School Council Elections:
Next week, I will call for nominations for both the Parent and DET categories for School Council. Parent School Councillors whose terms expire at this election are as follows:

Evan Raftopoulos
Marita Warner
Russell Waycott
Marina Younger

At Donvale PS we are fortunate in having a very proactive School Council who works supportively with the school’s leadership to provide the best possible education outcomes for our students. School Councils play a key role in all schools and the role of School Councillor can be a very rewarding experience. It's a great way to get involved and have a real say in what your school is doing for its students. If you are considering standing for election, you can either nominate yourself or be nominated by someone who is eligible for the same category as you wish to stand for. More information about the School Council and the roles and responsibilities that it involves, are available at the office.

The timeline for the School Council Election is set out below:

- **Wed 17th Feb:** School Council Meeting for 2015 School Council
- **Mon 22nd Feb:** Notice of election and call for nominations
- **Fri 4th March:** Close of nominations
- **Mon 7th March:** Ballot papers distributed
- **Fri 18th March:** Close of ballot
- **Mon 21st March:** Vote count and ballot declared
- **Wed 23rd March:** First School Council Meeting of 2016 School Council

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**Our Values**

- **Respect**
- **Responsibility**
- **Resilience**
- **Compassion**

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**In this week’s edition**

- Wellbeing Day
- A message from our School Council President
- Maths Fun at home
- Mandarin News
- Basketball News & OshClub
If you are interested in becoming a School Councillor and proactively and positively contributing to our wonderful school, I strongly encourage you to nominate.

**KidsMatter Wellbeing Day & Welcome Evening:**
A reminder that we have our Kids Matter Well-being Day and Welcome evening coming up on Thursday 25th February. During this day, all our students will be involved in activities that promote physical and emotional well-being. Families are invited to visit the classrooms from 2.30 – 3.30pm to share in the fun the children have had throughout the day. Families are then invited to come back to the school from 5.30 – 7.30pm where we will join together for a big WELCOME to our school and the new school year. You are encouraged to bring along a picnic rug, some nibbles / snacks and drink to help enjoy the evening and relax with us all. Our wonderful Parents Association will be cooking a yummy sausage sizzle so if you are short on time, there is no need to go hungry. We are also looking forward to being entertained by ‘The Big Samba’ and our very own teacher / staff band, The Write Staff, during the evening. Please add this day to your diary. We hope to see you there.

**Computer Lab upgrade:** The upgrade of our computers in the computer lab is now complete and our students, from next week, will be utilising this wonderful resource. With the upgrade also of our server and cabling, our IT network across the school has been much improved thus providing students and staff with more efficiency when using the various technologies available across the school. Thank you to Anthony Soc (our IT Tech), Sam Jones and Rick Gordon, in particularly, for working tirelessly in getting the upgrade in place.

On a final note, just to let you know that both Ian McKinlay and myself will be out of the school tomorrow attending a Principal meeting. Assembly will still be taking place with Peter Reiter and Emily Wallis leading. The badge ceremony for all our elected captains and SRC reps will be taking place next Friday 26th February. Look forward to seeing you all then.

Hope you’re having a wonderful week.

*Lena Clark*
A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Whilst Donvale Primary school is a government school, we still heavily rely on the parent community to pay their school fees each year to help with their children’s education. Without these contributions, we as a school would not be able to run some of the fabulous programs that we offer here at Donvale Primary School and maintain the building and grounds as well as we would like. Unfortunately we do not get as much government assistance in relation to funding, largely due to the area we are located in.

Our new Computer Lab and Science Lab would not be possible without the assistance of these contributions. The ICT program which is utilised by everyone, including our Senior students, provides students with valuable knowledge and skills that they can use now and in the future. Our new Science Lab is taking shape and is an incredible resource for all our students.

Working out the cost of these contributions over a year would equate to less than $1 per day, not much at all for a child’s education. A range of payment options are available here at Donvale Primary School and if you have any concerns, you can always speak to either Sam or Wendy at the office.

The teachers and staff, along with the parent community and the opportunities that are offered to our children are what make our school so special.

I encourage you wherever possible to help contribute to ensure our children are given the best opportunities possible, the grounds and buildings are well maintained and we continue to make this school the best it can be.

Regards

Evan Raftopoulos

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Yr 3/4 RACV ‘street scene’ incursion
Division swimming
Donvale Primary School annual 
Wellbeing Day!

When: Thursday 25th February 9.10am sharp 
Where: The senior basketball court to kick things off with a very special AFL visitor.

What: Our students will have the opportunity throughout the day to engage in a range of activities that promote and support their social, emotional and physical wellbeing. Ruby, the star therapy dog, will be returning for the day to share lots of cuddles and pats with the students!

Two FREE sessions just for parents: 
A practical Mindfulness and Meditation info session with Lashay Cartledge, Abby M & Mitch L, two past Donvale students currently in Year 8, from 9.30-10.15 in the Senior Chillax Lounge.

