Congratulations to our Parents Association for their wonderful efforts in planning and presenting last Saturday night’s Trivia Night. It was truly a terrific event where our community gathered together to raise money for our school whilst having lots of fun along the way. Thank you to Virginia Yeoman in lending her skills and expertise in facilitating the evening – by no means an easy task but Virginia delivered the evening with such energy and excitement that it certainly set the tone for the night.

An evening such as this just does not happen. It takes many hours of work in preparation over a period of time to ensure its success. We are so very fortunate to have such a wonderful Parents Association so ably led by Kim Merton, who continually lend their time and energy in helping make our school better each day in every way. Well done and a very big thank you to this band of parents. The total money raised was around $11,500! This is an outstanding amount and the most the school has ever raised with such an event. Simply wonderful! I would like to thank all parents who supported the evening with their time, donations and bids. I particular wish to thank the Sherar and Wallbridge-Hall families for their substantial donations on the night to our school. Everyone’s contributions and support in whatever way is so very much appreciated. We intend to spend some of the money raised on purchasing new books for the school. Mrs Rassias, our Literacy co-ordinator, is very excited and has got her list of books to buy ready to go! We are also looking into purchasing DPS football jumpers and decorating the back wall of the senior toilet block with ball targets and the like so that further physical activities are provided and promoted to all our students.

Congratulations to the follow students who will take on the roles of either Principal or Teacher for the day….

Rose W – Principal for the day. (Friday 12th August)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rose (and her family) for opting to share this opportunity with both Laura and Abby V. This is such a wonderful example of one of our students showing much compassion, resilience and generosity. I am very much looking forward to spending the day with all three girls.

Teacher for the day

FRC – Eva, Amelia and Natalie S—Tuesday 9th of August
FHN - Connor R—Tuesday 9th of August
1 / 2 J – Riley E—Friday 12th of August
I / 2 V – Anastasia, George and Peter T—Friday 12th August
I / 2 C – Oliver M—Friday 12th August
I / 2 W – Eleanor C—Friday 12th August

Science Teacher with Mr Garcia and Mr Chigros – Will E
This will take place at some stage during Week 9 of this term where DPS will be celebrating ‘Science Week.’

PE Teacher with Mr Hogg – Thursday 11th August – Sam C

Footy Clinic with Mr McKinlay – date to be advised - Lucas and Aiden M

ART SHOW – ‘NATURALIS’ The DPS Art Show is the next major community event on the DPS calendar. Please make sure you have Friday 11th and Saturday 12th November in your diary for this fabulous event this year titled, ‘Naturalis’. Supported by our Arts Committee, Mrs De Stefanis, our amazing Visual Arts teacher, has been working hard in planning and preparing for this event. The students are all working on their Art projects which will be presented during the Art Show. Art work will be auctioned and parents and community members will have the opportunity to purchase magnificent student art. We hope that you will be able to join us in celebrating our fabulous Visual Arts Program and the brilliant creativity of all our students.

JUNIOR CHEF and VEGIE GARDENS: I have the pleasure of participating in the Junior Chef program during the times it is provided to our students and each time, I have not only enjoyed a delicious meal cooked by our budding chefs, but have thoroughly enjoyed watching how much the students enjoy the opportunity of cooking and then eating their creations. With their sleeves rolled up they are all in as they get involved with pizza or pasta making. Yesterday, the group made spinach and ricotta tortellini. YUM! The children were licking their plates clean. I am particularly pleased that Laura Emizione and her team (Junior Chef Mums) are using produce from our magnificent veggie gardens. If you haven’t yet seen how beautifully our gardens are growing, I would encourage you to please take the time to go and have a look. We have a wonderful array of winter veggies and herbs growing such as broad beans, lettuce, coriander, parsley, origano, choy sum, snow peas and more. Again, a terrific community effort led by Laura, Mr Garcia and supported by our Gardening Club students and parent Michelle Bishop. Congratulations to everyone for providing these wonderful opportunities for our students to learn more about sustainability and understand its meaning from a hands on perspective.

Some important dates for your diary:

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

Kind Regards
Lena Clark
Last Wednesday, the 27th of July, School Council met for our 6th meeting of 2016. Among the many items discussed was the Victorian Registration and Qualification Authority (VRQA) Child Safe standards for schools. The Child Safe Standards were brought about as a result of the Royal Commission in child abuse held in 2013.

As Lena has previously mentioned in Snippets, the VRQA is responsible for registration of schools across Victoria and has the ability to deregister a school if they do not meet the appropriate standards.

Currently Lena and Ian are defining how we adapt these standards and policies to fit our school and community. Any changes made will only serve to re-enforce our already strong policies for keeping our children safe. As a result of the standards there may be some procedural changes to how things work at the school but please keep in mind that this is only in the interest of making our school even safer for our children.

