Welcome Back BBQ / DPS 50th Birthday:

This year, our school celebrates its 50th birthday. This is a wonderful occasion which we aim to celebrate with various events throughout the year. The first event is taking place on Monday 20th February where you are invited to come along to our annual ‘Welcome Back BBQ.’ The Bushwahzee Band will entertain us with 60’s inspired music taking us back to the decade which saw the opening of Donvale Primary School. Parents and students are encouraged to come along dressed in outfits from the 60’s decade. The evening commences from 5.00pm at the school. Feel free to bring along a picnic rug, some nibbles / snacks and drink to help enjoy the evening and relax with us all. Our wonderful Parents Association will also be cooking a yummy BBQ so you can enjoy a delicious sausage in bread or hamburger (or two!) We hope that you will be able to join in the fun filled evening that will not only celebrate the new school year but also celebrate our school’s 50th birthday!

During this day, all our students will be involved in a music and dance workshop again presented by the ‘Bushwahzee Band’. The workshop titled, ‘The 60’s Happening’ will take the children on a journey through the 60’s era where they will experience music and dance from this very special decade. I know that it will be a wonderful experience for the children which they will share with us during the evening Welcome Back BBQ. Thank you to Mrs Keep for organising this incursion for our students and community.

Badge Presentations: Our School Captains, newly appointed House Captains and SRC (Student Representative Council) will be awarded with their badges at tomorrow’s whole school assembly. We are most fortunate to again have Ryan Smith, Shadow Minister for Roads and Infrastructure and Shadow Minister for Industry, to support us with the presentation of the badges. We hope that you are able to join us at this Assembly to share in the special presentations.

Congratulations to…

School Captains: Ben P and Kate B
School Vice Captains: Jackson C and Anise B

Acacia House Captains: Ella M and Chris M
Acacia Vice House Captains: Kyla I and Harrison M
Banksia House Captains: Coco C and R
Banksia Vice House Captains: Vienna G and Alex B
Student Representative Council

I know all our leaders will represent their peers and school to the best of their ability and show outstanding leadership capabilities.

‘Get to know you’ Parent / Teacher meetings: A reminder that these meetings are taking place on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th Feb for parents of students in Years 1 to 6. Please add these dates to your diary and make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher if you feel you need to. These meetings are an opportunity for you to meet with your child’s teacher/s and discuss any relevant information regarding your child that will support the teacher/s in better planning a more personalised teaching and learning program. Appointments are made through Compass. You will find more information on dates, times and making an interview time, in this newsletter. If still not sure, please do not hesitate to speak to your child’s teacher. They are always only too happy to help.

Playground Committee: In 2015, a group of wonderful parents worked together in enabling the upgrade of our junior school playground. During this time, the upgrade was divided into two phases with Phase 1 being completed and Phase 2 awaiting further funding. With the ongoing work of our PA and their fundraising efforts, coupled with the money raised at the end of last year from the Art Show, the school is now in a position to begin implementing Phase 2 of the work. The second phase plans included incorporating more play equipment into the junior school playground. In order to move forward with this development, I would like to once again, bring together a ‘Playground Committee’ whose role will be to see the second phase plans come to fruition. The more parents we have involved, the more ideas we will be able to share and develop ensuring a playground for our children that will provide adventure, creativity and curiosity. The committee will meet as required and flexibility to suit parents will most certainly be a part of how we operate. If you are interested in participating in this committee and helping the school with this upgrade, I would very much appreciate hearing from you. I look forward to a very productive time with this committee over the coming months.

Hope you’re having a wonderful week.

Lena Clark
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**Celebrating our school’s 50th birthday!**

As Donvale Primary School began in the 1960’s we will commence our fun celebrations with a show entitled

**“The Sixties Happening”**

On Monday February 20th all students will participate in special day run by the group “Bushwahzee”, including a concert at 9.30am, a couple of rehearsals during the day and then culminating with a show presented by the students to their families in the evening.

Families are invited to come along at 5pm to enjoy a BBQ or picnic as part of our welcome back to school/getting to know you evening.

The 60’s show will commence at 6pm and run until around 7.30pm.

The cost is included in this term’s bulk billing

*All students are required to attend...*
WHY YOU SHOULD NOT LET YOUR CHILD ARRIVE LATE TO SCHOOL

**Enjoy More Time to Prepare**

Students arriving to school with time to spare have the luxury of settling in, preparing their class materials, handing in notices, etc and focusing their minds on the lessons to come. Students showing up to class in the middle of a lesson miss out on this natural transition period and may lose even more of the lesson as they scurry to settle in.

**Never Miss Important Information**

Arriving to school after classes have begun can cause students to miss more than just the introduction to a lesson.

