Emergency Management Evacuation and Lock Down:
As part of Education Department requirements, Donvale PS each term, enacts its emergency management procedures in practice format so that should it be required, (and hopefully it never will!) our school will be well prepared to manage any incident which may significantly compromise the safety and wellbeing of everyone in the school buildings at the time. Schools are required to practise evacuation and lock down drills regularly. An emergency evacuation requires all people in the school buildings to immediately evacuate the school. An evacuation occurs when it is deemed unsafe for students, staff and visitors to remain inside the school building. It may be triggered by incidences such as fire, explosion, flooding etc. A Lockdown, on the other hand, is an emergency protocol to prevent people leaving the school building so that any persons inside the school are protected from a dangerous external event. A lockdown can be triggered, for example, when there is an unwanted person on the school grounds. In this situation, the safest place for the children to be is in their classrooms. A Full Lockdown means that people must stay where they are and may not exit or enter a classroom or office. Doors must be closed, locked and barricaded if possible. Doors leading outside of the building are also locked and secured. A lock down will remain in place until the all clear is given. I am aware that this procedure appears to be rather extreme and understand that some of our children, particularly the younger ones, may find the whole experience rather intimidating. For this reason, I ask that parents take some time to discuss the lock down procedure with their children so that we can alleviate any possible anxieties some children may feel following the drill. The teachers have also been briefed and will follow up with chats in the classroom with their students. I can assure parents that when we are practising a lock down drill that the drill is taken very seriously. We work hard to ensure that the students do not feel scared or threatened and to reassure them that they are perfectly safe and that it is only a practice. We are also very careful with explaining to the children the reasons why we enact such drills. We do not discuss the worst case scenarios with our children. A typical reason which we discuss with the children for why we may need to enact a lock down situation at the school, would be that there is a stray dog roaming around the school which may be harmful to any person should they come into contact with it. Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child’s teacher if you would like to discuss the school’s emergency management procedures further.
Grade Structures 2017: The staff is currently working on determining the grade structures for next year. Our options each year are either to implement straight, composite or a mixture of each across the school. Ultimately, the grade structures each year are determined by what the staff and leadership believe to be in the best interests of the students with academic, social and behavioural factors forming the basis of our decisions. Students and parents will be informed of next year’s classes towards the end of this year.

Junior Chef: A very big thank you to Laura Emizione for all the wonderful work she has done this year in managing the Junior Chef program. This program is entirely run by our parents on a volunteer basis and provides our students with the opportunity to cook and create in such a hands on way. The children, this year, have made a variety of different pasta dishes, pizza and yesterday had the opportunity to make sushi - all very delicious and very much enjoyed by the children. Laura and her family will be leaving our school at the end of this year as they will shortly be moving house. This is sad news for us and our school however we wish the Emizione family all the very best as they embark on this new and exciting phase in their lives. I know that Laura has been actively looking for another parent who may be interested in supporting the continuation of the Junior Chef program. There are many parents who have willingly supported the program during the year however managing the program is a commitment that, understandably, parents feel apprehensive in doing. If you are perhaps interested in supporting the continuation of this program and have some thoughts on how this could be done, please do not hesitate to contact me. The program is a valuable opportunity for our students and community in general and I am very keen to see it continue. Thank you also to all the parents, and there were many, who have helped out throughout the year particularly Vicki Siatos who was Laura’s very able wing woman. Without you all, the program could not have taken place. Thank you!

Parents as Helpers Program: We are again this year, presenting the course during the Foundation Transition Program thereby offering any new parent community members, the opportunity to participate in the training. This is also a perfect opportunity for any current parents who have not yet completed the training and would like to become parent helpers, to join us if they are available during the dates and times on offer.

The purpose of the training sessions is to welcome and support parents working in the school, as well as to give parents useful strategies to draw upon when working with students in the classroom.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, due to our new school policies and Child Safe Standards, parents who have completed this training will be prioritised as helpers in the school. It is also an expectation that parents wishing to be helpers in the school to have up to date ‘Working with Children Check’ cards. Three different focus sessions are presented and parents are strongly encouraged to participate in the three training sessions.

The sessions aim to develop in participants an awareness of:

- Roles and responsibilities of Parents as helpers.
- Student learning and literacy development.
- Classroom literacy activities.
- How to assist the classroom teacher and students in the classroom.

The 3 sessions are as follows:

Session 1: Tuesday 25th October 2016 9.30 – 10.45am (Library)
What does being a Helper mean?
Helping with Speaking and Listening
Session 2:  Thursday 3rd November 2.00 – 3.15pm (Library)
Helping with Reading

Session 3:  Tuesday 8th November 9.15 – 10.45am (Library)
Helping with Writing

This program is commencing next week and so I urge any parent who is wishing to participate to register their attendance with the school asap.

