

◆ 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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Be "Sunsmart!"

D	Thursday	28 February	Grade Information Evening
	Thursday	28 February	District Swimming Sports
I	Sunday	2 March	Working Bee 8 am
	Monday - Friday	3-7 March	Parent Teacher Interviews
A	Thursday	6 March	2nd Hand Uniform Sale 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm
	Monday	10 March	Labour Day Holiday
R	Wednesday	12 March	P & F AGM 9.10 am Staffroom
	Monday	17 March	School Council AGM 7.30 pm
Y	Tuesday	18 March	Chomp 'n' Chew
	Thursday	20 March	End of Term Assembly 2 pm

Dear Parents

Our senior students enjoyed a fantastic day at Aquarena involved in the 2008 Donburn Swimming Carnival. This was the first major opportunity for our Sports Captains, and the Vice House Captains, to demonstrate leadership for all Grade 3 - 6 students. Congratulations to all competitors and spectators!



On Tuesday at the close of nominations for School Council we were pleased to receive five nominations - three Parent representatives and two Department of Education and Early Childhood Development members. Congratulations to Libby Mackie, Simone Bolt, Peter Young, Julie Hoskin and Fay Davidson. We still have one casual vacancy for a twelve month appointment. If you would like to join the fantastic team please contact me, or any other member of School Council. It's a great opportunity to help our wonderful school become even greater!

On Thursday (28 February 2008) you are invited to visit your child's classroom to hear an overview of the years program. Thank you to all teachers who have spent many hours to share this valuable information with you!

It's never too early to start educating students about healthy food choices and the benefits of a healthy and active lifestyle. Victoria is leading the way in the promotion of healthy eating and physical activity at government schools through a range of initiatives, including healthy canteen food, extra sports equipment, more sports facilities and compulsory sport and physical education. The Victorian Government's \$150 million 'Go for your life' campaign, aimed at improving eating habits and increasing physical activity among Victorians, is a national leader in promoting healthy living.



Fresh fruit and vegetables are a vital part of a healthy diet and provide a nutritious alternative to sugar and fat-laden foods. This year our Prep to Year 2 students continue to enjoy free fresh fruit every Friday as part of the Victorian Government's 'Go for your life' Free Fruit Friday program. Donburn commenced its involvement in this program in Term 4 2007. The benefits of the program are far-reaching - students are developing healthy eating habits early on, schools are supporting local businesses by purchasing fresh produce and the program is generating greater awareness of healthy living.



Healthy food is also on the menu at Donburn! Thank you to Chris Clark who coordinates the operation of our canteen and thank you to the parents who volunteer their time for canteen duty. High sugar content soft drinks have been banned from school canteens and confectionery is being phased out, with a total confectionery ban from the start of 2009.

Health experts have long espoused the benefits of healthy eating habits in the prevention of problems like obesity and diabetes in later life.

Regards, Kevin Sertori - Principal