Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back for the final term for the 2015 school year. Special welcome to our new students, Diana L (4B) and Matt L (2P), Raymond F (2T), Adam A (2P) and Youssef (FJ) and Billy K (5D).

I am very happy to be back at school following my knee reconstruction. After the operation at Warringal Hospital I spent ten days at Donvale Rehabilitation Hospital and, when all was quiet, I could faintly hear our school bell!

Thank you to Julie Hoskin and all the wonderful staff for the outstanding work during the very busy Term 3.

I am so impressed with our newly refurbished toilet block! I know this was a real community effort with significant fundraising activities and generous family contributions! The efforts of John Conte in leading this project and donating most of the school holiday time was quite outstanding! Thanks also to the parents who were able to lend a hand “at the coal face”!

Best wishes for another productive term.
Many of our students competed in the 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools - Mathematics, English. Students from Donburn Primary School achieved outstanding results when they participated in ICAS this year. Those students whose achievements were outstanding were rewarded with Certificates of Merit, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction. ‘The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools are independent evaluations of students’ skills and knowledge in core learning areas and provide insight into students’ understanding. The skills and understandings tested are important indicators of success in school and beyond,’ said Nick Connolly, Senior Manager Test Development at Educational Assessment Australia, UNSW Global. ‘I would like to recognise the participation of students from Donburn Primary School with certificates and congratulate them on their efforts and achievements.’

### 2015 Mathematics

#### Year 2
- **Distinction**: Daniel G, Trent M
- **Credit**: Ayden H, Isabella T, Mitchell W
- **Merit**: Luke H

#### Year 3
- **Distinction**: Mia D, Oliver P
- **Credit**: Adriel A, Courtney J, Edmund P
- **Merit**: Sam R

#### Year 4
- **High Distinction**: Dicony K, Bryan C
- **Distinction**: Zachary C, Tara F, Annie L, Michael W, Michael Y
- **Credit**: Nicholas D, Brendan S, Lilly A, Chloe B, Brannon N, Joe R, Kali V

#### Year 5
- **Credit**: Tiana C, Eric I, Ashley K, Jieh Ni K
- **Merit**: Harry Z

#### Year 6
- **High Distinction**: Luke S
- **Distinction**: Lorraine L, Shannon N, Alyssa P, Kelvin W
- **Credit**: Aaron A, Mitchell H, Hannah L, Jenny W
- **Merit**: Casey C, Evelyn R
- **Principal’s award**: Dicony K

### 2015 English

#### Year 2
- **High Distinction**: Daniel G
- **Distinction**: Jamie B, Harrison S
- **Credit**: Michael G, Ayden H, Dylan H, Trent M, Holly M, George V

#### Year 3
- **Credit**: Oliver P
- **Merit**: Courtney J

#### Year 4
- **Distinction**: Leah A, Bryan C, Tara F
- **Credit**: Lilly A, Olivia D, Annie L, Josephine T, Kali V
- **Merit**: Jacob B, Michael W, Michael Y

#### Year 5
- **Credit**: Jacob C, Jieh Ni K
- **Merit**: Ashley K, Samantha T

#### Year 6
- **Distinction**: Aaron A
- **Credit**: Lorraine L, Shannon N, Evelyn R, Luke S, Kelvin W
- **Principal's Award**: Daniel G
On the 15th of September, we had the opportunity to visit the Rethink Education Waste Wise Centre in Banyule.

We took part in an educational program aimed at exploring waste minimisation in the environment. We learnt about how they can avoid creating waste by reusing and recycling. This included shopping wisely to minimise waste and learning how recyclable items are reprocessed and made into new items.

As you can see below, we really enjoyed participating in the activities provided by the centre.

We learnt about how steel, plastic, aluminium, paper and glass gets recycled.

Mitchell and Lauren from 3J are trying to shop smart by purchasing items that can be recycled.

The ‘Material Girls’ instructing the Waste Watchers (3C) and the Bin Busters (3J) on how they can shop smart by purchasing recyclable items.

