From The Principal - Lena Clark

EDUCATION WEEK AT DONVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Day:  Yesterday’s Open Day was a wonderful celebration of our school and students. We had a terrific number of current and new families attend throughout the day with the two school tours drawing a large number of visitors. The school looked an absolute treat as I proudly walked through the school watching our students showing off their learning to their families. Thank you to all the community for supporting us yesterday, particularly all our parents who came out in force to help out in our classrooms with Junior Chef, with the lighting and BBQ during the evening, with the gardens, with the tours and with the big smiles! We wouldn’t be the great school we are without us all working so proudly together.

Chaplaincy Program:  Our School Chaplain / Wellbeing Officer, Chantelle Olafsen, has contributed in the development of a DVD about Chaplaincy programs in schools. Our school features in the video with some of our students and staff involved. It’s another wonderful opportunity for our school to celebrate the wonderful programs and support we offer to our students. Thank you to Chantelle for enabling the opportunity for us to participate in the video. Hopefully we can access the video shortly to put up onto our website. Stay tuned.

SRC Buddy Benches:  The SRC (Student Representative Council) decided that it would be wonderful if we could design and build some ‘Buddy Benches’ for our students use. These have now been completed with one placed in front of the play equipment in the Senior area and the other in front of the play equipment in the Junior area of the school. The cost of the building and installation was all covered by the Staff Car Wash held last term. The idea behind the use of the benches is that if someone doesn’t have anybody to play with and is looking for a friend, they can go and sit on the bench. Anybody who sees them can then go to them and invite them to come and play. It very strongly supports our school value of ‘Compassion.’ A very big thank you goes to Emily Wallis (Year 5 / 6 class teacher and SRC co-ordinator) for her work with the students in seeing this project through to fruition.

Quote of the week:

It’s nice to be important, but it’s more important to be nice.
**Garden Beds:** Our Garden beds have been planted and are looking wonderful. The weather has been relatively kind so this should help to kick start some growth. Many thanks to Michelle Bishop and Katie Kraus (parents) who have helped tremendously with preparing the garden beds for planting and sourcing seedlings for planting. Christian Garcia has arranged for weekly lunch time gardening clubs to take place where students are invited into the garden beds area to spend some time nurturing the plants, weeding and generally keeping the area tidy. Hopefully it won’t be too long before we can harvest some of the veggies being grown.

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**Visitors Car Park:** A reminder to all parents that the school’s Visitors Car Park located at the front of the school is not a car park for parents to use during pick up and drop off times. Parents should use the street parking around the school grounds or the pickup and drop off zone when picking up or dropping off their children. As we have recently had some minor issues with the use of the Visitors Car Park, I will be making it out of bounds during the school’s very busy morning and afternoon times. As always, we consider the children’s safety and wellbeing is of absolute paramount importance and for this reason I ask that all parents ensure that they do not park in this area during these busy times. I also ask for all parents to ensure that they drive slowly and carefully when driving through and around the school grounds and to adhere to the speed limits of surrounding streets, parking restrictions and school zones. Whilst we all can appreciate that this is simply common sense, unfortunately there are far too many occasions when I have noticed some parents driving irresponsibly. For the sake of all our children and community in general, I ask that you ensure that you remain respectful and responsible at all times when moving through and around our school grounds.

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**Science Lab:** For those of you who have been able to visit our school, you hopefully have taken the opportunity to visit our new Science Lab situated in the main middle school building. Our students are indeed extremely fortunate to have access to a dedicated Science room which will allow for their interest and enthusiasm with the Sciences to be further developed. Thank you to Christian Garcia (Year 3/4 class teacher and Science Guru) and Michael Chigros-Xeni (Year 5/6 class teacher) for their amazing efforts and excitement in developing the Lab. We are now looking forward to using this Science on a regular basis where all teachers will be planning to utilise this room for their Science based teaching and learning program.

Hope you’re having a wonderful week.

Kind Regards

*Lena Clark*
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- **Foundation Incursion - RACV 'Street Scene'**
- **Division Cross Country**
- **Regional Cross Country**
- **Queen's Birthday Holiday**
- **Foundation Incursion: Responsible Pet**
GENERAL

School Nurse Visit
Cathy Pataki a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Training will be attending the school to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents’ consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

Parents are invited to contact the visiting primary school nurse if there are any issues they wish to discuss. The contact number for the visiting primary school nurse is 0412 161 472.

Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office. This completed Referral form needs to be returned to the school office.

FROM THE SCIENCE LAB ...

Science Room
So many wonderful and exciting things have been happening at Donvale Primary School over the last few weeks. Firstly our ‘Science Lab’ is looking fantastic with amazing tables, stools, activities and displays. Our 3/4 students have already enjoyed using the ‘Science Lab’ and they have performed experiments such as floating egg, making butter and the milk and dye experiment. The response from the students has been magnificent and many of them can’t wait to use the ‘Science Lab’ they have enjoyed it that much. Please come by and have a look at our remarkable ‘Lab’ and a big thank you must go out to all the parents, staff and Mr Chigros for all his help and effort in building this room.

Gardening Club
Last week our ‘Environmental Leaders and Captains’ ventured out to our very own veggie garden and began to plant seedlings and plants provided by parents and staff members. Even though we are in the early stages of planting the garden still looks terrific. We will be having a regularly gardening group happening each Wednesday during lunchtime. I can’t wait to see the produce at the end. A big thank you also to Mr O’Connor for his expertise in the garden and agriculture. I would like to take this opportunity to also thank Michelle Bishop (Mum to Emily and Kaitlyn) who assisted us in getting the seedlings and to Kate Kraus (Mum to Simon) for helping with the planting.

