Writers’ Festival: Our Writers’ Festival this week proved to be a wonderful celebration of our students’ writing. The topic, ‘My Three Wishes’, allowed our children to not only explore their creativity but to also further develop all aspects of their writing including spelling, grammar, punctuation and handwriting. A special thank you goes to Ann Angelopoulos, our Writing consultant who worked with all teachers and many of our students throughout the term. With Ann’s guidance, the teacher’s all have further developed their ability to teach Writing more effectively and to our students point of need. Thank you also to Tony Wilson, our visiting author, who supported our special assembly by sharing his real life author experiences with us. He was most entertaining, engaging and enlightening. A very big thank you goes to our teachers who have worked tirelessly with their own professional learning and then culminating this learning with the Writers’ Festival. A huge thank you, in particular, to Mrs Rassias (Literacy Co-ordinator) and the members of the Writers’ Festival Committee for all their extra hours of work in planning for the Festival. Thank you also to Mrs De Stefanis (Visual Arts Teacher) for adding the touch of student Art to complement the students’ writing. It all simply looked fantastic! And of course, a very big congratulations to all our students who focused and embraced the learning this term. The excitement and engagement with their writing was such a joy to witness with children eagerly and proudly wanting to share their writing with anyone and everyone. It certainly is a celebration of a wonderful term’s learning. And finally, thank you to all our community who visited the Writers’ Gallery and enjoyed reading all the children’s stories. After all, this is what being an author is all about…sharing our stories with the world!
State Schools Spectacular: Last Saturday, Mrs Keep joined me in attending the annual State Schools Spectacular at Hisense Arena. It is quite simply, an absolutely wonderful show that is presented entirely by students from across government schools in Victoria. From singers, dancers, musicians, technical supports… they do it all. It is such a brilliant opportunity for students to be able to perform in such an arena to such a large audience guided by mentors in the field. Donvale PS had fifteen students represented in the mass choir. It was exciting to watch them singing, dancing and creating some amazing music – a very proud moment indeed. I can only imagine how proud our students’ parents must have felt as they watched the performances and their children on the big stage. Below is an email Mr Reiter received from a parent in appreciation…

Hi Peter,

Hope you had a quiet Sunday, after such an awesome day at SSS. We really enjoyed the show, and were amazed at the thought of how it was put together after months of rehearsals and the standard of the kids is so exciting to see so much talent out there. We loved the cat but even the small things like the all-important choir, making the sounds of the rain and thunder!

Thanks again for helping our daughter share such an opportunity, I said to her, many famous people stand on that stage at Hisense and you are lucky to be able to be involved in something like this! As a parent at DPS we get a glimpse every now and then how much extra time teachers put in to the kids, but I don’t think we ever fully appreciate how much time this is. It’s a fantastic school made up by dedicated, and capable teachers we are happy to have our kids in their care every day!

I too would like to thank Mr Reiter for all his hard work. He spent two full days last week at Hisense Arena with the students and then of course, another full day on Saturday with the two performances. His day concluded at around 10.30pm. Yes, the commitment is big… but I know Mr Reiter, nor any other teacher at DPS, would have it any other way. Our students are worth it!

Team Level Weekly Newsletter: From the commencement of next term, each team will make available to our parents a weekly newsletter, ‘The Weekly Blast,’ with the intention of providing a greater level of communication between the school and our parent community. Parents will receive ‘The Weekly Blast’ via Compass at the end of each week. The newsletter will contain information about the coming week’s learning foci and any other relevant information such as incursions / excursions that parents can be reminded of. At DPS, we are always looking at ways we can do things better and we feel that the weekly newsletter will certainly provide a greater level of communication between parents and teachers.

