My recent holiday was a wonderful relaxing time away travelling through parts of Greece, Turkey, Montenegro, Spain, Italy and Dubai. The weather was very different to Melbourne’s current weather; the best way to describe it is HOT! Dubai was incredibly hot where each day we were there the temperature hovered around 47°C! This was a bit too much for my husband and I to handle so for the most part we tended to stay in the lovely air-conditioned indoors. We did venture out one time to visit the desert; something we thought just had to be seen as we are both fans of the movie, ‘Lawrence of Arabia.’ I have shared some pictures showing me with a camel in the desert of Dubai. We did end up riding the camel – not something I would probably do again!

Travelling is such a wonderful experience and the learning from visiting all the amazing historical places is immense. I am so grateful that I have the opportunity to embark on such travels and would certainly recommend visiting each of these places. I would love to travel more often but just now wish that I could be like Jeanie in ‘I dream of Jeannie’ and blink my eyes and be anywhere in the world I want to be. Unfortunately, Australia is just so far away from most places and plane travel and I are no longer a very good mix. I know many of you know exactly what I mean.

I am still trying to catch up with the students who I know have also recently been travelling to far off places. I’m very much looking forward to sharing our holiday stories together.

My first week back at school after being away has been an exciting one particularly as I have wandered around the school seeing all the wonderful learning that continues to take place at Donvale PS. In particular, the children are all very actively engaged with their Writing as the teachers are working hard on developing all students’ writing skills as well as their own skills as teachers of Writing. This term, the school has engaged the services of Ann Angelopoulos, a very experienced Writing Consultant, who is working each Monday at DPS with our students and staff. Her role entails her working in the classrooms with the teachers; modelling, mentoring and coaching good writing practice. Ann then works with the teachers each Monday after school, where she continues with her focused professional development one on one with the staff. This is a very intensive, effective and supportive approach in building teacher and student capacity. The learning will culminate and be celebrated during the final week of this term with our whole school Writer’s Festival. This is a whole school event where our community will be invited to the school to enjoy the magnificent writing our students have developed. Our Visual Arts program will join into
this event by working to complement the students’ Writing with their Art work. It’s just too exciting! More information on our Writer’s Festival will be sent as the event draws closer.

As Mr McKinlay mentioned in last week’s Principal Report, our new Science Lab is also a key feature to our students’ learning. With our Integrated Unit studies this term each having a Science focus, this room is the perfect venue to allow the children to thoroughly engage with their learning in a more fun, interactive and inspiring manner. If you haven’t yet had the opportunity to visit our new Science Lab, please ensure you take some time to do so. Our children are indeed very fortunate to have this wonderful facility where we can so readily inspire all our budding scientists.

On a completely different note, just wanted to inform our community of a recent health scare one of our much loved teachers has endured. A few weeks ago, Mr Rick Gordon suffered some heart problems which needed to be fixed with open heart surgery. The problem now fixed, Mr Gordon is well on his way to recovery and is very much looking forward to returning to his duties at Donvale PS in a couple of weeks or so. We certainly have missed Rick’s smiling face around the place with his laments about the mighty Bombers – we look forward to seeing Mr Gordon back, fit and well, very soon.

Our ‘Rio’ themed Trivia Night is taking place this Saturday night. I’m sure it is going to be another fantastic evening where our community has the opportunity to get together, have a lot of fun and frivolity for the great cause of our wonderful school. Many hours of work and preparations have gone into this event by our Parents Association in particular. Thank you to everyone. I know that it will again be a wonderful evening and as always, we will raise a great amount of money to support our school. I’m looking forward to seeing lots of our parents and friends then.

In closing for this week, I would like to send out a big thank you to Mr McKinlay for doing such a wonderful job as Acting Principal in my absence. Also a big thank you to the leadership team, Mrs Rassias and Mr Reiter, and all the staff; so dedicated and committed to their teaching. I always have complete confidence in knowing that if ever I am absent from school for whatever reason, the staff of Donvale PS will just continue to do the amazing job that they always do!

Hope you’re having a wonderful week.

Kind Regards

Lena Clark
Camel riding in Dubai. Poor camel!

Santorini, Greece Very white. Sunglasses are a must!

Acropolis & Pantheon territory – Athens, Greece Amazing!

Pompei – Near Naples, Italy. Mt Vesuvius is in the background. Boy, did this volcano do some damage!

Kotor - ‘Old Town’ - Montenegro
At first we thought the cats were dead but they were just trying to rest and escape from the heat. The wall I’m leaning on is well over 1000 years old.
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Book Week
Donvale Primary School likes to celebrate our love of books and reading by having special events to coincide with Book Week each year. This year the theme is ‘Australia – story country’. This emphasises the quality of writing, especially for children, that is available in our country. Our special day will be on Wednesday, 24th August.

◊ We have a visiting performance group ‘Meerkat Productions’ who choose short-listed books and bring them to life through drama and song. The company uses drama and storytelling as ways of exploring ideas that are relevant to the play. This year their performance is based on ‘Mr Huff’. They employ characteristics such as playing and exploring, active learning, creating and thinking critically to enable effective learning. There are also links to key areas of learning such as
  - Personal, social and emotional development
  - Communication and language
  - Physical development
  - Expressive arts and design

The cost of $9.00 for this performance was included in your bulk billing.

