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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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21 November 2007	D	Wednesday	21 November	P&F Meeting 7:30pm Staffroom
		Thursday	22 November	P&F Meeting 9:15am Staffroom
	I	Sunday	25 November	Fete 12 - 6pm
		Thursday	29 November	2008 Prep Parents Information Evening
	A	Tuesday	4 December	Year 7 Transition
		Thursday	6 December	District Round Robin
		Tuesday	11 December	Christmas Stall
	R	Wednesday	12 December	Christmas Church Service
		Thursday	20 December	Final Assembly 2:45pm
	Y	Friday	21 December	Planning Day 2008 (Pupil Free Day)

Dear Parents,

The 2007 Grade 5/6 Public Speaking was an outstanding success. All students spoke with a great deal of confidence on their passion "Something I really care about..." and entertained the audience with an interesting range of topics. The adjudicators were very impressed with the high quality of presentations and the winner was Georgia T with Riya V as runner-up. Yesterday Georgia represented Donburn in the Manningham Schools Public Speaking Festival and she was judged the most outstanding speaker from our zone. Congratulations Georgia! Congratulations also to our other representatives, they all enjoyed their presentations and I hope they all continue with public speaking performances. Well done Dylan McC (Prep), Eliza S (Grade 2) and Gillian B (Grade 4)!

Each year the Department of Education seeks feedback from various groups in the school community on a range of aspects of the school's operation. Thank you to the parents who responded to the recent survey, we greatly value your feedback! I have enclosed data gathered during this year—the first column shows our strengths and weaknesses against all schools as viewed by our Grade 5 and 6 students. It clearly shows that many students are concerned about classroom behaviour and the effect that it has on their learning environment. As we continue to implement restorative approaches across the school we expect that students will respond more positively to this indicator. The second column shows the results of the staff online survey—again classroom misbehaviour is a major concern for most staff. Again a more positive response is expected in 2008. The third column is feedback from our parent community. The two major areas needing improvement are the Statewide reporting system (see article by Julie Hoskin) and opportunities for parent input. We really welcome parent involvement in our school and we hope that parents take the opportunity to be more involved in 2008. Perhaps you will consider nominating for School Council or attending the P&F as starting points in having an ongoing input into the future direction of this wonderful school.

Later this month we will be sending home information about school levies for 2008. At a recent meeting of School Council it was decided to increase the School Building Fund to \$75 to help fund the six year painting program. Thank you for your ongoing support of the school levies, this enables us to present our school in such outstanding order. Thank you to the small but enthusiastic group of parents and teachers who supported our recent Working Bee. I have also included a page from "The EMR Journal" where our Director, Dr Jim Watterson acknowledges Donburn Primary as an "outstanding school" - thank you for your contribution in making this such an outstanding learning centre!

Regards

Kevin Sertori
Principal