**CROSS COUNTRY HOUSE EVENT:** Our students today participated in a whole school event which allowed our middle to senior students to try out for the upcoming District Cross Country event. It was wonderful to see the students representing their House teams so proudly and trying their hardest throughout the challenging and tiring course. Congratulations to the students who successfully competed thus qualifying and making it through to the District Cross Country. Thank you once again to all the wonderful parent helpers who attended and supported the students and staff during the event. Of course, a very big thank you to all the staff for their support during the event and, in particular, another big thank you to our PE teacher, Mr Hogg, for all the planning and preparation he did to ensure that everything went smoothly and we all had a great time. Yet another great team effort by our students, staff and community.

**OPEN DAY:** A reminder that our school’s Open Day is scheduled for next Wednesday May 18th. Please ensure that you place this date into your diary and come along to enjoy the wonderful celebration of our students and school. Two school tours will be taking place – one at 9.30am and the other at 7.00pm for potential new students. Our Parents Association will once again be preparing a delicious BBQ for all to enjoy and our staff has arranged some wonderful displays, presentations and performances to help showcase our school. Thank you to our School Councillors and Parents Association for their continued support with this day- I know that it will be, as always, a terrific success.

Hope you’re having a wonderful week.

*Lena Clark*
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**Uniform Shop**

RHSports Ringwood Retail Showroom will be closed for Stocktake on Monday May 23rd and Tuesday May 24th.

Orders can still be placed online via [www.rhsports.com.au](http://www.rhsports.com.au) during this period.

**Lost Hat**

Lachlan B in 5/6W lost his school hat last term. It is named. Please check to see if your child has the correct hat. Thank you.

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**ART COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday 17th May @ 2:30pm**

Our children’s Art Show will flourish with the involvement and support 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 come set up time, we would greatly appreciate your help.

The next art committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th May at 2:30pm in the staff room. Please come along to express your interest.

Thank you all for your support and assistance.

Ms. Debora De Stefanis

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**Donvale Primary School Art Show**

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**Family Afternoon – Friday 11th Nov ~ Art Evening – Saturday 12th Nov**
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.
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INTRODUCING THE 3/4 TEAM ...

Alanna Hodgens

Hi! I’m Alanna Hodgens and I share my Year 3/4 class with Bev Wright. I have been lucky to be at Donvale for many years and I love teaching here.

I have 3 children: Lauren who is a nurse, Chris is a plumber and Ellie the hairdresser. Ellie and Chris were both students at Donvale Primary.

During my spare time I like to keep fit and enjoy pump and body balance classes at Fernwood and Zumba. On the weekends my husband and I watch Chris play football, go for long walks with Lauren and Ellie’s dogs, Ruby and Lola, and spend time with our family and friends.

Bev Wright

I teach a wonderful group of Year 3/4 students with Alanna Hodgens. I also keep an eye on the Library and enjoy reading many of the wonderful books as they come in. Reading is one of my passions, although it is sometimes hard to find time to read books for myself and not only those from our school library. I have three daughters, one of whom seems to be a perpetual student, the other two have faced reality and joined the work force. Although I do not feel old enough to be a grandparent, our second daughter has produced two grandchildren, who have brought much joy into our lives.

Christian Garcia

I've come to Donvale from Templestowe Valley Primary School, and have enjoyed the challenge of getting to know a new school community, and getting involved in the school. I have a passion for Science, and have been busy setting up a new science room at this school. I also love sport and mainly follow soccer, barracking for Liverpool. I also enjoy making songs using DJ software on my computer - I'm a Mac Man!

Tasmin Brown

Hello! My name is Tasmin Brown and I currently teach level 3/4. I enjoy outdoor sports and have a passion for health and fitness. On the weekends I really enjoy spending time with my sister and relaxing with a hot cup of tea, while watching a Murder Mystery show. I also enjoy spending time with my family and friends.

Rita Lucisano

Education Support Staff

I have been here at Donvale for a number of years now, and it's a pleasure to work with the staff, children and parents. I've always been passionate about early learning and still get a buzz when students achieve their best. I have four wonderful children living at home and a loving husband who thinks he is a better cook than I am . . . actually, he probably is! My interests are arts and crafts and making the most of every day.
Time logic exercise

1) I get up every sunday at 10:30 am. This sunday I got up one hour earlier. At what time did I get up?

2) I take breakfast every morning at 7:30 am before going to school. If I eat for 15 minutes, at what time do I leave for school?

3) I missed the bus because I came fifteen minutes later. If the bus took off at 1:45 pm, at what time did I arrive at the bus stop?

4) If the date is 23rd March 2009 on Monday, what will the date be on Friday?

5) I study Mathematics, English and History on Monday. Each subject lasts for 2 hours. What is the total number of hours I spend studying?
DONVALE JUNIOR CHEF IS BACK!

