Our Values

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

From The Principal

**Attitudes to School Survey:**

WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual survey for Years 5 to 12 students offered by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's experience at school. Students in Years 5 and 6 will participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 20th April to Friday 1st May. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time. The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of July. Last year we used the survey results to plan initiatives and address issues that link back to main messages from the 2014 survey. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

**Update on our Swimmers:** On Monday of this week, Tommy and Callum both continued on with their swimming success by swimming in the Regional finals. After qualifying 8th in the breaststroke, Tommy achieved 8th position in the final. After qualifying 5th in the backstroke, Callum achieved 7th in the final. I would like to congratulate both boys in this outstanding achievement and representing DPS so proudly - simply fantastic!

**Working Bee Reminder:** I am looking forward to seeing a fantastic DPS community turn out to our first Working Bee scheduled for Friday 18th March. School Council's Building and Grounds Committee have planned for a twilight Working Bee this time around to take advantage of the daylight hours that we still have available to us. Start time is directly after school so add this date to your diary and come along to lend a hand in helping us tidy our school grounds. The PA, as always, supports us by providing a fabulous BBQ. Hope to see you there.
**Arts Committee Meeting:** With a wonderful Art Show planned for Term 4 this year, Mrs DeStefanis, our Art Teacher, has begun preparations for the event. This is a huge task and one that will require support from our community. As such, we are hoping to create an Arts Committee where parents and friends are invited to participate and get involved. The first meeting of our Arts Committee is taking place next week on **Thursday 15th March from 3.40pm in the staffroom.** I encourage you to join us and share your energy, ideas and creativity for this amazing event.

**School Council 2016:** Nominations for School Council closed last Friday. As we received the exact number of nominations as were vacancies, we will not be required to go to ballot. As such, we welcome to our School Council the following new parent and teacher members: Elisabeth Waycott, Craig Cowley, and Michelle Rassias. We also welcome back Evan Raftopoulos, Marina Younger, and Ian McKinlay who successfully renominated for their positions.

School Council for 2016 is as follows:

Lena Clark – Principal  
Ian McKinlay – DET rep  
Samantha Browne - DET rep  
Meagan Wilson – DET rep  
Michelle Rassias – DET rep  
Evan Raftopoulos – Parent rep  
George Condos – Parent rep  
Marina Younger - Parent rep  
Bahman Shabani – Parent rep  
Craig Cowley – Parent rep  
Elisabeth Waycott - Parent rep

I look forward to another productive and supportive year with our School Council. I would also like to sincerely acknowledge the contribution and support of outgoing members Russell Waycott and Marita Warner. Both Russell and Marita have been long time members of School Council and incredible supporters of our school. Their passion and dedication working towards building a better school for all our students has been immeasurable. I take this opportunity on behalf of the school community and School Council, to thank them for their work during their time with us on School Council.

The following is an article I read in this week’s Herald / Sun. I encourage you to read it. Some interesting results from a recent report were discussed.

Hope you’re having a wonderful week.

*Lena Clark*
Kids lose resilience

Social, emotional skills found lacking

COTTON-WOOL kids are having trouble coping, behaving, showing respect for others and taking responsibility for their actions in an escalating trend revealed in an audit of the nation's five-year-olds.

And boys from rich families are the most noticeable.

The shock find in the latest Australian Early Development Census National Report — to be released today — is in stark contrast to the otherwise positive news that found children’s communication, language, cognitive skills and general knowledge are markedly improving.

While more children than ever hit their developmental benchmarks in those areas, the “largest shift in 2015” was recorded in emotional maturity, the report found.

Compared with 2009 and 2012, greater numbers were now “developmentally at risk” or “vulnerable”, and fewer were deemed “on track”. It means there are more children experiencing trouble with anxiety, aggression, being left alone by their parents, being kind to other kids and waiting their turns.

The trend was the same for “social competence”, which found greater numbers of children who won’t take responsibility for their actions, follow instructions, work independently or respect others and property. And in another find, it was “children from more privileged areas” that exhibited the most noticeable change, with “most of the increase in developmental vulnerability” attributable to boys.

There was a “small but statistically significant” increase in the numbers of children vulnerable on the physical health and wellbeing measure of motor skills, physical independence and ability to cope in the school day. Almost 300,000 children were assessed by their teachers in their first year of school in the 2015 census, allowing for major trends to be mapped out for the first time by comparing to 2009 and 2012 surveys.

