Year 3 / 4 Camp: As you read this, our Year 3 / 4 students are away on camp at Philip Island simply having a wonderful time. The coolish weather hasn’t stifled their enthusiasm and excitement as they enjoy the fabulous facilities and activities available at the venue. The children will have more to say about their camping adventures in next week’s newsletter. I’m sure that there will be lots of wonderful stories for them to share with you. Thank you to the staff attending the camp – Mrs Wright, Mrs Hodgson, Mr Garcia, Miss Brown, Mr Hogg, Mrs Lucisano and Mrs Cheesman who have taken time away from their families to share this experience with the students and ensure that they remain safe and having a wonderful time. Mr McKinlay will be spending the day at camp today; we will look forward to hearing from him tomorrow during assembly where he will be able to share some early camp stories with us.

Year 1 / 2 Camp Experience / Sleepover: Tomorrow our Year 1 / 2 students will have a fun filled day where they will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of camping type activities such as orienteering, bush cooking and outdoor craft making. The Year 2 students will then have their first sleepover experience with the school where they will spend the evening and night at the school. This is always a very much anticipated event by our students and supports the building of their confidence and independence in being away from home. Thank you to the Year 1 / 2 teachers (Mrs Dickson, Miss Valentine, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Tombolato) and Mr McKinlay for supporting this program and spending the night away from their own families to allow this program to take place. A special visitor, Mr O’Connor, will also be making a guest appearance on the night. We are all very much looking forward to welcoming Mr O’Connor back to Donvale PS for this event. The students will provide you with more details of their camping experiences in next week’s newsletter.

School Disco: Our school once again held its annual Disco last Friday. It was an extremely well attended evening where the children were able to not only show off their talent on the dance floor but also show off their either ‘stylish’ or ‘creative’ fashion sense. Thank you to Mr Garcia who was our wonderful DJ for the evening where only the best and latest songs were played. Thank you to the many parents who supported the evening either through supervising, cleaning or helping out with food sales. A very big thank you to Jacqui Frigo and Marina Younger for all their hard work in planning and preparing the night and then ensuring that everything was clean up afterwards. You are amazing. A wonderful amount of around $800 was raised. Thank you!
Bev Wright: One of our much loved and long standing teachers has announced her intentions to retire from teaching at the end of this year. Mrs Wright has been a teacher at Donvale PS for 24 years during which time she has taught every year level and several hundred, possible thousands of students; this is such a wonderful achievement and one that certainly must be acknowledged. After 45 years in Education, Mrs Wright has finally decided to hang up her chalk and put away the blackboard to spend more time with her family. Whilst we will miss Mrs Wright, I know you will all join me in wishing her all the very best as she embarks on this next phase of her life.

Transition Program: Our whole school transition program commenced on Monday of this week and will continue over the following two Mondays. The program allows our students the opportunity to experience life in their next year level and for our teachers to make some final observations as we begin to finalise classes for next year. I’m sure you will appreciate that this process is a difficult one where decisions on student placement is based on feedback from students, parents and of course, the teachers.

Once the classes have been finalised, leadership will decide on the teachers for each class. There will be two new teachers commencing at Donvale PS next year. The new staff members will be announced to our community shortly and will be available to meet their students during our ‘meet the teacher’ at the end of this year. I’m sure you will make our new staff members welcome.

2017 Grade Structures: The following is the grade structure that will be in place next year. After much discussion and deliberation, the staff has again chosen to implement composite classes for the 2017 year.

Foundation – 2 classes
Year 1 / 2 – 4 classes
Year 3 / 4 – 3 classes
Year 5 / 6 – 3 classes

Students and parents will be informed of their classes and teachers at the ‘meet the teacher’ session scheduled for Monday 19th December.

Parent Helpers Thank You Morning Tea: All our wonderful parent helpers are invited to join us in the Senior Building on Friday 16th December from 11.00am for a special thank you morning tea. It is our small way of acknowledging all the support you provide to us in so many different ways. If you are one of our many parent helpers, we hope that you will be able to join us at this time. Look forward to seeing you there.

Carols on the lawn: Another important date to add to your diary is our annual ‘Carols on the Lawn’ end of year community celebration. On Monday 19th December, all members of our community are invited us to join us on the lawn outside the senior building for a fun and festive evening. The children will entertain us with their fabulous carolling whilst we settle back and enjoy the frivolities of the evening. Bring along a picnic rug and something yummy to eat and drink. We also may have a special visitor making a guest appearance – certainly a great night to be had by all. Hope to see you there.
Swimming Program:
Our swimming program will commence this year on Wednesday 7th December at the Surrey Park Swim School in Box Hill. There will be 6 sessions with our students placed into groups depending on their swimming skills. As well as developing stroke technique the swimming classes also teach important water survival and safety skills. Developing confidence in and around water opens up a wide variety of water pursuits that can be enjoyed over a lifetime. Of course there is the final fun session with the water slide that always proves to be a popular event!