Keeping Calm with Kids Workshop
1.30-3.00pm in the Senior Chillax Lounge.
Learn a range of quick and effective techniques for parents, teachers and carers to stay cool, calm and collected when kids are driving them batty. Facilitated by Alison Burton, a clinical Hypnotherapist, Occupational Therapist and owner of Simply Natural Therapies, a Natural Health clinic at Tunstall Square.

Students are to wear their sports uniform with a ‘touch of happy colour’ on the day. Family members and staff are encouraged to wear a touch of happy colour too!

Following this very special day at school...
All our family members are invited to join us for a Welcome BBQ as we continue to build on our positive school community! BBQ provided by the Parents Association, BYO drinks!

When: 5:30 — 7:30pm on the senior lawn.

Entertainment:
‘The Big Samba’ interactive music group performing from 6-7pm sharp.
‘The Write Staff’ performing from 7pm onwards.

See you there!!

Free Fruit Skewers (with marshmallow on top) for every student – kindly provided by Gus from Tunstall Fresh Fruit and Veg Market, Tunstall Square!
**GENERAL**

**Wellbeing Day**

Wellbeing Day is fast approaching and we are currently finalising the details with a very dedicated group of parents and teachers. We need quite a range of resources for the day. If you are able to donate any of the items below, it would be very much appreciated. Please bring your donations to 1/2SJ.

- Fine glitter
- Food dye
- Small fabric gift bags
- Embroidery thread
- Pipe cleaners

Thanks in anticipation

*Lashay Cartledge and Rebecca Signorini*

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**KidsMatter Donvale Primary Annual Wellbeing Day Thursday 25th February!**

Next Thursday, every student in the school will have the opportunity to rotate through some very special activities designed to enhance their positive mental health and improve on their connection to the school, their friends and their teachers.

Please see the table below to get a sneak peak of what the students in your child’s level will be doing on the day.

The lucky Foundation students are also going to be involved in a free dance and movement class, facilitated by one of our wonderful parents. Some of our older students are also lucky enough to be involved in some team building Scout activities, facilitated by another lovely parent!

At recess, every child in the school will be offered a delicious fruit skewer (with a yummy marshmallow on top), donated by the very kind Gus, from Tunstall Fresh Fruit and Veg market in Tunstall Square. Check out the picture of Gus and some of our happy Donvale students below.

Please note, there are **two free sessions** being offered just for parents. See the Wellbeing Day flyer in this week’s Snippets and the Donvale Primary Facebook page for more info. Please do come along!

**Session 1: Mindful Meditation tips in the Senior Chillax Lounge- 9.30-10.15am**

Come along and hear some practical tips on Mindful Meditation with Lashay Cartledge and two wonderful past Donvale students, Abby M and Mitchell L.

**Session 2: Keeping Calm With Kids in the Senior Chillax Lounge- 1.30-3.00pm**

Keeping Calm With Kids: a wonderful workshop filled with tips and tricks for parents and teachers, facilitated by Alison Burton from Simply Natural Therapies, Tunstall Square Donvale.

Our fabulous Wellbeing Day is coming together and the students and staff are all getting very excited about the wonderful day ahead. Thank you so very much to the parents and staff who have worked behind the scenes so tirelessly to bring this day to fruition. Your reward will be lots of smiling faces next week!
Reminder: Parents and staff, don’t forget to add a ‘touch of happy colour’ to your outfit! The students will be adding their happy colour to their sports uniform.

See you all on Thursday the 25th Feb, at 9.10am sharp on the senior basketball court to kick off the day with our very special AFL visitor!

Lashay Cartledge and Rebecca Signorini, on behalf of the KidsMatter Action Team.

WELLBEING DAY ACTIVITIES

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大家好（dà jiā hǎo – Hello everyone)! What a week it has been in Mandarin! Grades one to six students spent their hour in class making 汤圆 tāngyuán. Watch this space for student reviews of their 汤圆 making experiences! Next Monday 22nd February will be the fifteenth and final day of Chinese New Year celebrations and one where 汤圆 are traditionally eaten. See below for an adapted recipe and make some at home!

汤圆 tāngyuán (GLUTINOUS RICE BALLS) RECIPE

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<th>Glutinous rice balls</th>
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<td>Approximately 2 inch sliced ginger, slightly pounded to release the flavour</td>
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<td>Approximately 1 cup water (add more if dough is dry)</td>
<td>1/2 cup sugar (add more for sweeter flavour)</td>
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<td>1/2 cups water</td>
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<td>Red food dye (yellow and green are also common) – optional</td>
<td>Place water and ginger together and boil until the ginger aroma is very apparent</td>
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<td>Add the sugar and stir to dissolve</td>
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Mix the flour with oil and water until it becomes a dough consistency – not too wet that it sticks to your hands, not too dry that it crumbles Pinch the dough and make small balls slightly smaller than a marble Bring the water to a boil then add the balls, making sure they do not stick together. Once the balls are floating, that means they are ready Transfer the balls to a small bowl and add the syrup to the top

Enjoy!