It showed more than one in five were vulnerable in at least one area of development and one in 10 were vulnerable in at least two areas.

Education minister Simon Birmingham said while many of the results were encouraging, there were still stark differences between girls and boys, low and high socio-economic groups and between states.

“Children who start school with sound physical, social, emotional, cognitive and communication capabilities are far more likely to enjoy school and succeed at school,” he said.

“The better we understand where the skills to succeed are lacking, the better we can help.”

jessica.marszalek@news.com.au
March

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>Tue</th>
<th>Wed</th>
<th>Thu</th>
<th>Fri</th>
<th>Sat</th>
<th>Sun</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Labour Day - Public Holiday</td>
<td>3.40pm: Art committee Meeting</td>
<td></td>
<td>3.45pm onwards: Twilight Working Bee</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Last day Term 1: 2.30pm finish</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

April

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>Tue</th>
<th>Wed</th>
<th>Thu</th>
<th>Fri</th>
<th>Sat</th>
<th>Sun</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Term 2 starts</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>School Photos</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Donvale PS Art Show

2016

We are very excited to announce that Donvale PS will be holding an art exhibition in Term 4 showcasing the wonderful work of our children. It is not only an opportunity for students to celebrate their talents and creativity but it is also a way for our school and local community to support the arts and all that it offers.

An event such as this flourishes with the support and assistance of parents and friends. As such we are once again, calling for your help and support. If you have a marketing mind, a little creative flair, or some spare time to contribute either in the art room or set up time, we would greatly appreciate your help.

An initial Art committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th March at 3:40 in the staff room. Please come along to express your interest.

As the new Visual Arts teacher at DPS, I have heard amazing things about our school community. I look forward to getting to know you all and creating a memorable show for our children. Should you have any queries I can be contacted at destefanis.debora.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

Ms. Debora De Stefanis - Visual Arts Teacher
We need you!
We need Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles!
Anyone who is free on Wednesday afternoons, and are willing to help us with projects such as:

Knitting, Art, Tinkering, Gardening, Music Jam Sessions, and more!
Speak to Emily Wallis if you’re interested.

The Level 5/6 Resilience Team

---

GENERAL

RE记ER Recorder LESSONS

ALL GRADE 3 and 4 STUDENTS need to have their recorder orders in by Wednesday March 16th.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

It is vital to your child’s education that they arrive to school on time and ready to start the day. Parents should work to minimise the amount of time children spend away from school to ensure they have every opportunity to learn and engage at school.

Parents are also responsible for providing the school with a valid reason for any absences their child may have. This can be done easily online through Compass, on the Skoolbag app, over the absence phone line or by sending a note to your child’s teacher.

Below are the student attendance details for the first 30 days of school.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Level</th>
<th>Number of student absences</th>
<th>Number of student late arrivals</th>
<th>Attendance Percentage</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>F</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>97.5%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>95.8%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>96.5%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>92.7%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>97.2%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>63</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>92.9%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>97.6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Whole School</td>
<td>318</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>95.9%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

STUDENT BANKING

Just a reminder to make sure that deposit books are handed in on a Tuesday. Jenny will be away for a while and Leanne will be taking over as from next week and she will process deposits on Tuesday.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please note that School photo date is on Thursday 28th April.
Sudoku

Fill the grid with the numbers 1 to 4 in such that each number appears only once in each row, column and region (2 by 2 block). Never guess the place of a number and only fill it in when you are sure.
Playgroup is a great place for parents and children to meet new people and enjoy new experiences. Our playgroup includes free play, indoor and outdoor activities, art and craft activities, singing, dancing and story times. We cater for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

**When:** Fridays 9:15 – 10:45
Beginning Friday 15th April

**Where:** Donvale Primary School
Elata St, Donvale

For more information or to organise a free ‘come and try’ session contact Cathy on 0412 968 899 or email cathyfarrell02@gmail.com.
Program Update

Dear families,

What’s been happening?: This week at OSHClub the children have created their own restaurant called “Rubix”. It has been wonderful to see children all ages engaging in creative play and helping run the restaurant! Many of the students have also enjoyed our Autumn activities and we are hoping to create a display in the coming weeks of their work.