Yes! We are back and with many exciting news. We have changed the venue: we will run the classes in the school canteen; many incredible mums are helping me to make it look clean, welcoming, colourful and inspiring. We need one or two sessions to get used to the new space and to organise it to be most functional; that’s why we’ll have only small groups of 10 children to begin with.

As always FIRST IN, BEST DRESSED! Which means you’ll have to read Snippets to find out when the next session is, then visit our lovely Wendy and Sam at the office bringing $5 per child per session. The money will cover for the ingredients used during the session and if there is any extra, we will use it to buy much needed supplies. Your child’s name won’t be on the list unless you make the payment.

The children will create scrumptious and beautiful dishes with real ingredients and with a hands on approach, keeping in mind their safety and the short time we have available.

I have promised pizza, but I have to befriend the oven first! So we’ll start making delicious eggs tagliatelle from scratch with a homemade tasty tomato and basil sauce on Wednesday the 18th of May.

IF ANY OF YOU HAVE A PASTA MACHINE AT HOME WE WOULD LOVE TO BORROW IT, SO EACH CHILD COULD HAVE A GO!

WANTED

Last note goes to all the great parents that offered to help during the classes: I really appreciate and will make good use of your offers. I will personally contact you when I need you during a session, please don’t just turn up, as the room is not big enough to have 10 children and too many parents around. However, put your name down when I’ll send you the form home with your preferred contact and I’ll make sure you get a turn to help! Without your assistance the classes would be a lot harder to run!

So, what are you waiting for? Grab $5 and run to the office to enrol your child!

Chi cucina con me?
Laura Emozione
Program Update

Dear families,

**Australia’s Biggest Afternoon Tea:** To support the Cancel Council, OSHClub is hosting an Australia’s Biggest Afternoon tea at after school care on Tuesday 24th May. This event is a great chance to get together and raise money for a good cause. If your child is already booked on this day they will be automatically included. All food and drink will be supplied by OSHClub - who are also making a donation to the Cancer Council. All we ask is that you bring a gold coin donation for this very worthy cause.

**What’s on next week?:** Next week we will be preparing for our Afternoon tea event by making a welcome sign and decorations, cooking and creating lots of daffodil crafts.

**Birthdays:** OshClub would like to wish the following OSHClubbers a very happy birthday: Luca L (12th), Jasmine B (16th), Xavier S (17th) and Oliva T (18th).

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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OSHC program phone: 0402 362 443/9842 2261
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.
Treat Friday @ Recess.
Choc chip cookies, finger buns & for the brave – icypoles!!

We had some fabulous helpers for the DPS Mothers Day Stall on Friday. Thanks to the fab mums (& a wonderful dad) who served the many choosie customers & who helped make many special ladies happy on Mothers Day. Well done kids & PA!!!

Don’t worry – go out. Entertainment Books available at the office. Amazing discounts for local restaurants & more!

Check out the fun & the student work at the DPS Open Night – Wednesday 18th May.

The PA will be grilling up a storm - selling Sausages and onions, hamburgers and coleslaw, cold drinks.
Help wanted at the BBQ Open Night & the upcoming Trivia Night (planned for Term 3).
Form coming home this Thursday.
If you can help in any small way we would be grateful.
Please return the form to the office asap.

A big sugary kiss to all that helped & supported the Pink Finger Bun charity fundraiser. Needless to say the kids loved them & over $350 was raised to aid with Breast Cancer research.

This is no pie in the sky fundraiser....
It’s happening. Pie Order Form coming home soon.

We are only missing you, you are just our type - come to the PA Meeting -
Friday 20 May @ 1.30pm in the Library.
Under 11 Girls - **Diamonds** sparkled and gleamed on the court resulting in a comfortable win. Great teamwork lead by Aysha, Honi and Eva on scoring their first baskets of the season. Congratulations girls!

U/9 Dribblers: The boys played very well and were excited to get their first draw! Congratulations to Sam C and Matin K for scoring their first goals ever! It’s great to see all the training is paying off.

Open Boys - A fantastic game for the **Dinosaurs**! With only four players - Samuel, Jamieson, Khian and Max, the boys displayed sheer guts and determination to tie a hard fought, fast-paced match. All players should be immensely proud of their efforts...all the spectators were!

**Dynamites** - Although we went down 16-4 to the Donburn Eagles the team played well and goals to Oliver and Kade got us on the scoreboard.

U/9 Girls – **Dolphins** - The girls came up against the top team last week and tried their hearts out. They really stuck with them in the first half and were only down by 6 points before being overrun in the second half. Lexie Williams was named Dolphin of the Week for her best game this year, and for trying hard and never giving up until the final siren.

**Dreamers** had a 0-0 draw, but made some big improvements in their defence and inbound passing. Great game from Natalie and a brave return from a blood nose for Ella – well done girls!

Very quick and physical game for the **Destroyers** on Saturday. It was an unfortunate loss for the boys however they all fought hard to play as a team.

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**Birthday Wishes To**

Joseph B, Jasmine B, Zavier S, Olivia T

Who are celebrating birthdays from the 13th to 19th May