Writers Festival: As mentioned in a previous newsletter, this term the teachers are participating in intensive professional learning focused on developing our skills as teachers of Writing. We have employed a Literacy Consultant who attends the school each Monday and works with the students in modelling and coaching best practice in Writing. The teachers and students are working very hard and as a result, I have seen some fantastic writing I have seen developing across the school during the term. The vocab, synonyms, sentence structures, onomatopoeia, creative ideas used by the students has been outstanding. It’s exciting and we would love to share this writing with you. As such, Donvale PS will again be presenting to our community, a ‘Writers’ Festival’. Two years ago, Donvale PS held its very first Writers’ Festival. It was a wonderful celebration of the students’ creative writing talents where they shared with us their stories of their most treasured possessions. The topic this year is… ‘My Three Wishes’. This is such an amazing topic for the children to write about and I can’t wait to read their stories. I can already see the creative juices in the children starting to flow.

The Writers’ Festival will kick off this year with a very special Assembly which will take place in the Senior Building on 12th September at 2.30 – 3.30pm. Please put this date in your diary as this is an event you do not want to miss. Immediately following the Assembly, all members of our community will be invited to attend the ‘Writers Gallery’ (GP Building) where the fabulous student writing will be on display. The Writers’ Gallery will also be open on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th September from 8.30 – 9.30am and 3.30- 4.15pm. I urge you to please take the time to visit the display and enjoy the experience of reading the stories our little authors so very much want to share with you.

Book Week and Book Fair: In keeping the Literacy theme going, I would like to remind our community that our annual Book Fair will be taking place tomorrow, Friday 12th August. Thank you to Karin Moule and her band of helpers for once again making this opportunity happen at DPS. The Book Fair will be taking place in our school library before and after school and also again during these same times the following Monday and Tuesday (15th & 16th Aug). I encourage you to go along and make some purchases from the wonderful array of books that will be available. Funds raised will go towards purchasing more books for our school library – a very worthy cause.
Book Week will be taking place during the week commencing **Monday 22nd August** with our annual Parade taking place on **Wednesday 24th August**. This is always a fun day where we get to dress up as our favourite book characters or characters from this year’s shortlisted books selected by the Children’s Book Council. This year we are running two parades with the first for the Junior school commencing at 9.00am. The Senior School parade with take place at 10.00am. The students will also enjoy a performance by ‘Meerkat Productions’ on the day. Thank you to Mrs Wright, in particular, and the staff of Donvale PS for the planning and preparations in making this year’s Book Week celebrations another wonderful opportunity for our students to engage with and enjoy great literature.

Some important dates for your diary...

- **Book Fair**: Starts tomorrow Friday 12th August
- **Olympic** themed Dress Up Day Friday 19th August
- **Book Week Celebrations**: Wednesday 24th August
- **Writers’ Festival**: Special Assembly Monday 12th September
- **End Term 3 -** Friday 16th September 2.30pm dismissal
- **Year 5 / 6 Camp** – First day Tuesday 25th October
- **Foundation '17 Transition** – Commencing Tuesday 25th October
- **Art Show ‘NATURALIS’** - Friday Nov 11th – Open afternoon - all community invited
- **Saturday Nov 12th** – Evening event – Adult community members only.
- **Year 3 / 4 Camp** – First day Wednesday 23rd November
- **Year 6 Graduation** – Thursday 15th December
- **Carols on the Lawn** – Monday 19th December

And finally… just would like to send out a very heartfelt thankyou to the students and staff of DPS for making last Friday’s Principal Day a very special one for both Mr McKinlay and myself. The kind words and acknowledgements were very much appreciated. We are the lucky ones!

Hope you’re having a wonderful week.

_Lena Clark_
Last Friday Lena and myself were treated to a wonderful surprise by both the staff and the students as they made Principals’ Day one for us both to remember fondly. The kind words and gestures were all very unexpected and really quite humbling. Thankyou. As I said to the staff at morning tea I never take it for granted how privileged I am to be the Assistant Principal of such a great school. I also said how much I loved working closely with Mrs Clark who has done a wonderful job as Principal of DPS over the past 4 years. One of the major aims of any Principal is to continually strive to improve all facets of the school. You don’t have to think too long before you come up with a very impressive list of improvements that have occurred across all areas of the school during Mrs Clark’s time. It has been both enjoyable and rewarding to have been a part of this. Mrs Clark and myself both acknowledged at last week’s assembly how lucky we were to be working with such a strong, dedicated, school community with its caring teachers and parents and most importantly the reason we’re all here, our wonderful students. When people ask me about my job, I don’t just tell them I like being the Assistant Principal at Donvale….I tell them I love it!

Ian McKinlay
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**FREE TIME FOR EVERYONE!**

The SRC are raising money to buy books at the Book Fair for the classrooms.

$1 equals 1 minute of free time.

Maximum time is 60 minutes

Each class will get a money collection bottle.

You have until the 16th of August to collect money for your class.

The free time day will be on the **17th of August**.

From Aryan, Tommy, Ollie and the awesome SRC
On the 19th of August we will be having an Olympic themed dress up day. You can come as your favourite Olympic athlete or in a costume that represents a country in the Olympics.