There may be some parents with a student in a junior grade who feel their child requires assistance to dress themselves. The Education Department has this year required all Government schools to comply with a set of 7 Child Safety Standards. A major element of these new standards is that any parent having any interaction with students must produce evidence of a certified Working With Children’s Check. If you think this may apply to you would you please inform your child’s teacher of your intentions and kindly provide evidence of the WWCC, before the commencement of the swimming program. All the details of the swimming program concerning class times and recommendations to ensure the smooth running of the program can be accessed through Compass.

Looking out my office window now, just before I head off to Phillip Island the rain has thankfully stopped. I’m looking forward to catching up with our Level 3/4 campers around lunchtime today. Who knows, given our strange Spring weather, the sun may even be shining when I arrive at Cowes. In any event, rain, hail or shine I know our students will still be having a great time.

Ian McKinlay
FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Evan Raftopoulos

School Council met for the second last time for 2016 on Wednesday 16th November. One of several topics discussed was in relation to school fees and how they will presented from next year in line with the Department of Education guidelines. Sam will be finalising these over the coming weeks and they will be sent home in due course.

On that topic I wanted to take to opportunity to help you understand the importance of the voluntary portion of the fees. As you may or may not be aware the Education Department provides funding to the school on a per student basis to provide for the bare necessities. We therefore ask families to pay voluntary contributions which enables us to be able to provide more for our children. An example of this can be seen in the brand new computer lab that was set up at the beginning of the year and used by all students in all levels. This was largely due to our ICT voluntary contributions. We are extremely fortunate to have such large grounds for our children play in (more fortunate than a lot of other schools in the area), but with that comes general upkeep and maintenance, hence we ask for a small maintenance contribution towards this.

At this time of the year we get a lot of reports and assessments of the school. The Naplan results, the staff survey and the parent survey to name just a few.

One of the other items discussed in the last Wednesday night were the results of the staff survey. Once again I’m pleased to say that the results were outstanding. In almost every category we scored above the state average and above the other “like” schools. This shows that the teachers and other support staff at the school are engaged, happy and enthusiastic about teaching our children at Donvale PS and that reflects in how well the children performed in the NAPLAN results I shared last newsletter. I think this is a testament not only to Lena Clark and Ian McKinlay, but the teachers themselves for their attitude, positivity, work ethic and team work, both within their own levels and within the school as a whole.

Lastly if there is anything you’d like covered or raised in any school council meeting, feel free to speak to a school councillor.

Thanks

Evan.
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**To all our Parent Helpers**

You are invited to a morning tea on **Friday 16th December**

from 11.00 - 11.45 in the Senior Building.

We look forward to this opportunity of saying a personal thank you for all your assistance during the year in supporting our many wonderful programs and activities.
**GENERAL**

**Skoolbag App**
We are discontinuing Skoolbag at the end of the year and will only be using Compass. Hopefully by now all parents have familiarised themselves with Compass. If not, and you need help please contact Sam or Wendy.

**Compass App**
Remember that Compass can now send you notifications just like you received from Skoolbag. In order for them to work, you must have the most up to date version of Compass on your device and you must also allow Compass to send you notifications. This can be done through your phone’s Settings menu. Feel free to come to the office if you would like any help with this.

**Banking update:**
The last day for ordering banking rewards for delivery this year is **Monday 28th November**.
Orders placed after this date will be delivered in Term 1, 2017.
The rewards still available from 2016 are:
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Jump and Skip Rope – Limited Stock
- Wriggly Glow Worm

Rewards still available from 2015 include:
- Outer Space Savers Money Box and ET DVD

*Leanne Maguire*

**Library Books**
All borrowing of library books finishes at the end of this week, Friday 25th November.
All books need to be returned during the first week of December.
Thank you.
*Mei Lun*

**Mullauna College School Uniform Available**
Due to moving schools, a previous DPS family has a full set of Mullauna College uniform available to sell. The items include: School bag $45, Sports polo size 14 unisex $20, Sports shorts size 12 unisex $20, Sports spray jacket size 12 unisex $40, Jumper blue Yr7-10 size 14 unisex $35, Winter tartan blue skirt size 12 $35, White shirt short sleeve size 12 $10, Winter jacket navy size 12 $45, Summer dresses x2 size 12 $30 each, Black t-bar everflex school shoes (most popular girls school sandle worn 3 times)size 9 $50.
If you are interested in any of these items, please contact Joanne on 0433 836 560
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Triangle magic!

