16 December 2014

Dear Parents

Sadly several staff will not be returning for the 2015 school year and we are very thankful for their generous contribution to Donburn Primary School! There will be a final newsletter late in the week!

**Jarod Ryan**
Congratulations to Jarod who has been selected as a Leading Teacher at Old Orchard Primary School - so very well deserved! Five years at Donburn has gone so quickly - so many highlights - perhaps the two trips to China in 2011 was the standout!

**Ashley Payet**
Next year Ashley will be moving to Good Shepherd School in Croydon. A very talented Foundation teacher and champion ballroom dancer! Best wishes Ashley!

**Jess O’Reilly**
Two wonderful years at Donburn (Grade 5 and Grade 2). Jess is seeking a transfer to another school - perhaps around the corner from Big Ben? Good luck Jess!

**Tamara Quilligan**
Just one year at Donburn - and what a great year for her Foundation students! Tamara has accepted a classroom position at Good Shepherd Croydon.

**Ben Souvatsis**
Ben also joined the team for the 2014 school year. Ben has worked very productively both inside and outside the classroom. Ben has a great future awaiting him - Good luck!

**Georgie Jorgensen**
Georgie is certainly a “jill of all trades” and she has fitted in very smoothly across the school. Good luck to Georgie as she searches for something closer to home!

**Caitlin Wightman**
Caitlyn is definitely listening out for the chimes of Big Ben as she heads overseas for the 2015 school year. Good luck Caitlin and say “Hi” to Anushka Clarke (staff member 2013) from us all!

**Alice Dell**
After a terrific year making music with the junior classes Alice will return to her base school for 2015! Thanks for your efforts Alice!

Regards ~ Kevin
Congratulations to the Year 5/6 All Star Donburn Girls.

What a fantastic experience and an outstanding achievement!

On Sunday, the girls played the State Hoop Time Grand Final on Hisense Arena in front of the cheering Donburn community. The girls started off brilliantly with Tarni scoring from free throws and led 4-1 at half-time against Rowville Primary School. They maintained their lead in a hard fought second half and won the tight contest 12-8.

Well done to Taryne V who was named MVP!

A huge thank you to Kerry Brown for her commitment to coaching the girls throughout the year.
A magnificent team effort from all the girls who created history for Donburn PS - 2014

Hoop Time was such an amazing experience that I will never forget. We all worked as a team to get where we did and I still can’t believe we won the whole thing. It was a great way to finish off the end of my primary school year!
Sascha

I was really excited about Hoop Time and playing in front of a big crowd. The teamwork was great and sportsmanship was awesome. The girls deserved to win the gold medal. We are now the best in the state.
Tarni

It was a great experience representing the school in the McDonald’s Hoop Time State Championships. I was very nervous before the game but altogether it was a great day. My favourite part was when we won!
Tess B

I loved Hoop Time. It was so cool playing at Hisense Arena before a NBL game! We worked so hard to get to get to this level and we deserved it! So now we are the best team in the state! Well done, Donburn thanks for all the support!
Grace
I can still remember the feeling of nervousness before the start of the game and now we are the best in the state! It was the best feeling when you heard the crowd cheering for you. And all of our hard work paid off it was a great way to end the year.

Maddie

I really enjoyed playing basketball with my teammates and coach at Hisense Arena on Sunday. We all did very well, working as a team and showing good sportsmanship. It is an experience I will never forget.

Aurora L

At the Hoop Time final I was very nervous before the game. It was great playing on the court that NBL players play on. The match was very exciting and I was ecstatic that I got MVP. Thanks to Kerry for coaching us!

Taryne V

I was very proud of the girls and they thoroughly deserved to be crowned State Champions. A very big THANK YOU to Kerry Brown and Anna Papamichael. Brilliant effort!

Kevin Sertori

I was very nervous but excited before the game. It was amazing to play on an actual basketball court at Hisense Arena. I was very happy when we won.

Grace H
BOOKLISTS

Reminder!

This year the booklists ordering is all on line and the books will be delivered to your home address.