If you would like to dress up please bring a gold coin donation. The money raised will go to the Red Cross. This fundraiser is an initiative of two level 5/6 groups who are looking at ways to make a difference in the lives of communities that have been affected by natural disasters.

We hope to see all of your fantastic costumes

Holly, Kate, Ben, Lachlan, Sandiv and Rhyan

Lost Bomber Jacket
Spencer P in 34H has lost his jacket. Please check the label on your child’s jacket to see if you have Spencer’s by mistake. Thank you.

Performing Arts News from Mrs Keep

Choir and Marimba Band performances!
The Junior Jammers choir (year 1 and 2) and the Marimba Band (year 5 and 6 students) will be performing at this Friday’s assembly. Come along to hear our talented students sing and play! Assembly commences at 2.45pm.
Hello everyone, its Book Fair time once again. We are excited to announce that we have a **new supplier** for our fair this year, **Lamont Books!!** They are a Victorian based company who have a huge range of titles from a wide range of publishers. There will be lots of books for sale, ranging from picture books suitable for toddlers and young children, to informative books and novels for more advanced readers. All purchases made at the book fair will directly benefit our school, enabling us to earn books for our school library.

The book fair is a major fundraising event for our library. As well as having books available to purchase for gifts and for ourselves, we are inviting families to consider purchasing an additional book if they would like, to donate to our library. Every book that is donated will have a label placed on the inside front cover, acknowledging the donating family. Families can select any book that they like from the book fair shelves. Just purchase the book at the same time that you purchase your own books from the fair, and leave them with the parents at the checkout table.

**Dates:**  Friday 12th, Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th of August.

**Times:**  
Before school, 8.45 - 9.30am  
After school, 3 - 4.30pm

**Place:**  Library

If you would like to help out, or have any questions, please contact Karin Moule on 0419 583 990. Hope to see you there!
Guess My Age

This a fun little activity that will allow you to act like “mathgician”

1. Find a partner.

2. To the right, write your age without showing it to your partner.

3. Multiply your age by 3.

4. Add 12.

5. Divide by 3.

6. Add 93.

7. Share your current answer with your partner.

8. Your partner can determine your age by dropping the first digit in the answer and adding 3 to the remaining number.

9. What's your partner's age?
Being the teacher for the day was a good experience. I enjoyed the experience with the Preps. I enjoyed reading them a story.

*Connor R*

Amelia S: I liked writing on the whiteboard and doing the roll.

Eva S: I loved working with the preps and teaching the Maths. They are all cute!

Natalie S: I liked taking Brain Gym and making up all the moves.

More ‘Teacher For The Day & Principal For The Day’ experiences to take place tomorrow - Friday 12th August. Stay tuned for reports on this in next week’s newsletter.
Gnocchi with fresh tomato sauce

I don’t know about you, but with me it’s all about memories; some I am really fond of. Making gnocchi with my Aussie nan is one of them. We used to see her every 4 years, but as soon as we picked her up at the airport we (my siblings and I) would beg her to make gnocchi. She loved to oblige and indulge us with fluffy gnocchi. When she passed away I couldn’t bring myself to make gnocchi, because they would never be like hers. Cooking is healing, cooking is thanking whoever taught you how to cook that same dish, cooking is all. So, once again, I am grateful that you trusted me and my fantastic team, to share what we know in one hour with your talented children. It’s always so much fun, the room buzzes with energy from the minute Vicky and I step in it, then all our helpers arrive and at last our little chefs run through the GP room. It’s short, but intense. And today was messy! But the whole process of pressing boiled potatoes and just adding a pinch of salt and flour as required (sorry, that’s how nonna used to make it) got them curious. They all had a go at mixing those simple ingredients and rolling out fantastic looking gnocchi. They’ve even learnt the trick of the fork. Vicky then showed them the cooking process: once the gnocchi had finished dancing in the boiling water, they were scooped up and plunged into the rich tomato sauce Vicky made. Delicious!

They surely enjoyed making them, but they thoroughly loved the eating part. All had at least 3 servings, some had the courage to ask for the 4th. And we obliged, like nonna used to do.

Many thanks to my sous chef/right hand Vicky Siatos, Ellen Fraser, Nicole Cooper for the photos and Natsuko Tsui. Thank you to Mrs Clark for supervising; welcome back to Mr Gordon, who paid a visit to Junior Chef HQ to sample our fluffy creations and, last but not least, to Wendy and Sam.

Our most heartfelt thank you goes to Tim Siatos and Biggin & Scott Blackburn for their extremely generous donation of $200 towards our program.