When your child arrives late at school, he/she misses the teacher’s instructions and the start of their learning.

Your child may feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late and find it harder to settle into the school day. This WILL disrupt their learning and the rest of the class.

**Develop Positive Lifelong Habits**

Arriving late to school on a consistent basis can have longer-term academic effects. If showing up late to school becomes a habit, students may develop the notion that tardiness is acceptable behavior. This belief can negatively impact their future work ethic and employment opportunities. Alternatively, showing up on time to school every day can help students develop the habit of being punctual with important commitments. This habit can serve students well through school and into their future careers. Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost, and can seriously disadvantage your child.

**Responsibility**

Part of your child’s education is learning to be responsible. The school experience teaches children how to meet expectations. Attendance is one of the ways children show they can meet their obligations. In many cases, a child’s attendance depends on his parent’s ability to help him be on time. Parents can teach their children organizational techniques that will help them get out of the house faster, such as packing their bags and laying out their clothes the night before school. But parents who drive their children must also remember to be punctual and responsible. After all, you are the primary role model.

**Late Arrival To School**

Any student who is late, needs to be signed in at the office and accompanied by a parent or a note explaining reason for lateness.

**Sustainability News**

Welcome back to all parents and students of Donvale Primary School, this year will be even bigger for sustainability at our school and we look forward to it! We are currently on the look out for any resources including seedlings, plants or any old gardening tools that can be donated for our ‘Sustainability Garden.’ The program is only just beginning here at Donvale and there will be much more news to follow. Please send any donations to Mr Garcia’s classroom, your help and support is very much appreciated.

Thank You

Christian Garcia
**Getting to Know You Interviews**

Parent Teacher Interviews have been scheduled for next Wednesday 15\textsuperscript{th} and Thursday 16\textsuperscript{th} February.

**Wednesday 15\textsuperscript{th} February**

3.45 – 5.30pm

6.00 – 8.00pm

**Thursday 16\textsuperscript{th} February**

3.45 – 6.00pm

They will take the form of briefing where you will be able to pass on any relevant information about your child, in order to prepare your child’s teacher for the year ahead.

Bookings can only be made online via your Compass portal from 4.00pm this afternoon (Thursday 9\textsuperscript{th}). Instructions can be found in your Compass Newsfeed. If you need any help, please contact the office on 9842 3373, or via email at donvale.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Rick Gordon**

I.T., Assessment & Reporting Co-ordinator

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**CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. This card must be in the parents name, not the students.

$125 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students, with $225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. Payments will go directly to the school and be allocated to the student. Prep students for 2017 who receive CSEF are also eligible for a uniform pack. More information about this pack is at the end of this newsletter and you will be contacted directly regarding your choice once your application has been approved.

Forms and information is available from the office. Parents are required to fill in a new application form each year, even if you have previously received CSEF. You will be required to provide a copy of your Concession Card. We are happy to make copies for you at the office. If you have any questions regarding CSEF please contact Samantha in the office.
Performing Arts

I have been teaching at Donvale Primary for about 14 years and have enjoyed seeing the Performing Arts area developing in that time. Our wonderful array of instruments is well used each week and our Choirs and Marimba Band get to perform at various functions throughout the year.

This term in our classroom program the focus will be on DANCE. Each grade will be learning movements appropriate to their age and ability so we look forward to many fun sessions together!

**Foundation:** in addition to learning to dance in a circle these students will learn to recognise and name our classroom instruments and play on the beat.

**Year 1/2:** students will dance with a partner and remember the movements for a number of dances. They will also be able to read and play written rhythm and beat notation.

**Year 3/4:** dance concepts will be introduced with the Acrostic “BEST” - Body, Energy, Space and Time. Students will rehearse progressive dances, line dances and free style dances.

**Year 5/6:** dance concepts will be reviewed with the Acrostic “BEST” - Body, Energy, Space and Time. In addition students will learn some new dances using the REDed dance program before choreographing their own group dances to perform to others.

**Information particularly for new parents:**

Performing Arts lessons are held weekly for each grade (1 hour)

Choir is an optional extra for students from year one and above. This year we will be operating just two choirs. Each choir meets at lunch times for 25 minutes – The Junior Choir (years 1/2/3) on Tuesday and The Senior Choir (years 4/5/6) on Thursday.

Marimba band is for students in year 5 and 6. This group will meet at Wednesday lunch times.

Private tuition is available for a wide range of instruments through Wonnie School of Music. Information sheets are available at the office.

Please feel free to call in to see me in the Performing Arts room or have a chat in the yard any time.