School Murals: We have again engaged the services of Brett Cardwell to paint a series of murals around the school to further develop the aesthetic environment for our students. Brett will be working with us this week to paint a mural in the Gallery (Bike Shed) area of the school. This mural will have a Science theme. He will then come back early in Term 4 to paint four murals in the breezeways consisting of dinosaur, solar system, rainforest and underwater themes. We are always looking at ways in which we
can best develop our school so that it provides a positive, creative and engaging environment for our students. A big thank you to our community and PA as some of the funds raised throughout the year will go towards this upgrade.

**Farmers Market Garden:** After Assembly tomorrow, students in the Sustainability Club will be setting up a Farmers Market Garden to be located just outside the Senior Building. The produce for sale will be the harvest from our school’s veggie gardens. There will be grapefruit, parsley, coriander, lettuce, broccoli and much more for sale. I encourage all parents who have the time after school tomorrow to go along to our market and purchase some of the fresh, organic produce that the children will have for sale. Thank you to Michelle Bishop for lending a hand with the Market and supporting Mr Garcia and the students in preparing for the sale.

**End Term 3:** As Term 3 draws to a close, I’d like to reflect on what has again been another terrific term of learning opportunities for all our students. This term our students participated in a variety of incursions and excursions such as ‘Hands On Science,’ ‘Star Lab’ and ‘Meerkat Productions’. We have had a plethora of sporting opportunities such as Gymnastics, Winter Interschool Sports, Senior Girls Football, District Athletics, Coach Approach Clinics and Hooptime. An Olympic theme featured throughout much of the term with the students organising and enjoying an Olympic themed dress up day just to get everyone into the Olympic spirit. Our Foundation students celebrated their 100 days of School and enjoyed a morning with a visit by their Grandparents or special person. The DPS Choirs and Bands continue to perform and entertain us along the way and the students’ art work is being prepared for next term’s ‘Naturalis’ Art Show. Lunchtime ‘Mandarin Music Clubs’ are available to the students, State School Spectacular was indeed spectacular and Cyber Safety Week served to raise our students’, staff and parents awareness of safe online practices. Our Writers’ Festival was a culmination and celebration of an extensive term’s focused learning – just wonderful! The PA and parents have presented meal deal days, Father’s Day Activity Night, Trivia Night, Junior Chef and celebrated and supported Book Week with us by presenting the Book Fair.

I often say that Donvale PS is a ‘small school with a big school mentality.’ By this I mean that even though we are relatively small in size compared to some of our counterparts, our school still manages to offer to our students a very extensive and broad curriculum that easily compares and often rivals the others. This is only possible with an absolutely committed and dedicated staff; fortunately we have such a staff at DPS. All staff not only focus on their core roles and responsibilities, but they also take on added responsibilities that often extend beyond that of what is expected of them. They do this willingly and enthusiastically knowing that it is in the best interests of our students; I call it the ‘moral purpose’. I am indeed very proud to be the Principal of such an outstanding staff and school community.

Following on with this, it is truly a bittersweet moment that I inform our community that one of our much loved staff members, Ethan O’Connor, will be finishing up with us at the end of this term. Mr O’Connor has accepted a position as the Educational Program Developer at Myuna Farm in Doveton. Mr O’Connor has a degree in Environmental Science so this job allows him to combine his two passions – Education and Environmental Science. He has described it as his ‘dream job’. During his almost two years at Donvale PS, Mr O’Connor has taught in the 1 / 2 level during which time he has established some very remarkable and respectful relationships with his students, team and parents. They all love him and indeed there were many tears shed when Mr O’Connor’s departure was announced. This response shows the very positive impact Mr O’Connor has made with our school in his short time with us. We are thrilled for Mr O’Connor to have this opportunity and I know you will all join me in wishing him every success as he embarks on his new career path.
And finally, I wish all who have the opportunity to take a break over the next two weeks, a restful and relaxing time. I hope you are able to enjoy some valuable time with your family and particularly take the opportunity to get outdoors to enjoy some warmer weather – which I really do hope eventually makes it way to us!

Kind Regards

_Lena Clark_

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**Dear Parents**

As the school holidays are approaching, you may have plans to travel on Victoria’s roads. Significant rain is expected to fall over much of Victoria over the next few days, which may result in flooding.