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- 1 1/2 cups water

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS (http://www.chinesenewyear.com.au/)
There have been many festivals and events taking place around Melbourne for the past few weeks to celebrate the new year. Listed below are some remaining events and festivals that are running this year.

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS
There are many greetings and well wishes exchanged during this celebratory period usually as four character idioms. Here are a few to practise: 猴年大吉 (hú nián dà jí) and 猴年吉祥 (hú nián ji xìng) both meaning ‘Wishing you lots of luck in the Year of the Monkey’; 新年快乐 (xīn nián kuài lè) ‘Happy New Year’; 恭喜发财 (gōng xǐ fà cái) ‘Wishing you a prosperous new year’; 心想事成 (xīn xiǎng shì chéng) ‘May all your wishes come true’.

祝大家猴年大吉，恭喜发财！
Serina Lee (李老师 lǐ lǎo shī)
Level 2

1. Odd one out!
Which number is the odd one out in each row?

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35  63  49  16  56

2. Find the pattern!
Find the pattern and apply it to each row?

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Dear families,

**New families:** Enrolling your child or children in OSHClub is easy and free. All you need to do is complete an enrolment form online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) where you will have the option of booking as either a permanent or casual user. Once your child is enrolled as you then have the comfort of knowing that the program is available to you anytime and it gives you assurance of knowing your child or children will be cared for in a safe, warm and friendly environment. Please feel free to drop past the OSHClub room any time to introduce your child to the program before they attend. Foundation students will be dropped off and picked up from their classrooms for Term 1 and 2.

**Updating enrolments:** please ensure that you take the time to update your child’s enrolment in the next few weeks. This ensures that we have current information on your child’s grade, health/medical requirements and necessary contact details. Thank you in advance!

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.

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OSHC program phone: 0402 362 443/9842 2261

Coordinator: Kate

Assistants: Marie

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.
Basketball

Donvale Primary Basketcase – News & Views!

U9 Dribblers - In a close fought game, the Dribblers went down by one point. Everyone played really well. Congratulations to Scott Marshall who scored his first goal!!

Under 9 Dynamites - Congrats to the team on their first win of the season. Goals to Oliver, Cyrus, Joseph and special mention to Harper who shot an awesome total of 10 points!

Girls U9 Dolphins - A good win by the girls last weekend in a fun match against their classmates from the Dreamers. A great game by Zara Wogan, scoring 11 points, and Allie Erwin who shot her second goal in consecutive matches.

Under 11 Destroyers played a fantastic game on Saturday with all boys working well and using their passes to win against their opponent. Special coaches mention to Callum Smith who played exceptionally well this week. Well done to everyone.

Under 11 Daisies - A close first half with lots of shots going up but not many going in. The baskets came easier in the second half and the girls had a comfortable win. Great first game by Nikita.

Under 11 - Dunkers won convincingely 24 – 2 with a great team effort. All boys showed a great attitude to effort at both ends of the floor for the full game. A real team game. Keep up the great work Dunkers!

Open boys - The Donvale Dinosaurs had a convincing win, 28 to 10 points. The boys combined well in the hot conditions with only six players to secure the victory. Great job!

Merchandise for sale - training T-Shirt $15, drink bottle $5. Stock is limited.

Orders can be placed through your Team Manager or email charmainedearl@bigpond.com

Check out the photo below of last year’s players in their training t-shirts. Looking awesome.
Parent’s Association

Icy Pole Recess - $1.00 - this Friday @ the Canteen.
Make own your day sweet & grab an icy pole.

Welcome back BBQ. Thurs 25 February – 5.30pm onwards
PA selling delic BBQ sausages for $2.50 & $1.50 soft drinks.
Notice for helpers coming home this week. If you are good on the tongs, squirt sauce like a pro or have a winning smile & can help serve we would love your support.

Wednesday 2 March - Bakery Meal Deal.
No bread slippers, just delicious lunch options.

Choice of Pizza Bread flavours like Hawaiian,
Margarita or BBQ, plus a drink for $6.00
Notice coming this week.
Put your dough in an envelope & send your order back by Friday 26 February.

There are still a few 290g blocks left at the office. Only $3
Best before date: 29/01/2016
Hair Accessories are now available at the Office!

We now have stock of a great range of hair accessories available to purchase at the Office! Proceeds from the sale of each piece go towards valuable fundraising efforts for the school.

Items are on display at the office so that parents and students can see what is available.

Come and see Mrs Cheesman and Mrs Browne if you would like more information.
More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

GIRL GUIDES - Girls aged 5-9 years are invited to be a guide for a day! 10am-1pm, guide hall at Luckie Street Nunawading

Birthday Wishes To

Lucas M, Christopher F, Paul D, Ava H, Michael W

Who are celebrating birthdays from 19th to 25th February