Another area that we discuss in every school council meeting is the school’s finances. Many of you may not be aware but when Lena Clark took over as Principal of Donvale around four years ago, she inherited a substantial debt to the Department of Education left by the previous administration. The amount was approximately $110,000, which needed to be repaid out of the schools operating budget. This is a lot of money for a school our size.

Since that time, the school has worked very hard in steadily repaying the department and I’m very pleased to tell you that by the end of the year the debt will be cleared. This has all been done without sacrificing or compromising the standard of education our children receive. In fact, the school has moved forward in every way with some amazing achievements implemented even while under the burden of this debt. For example, low class sizes across the school have been maintained, a new science lab was created, the ‘KidsMatter’ initiative instigated, computer lab updated, sustainability garden developed, new school uniform in place, renovation of Visual Arts and General Purpose buildings, school achieving a financial surplus… and the list goes on.

On behalf on School Council I would like to thank Lena, Ian, Samantha and the rest of the staff at Donvale PS for successfully navigating us through a very difficult situation. Their commitment to providing our children with the best possible education is wonderful to see.

Evan Raftopoulos

School Council President
Hi Everyone,

As you may be aware next year is a huge year for Donvale Primary as we celebrate 50 years of being a wonderful and engaging school community. As such a community, we would like to inform you that the marketing sub-committee of the school council has begun preparations for this major milestone. The three areas of planning encompass promotion, composition of helpers/volunteers and type of activities that this wonderful school will undertake. All we ask is that you support this major celebration through the presentation of ideas, recommend anyone who can be of assistance, inform everyone of this major achievement or anything that you believe in being a positive influence on achieving a wonderful outcome for our 50th Birthday. With everyone’s support we would like to celebrate as one big party throughout the whole year with the whole school community and anyone in the neighbourhood that is willing to join us for this fantastic ride.

Let’s celebrate 50 years in the making.

George Condos
Marketing Sub Committee

Hi,

The Education Sub-Committee is working very hard in developing the policies required for our school to meet the Child Safe Standards as prescribed in Ministerial Order No. 870.

The Victorian government has introduced compulsory minimum child safe standards that apply from 1 January 2016 to all organisations providing regulated or funded services for children. The child safe standards form part of the Victorian Government’s response to the Betrayal of Trust Inquiry, which found that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse in our community.

As a reminder; the child safe standards are as follows:

**Standard 1**: Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements

**Standard 2**: A child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety

**Standard 3**: A code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children

**Standard 4**: Screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel

**Standard 5**: Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse

**Standard 6**: Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse

**Standard 7**: Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.

Education Sub-Committee

Lena Clark
This Friday the 5th of August Donvale Primary School will be celebrating Principal’s Day to acknowledge all of the hard work Mrs Clark and Mr. McKinlay put into our school community!

**From the Staff:**
It is not hard to see the impressive and extraordinary changes that Lena and Ian have brought to Donvale Primary School during their time as Principals. From obvious changes like the uniform, to fantastic programs for the students, to new staff structures that work to support and develop staff members. Their influence has been felt throughout the entire community.

As a staff we are privileged to call them our leaders. We are lucky enough to come to work each day and be supported and encouraged by them. They push us to strive for our best and are there to celebrate with us during our achievements.

This Principal’s Day we thank you for all of your continued efforts for not only the extended Donvale community but also to us as staff. Together you have built a school with such a positive working environment that it is a pleasure to come to work each day. We are proud to work at Donvale Primary School and proud to be a part of your staff.

**From the School Council President – Evan Raftopoulos:**
Friday the 5th of August is Victorian Principals day and I would like to take this opportunity, both as School Council President and simply as a parent, to thank our Principal Lena Clark and our Assistant Principal Ian McKinlay for the wonderful job they do with our children, tirelessly supporting the staff at Donvale PS and being part of our fantastic school community.

Our family transferred from another school almost 4 years ago and a big part of the reason we chose Donvale over other schools in the area was because of Lena and Ian. The enthusiasm and passion with which they lead the school is infectious on the staff, and it shows just by how much the students love coming to school each day.
I have witnessed firsthand their dedication and commitment to our community, our school and especially to our children. Our school would not be the same without these two magnificent people.

