Dear Parents/Carers

The Christmas music group performed at Tunstall Square on Friday afternoon and at The Pines Shopping Centre on Tuesday. The students sang very sweetly and were very well received. There is feedback from Tunstall Square that we have included in this newsletter. Thank you to Grant, Stacey Budge and the parents who took their children to these events.

We hope to begin the assembly tomorrow at 12.45pm to provide an opportunity to finish the year off in style!

Today our students moved into their 2017 classrooms, spent time with their new teacher and classmates doing some getting-to-know you activities. With the transition to a new class on everyone’s minds, it is important that you help develop your children’s resilience about meeting new people and experiencing new things. If you have conversations with your child/children about the benefits of a new class and teacher, it assists them to commence the coming year with a positive mindset. Next year we will have nineteen classes and I am expecting a school enrolment of around 410. A very warm welcome to Miss Ashlyn Brunetti (Year 2) and Mr Mark Whitehead (Year 6). Welcome back Caitlin Wightman. Caitlin has been travelling and working overseas over the past 2 years.

The classroom teachers are as follows:

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PTO/...
Farewell to Sue Page, Emma Hopkins and Michael Todd. Michael has been an excellent Year 6 teacher for the past 2 years and is moving on to Carlton Gardens PS, Emma has been fantastic in Foundation over the past two years and is moving to Yarra PS. Sue Page has worn many different hats and has made a positive impact in all these roles. Sue will be teaching Performing Arts at Dorset Primary School. We wish Sue, Michael and Emma all the best for the future. They have made wonderful contributions to Donburn.

At our assembly which was held on 9 December we welcomed the 2017 Foundation students into our school community.

Congratulations to all 2017 Year 6 students who cared for their buddies during this introduction - I’m sure 2017 will be very productive for all involved in our buddies program!

Tonight we will celebrate the Year 6 Graduation. This is always a wonderful evening with our Year 6 students and their families. A highlight is the sharing of a meal together in the beautifully decorated staffroom. The students then enter the hall at 8 pm for the more formal part of the evening. All students present a confident and positive overview of their primary school days and at the conclusion they will perform beautiful songs. Thank you to the Year 6 teachers - Lynette Hookey and Michael Todd and Grant for preparing the students for this evening.

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 2017 and beyond. THANK YOU to all the fantastic parents who supported the canteen during 2016 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 grounds, 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 Bronwyn Milner and Desi Georgiou (and helpers) for their 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 Alyson Prescott, Kumudini Bhareti, 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, Debbie Kyriacou, Sylvia Lee, Sharon McMahon, Judy Middenway, Wes Minster, Andrea Perrin, Sally Pittendrigh-Smith, Rosita Scott, Koon Yec Tan, Monica Thomson and Esther Tsang who support students and teachers in the classroom.

Thanks to our fantastic office staff – Nena Sadler 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 Kerrie Demarte and 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 2016 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 Spicer and Treasurer Mukund Patel, together with Stelios Georgiou, Caitlyn Green, Erika Kennedy, Caroline McArdle, Tammy Muller, Sohail Siddiqui, Adi Garcia, Jarod Ryan, Lynette Hookey, Jess Mahoney, Lauren Maher, Margaret Hanna and Nena Sadler.

Congratulations to Adi Garcia 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 Jacki 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.

Thank you to Jarod Ryan for his work as Assistant Principal. Nothing is ever too much trouble for Jarod and I am very pleased to have his strong support.

Thank you to Jarod Ryan too for organising the wonderful swimming program - please remember that the swimming program for all Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 students will commence on Wednesday 1 February 2017. Grades 1 and 2 students commence on Tuesday 14 March 2017.

Thank you to John Conte (Jemma 5TH and Campbell 1T) and his band of helpers for the beautiful timber seating and arranging the air conditioning for the BER.

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.

Kind regards,

Julie
2016 was a year of moving sands with Kevin’s retirement after dedicating 18 years to Donburn Primary School, and the honour and pleasure to announce the unanimous selection of Mrs Julie Hoskin as the new Principal.

Fellow councilors are highly valued as they work behind the scenes for the benefit of each and every child. School council sub-committees included Education, Finance, Buildings & Grounds, Sustainability, Class Representative, Communication and Parents & Friends. I wish to thank all members who worked tirelessly to raise the profile, funds, standards and the valuable role in connecting current and new families in every grade.