Keanu (3C) and Katerina (3J) representing their teams and taking part in the ‘Recycle Quiz’.

A huge thank you to Rethink for having us and also to the parents who volunteered their time to make this excursion possible.

Jeremiah Juric

Year 3
OCTOBER IS WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH

We are encouraging all Donburn students, families and teachers to walk to and from school throughout October to participate in the annual ‘Walk To School’ month, sponsored by VicHealth and the Manningham City Council.

We know there are many benefits of walking for children - to learn active habits for a lifetime of good health, improve fitness, build friendships and help reduce traffic and pollution.

Teachers will help students to record their efforts on classroom calendars each day. There are great prizes to win from the local council and students can sign up online at Walk to School to win weekly prizes from Cricket Victoria and the Melbourne Stars.

How can our family start walking?
There are lots of ways for children and families to enjoy walking as part of their routine, and we encourage you to find an option that suits your family. You might like to:

- walk with your child to and from school and enjoy the chance to talk, help your child learn road safety skills, and get to know the local neighbourhood together.
- arrange for your child to walk with other families or friends, giving them time to socialise and share their journey.
- drive part of the way to school and walk the rest, particularly if you live a long way from school, or have limited time.

Mix it up – if your child enjoys riding their bike or scooter, that’s great too!

Find a way to Walk to School this month. This is a free, easy and fun way to help kids get the 60 minutes of exercise they need each day. I’ll see you on the footpath!

Beth McInnes

Next week eighteen of our Year 4/5 students will be attending “Woorabinda School Camp” for a five day camping program.

We look forward to hearing about their adventures in our next newsletter!

WANTED - SHORT TERM ACCOMODATION

Donburn family of 5 with 2 primary and 1 secondary school children are seeking accommodation for approx. 6 weeks (immediately) whilst home renovations in progress (no kitchen or laundry and heaps of dust). If you know anyone who might like a house-sitter whilst abroad or who has a rental property available for short term lease, we would love to hear from you. Interested in E. Doncaster and surrounding suburbs (Blackburn, Nunawading, Mitcham).

Please call Jackie on 0402 976 008.

Thank you to the families who volunteered and looked after our Chickens.
I am sure the eggs were yummy!

SICK BAY ROSTER

Thank you helping with the sick bay washing roster.
Your support of the school in this way is greatly appreciated.

Term 4 volunteers please see Marg

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PREPARATIONS FOR 2016

Discussion regarding the class structure for 2016 has already commenced.

For this process to be successful we would appreciate information regarding anticipated changes. If your family will not be returning to Donburn we would appreciate notification as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Information regarding 2016 school year

The following student/students will NOT be returning to Donburn in 2016 -

Name/Names:

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**District Athletics**

On Tuesday Sept 15th a squad of 50 children competed in the Doncaster District Athletics day at Doncaster Athletics track.

Donburn finished 3rd overall and all of our children performed creditably on the day.

Congratulations to Hayley H, Ellie M, Phoebe R, Ruby M, Caleb D, Ashton M, Ella B and Sina who will all compete in the Eastern District Athletics on Thursday October 8th at Nunawading.

Special thanks also to Wes, Caz, Allison and all the parents who came along on the day.

**School Athletics**

This event was completed on Friday September 11th under sunny skies at school. Hotham house were the narrow winners this year and their trophy will be on display in the cabinet early in term 4.

B Murphy
PE Teacher (Term 3)

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**SCHOOL BANKING NEWS**

Welcome to Term 4 banking! Don’t forget your bank books every Tuesday!

Sign up at anytime at any Commonwealth bank (closest at Tunstall Square) or download an application form online and hand it in with the banking for processing. Siblings older or younger can also bank and earn rewards, simply send their bank book along to start saving!!

There have been a few safety concerns with some of the rewards, so they have been recalled.

- Cosmic Light beam torch – recalled due to safety issue- no longer available
- Lunar Light band – recalled due to safety issue – no longer available
- Planet Handball – no longer available

**Replacement rewards to choose from are:**

| Outer Space Money Box | Intergalactic Rocket | Shark key ring |
| Dollarmites Money Box | Invisible Ink pens   | Swim bag       |
| Et DVD                | Knuckles Game        | Galaxy Glider  |
| Headphones            | Scented pencils      |

Collect 10 tokens and choose a reward!

