Dear Parents

Last week our Year 5/6 students enjoyed a wonderful experience at Camp Weekaway in Lancefield. Thank you very much to the following people who staffed this fantastic camping program: Lynette Hookey (OIC), Michael Todd, Josie Courto, Caz Datson, Even Terry-Whyte, Katherine Salter, Sue Page, Rosita Scott, Wes Minster, Caroline McArdle, and Loreta Stathi-Topalli.

Year 1/2 Swimming
Thank you to all the parents who have supported the students involvement in the intensive swimming program. The feedback from Aquarena has been very positive and we are sure that all the children are benefitting from this very valuable program.

Car Park Safety
Please note that the car park in Colchester Drive and in Pine Way is reserved for staff cars and disabled parking. Please do not drive into these areas to drop your children off or to collect your children at the end of the school day. Many parents are driving into the Pine Way car park and quickly reversing out which is a very serious safety risk to our students and other pedestrians. Please DO NOT park across any of our neighbours’ driveways at any time. This is a major discourtesy to our neighbours and I will ask all teachers to follow up these important messages with your students to ensure that student safety is our number one priority.

Regards ~
Kevin
**Hanging Rock**

Whoosh! A gentle breeze of fresh air whirled around our faces as we stepped out of the bus. A beautiful sight captured our attention. The racing track was surrounded by green grass and tall trees, an ideal place to have a picnic. As we sat down on the itchy grass, we could hear a nearby festival going on. Sounds of music started to echo in our ears. Soon it was time for the walk. Slowly, we climbed up the steep and rocky mountain. We arrived at our destination, a platform perfect for photos.

From the platform, houses were as small as ants, everything was amazing. Photo time finished quickly and we all hurried down the mountain back for lunch. Grrrrrr! Our tummies were rumbling. As we walked back to the racing track, a smell of chicken and salad drifted into our noses. Yum! One by one, we got called up to get our lunch. Conversations began forming while we all munched on our lunch.

Camp ended with the students singing in the bus while the radio was on.

What a wonderful day!

By Lorraine, Shannon, Ashley, Maya and Elise.

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**Mountain Biking**

We got on the bikes, switched the gears and started riding on the track. We rode over hills, trees roots and rocks. We also rode down into a ditch then we rode back up again. The bikes were very big and had eight gears, which made it easier to ride.

We would like to thank Brooke and Wes for helping us when we got stuck and guiding us with directions.

Overall we had a fantastic and exciting experience doing mountain biking at Camp Weekaway.

By Patrick, Harrison, Saina, Casey, Anson, Jieh Ni and Alex A
Canoeing
It was a zip and a click as we put on our Personal Flotation Devices, or PFD’s for short. We were all jumping into our canoes with our paddles, and paddling out into the vast lake. Terry, the canoeing instructor started a giant game of Gang-Up Tiggy in our canoes. The canoes were reasonably difficult to manoeuvre, as of their size and quirky shape. One by one, the pairs got tagged, until there was only one pair left! Everyone was chasing that one canoe. It was extremely intense, especially for the pair who had to escape. Finally, they got rammed by multiple boats at once. At last, everyone was it, and we started our next game.

This game was ‘Keepings Off.’ The way the game worked was that one canoe had a ball that they could only hold for 5 seconds, and had to pass it between their teammates. The winner was the team that had the ball at the end of the game. When the session was almost over, we all had the option to capsize our boats. Most of us did, so we were really wet!

Overall, we had a great time and experience canoeing at Camp Weekaway!

By Luke S, Adam, Ridma, Alex, Sam, Toby, Aaron, Arman, Sina and Marwan.

Bush Day
As we walked up the dirt track we wondered what Bush Day was all about. Surrounding us was the flying fox, yabbying/ponding and initiatives course.

When we arrived the staff told us we were making a fire in our activity groups. In our groups we had 2 people that had a special job to do. One person was the fire chief and the other person had to get the water and the rest of us had to get the wood. In minutes, our fires were thriving. We were then told that our next activity was hut building. We had to find a place to build our hut and collect wood. Some groups found it easy and the rest found it really hard because they found a harder spot to build the hut. Once they were built we had to do a water test.

Mr Terry-Whyte enjoyed tipping a bucket of water on us and it was way too much water! We were all soaking and ready for our next activity back at the fires. By now our once thriving fires had reduced to a few flames. We were given a long stick and a raw sausage, and were told to cook our sausages on our fires. They were delicious!! After we cooked our sausages we made damper. The damper we cooked was choc chip, raisin and plain damper.

After all it was a great day!