On behalf of the parents and School Council "Thank you, Lena and Ian!"
**From the Students:**

‘Mrs Clark is really nice to talk to’ – Ruby D

‘They are both very friendly people’ – Giacomo F

‘We love you both’ – Tiana C

‘They plan really good activities’ – Kaitlin B

‘Mr. McKinlay is really fun to play with at recess and lunch because he plays football with everyone’ – Harrison M

‘Mrs Clark and Mr. McKinlay are really good teachers’ – Reece A

‘They make our school better’ – Nikita S

‘They are really nice and helpful’ – Jaimee E

‘Mrs Clark supported me when I was struggling’ and ‘Mr McKinlay is a Richmond supporter’ – Imogen M

‘They helped me through tough times’ – Zoe N

‘They are really good at assembly every week’ – Kate B

‘They organise fun activities for us’ – Gemma G
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**GENERAL**

**Can you help?**

We have a pile of mulch that needs spreading and are hoping if there are any Dads out there who are happy to do this for us. We have wheelbarrows and shovels. You can pop in whenever you have some free time (during the week or over the weekend).

We would like most of it spread out on the sandy patch in front of the ‘visitor’s car park and the rest around in the garden beds.

Please let Wendy or Sam know if you are able to help.

Thank you.

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**Lost Items**

- Scott M from 12V is missing his basketball. It was on his school bag in the line-up area, it is named.
- Nikita S from 34H is missing her jacket. It is named.

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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
GARDENING CLUB

Bunnings Veggie Planting Session

Last Thursday, Michelle from Nunawading Bunnings came to our school with trays of seedlings, seeds to plant, new gloves and gardening tools for our students to use in our school veggie garden. There was great excitement and activity by the children involved in the session. The children learnt to separate and plant the veggie seedlings, the importance of watering new plants and about the different types of vegetables that are planted at this time of year.

It was great to see the children so keen and busy throughout the session. There were children weeding the garden beds, collecting lemons and grapefruit and having a wonderful time getting their hands dirty. The garden beds are looking full with produce that will support our school’s Junior Chef program and give the children an opportunity to taste different vegetables that they have grown themselves. Don’t forget children can be involved in the veggie garden club each Wednesday at lunchtime.

Happy Gardening! Michelle Bishop

On Thursday the 28th of July Donvale Primary School participated in a sustainability 'planting day'. Leaders and Captains from all grade levels attended this wonderful event in our very own veggie garden. The garden itself is growing so excellently and even some of the produce is being used in our fantastic 'Junior Chef Program.' Students planted an array of new vegetables and herbs and also helped tidy up and maintain the garden. It was such a brilliant day for all and all the students were so happy and enthusiastic. The garden is looking magnificent so please come and have a look. A special thanks must go out to Michelle Bishop for donating her own time to help in the garden, this wouldn't be possible without you and also to Michelle from 'Bunnings' for also giving up her time and bringing plants and seedlings down for us. It was certainly a special day indeed.

Thanks everyone. Christian Garcia
### WELL DONE TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ...

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**Birthday Wishes To**

Bardia M, Max Mc, Andrew C

*Who are celebrating birthdays from the 5th to 11th August*
**Which one is Greater?**

Count the each object in both columns and tell which is greater?

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**Greater:** Stars
On Tuesday, 16 of our Grade 5 & 6 female students travelled off to Templestowe Reserve to play in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Girls Football Carnival. This was the first time that Donvale has had an all-girls football team play in competitive matches. We played matches against Doncaster Gardens, St Thomas of Blackburn, and Auburn South. While we did not win a match, I was super impressed by the aggression towards the ball, and the efforts by all of the girls. The girls had great fun throughout the day, and we will endeavor to participate in the same carnival next year.
Making tortelloni from scratch can be a challenging experience and when I saw that most of the children enrolled for the class were from grade 1/2 I was a bit worried: I could picture ricotta and spinach filling smeared on uniforms, floor, tables, bored children finding it too hard. As usual, your children surprised me in the most beautiful way, happily embracing the process of getting the famous belly button shape and having more than a go at it. They just love getting it right, I could tell by their happy faces when they saw the result and I am extremely proud of them all. I was very lucky to have a fantastic team of keen helpers, whom turned up very early to see how to make them first, so they were proficient by the time our kids arrived for the class. Then it was time for the tasting. Some children just don’t like spinach, so we had 2 or 3 that either didn’t want to taste any or just one. Once they did, they came back for second and third servings; one was so brave to taste one after she decided she wasn’t going to have any and claimed it was a little bit yummy! What can I say: they made it a success.

We are lucky to have a dedicated mother, Michelle Bishop, and a teacher, Mr Garcia, with a team of little green thumbs making our veggie patch incredibly productive, healthy and luxurious. I picked spinach, silverbeet and broccoli leaves on Sunday and just washed them and sauteed with a bit of olive oil, garlic and salt. They were so full of flavour that half of the job was done. Thank you very much for all your hard work.

The fresh tomato sauce with basil was a creation from Vicky and it was simply delicious, a perfect combination of fresh ingredients.

Thank you to Vicky Siatos, Stella Liappis, Raff Staios, Nicole Cooper for the pictures, Carolyn Henry and Mrs Clark for supervising.

Thank you to Wendy and Sam for their precious help.