*Anthea Keep*
Visual Arts

TERM 1 IN THE ART ROOM

I am delighted to say this is my second year of teaching Art at Donvale. After a wonderfully busy 2016, I look forward to further developing relationships within our school community and guiding the children’s artistic journeys.

This Term students have been welcomed back into the art room with a whole school project. Each child has created a self-portrait using the collage technique. Please come into the office foyer to view their magnificently colourful, textured and creative work.

The remainder of the term will see the Foundation classes introduced to the art room and all the materials and tools available for them to play with. There will be a focus on the basics of colour and shape.

The other year levels will explore the question ‘What do artists do?’ To help them understand this they will themselves be given the freedom to drive their artistic work by selecting themes and materials. The aim is to teach for artistic behaviour allowing for problem solving, building visual language and self-reflection.

Ms. Deb De Stefanis
Visual Arts Teacher

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DPS

WHAT: To celebrate our 50th birthday we invite all members of our wonderful community to take part in creating a Commemorative Art piece. This includes students, parents, teachers and friends of the school.

WHEN: Welcome Back BBQ - Monday 20th February from 5:00pm

HOW: Come along to the work table set up at the BBQ and simply leave your shoeprint in a soft clay tile that will be fired and coloured to create our magnificent school mosaics.

See you there!

Ms. Deb De Stefanis
**Physical Education**

Hello all, my name is Michael Hogg and I feel privileged to be teaching at Donvale Primary School as the Physical Education teacher. I have been teaching since mid 2009 and have an astonishing love of sport! I currently play football in the winter and cricket in the summer, but have been known to play other things such as basketball, indoor soccer and baseball amongst other things. As well as teaching Phys Ed, I also share the Year 3/4 class with Alanna Hodgens.

**PE Term 1 Planner - 2017**

**Foundation (Preps)**

The majority of Term 1 at Foundation level will see students becoming familiar with the surroundings that they are in, whether that be inside or outside. Body movement and fundamental motor skills will be an important facet, as students work in different activities. Students will be required to respond to different stimuli, such as music, a whistle, or particular sounds and/or movements as well as being comfortable in a controlled environment.

**Junior School (Grade 1 & 2)**

Term 1 will see students in the Junior School practicing their body movement, and fundamental motor skills. They will be required to learn a variety of running, jumping and dodging techniques throughout the term, as well as practicing previously learned skills such as catching, throwing and rolling. Classes will be shared indoors and outdoors. There will be a focus on kicking soccer balls later in the term, with an emphasis on accuracy, control and distance. There will be a variety of team building games being used to allow the Grade 1 students to acclimatize with working with older students in class.

**Middle School (Grade 3 & 4)**

This term in the middle school area, students will be working on their athletics skills in each lesson. This is leading into the House Athletics Carnival, which will be held later in the year. This is of great importance to the Grade 3 students, who will not have previously participated in the accelerated activities and events before. Additionally, early in the term students have the opportunity to represent Donvale Primary School in the District Swimming team, which will be held on the 23rd of February.

**Senior School (Grade 5 & 6)**

The start of Term 1 will be dedicated to athletics training The program is aimed at students practicing and improving their track and field skills in events such as sprinting, middle distance running, discus, shot put, high jump, long jump and triple jump. Each event will be taught during their Sport classes. Students will participate in a Summer Sports Round Robin day. Students will have the opportunity to represent the school in cricket, hot shots tennis, rounders, softball and basketball. Additionally, the District Swimming carnival is also held in first term, where selected students will race over various strokes across 50 metres. At the end of the term, students will start to be assessed on their fitness levels, as well as starting to be prepared for Cross Country training, with our carnival being held early in Term 2.

*Michael Hogg*
It has been a pleasure getting to know the students at Donvale Primary for the past two years and understanding the different ways in which each student and each cohort of students approach learning Mandarin. There will be a strong focus this year on pronunciation and conversing in Mandarin.

This term the Mandarin program will consist of students from grades one to six reviewing and consolidating their knowledge and understanding of basic phrases that are useful in the classroom and in other contexts. This includes:

- expressing simple opinions
- asking for permission to do something or to go somewhere
- introducing themselves to someone they have met for the first time
- getting to know someone better

Students in grades three to six will additionally practise giving and receiving information about location and directions.

Our new Foundation students will concentrate on learning classroom greetings and routines as well as to express how they feel about something. They will also learn to count from one to five and a selection of colours.

Gestures, role plays, craft, musical and other kinaesthetic activities will be used to drive the learning throughout the different year levels.

To celebrate the Year of the Rooster, students will learn to sing a renowned Chinese New Year song – 贺新年 hè xīn nián (Congratulations on the New Year). Finally, students will take part in activities to celebrate Cultural Diversity Week towards the end of the term which will focus on diversity within our student body and school community.