◊ On the same day as the performance, the children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character. There will be two parades due to performance times beginning at 9 a.m. The Foundation to Year 2 children will parade their creative designs, (weather permitting), at 9.15 a.m. and the Year 3 to 6 students at 10.00. If you are free at these times you are most welcome to attend.

◊ The children will then participate in activities based on one of the short listed books for 2016. They will work in multi-age groups with two staff members. This day produces some wonderful displays for our Library, as well as exposing children to fabulous books and the opportunity of working in multi-age, cooperative groups.

If you have any queries feel free to catch me on any Thursday or Friday.

Bev Wright.

Parent Opinion Survey
If you were a family who were randomly selected to participate in the 2016 Parent Opinion survey and have not returned it, can you please do so tomorrow Friday 29th July. Thank you to those families who have returned theirs and for taking the time to complete it.
Late Arrival To School
At DPS we are very conscious of the importance of all our students arriving on time. We have noticed lately that there has been a significant increase in student lateness.

Please read the following info which showcases the need for our students to be at school in a timely manner.

**WHY YOU SHOULD NOT LET YOUR CHILD ARRIVE LATE TO SCHOOL**

- **Enjoy More Time to Prepare**
  Students arriving to school with time to spare have the luxury of settling in, preparing their class materials, handing in notices, etc and focusing their minds on the lessons to come. Students showing up to class in the middle of a lesson miss out on this natural transition period and may lose even more of the lesson as they scurry to settle in.

- **Never Miss Important Information**
  Arriving to school after classes have begun can cause students to miss more than just the introduction to a lesson.
  When your child arrives late at school, he/she misses the teacher's instructions and the start of their learning.
  Your child may feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late and find it harder to settle into the school day. This WILL disrupt their learning and the rest of the class.

- **Develop Positive Lifelong Habits**
  Arriving late to school on a consistent basis can have longer-term academic effects. If showing up late to school becomes a habit, students may develop the notion that tardiness is acceptable behavior. This belief can negatively impact their future work ethic and employment opportunities. Alternatively, showing up on time to school every day can help students develop the habit of being punctual with important commitments. This habit can serve students well through school and into their future careers.
  Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost, and can seriously disadvantage your child.

- **Responsibility**
  Part of your child’s education is learning to be responsible. The school experience teaches children how to meet expectations. Attendance is one of the ways children show they can meet their obligations. In many cases, a child’s attendance depends on his parent’s ability to help him be on time. Parents can teach their children organizational techniques that will help them get out of the house faster, such as packing their bags and laying out their clothes the night before school. But parents who drive their children must also remember to be punctual and responsible. After all, you are the primary role model.
**WELL DONE TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ...**

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**Birthday Wishes To**

Dusty D, Dale L, Christopher B, Toby S, Elise R, Gemma G

**Who are celebrating birthdays from the 29th July to 4th August**
Grade 3 Do Now Math Sheets Version 2 Basic

1. Darcy has 64 books. She has 8 friends that would like to equally share the books. How many books should each of Darcy’s friends get?

2. The camp counselor finds 9 cases of lemonade in the closet. Each case has 24 cans of lemonade. How many cans of lemonade did the camp counselor find?

3. Round each item to the nearest tens place.

A) 56

B) 134

C) 71
Last Saturday our senior students were involved with the Exhibition at the Cambodian Friendship Festival. The piece they had worked on last term was on display and part of a silent auction to raise funds for Cambodian underprivileged children. It was a brilliant afternoon with a vast variety of artwork from all over Victoria, cultural entertainment, delicious food and many smiling faces. I was joined by Chloe and Coco, two of our Art Leaders. Our piece raised $170.00 dollars for the cause. We received many compliments for our entry and the senior students should be very proud of their efforts.

Ms. Debora De Stefanis
大家好 (dà jiā hǎo)! Just a reminder that all students are welcome to come and join the Mandarin Music Group (MMG) on Wednesday lunchtimes. We had our first session this week and have begun learning the song ‘可爱小熊猫’ (Cute Little Panda).

MMG will mainly focus on the reading of pinyin to improve the accuracy of Mandarin pronunciation. I will regularly draw attention to the differences between singing and speaking Mandarin in terms of the five Mandarin tones (four main tones plus a neutral tone) although they will not be the main focus of MMG.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun!

Serina Lee (李老师 lǐ lǎo shī)
Dear families,

This week the children engaged in a variety of activities that promoted collaboration and teamwork skills. Some of our favourites have been making healthy carrot muffins, team construction projects and group crafts. If you would like to make some delicious muffins at home with your little ones please see the recipe below. We adjusted this recipe so allergy friendly.


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

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OSHC program phone: 0402 362 443/9842 2261
Coordinator: Kate
Assistant: Clare

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.
Everyone loves a lamington!! Indulge this Friday at Recess.
Of course the much loved icy block will also be available. $1 each.

More importantly let the DPS Rio Olympics Trivia Night begin.

