Cultural Diversity Day: Yesterday’s Cultural Diversity Day was a wonderful celebration not only of our school’s Mandarin Language Program but also of our country’s amazing cultural diversity and the opportunities this diversity has brought to our children. Our students all engaged in wonderful array of activities such as calligraphy, kite making, rice paper roll making, origami and an assortment of games; all of which allowed them to experience different cultures in a more hands on and interactive approach – and have a lot of fun along the way. The day was made even more interesting with many of our students and staff dressing up in costumes representative of different cultures from around the world. We finished off the day with our students and school community entertained with a Chinese lion dance display. There are lots of photos showcasing our day in this newsletter. We would love to share them with you. A big thank you to all the staff for their fantastic efforts throughout the day and a particularly big thank you to Miss Lee for all of her planning and organization in presenting this day to our students. It was fabulous!

Curriculum Day: On Tuesday this week, the staff of DPS spent their professional learning day focused on developing our Reading, Writing, Spelling, Maths and ICT planning documentation so that it aligns with the expectations as set out in the new Victorian Curriculum. These documents will very much support the teaching we do by ensuring that there is a consistency of practice across the school. I’m pleased to say that our goal of having this documentation completed was achieved and staff will begin using it immediately. Our next and final Curriculum Day for this year is scheduled for Monday 31st October, the day before Melbourne Cup Day.

Resilient Youth Project: Last year, our school was awarded a grant as part of our participation in the Resilient Youth Project. This year, some of this money has been put towards establishing links with our local communities. When asked which communities in particular our students wanted to connect with, our middle and senior students decided that it wanted to start up a variety of different activity clubs and invite the Donvale Bupa Aged Care residents to join us so that we could share skills and knowledge amongst us. We now have weekly visits from several of the residents at Bupa Donvale who come along to share and participate in the activity clubs with our children.

The Year 3 / 4 students have several activity clubs established including Science, Tinkering, Knitting, Reading, Lego and Origami. They meet every Tuesday afternoon in the last hour of school and work away in their groups, trying new things, and getting to know different students to what they might normally

Quote of the week: "Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best."
associate with and learning together with the aged care residents.

The Year 5/6 students have six groups which are also shared with the residents from Bupa: Tinkering, Woodwork, Gardening, Knitting, Music Band, and a group are making a Memorial Wall at Bupa Donvale. They get together every Wednesday afternoon in the final hour of the school day. The gardening group are currently working on our garden beds. The woodwork group have decided to repaint the bench seats around the school; last week they started on the tables behind the 5/6 building. The tinkering group are using old computers and art scraps to build robots in the hopes of winning two fully programmable robot kits for the school. The knitting group are knitting squares that they'll sew together to make blankets for the Royal Children's Hospital. The Memorial Wall group have been decorating CD's and a wall in the Bupa facility in readiness to paint a mural similar to our CD tree proudly displayed at the front of our school.

Bupa are providing the transport for students and residents where needed. They are also buying all the art supplies for the Memorial Wall. The rest of the funding is from the Resilient Youth grant that we received. What a fabulous project for our students to be involved in! Thank you to Mrs Wallis and Mrs Hodgens for planning and supporting the students with these clubs.

Last week, fourteen of our senior students with their families attended an afternoon tea at the Donvale Bupa. This proved to be another wonderful opportunity for our students to engage in a very worthwhile activity and continue to build a connection with the residents at the facility. I'm sure the residents very much also enjoy the visit from our students. We hope to keep our links with the residents of Donvale Bupa even when our participation in the Resilient Youth project has concluded.

Hope you're having a wonderful week.

Lena Clark
From The Assistant Principal - Ian McKinlay

Lest We Forget:

Last Friday in a special whole school assembly we paid tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of the ANZAC’s and indeed all service men and women who have defended our country. We were most fortunate to have Adam Fankhauser talk to our students about the battles of the Somme in WW1 including Fromelles and Pozieres. He was ably supported by his grandchildren Andrew and Caitlin who proudly modelled the soldiers’ hats worn at that time. Thank you Adam, Andrew and Caitlin. Connor Raftopoulos did his great grandfather proud when he talked about his life and the medals he was awarded for his wartime service. Well done Connor. Our assembly was enhanced by the beautiful singing of Flanders Fields by a group of students prepared by Anthea Keep and Peter Reiter. As each year passes the ANZAC legend grows stronger with our young people keen to know about the deeds of these brave men and women and equally keen to pay their respects and say thank you at school assemblies and ANZAC dawn services in their local area. The ANZAC spirit shown by all our service men and women is a wonderful example of Donvale’s current school values of Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and Compassion.

