At Donvale Primary School, we have an extensive whole school camping program commencing in the Foundation level and concluding with our year 5/6 students enjoying a three to five day camp away alternating with either a beach or a bush setting. This week, our year 5 & 6 students are attending their school camp held at Rawson Village, Gippsland. They are all having a wonderful time enjoying the many experiences available to them. Mr McKinlay and myself have joined the children today. We are very much looking forward to spending the day with them engaged in their various camp activities. The children will return to school tomorrow afternoon, very tired but also full of wonderful memories that they will be talking about for many years to come.

Camps are such a terrific opportunity for our students to experience life away from home supporting their development of independence and interpersonal skills.

The benefits for children attending school camps are many, including:

- Participation, new experiences and lots of fun
- Development of social skills and independence
- Personal challenges
- Team building and leadership skills
- Encouragement of physical fitness and active lifestyles

• Learning to live and work together, as part of a camp community, by helping with duties. For instance, sweeping and tidying the cabins and helping around meal times including setting up, packing up, and washing up after a meal.

Of course, teacher involvement is at the heart of every successful camp. And the staff currently on our 5/6 camp are no exception. They ensure the safety and wellbeing of every student. During the day, they guide and encourage students and, at night, they reassure those that may be feeling a little unsure about being away from home. It is hard but rewarding work. Thank you to Mr Reiter, Mrs Wallis, Mr Chigros, Mr Hogg, Ms Trend and Ms Watkins (student teachers) for their energy and passion in ensuring our students benefit and enjoy their entire camping experience.

Towards the end of next month, our year 3 & 4 students will be heading off to their beach camp at Phillip Island. Our students are very excited about this opportunity; for many it will be their first time away from home. A camp
information night was held last night to provide parents with full clarity of our school camping program. It was great to see so many of our parents attending. We understand that parents may feel quite anxious when allowing their child to attend a school camp – spending time with the 3 / 4 teachers asking all the questions needed is a great way for our parents to ease any uncertainties they may have. Many thanks to our year 3 / 4 class teachers for organising the evening.

Coming up shortly on Friday November 25th, our Year 1 students’ camping experience involves a day at school where they participate in a variety of camping style activities. This may include making damper, singing campfire songs, orienteering, movies and various craft tasks.

Our Year 2 students will join our Year 1’s however their camping experience concludes with a sleepover at school. This program prepares our students for future camps and allows each child to engage in lots of fun activities outside of normal school hours.

At the end of their first schooling year, Foundation students will experience the beginnings of a camping program. On Friday December 2nd, the school day begins early where our Foundation students arrive to school in their pyjamas and bags packed with school clothes and toothbrush. After being served a hearty breakfast prepared by our staff, the students will then get themselves ready for school. This includes getting themselves dressed, brushing their teeth and combing their hair all in time to commence their usual school day at 9.00am. It is a wonderful opportunity to build on their confidence and independence.

Parents, please don’t hesitate with sending your child to any of our school camps. They will benefit hugely and keep many happy memories of their adventures for years to come!

2016 Parent Requests: A final reminder to parents that if you have any particular requests for your child’s class placement for 2016, to please forward that request to me by tomorrow Friday 28th October. Unfortunately, I will not be taking requests after this date.

ART SHOW: A reminder that our Art Show is coming up shortly – Friday Nov 11th for the Family event and then Saturday Nov 12th for the auction and show evening. Tickets are on sale now at $20 each for the evening event. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information and buy your tickets now. It promises to be a wonderful evening where parents and friends will be able to relax, have fun and be entertained by our school / parent band, live art presentation by Stephan Hitchins (professional artist), live art auction of student art work and silent auction. Yummy nibbles and drink will be available throughout the evening. A party atmosphere will prevail with dancing opportunities for those inclined scheduled at the conclusion of the auctions. Secure your tickets now and invite your family and friends to join us for what is promising to be an outstanding celebration of our Performing Arts program.

With Curriculum Day and Melbourne Cup holiday coming up next Monday and Tuesday respectively, I would like to wish you all a wonderful extended weekend if you are lucky enough to have this opportunity. May your horse be a winner!

Hope you’re having a wonderful week.

Lena Clark
A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Last Wednesday night, School Council met to discuss various aspects of the school. In this meeting we were presented with the 2016 NAPLAN results for the Grade 3’s and 5’s. We were shown various metrics with regards to reading, writing and numeracy for our current students as well as our past students. I was very impressed with the results as almost every category was either at or above the state average, whilst some categories were shown to be well above. I think this is a testament not only to the students’ hard work but also to Mrs Clark and the teaching team.

