16 December 2015

Dear Parents

Unfortunately we were not able to hold our Christmas Concert last Friday night but we hope to begin the assembly tomorrow at 2.30 pm to provide an opportunity for some great Christmas performances.

On Monday December 14 our students moved into their 2016 classrooms and spent time with their new teacher.

Next year we will have eighteen classes and I am expecting a school enrolment of around 410.

A very warm welcome to Mr Grant Puglia who will be our Performing Arts teacher - Grant is no stranger to Donburn (Jess moving into Year 5 and Jacinta moving into Year 1) and he has regularly supported our outdoor music concerts.

The staffing profile is as follows -

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Farewell to Kerri Brown and Carolyn Datson. Kerri has worked productively in Year 4 for the previous two years and Carolyn has worked in Year 5 during the 2015 school year. Best wishes to Kerri (Doncaster Gardens Primary School) and Carolyn (Sussex Heights Primary School) and sincere thanks for your wonderful contribution to Donburn!

At our assembly on 4 December we welcomed the 2016 Foundation students into our school community. Congratulations to all 2016 Year 6 students who cared for their buddies during this introduction - I’m sure 2016 will be very productive for all involved in our buddies program!

Last night we celebrated a wonderful evening with our Year 6 students and their families. After sharing a meal together in the beautifully decorated staffroom, the students entered the hall at 8 pm for the more formal part of the evening. All students presented a confident and positive overview of their primary school days and at the conclusion they performed beautiful songs, including one especially written for the graduation ceremony.

Thank you to Stacey Budge and Kerrie DeMarte and their helpers - Bronwyn Vlachos, Tammy Muller, Merinda Lee, Min He, Patricia Molesworth, Belinda Chaperon, Kirsten Fry, Chris Rowe, Rhonda Vasiliades, Teresa Li, Bec Barker, Amanda Clark, Loretta Stathi-Topalli, Jodie Loucas, Nicole Minster and Sue Kerian who served a beautiful Graduation dinner in the staffroom.

Special thanks to Cathy Brennan for providing and arranging the beautiful decorations!
Thank you and goodbye to our families who will be leaving our school community - some after a very long and happy association - your support has been greatly appreciated!

- Thank you Zahida for supervising the school crossing on Highfield Road.
- Thank you to Chandradeep Chakravorty and James Harrison IT technicians.
- We have been thrilled with the work of Vitina Bakker and we are very happy that she will continue in the role for 2016 and beyond. **THANK YOU** to all the fantastic parents who supported the canteen during 2015 and consequently we were able to provide an excellent service to our students three days per week. **Congratulations** Vitina and helpers on a fantastic effort!
- Thanks to Ken Knight who has worked tirelessly throughout the year to maintain our outdoor areas. A very big thank you to Peter Redmile for his tireless efforts to assist across our school ground, especially the school oval!
- Thanks to Patricia Molesworth for coordinating the second hand uniform sales and thanks to all parents who contributed to the stock and for your support of this valuable service.
- Thanks to Melanie Barratt, Kate Gill, Christine Viney and Michelle Wines for their work in organizing the School Banking across the school.
- Thanks to Sonia Heliotis (and helpers) for her organisation of the Chomp 'n Chew during the year.
- Thank you to the members of The Edge Church who provide the school with magnificent support through the Kids Hope (Elizabeth and Allan Robertson) program.
- Thank you to Allison Prescott, Kumudini Bhareti, Nola Drew, Sharon Oen and Renae Gonis for their work with the SRI students (Special Religious Instruction).
- Thanks to our fabulous team of Education Support Staff - Nicole Aalders, Lynne Breadmore, Cathy Edwards, Alison Hazelman, Johanna Hoskin, Debbie Kyriacou, Sylvia Lee, Sharon McMahon, Judy Middenway, Wes Minster, Andrea Perrin, Sally Pittendrigh-Smith, Lisa Russell, Rosita Scott, Koon Yee Tan, Monica Thomson, Esther Tsang and Yuki Zhang who support students and teachers in the classroom.
- Thanks to our fantastic office staff - Margaret Hanna and Chris Clark! So friendly and supportive - so highly valued.
- Thanks to all our fantastic teaching staff - what a talented team! I hope you all enjoy a very relaxing holiday - you deserve it!
- Thank you to Stacey Budge and helpers for coordinating the Graduation dinner - the staff and Year 6 students are very grateful for all your wonderful efforts.
- A very special thank you to our 2015 School Council. This group of parents and teachers have met throughout the year and have worked enthusiastically to ensure the smooth operation of all school activities. Thank you to President, Simone Bolt and Treasurer Tom Sammann, together with Kerri Brown, Caitlyn Green, Alison Greenway, Erika Kennedy, Lynette Hookey, Julie Hoskin, Caroline Mc Ardle, Lauren Maher, Tammy Muller, and Mukund Patel - what a great team!
- Congratulations to Tammy Muller and all members of the P & F for their commitment to the school and for providing our students with so many exciting events throughout the year! Another successful financial and social year!
- Thank you to Shari and all the team from Camp Australia for providing this service to our community.
- Thank you to all families for their support of the booklist and associated school levies.
- It is my absolute pleasure to work with Julie Hoskin! Nothing is ever too much trouble for Julie and I am very pleased to have her strong support.
• Thank you to Julie Hoskin for organising the wonderful swimming program - please remember that the swimming program for all Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 students will commence on Monday 1 February 2016. Grades 1 and 2 students commence on Monday 15 March 2016.