Staffing: Please note that Harry will be coordinating on Monday afternoons for the next few months whilst Kate is at university. Harry will also assist with coordinating the first few weeks of Term 2 as Kate will be on teaching placement.

Next week: We hope that everyone has a safe and relaxing long weekend. When we return on Tuesday we will be celebrating St Patrick’s day with lots of Irish themed craft, science and cooking activities.

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Before Care Activities</td>
<td>Public Holiday</td>
<td>St Patrick’s Day word search</td>
<td>St Patrick’s Day colouring</td>
<td>Celtic patterns</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Game: Captains coming</td>
<td>Game: Master Blaster</td>
<td>Game: Silent ball</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>After Care Activities</td>
<td>Public Holiday</td>
<td>Cooking: Irish soda bread</td>
<td>St Patrick’s Day handprint craft</td>
<td>Craft: Wax crayon art</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Sport: Frisbee</td>
<td>Game: Dodgeball</td>
<td>Sport: Backyard cricket</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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 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.
Parent’s Association

and IcyPoles @ Recess on Friday with Hot X-Buns also $1.00 each. 6 packs of Hot Cross buns on sale at the spider web after Friday Assembly. $4 for Traditional or Chocolate 6 pack.

Be a chocolate monster @ the Cadbury Chocolate Factory – only a couple of places left Friday 18 March @ 1.30pm.
To reserve your place contact Kim Merton on 0407 447 434.

Please support the fabulous Tom @Bakers Delight James St Templestowe this Easter. Tom has the best buns in town. Thanks for his ongoing support of Donvale Primary.
The Donvale Primary Basketcases – News & Views!

Dynamites - A great win by the boys, fantastic to see great teamwork and sharing of the ball.

Open Boys - The Dinosaurs never gave their opposition a chance, utilising tight defence, slick passes and sharp shooting to easily win 63-19. Overall, a great team effort!

Under 11 girls - Congratulations to the Diamonds on their win. The girls showed that there really is no 'I' in team. Great team performance ladies, keep on shinning.

U/9 Daredevils - A fantastic high-paced game that was close from start to finish. A great basket from Noah in the last 30 seconds capped off a wonderful team win. Well done boys!

U/9 Dribblers - What a game! Great to see everyone putting in their very best effort. Congratulations to Ethan C and Aidan M – they scored their first goals!

The Dreamers scored their second win in another even contest. The girls are all showing great improvement in both skills and confidence, but special mention goes to Ashleigh S. this week for scoring ALL the team’s eight points - well done!

Destroyers played a great game to win comfortably on the weekend. Fantastic team effort with everyone passing and using their team mates efficiently across the court. Well done!

Daisies game report – First loss (8-18) for the season in a fast and sometimes rough game that saw the icepack in use a few times. Good to have a week off to ensure fingers and wrists are recovered.

No Basketball games for Labour Day Weekend. Have a great long weekend.

Birthday Wishes To

Kade W, Rose W-H, Brooke H, Edeline J

Who are celebrating birthdays from 11th to 17th March
More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

The Department of Education & Training, Donvale Primary School its Management, and teachers do not endorse the products or services of any advertiser listed in this publication. No representation, warranty or undertaking is given or made in relation to the accuracy or completeness of the information presented in this publication, or any claims made by the advertisers.

VIKINGS - Beginner basketball program, ages 6-12.

BLACKBURN BASKETBALL CLUB - Come and play Saturday basketball.

LIGHTSPACEYOGA - Intro offer.

KELLY SPORTS EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM - At Sportlink Vermont.

---

**NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA**

2016 AUDITIONS for THE NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR OF AUSTRALIA

The National Boys Choir of Australia will hold auditions for boys in grades 1 and 2 on Thursday 17 March 2016.

Successful boys will be invited to attend a second and final audition on Saturday 18 June 2016.

---

**Tunstall Square Kindergarten 50th Anniversary**

Join us for a family fun day to celebrate 50 years of Tunstall Square Kinder!

**When:** Sunday 17th April
**Where:** Tunstall Square Kindergarten
**Time:** 11am - 2pm
**Cost:** $5 per person
**RSVP:** 13th April
p: 9842 9655
e: TSK50Years@gmail.com

Past and current staff, parents and children welcome!

Children’s entertainment, raffle and door prizes, face painting, sausage sizzle, past and present staff and families.