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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	9 August	Italian Day
Thursday	16 August	P&F Meeting 7.30pm Staffroom
Thursday	16 August	House Athletics Sports
Monday	20 August	Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday	21 August	Scholastic Book Fair
Saturday	25 August	P&F Trivia Night

Dear Parents,

On Friday, I attended the annual Principals' "Big Day Out" which was held at the Convention Centre. This is a great day of professional dialogue as all government school principals gathered to reflect about current and future directions. The theme for this year was "The Next Level of Work - The Classroom". The Education Department has progressively developed and implemented a broadly based school improvement strategy. This strategy recognises that certain preconditions are necessary to enable teachers, school leaders and regional and central office staff to understand and engage with the core work of school improvement. The Department has embraced a set of three core beliefs:

- **All children can learn**

If children are taught by highly effective teachers then they will learn and make progress.

- **Work hard get smart**

If students invest effort into their learning and they are exposed to targeted interventions when progress does not occur, then they will improve their performance over time.

- **Failure is not an option**

If we always expect and only accept student's best work and they are supported to deliver it, then progress will occur.

These core beliefs have informed a series of propositions that frame the Department's approach to school improvement

- Proposition 1. If we identify, create and operationalise the necessary preconditions for improvement to occur, then we will have an increased ability to develop the capacity of our workforce to have a positive impact on student achievement.
- Proposition 2. If we develop the capacity of leaders to create the organisational conditions that support high quality instructional practice, then student performance will improve over time.
- Proposition 3. If we increase teacher knowledge about high quality instruction and improve teacher capacity to translate it into practice, then large-scale improvement of schools will occur.
- Proposition 4. If we build high quality relationships with the educational workforce, then our capacity to engage them in the educational reform agenda will increase.
- Proposition 5. If we understand the relationship between educational theory, research and practice, then the quality of professional practice will improve.

You may have noticed lots of posters around the school promoting "Everyone, Every Day".

The Everyone Every Day Initiative highlights the need for developing caring relationships and supportive connections with others in a student's life to promote healthy development and wellbeing. This initiative enhances connectedness and resilience, as well as improving student outcomes. Everyone Every Day is about simple day to day connections and conversations.

Congratulations to all students who competed in the recent University of NSW Writing competition. Well done to the following students who received special recognition:

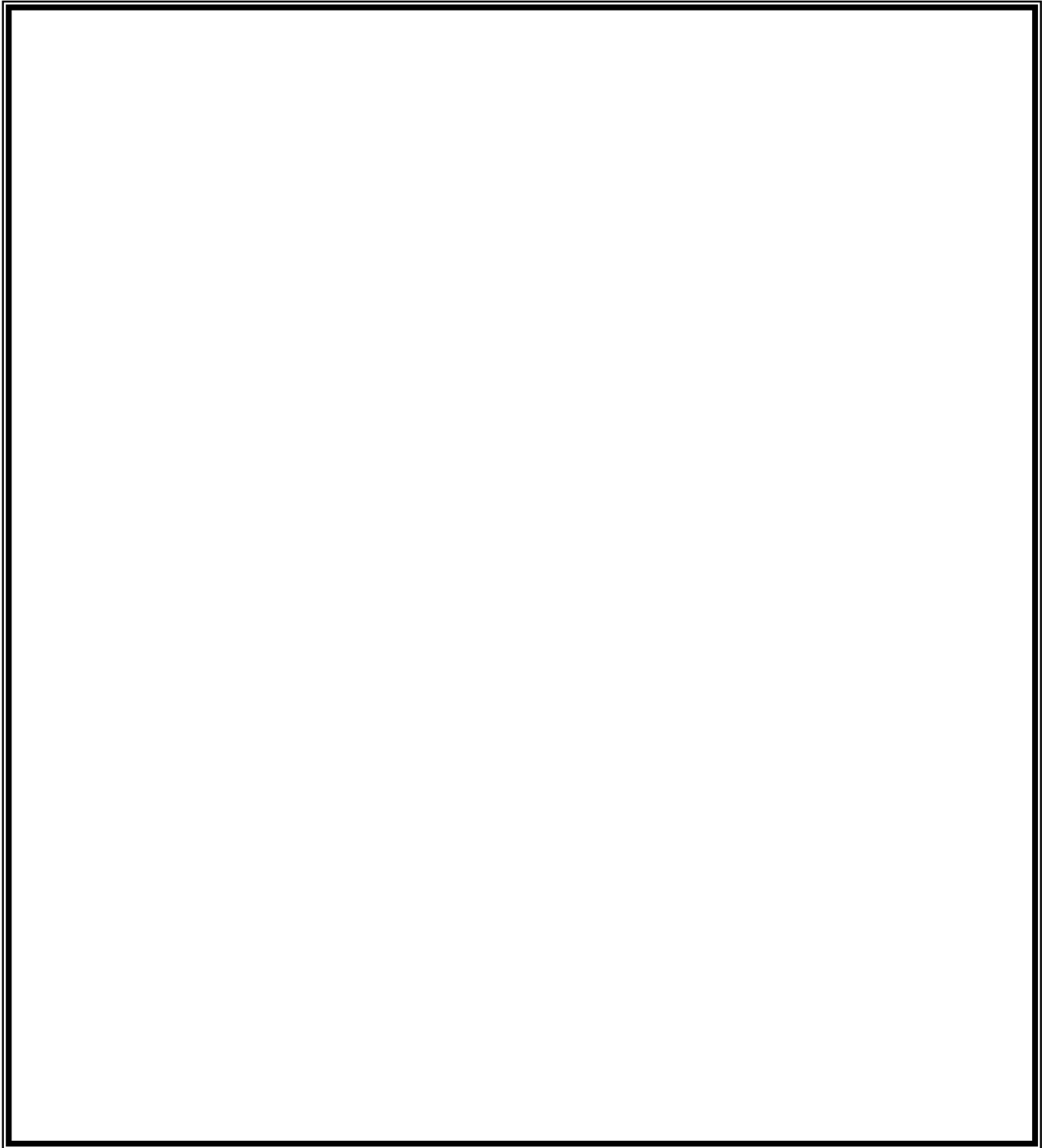
Year 3 - Zoe T (Distinction), Year 4 - Jacinta McK (Credit), Danny T (Credit), Year 6 -Matthew C (Distinction)

Regards

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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)