Grazie.

Laura Emozione

COMMENTS dalla CUCINA:

Caitlin F. 12JK: Delicious! I want to eat some more now and make them at home.
Andrew F. 56W: Tastes like chicken
Emma W. 56R: Perfect!
Ava H. 12C: It was fun.
Brooke H. 12V: They were the best.
Chloe C. 12J: Delicious! It was fun.
Aeryn K.L. 12J: It is fun but I don’t want to have any. (then she had one and had to update the comment “It tastes a little bit yummy”) 
Ruby 12W: It was delicious.
Domenic B. FHN: I like it! (said with wide eyes) I like making it!
Giorgia E. 12W: Wonderful!

PARENTS COOKING

I am happy to let you know the Parents Cooking Class is on **Thursday 8th of September, from 11:45 till 3:30pm**. We will start by making Panna cotta for our desert, then we’ll roll onto the pasta and, as the children did a great job, we’ll make delicious tortellini ricotta and spinaci with freshly made tomato sauce. Tagliatelle are just too easy!

It is a fundraising event, the cost is $50 and we’ll use it to buy a new freestanding cooker for Junior Chef.

I will send a special invite home in the next few days to the parents who have enrolled. We can still take few more parents at this stage, so don’t be shy! Put your name down at the office! It will be a fun day.
Program Update

Dear families,

What’s on next week?: Next week the program will have a focus on literacy with a trip to the library, story writing in the computer room and bookmark making. We also have lots of fun team work sports, cooking and drama activities.

Staff: Please note that next week will be Kate’s last week at the program for term 3. Kate will be completing her last teaching placement between 15 August – 19 September but will return in term four. Whilst she is away the program will be coordinated by Harry, Kate B and Emily who have all worked at the program before and are looking forward to seeing all the children and families here at Donvale again.

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
Assistants: 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.
Be a cookie monster!! Buy a cookie this Friday at Recess.
Icy Poles in lots of colors too. $1 each.

Huge hooray to all those that organised the ‘oar’some Rio Olympic Trivia Night & a big thanks to those that supported the night.
Major injection of funds raised for our elite school!!
More money = more resources & better facilities for our kids.

Chocolate Freddos are easier to sell than Freddo hats.
Keep up the great work - money due back asap.

Friday 12 August – Pizza Meal Deal
Form coming soon.
U11 Destroyers - Welcome back Luca from holidays! Thx to Spencer for again filling in. A convincing win this week with excellent team play. This was reinforced in the second half with the implementation of passing only. Gr8 job boys!

Dreamers had a loss, but played a great game this week - well done to all the girls for their efforts, you did your best regardless of the score and that’s what counts.

Diamonds put in 100% effort on Saturday’s game of basketball. Although they did not win, their attitude and team spirit made them winners in our eyes. Diamonds would like to congratulate the Donvale Daises.

What a game by the Daredevils! It was fantastic to see great teamwork rewarded with lots of goals. Special mention to Lucas M who scored 14 points!

Dribblers - Super effort by the boys last Saturday with a 10-10 draw. Best game of the season by all players! Goals to Aidan, Gabriel, Sam and Kade. Huge congrats to Gabriel on his first goal ever!!!!!

U/9 Girls - The Dolphins are back on the winners list with a really strong 16-0 win on Saturday. It was a really great team performance with Abigail C, Allie E and Zara W the scorers. Our Dolphin for the week was Allie who played a fantastic game of both offence and defence.

U9 Boys Dynamites - This was always going to be a challenging game, but the boys showed what is possible if you play as a team with a convincing win against a physical team. Well done boys.
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Blackburn High School

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We live in a society exquisitely dependent on science, technology, engineering and maths so it is vital our students learn about the big ideas that impact our lives that come from the study of all four.

Blackburn High School is committed to enabling students to develop STEM knowledge so they can understand current and future challenges. To this end we are commencing a series of lectures designed to bring Science to the community.

The purpose of the lecture series is to invite highly accomplished scientists and researchers, working in a wide range of fields, to Blackburn so our students and the wider community can be inspired by some of Australia’s brightest minds.

The first lecture is by Dr David Nayagam renowned researcher who worked in the team who developed the world’s first Bionic Eye.

He will take us through his journey as a scientist during the development of this remarkable achievement. He will explain how important an integrated approach between a number of experts from a range of fields, was needed to solve one of the medical world’s most troubling conditions – blindness.

Students, young and old, who are interested in Science, Medicine, Research or just outstanding thinkers with big ideas will be inspired by this amazing young man.

We warmly invite you and your community to join us:

**Bringing Science to the Community**

The Bionic Eye – a New Frontier

Presenting Dr David Nayagam, Bionics Institute

Date – Tuesday 23 August

Time – 7pm

Venue – Blackburn High School