The Education Committee is a school council sub-committee made up of teachers and parents. Much of the work it does occurs behind the scenes and may not be always seen by the Donburn community, however it plays an important role as it is responsible for supporting and implementing educational activity and policy, in conjunction with the Donburn Primary School’s Strategic plan and Department of Education (DET) guidelines. The Donburn Primary School policies which have been reviewed by the Education Committee can be found on the Donburn website under the “about Donburn” heading.

The 2016 Education Committee has been working extremely hard this year and has successfully reviewed and ratified an amazing 20 policies.
These include:
- Asthma
- Child Safe & WWC
- Complaints Management (new)
- Duty of Care
- Finance – Investment
- Finance – Parent Payments & Voluntary Contributions
- First Aid
- Homework
- IT- ICT & eSmart
- IT – Social Media
- Medication
- Recruitment
- Standing Orders

Wishing you and your loved ones peace, health, happiness and prosperity in the coming New Year.
We have been so very proud of our magnificent School Captains, Ruby and Jacob.

Both Ruby and Jacob have performed the role of School Captain in an outstanding manner.

A very big thank you to Ruby and Jacob.
Communication 2017

As you may be aware, we have invested in a school management system called COMPASS. This platform will have huge benefits not just for parent/school communication, but also for the environment!

Over the next 12 months, the school administrators, staff and parent community will, in stages, begin to use Compass as a means of school management including communication.

Please find below the strategic plan for how this system will be rolled out to ensure successful implementation:

Term 1

Access: School Staff only

⇒ Attendance
⇒ Excursions/Events
⇒ Calendar

*Towards the end of term there will be letters distributed to parents with a family log in.

** There will also be Compass support for parents communicated through fortnightly Newsletters.

Term 2 and beyond

Access: Parent(s)/School Staff

⇒ Parent access to Newsletters
⇒ Push Notifications sent to APP users (please find at APP Store: Compass School Manager)
⇒ Absence reasoning (parent responsibility)
⇒ Parent payment for excursions/events
⇒ Parent Teacher Interview booking
⇒ Semester Reports published on Compass (PDF)

Attention Principal- Julie Hoskins

Hi Julie,

What a joy it was to have the group from Donburn Primary School - under the leadership of Grant- enchant us in Tunstall Square last Friday.

What a wonderful display of talent and enthusiasm your students displayed! People were overawed by the joy and respect that emulated from this small and dynamic group.

Congratulations to you and your team on producing such delightful people. And please pass on our thanks to Grant - so easy to work with and such an inspiring man.

If he is any indication of the team you have at Donburn then we in the area are blessed.

I think Friday night was summed up by a 'passerby'! He said he stumbled across the singing and was mesmerised!

'Such energy and enthusiasm from these young people- it has made my Christmas!'

And I think all of us in attendance endorse his comments. I hope this is just the beginning of good happenings that Donburn and Tunstall can do together.

Merry Christmas to all.

Cheers

Irene Goonan
Manager - Tunstall Square West
2017 TERM DATES

Term 1  30 January - 31 March
Term 2  18 April - 30 June
Term 3  17 July - 22 September
Term 4  09 October - 22 December

Holidays
01 April - 17 April
01 July - 16 July
23 September - 08 October
23 December - 28 January 2018
Donburn is very fortunate to have many present and past Donburn students doing so well at Gymnastics. Saturday night saw awards go to Tara, Chloe and Logan as well as Gemma H, Hayley H and Theodore T. All of whom represented our school very well.