Please make sure you fill out your banking slips correctly and secure your money in your bank book.

The bank keeps an electronic record of your number of tokens, 1 token per school banking, so unfortunately there is no sharing of tokens! You will receive a new redeem card with your current token tally and the new rewards so you can order your prizes! In the meantime KEEP SAVING!!

Contact Melanie if any queries 0411 461 988

Many thanks from the all banking team, Melanie, Kate, Christine and Michelle!
The end of Term 3 was a little busier than usual for P & F with some events run specifically to raise funds for the Main Toilet Block Refurbishment over the September Holidays.

**Two Cake Stalls** run on Friday 28th August and Friday 11th September were a huge success. There was a great atmosphere and some fantastic community support and spirit. So much so we are considering holding a Cake Stall once a term in future. We are keen to continue bringing the school community together and showcasing some delicious baked treats from some talented and enthusiastic people looks like a great way to do this. These events raised approximately $1,400.

**Raffle** – We received a great response to the Raffle with many families purchasing tickets or selling some to their family and friends. With the generosity of local and community businesses we were fortunate enough to draw 19 winners. This event raised approximately $1,400.

Thank you to the following local and community businesses for their support of Donburn Primary. If you get the opportunity please consider returning the favour by supporting them also.

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Our Donburn Fundraising and Events Facebook page has links to these businesses and their details.

Donations also received from: Conte Family, Demarte Family and Simonovski Family

**Congratulations to the prize winners listed below. Enjoy your winnings.**


**Earn and Learn stickers** - this year 21,360 stickers collected (last year 23,220 stickers) all lodged and awaiting confirmation from Woolworths Earn and Learn.

Ideally we would love to individually thank everyone that assists or contributes but we won’t have enough space for that.

Therefore I would personally like to say Thank you to:

* Our dedicated team of P & F Members for all their hard work so far this year
* All those that assisted our recent Cake Stalls either by baking, purchasing or preparing and serviced the stalls
* The wider School Community and businesses for their support

**The efforts we all put in no matter how big or small make these events successful.**

Regards
Tammy Muller
President - Parent and Friends Association
NEW BASKETBALL TEAMS FOR 2016

It's a great time for the Preps and other grades to start thinking about if they want to create a team for next year, even get a few training sessions in before the start of the season next year.

To start a Basketball Team for the 2016 Summer Season -

- Have a chat with the parents in your year level to round up 7 or 8 Players.
- Nominate 1 parent to Coach and 1 parent to be Team Manager
- Contact the Committee and complete registration forms (located at the office).
- Give your team a name.
- Choose a training time.

For any questions about registering new teams, please contact the committee.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

The current committee are unable to continue in 2016 and therefore need volunteers to take over the Secretary, Treasurer and Uniforms positions.

Secretary is responsible for liaising with the school basketball competition co-coordinator and team managers, registering new teams, preparing newsletter notices, and organising presentation night at the end of the year along with the treasurer and uniforms person.

Treasurer counts all money taken, balances team kitty money at end of seasons and distributes kitties at the start of seasons. There are two seasons per year.

Uniforms arranges tops and shorts for new players and ensures there is a stock of sizes available.

These positions require only minimal time and are necessary for Donburn to be able to offer school basketball to your children. If you are interested in any of these positions or have any questions please contact the outgoing committee.

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

Lyndell Oxley (Secretary) (M) 0404 840 939
lyndell.oxley@gmail.com

Leanne Renehan (Treasurer) (M) 0402 056 989

Caroline Greenwood (Uniforms) (M) 0413 354 408

Donburn Parents’ Basketball Association
COMMUNITY NEWS
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In conjunction with Drummond Street Services, we present

Parenting teens who worry too much

Does your teen worry so much that they struggle to enjoy life like their peers? Are you feeling lost on how to help them deal with their anxieties?