On line orders will close on Friday 19 December 2014. (Fees will be charged for late orders)

If you require access to the internet please see Julie Hoskin.

SWIMMING NOTICES 2015

Please return signed permission swimming forms for students in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (2015) this week. The swimming program for these students commences on Monday 2 February 2014. Payment for swimming can be accepted at the office this week or at the commencement of school next year.

TERM DATES 2015

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Roundabout
The roundabout activity was a lot of fun! In the activity we learnt some important road skills, such as to always give way to the right, and to always indicate (put your hand out.) Every now and then there would be a near miss, or a small collision. Overall it was heaps of fun, and I can’t wait to use the skills that I learnt on the road!
Evelyn

Slow Riding
Slow riding was where we ride as slowly as we can for a distance of 3 metres. The highest score was 16 seconds. It was set by Luke S. Slow riding was very hard because you had to ride slowly while you had both feet on the pedals.

Tess B

Single Riding
All the groups did single riding around the oval on our bikes. Single riding is when we ride around the oval. We had to ride one metre apart from each other. If someone was going slow, the person at the front of the line would have to go slow too so that the person who was riding slowly could catch up to the rest of the group. We also did overtaking. When we overtook we had to either ring our bell or yell out “Overtaking!” so our whole group could hear us.

Athina

Pair riding
Pair riding is when you ride with a partner around the oval and you and your partner have to be going at the same speed and next to each other the whole time.

Hannah

The Road
On the last session of Bike Ed we were riding on Regal Avenue. On the road we needed to indicate to turn right at Webb Place and stop at traffic lights. Since it was on the road, sometimes cars had to go past. It was a good experience to learn to stop and find out what to do when that happens. We also road around the school practising u-turns, scanning, emergency stopping and going around the roundabout.

Bethany

Figure 8 Riding
The figure eight is a giant 8 shape that we had to ride around in a line. It was a bit of a challenge. We started off with 4 people riding, then 5, then 6, etc. We would always have a traffic jam, which we were supposed to avoid. It was fun trying to stay inside the lines, and I became better at turning because of it.

Jake V

YEAR 5 BIKE EDUCATION
Every Thursday for the last 4 weeks, the Year 5s have been doing Bike Ed. We ride our bikes around school and do many activities that Miss Papamichael organises.
CHICKEN SITTERS

Once again we are looking for

CHICKEN SITTERS

Every day over the January school holidays….

☐ Check on the chickens’ food and water.
☐ Collect eggs
☐ Clean the coop (twice a week)

Apply at the office. There is a roster at the office and details of what needs to be done. Please leave your phone number and we’ll have details of keys and where to get the food.

(Please note phone numbers will be given to all volunteers)

UNIFORM

RHSports is the new contracted supplier of Donburn regulation uniform.

RHSports is located at Unit 14, 100 New Street, Ringwood—just a short walk from Target Square. Trading hours are 8.30 am—5 pm Monday-Friday. General enquiries 9870 1377 or email info@rhsports.com.au

RHSports will close for business on Tuesday 23 December 2014 and resume on Monday 5 January 2015.

TERM 1 2015 - BE SUNSMART!

Remember to pack a hat in your school bag as a hat must be worn at all times whilst in the playground.
Hi everyone, canteen needs your help!

Please come and volunteer in canteen next year to ensure we can keep the program running! There are many empty spots on the roster that need filling. If you have any questions please ring me on 0434 140 739.

Please fill the canteen roster reply and hand it in to Marg or Chris at the office, and I will contact you in the New Year!

Please note that due to Occupational Health and Safety issues, preschoolers are not able to accompany parents who volunteer in canteen.

NAME _______________________________________ Phone no. ___________________

NAME of eldest child ____________________________ Grade ________________

I am able to help on the following day(s) of each month

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Thank you

Vitina Bakker:

Mobile no. 0434 140 739
LinC Manningham

Certificate of Appreciation

Presented To:

Donburn Primary School

For supporting our service to the Community of Manningham in 2014