• Thank you to John Conte (Jemma 4F and Campbell FJ) and his band of helpers for the toilet upgrade and to all who made donations toward this project, we are most grateful.

• Thank you to “Phillip Webb” real estate for their very generous Christmas hampers.

My very best wishes to all members of the Donburn school community for a very happy and safe new year.

 Regards

 Kevin

We have been so very proud of our magnificent School Captains, Alyssa and Darcy! Both Alyssa and Darcy have performed the role of School Captain in an outstanding manner.

A very big thank you Alyssa and Darcy!
MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

We wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

Simone Bolt  Kerri Brown  Caitlyn Green
Alison Greenway  Lynette Hookey  Julie Hoskin
Erika Kennedy  Caroline McArdle  Lauren Maher
Tammy Muller  Mukund Patel  Tom Sammann
Kevin Sertori

CASH COLLECTION 2015

Please note that the School Office will close at 3.30 pm on Thursday 17 December.

If you wish to pay fees during this week please note the above information.

Thank you for your support.

Kevin Sertori
Principal

2016 DATES

- Camping Program
  Year 5/6 Somers Camp 1 - 9 March
  Year 5/6 School Camp - Phillip Island Adventure Resort 26 - 29 April
  Year 3/4 School Camp - Arrabri Lodge Warburton 4 - 6 May

- Presentation of Leadership badges - Year 6
  Ryan Smith MP, Member for Warrandyte - Assembly Friday 19 February 2016

- School Photographs
  Thursday 10 March.

- Swimming Program
  Year 3 - 6 February 1 - 12
  Year 1 - 2 Commencing February 15

Friday November 20 saw our final eSmart meeting for the year. There was a busy and productive hum to the meeting as we progressed through all the initial stage work that we had undertaken. A very engaging and informative discussion took place and the next phase of our journey is ready and waiting for us to commence early next year.

Many thanks to all Parents and Staff on committee for all their work. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to working together again next year on our eSmart journey.

Best regards,
Robyn Fraser
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Merry Christmas!

Last week, the Cartooning Club students in Years 1 and 2 were feeling festive and drew some of their very own Christmas elves. To celebrate the upcoming holidays, we wanted to share some of them with you. Enjoy!

Mr Terry-Whyte
This semester as a part of the Launch pad program, students from Year 5 have worked with author Andrew Tesoriero to create individual short stories. Focusing on the theme a Journey or Quest.

Students were able to work like authors building on their ideas, writing and editing their own work. To celebrate the publishing of the school novel, we had a launch party to reveal the book to students, parents and the school community.

