With school reports and parent/teacher meetings just around the corner, I thought it was a good time to consider once again what are the optimum conditions in which children learn. I am sure there would be a lot of agreement on many of those conditions—having a good teacher would be one that everyone would agree on. If we were to look at all the students who do well at school compared to those who ‘struggle’, and asked the question, ‘What are the things in place for those kids who do well that those who struggle don’t have in place?’, I think the answer would come down to a few simple, and probably obvious, principles.

• Good school attendance
Apart from the obvious reason—that the more time you spend at school with good teachers, the more you learn—good attendance is also an indicator that parents are serious about their child’s education and that there is some sort of organisation and stability in the child’s life. This is important.

• Good teachers
What makes a good teacher? To me it is someone who cares deeply for the kids, knows them well and attends to their needs (academic and social).

• Supportive Family
By this, I mean a family who have high expectations of their children academically, socially, behaviourally and one that works with the school to support their child’s learning at home. eg listening to reading etc.

• Optimism
Happy/Positive people generally do better, bounce back when things go wrong, persist and believe they will succeed. A positive outlook can help enormously.

• Reading every day
The simplest, most powerful thing you can do for your kids educationally is to listen to them read every day for 20 minutes. Simple as that.

There are other things that contribute to a child doing well at school. I’m sure you have a few beliefs of your own. Feel free to let me know what you think—I’d be happy to share a few responses in the newsletter.
Victorian Registration and Qualification Authority (VRQA) Child Safe Standards:

We all know that children have the right to be safe and protected at all times. Schools and other child-related organisations have an important responsibility for keeping children safe. Most organisations already take steps to protect children from abuse, however more can be done.

In 2013, the Victorian Parliament held an Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Non-Government Organizations, resulting in the ‘Betrayal of Trust Report.’ The report found that more could be done to strengthen existing approaches to child safety. In response, the Victorian Government is phasing in child safe standards for organizations that work with children, including schools.

These standards to manage the risk of child abuse in organisations are being phased in during 2016 and 2017. Child abuse, and arrangements that allow it to occur, will not be tolerated. Victoria’s children deserve nothing less.

The child safe standards require schools to consider all aspects of child safety and put measures in place to protect children from all forms of abuse, including:

- Sexual or grooming offences
- Physical violence
- Serious emotional or psychological harm
- Serious neglect

Below are the seven child safe standards. The Minister for Education, James Merlino, has set out in Ministerial Order No. 870 what specific actions schools need to take to meet the child safe standards. They are:

1. Strategies to embed an organizational culture of child safety.
2. A child safety policy or statement of commitment to child safety.
3. A child safety code of conduct.
4. School staff selection, supervision and management practices for a child-safe environment.
5. Procedures for responding to and reporting allegations of suspected child abuse.
6. Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.
7. Strategies to promote child empowerment and participation.

At Donvale PS, we have already begun our work towards ensuring that we meet the child safe standards to achieve a zero-tolerant approach to child abuse.

As we progress through the implementation process, Leadership and School Council will work together in sharing with our community and being clear about our:

- strategies to embed a culture of child safety at the school, and roles and responsibilities within the school for achieving these strategies.
- the school’s child safety policy or statement of commitment to child safety.
- code of conduct outlining clear expectations for appropriate behavior by school staff with children (this must be publicly available).
• strategies to promote child empowerment and participation. E.g. delivering appropriate education about standards of behavior for students attending the school, healthy and respectful relationships (including sexuality), resilience and child abuse awareness and prevention.
• procedures for reporting suspected child abuse.

More information about the Child Safe Standards can be found on the following link. If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to speak with either myself or Ian McKinlay (AP).

Hope you’re having a wonderful week.

Lena Clark

June

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Term 3

11th July - 16th September
How to access your child’s reports

Step 1: Log in to Compass. Click ‘View Academic Reports’.

Step 2: Select which semester’s report you would like to view. As this is the first time we have used Compass there is only one cycle available.

From here the report will automatically download as a PDF which can be emailed or printed. If you have additional children’s reports to download, click the ‘Home’ icon and repeat the process by selecting ‘View Academic Reports’ under each of the additional children.

If you need assistance with this, please contact the school office on 9842 3373 or email donvale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.
Gumboot Pot Plants

We would like you to bring some old spare gumboots to the Senior Building. We will put seeds and soil into the gumboots and make Gumboot Pot Plants. We believe the gumboots will bring some more creativity in our school. Please bring old and worn out leather boots so you don’t waste your money. We will hang the gumboots up on the veggie patch fence.

Please bring the gumboots by June 20th.

Thank you

Club Groups
Performing Arts News from Mrs Keep

Last week the year 5 and 6 students performed their Asian Dance routines that they have been working on for the past month.

Each group did an amazing job, working together as teams, choreographing their own dance and finding suitable costumes.

Next Thursday the year 3 and 4 students will be performing their World Celebrations dances.

You are welcome to come along to enjoy their performances at 2.30pm in 34G.
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6) \(\_\_ + 9 = 9 + 7\)
Dear families,

This week we focused on integrating literacy and numeracy. It was great to see the children sharing their own games and activities, particularly relating to literacy. On Wednesday morning, everyone got involved and participated in these new group games.

Following last week’s focus on environmental perspectives, the children were eager to organise more environmental activities, such as information posters. It’s fantastic to see that the group is so passionate about the environment!

