Year 3 / 4 Camp: Last week’s Year 3 / 4 Camp to Phillip Island was a wonderful opportunity for our students to participate in activities and events that allowed them to develop their independence, social, team building and leadership skills. The teachers had planned well and the children had an interesting schedule of fun activities that kept them occupied for the three days and two nights away. Flying Fox, giant swing, archery, indoor mountain climbing, movie night, X Factor and beach walks are just a few to mention. Of course, teacher involvement is at the heart of any successful camp and the teachers on this camp are no exception. Thank you to Mrs Hodgens, Mrs Wright, Miss Brown, Mr Garcia, Mr Hogg, Mrs Loccisano and Mrs Cheesman and for all their hard work in ensuring a successful camp. They ensured the safety and well-being of every student. During the day, they guided and encouraged students and at night, they reassured those that may have been missing their mum or perhaps feeling a little scared of night monsters that may have been lurking. Thank you also to Mr McKinlay who took the time to drive up on Thursday to spend the day with the children. He brought the sunshine with him and spent time having fun with the children on the giant swing. It was a fantastic camp where a great time was had by all.

Year 1 / 2 Camp experience and Year 2 sleepover: Last Friday, our Year 1 / 2 students had a wonderful day enjoying some experiences of camp life. The students participated in outdoor games, created some wonderful bush art and cooked and ate some delicious scones. Then on Friday night, our Year 2 students enjoyed a sleepover at the school where they watched a movie, played some indoor games and generally hung out with each other. Apart from some very talkative girls throughout the night, the staff spoke very highly of the students and of their confidence in being away from home – some for the very first time. This day and night is the beginning of the students’ camping experiences at Donvale PS where they eventually work up to a 3 to 4 day night away camp in Years 5 & 6. This gradual progression is all a part of developing the children’s confidence and resiliency in coping with challenges away from the home environment. Thank you to the staff who attended the sleepover – Mrs Dickson, Miss Valentine, Mrs Tombolato and Mr McKinlay. A special thank you to Mr O’Connor who came along as a very special guest. The children were certainly very pleased to see him.

Foundation Breakfast: The final event to our whole school camping program is taking place tomorrow morning. Our Foundation Breakfast is an opportunity for us to begin preparing the youngest members of our community...
for sleepovers and experiences away from their homes. The children begin school early coming to school still dressed in their pyjamas. They are prepared a healthy breakfast by the Foundation staff and are then expected to get themselves ready for school.

This involves getting dressed into their school uniform, brushing their teeth and hair and then packing their bags neatly ready to start their school day. This encourages the children’s independence, resiliency and responsibility. I know the students are all very much looking forward to tomorrow morning – it’s always a terrific experience for them all.

With the camping program for the year almost over, this is a great opportunity for me to send out a huge acknowledgement to all our staff for the amazing commitment and dedication that they have for our students and school. Many extra hours of work, high levels of responsibility, time away from their family and many lost hours of sleep are all part of the taking children away ‘camping,’ however, many may not realise that staff does not get paid when they attend events such as camps. Evening concerts, school productions, art shows, discos, graduations … the list goes on, are all extra events that staff willingly attend. The staff do not question the many extra hours that they work daily to provide a broad and engaging teaching and learning program for all our students. As the Principal, I am indeed very proud to have such a hard working staff who always considers their students first ensuring that our school remains the wonderful school that it is.

**Pro Active Sports Clinic:** At our recent ‘Coles Hands-on Activity Day’, a company called Pro Active was employed by Coles to provide an array of physical activities for our students to participate in. Pro Active have since contacted me and have offered our school the opportunity to participate in a promotional video whereby they will arrange for a variety of activities such as Dance, Yoga, Circus, Cheerleading, Gymnastics, Team Building games etc for our students to participate in. Each activity will be fully supervised and directed by trained staff. This is such a wonderful opportunity and one that we could not decline. The Sports Clinic has been scheduled for Wednesday 14th December which was to be the final day for the swimming program. As we do not want any child to miss out on this opportunity, we have brought the swimming program forward to now commence on Tuesday 6th December and conclude on Tuesday 13th December. Parent notices and information will be sent home seeking authority. Please ensure that you return the notices to school promptly so that we can confirm all events. Apologies for the short notice with this information however, Pro Active only made the offer during this week and as mentioned earlier, it was an offer that I believe was too good to miss out on.

