

◆ 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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D	Wednesday	21 May	P & F Meeting 7.30 pm Staffroom
	Thursday	22 May	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
I	Wednesday	28 May	Eastern Zone Cross Country 1-3 pm Bundoora
	Thursday	29 May	Parent Information Night Gr 5/6 Camp
A	Tuesday-Friday	3-6 June	Grade 5/6 Camp
	Monday	9 June	Queen's Birthday (Public Holiday)
R	Wednesday	18 June	P & F Meeting 9 am Staffroom
	Saturday	21 June	Student Reporting Day
Y	Tuesday	24 June	Chomp 'n Chew
	Friday	27 June	End of Term 2 pm Assembly - 2.30 pm Dismissal

Dear Parents

Education Week has started off very positively. We had a great day on Monday, our open day, with lots of visitors to show around the school. I was very proud of our school captains, Samantha and Bradley, who spoke to a gathering of prospective parents in the middle of the day. They are wonderful ambassadors for our school. Thank you to our other speakers including Beth McInnes who spoke on behalf of the School Council, Cathy King spoke about the Parents and Friends, Fiorella Glavich, Carmel Arnold and Barry Wyatt who talked about our "Values Program". These people gave a very positive face to our school.

We had a very productive working bee on Sunday despite the inclement weather. A team of dedicated parents arrived with their rain jackets on and worked tirelessly through the list of jobs and moved mountains of mulch. The school looked beautiful on Monday morning for Education Week. Thank you to the staff and parents that helped.

All the Grade 3 and 4 children enjoyed the camp to Arrabri Lodge. They came home Friday afternoon tired and happy to their parents with lots of stories about the giant swing, the flying fox, gold panning and all the other fun activities. A high light for all of us was Bob Hook visiting on Thursday evening and organising a sing along with his guitar and enjoying the students performing in the Arrabri Lodge version of Red Faces. A big thank you to Rosanna Bagnato, Anne Valkenburg and Sharon Underhill for their hard work preparing and planning the camp and tireless work over the three days of the camp! Also it would not be possible to go on camp without the parents that generously volunteer their time. A very big thank you to Cathy King, Penny Hill, Angela Hoogwerf, Kerry Brown, Jack Yeap and Peter Young! A Donburn camp wouldn't be the same without Barry Wyatt, the children and the staff enjoy and value the time he spends away with us!

The Grade 5 students completed their NAPLAN tests last week and the Grade 3 students are working on them this week. We had an observer from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority observing the Grade 3 students today to check on the accuracy and validity of the results.

Congratulations to Pam Sexton past School Council President and Barry Wyatt for the acknowledgement of their voluntary contribution to Education. Pam and Barry attended a Education Week Breakfast today organised by Eastern Region.

Kevin is progressing very well and contacts the school on a regular basis. We are all looking forward to seeing him back at school in the very near future.

Regards, Julie Hoskin - Assistant Principal