Staff: Kate’s last shift for the term was on Wednesday morning. Kate B will be coordinating for the remainder of the term, with Steph and Jacob assisting.

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

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OSH 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.
Steamed Dim Sim - Friday Recess - $1.00. Say no more!

Do it for your Country – do it for your School!

Election Day BBQ - Saturday 2 July – 2 hour shifts.

Roster coming home.

We need your help to feed the voters

& highlight our fabulous school.

If you are a pizza fan, save up your silver coins & add to your Class jar.

Class with the most wins a delicious pizza lunch.

Last day next Wednesday 21st.

All for a good cause of course –

lots of great new books for the school coming our kids way!

Freddo Boxes coming home next Monday.

Sell, eat or opt out. Everyone loves a giant Freddo.
Join the gang at the DPS Trivia Night
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July -
Ticket order forms home this week.
Get a table together.

Get Involved!

We need Prize donations for Trivia Night – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July.
We need your support!! Please let the office know & they will pass on the info.

Thursday 16 June Meal Deal.
Zillions of party pies, oodles of Sausage Rolls & gallons of Flavoured milk devoured today.
Thanks to all who put the deal together & delivered the goods.

Birthday Wishes To

Luca C-S, Lachlan M, Kyla I, Ethan C, Sam F, Elena D

Who are celebrating birthdays from the 17th to 23rd June
Jewel in the Crown!

Massive thank you to Marita Warner for being the DPS Basketball Program Registrar for the last 5 years & will hand over the role at the end of the season.

Deserves a service award diamond basketball necklace for sure. Instead we send her all our thanks & gratitude! Thanks for your time & energy Marita!

IT’S FINALS FEVER! GO DONVALE! Adults $2 entry fee.

PRELIMINARY FINALS 18 JUNE

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Twilight Seminar series:

Framework for Improving Student Outcomes

The Department of Education and Training are facilitating four twilight seminars to stimulate discussion and reflection on best practice in schools, aligning with the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO).

About the seminars
The seminars will enable school and regional staff, parents and school councillors the opportunity to:

- engage with a range of speakers from schools, academia and the broader education sector
- reflect and identify areas for school improvement
- consider the current research, relevant strategies and interventions that have been effective in improving student outcomes
- access practical information that may be utilised in the development of the school implementation plan.

Agenda
Each seminar will comprise:

- short presentations from each panel member
- panel session
- a Q&A session.

These four seminars follow on from a series held on the FISO priorities in 2015 and will go deeper into key aspects of the FISO.

Seminar 1, Thursday 16 June: Parents as partners
An interactive seminar for teachers and parents/carers on how they can work together to maximise student learning.

Seminar 2, Thursday 1 September: High impact teaching and learning
Practical examples from practitioners on teaching and learning strategies that are making a difference in their classrooms.

Seminar 3, Thursday 13 October: Engaging the disengaged
Effective strategies to engage students who are at risk of alienation or disengagement.

Seminar 4, Thursday 27 October: What our students can tell us about good teaching
A practical workshop on how students and teachers can collaborate to strengthen teaching and learning.

Details

Time: 5.00 pm - 6.30 pm

Venue: Bastow
603-615 Queensberry St, North Melbourne

These seminars are free of charge for Victorian government schools.

To confirm your booking or register to attend the event via video conferencing please visit the Events page on the Bastow website.

For further information please contact
Jason Muir, Improvement Support
phone: 9651 4605 or email:
muir.jason@edumail.vic.gov.au
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Year 7, 2019 Enrolment

For those enrolling at Whitefriars in Year 7, 2019 the timeline for enrolment has changed for all Catholic secondary schools and is as follows:

- 25 August, 2017: Applications close
- 13 October, 2017: Offers of places to prospective students are posted
- 27 October, 2017: Final date for families to accept offers made

Whitefriars College Inc:
148 Park Road, Donvale, Victoria 3111 Australia
E: enrolments@whitefriars.vic.edu.au www.whitefriars.vic.edu.au
ABN: 31 008 053 130 (ABN: 00 008 053 130)

More information available from the office ...

Holiday Programs:

Healthways Recreation Centre - For 5-12 year olds. Activities include ten pin bowling/art & craft/swimming/games/cooking/dance science, and many more.

Nunawading Gospel Hall - Fun filled holiday program for prep to grade 6. Free event

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Will empower your child with a bag of strategies

- ICAS Maths
- Training
- Enrich Plus
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Boost your child’s Maths Solving Skills this School Holidays

Age: Year 1 to Year 10

Register now for Dr Fong’s Maths Holiday Program.
Safeguarding Available: 29 June - 10 July

Dr Fong Singapore Maths

Send Your Child Back to School with a Bag of Strategies To Solve Challenging Maths Problems

Every Child Can Solve Challenging Maths Problems
Check Effective Strategies Under Guidance

Victorian Holiday Programs

5-8 Years
Footy Fun Day

9-12 Years
Skills Battle

JULY JUNIOR HOLIDAY PROGRAM

July 5, 6 & 7 9.30am - 12noon Donvale Tennis Club

$100 or $40/day

.....Three fun filled days of tennis.....

All players will be grouped according to ages and standards - Snacks and drinks will be provided

Three days of high energy tennis, run by professional coaches using video, ball machines, serving radar and loads of prizes.

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Mark Harrett
protennisacademy.com.au

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9am to 3pm

Come join us!