**Mandarin Music Group (MMG)**

Towards the end of last year our school saw the beginnings of the Mandarin Music Group. The students met and practised singing ‘Jasmine Flower (茉莉花)’ and a Kpop (Korean pop) dance on Wednesday lunchtimes and had the opportunity to perform at the school's Celebration Concert with much success! MMG will be starting up again from the 22nd of February. In the first semester we will be learning a traditionally inspired fan dance as well as a Mandarin version of an English song. Students are encouraged to come along and join each Wednesday lunchtime!

**Fortnightly Mandarin Challenge**

Also in the latter part of last year, I introduced a challenge to all the students every fortnight. The challenges are written with what students have learned in mind and sometimes requires a bit of putting two and two together. Families are encouraged to look at the challenges with the students and you might even learn a thing or two from the children! Prizes will be drawn mid-year and at the end of the year. Good luck to all the students!
Cultural Community Events

I try my best to include relevant and interesting events that take place locally and around Melbourne that promote cultural diversity. Keep an eye out on Snippets for these as well as the local paper! This Saturday marks the fifteenth and final day of Chinese New Year celebrations for 2017 and what better way to experience it than heading to Box Hill over the weekend. Please see below for the program and link:

![Chinese New Year Festival Program](image)

https://www.facebook.com/BoxHillChineseNewYearFestival/photos/gm.274232609664074/1354315277958793/?type=3&theater

I am looking forward to another great year with all the students at our school!

Serina Lee
It’s so hot – get an icy treat this Friday Recess 
and cool it all down. 
$1.00 Zooper Doopers!

Thanks to all our DPS community for your contribution to 
our 2016 fundraisers. 
DPS has purchased 4 tent marques in House Colors 
due to your support. 
The School will use the marques during Athletic Days, 
Meal Deals 
& other events to stay cool or dry.

Come to the PA Meeting & share your ideas 
– Friday 10 February in the Library @ 1.30pm.
The power athlete has played five seasons of senior women’s football, after falling in love with Aussie Rules as a child.

She made her debut for Melbourne's women’s team earlier this year and prides herself on her ability to cover the ground, as well as provide an option up forward.

Senior women’s coach Damien Keeping says Gillespie-Jones has a solid pair of hands and has the capability to make her own space.

“Kate’s strength in the marking contest, coupled with her ability to burst through congested packs makes her a difficult match-up for any opposition,” Keeping said.

DOB: 26/04/1991
Height: 179cm
Position: Multi-positional
Club: Seaford Tigerettes

Birthday Wishes To

Mycah N, Amin K, Jasper S, Jonathan H

Who are celebrating birthdays from the 10th to 16th Feb
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Lion Bushido is a school built on professionalism, commitment, discipline and respect. With separate classes for adults and juniors we ensure quality instruction for all students.

**First class is FREE!**

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**Want to Learn Keyboard, Singing or Guitar?**

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**WHAT YOU GET**

- 7-10 Lessons per Term. $15-$17 a lesson
- Tap, Country, Latin in small groups
- Tuba, Flugelhorn, Soprano Saxophone
- Band, Orchestra, Concert Band (this is a lot of fun)
- Annual Practical Exam

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

Lessons are conducted at the MUM Studio at 10 Dunstan St, Doncaster on WEDNESDAYS and some WEDNESDAYS after school, FIRST TERM OFFER 2017!

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Hurry as places are filling fast!

To avoid disappointment, lodge your enrolment form today. Lessons start soon Ph: 9855 8396

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**Promoting your event.**
This book provides families with three major ways of overcoming anxiety:

1. **Stopping the cycle of anxiety spreading in families.** Anxiety is like a virus. When one person suffers from anxiety, it can spread to other family members without anyone realising it is happening. Home life can begin to deteriorate and break down.

2. **Ways in which a family can unite to support an anxious loved one,** and how individual members can help each other to recover.

3. **Information about how to cope with all common anxiety disorders,** including generalised anxiety disorder, panic attacks, agoraphobia, social anxiety, phobias, obsessive compulsive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder and separation anxiety. Conditions associated with anxiety such as depression, eating disorders, ADD/ADHD are discussed as well.

**About the Author**

Joan Zawatzky is a psychologist who brings her experience of over 25 years in counselling individuals, couples and families to this book. She writes directly and compassionately, offering practical support to sufferers of anxiety and their families. This book follows her previous book, *Depression: Light at the End of the Tunnel.* She is also the author of *The Scent of Oranges, The Elephant’s Footprint* and *The Third Generation.*

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