Because of this rainfall, there is an increased risk to those travelling on our roads, and it is possible that houses across the State may be impacted as well.

I urge you to heed the following advice from emergency services:

- You should never drive through floodwater – it only takes about 15 centimetres of water to lose control of your vehicle.
- Drive to the conditions around you and be aware of road hazards such as mud, debris, damaged roads and bridges.
- Roads in your area could be damaged by the bad weather so plan your journey and monitor VicTraffic for road condition updates and any road closures, see: [Vic Traffic](#)
- Never swim, walk or play in floodwater, it is dangerous and may contain hazardous debris or toxins.
- If your property is at risk of flooding, please raise belongings onto tables, benches or beds and if you are on a farm, consider moving your livestock to higher ground.
- Remain informed with emergency broadcasters to ensure you are up-to-date with the latest conditions and if possible, make sure your neighbours are aware of the situation. For more information, see: [Vic Emergency](#)

Many thanks, and have a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

_Lena Clark_
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**GENERAL**

**Tomorrow’s timetable**

- 9.00-11.00: Classrooms
- 11.00-11.30: Recess
- 11.30-12.40: Classrooms
- 12.40-1.30: Lunch
- 1.45-2.15: Assembly
- 2.30: Dismissal
Dear Parents,

What a wonderful year we have had at Donvale Primary School with the official opening of our very own ‘Science Lab.’ The students have had a magnificent time with science and the response from them has been outstanding. To celebrate Science at D.P.S. we are having our very own Science Week with many exciting activities planned. Please see a guide to what is happening during the week below.

**Wednesday 12th October**

**Donvale Primary School Experiment Day**

**Science Day Dress Up**

To kick off our Science Week celebrations, all students in every level will participate in engaging experiments throughout the day. The experiments have been handpicked and are certainly going to create some wonderful memories.

On the experiment day students will be encouraged to come dressed in a science based theme. This could include coming as a crazy scientist or an experiment gone wrong.

**Thursday 13th October**

**Victoria University Science Troupe**

Students in grades 3-6 will also experience a science show organised by the Victoria University Science Faculty. This is a show that is certainly not to be missed!

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**Venue:** Donvale Primary School

**Cost:** No cost required

**Presenters:** Victoria University (Foundation Studies)

Christian Garcia,

*Donvale Primary School Science coordinator*
 Ordering, Naming, and Edging Shapes Puzzle

Below are four basic shapes, write the names of the shapes, how many edges each have and order them starting with least to greatest based on the number of sides they have?

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CYBER SAFETY

These are the relevant links from sites mentioned during the seminar.

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**It’s Complicated**

*http://www.danah.org/books/ItsComplicated.pdf*

In this eye-opening book, youth culture and technology expert danah boyd uncovers some of the major myths regarding teens’ use of social media.

Boyd’s conclusions are essential reading not only for parents, teachers, and others who work with teens but also for anyone interested in the impact of emerging technologies on society, culture, and commerce in years to come.

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**Omegle**

*http://www.omegle.com/

Omegle (oh-meg-ull) is a great way to meet new friends. When you use Omegle, we pick someone else at random and let you talk one-on-one. To help you stay safe, chats are anonymous unless you tell someone who you are (not suggested!), and you can stop a chat at any time. Predators have been known to use Omegle, so please be careful.

If you prefer, you can add your interests, and Omegle will look for someone who’s into some of the same things as you instead of someone completely random.

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**Musically**

*http://www.musical.ly/

Create beautiful music videos with your favorite songs, and share with friends. Musically is the world’s fastest growing social network around music and lifestyle.
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I had so many requests to hold such a class with the parents, so I did, with pleasure. We created it as a fundraiser for our great cooking program and to get parents to socialise in our great community. I love it when people get on like a house on fire as soon as they meet.