For each triangle the 2 numbers in the circles add up to the number in the rectangle between them! Fill in the blanks.
1. **Celebration concert:**

   Wednesday November 30th at 7.30pm in the Senior Building.

   Every child is welcome to participate but it is not mandatory!

   - Gold coin entry for audience members.
   - Participants please wear Black/White.
   - Students need to arrive by 7.20pm.

2. **Carols on the Lawn:**

   Monday December 19th, 6.30pm on the lawn near the Senior Building.

   Every child will be participating.

   Please wear Christmas clothes, colours, headgear etc.

   BYO dinner/picnic from 6pm.

   Enjoy our last night before the holidays!
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MANDARIN CHALLENGE

gōng xi!  gōng xi!

恭喜！恭喜！

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

The answer was:
yī gè xīng qī yǒu qī tiān. 一个星期有七天。There are seven days in a week

Elizabeth C.  Jasmine B.  Bani 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 lǐ lǎo shī and tell her your answer to the Question Of The Fortnight.

Your answer for the next question is due by Wednesday December 8th!

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

How can you translate this sentence into English?

我来自澳大利亚。你呢?

wǒ lái zì ào dà li yà. nǐ ne?

Hints: 来自(come from), 澳大利亚(Australia), 我(I, me), 你(you)

GOOD LUCK! 加油！jiā yóu!

THE MELBOURNE NIGHT NOODLE MARKET IS BACK!

“From November 10-27 for 18 glorious nights of Good Food Month, Melbourne’s idyllic, much loved Birrarung Marr will be transformed into an Asian hawker-style market at our Melbourne Night Noodle Markets. Complete with more than 30 food stalls, a selection of bars and nightly entertainment, this year is set to be bigger and better than ever before. More bars more noodles more nights and brighter lights! The Night Noodle Markets are back for 18 nights this November once again lighting up the banks of the Yarra at Birrarung Marr with a record 56 stalls three bars and the luxurious Citi Concierge is back in the Citi VIP dining area”. -  http://www.onlymelbourne.com.au/night-noodle-markets#WDYy59v97IU (click for more information)

U11 Boys - Destroyers - After a close first half, the boys pulled away to win the game convincingly. Well Done!

Fantastic win by the Daisies on the weekend. Defence was much better this week and the girls played a good team game with everyone contributing. Great game from Charlotte, Imogen and Olivia. Well done girls.

Dreamers - Coming up against the top team, the girls were in for a tough game. In doing so they showed great determination to hold Donburn to 12 points in the first half. Hima and Natalie were particularly strong, stealing the ball numerous times. Abi continued to show great awareness by moving into good positions to get the ball. Ebony and Ella showed good skill and agility when dribbling and Cheyenne and Alana played their best games by getting involved at both ends of the court. Well done Dreamers!

U9 Girls – Dolphins - The girls were all a bit tired after their night at the disco but still managed to have a good win 17-8. Zara W had a really good game and shot 6 goals as she won the Dolphin of the Week. Allie E scored two goals and Charlotte M one.

What a great game by the Daredevils! A super impressive second half saw the boys hold their opposition scoreless and resulted in a convincing win! Congratulations!!

A hard game for the Dribblers last week, going down by 20. But we can pick ourselves up and get back to our best this Saturday! Go boys!

Diamonds U11 girls – A disappointing loss for the Diamonds. Enjoy camp this week and come back fighting.

The Donvale Primary Basketcases – News & Views!

BASKETBALL PRESENTATION NIGHT - Tuesday 13th December 5.00pm

End of year celebration/presentation for all teams in the Senior Building.
Complimentary pizza for players & families. Families joining us in 2017 also welcome.
Run to the Canteen this Friday Recess to get your $1.00 Icypoles.

Everyone had a great time at the School Disco Friday Night!

Thank you to all those that helped out,
& a big thanks to Mr Garcia, for being an awesome DJ.
Thanks for organising a great night Marina Younger and Jacqui Frigo.

Jacqui Frigo has run the disco for a number of years now & has been instrumental in various PA activities including organising a huge building grant a few years ago. It’s the Frigo family’s last year at Donvale Primary.

Farewell guys & thank you Jaqui!!

Please join us at Bucatini Restaurant on Friday 9 December at 12.30pm.
For the end of year PA celebration & thank you lunch for Kim Merton.
Send your form & payment back to the office asap.
Everyone welcome.

We are looking for anyone interested in nominating for the President position of PA.
The new Pres will steer a hard working community & be the contact point for the school administration & school council.
Interested? Please send an email to Lena Clark or leave your details @ the Office.
Birthday Wishes To
Bryce v d B, Kirra W, Zoe N, Wattles S, Kamari v G,
Angela N, Caitlin F, Joshua F

Who are celebrating birthdays from the 25th Nov to 1st Dec
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