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DONBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

DONBURN'S GOAL

To provide a vibrant, attractive and safe teaching and learning environment, growing and evolving in harmony with the community.

"LEARNING FOR LIVING"

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Thursday	16 August	P&F Meeting 7:30pm Staffroom
Friday	17 August	Scholastic Book Fair
Monday	20 August	Scholastic Book Fair
Saturday	25 August	P&F Trivia Night
Monday	27 August	School Council Meeting 7:30pm
Sunday	2 September	Father's Day
Tuesday	4 September	2nd Hand Uniform Sale 2:30pm
Tuesday	11 September	Chomp'n'Chew

Dear Parents,

On Thursday 2 August, Premier John Brumby announced the Government would bring the Office for Children into the Department of Education - creating the **Department of Education and Early Childhood Development**.

The new department will be led by two Ministers: the Minister for Education, Bronwyn Pike, and the Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development, Maxine Morand.

"This initiative marks the beginning of a new era in the education and development of our children," Mr Brumby said.

"We know that a child's learning starts from day one and that a child's early experiences have a direct impact on their future prospects."

"We also know the transition into school is a critical stage of a child's life. The task of the new Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will be to give Victorian children the best possible start in life by streamlining the transition into Prep."

"This reform will benefit Victorian children, Victorian families and Victorian communities for decades to come."

Mr Brumby said tracking a child's development through their early years would ensure they started school when they were ready and allow early intervention when learning difficulties are detected.

"Linking children's services and schools together will assist in providing the help that is needed as early as possible, before problems escalate," he said.

"There is strong evidence that children's developmental and educational outcomes improve when there is a stronger focus on early childhood."

Mr Brumby said providing a one-stop shop for children's services will help raise education standards and support our continued growth as a healthy, prosperous and skilled community.

"Linking early childhood services and school education recognises that children's development is a continuous process from birth to adulthood, and government services must reflect this to provide each child with the best opportunity."

"Victorian kindergartens will retain their strong and successful community base with both schools and kindergartens run a district basis," Mr Brumby said.

Congratulations to all students who competed in the 2007 University of New South Wales Spelling and Writing Competitions. The following students received acknowledgement for their excellent results -

Spelling

Grade 3	High Distinction	Hayden V
	Distinction	Zoe T, Norman W
	Credit	David C, Jake H
Grade 4	Distinction	Danny T
	Credit	Jacinta McK
Grade 5	Credit	Sarah P
Grade 6	Credit	Matthew C

English

Grade 3	Distinction	Saraid T, Hayden V, Norman W
	Credit	Zoe T, Rachel H, Jackson K, David C
Grade 5	Distinction	Jessica P
Grade 6	Credit	Alexander G

In the previous newsletter, I mentioned the "Principals' Big Day Out" which was held at the Convention Centre. This event brings together the 1700 State School principals and to celebrate the outstanding work across the State, nine banners were displayed. The nine banners represented each of the nine Regional areas of Victoria. Our Eastern Region focussed on "Community" and the Department photographer visited Donburn in Term 2 to photograph some of our "Donburnians".