We had some great sponsors that made it an awesome walk through some of the Italian eating habits, foremost That’s Amore Cheese, with an incredibly generous donation of so many delicious types of cheeses, from their Fior di Buratta to the Buffalo mozzarella, from the mozzarella sheet (which I filled with prosciutto crudo and rocket, e.g. olive oil and a crush of black pepper) to the different caciottas… a feast for the eyes and taste buds. And of course the ricotta for our tortelloni. (Please pick a leaflet up at the office to know more about their products and location. They have a great shop where you can have lunch like a king!). Thank you to Alberto and Giorgio.

Another great sponsor, a very loyal one, is Tunstall Fresh. Thank you to Gus and Janine for their incredible support, we are lucky to have such a great shop at our doorstep!

And thank you to Bottle Mart, Tunstall Square and Woolworth in Westfield Doncaster for their kind donations, too. Great community efforts.

Would you like to know more about the cooking session? I'll let the participants' comments do the talk. Thank you to all of them for supporting us and coming along and make it a fun filled event. Also I am so proud that few of them have made already the panna cotta with great results! Bravissimi!

Thank you to Lena Clark for popping in and Mr Garcia, Michelle Bishop and the green thumb children for keeping such a flourishing veggie patch that donated us a tasty tortelloni filling.

Thank you to Vicky Siatos for being such an incredible partner in crime.

Grazie,
Laura Emozione

Dalla cucina dei grandi:

Georgia L.: A fabulous afternoon lunch with amazing food, wine and company. Thank you so much for the decadent learning experience Laura & Vicky!

Alex L.: Fantastic, really enjoyed the class and especially enjoyed the eating.

Nat T.: The best Italian cooking ever! And the loveliest bunch of people to cook, chat and eat with. Thanks so much Laura and Vicky.

Antonio C.: Great experience; we should do it again with many other Italian dishes.

Stella L.: Laura is a superstar!! Loved the food, the learning, the company. Everything was buonissimo!

Ellen F.: Great Junior Chef fundraiser! Laura and Vicky you are amazing. The food was delicious…I will be making the beautiful pannacotta again!

Alex S. Z.: Thank you so much for an Italian feast. A lovely afternoon eating amazing cheeses, learning to make delicious homemade tortellini and pannacotta. You created the perfect ambience! Great job Laura and Vicky! Just perfect.

It’s with a bittersweet feeling that I’d like to let you know we will be moving at the end of this year. We would love to find someone that wants to carry Junior Chef on, as the children love it and teaches them the magic of healthy eating. Please approach me at any time if you’d like to know more about it.
We are passionate about Basketball -

Come & Try Basketball

If you are interested in starting to play basketball in 2017 and are currently in Foundation to Grade 5:

SAVE THESE DATES: Wednesday 12th October, Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 27th October

The sessions will run from 3:45pm to 4:45pm

More details to follow............... 

GAME TIME

Under 11 Girls - The Diamonds played a dazzling game of basketball this week with a score of 56 to 0. All players shining brightly and having a great time. Well done Diamonds!

Under 11 Destroyers - A close match that went right down to the wire and a great win 25-21! It’s terrific to watch the developing skills of the boys, who continued with their excellent passes and fantastic teamwork. Congratulations to Luca for playing an outstanding game. Great work!

Under 11 – Superstar effort by the Daisies who had a convincing win against the top team! The girls displayed amazing teamwork, defense, passing and a never give up attitude. Great game by Ruby C who is always a team player. Well done girls!!

U9 Dynamites - It's a draw! Another tight game in the Donvale Derby against the Daredevils. Well done to all players on both teams.

The Donvale Dreamers came up against a much improved OLOP team going down 8 - 0. Natalie demonstrated amazing speed to stop the opposition on numerous occasions. Alannah’s one-on-one defense was also a highlight as well as Abi’s movement into space. It was also great to see Elise take her first shot. Have a great holiday Dreamers and make sure you keep practicing.