**Saturday 30 July – 7pm the starting gun fires!**
Don’t forget to bring your gold coins. Got to be in it to win it.

BYO drinks & nibbles.

Check out some of the Student/Teacher Silent Auction Items

* **BE THE P.E TEACHER FOR THE DAY**
Spend the day motivating the kids of DPS to get active! Working with Mr Hogg, be PE Teacher for the day – blowing the whistle, drilling the classes into activity & teaching sports for the day.

* **CRAZY SCIENCE EXPERIMENT WITH MR CHIGROS & MR GARCIA**
For the Science Fan. If you have ever wondered about something scientific or wanted to do an experiment of some kind this is your chance.

Work through the mysteries of the world with Mr Chigros-Xeni & Mr Garcia in a science tutorial of your choice.

Plus more – Foundation Teacher for the Day, Footy one-on-one, & Be a 1/2 Grade Teacher for the Day, plus more.....

$30 Reserve for Student/Teacher Activities.
Bids accepted prior to Saturday (especially for those not attending).
See the office for enquiries.
Check out some of the live auctions

**LIVE AUCTIONS – PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY**

Want your child/ren to be Principal for a day? This is your chance. Your child/ren will come to school, not in uniform and become the Principal(s) for a Day. More than one child? No problem! We will ensure they all get a turn on the chosen day - and ALL get to run assembly.

They will receive a special badge, sit in the Principal's office and partake in the duties of running the school.

This may include:
- making some important announcements,
- visiting classrooms
- helping with writing the week’s Snippets newsletter
- running assembly
- choosing the music to play before the bell!
- make a rule for the day

Your child will spend the day work-shadowing Mrs Clark and learning a little bit about what the job of being a Principal in a school is all about.

Bid high and bid hard to give your child this unique opportunity!

**LIVE AUCTION – WEEKEND FAMILY MT HOTHAM SKI-GETAWAY**

Chalet accommodation for 6 - 8 at Sun Apartment for 2 nights during 2016 ski season - ski in / ski out

- 2 bedroom / 2 bathroom, laundry, drying room + gear room, lounge
- Free wifi / Smart TV and Netflix access
- Snow play area outside the lounge window for children - supervise the kids whilst sitting by the fire (priceless!)
- **2 x Adult weekend Lift passes valued at $418**
- Fully self-contained kitchen.
- All linen / towels included. Cot / highchair available
- 1 room - king bed and ensuite. 2nd room with 2 bunks (4 beds) & 2 mattresses that fit in either room.
- Would suit 2 families wanting to share
- Ski-doo “meet & greet” oversnow transport (kids will love this part!)
- All the advice you’ll need for a holiday you won’t forget!

**Testimonial from last time:**

*Thanks for the fantastic weekend at Hotham that we purchased at the school Trivia night. Knowing it was going to be auctioned we decided it would be great for a father / daughter weekend away between 3 families. We managed to win it at auction and Ian and Katrina, James and Lucy and Peter and Sophie headed off for a brilliant weekend away. Unfortunately we still had to arrange food for them to take, but in hindsight they could have just walked to the pub! They had such a great time and the place was just brilliant, could easily accommodate 2 families.*

**PLUS MORE LIVE AUCTIONS, AWESOME SILENT AUCTIONS, GIVEAWAYS, PRIZES & LIVE MUSIC!!!!!**
Free Weight Session – Friday after Assembly.

We need muscle power to setup for Trivia Night.

We would love some helpers to carry over chairs & tables.

Not heavy stuff, just lots of it so we would be very grateful!!

Just hang around after Assembly.

DONVALE BASKETBALL CLUB – News & Views!

Diamonds were shining brightly on the court winning the game 36 to 0. Great team effort by all.

Congratulations to Sophie S on scoring her first basket.

Such an exciting game by the Dribblers....we even hit the front at one stage! Although we went down 5-9 it was a show of great teamwork by everyone. Goals to Ethan and Kade. Keep trying boys! Persistence is paying off already.

U9 Dynamites - We were up against a very good team this week and it is a credit to the boys (and the coach) that we were able to keep up the pressure and challenge them for the entire game. Well done everyone! Good luck next week!

U9 Daredevils: It was a tough game for the boys but it was good to see them fighting all the way to the end.
National Asthma Week 1-7 September

The theme for National Asthma Week 2016 is Become a Better Breather. National Asthma Week coincides with the beginning of spring and as pollens are a known trigger for asthma, this is an excellent time to ensure your child’s asthma is well controlled. Sections of the Asthma Australia website that can help with asthma management include,

- Take the Asthma Control Test to see if you could make improvements to help your child become a better breather.
- Manage allergies often linked with asthma, including allergic rhinitis (hayfever).
- 90% of people with asthma use their medications incorrectly. Check your child’s technique to see if they are getting full benefit from their medication.

Regular review of your child’s asthma with your GP and pharmacist will help them to become a better breather.

Need help with your child’s asthma? Contact our Asthma Assist line on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) and talk to one of our friendly Asthma Health Professionals.

Asthma Kids

Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it’s like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Check it out at www.asthmakids.org.au
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