Thanks everyone
Christian Garcia
The SRC presents.....

FUNNY FRIDAY

On Friday the 27th of May, you can come to school in funny clothes. All students are asked to bring along a gold coin donation to go towards the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) which raises money to support children and adults with Type 1 Diabetes.

Some FUNNY FRIDAY dress up ideas are:

- Wearing odd shoes
- Wearing your t-shirt inside out
- Wearing a wacky wig

BE CREATIVE
Thermometer

Read the temperature on the following thermometers.
DONVALE JUNIOR CHEF: tagliatelle with tomato and basil sauce

Yeah! We had so much fun! Even though ended up with tomato sauce on our hair and flour everywhere, it was fantastic seeing little hands at work, hearing chirpy voices declare “I am actually born to be a chef!”, happy faces all around the table.

Every child made their own tagliatelle starting from 100g of flour and an egg. Seeing the magic of the simple ingredients combining to get to the beautiful end result was the highest point of the session. Actually, the highest point was when they ate their creations, the only noise we could hear was the sound of the fork touching the plate.

Thank you to my fantastic helpers, they worked flat out to deliver a great session, Vicky Siatos especially, octopus helper from 9 till the end; Ellen Fraser, Aya Chan and Michiko Cruse, whom also helped in the past weeks to clean up the canteen. Without you I would have never been able to do anything.

Thank you to the Phipps family for donating a pasta machine to Junior Chef. Thank you to the Cooper, Fraser and Wogan families for lending us theirs for the day.

Last but now least thank you to Wendy and Sam for helping me in so many ways, to Mrs Clark for her support and supervision and the kind donation of tea towels from Mrs Lucisano and Mrs Nicks.

See you next Wednesday for more scrumptious tagliatelle!

Chi cucina con me?

Laura Emozione

Voices dalla Cucina:

- Natalie S. FRC: Making it was really fun!
- Eva S. 34M: Really, really good and it’s delicious. I am going to make it with mum.
- Amelia S. 34B: It is scrumptious.
- Chloe C. 12JK: Yummy!
- Jaimee E. 34HW: It was really fun and easy to make and it tastes delicious.
- Allie E. 12W: It’s delicious! I love making it.
- Charlotte E. 12C : It’s really good. Making it was fun.
- Kirra W. 34G: I love the taste of homemade stuff. It was easy and fun to make. I am going for second serves.
- Giorgia E. 12W: More than delicious. Buonissima!
- Ashleigh F. 34G: It was really easy to make and delicious.
- Williams C. 12JK: It was delicious!
- Nikita S. 34HW: It is really really really good!
If any new players are interested in playing for Semester 2, please download the registration form from the school website and submit to Kim Merton, Cass Buckle, Liz Brown or Marita Warner.

We still have plenty of uniforms in stock. Please direct any players requiring new uniforms to Charmaine O’Neill or leave your name at the office. We also have:

Warm Up tops - $15 Drink Bottles - $5 – limited edition, collector items!!

U/9 Dribblers: Another hard fought game! It is fantastic to see everyone trying so hard right until the buzzer. Well done Dribblers!!

What an incredible indication of just how much our Dynamites have improved! We went down to our mates the daredevils 8-6 but it was a fabulous effort from the boys and lots of great sportsmanship. BOG Harper Camp with an awesome game and 4 pts to Oliver Moyes.

Open Boys - A one sided match this week with the Dinosaurs easily winning. All of the boys scored and contributed defensively to help secure the victory. Keep it up!

The Dolphins came up against their classmates last week and had a 6-2 win over the Dreamers. Zara Wogan continued her great form and shot two baskets to be Dolphin of the Week.

Destroyers had a convincing win on Saturday. They played well and put a lot of their training drills into practice. Well done boys!

Birthday Wishes To

Abbey G

Who are celebrating birthdays from the 20th to 26th May
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?:** The Biggest Afternoon Tea is on **TUESDAY** so for the first half of the week we will be decorating and making yummy foods to enjoy on the day. Later on in the week we will be exploring science with some STEM challenges and Lava lamp experiments.

**Birthdays:** OshClub would like to wish Abbey G a very happy birthday for the 23rd May.

**Staff:** Jeremy has decided to leave OSHClub to pursue his teaching career. We wish him all the best! We will have a few new staff members joining the team until we have found a new permanent assistant.

**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

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<td>Inside: Board games Game: Dodgeball</td>
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OSHC program phone: 0402 362 443/9842 2261
Coordinator: Kate
Assistants: 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 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.
Kim Merton – what can we say?
You work tirelessly for the school, you set up, shop, send out notes, coordinate teams, & always with a smile & an encouraging word for anyone that wants to get involved.
Well done & thank you from everyone at DPS for everything you do!

$1.00 Lamington & icypoles served this week.
Get in before Dame Edna scoffs the lot!

**PA MEETING – FRIDAY 20 May. 1.30pm in the Library.**
Put it on your to do list!

We need helpers for Trivia Night. Even if you can’t come to PA meetings return your interest form or let the office know & someone will be in touch.
What a great Open Night – Wed 18 May, great displays by the teachers & kids, lots of snags & burgers served by the wonderful PA. Thanks for all the effort & love you consistently put in!

Entertainment Books available at the office. Amazing discounts for local restaurants & more!

It's a long way to the shop if you want a Sausage Roll...... unless you order some from the Pie Fundraiser & pop them in the freezer. Form coming soon.

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LOCATION AND RSVP FOR EACH SESSION: ANDERSON’S CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL 9844 2757

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