

◆ THE DONBURNIAN ◆

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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**The
"WIZ of OZ"
is coming
soon!**

D	Thursday	14 August	Sustainability Meeting 3.40pm Staffroom
I	Wednesday	20 August	P & F Meeting 9 am Staffroom
A	Monday	25 August	School Council 7.30 pm
W	Wednesday	27 August	School Production - Wiz of Oz 7pm Yarra Valley Grammar
R	Tuesday	2 September	Chomp 'n' Chew "Footy" Theme Free Dress
Y	Friday	19 September	End of Term 2 pm Assembly 2.30 pm Dismissal

Dear Parents

On Friday August 1st all Victorian Government School Principals gathered together at the Convention Centre for the annual "Big Day Out". This was an excellent day and all Principals were congratulated by Premier John Brumby and Education Minister Bronwyn Pike for the excellent work being done across the State of Victoria. The Keynote Speaker was Professor Geoff Masters, CEO of the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). In his message he reaffirmed the belief that the most effective lever for improving student performance is the quality of classroom teaching. When I reflect on the learning environment at Donburn I realise how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful team of teachers and teacher aides! All our staff have such a passion for providing a supportive and challenging learning environment and the way all teachers work together, sharing their expertise and supporting each other, makes Donburn such a vibrant and happy school.

I was overwhelmed last week when all students and staff arrived at school wearing the most fantastic collection of ties - this certainly set the tone for a great birthday! Thanks to all the Donburn community for entering into the spirit of the day - one student came into my office to tell me "Mr Sertori, this is the best school day ever!"

At the "Big Day Out" the Education Minister presented an award to the oldest Principal in the State. Ms Helen Jackson is the Principal of Pascoe Vale Girls College and she was born in 1931. It's looks like I'll be at Donburn for quite a few more Olympic celebrations if I really want to one day receive such an acknowledgement!

Today our students are competing in the 2008 Athletic Sports at the George Street oval. The students have the opportunity to participate in Discus, Long Jump, Shot Put, Triple Jump, High Jump, Sprinting events and relays. Thank you to Rebecca McDonald and Julie Hoskin, all staff and parents who make this such a great day!

Congratulations to our Mixed Netball team who ended their successful run as Doncaster champions. Good luck to Our Lady of the Pines in the State Championships!

Congratulations to our students from Grades 3-6 who competed in the University of New South Wales Spelling Competition. Well done to -

Credits	Grade 3	Ellie M, Jessica A
	Grade 4	David C, Jax K, Saraid T
	Grade 5	Denis M, Jacinta M
	Grade 6	Sarah P, Ashley R
Distinction	Grade 4	Zoe T, Hayden V, Norman W
	Grade 5	Danny T
High Distinction	Grade 5	Grant L

Great to hear the updates from individual students regarding the "Mathletics" - **Go Donburn!**

Tickets for our school production are now on sale, please see notice in Newsletter.

Regards

Kevin Sertori - Principal