By Ashley, Alannah, Evelyn and Tiana.
**Donburn’s Got Talent**

On Wednesday night everyone went to the dining room for Donburn’s got talent. Ten acts were performed and they were all amazing.

The judges were the fantastic Mr Terry-White, the funny German Mrs Page and also the wonderful Wes! There were giggles, there were laughs and the whole room was full of happiness. There was even an unexpected guest... Red-Foo (Mrs. Datson).

The winners were...
- 1st Gabby M
- 2nd The Freaks
- 3rd was Do what you want to do.

All of the performances were outstanding and awesome. We all had an enjoyable night! 😊

By Gemma, Ella, Ruby, Lacey, Alannah, Gabby, Samantha, Kiara and Charlotte.

**Flying Fox**

The Flying Fox was awesome because it was thrilling and cool! How big you are determines how fast you go. We lined up on a log and when it was our turn, the staff put on the harness, we sat down on the seat and stepped off the edge.

It was so exciting when it was the in middle of the flying fox! 😊


**Raft Building**

Weaving and tying the ropes to make the raft for raft building was challenging. To make the raft we used three types of materials such as pipes, wood and rope. Firstly we had to plan the structure of our raft to make it safely across the dam. It felt complicated but it was so much fun building the raft. Some of the rafts had success crossing the dam to the island but others didn’t. If your raft didn’t make it and you fell in, the water was freezing cold. Raft building was a great experience for all of 5/6.

By Avalon, Zoe, James and Samuel.
**Initiatives Course**

As soon as we stepped into the initiatives course we could smell the challenge. We could hear Terry the Tarantula finishing off the web and the bubbling hot magma in the volcano. Some of the group challenges were:

- Getting through a giant spider web without touching it.
- Getting the magic elixir across the volcano by swinging across on a vine.
- Trying to get everyone into a hula-hoop by swinging with a vine and to have at least one body part of every person in the hula-hoop.

Overall the initiatives course was great, challenging and a fun experience!


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**Yabbing**

Mrs Datson and Mrs Courto were in charge of the yabbing. We were so excited to do yabbing. All of a sudden, Splash!... I fell in the water. I’m cold. I’m wet. The mud is gooey. I still haven’t caught a yabby. I’m getting frustrated. Wait... there’s something moving in my net... it’s...it’s a yabby! I pick it up behind the claws so it doesn’t nip me, and then I put it on a tray. It was huge compared to the other yabbies. Lots of students were catching small ones, but my one was still the biggest. Some groups also got to do yabby races, it was heaps of fun. Its was the best day ever. 1, 2, 3, WEEKAWAY!

By Ella M, Hayley, Emily, Jaimee, Hannah, Anny, Andrew, Ashton, Oliver, Markus, Zekri and Alex E.

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**Trivia Night**

Mrs Page had organised a Trivia night for all the students on Tuesday night. Most of us were in our pyjamas. We walked from our cabins into the dinner room. Mrs Page said ‘Get into groups of 8 or 9’. There were really hard questions and challenges, and if we got something right we got lollies. Most of the questions were about music and sport. One of the questions was ‘Who sang the Yellow Submarine?’ The answer is The Beatles. We really enjoyed doing the nursery rhyme raps. Everyone rapped the nursery rhymes very well. We also had to make up a group name and a group logo. The Trivia night was so much fun and everyone enjoyed it.

By Kitty, Niki, Tallulah and Alyssa.
Accommodation
As we all walked into our cabins we felt like we were at home. We put our suitcases on the floor and got our beds ready. There were cabins of 3 to 6 people and we all felt happy. Once it was free time a lot of people stayed in their cabins and played games and did their camp booklets or just talked with their friends. The beds were really comfortable and we all got to sleep quickly. Some times we were able to see all the playful kangaroos through the window of the cabin.

By Eleanor, Jenny, Catlin, Asharni and Teodora

Yabby Person!
The boys and girls had to sit in a line on each other’s knees for the first challenge. We were all really nervous but excited to start the race. Everyone had different jobs some were awkward, wired, fun and challenging. The baton which you had to carry through the challenges, was no ordinary baton, it was a water balloon, so it was really hard to keep it from popping. Some of the jobs were gofers, (who collected the equipment) The Egyptian slaves (who made a pyramid out of cups) and the Castaway (who made a hat out of whatever was on the island). Before the race was finished, we had to do another team sit. At the end, team A won, and everyone had a great day working all together!

By Alyssa, Hayley, Grace, Alexandra and Beth.