As always another topic discussed was the school’s financing and budgets. Earlier in the year I mentioned that the school was managing a significant debt. Slowly and steadily the school has been working to pay this back to the Department of Education. Well I’m now extremely pleased to say that the debt has been completely paid back. This will now free some of our precious budget to further invest in the school and the children’s education. Well done to Mrs Clark, Mr McKinlay and Mrs Browne (Sam) for all their hard work and book balancing. They have managed to eliminate our debt without making any sacrifices to the quality of education and opportunities provided at Donvale.

Lastly I wanted to let the community know that if there is anything you want discussed or brought up at School Council please feel free to let Sam or any of our school council members know and we can put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Evan Raftopoulos
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Is there an age limit for kids on social media?

Most social media services and apps require users to be 13 years old to join. App stores set their own age ratings based on the app’s content.

This is usually to comply with the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 (COPPA)—a US law preventing the collection and storage of personal information from a child under 13.

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*Age guide based on published Terms of Use and app store ratings as of April 2016.*

[esafety.gov.au/parent]
First day at camp and everyone is happy with their cabin buddies.
Number lines!

Fill in the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 so that each line in the Z-shape adds up to 7 and each line in the V-shape adds up to 10.

Number squares!

Fill in the missing numbers in each square. Add or multiply the numbers on the left with the numbers on top. The first square serves as an example.

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GATHER YOUR FRIENDS!!!!!

The Art Show is fast approaching and Saturday 12th November is a great opportunity on the DPS social calendar to get together with friends and celebrate the creativity and hard work of our children. The night also offers us the chance to welcome and get to know 2017 families to our school.

There will be:

- Exciting art show by Stephan Hitchins
- Live auctions of class pieces
- Over 500 pieces of art work on display
- Gift shop
- Raffle and door prizes
- Catering, complimentary beverage on arrival and a bar…

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW
Every second year we hold a concert which features musical highlights by our students.

This year we will be celebrating on Wednesday November 30th, in the Senior Building at 7.30pm.

The program will consist of the following groups:

- Foundation classes, singing and playing percussion instruments
- Junior and Middle choirs
- Year 1 and 2 students singing “You’ve got a friend in me”
- Two Wonnies Rock Bands
- Marimba Band
- Mandarin dance
- Year 3/4 students playing recorder
- Examples of World Dance by a couple of groups (year 3/4 and 5/6)
- Year 5/6 students singing and playing Keyboards and Ukuleles
- Whole school: Featuring “Let it Play”

This is an optional activity in which your child is most welcome to participate. If so, please have them wear Black and White.

To assist with raising funds for our Performing Arts Program there will be a gold coin entry.

We’d love to see you there!

Regards,

Anthea Keep
FORTNIGHTLY MANDARIN CHALLENGE
gòng xǐ!  gòng xǐ!

恭喜！恭喜！

Congratulations to the following students who answered the last Question of the Fortnight correctly and accurately in Mandarin!

Ebony M.  Jasmine B.
Abigail O.  Dale L.  James K.

Your names will go into the draw for a prize at the end of the term!

What is it? A challenge to all students to answer a question accurately in Mandarin before the end of Wednesday every second week in order to be in the draw to win a prize at the end of the year!

How do you play? You just need to find Mrs. Lee before the end of Wednesday each week and tell her your answer to the Question Of The Fortnight. Your answer is due by Wednesday November 9th!

What do you get? You get a chance to have your name published in the Snippets Newsletter and go into the draw to win a prize at the end of the year!

Question Of The Fortnight

我是什么动物? 我是黑色和白色。我很大。我是中国的国宝！

wǒ shì shén me dòng wú? wǒ shì hēi sè hé bái sè. wǒ hěn dà. wǒ shì zhōngguó de guó bǎo!

Hints: 我 (wǒ), 什么 (shén me), 动物 (dòng wú), 黑色 (hēi sè), 白色 (bái sè), 大 (dà), 中国 (zhōngguó), 国宝 (guó bǎo)

YOUR ANSWER NEEDS TO BEGIN WITH: 你 (nǐ) 是 (shì)... – ‘You are...’

GOOD LUCK! 加油！jiā yóu!

MANDARIN MUSIC GROUP (MMG)

The focus of the MMG this term is on singing a Mandarin song and dancing to a Kpop medley. All students are welcome to join every Wednesday lunchtime. Come and join in on the fun!

Serina Lee (李老师 lǐ lǎo shī)
Program Update

Dear families,

Next week will be a shorter week at the program due to the Melbourne Cup Public holiday on Tuesday. Please note that Monday is a Curriculum Day at the school and OshClub will not be running. Please feel free to contact our head office on (03) 8564 9000 if you would like to find out if there are any nearby schools offering long day care on Monday 31st October.

Please note that we may experience some changes in staff next week as Kate is required to assist at another program. It is most likely that the program will be coordinated by either Harry or Kate B during this time. Thank you in advance for your flexibility and understanding.

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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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.
Get brain freeze Friday @ Recess
icypoles only $1.
Feel the burn.

