Welcome back! For those of you that were able to take some time with your children during these recent school holidays, I trust you had an enjoyable break. It’s been terrific catching up with our children and hearing all about their holiday events. From going to the movies, beach, biking, hiking, playing with friends, our students certainly do know how to have fun. We are glad to see their smiling faces back and raring to go!

Term 4 has come upon us very quickly and we have much to look forward to as we make our way towards the end of 2016. Again, we are planning for our annual 'Carols on the Lawn’ - a celebration of our year and an opportunity for all members of our community to join together for some fun and relaxation. Year 6 Graduation will be taking place this year at school on Thursday 15th December. This is a fabulous event where we take the opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of our outgoing Year 6 students. Parents of graduating students will receive more information on this event and are encouraged to support and help out with preparations where and if possible. We have the 5 / 6 and 3 / 4 Camps coming up this term and the 1 /2 camping program which includes a sleepover for our year 2 students. Also, as part of our camping program, the Foundation students will join us later in the term for breakfast. The staff has also planned many incursions, excursions and sports events for our students to enjoy. Foundation Transition begins shortly where we are very much looking forward to welcoming all our 2016 Foundation students and their families to our school. And of course, we have our wonderful Art Show on Nov 11th & 12th. This is a must do/see event. Please ensure you get your tickets early. Please check our school diary on the newsletter and website for all the dates of our busy Term 4.

Parents as Helpers Program: Parent helpers are a valued resource at Donvale Primary School. For parents, teachers and students to gain optimum benefits from working with each other, we would like all parents wanting to help in the school to participate in the ‘Parents as Helpers’ course. This is an Education Department course that is used in schools throughout Victoria. 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.
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.

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

If you would like to participate in this training and are available on the above dates and times, please contact the office to register your attendance. I look forward to seeing you there.

**New Staff Members:** This term we welcome two new teaching staff members to our school. Mrs Helen Tombolato is the new full time class teacher replacing Mr O’Connor in the 1 / 2 year level. Mrs Lia Richardson is the new part time class teacher grade sharing with Mrs Jones in the 1 / 2 year level. Both teachers have made a terrific start to the term and have been warmly greeted by their students and staff. I know they will thoroughly enjoy getting to know their students and our wonderful school. Please take the time to introduce yourself to our newest staff members, particularly if your children are in these classes.

**No Hats No Play:** A reminder that Term 4 is a term where our students are required to wear hats when outside. As a Sun Smart school we aim to ensure that our children are protected from any long term damage to their skin should they be exposed to direct sunlight over a longer period of time. Please ensure that your child has a hat at school daily as we are implementing our ‘No hat, no play’ policy this term.
Farmers Market Garden: On the last Friday of last term, our Sustainability team presented our community with a Farmers Market Garden which comprised entirely of produce harvested from the school’s veggie gardens. Thank you to our community who supported this project by purchasing the many produce items on sale. The Market Garden raised a grand total of $102.55 which will all go back into purchasing more seeds, plants and resources for the gardens. Thank you to the children in the Sustainability team who worked hard on this day in harvesting and presenting the produce for sale. The display looked amazing and the amount of produce harvested was extraordinary. Well done! A big thank you also to Mr Garcia, Mrs Lucisano and Michelle Bishop for helping the students with the preparations. It was a job very well done by all.

Parent Requests: Well it’s that time of the year again where we start to plan and prepare for classes next year. Leadership is currently working on our 2017 grade structure and staffing. Once this is finalised, the teachers can begin the process of creating the classes for next year. I’m sure that you can all appreciate that this is not an easy task. It takes many weeks of work, discussion and consultation. Every year, I ask for parents to forward to me any requests in writing that they have for their child’s 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 you 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.

Curriculum Day: A further reminder that Monday 31st October is a Curriculum Day at Donvale PS. This will be a child free day where children are not to come to school. The teachers will be using this day to finalise the end of year student reports. As the following day is the Melbourne Cup public holiday, I hope you are able to take the opportunity to enjoy the extended long weekend.

