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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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D	Wednesday	6 August	Final Day to submit new EMA applications
I	Wednesday	13 August	Donburn Athletics
A	Wednesday	20 August	P & F Meeting 9 am Staffroom
R	Wednesday	27 August	School Production - The Wizard of Oz
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

This has been a very busy fortnight with lots of exciting activities to report on!

On Friday 18 July 2008 most of the children and many of the staff enjoyed the school disco which was held in the hall. Thank you to the Parent's Association for organising this fun activity. It certainly is a highlight for most of our students!

Congratulations to the P & F for the fantastic Trivia Night on Saturday 26 July 2008! Special thanks to Cathy King and Shelley St John and their enthusiastic support crew and musicians. The event was a tremendous social activity and a very successful fundraiser. Thank you very much to all families who were able to support this event! In her role as P & F President Cathy King does a fantastic job in informing community members of the projects that the school is undertaking. Cathy had mentioned to some families that the P & F needed to raise money for maintenance of the large trees in the school ground. Following a recent audit of our large trees a company has been engaged to carry out works at the cost of just over \$7,000. In response to this, one very generous family has donated \$5,000 to assist us with this area of school maintenance. I greatly appreciate such generous support from the Community!

Thank you also to the families who have responded to our "Retirement Travel fund for Barry Wyatt". Currently we have raised \$900.00.

Congratulations to the soccer team who performed magnificently against St Thomas's Greensborough and although they were defeated they played the game with outstanding commitment and sportsmanship!

Congratulations to our mixed netball team who completed Greythorn Primary School in the Zone Championships. This was a very exciting match and all students showed excellent skills and persistence and came from behind to score an exciting win. Good luck in the next round of the Victorian Championships.

Yesterday we hosted the Italian Poetry Competition and ten schools were selected to perform at this prestigious Competition. Special thanks to Rosanna Bagnato for organising our team and coordinating the event across Eastern Region. The participating schools were -

Our Lady of the Pines	Donvale Primary School
Templestowe Valley Primary School	Boroondara Primary School
Yarra Glen Primary School	Bayswater West Primary School
Mont Albert Primary School	Gladesville Primary School
Templestowe Heights Primary School	Donburn Primary School

There were four individual competitors from each school and the overall standard of presentation was outstanding! Congratulations to our team who on the vote of the three judges were once again the **most outstanding team!** Second place was Gladesville Primary and Templestowe Park was third. Congratulations to our fabulous team, Pamela I, Jacinta McK, Jacqueline R and Sachi R. Jacinta was voted the **most outstanding presenter** from Donburn and overall runner-up! Next year the competition will be held at Mont Albert Primary School.

On Friday all Principals in Victorian Government Schools will be meeting at the Convention Centre with the theme "Opening the Classroom Door". I will have a report for you about this activity in the next Newsletter.

Regards, Kevin Sertori - Principal