The Daredevils played a great team game when they took on the Dynamites last weekend. There was great passing and a positive attitude from everyone! The 11-11 draw was a fantastic result! Enjoy the break and see you all next term.
Unlicked icypoles for sale @ Friday Recess - $1 each.

Please send in Chocolate money or unsold Freddo’s by tomorrow!
Only a few outstanding........

Meal Deal - Wed 14 September was awesome! Thanks to the footy runner mums who served up over 150 hot dogs and cookies! Yum!

Hang out with Friends.
PA MEETING - Friday 7th October @ 1.30pm.
All welcome - free tea, coffee & puppies.
Birthday Wishes To

Who are celebrating birthdays from the 16th September to 6th October

Look out for these Term 4 Activities...
Stuff to look forward to!!

School Disco
Vision Portraits
Christmas Carols on the Lawn
Massive Meal Deals
Friday Recess Treats
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Programs for Families where a Parent has a Mental Illness in the Eastern Region

Term 4 2016

Eastern Health CHAMPS Programs
A number of different types of peer support groups for 8-12 yr old primary school aged children who have a parent’s who have a mental illness/mental health issues and live in the Eastern Region are run by Eastern Health. PATS program in partnership with other agencies. There is no cost to attend these programs.

Term 4 Programs
There are no After School Programs or MAT programs in term 4. Instead we will be holding our FAPNRI Family Fun Day on Sunday 27th November from 3-7pm at LifeWorks in Ringwood.

All families are invited to attend but they must register and complete a consent form.

We are accepting referrals for term 1 2016.

Contact Bronwyn Sanders 0408 251 580 for further information and see below for link to referral form.

Eastern Health program information and referral forms can be found on: http://www.easternhealth.org.au/services/education/children/families/children-families-affected-of-mental-illness-chronic

PATS/OurSpace – short term group
PATS/OurSpace is a program for young people 12-16 years who have a parent with a mental illness. PATS is about having fun, learning about mental illness, learning new coping skills and having a safe place to talk about how mental illness affects you and your family.

PATS group being run by Yarra Ranges Youth Services Term 4: Where: Yarra Ranges Youth Services, 216-218 Main Street, Lilydale When: Wednesday 14 October – Wednesday 7 December, 2016 Time: 5pm – 6:30pm, transport available Contact: Laura on 9434 6716

For OurSpace programs in other parts of the Eastern Region, contact Tim at Monash Youth and Family Services on 9518 3900 or Catherine Vize at MI Fellowship on 0423 7510.

Be Who You Are – ongoing group
Be Who You Are is a peer group for young people aged 12 – 15 years. The group helps to peer to connect, learn about real issues and participate in activities. Families are welcome to share a meal with the group at the end of each session.

If you are interested in participating in this group, please contact MI Fellowship to register your interest.

Contact Catherine Vize: 0423 7510

Supported Playgroups
PANDA has a Guide to Postnatal Depression Support Groups in various regions. There can be a range of activities that take place in the groups depending on the purpose of the group, the resources available and the skills of the facilitators.

Contact PANDA on 1300 725 306 Mon. Fri. 10am or visit the website to download the guide: http://www.panda.org.au/learning-with-panda/pandasmart-resource/support-group-guide

Anglicare Newsletter
Anglicare produce a newsletter once a term which has a range of parenting programs and supports available to parents living in the Eastern Region. On page 1 you will see an index of contents so that you can easily find the section you are interested in.

Go to: www.Anglicarevic.org.au, and click on news/newsletter/parentzone/Eastern. This is at the bottom of the webpage. Email: parentzone.arend@anglicarevic.org.au.

Parenting Support
Parenting support programs are currently under review. For information about services and supports contact Child FIRST

For local government areas of Maroondah, Knox & Yarra ranges Call 1300 689 146
For local government areas of Whitehorse, Boroondara, Manningham & Monash Call 1300 762 125

Connections Uniting Care
Runs a number of groups for children, parents and young adults in the Eastern Region.

For further information please contact Deb Rose or Lao Young on 9744 2222