Parent Survey: Our annual Parent Survey will be available online to all parents tomorrow. Please see more information from Mr Gordon (ICT Coordinator) in this newsletter. Your feedback is very important to us. We are always seeking opportunities for improvement as providing the best teaching and learning environment to all our students is our core purpose. I encourage all parents to participate in the survey and take the opportunity to have a say.

Murals: You may have noticed as you wander around the school that our two breezeways and Gallery (Bike Shed) area have been brightened up substantially with some fantastic murals being painted on each. Brett Cardwell has again visited our school and painted a selection of murals depicting Science, Rain Forest, Dinosaur, Underwater and Planet themes. I’m sure you will agree that these add tremendously to the interest and aesthetics of our school. If you haven’t already discovered this work, I encourage you to please take the time to have a walk through. We are still looking to upgrade these areas with some more painting work and replacement of drinking taps and basins. Stay tuned for this. Thank you to our PA and community for supporting this work with the ongoing fundraising held at our school.

CCTV Cameras: The wellbeing and safety of our students and community in general is always of paramount importance to us at Donvale PS. For this reason, CCTV cameras have this week been installed around the school. This will ensure that the school be monitored at all times with video footage available
to identify any trespassers and unwanted behaviours on our school grounds. Whilst our school is generally a very safe place to be, the cameras will ensure added security be provided to our students and community.

**Resilience in Schools:** Over the last two years, our Years 3 – 6 students have participated in the Education Department’s ‘Building Resilience in School Communities’ Program. This program aims to build school student and teacher capacity to undertake whole school approaches to enhance students’ resilience, optimism, confidence, and social and emotional skills. We know that children and young people with higher resiliency are more likely to thrive in learning and achieve greater educational outcomes. Parents play a very active and important role in helping their children build their resilience.

The following link takes you to a brief 2 minutes video presented by leading child psychologist, Andrew Fuller. Andrew has been a key supporter and advisor to schools participating in the Resiliency Project.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j82adHlI9q4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j82adHlI9q4)

**Some baby news!** I am very pleased to announce to our community that our Business Manager, Mrs Samantha Brown, is expecting her first baby in March / April of next year. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Brown on this very exciting news - I know they will make wonderful parents. It's always joyous when new little ones join the DPS family. We wish Mrs Brown well during her pregnancy and look very much forward to meeting the newest addition to the family.

Hope you are having a wonderful week.

*Lena Clark*

Here are some of our murals...
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CURRICULUM DAY—Report writing day
Donvale Primary School

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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

Art Soiree

Saturday 12th November
8:00 – 11:00pm
~ one for the grown ups~
‘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

Raising funds for our
playground Stage 2 upgrade

For bookings visit or call
school office 9842 3373
**GENERAL**

**Annual Parent Opinion Survey – Have Your Say!**
The Annual Parent Opinion survey will be published online this Friday via Survey Monkey. The link will be sent via Skoolbag and Compass. Please follow the link to enter a rating for each of the school programs, and add an optional comment about any of the programs. Using this online version will allow us to analyse the results more quickly and accurately. We look forward to receiving your feedback. Please complete the survey by **Friday 28th October**.

**Compass – Push Notifications Active Now!**
We are now able to send Push Notifications to your phone via Compass. In order for you to receive them, you will need to have the latest version of the Compass app installed on your device, and Push Notifications allowed for the app. If you have the app already, open it and a dialogue box should pop up, in order to allow notifications.

If you haven’t got the Compass app on your device, both the IOS and Android versions are available to download from the Apple App Store or the Google Play store. Once installed and opened for the first time, there will be a prompt to choose the school. After selecting Donvale, there will be an opportunity to enter a Login ID and Password and if successful, the account will be saved to the device.

A dialogue box will pop up, in order to allow notifications. Please ensure that you select Allow, so that you receive notifications of school activities and any last minute changes to scheduled events.