You are invited to this FREE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT facilitated by Drummond Street Services.
The session will cover a range of topics including:
• How anxiety affects teens
• Learning different strategies to use and how to support your teen to cope better
• Understanding when and where to go for further support

7pm Tuesday November 10
at Blackburn High School
60 Springfield Road, Blackburn

Bookings essential for catering purposes.
Go to http://www.trybooking.com/IDLE
RSVP by Friday 6th November.

Parent Presentation at Warrandyte High School on the Impact of Video Games on Children

Most kids play video games these days, some for many hours every day. But what do we know about the impact of these games on our children?

Steven Dupon is the Founding Director of the Institute of Games, author of the Video Games Report and manager of Manningham YMCA Youth Services. Steven will present on the positive and negative effects of video games on your children.

As the Manager of Manningham YMCA Youth Services, Steven has initiated a range of video game related events, workshops and programs. These include the READYS award winning Video Game Project, The Lab (game development for young people with Autism and Aspergers) and Pixel Arcade; engaging hundreds of young people in positive, safe and social video game play. Manningham YMCA also works with young people who present with gaming disorders to find a better balance between gaming and ‘real life’ responsibilities.

Despite the benefits games can provide, there are also a number of concerns. While promoting healthy video game play, Steven explores the risks of excessive video game use and their addictive nature, the increasing convergence of video games and gambling and the inappropriate content (sexism, violence) featured in video games.

At this parent information session Steven presents both the positive and negative impacts of video game technology. You will learn how to use video games as a positive contributor to your child’s development; how to avoid video game addiction, keep your kids safe online and get advice on how to deal with the inappropriate content that often features in video games.

Location: Warrandyte High School (241-247 Heidelberg-Warrandyte Rd, Warrandyte)
Date: Tuesday 13th October (Week 2, Term 4)
Time: 7:00 to 8:00pm (1 hour presentation followed by question time)
Cost: Free
RSVP: Please register your expression of interest by contacting the General Office at Warrandyte High School on 9844 2749 or emailing whs@warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au

Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be provided
SealPony Soccer is a developmental & participation program that introduces boys and girls aged between 5-10 to the game of football (soccer). It focuses on teaching the basic/intermediate skills.

* Fun games & activities * Great giveaways
For more information, call Joe (0415-388-028)
E-mail: jyamen@optusnet.com.au

Time: Every Sunday Morning
Starting Date: 4th of October 2015
Finishing Date: 13th of December 2015
Registration Date: Saturday 10 am - 11 am 26th of September 2015
Address: James Street Reserve Heidelberg Heights 3081
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Op Shop Volunteers Needed

Doncare needs friendly volunteers to assist them in their Op Shops.
Funds raised in the shops by our volunteers provide substantial funds to our programs in Domestic Violence, Emergency Relief, Family Services, Counselling and Social Support for Seniors.
Call us on 9856 1500
Email us at Opshops@doncare.org.au or drop into one of our shops and ask for an application.

Jen McMahon
Manager, Opportunity Shops Program
☎️ (03) 9856 1536 | ☀️ (03) 9856 1599
✉️ jenny.mcmahon@doncare.org.au
🌐 www.doncare.org.au
Suite 4, Level 1, 687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster Vic 3108
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**CONTINENTAL MITCHAM** - Stanley Chen (Parent) Director 582 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham  
e: conti.mitcham@gmail.com  
w: www.continental-tyres.com.au

**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 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 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.

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

**SPEEDCUBE**  
www.speedcube.com.au - Can you “solve the puzzle?” Bright and Colorful – Increases Spatial IQ  
Enter discount code “donburn” for free delivery. Only for Doncaster East and surrounding areas.

**INDIVIDUAL EYELASH EXTENSIONS**  
Applied to each individual eyelash - No more mascara! Completely harmless to your natural lashes when applied correctly. Home based business in Donvale, professionally trained and qualified. Call Bec 0430 318 172.

**FARNAZ ALEDAVOOD**  
Mature lady, looking for babysitting jobs with babysitting 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.

**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 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.