Parent Requests:  A reminder that I am currently taking any parent requests you may have for your child’s class placement next year. **This is with particular reference to friendship groups only.** I will aim to accommodate these requests where possible. Please understand, however, that as we are not a large school, it is extremely difficult to accommodate all the requests I receive – although we do try! Please also appreciate that **requests for teachers will not be considered.** Please ensure that if you have any class placement requests for your child/ren, that your forward this to me in writing no later than Friday 28th October. Unfortunately, due to the difficulty of this task, any requests forwarded to me after this date will not be considered.

Hope you are having a wonderful week.

Lena Clark

12W class celebrating Miss Wilson’s upcoming wedding.
On a recent trip across the ditch to the Land of the Long White Cloud, there were many stunning sights. Mirror lakes, snow-capped peaks and verdant, rolling hills were all part of some of the most picturesque scenery in the world I would think. There is always much to learn about the history of a country and its people and New Zealand is no exception. As a young boy I was always fascinated by the picture of Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay the Nepalese Sherpa, standing on top of the world, having planted their flag and laying claim to be the first people to successfully climb to the top of Mount Everest. Viewing a documentary at the Mount Cook Sir Edmund Hillary Museum, I learnt that perhaps his greatest feats were not just to do with scaling the tallest mountains in the world. Not long after his record breaking effort Sir Edmund Hillary turned his enormous energy to the funding and building of schools in the remote Nepalese hills. Clearly not afraid of heights, there was much footage of him high up on the building sight having swapped his ice pick for a claw hammer. Children that had previously not had access to schools now had their eyes opened to the world and were receiving an education. It was great to hear the son of Tenzing Norgay talking with such enthusiasm and pride about how these children had now grown up to be professionals across a wide range of vocations. It made me realise that something that we have always taken for granted in Australia, having access to an education, is sadly still not the case in some parts of the world. Teaching a young child the importance and privilege of receiving an education will always be one of the greatest gifts a parent can give. Sir Edmund Hillary, more than just a mountain climber…a man of vision.
Donvale Primary School presents

Naturalis
2016 Art Show
Showcasing the creativity of our students

Family Fun
Friday 11th November
3:30 – 6:00pm
Craft activities, Face painting
Collaborative art making
Gift shop
Performance by the School Choir
Food and beverages available for purchase
GOLD COIN ENTRY

Raising funds for our playground Stage 2 upgrade

Art Soiree
Saturday 12th November
8:00 – 11:00pm
‘Live’ art show by Stephan Hitchins
Live music
Raffle, door prize & gift shop
Live auction of class pieces
Catered event with complimentary beverage on arrival
$20.00 PER PERSON

For bookings visit or call school office 9842 3373
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Keeping an eye on screen time

Are your kids constantly glued to a screen? Where do you draw the line to keep screen time in check? This quick guide can help parents manage screen time.

What is screen time?

Screen time is the amount of time spent watching a screen or electronic media for entertainment. It includes:

- Watching TV
- Watching DVDs & other online shows
- Using computers or other devices to access online entertainment
- Playing games on consoles, computers and mobile phones
- Texting

Screen time does not include time spent on educational activities, such as for school work.

What is the right amount of screen time?

We know parents are time-poor, dealing with work and other life pressures, so screen time can be an easy alternative for keeping kids occupied. But what is recommended?

**Health experts suggest these screen time limits:**

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Source: Australia's Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour Guidelines

Is too much screen time a risk?

It is important that parents help their children enjoy a mix of entertainment and social activities.

- Excessive screen time may lead to problems such as:
  - Increased risk of obesity
  - Sleep difficulties
  - Poor performance at school

But not all screen time is bad

Screens are a part of family life and when used in moderation can offer positive benefits, like:

- Enhancing learning experiences
- Facilitating social interaction
- Improving motor skills, coordination, literacy and numeracy

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Performances

We have a number of performances coming up in November. Please carefully read the information below so you know what your child is involved in…

1. **Thursday November 3:**
   At 1pm we will commence our annual Music Count Us In assembly. Each year level will perform a song to the rest of the school and then the entire school will sing “Let it Play”. Families are welcome to attend.

2. **Friday November 11:**
   Commencing at 3.45pm the choirs and some of our senior students will provide some music for the opening of our ART SHOW. This will go for approximately 30 minutes. Junior Jammers and Music Makers choir members are requested to stay on for this event.

3. **Wednesday November 30:**
   Our End of Year Concert will take place in the Senior Building, commencing at 7.30pm. All students will have the opportunity to perform at this. Our choirs, bands and instrumental groups will be featured. Students are asked to wear BLACK and WHITE to this event. There will be a gold coin donation entry which will go towards musical equipment. Please invite your friends and family to this evening.

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**Birthday Wishes To**

Tommy W, Oliver P, Holly M

**Who are celebrating birthdays from the 21st to 27th October**
Addition Fubuki

Place the numbers 1 to 9 in the 3 by 3 grid so that each horizontal and vertical line adds up to the given sum. You can use each number only once. Some numbers are already placed for you.
THE ART SHOW IS ALMOST HERE!!!