We will be discontinuing Skoolbag notifications after a short changeover period, so it is important that you complete the steps above to keep you in the loop!

Rick Gordon
I.T. Co-ordinator

**Students leaving Donvale**
Planning and structuring of grades is already underway for next year. If your child is not returning to Donvale next year, we would appreciate it if you can let the office know as soon as possible.

**Lunch Options**
Just a reminder that we have 2 options for ordering student lunches.

1. **Subway** - For Friday lunch. Orders need to be in by Thursday recess. Ordering envelopes are available from the office.
2. **Classroom Cuisine** - For Monday and Wednesday lunch. Ordering is done online.
Headllice
We would like to remind you to please check your child/ren’s hair on a regular basis.

It is common for children to get head lice because their heads are often close together as they play or do their schoolwork. It can be very hard to get rid of head lice. Some children get head lice several times each year. This can be very upsetting for both your child and for you.

If your child gets nits, it’s **nothing to be embarrassed about**. It doesn’t mean your child and home are dirty.

If your child has head lice, the first thing you might notice is your child **itching and scratching**, especially around the nape of his neck and behind his ears. When you look closely at your child’s hair, you might see small oval-shaped eggs, also called nits, attached to the root of the hair, near the scalp. There are two different kinds of nits:

- **White nits**: these have already hatched.
- **Brown-black nits**: these contain live eggs that will hatch into lice after about a week.

If you see only white nits, you can’t be sure that your child still has an active head lice infection. This is because white nits are evidence of an old infection. You also need to **look for live head lice as well as nits**. If your child still has live lice, they’re still laying nits. And you won’t stop the nits and lice cycle until you get rid of the live lice.

Live head lice move fast. To spot live lice, you might have to part your child’s hair very quickly or use the wet-combing treatment described below.

If you think your child might have head lice, you should check for head lice in every member of your household. Please notify the school and we will send out a letter to every family in your child’s class.

Here’s what to do:

1. **Apply lots of conditioner to your child’s wet hair. Rub it into the scalp and along the hair shafts.**
2. **Leave the conditioner on for at least 15 minutes. You might want to put a shower cap over your child’s head while you’re waiting. The conditioner suffocates the lice, and they release their claws from the hair shaft or scalp.**
3. **Use the special lice comb to remove the conditioner from your child’s hair. Clean the comb between strokes using a tissue or tap water. You’ll often be able to see how many lice you’ve combed out of your child’s hair.**
4. **Repeated wet-combing is a very good head lice treatment. Comb every 2-3 days for two weeks, until a full combing doesn’t show any eggs or lice on the entire scalp.**
5. **Wet-combing takes time. You can distract your child by discussing the day’s events, or letting your child read a book, play games on a mobile device, or watch the TV or a movie while you comb.**
6. **If your child has head lice, she doesn’t need to have a drastic haircut – this won’t treat or prevent lice infestation.**
Hello Parents

**Science Dress Up and Experiment Day**

**Wednesday 12th October**

Science Week at Donvale Primary School is fast approaching and everyone is very excited for this wonderful event. On Wednesday the 12th of October we are asking students to come dressed in their best science outfit. Some ideas may include coming as a crazy scientist or an experiment gone wrong… the possibilities are endless. To continue the science week celebrations the students will all participate in specially designed experiments that will be sure to create some excellent and unforgettable memories. There is no cost involved for this day and we look very forward to it. What an experience it will be!

**Science Show**

**Thursday 13th October**

Students in grades 3-6 will be very lucky to experience the Professor Science Show organised by the Science faculty at Victoria University. There will be an array of eye-catching experiments on display and it will be an incredible sight. No cost will be involved for this incursion.

Christian Garcia
Science Coordinator
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.
This week invitations have been sent home for our exciting Art Show. We look forward to seeing your families there on Friday 11th November for this after school event filled with activities for the children, food stalls, musical performances and the chance for you to view the wonderful work with your little artist. Ticket information for the Art Soiree on Saturday 12th November has also been sent home. This promises to be a fun night out with friends with an Art Performance, live music, auctions, gift shop, food and beverages, raffle and even some dance tunes.