Movie
We had a movie night. The movie hall wasn’t as big as we thought it would be. But before the movie we had an announcement of the winners of; Donburns’ Got Talent, the Trivia night, Yabbie Man and who had the cleanest cabin. Mr Terry-Whyte acted out a giant tantrum about wanting to watch Wall-E (and that was pretty funny) After he had finished his tantrum we got to watch Wall-E. So overall we really enjoyed the movie!

By Dylan, Brandon, Harry, Ahmad, Kelvin, Vanessa, Mitchell and James.

Camp Meals!
As we walked into the dining room we smelt a whiff of yummy chicken. I looked around and saw how wonderful the tables looked and how nice the staff looked. We sat down at our tables and waited for the staff to say we could get up and get our yummy food! The food tasted delightful. The other food we had was apple crumble, jelly, ice-cream, toast, hash browns, pancakes, roast, sausages, spaghetti on toast, lasagne, chocolate cake and chicken wraps. We also had to do duty group which you had to set the tables and clear them up when they were finished which was hard work but the benefit of being duty group was you got to get your food first. All together the food was AMAZING. We would rate it a 9.9/10

By Tash, Gina and Tess
GO – GO GOLF

WOW! What a wonderful day to go clubbing, I mean Go – Go Golfing!

At our camp all the groups went to do some golf. There were 9 holes but most groups only got to do 4 or less. Before you started to play you had to put your tee in between 2 tee markers. After that you had to get your golf club and hit the ball off the tee. The hardest thing to do was to hit the golf ball off the tee.

Here is what some people scored while playing Go – Go Golf. Arman got a hole in 2, Darcy got a hole in 3, Ethan got a hole in 4, Aryan got a hole in 5, Seb got a hole in 5 and Athina got a hole in 18. What great shots they were!

We couldn’t have done this without our wonderful helpers Mr. Terry-Whyte and Loreta. We all had a great time!

By Athina, Seb, Ethan, Darcy and Aryan.

WELCOME PAULINE!

We welcome Pauline Thwaites to Donburn during Term 2.

Pauline will be working in the office replacing Margaret Hanna who is taking Long Serve Leave.

We look forward to welcoming Margaret back in term 3—happy travels Marg!
School Council News

School levies
In spite of the change in process to book collection day for 2015 the school is pleased with the levies collected to date and the positive response from the school community. If you are still to pay your levies they continue to be collected at the office.

Council Meeting Update
The first council meeting for 2015 covered a review of 2014 and the busy set up for the start of the school year. Approval was obtained for the Grade 5/6 camp at Camp Weekaway and the Grade 3/4 camp at Camp Manyung. Other items discussed and endorsed by School Council include the Strategic Plan 2014-2017, the Investment Policy and the School Internet Banking Policy. Reminder that the School Council AGM will be held on Monday 24 March 2015.

Toilet Upgrade
Following the letter I sent to Mr Peter Greenwell, Regional Manager, North-Eastern Victoria Region, Department of Education & Training, a reply has been received stating that the toilets at Donburn do not fit into the upgrading program at this time. Other avenues will be investigated to support the undertaking.

If you can assist or would like to discuss any of the matters above please feel free to contact me.

Simone Bolt
0412 126 300
President, Donburn School Council
Last night we had approximately 70 adults attend our parent information evening with Michael Ymer who presented a very entertaining session on ways to help your child with the development of numeracy skills. As a follow up Michael has asked us to publish some general principles over the next few newsletters.

There are a number of general principles which you might keep in mind when you are helping your children.

- **Building on success** is important. Create the impression that being successful in mathematics is desirable. Reward effort and try not to criticise errors.

- People learn, not so much by being told things, as by working things our for ourselves and linking new ideas to ideas that they already have. You can help by asking your children questions, letting them work out answers for themselves, and then discussing their answers with them.

- Children need **time to think** and time to answer. When asking your children questions or talking to them about mathematics give them time. Be patient. Wait for them to answer. Also, explain to older children that they need to give younger children time to answer questions, rather than always answering for them.
SPORTS NEWS

Victorian School Sports Awards

Last year one of our students, Tarni B, was nominated and won the Sporting Blue Award for basketball.

Last Tuesday, I had the privilege of attending the presentation ceremony which was held in the Members’ Dining Room at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. I was extremely proud that one of our talented students was recognised for her outstanding dedication and hard work.

It was a fabulous day and great to see both primary and secondary students recognised for their achievements in a variety of sports. These children all represented Team Victoria in their chosen sporting fields and I’m sure they will be future elite athletes.