**End of Year Celebration Concert:** Last night, our school held is biennial celebration concert where our students had the opportunity to show off their musical talents to our school community. It was a fabulous evening of singing, dancing and music – truly a celebration of the school’s performing arts program and the opportunities that are provided to our students within this program. It was such a joy to watch the confidence in our students as they proudly performed in front of a large audience – certainly no easy task. Thank you to Mrs Keep, our Performing Arts teacher, for all the planning and preparation in allowing the students this opportunity. We are truly lucky to have such a passionate and dedicated teacher such as Mrs Keep delivering a fantastic Arts program to our students. Thank you also to Mr Gordon who worked alongside Mrs Keep throughout the night and greatly supported the event with the planning and preparations. Thank you to Mr Reiter who supported one of the choirs during their performance – it was just great! Thank you to Mrs Wright, Mrs Tombolato, Miss Lee, Miss Valentine, Miss Brown and Mr McKinlay for helping out with the organisation of the children throughout the evening. Your support was invaluable. Thank you also to our community who came out in force to support the students and the program. It was an absolutely fantastic evening.
Battle of the Bands: Last Sunday, several of our students competed in Wonnies’ ‘Battle of the Bands’ held at Andersons Creek PS. Congratulations to all our band members (Kirra, Noah, Jesse, Amin, Ryan and Chris) who represented our school so marvellously. Congratulations to Ryan who was awarded best bass guitarist and congratulations to Kirra who was received an award for best vocalist. This is outstanding! Overall, our school placed 4th which is an absolutely fantastic effort by these students. We are very proud of their talents and achievements. Thank you to the teachers from Wonnies for supporting our students and developing their musical skills and talents.

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.
Some important events for your diary:

- Foundation Breakfast – Friday Dec 2nd 7.30am
- Swimming Program Commences Tuesday 6th December
- End of Year reports published – Monday 12th December
- Year 6 School Graduation Thursday 15th December
- Parent Helpers Thank You morning tea – Friday 16th December
- Meet the Teacher Day – Monday 19th December
- Carols on the Lawn – Monday 19th December
- Last day of Term 4 – Tuesday 20th December

Hope you’re having a wonderful week.

Kind Regards

Lena Clark

**NO ASSEMBLY:** Parents are asked to please note that there will be **NO ASSEMBLY** this Friday 2nd December due to Mr McKinlay and myself being out of the school attending a Principal’s network meeting.
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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**

**Banking Update**
The final banking day for 2017 will be Monday 12th December.

Thank you
Leanne

**Swimming Program**
Due to a change in plans at school, we have changed the start date of the swimming program. Swimming will now start on Tuesday the 6th December and will run until Tuesday 13th. Due to the change of dates, new permission forms will be coming home. The permission forms **must** be returned by **Tuesday** for your child to go swimming.

**Library**
No more borrowing of books. All books are due back now!

Thank you.

*Mei Lun*

**Lost Jumper**
Coco's jumper has been missing for 2 weeks. The name on the tag is Lola on one side and Churton on the other side as an iron on label. Please check and return to Coco if you have it by mistake.
Fill the grid with the numbers 1 to 30 in such that they make a path of consecutive numbers in sequence. You can move horizontally or vertically, but not diagonally.
2016年12月1日

MANDARIN CHALLENGE

恭禧！恭禧！

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 a 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 lì yà. nǐ ne?

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

GOOD LUCK! 加油！jiā yóu!

MAPPING MELBOURNE

“From December 1-17 the fourth edition of Mapping Melbourne will unfold across the city in a celebration of our unique Asian Australian identity and international creative connections. Transforming spaces with a series of free multi-art form events and exhibitions the festival will profile established and emerging artists from across China, Indonesia, Singapore, Australia, India, Thailand, Japan, Vietnam and Malaysia.