Ian Mc Kinlay

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

A message from our School Council President – Evan Raftopoulos:

Last week was our second school council meeting for the year. During this time we discussed our upcoming Art Show (to be held in 4th term), our Resilience Program and the DPS 2015 Annual Report to the Community.

Our Art Show, held biennially, is a fantastic way for our children to show off their artistic abilities. The Art teacher, Ms De Stefanis, along with the Art Committee, has many wonderful and creative ideas planned for our Art Show. The Art Show is a wonderful evening where the Donvale community can come together for a fun social night as well as raise some money for our school.

As part of our Resilience Program, each week a number of residents from Bupa Donvale Aged Care come along and share their knowledge with our students.

The middle school and senior school spend up to an hour each week doing activities such as woodwork, gardening, science, tinkering, knitting, origami and Lego. These activities give the students an opportunity to get to know other students that they may not regularly share classes with. We are finding that all the students are really enjoy sharing this time with the people from past generations and getting to know other classmates. I think this reflects just how much community spirit we have here at Donvale.

The DPS 2015 Annual Report to the Community shows various academic and financial achievements, results and information from 2015. This report will be uploaded onto the website shortly if anyone is interested in looking at our results for last year.

Thanks

Evan
A message from our Education Sub-committee:

Education Sub-committee met last week to discuss the updating of our school’s Homework Policy and Assessment and Reporting Policy. The Assessment and Reporting Policy has been completed, ratified by School Council and is now available for viewing on our school website.

We hope to have our Homework Policy ratified at our next School Council meeting later this term. It will then be made available to our community via our website.

A message from our Marketing Sub-committee:

Hi everyone, I’d like to introduce our Marketing Sub Committee to the school community. Basically we help coordinate anything to do with promotion of the school in attracting students. This may involve online portals such as Facebook, Open Days, advertising and liaising with local kindergartens etc. A key part to our promotion is word of mouth and this relies on a lot of support from our school community. If you have anyone you know that might be interested in enrolling their child to Donvale PS, your recommendation to us would be greatly appreciated. Please encourage them to come and see either Lena or Ian for a school tour so that they can see our wonderful school for themselves. At the moment, we are promoting the upcoming Open Day which is scheduled for Wednesday May 18th. This is a great opportunity for potential new families to visit our school and see it in operation. We would love to see as many of our families attending this day and evening events as well as inviting new families to visit and take the school tours.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 25th at 8.00am at the school. Members of our school community are always invited to attend any of our meetings should you be interested in participating in our discussions and getting involved.
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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Donvale Primary School Art Show**

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**Family Afternoon – Friday 11th November**

**Art Evening – Saturday 12th November**
**Lost Jumper**
Zahara S in 12V has lost her bomber jacket. Please check name tags on your child’s jumper. Thank you.

**Classroom Cuisine on House Athletics Day**
Because all students will be out of the school on this day I have notified Classroom Cuisine and they have put a block on lunches for the day. Lunch orders will resume as normal the following week.

**School Sores (Impetigo)**
We have had a confirmed case of school sores (impetigo). Impetigo is a contagious skin infection. It is most commonly found in children although it may also occur in adults.

It first appears as a small itchy, inflamed area of the skin which blisters. Impetigo is extremely contagious. It can be spread from one person to another through touch or shared items such as clothes or towels. It is treated with antibiotics. If untreated, oozing sores remain infectious for as long as they persist.

Children can return to school after treatment has started and the sores are completely covered with a watertight dressing.

How can it be prevented?
- Encourage children to wash their hands regularly and always use their own towel and facecloth.
- Cut your child’s nails short and encourage them not to scratch scabs or pick their nose.
- Keep injured areas of skin clean and covered to minimise the chance of any bacterial infection.
- Keep children with impetigo away from other children for the period of exclusion. This is until antibiotic treatment has commenced and the sores are covered with a watertight dressing.
LOOKING FOR CLASSROOM HELPERS

As the children continue to prepare for the Art Show, we are putting a call out to parents, grandparents or special friends to assist the students during their allocated art lessons. You would be offering a helping hand as they work on their whole class pieces.