In Term 3 Ander Louis, who is an author of two children’s chapter books, came to visit the Year Fives. We spent a total of four days with Ander. The topic which we had to base our story on was a journey or an adventure. When everybody had finished their stories Ander edited them and sent them off to be published into a book. The book was called Tales from Donburn Primary School and it contains all of the stories that the Year 5’s created. We got to create a picture to go with our stories. The picture by Nikki R got put on the front cover. In the end, everybody had lots of fun and the book was awesome. 5T

At the start of term 3 the Year 5’s started this program with Ander Louis. The program went for several weeks. The point of the program was to learn how to publish a short story with the help of an author. It was so much fun! The entire Year 5 group really seemed to enjoy these sessions. Over the term we had fortnightly sessions with Ander and additional weekly sessions to work on the stories. Once we were finished we gave the typed pieces to our teachers. Along with the pictures we had drawn as cover art for our stories. Recently, on December 10th the students, teachers and their parents were all invited to a launch party. At the party the Year 5’s got the book they all contributed to. There will also be a copy in the library for everyone to read! 5O

Since term 3 Author Ander Louis has been working with all of the year fives on writing a book with every body’s story’s in it. We had a choice to draw a picture to go with our story. One of the pictures got chosen to be on the front cover of the book. There were 53 stories in the book. Each story had a title and the students name below. The book is called Tales from Donburn Primary School. Everyone had so much fun writing the stories. Last Thursday we had a massive book launch, where all the year 5’s sat in the library and received their book. Over all the year 5’s had so much fun with Ander Louis and we all love our books so much. 5D
Congratulations once again to all students who participated in all sporting events this year. Below are some of the dates for 2016.

2016 SPORTING DATES

TERM 1
Swimming
- School: Tuesday, 16 February
- District: Friday, 19 February
- Division: Monday, 29 February
- Region: Friday, 7 March

Summer Sport
- Round Robin 1: Thursday, 18 February
- Round Robin 2: Thursday, 3 March
  (Back-up date: Term 2:
   Thursday, 14 April)

TERM 2
Swimming
- State: Tuesday 19 April
- State Diving Wednesday 20 April

Cross country
- School: Friday 22 April (TBC)
- District: Thursday, 19 May
- Division: Thursday, 9 June
- Region: Tuesday, 16 June

Winter Sport
- Round Robin 1: Thursday, 26 May
- Round Robin 2: Thursday, 19 June
  (Back-up date: Thursday, 26 June)

Regional Trials
- Basketball: Tuesday, 26 April
- Football: Wednesday, 27 April
- Soccer: Monday, 16 May
- Netball: Wednesday, 18 May

TERM 3
Cross country
- State: Thursday, 14 July

Athletics
- School: Tuesday, 6 September
- District: Tuesday, 13 September

TERM 4
Athletics
- Division: Thursday, 6 October
  - Region: Thursday, 13 October
  - State: Monday, 24 October

NB Additional dates for other sporting competitions to be confirmed next year.

State Athletic Championships
Congratulations Ruby M (Year 5)!
Ruby competed in the 1500m in the Victorian Athletics Championships and despite being ill came a credible tenth. No doubt this achievement is due to your determination and hunger to succeed. Magnificent effort, Ruby!

T20 Cricket Competition
Last Friday, two boys teams and one girls team of Year 6 children competed in the T20 cricket competition at Serpell Primary School. Teams played 3 matches then a final according to the position they finished.

Donburn Red Boys came third overall, Donburn Green Boys came seventh and Donburn Girls came third.

Great cricket skills, sportsmanship and lots of fun was evident on the day. Well done to all of the children who competed.

Sof-crosse Competition
Some of our Year 6 students represented Donburn in the Eastern Primary Sof-crosse Tournament.

This year only one boys and one girls team was allowed to be entered. The children came across some very talented competition. They won, lost and drew games but unfortunately didn’t make the finals.

The students had a great day!
Over 4 weeks, all Year 5 students participated in a bike education program and showed great improvement in their skill level. Thank you so much to all the parents who assisted with the program including Kirsten Fry, John Aforozis, Belinda Chaperon, Lisa Saker and Min He. A huge thank you also to Wes Minster who helped teach our non-riders to ride!