Numerous past and current athletes spoke at the ceremony with positive messages for all. To the Donburn community I wish to pass on some of these important messages including:

- Focus in sport should not be on the end result (winning/losing or not being selected for a team) but on the process (working hard by training and improving individual skill level).
- Sport teaches us life skills such as teamwork, resilience, discipline, respect, responsibility, commitment, persistence and problem-solving.
- Sport is fun and brings us together developing friendships and social skills.
- Participation in any form of sport/exercise is vital for our health and well-being and helps prevent diabetes, obesity, mental illness and other diseases.

Doncaster District Tennis Tournament

On the Monday, March 16, four selected students competed in the Doncaster District Tennis Competition. The girls had 5 matches and the boys had 9. We would like to thank Miss Papamicheal for organising us to have the opportunity to go to the competition and Mrs Budge transporting us to St Kevins. We earned points according to the games we won. Although none of us made it to the next level, we all had a great time.

Final results were:

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Patrick and Evelyn
**Summer Sport**

Our Year 5 and 6 students have been busy training for the summer sport competition with SEDA students every Thursday morning. They will be competing in the first round robin next week on March 26. Most matches begin at 9:45am and are being played at the following Venues -

- Rounders & bat tennis—Donvale Primary School
- Softball—Rieschiecks Reserve
- Cricket—Donvale Reserve
- Basketball—Bulleen Boomers stadium

Parents are most welcome to come and support the children. We do require an extra parent to help with managing cricket and softball teams. Please let me know if you can assist as soon as possible.

**Premier’s Active April**

Come on Donburnians, let’s all get physical! Have you registered? There is still time!

The Premier’s Active April encourages all Victorians to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April. **It's free, it's fun** and it’s part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to get more people active and healthy.

Use the online Activity Tracker to log your daily activity and track your progress throughout the month. Plus, you can create and join teams, compare the progress of team members, discover events near you and win awesome prizes!

Just by registering every participant gets*:

- 10 free YMCA passes
- 15% off at Sportsmart in store and online
- one hour free tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- a 2 for 1 ticket offer to SEA LIFE Melbourne Aquarium
- a chance to win some great prizes including four tickets to the 2015 Toyota AFL Grand Final (GFAFL15/12), a $1,500 bike voucher or a GoPro Camera
- a chance to win Sportsmart vouchers and coaching clinics at your school with high-profile athletes

Register today at [activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://activeapril.vic.gov.au)
Thank you for all the families that have been able to support the Cadbury Fund Raiser for Donburn Primary School so far this year.

Anyone with a box or individual chocolates they are no longer wishing to sell, please feel free to bring them back to the office as we have some families wishing to take additional boxes.

Envelopes with the $$ for chocolates sold are due in by **Monday 23rd March 2015**.

**Next meeting of P & F** - Friday 24 April 2015 9 am in the staffroom.

Regards,
Tammy Muller
P & F President
Mob: 0402 905 207  Email: muller@subs4u.com.au

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**CURRICULUM DAYS** - to be confirmed (subject to School Council endorsement)

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**Open Night**

**Mullana College**

**Monday 27 April 6.30pm**

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**BOOK ONLINE NOW!**

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**OSHCare 4 KIDS**

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**Easter Specials**

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**Contact Us**

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Learning Enhancement and Enrichment (LEEP) Program Year 7 2016

The Year 7 LEEP Application link is currently open on our website. www.doncastersc.vic.gov.au

Students in the Learning Enhancement and Excellence Program cover similar curriculum content as those in mainstream classes but are extended and challenged through a range of higher order thinking processes and tasks. The students remain together for English, Mathematics, History/Geography and Science, but are in mixed ability groups for Technology, Arts, Physical Education, Health, Sport and LOTE.

The testing date is Tuesday, 21 April 2015. To commence the process, parents of 2015 Year 6 applicants are asked to apply online now.

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

PIANO..GUITAR...SINGING

Instrumental music is a very valued and supported at Donburn. We offer tuition in PIANO, GUITAR and SINGING at the school and some vacancies are available within these instruments. Students have begun their music lessons and I would like to wish them all the very best. For any enquiries please contact Hedy France on 95610607 or 0417 135 558

STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking has commenced and will be available each week on Tuesday’s.

If you wish to open an account, kits are available from the front office or via any Commonwealth Bank.

Melanie Barrett (Jacob Yr 4, Noah FE)

SICK BAY ROSTER

Thank you to all who have offered to help with the sick bay washing roster. Your support of the school in this way is greatly appreciated.

Erika Kennedy 20 March Bronwyn Milner 27 March

RECEIVING NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY

Please consider receiving your Newsletter via email instead of a printed copy!