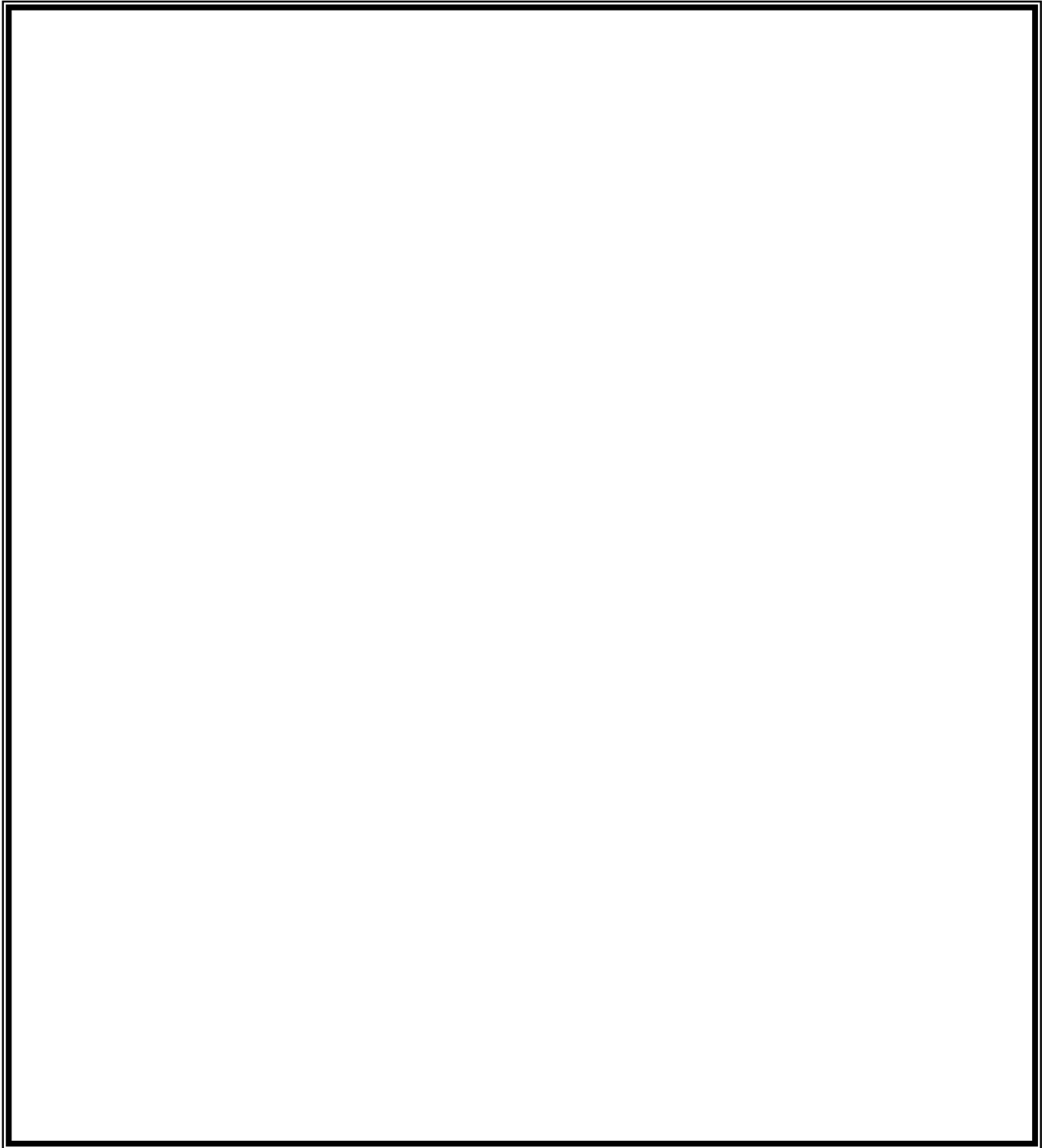
The Department selected a very impressive photograph of Linda T (parent) and Matthew C (student).

We are very proud to have this banner on display in our school hall. Thanks Linda and Matthew!

On Friday 17 August, Robyn Fraser will finish at Donburn for a period of well deserved Long Service Leave. During Robyn's five weeks of leave her place will be taken by Mr Norm Salter who worked with us during Term 2 in Grade 3/4B.

Regards

Kevin Sertori
Principal



Athletics Training

In preparation for the School Athletics Carnival, which will be held on Thursday 16 August, the students will be involved in Athletics training. We are seeking parents who have skills in particular Athletics events to assist with the training of our students.

Please fill in the form below and return it to Rebecca McDonald.

Thankyou in anticipation of your support

Rebecca McDonald
PE Teacher

Name: _____

Please circle the times/days you are available to assist:

Recess (11 – 11.30 am)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Lunchtime (1.10 – 2 pm)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

3/4 Sport Wednesday 2 – 3.30 pm

5/6 Sport Thursday 2 – 3.30 pm

Please circle the events you are able to assist with:

Long Jump Triple Jump High Jump

Discus Shot-put Relay

Sprints Distance (800m, 1500m)