Slow Riding & U-turns
In Bike Ed, there were lots of challenges. Two of them were the U-turns and slow riding. The u-turns were very challenging and you could fall off easily. In the slow riding, you had to ride very slowly in a rectangular area for ten seconds.

By Alexander A

Paired Riding
For four weeks now we have been doing Bike Education to learn the safety rules of the road and how to ride a bike. We liked doing the paired riding. We had to partner up and ride with three other pairs around the oval. We learnt how to rotate the leader by overtaking. We also learnt to indicate using our arms and lots more! Bike Ed was great fun to do and we think everyone enjoyed it!

By Ella and Kiara

Roundabouts
Every Thursday starting on the 12th of November, the grade 5’s took part in a bike education program. One of the many activities we did was the roundabouts. The roundabout activity was all about learning and riding in roundabouts and when to turn in roundabouts.

We all had a great time and I bet everyone learned a lot from bike ed.

By Kaleb and Jacob

Turning
One of the objectives in Bike Education is turning safely to avoid obstacles. One of the activities was weaving in and out around the cones. Some of us found it really fun and some of us found it a bit hard. Miss Papamichael made us do the obstacles to help us get better at manoeuvring and controlling the bike. In the end, all of the Year 5s enjoyed every single bit of it!

Samantha

Figure 8
You may have noticed the blue outlined figure 8 on the basketball court before. We had to ride inside this in Bike Ed. The goal of this task was to have as many people on the figure 8 at once. What made this tricky was that we were aiming to have no stops and keeping the course fluent.

The record for the largest amount of people on the course was 7. The groups experienced a few minor crashes but we had a great time riding not crashing.

By Markus and Lachlan

Road Riding
On Thursday 10th December, the Year 5s’ went on the road to learn about the safety issues. We went up to Regal Avenue and made a massive U-turn at Webb Place.

We had to scan around to see whether it was safe to make the right hand turn. We had to watch out for moving cars and pedestrians. We couldn’t go fast as we had to look around and if we didn’t focus and went too fast we would be dead (according to Miss.Pap).

Overall the Year 5s’ had fun and we learnt a lot about road safety.

By Emily and Ashley K
I would like to Thank the enthusiastic members of P & F this year.
Michelle Chryssafis, Steph Fua, Leanne Renehan, Bronwyn Vlahos, Erika Kennedy, Adi Garcia, Rebecca Loukidis, Michelle Wines, Jen Hanrahan, Sonia Heliotis, Rebecca Siddiqui, Deb Kyriacou as well as those behind the scenes.

It's been wonderful working alongside you all for another great year of events for the school community.

Some highlights this year have included:
* Our very successful and delicious Cake Stalls,
* The giant raffle to support the Toilet refurbishment
* The Earn and Learn program which has been used to stock new resources in the Art room for next year,
* Lapathon, Disco and Chomp and Chew which the students thoroughly enjoy,
* The Mothers Day/ Fathers Day and Christmas Stalls.

We wish to thank the parents, grandparents and friends within the Donburn community for assisting and supporting our events.
There are too many to name individually but you all know who you are and that your assistance is valuable to the success of these events.

We appreciate the encouragement, support and assistance we have received from Kevin, Julie, Margaret and Chris in the office and the extended teaching staff.

Best wishes to the long standing helpers we've had over the years moving on from Donburn, you will be missed. However, we look forward to seeing some new faces running and assisting the events on offer next year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New to everyone for 2016. Have a safe and happy holidays.

Regards,
Tammy Muller
President Parent and Friends Association 2015

The Christmas Stall to round off the year, was a resounding success. A special thank you to Chief Elf, Erika Kennedy who ran the stall over the two days and did a terrific job with wonderful support from her elves’ Bronwyn Milner, Bronwyn Vlachos, Shandell Henry, Bec Dodwell, Adi Garcia, Michelle Wines, Stephanie Fua, Belinda Loukidis,

We hope the children had a great time selecting gifts for their loved ones and hope everyone enjoys opening their gifts, come Christmas morning.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.
Michelle Chryssafis
Congratulations Devils for making it to straight through to the Grand Final. They came a very close second to the Donvale Demons. The boys have had an outstanding season and have been a front runner all along. This was the last game for the Devils. Have fun in your new adventures boys.

