will carry over into 2016.

Leanne Maguire

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE TOMMY W
Over the weekend Tommy W, 56C qualified to swim in the up coming State Championships in the 200 IM.

He should be very proud of himself as it was extremely hard and a 200 IM is one of the hardest events. He will now compete on Monday 14th in at MSAC. Good luck and well done Tommy!
Yesterday we had 136 children attend our last Christmas party.
It was a great day and everyone had a good time. The party was a huge job, but thankfully we had an army of helpers who as always smiled and were ready to lend a hand for the children.

Thank you to the grade 6 children for hosting, running of the party and cleaning up afterwards.

Thank you to Marina Younger, Laura Emozione, Vicky and Tim Siatos, Jaqui Frigo, Kristina Irvine, Carolyn Henry, Jan Nitsos, Ellen Fraser, Nat Tsui, Michiko Cruse, Aya Chan, Trina Van Den Berg, Wanan Valentine, Nancy Kontos, Liz Brown, Kate Kraus, Jenni Raftopoulos, Carolyn Bickers, Liza Drakos, Kim Merton, Nicola Leyh, Jass Kalsi, Kym Wolff, Katrina Larder, Tania Smith, Kate Pascale, Marita Warner, Wendy Hong and Martin who worked very hard to make it happen.

Thank you everyone who donated a bit here and there to make this party a success in many ways.

Also a big thank you to Gus from "Tunstall Fresh" at Tunstall Square for donating fresh vegetables, fruits and the most beautiful fruit platter ever.

This year's menu consisted of:
1. Mini kebab on skewer
2. Crispy wonton
3. Fried rice
4. Pasta with tomato sauce
5. Californian Sushi rolls
6. Fruit platter
7. Cookies
8. Cupcakes
9. Mini fruit tarts

The children brought their own water bottles and took home their goody bags.

We don't cook, we create food.

Liang Dimitroff

PS: No food was left over after our hungry Junior Chefs left the room.
Dear families,

**What's on next week?** Next week we will be starting our Christmas celebrations at OshClub with lots of fun Christmas crafts. We have also arranged to have a special visit from a member from the Salvation army on Wednesday who will talk to the children about the organisation, donating old toys and helping others. It is also Mrs Collins last week at the program and so we will be having a goodbye party on Thursday afternoon. It would be great to see you all there to farewell Mrs Collins.

**Last day of term:** OshClub will be running from 1.30pm on the last day of term to accommodate the early finish time.

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](http://www.oshclub.com.au)

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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](http://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.*
U9 Daredevils - A fast, clean and skillful game. Fantastic win by the boys. Congratulations on making it to the Grand Final! Good luck!

U 11 Boys Destroyers - After a wonderful season where we have seen all 10 players develop and improve on their knowledge and skills of the game, the Destroyers again met OLOP Crocs in their finals match. This season we have had tight matches with the Crocs on each of the occasions we have met, including a draw and two encounters where we’ve been within 2 points of each other. Our final on Saturday afternoon was no exception. The preparation was not in our favour after a very busy week at camp, however, the boys, whilst very tired, came out fighting and started well with a six point lead early on. The game was tough, with very few whistle blows and the lead changing several times throughout the match. With less than 3 minutes to go, we were down by three points, but still we kept fighting back. Then, with our team in possession and looking good for a fast break, the final buzzer sounded and the Destroyers were down by a point! Our season has now come to an end. Congratulations to all of the boys for being involved with the Destroyers, for listening, learning and enjoying themselves whilst being active. Finally, a big thanks to Peter for your patience, time and effort you put into coaching this semester.

Any current players, playing in 2016, that need a new uniform please get your order in ASAP to Charmaine Neal (charmaine.neal@bigpond.com) or your team manager before 11 December 2015.

New players can check sizing of tops at the spider web on Monday after school, or contact Charmaine (as above) via email to arrange an alternative time. Outgrown Basketball Tops Gratefully Accepted!!

**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 via the form.
From The Students—Camp Adanac

I can’t do it. I can’t do it. I wrap the blue mat around myself, then they go 1, 2, 3 and they push me down. I SCREAM really loud. I shut my eyes, then I open them again. I see water splashing all over the place. Then when I come near the end I see a massive splash. Then I see Miss E. I am okay.

MAX

I think I can’t do it. I can’t do it! When it is my turn my leg is shaking. My eyes are closed. I think I will die! Will I cry? I feel very scared! I hear someone say “oh my god, that is very scary!” but I do it. I feel surprised! It’s not scary. It’s like slow, slow, fast, slow then it is the end. I see Mrs E is at the end. I see the people doing disc golf and canoeing. I hear my friend cheering me “come on, you can do it. You can do it!” When I finish someone asked “was it scary?” I say “No, that it is not scary, it’s fun”.

VIENNA

I was so worried I burst into tears. It was freaky. I saw the girl put a harness on me with a helmet and I went on the flying fox. It actually is so much fun. I heard the rope on the wire. It was like lightning. It was so fast. Outside it smelt like a forest. The flying fox smelt like a flying fox.

HONI

Canoeing

Scared, because it was my first time.
Nervous, because I thought it was going to tip over.
I can see bubbles coming from the water, that made me scared as I thought it was a crocodile.
When I put on the life jacket and helmet, it made me feel safer.

ALESSIO

Swoosh!! I’m sliding down the water slide at such a high speed. I’m starting to be afraid. Warm water is rushing into my face. I lift my head to brake but it doesn’t slow me down, I’m going too fast. Ben tells me to put my head down but I don’t want to. I’m sliding down so quickly I feel like I’m driving a race car. I’m bracing for impact.

“Hold on tight” I whisper to myself.

MATTHEW M
3/4 Camp
Adanac
Parent’s Association

Friday Chill Out Recess!!
(Frozen fruit not shaped like Olaf).
SRC “letting it go” from the Canteen window for $1.00.

Christmas Carols on the Lawn - Thursday 17 December.

Marvellous Creations chocolate at office for $3. A delicious bargain!

PA Lunch has changed to morning tea – date & time change!
We are hoping to catch up with more people
Friday December 18th – 9.15am (after drop off)
Peddlers Café – Springfield Rd Doncaster East.
Everyone who has helped out during the year is welcome.
Attendees must RSVP to Kim Merton – 0407 447 434
Birthday Wishes To

Alannah T, Jesse Y, Eleanor C, Honi S, Sophie L

Who are celebrating birthdays from 4th to 10th December

More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

SLAMIN TENNIS AND FITNESS - PeeWee tennis, Hot shot tennis, Teenagers, Squad Training, Competitions, Adult and Cardio tennis, Private lessons and Fitness training.

BOROONDARA TENNIS CENTRE - New 2016 weekday morning classes for pre-school kids.

THE SALVATION ARMY - Sunday 6th December 10.29am. Community Christmas celebration followed by a sausage sizzle (gold coin) for the whole family.

HEALTHWAYS - Vacation care fun.

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