Mapping Melbourne is a platform for strengthening arts networks between contemporary independent artists across the Asian region, building connections and establishing collaborative ongoing relationships, and presenting challenging work. We need to strengthen Australia’s deep and broad relationships across the region at every level. These links are social and cultural as much as they are political and economic. Improving people-to-people links can unlock large economic and social gains. Art enables us to learn about each other in creative and expressive ways that contributes significantly to greater understanding and respect for each other.”


Serina Lee (李老师 lǐ lǎo shī)
Program Update

Dear families,

This week we focused on celebrating other cultures. It was fantastic to research and explore a range of different cultures, including the children’s own. We were able to celebrate each other’s diversity and learn about different families’ traditions, celebrations, foods and much more. If you have any suggestions about incorporating cultural diversity into our program or wish to share aspects of your family’s culture, please feel free to contact a Donvale OSHClub staff member.

As the weather is finally warming up, we have planned a range of different active outdoor activities for next week. Jacob and Harry will be coordinating next week.

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: Harry
 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.
Icypoles & Juiceboxes @ the Canteen this Friday
Recess –
Only $1.00 for tropical paradise.

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 Mer-
ton.
Send your form & payment back to the office asap.
Everyone welcome.

There’s a new kid on the block……..
Big thanks to Janine Cope for putting her hand up to steer the PA.
We are looking for more helpers & many hands make light work.
Watch out for PA Meeting dates when school starts again in Feb!

A Match made in Heaven.
Hot Dog & a Ginger Bread Man Meal Deal – Tuesday 8
December.
Send your From back.

Join us on our Carols Night
Monday 19 December
6.00 – 8.00pm
BYO picnic.
Santa may make an appearance!
U11 Boys - What an awesome game to watch against our mates! Some great passing and shooting from all players. Destroyers finished third overall on the ladder so graded as A grade- Well done! No game this Saturday. Prelim final next Saturday. Time TBC.

In the final game of the season, the Daredevils came away with a good win. The boys are looking forward to playing their mates, the Dynamites in the semi final. Good luck to everyone!

Fantastic effort by the camp weary. The Daisies kept the top team to just 2 points in the first half. After a great time at Phillip Island, exhaustion caught up with us in the second half and we ended with a loss. So proud of you girls for playing hard right until the final siren. Well done Ashleigh and Ruby on a great game.

U/9 Girls – Dolphins - The girls started really well against the best team in the competition and were only scored against late in the first half. Fatigue kicked in from the grade 2 sleepover in the second half and the girls went down 26-0. Charlotte M started the match really well and won Dolphin of the Week. Good luck to the Dolphins in their first final on Saturday.

The Donvale Primary Basketcases – News & Views!

OPEN BOYS call out……..

We have been advised that there may be an OPEN BOYS section in the school competition in 2017. If any current Grade 4 or 5 players (born in 2005 or 2006) are interested, please let your Team Manager or Leanne Maguire (0438 096 451) know ASAP – we need to move on this quickly.

This Saturday it’s Semi Final time! Well done to all our Donvale teams.

Team are playing as follows:

U9 Girls - Dolphins 9:00am at DISC
U11 Girls - Daisies 10:00am at DISC
U11 Girls - Diamonds 11:00am at DISC
U9 Girls - Dreamers 11:00am at Leeds St
U11 Boys - Dunkers 1:00pm at DISC
U9 Boys - Daredevils & Dynamites 1:00pm at DISC
U9 Boys - Dribblers 1:00pm at Leeds St
U11 Boys - Destroyers - Bye

BASKETBALL PRESENTATION NIGHT - Tuesday 13th December 5.00pm

End of year celebration/presentation for all teams in the Senior Building. Pizza will be served at 5:30pm and the presentation will commence at 6:15pm
Birthday Wishes To


Who are celebrating birthdays from the
2nd to 8th December
A new and UNIQUE FARM experience for BOYS

We are a new Not-for-Profit Holiday Camp based on the NSW/VIC border at Howlong. We are offering a unique farm based camp for boys during school holidays. Please check out our website for further details.

www.boystothebush.com.au