Meal Day – Hot Dog & a Juice Box
Friday 11 November – form coming….

Lots of fab family pics taken by Vision Portraits - Friday 21 October
Congrats to the lovely Cope family who won
the $200 voucher to spend at their booking!

Whop, whop whop - Disco coming
Friday 18 November. Save the date!
Birthday Wishes To

Karen S, Coco C, Khian N, Amelia S, Lachlan O, Nathan L

Who are celebrating birthdays from the 28th Oct to 3rd Nov

Please send any sold Art Show Raffle books & money back to the Office.

Saturday 12 November

Book the babysitter & come & enjoy live music, drinks, nibbles & with a Live Art Show that will amaze you.

Tickets also on sale before & after Assembly this Friday & Wednesday 2 November.
The Dreamers had a narrow victory this week, a goal from Ebony being the only one for the whole match! All the girls made big improvements in the second half, with special mention to Ella for some great dribbling. Great win!

The Daredevils took on the Dynamites in their third clash of the season and this time it was a win for the Daredevils. Congratulations to both teams for great displays of teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done boys!

Dribblers played a great game of defence and tried their hearts out. In a low scoring game we went down by 1 but a strong performance by the team.

U9 Dynamites - The Donvale Derby against the Daredevils is always exciting and this one was no different. Congratulations to the Daredevils who showed awesome teamwork and were too good on the day. Well done to all the boys.

U11 Boys Destroyers - A convincing win and another wonderful team effort boys. Well done! Enjoy your weekend off.

Under 11 Girls- A disappointing loss for the Diamonds this week. Hopefully with a little rest, they will be back full force!

With the help of Noah and Lucas filing in for the Dunkers, we came through with an easy win against OLOP. It was great to see them all play as a team so easily. Thanks Noah and Lucas.

After a slow start - where our shots just wouldn't go in! the Daisies ended the game with another good win. The girls again showed great teamwork not only through their passing but also their encouragement of each other on and off the court. Both Nikita and Amy had stand out games this week, well done girls!

The Donvale Primary Basketcases – News & Views!
Come & Try – last night tonight!!!!
See Compass for details.
Thanks to the fab coaches and support staff.
Gotta love Donvale Basketball – get into it.
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Dr Michael Carr-Gregg presents

Tackling Anxiety and Building Resilience in Young People

For Teachers, Teacher Aides (Primary and Secondary level), Parents, Psychologists, Counsellors, Sports Coaches, Youth Workers, Scout Leaders, Nurses, Health Workers (and anyone else interested).

Monday November 21st, 2016
7pm - 8.30pm
The Bentleigh Club
39 Yawla St, Bentleigh
FREE onsite car park / instro open before event

BOOK your place!
Email rick@criticalagendas.com.au
Include your name and number of tickets required.
Collect and pay for tickets on the night.
$20 each - No EFTPOS
Enquiries: 0433 616 771

Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia’s highest profile psychologists. Working in private practice in Melbourne, he sits on the Board of the Australian Psychological Society, the Family Peace Foundation, Project ROCKIT and Smiling Mind as well as being a Community Ambassador for Big Brothers Big Sisters, Postvention Australia, and Playgroup Victoria. He founded the charity CanTeen 31 years ago and was the first psychologist featured on This Is Your Life. He has been resident psychologist on Ch 7’s Sunrise for 11 years as well as Psychologist for the top rating Morning Show with Neil Mitchell on Fairfax Radio 3AW. He is a special Patron of the Hawthorn Football Club. He is married to Therese and has 2 sons.

Fun Family Picnic
Sunday 6 November
Eltham Lower Park
12.30 pm to 3 pm

Bring a picnic basket and blanket. Fun games and activities for the children will be provided as well as some party treats, cake and fruit platters.
Eltham Mini Train also run on Sundays and there will be 1 free ticket per child.
Please RSVP to Melissia 0412 961 571 by 4 November.
If rain is forecast we will have an indoor picnic at Templestowe Baptist Church.

You’re Invited!

WORKSHOP
Supporting Children with Additional Needs
10 November 2016

Supporting Children with Additional Needs
Facilitated by Anna Scott
Lead Teacher/Early Years
Northern School for Autism

Anna has taught and worked with children who present with severe and challenging behaviours. Anna holds a Masters in Special Education Autism and Bachelor of Education.

Anna’s profile also includes working as a consultant training and providing support to teachers and school staff who work with students presenting with severe and challenging behaviours.

Anna aims to provide parents, carers and educators with positive and practical strategies to best support children with challenging behaviours and additional needs.

Please join us on 10 Nov at 7:30 pm - 9pm
Venue: Templestowe Baptist Church,
107 Andrews Creek Road, Templestowe
Cost: $10 per person (includes Supper)
RSVP Melissia Doreen 0412 961 571 by 7 November