Below is a sample of the magnificent class pieces that will be for auction at our Art Show.

Each student will also have two pieces of their individual work on display. Some have also been involved in other collaborative pieces and digital art.
Making sushi like a pro!

I thought I’d spoil everybody for the last ever session of my Junior Chef here at Donvale P.S., so I involved the best: our Japanese mums, Natsuko Tsui and Aya Kitazaki (Michiko Cruse was there in spirit). They are happy and hard workers, they mean business and they always deliver a great session and make it look effortless. Plus children love sushi!

All our chefs run to the canteen, buzzing with excitement and raring to start. Natsuko and Aya have prepared a great spread of delicious ingredients for them to use: tuna and mayo, crispy chicken, crabmeat, lettuce, carrots and cucumbers. They then showed the chefs how the pros make sushi. They listen and observed in religious silence while Nat and Aya describe the different steps, then it was their turn; heads down, salivation already at peak levels, eyes on the ingredients and off they start spreading sushi rice on hands and aprons and some on the seaweed too. Many just couldn’t choose which filling to go for, so they put a bit of everything in their roll, then they rolled it like they were shown, with or without assistance. An adult would then cut the roll to edible size and they all sat down in no time and even faster they ate their creation and complimented their peers’. Do I need to tell you that most of them made 2 and 3 rolls!!

It was great, they all left with a smile on their face and a new bamboo mat in their hand as a present to help start their sushi career (hopefully they will spoil you as often as possible)!

A big thank you to Natsuko and Aya for supporting Junior Chef and for always being great helpers with a great attitude, for taking time in buying all the ingredients and preparing all that was needed.

Thank you to Nicole Cooper and Carolyn Henry for their help and assistance and the photos (Nicole). Thank you Lena Clark for supervising during her lunch break and to Wendy Cheesman and Samantha Browne for their tireless help.

Grazie,
Laura Emozione

DALLA CUCINA:

Stephanie B. 12J: Scrumptious sushi
Kaitlyn B. FRC: It was fun making it.
Emily B. 12J: I liked the chicken the best and I think we should do it again!
Caitlin F. 12J: Delicious! Hard to roll up, but fun.
Andrew F. 56W: Tastes like chicken!
Ava H. 12T: It was fun making it and it was delicious.
Brooke H. 12V: I liked it, it was easy.
Nikita S. 34W: It was fun.
Vittoria S. 56R: I like it–It was good!
Abigaeyl B. FHN: I love, love, loved the sushi a lot!
Luca L. 34G: Tastes AMAZING!
Cooper R. 34G: It’s the most delicious thing ever!
Chloe C. 12J: Delicious!
April S. FHN: It was excellent and fun.
Giorgia E. 12W: Fun to make.
Chloe C. 12T: Yummo!
Dear families,

Next week is a Halloween theme at OshClub! We will be making potions, spooky crafts and playing lots of Halloween inspired group games! On Friday afternoon the children can also have their face painted as their favourite spooky character. Come along and join the fun!

Just a reminder that in Term 4 it is time to Slip, Slop, Slap! Please make sure your child brings a hat to the OSHClub program. OSHClub has a “No hat – No outside play” policy. OSHClub supplies sun cream. If your child is allergic to a particular type of sun cream please inform the Coordinator at the program. We also encourage you to read our sun smart policy.

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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Please book through your online account 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.
Icypoles Rock - on sale @ Friday Recess - $1 each.

Wear a Special Hat - Vision Portraits - Friday 21 October
Win a $200 voucher to spend at your booking!

Disco Fever - Friday 18 November. Form coming.

Can’t WAIT for the Art Show......book your tickets.
Saturday 12 November - AO:
Family night Friday 11 November.
U11 Destroyers - The boys learnt an important lesson from our match against Milgate- you must approach each game with a positive attitude and the desire to win! After a very slow start, the Destroyers went on to the court fighting in the second half and were a much more competitive, aggressive and enthusiastic team. Let's play a whole match like that against Milgate next time we meet them!

U/9 Girls – Dolphins - The girls came up against the top team and were really competitive early. Although we lost 5-20 it is as close as we have got to this team all year and shows the improvement the girls have made. Allie Erwin scored all 5 points and won 'Dolphin of the Week.'

Dribblers put up a good fight against their Donvale mates but were beaten by the better team. Well done to all the boys on both sides.

The Dreamers were down a few players this week, so a very big THANK YOU to Lexie and Indi and their fellow Dolphins for helping us out to start the game - it was very much appreciated! Although we ended up losing, the girls put in a great effort despite having to play 40 minutes.

The Donvale Primary Basketcases – News & Views!

Awesome turn-out for the Come & Try!!!!
Thanks to the fab coaches and support staff.
Gotta love Donvale Basketball – get into it.
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