 Book the babysitter and order your tickets now!!!
**Athletics Day Recap**

On Monday, selected students from Grades 3-6 heading off to Rieschiecks Reserve to participate in the Doncaster District Athletics Carnival. Despite being the first day back from holidays, and the weather not being perfect, it was fantastic to see all of our students so enthusiastic about the day ahead. After the completion of the day, it was fantastic to see that six of our students had progressed to the next round of competition at Divisional level. Well done to Samuel M, Laura V, Tommy W, Gemma G, Anastacia K and Holly O. A big thank you must go to all staff and parents that assisted on the day.

Michael Hogg
Phys Ed

**Physical Education Term Overview**

This term when students attend Physical Education they will be having a particular focus on “striking sports”. As we are heading into hopefully what will be a warmer climate, we will take the opportunity to have more classes outside to enjoy the sunshine. As we are also into Term 4, students are to be reminded to bring with them their wide brimmed hat if we are going outside, and also to bring a water bottle, so that they stay hydrated.

In October, members of the winning Hooptime teams in both 3/4 and 5/6, will participate in the Regional Hooptime Finals at Nunawading and Kilsyth respectively.

We are also looking into holding free lunchtime clubs at the moment of a particular sport. More information will come once things are finalised.

**Foundation:**

Students will be exploring some striking and basic motor skills throughout Term 4. This will involve continuing to work on correct techniques of catching and throwing, but also to introduce new skills such as bowling and hitting. Students will touch on modified versions of summer sports such as cricket, tennis and volleyball.

**Year 1/2**

Year 1/2 students will be working hard with their hitting skills. Having learned previously a lot of baseball/softball rules last term through kicking games, they will now put their knowledge into practice with hitting the ball instead of kicking. There will be a particular focus to their hand-eye coordination, and ensuring that they watch the moving ball onto the moving bat.

**Year 3/4**

Students in middle school are focusing on summer team sports this year. This will involve a lot of outdoor time so we can spread out and use the fields outside. Later on in the term, the whole year level will be heading off to Philip Island for a 3 day camp, where they will participate in a number of outdoor activities in small groups.

**Year 5/6**

The term will start for the 5/6 cohort completing their SEPEP programs that started last term, where each class has been studying a particular sport that they voted to study (Gaelic Football 56W, Hockey 56C, American Football 56R). Once the program is completed, students will conduct fitness testing, to compare results to Semester 1’s, which will help with assessment, and then once done they will participate in a number of summer sports to conclude the year.

Michael Hogg
Physical Education Coordinator
Performing Arts Term Overview

This term the entire school is preparing for a special Musical Assembly on Thursday November 3 at 1pm. We are all learning the Music Count Us In song for this year which is “Let It Play”. We are hoping that some of our senior students will accompany us on recorders, ukuleles and keyboards.

Each year level will also present a song to the remainder of the school. They are excitedly practising for this!

Foundation:

Students will be continuing to explore the musical concepts of Beat, Pitch, Dynamics and Tempo. They will also be discussing how music is all around us. To tie in with the class topic of Farms we will be singing lots of songs about animals and farms too. Lessons will include dancing and playing marimbas and boomwhackers.

Year 1/2

Songs about gardens and mini beasts will form part of this terms lessons. We will explore Tone Colour, Structure and Expression as well as Music All Around Us. Discussion will take place around Music from different times, Music from different lands and Music for different purposes.

Year 3/4

By the end of this term students will have learned the basic notes on their recorders and at least three chords on the ukuleles. They will sing about and then compose their own song about Endangered Animals. Students will continue playing the marimbas and boomwhackers during class time.

Year 5/6

Having last term learned basic keyboard chords, simple guitar chords and extending known ukulele chords these students will continue to accompany songs for groups. They will participate in lessons which encourage using their singing voices with fun activities to help build confidence. The use of Garage Band on iPads will be encouraged when recording group activities and also for creating a soundscape with the theme of Space.