We are also asking for helpers to offer support (even 1 hour) in the preparation of the students work for exhibition by mounting and labelling artworks. This could be at a time of your choice on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursday mornings.

Please sign up for Art Class Helpers!
We're using Volunteer Spot to organise our helper roster.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:
1. Click this link (or copy and paste) to go to our invitation page on Volunteer Spot:
   http://vols.pt/gWSPko

2. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on Volunteer Spot)

3. Sign up! Choose your spots – Volunteer Spot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: Volunteer Spot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

Thank you all for your support and assistance.
Ms. Debora De Stefanis
destefanis.debora.d@edumail.vic.gov.au

Donvale Primary School Art Show
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**Graphs**

The graph is a representation of the position of aquatic species.

Find the position in (XY) axis of the following:

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2. [Image of fish]
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6. [Image of fish]
Last Monday our senior school students were lucky enough to have four Collingwood AFL players come out and talk to them all about leadership. The players – Jamie Elliott, Jack Frost, Matt Goodyear and Tim Golds – reflected on how the club selects their leaders, what qualities that they all provide the team, and some of their memories about their own school lives. It was a very interactive talk, with plenty of fantastic ideas and questions by our students, and hopefully all students got something that they can take out of it for the future.
Performing Arts News from Mrs Keep

Here is a photo of 34B playing Hot Cross Buns on their recorders last week! The Year 1’s and 2’s have had fun on the marimbas too!

Our Marimba Band performed at Tunstall Square Kinder last week and Florence Avenue today.
Firstly I would like to say 谢谢大家 (xiè xiè dà jiā)! **Thank you to everyone** who participated to make yesterday a great success including all the teachers and assistants and our wonderful students! A special mention goes out to our school community of families who creatively helped to provide our students with an array of costumes to represent the diversity and respect for other cultures at our school. It was fabulous to see the students participating in the different cultural activities and hear about the engagement that was taking place in different classrooms. The highlight of the day for many of us was the lion dancing visit which topped of the day in spectacular fashion! The colours, sounds and meanings of Chinese New Year and other special occasions where lion dancing is performed provided a great display. We were very fortunate to have HGYS bring three full sized lions and many Laughing Buddhas (大头佛 dai tao fut in Cantonese) for us to view and interact with. Many thanks to families that were able to attend the performance and thanks again to everybody for making my first Cultural Day at Donvale Primary School simply sensational!
Program Update

Dear families,

Hope you have enjoyed this very short week! This week at OSHCLUB we celebrated ANZAC day with various activities including making ANZAC biscuits and making soldiers, we also enjoyed doing some cool science experiments. Next week we continue celebrating the cultures of the world with the country of Mexico. We will also be doing lots of mother’s day crafts to give to our wonderful mothers.

**Staffing:** Kate will return to the program next week after being on placement for three weeks.

**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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OSH program phone: 0402 362 443/9842 2261
Coordinator: Kate and Harry
Assistant: Jeremy

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.
No way – we love cookies (& Icypoles)
Both available for a $1.00 each at Friday Recess from the Canteen window.

but 175 kids have tasted the delicious side with the Bakery Meal Deal last week.
A big thanks to Tom @ Bakers Delight in Templestowe, who continues to delight us with his support.
Hooray to the PA who organised & served up the tasty treats.

Available at the office – it will be the best $65 you spend this year!

Catch up with all your friends & the OPEN NIGHT BBQ **Wednesday 18th May**.
PA will be providing Sausages and onions,
Hamburgers and coleslaw, cold drinks.
No need to cook dinner, come & eat & marvel at your brilliant children’s work.
More special gifts available at the Mothers Day Stall
Friday 6 May - Gifts range in price from $1 to $6.
Kids should bring their own enviro bag to take their goodies home.
Birthday Wishes To

Ebony M, Xavier B, Hayden D, Ruby C, Zara W

Who are celebrating birthdays from the 29th April to 5th May
Kidzone For Primary Schoolers
Salvo Kidzone is a values based program. Includes games, drama, puppets. Fridays during term, @ 4.00pm – 5.30pm beginning with an afternoon snack.
Cost: $5 per family per week
37 Taunton Street, Doncaster East
Call Andrew: 0432 459 433
Email: Andrew.austin@aus.salvationarmy.org

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

Nunawading Spectres - Tryout for the 2016 Nunawading Spectres development squad. Sunday 15 May, 11.45-1pm and Nunawading Stadium. Free