School Council 2016: Our School Council AGM was held last night. I would like to formally welcome our 2016 School Council to our community. Congratulations to Evan Raftopoulos who was re-elected as our School Council President. Congratulations also to George Condos who was elected as School Council Vice-President. Both Evan and George are extremely focused on ensuring that the students of DPS have the best learning opportunities made available to them; as such I know that both members will continue to be very active and supportive members of our community. We bid a fond farewell to Russell Waycott, who during his nine years as a member of School Council made significant contributions to our school. Of recent times, as a member of both Finance and Buildings and Grounds Committees, Russell has worked tirelessly in supporting the new direction of our school and has been a very strong advocate for all we have done. We also thank Marita Warner who has also contributed greatly to our school during her time with us on School Council. Marita, as a School Council President and member of the Marketing Committee, has been extremely active in supporting the many new innovations implemented at the school. Marita was an outstanding School Council President during 2014 with her commitment to our school and students always being at the forefront in all she did. I know that both Russell and Marita will continue to support our school in every which way.

The following is our 2016 School Council:

- Lena Clark – Principal (Education Sub-committee Leader)
- Evan Raftopoulos – President (Finance Sub-committee Leader)
- George Condos – Vice President (Marketing Sub-committee Leader)
- Elisabeth Waycott – Treasurer
- Marina Younger - Secretary
- Ian McKinlay - Assistant Principal
- Samantha Brown – Business Manager
- Michelle Rassias - Teacher
- Meagan Wilson - Teacher

Quote of the week: "The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them."
Bahman Shabani – Parent
Craig Cowley - Parent

I congratulate and welcome all new members to our School Council and am looking forward to another very productive and rewarding year together.

The following dates for 2016 School Council and Sub-committee meetings have been scheduled.

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**End Term 1:** Another term has very quickly flown by as we look forward to our term break. Thank you to the staff of DPS – just a wonderful team of educators who work tirelessly for our students. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to what really is a very challenging but extremely rewarding career. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday. I look forward to seeing you all back safely at the beginning of Term 2 on **Monday 11th April.** The staff have many wonderful learning experiences planned for our students; I know it’s going to be yet another busy but wonderful term.

Kind Regards

*Lena Clark*

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General

Snippets Article – Sport
Hi all. Thank you to all students, staff and parents that have made my transition into Donvale Primary a happy one. I have enjoyed the time so far and look forward to continuing it in the future.

This term the Grade 3-6 students have been working hard on their Athletics skills. They have been demonstrating various events in preparation for House Athletics later in the year.

The Grade 1-2 students have been working hard with their ball handling skills. Unfortunately this term we have been stuck inside with it either being pouring with rain, or extremely hot! Hopefully we get some nicer weather next term to continue to work hard.

Our Foundation students have started the year well, and are very quick learners. They have been focusing on their basic motor skills. They definitely bring a lot of enthusiasm to class!

On the school representative scene, it was great to see 24 students represent us at District Swimming. Congratulations to all that went to the Doncaster Aquarena, and well done to Tommy, Kate and Callum, who progressed to further stages.

Next term will be a busier term, with lots of Cross Country, Athletics and Winter Interschool Sports events coming up.

Have a great holiday.

Michael Hogg
Physical Education Teacher.

From The Office
Absence Notification
To notify the school of your child’s absence, you can do it by either one of the following ways:

1. Compass
2. School absence line
3. Skoolbag App

Thank you.

DONVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Back in Term 2
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.
Planning for our Art Show is already underway with help from students, parents and staff members. We are extremely excited at all the wonderful ideas and concepts being put forward to make this event a magnificent celebration showcasing our students’ engagement with the arts and crafts.

The students are eager to try new techniques and materials to create their class group pieces and individual work for exhibition. Experimenting and exploring in art is all part of finding your voice and overall enjoyment. Being able to present this journey and give audience to our students’ exceptional work is the ultimate goal.

In order to create the best opportunities for our students, next term a levy will be added to the bulk billing to assist with materials and to prepare the exhibition space for a truly special event.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Ms. Debora De Stefanis
Visual Arts Teacher
Hello Everyone, my name is Ruby and I'm in 1/2SJ. On Friday March 18 I was lucky to be selected to perform with my Dance School at the annual Dance Cancer Initiative (DCI) which has lots of different dance Schools come together to perform to raise money for cancer. Our performance group have been rehearsing for about 6 weeks to put on a great show. There were 26 of us from age 7 (I was the youngest) to age 15. The show was filmed to be shown on FOXTEL later in the year. It was an exciting day/night and I feel really lucky to be part of it.

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This is just a quick note to remind children and families to continue using sun protection throughout the term break and for a few weeks in term two.

UV levels are still above three so please continue to Slip on sun protective clothing, Slop on SPF 30 or higher sunscreen, Slap on a wide brimmed hat, Seek shade and, if practical, Slide on wrap-around sunglasses until the end of April.

Please check the daily sun protection times to be sure. These are available on the free SunSmart app and widget, in the weather section of the newspaper or at sunsmart.com.au

Even in the cooler autumn weather, that UV exposure all adds up.

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Birthday Wishes To


Who are celebrating birthdays from 25th March to 14th April
Parent’s Association

6 packs of Buns for sale after Assembly today - $4 of bliss.
Which is your favorite?

Term 2 Treat Friday’s – Even George is curious!
Stay tuned for all the glorious details.
Basketball

The Donvale Primary Basketcases – News & Views!

U/9 Dribblers: Another tough game for the boys. Keep practising over the holidays and see you in Term 2!

Open Boys - An easy win for the Dinosaurs but the boys continued to contest the ball for the duration of the match. Alfie played a brilliant game for his last with the Dinosaurs and will be greatly missed.

The Dreamers had another tough game this week, coming up against the top team for the second time this season. No scorers this week, but their improved defense kept their opponents to a smaller score this time.

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FREE Family Event - Jungle Jam on Sunday 3 April @ The Plaza MC Square, 687 Doncaster Road


Cubby House - $500
Approx. 2.4m wide x 1.9m deep x 2.3m high
untreated pine/3 perspex windows
colourbond “blue ridge” roof with skylight
In addition we have children’s toys & furniture for sale

Hills Swing Set - $50
If interested, please contact Michelle Kavenagh (James’ Mum 1/2C) on 0409 191 292