Music Dates to Remember!

November 3: Whole school music assembly at 1pm.
November 11: Choirs and some small groups will perform at the opening of our Art Show (3.45 – 4.15pm)
November 30: End of Year musical concert 7.30pm. Held here at school, this evening will be a presentation of our musical groups (choirs, marimba band) and some examples of class work from the year.
December 19: Carols on the Lawn

Anthea Keep
Most people just eat them but each to their own!
Lamingtons & icypoles for sale @ Friday Recess - $1 each.

Look at moi, look at moi…..
Vision Portraits is coming.
Awesome value & great family shots.
Friday 21 October indoor or outdoor photo options.
Book a $15 sitting before Friday 15 October
& receive a free 10”X13” framed photo of your choice.
One lucky DPS family wins a $200 voucher
to spend at their booking!

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

Well Get Your Moves Ready!
Friday 18 November.
Stay tuned for details...
Birthday Wishes To
Jackson C, Nathan G, Tyler B, Emily B, Max C, Jamie Z, Lily R

Who are celebrating birthdays from the
7th to 13th October
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**FUN ON TAMAR**

Saturday 15 October
10AM - 2PM
- Jumping Castle - Car Wash
- Devonshire Tea - Sausage Sizzle
- Cupcake Decorating - Competitions and more!

Ringwood Community Church
1 Tamar Street, Ringwood

**TUNING IN TO KIDS**

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

Where: Doncare
Suite 4, Level 1
887 Doncaster Road
Doncaster

When: Wednesdays
2nd November to 7th December 2016
9.30am to 12.00pm

Bookings are essential
Contact: Jenny from Parentzone on 9735 6190 or 0400 866 495

**PARENTING WORKSHOPS**

For parents, grandparents or carers of children from birth to 12 years

Where: Central Ringwood Community Centre
Bedford Road, Ringwood

When: Thursdays 20th Oct to 14th Nov
9.30 – 12.00pm

(To note: these workshops are part of a 5 week program)

FREE

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL as places are limited

Contact: Juls at Parentzone on 9735 6190 or 0400 866 495

**Mad On Music Living Social Deal**


Choose Between Guitar, Singing or Keyboard (Value $155)

The offer

Turn your little ones into a superstar with eight weeks of music lessons led by a qualified teacher from Mad On Music, a Melbourne-based program for primary school students.

Eight weeks of group guitar lessons for one child is $29 (value $155)

Eight weeks of group keyboard lessons for one child is $29 (value $155)

Eight weeks of group singing lessons for one child is $29 (value $155)

Each class runs for approximately 30 minutes and is taught by a skilled, experienced and caring teacher at their studio in Doncaster. Small class of up to four students ensures your child will receive the tuition and feedback they deserve.

Your child will be provided with solid musical grounding; an essential building block for any young musician!

What We Like

Great gift idea for the kids music lover in your life.

Choose one on weekends or select two in the same week with their school time.

Join over 1,000 followers and give them the最高 up on Facebook.

Please go to the following link and try it TODAY!

Toolbox parenting groups are a unique and fresh approach to parent education. In an informal and relaxed environment you’ll be equipped with practical skills and strategies that can be immediately put to use.

Over six sessions, key parenting principles are explored—you’ll be encouraged in your role as a parent.

"Toolbox" is a program of Parents Inc. New Zealand. For more information go to www.parentsinc.org.nz

The next course being held in this area begins...
19th Oct – 23rd November
Wednesdays 7.30 – 9.30 pm
Deep Creek Anglican Church
460 Blackburn Rd Doncaster East
Bookings essential!
Contact cherry@deepcreekanglican.com
Cost $70, $120 couple, $50 per session (includes course manual)

The Middle Years (6-12yrs)
Course Covers
• Building Character & Self-Esteem
• Creating Traditions & Memories
• Emotional Intelligence
• Discipline
• Increasing Responsibility
• The “Tween-Age Years”

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