Grazie,

Laura Emozione

DALLA CUCINA DI JUNIOR CHEF:

April S. FHN: They taste good, like pasta.
Abigail B. FHN: It was delicious, easy to make.
James T. 34HW: It was fun! I had 3 servings and I’ll have the 4th!
Maxwell T. 12W: It was yummy and I enjoyed making them.
Chloe C. 12C: It was fun making it and delicious
Edeline J. 12W: It’s hot and tasty
Ebony M. 12C: It’s really good. I will make them with mum and nonna.
Chloe C. 12J: Yum!
Kirra W. 34G: My favourite part was eating it!
Ashley F. 34G: It was really fun making them and it was delicious.
Dusty D. 12J: It’s yum! Love making them.
Katherine L. 56C: It’s really good!
Karli M. 34HW: Can I have all of it??
Abby V. FHN: I enjoyed making them and eating but too hard to make them at home.
Giorgia E. 12W: Fun to make.
**PARENTS COOKING CLASS** : would you like to learn to make panna cotta and tortelloni, whilst raising money for our Junior Chef program? On the 8th of September we’ll have a one off cooking class, from 11:40 till pick up. It will be a fun and productive day and you can use the learned skills for years to come! Already 10 parents enrolled, don’t miss out!

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**DONVALE BASKETBALL CLUB – News & Views!**

Under 11 **Destroyers** - After a very low scoring first half, the boys converted some more of their shots, pulling away to win 16-8. Big thanks to Noah for filling in this week. No game this week (Saturday 13) – it’s a bye.

The **Daisies** had a great win this week against Beverly Hills. It was great to see lots of teamwork and passing from the girls. Fantastic game this week from Charlotte F who gave 100% in everything she did and kept at the ball. A special mention to Ashleigh F who played her first game last week and scored her first goal as well!! Awesome job Ashleigh!

What a momentous day for the **Dribblers**! First win of the season and first win ever for James, Michael, Sam, Aidan & Gabriel. Aidan top scored with Sam and Ethan also shooting goals. Well done boys, many proud parents - you kept going and got the win you deserved!!!!! Also well done Coach Leanne!

The **Daredevils** made a slow start against the Dynamites, allowing them to get off to an early lead. It’s always hard playing against your mates. It was great to see the boys knuckle down and fight back in the second half. Congratulations to the Dynamites on the win. We are looking forward to next time!

The **Dreamers** lost to a much taller Milgate team this week but did very well defensively, keeping their opposition to only 16 points for the game. Another great goal from Ashleigh was a highlight, and everyone made improvements in the second half.

**U9 Dynamites** - This Donvale derby with the Daredevils is always a great game and the boys love playing against their school mates. It was a close competitive game that was as entertaining to watch as Peter’s hook shots. This time the Dynamites took the win. Well done to both teams.

**U11 Girls** - **Diamonds** played a great game of basketball with Joanne L scoring her first basket. Thank you Den for coaching and leading the Diamonds to another win. "ONE, TWO, THREE...DIAMONDS!"
Program Update

Dear families,

What's on next week?: Next week we are hosting our own Olympic games at OshClub. We will be participating in a range of sporting events including hockey, basketball, javelin throwing (with straws), long jump and discus (with Frisbees). We will also be making our own Olympic torches, medals and discovering more about the countries across the world.

Staff: Please note that Kate will not be at the program again until Term 4. Kate is completing her last teaching placement between 15 August – 16 September. Emily will be returning to the program next week to coordinate and following that Kate B will coordinate the last 4 weeks of term. Parents please ensure your child’s enrolment and any medical information is up to date to ensure a smooth running of the program during this time.

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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OSH 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.
This is one icy pole.

Get another type of icy pole at the canteen this Friday Recess.
Deliciously refreshing (!) - $1 each.

The Lov’in continues with our gratitude to our generous contributors
for the Rio Olympics Trivia Night;

Three Monkey’s Café in Jackson Crt.
Check out the Brioche French Toast – it is truly a work of art.

Food for all Seasons in Warrandyte –
you cant go past the Absolutely Fabulous Fab Burger!

Also - RH Sports, Sohum Fragrances, Dynamic Martial Arts, Heidelberg Golf Club, Box Hill Golf Club, Leelavadee, Rensei Karate, Harp of Erin, Zamp Hair & Makeup,
Hair @ 34
Charisma Childrens Party’s
Aunt Betty’s Cleaning
Greencross Vets,
Endota Spa.

So many big-hearted local businesses & giving DPS Family businesses.
Thank you to all.
Plant the seed of learning & grow it while enjoying a great read.

So many great books for sale at the DPS Book Fair;
Friday 12 August, Monday 15 August & Tuesday 16 August
– before & after school.
Credit card facilities available.

Be our Hero.
We need helpers at the Book Fair on Monday 15 & Tuesday 16 August
Before & after school sessions.
Pls contact Karin – 0419 583 990.

Everyone loves a Frog in the pond.
Much more delicious in chocolate.
Cadbury Freddo Frog Money due back end of August.
Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

**Why it’s important**

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

**Getting in early**

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

**What we can do**

The main reasons for absence are:

- **Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

- **It’s vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.**

- **“Day off”** – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

- **Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx
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Eufrasia (Nicholas’ Mum in 12W)

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**DONVALE NETBALL CLUB** is registering players NOW for the Spring Saturday season due to start 27 August, 2016 at the Templestowe netball courts. Training night is Tuesdays.

**Player vacancies for the NEW 9/Under team, 11/U, 13/U, 15/U, 17/U & open age groups.**

To find out more information, please visit the Club website [http://www.donvalenc.com.au/](http://www.donvalenc.com.au/) and lodge a "contact us".