If you are interested in launching into the technological age and saving the environment, please email me at - hanna.margaret.a@edumail.vic.gov.au and your address will be included in the Newsletter distribution list.

- In the “subject” box in your email, please enter “subscribe” so you will automatically be added to our database.
- In the “content” section, please put your name and the name and grade of your eldest child.

The Newsletter will be in “pdf” format and will hide the names of all recipients to protect privacy. If you are not receiving your Newsletter by email and have requested this, please contact me at the office.

Thank you — Margaret Hanna
CHIMES INDIAN RESTAURANT co-owned by one of the parents, located at 170 Belmore Road, Balwyn, offers you an opportunity to grasp its sumptuous look and savour their lip smacking delicacies! 10% of your bill will go towards the school and you will receive a 10% discount! ☞ 9857 5858 for a reservation.

MENDING and ALTERATIONS – Zips, hems, lengthening, shortening, taking-in or letting-out. A Grandmother and Grandfather of children in Year 2 & 6, with over 50 years experience as a tailor and a dressmaker. Call Andrea and Chris on 9842 7860, East Doncaster.

HAIRDRESSER — please call Kathy on 0468 457 358 for an appointment.

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TEST AND TAG Ensure your Electrical Appliances & Equipment are not faulty with a low cost visual and performance test. *Donburn special for households and businesses*. Contact Wes (Yr 1 & 5 Dad) 0418 334 096

CONTINENTAL MITCHAM - Stanley Chen (Parent) Director 582 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham
Email: conti.mitcham@gmail.com  Website: www.continental-tyres.com.au

QUALIFIED DRESSMAKER available to do alterations. No job too small or too big. Please call Manizheh after 4 pm (Prep Mum) on 0426 212 555.

BABYSITTING - Experienced 18 year old available for babysitting. Phone Joh 0421 005 611.

BABYSITTER AVAILABLE - former Donburn student Jacinta McKeon is an experienced babysitter who would love to babysit your kids! She is currently in year ten at Tintern Girls Grammar school. Contact Jacinta on 0449692079.

BABY SITTER AVAILABLE Sixteen year old ex-Donburnian, currently in Year Ten at East Doncaster Secondary College. Super reliable, conscientious and caring! Available for babysitting in local area. References supplied if requested. If you are interested, please contact Saraid Taylor on saraidtaylor@outlook.com.au

HAVELI - INDIAN RESTAURANT 31-33 Tunstall Square Doncaster East (9842 9375). Enjoy a meal and please mention you are a family from Donburn, as the school will then receive a 10% donation.

CURRAWONG TENNIS CLUB (Cnr Reynolds & Springvale Roads, East Doncaster)
Extensive Junior Coaching Program Junior Groups (5-18 years), Private Lessons, Friday Social Tennis, Friday Night Junior League, Weekend Competition, Holiday Programs & Round Robins, Free Trial and Assessment and Ladies Tennis Mornings. Contact Club Coach Ultimate Tennis Training Gary Pitts 9848 506 0404 028 104.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE Split Firewood. Delivered to your Door (Doncaster Area only) $100 per trailer. Contact Peter on 0435 766 995


FARNAZ ALEDAVOOD Mature lady, looking for babysitting jobs with baby sitting experience. Working for Camp Australia for the last eight years and currently working at Donburn PS in OSCH. Has all qualifications and willing to work weekends. Contact on mobile 0413 545 963.

MANNINGHAM FARMERS PRODUCE & CRAFT MARKET Conducted by the Rotary Club of Templestowe
Next market: Sunday 22 March 8:00am to 1:00pm Entry is from either Thompsons Road or Bulleen Road, close to the Eastern Freeway. A gold coin entry donation from adults assists Rotary in financing community projects.
Location: The Manningham Sports Bar Car Park, 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen.
New stallholder enquiries welcomed. Tel: 0412 558 066 email: keith.an@bigpond.com
COMMUNITY NEWS

The School is publishing these community notices because they may interest some students or Community members, but the school is unable to endorse or recommend any of these advertisements.

Donburn Mum’s Badminton

Monday Mornings from 9am - 10.30am
Feel like you have no time for exercise?

Want to try a new sport or get back into an old favourite?

Then join us on Monday mornings for Mum’s Badminton in Doncaster. Toddlers play in the sandpit while we get fit and make friends.

All levels welcome, even if you’ve never picked up a racquet. All equipment supplied

Contact Allison Troth (Raf and Asher’s Mum) to find out more troth.allison@gmail.com or 0400 984 288