

◆ 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 I A R Y	Thursday	24 April	Lapathon
	Friday	25 April	Anzac Day (Public Holiday)
	Friday	2 May	School Photos
	Tuesday	6 May	Mother's Day Stall
	Wednesday	7 May	District Cross Country
	Thursday	8 May	Parent Information Night Gr 3/4 Camp
	Wed - Friday	14-16 May	Grade 3/4 Camp
	Monday	19 May	Education Week - Open Day
	Thursday	22 May	School Council 7.30 pm
	Wednesday	28 May	Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
Thursday	29 May	Eastern Zone Cross Country 1-3 pm Bundoora	
Tuesday-Friday	3-6 June	Parent Information Night Gr 5/6 Camp	
		Grade 5/6 Camp	

Dear Parents

Last week we commemorated a very moving ANZAC service with an address from Mr Neil Guppy (Doncaster RSL). Mr Guppy talked about the symbolism of our national flag and he talked to the students about "The Last Post" and "Reveille". Both pieces of music were played by our talented Grade 6 musician Matthew T! Thanks for your wonderful contribution Matthew!

Welcome back to Carmel Arnold! Carmel has been enjoying Long Service Leave as she travelled around New Zealand with her family. Great to have you back Carmel!

Congratulations to all competitors, spectators and support crew who participated in a wonderful Donburn Cross Country event at Ruffey Lake on Tuesday 22 April. Good luck to the students who have qualified for the next level of competition.

A very big **THANK YOU** to Barry Wyatt and Ted Whitelock for relocating the flagpole from the asphalt area (south side) to replace the damaged pole at the entrance of the school. Thanks also to Frank Lecnic for attending to the damaged light pole and for working on updating the lights at the school steps and ramp.

Blueprint

Last week the Government released "The Blueprint for Early Childhood Development and School Reform" discussion papers. The Government is inviting public comment and feedback about its vision for the next 5 years. I have included an Overview for your information.

Proposals for reform in schools include:

- Stronger interventions and more intensive monitoring in underperforming schools
- Monitoring and incentives to ensure that adequately performing schools are encouraged to improve
- Developing a scheme to allow high-performing graduates from other fields to enter teaching
- Providing incentives, including higher salaries, for the best teachers and school leaders to work in schools where they are needed most
- Supporting teachers who have become disengaged to leave the profession.

Proposals for reform in early childhood include:

- Integrating early childhood services with childcare, in partnership with the Commonwealth Government
- Improving transitions to school
- Developing a new 0-8 learning and development framework linked to existing learning standards in schools
- Increasing parental involvement in early childhood services to improve early identification of health problems
- Supporting families to provide a home environment that support development.

For copies of the Blueprint discussion papers and feedback form, visit www.education.vic.gov.au/blueprint

Regards, Kevin Sertori - Principal