Congratulations Emeralds for making it to the Grand Final. They played a great game against OLOP Ladybirds and also came second. It’s the girls first year of playing basketball, they have all scored goals and should be very proud of what they have accomplished. They will be a force to be reckoned with next season!

Congratulations Eagles for making it to the Preliminary Finals, they came runners up against Beverley Hills Broncos. Also the boys first year of playing basketball, they have really harnessed their skills over the year and are working well as a team. Look out for the Eagles next season!

Congratulations Tornadoes for making it to the Semi Final, they came runners up against OLOP Thunder. The boys have had a tough season with many games played without subs. They have fought on, displaying much determination and persistence. Keep up the great work next season

Congratulations Dynamos for making it to the Semi Final, they came runners up against OLOP Rockets in a nail biting game. It’s been a challenging year for the boys, competing against a number of really strong teams. They have come so far with their teamwork, game play and confidence on court. This was the last game for the Dynamos. Have fun in your new adventures boys.

A huge thank you to the parents who volunteer their time to run the competition, coach teams and manage teams. Without your efforts Donburn wouldn’t be able to offer our kids the opportunity to play school basketball.

Thank you to all the parents and teachers who took the time to watch the kids play over the year, the turnout at games has been fantastic and the kids really do appreciate the support.

To the children who are no longer playing, thank you for representing Donburn, we trust you’ve enjoyed yourselves and have gained some valuable skills, and to the children who are just now joining teams, welcome to the wonderful world of school basketball, we hope you have heaps of fun!

For all enquiries, please contact us on the numbers below:

Jen Hanrahan (Secretary) (M) 0412 715 881 hanrahanj@optusnet.com.au
Maurena Parente (Treasurer) (M) 0419 584 168 Yuki Zhang (Uniforms) (M) 0466 628 339

Donburn Parents’ Basketball Association
FOOD HAMPERS 😊

LinC Manningham supports families in crisis within the Manningham area.

Clients are referred to LinC Manningham by various agencies.

We have made a difference and your support is appreciated.

Thank you! 😊

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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.

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If you are not receiving your Newsletter by email and have requested this, please contact me at the office.

Thank you — Margaret Hanna

RHSports Ringwood - Uniform

Christmas Closure
RHSports will be closed from - 1pm on the 23rd December 2015 and will reopen again from the 4th January 2016.

Deliveries

Last day for delivery is Tuesday 22nd December 2015.
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.

Summer Reading Club is back!

Summer Reading Club 2015 is now open at all branches of the Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library. This year’s theme is: ‘Lost Worlds’ – so we are busy decorating the libraries with dinosaurs and creatures from other worlds!

Just fill in a registration form at your local branch, and receive a free kit, which includes your reading record, book mark, sticker, temporary tattoo and activity booklet.

If you read ANY 10 books over the holidays, you can enter our fantastic prize draw for a Nintendo 3DS! You can also join the online club for even more fun activities and prizes.

There are lots of other special programs over the holidays, and a great party with a free performer when the big winner is announced on Friday 22nd January, at Nunawading Library.

Membership is free.

SICK BAY ROSTER - THANK YOU 😊

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DONBURN MUM’S BADMINTON Monday Mornings from 9am - 10.30am Contact Allison Troth 0400 984 288 (Raf and Asher’s Mum) 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. ($5 cost to cover stadium hire.)

CHIMES INDIAN RESTAURANT co-owned by a 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! ① 9857 5858 for a reservation.

PRESSED FOR TIME IRONING – Free pickup and delivery $15.00 per hour. Returned back under plastic wraps. Call Melanie on 0412 812 271.

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 on 9842 7860, East Doncaster.

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

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SEWING NEW, MENDING and ALTERATIONS. NO JOB TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL. Please call Manzi (EXPERIENCED AND QUALIFIED DRESSMAKER) after 4 pm (Year 2 Mum) on 0426 212 555.

BABYSITTER AVAILABLE - Experienced 21 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 twelve at Tintern Girls Grammar school. Contact Jacinta on 0449692079.

BABYSITTER 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.

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