

# ◆ 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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<b>D</b> <b>I</b> <b>A</b> <b>R</b> <b>Y</b>	Wednesday	16 April	P & F Meeting 9 am Staffroom
	Wednesday	16 April	Italian Day
	Thursday	17 April	2nd Hand Uniform Sale 2.30 - 3.30 pm
	Monday	21 April	School Council 7.30 pm
	Tuesday	22 April	School Cross Country
	Thursday	24 April	Lapathon
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>25 April</b>	<b>Anzac Day (Public Holiday)</b>
	Friday	2 May	School Photos
	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
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>19 May</b>	<b>Education Week - Open Day</b>
			School Council 7.30 pm

Dear Parents

Welcome back to what promises to be a very productive term!

Thankfully not too much damage was caused by the tremendous winds we experienced on Wednesday 2nd April. The clean up was carried out over the following Thursday/Friday (\$3,300) and the school was looking magnificent for the students' return on Monday. Thank you to all the teachers who spent many days preparing for Term 2 with the exciting highlight being the introduction of the new Science/Literacy program **PrimaryConnections**.

For more than 50 years, the Australian Academy of Science has provided independent scientific advice and promoted scientific culture and a long-term scientific vision within Australian society.

All citizens need an understanding of science to make sense of their world, to make decisions about health and well-being and to engage with an increasingly scientific and technological world. Quality primary school science education provides the foundation for a scientifically literate society. Children are naturally curious and we need to support and nurture their sense of wonder and develop their passion for discovering how the world works.

This term we are very excited because all students will be working with **PrimaryConnections** which is an innovative program that links the teaching of science with the teaching of literacy.

Students use their everyday literacies to learn the literacies of science, with the science context providing authentic and meaningful purposes for literacy learning. **PrimaryConnections** aims to improve students' learning outcomes in science and literacy. This is achieved through a professional learning program supported by quality curriculum resources that promote a hands-on approach to science.

The learning outcomes in **PrimaryConnections** contribute to developing students' scientific literacy. Scientific literacy is considered the main purpose of school science education and has been described as the capacity for individuals to:

- Be interested in and understand the world around them
- Engage in the discourses of and about science
- Be sceptical and questioning of claims made by others about scientific matters
- Be able to identify questions, investigate and draw evidence-based conclusions, and
- Make informed decisions about the environment and their own health and well-being .

You will be further informed in the class overviews which will be distributed shortly.

Regards

Kevin Sertori, Principal