GYMNASTIC STARS

PE NEWS AT DONBURN

2017 SPORTING DATES

TERM 1
Swimming
School: Wednesday, 15 February
District: Thursday, 23 February
Division: Monday, 6 March
Region: Friday, 17 March
State: Wednesday, 26 April (Term 2)

Summer Sport
Round Robin 1: Thursday, 2 March
Round Robin 2: Thursday, 23 March
(Back-up date: Thursday, 30 March)

TERM 2
Cross country
School: Friday, 28 April
District: Thursday, 18 May
Division: Tuesday, 13 June
Region: Tuesday, 16 June

Winter Sport
Round Robin 1: Thursday, 25 May
Round Robin 2: Thursday, 15 June
(Back-up date: Thursday, 22 June)

Girls Football
District: Thursday, 4 May
Region: Thursday, 1 August

TERM 3
Cross country
State: Thursday, 20 July

Athletics
School: Wednesday, 13 September
District: Tuesday, 19 September

TERM 4
Athletics
Division: Thursday, 12 October
Region: Thursday, 19 October
State: Monday, 30 October
T20 Cricket Thursday, 2 November
Volleyball Cup Friday, 24 November (Year 4)

NB Additional dates for other sporting competitions such as hockey, lacrosse & Hoop Time basketball to be confirmed in 2017.
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PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS AT DONBURN

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION NEWS FOR 2017

ANYONE FOR VIOLIN LESSONS?
Next year piano, guitar and vocal tuition will be offered to the Donburn community at school. I am inviting parents for expression of interest in violin tuition. If you are interested in having your child tutored in violin or any of the above instruments please feel welcome to contact me.

I wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and New Year.

Musically
Hedy France 0417135558

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Christmas Stall
Thanks to all those parents who helped out at the Christmas Stall last week. It made the event a great success.

CANTEEN NEWS

To all in the Donburn community, please consider volunteering for canteen next year, it is a vital resource to our school and a great way to make friends with other members of the Donburn community. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to volunteer for 2017.

Canteen will re-open in 2017 after the 3 - 6 swimming program, 13 February 2017.

Vitina Bakker: Mobile no. 0434 140 739

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CANTEEN ROSTER REPLY

Please circle your preference and return to the office by Monday 19 December.

NAME ____________________________ Phone no. ___________________

NAME of eldest child ________________   Year __________________

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

1st Monday   1st Wednesday   1st Friday   Time_______________

2nd Monday   2nd Wednesday   2nd Friday   Time_______________

3rd Monday   3rd Wednesday   3rd Friday   Time_______________

4th Monday   4th Wednesday   4th Friday   Time_______________

5th Monday   5th Wednesday   5th Friday   Time_______________

Thank you
Vitina Bakker: Mobile no. 0434 140 739
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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 CLOTHES, MENDING and ALTERATIONS.** NO JOB TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL. Please call Manzi (experienced and qualified dressmaker) after 4 pm (Year 3 Mum) on 0426 212 555.

**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 Ph 9848 506 or 0404 028 104.

**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.

**DONBURN BADMINTON** Thursday Mornings from 9:15am - 11am (a change of day and now for Dads and Mums) Come and join us at social badminton. Bring your friends. Get to know members of Donburn community. Great exercise, even better coffee. Call or text Allison (Raf and Asher’s mum) 0400 984 288. Even if you’ve never tried, you can cheer us on. Kiddies and bubs welcome.

**CHIMES INDIAN RESTAURANT** Located at 170 Belmore Road, Balwyn, Chimes 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! ) Ph 9857 5858 for a reservation.

**SLAMIN TENNIS & FITNESS** (800 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster) 2016 Victorian ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Coach of the Year Vicky Lee – hosting lessons and competitions for children from 3 years of age, as well as advanced squad training, private lessons, and lessons for Mums and Dads. No experience necessary. Simply mention Donburn Primary when booking for a special bonus! Vicky Lee (m) 0403 129 648 or [www.slamin.com.au](http://www.slamin.com.au)

**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. Grandmother and Grandfather of Emmi in Year 3, with over 50 years experience as a tailor and a dressmaker. Call Andrea on 9842 7860, East Doncaster.

**CHESS CLUB AT DONBURN** - Chess club is available at Donburn at lunch time on Tuesdays. Term 3 commences 12 July and runs for 10 weeks. Cost is $11 per lesson or $110 for the term. Please contact the office for more information or go to www.chessideas.com.au.

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

**MBC - MAJORS BUILDING AND CARPENTRY— GET THE JOB DONE!** All your carpentry needs. Call Mitch on 0425 855 825 Email: admin@majorsbuilding.com.au Website: www.majorsbuilding.com.au.

If you have a concern at any time regarding any issue to do with the school please feel free to mention it to Julie Hoskin (Principal) or Jarod Ryan (Assistant Principal).