Dear Parents

It is with mixed feelings that I announce my retirement, effective from the end of this term, Thursday 24 March 2016.

I have been very proud to have been Principal of Donburn Primary School since April 1998!

As only the second Principal in the school’s 42 year history I have had the privilege of working with hundreds of wonderful young students who made everyday I spent at Donburn an absolute joy!

The staff (teaching and non teaching) are truly an amazing group of educators. They are hard working, extremely talented and have left no stone unturned in their efforts to address the individual needs of all students. I thank them for their support, fun and friendship during my time at Donburn!

The parent community has been extremely supportive and encouraging, as together, we worked in harmony to produce a learning environment of the highest quality for all students.

Julie Hoskin will be Acting Principal for Term 2. I am confident you will continue to support Julie in this role.

The selection for the Principal position will take place during second term. The selection panel, headed by the School Council President, will recommend an appointment during the term with a commencement date of 11 July, the first day of term 3.

With my best wishes,

Kevin
Welcome to all families of the Donburn Community. It has been a busy start to 2016 full of extra curriculum activities to engage the students such as the swimming program, swimming carnival, new school leadership positions and the Gymbus Foundation picnic.

Monday night’s school council meeting was the last meeting of the council term. A number of policies were passed to ensure the school continues to operate effectively and sustainably.

These included the School Investment Policy, GST treatment of fundraising events and canteen, School Purchase Orders Policy and the Parent Payments and Voluntary contributions Policy.

The collection of school fees for 2016 is underway, if you haven’t already done so please make payments at the office.

Calling All Green Thumbs!

We are in desperate need of volunteers to help clean up the veggie patch and chicken coop area. Any amount of time would be greatly appreciated, whether it is 30, 60, 90 or 120 minutes in a timeframe that suits you!!! Pop into the office and let them know you are here to help. Thanking you for helping to keep our school beautiful!!

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Thank You Kevin, for being an exceptional Principal of Donburn for the past 18 years ensuring an inclusive and engaging learning environment.

Simone Bolt
0412 126 300
President
Donburn School Council
HARMONY TREE - FOREST OF WELCOME

At Donburn the special Harmony Tree is flourishing. It is full of bright and beautiful welcoming messages written on a variety of leaves.

Here are some examples of the welcome messages that our students have created. Happy reading and enjoy!
Many thanks,
Andrea & Sue - Library Teachers
Students in Years 3 to 6 are eligible to enter the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS), commonly referred to as UNSW tests. It has been conducted by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) for over 30 years. The competitions form the largest independent assessment program for schools in Australia. It is also delivered to New Zealand, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, South Africa, Hong Kong, the Pacific region and the United States of America. EAA is part of the UNSW Global Pty Limited, a not-for-profit provider of education, training, and consulting services and a wholly-owned enterprise of The University of New South Wales (UNSW Global).

These competitions will be held at Donburn Primary School on the following dates:

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Please note that the closing date for each competition is Wednesday, 16 March, 2016.
Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher Interviews for Term 1, 2016 will be held during **the week beginning Monday 29 February to Wednesday 2 March.**

You can book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST.**
Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE: FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY**

Click on the Parent/Teacher Interviews link on the Donburn home page

([http://www.donburn.vic.edu.au](http://www.donburn.vic.edu.au))

alternately go to


Enter 4zu59 the school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones, send a note to your child’s teacher with the approximate times you require, or phone the school on 9841 8099. Interviews are strictly 10mins. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9841 8099

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
Twenty-nine children were selected from Years 3-6 to represent Donburn in the District Swimming Carnival which was held at Doncaster Aquarena on Friday 19 February.

All competitors performed very well, placing our school third out of the eight in the Doncaster District.

A special congratulations to Harrison B, Mason P, Arthur K, Calum S and Phoebe R who are competing at the Manningham Division next Monday. A brilliant effort!

Thank you to also to the following parents Nikki Healy and Stephanie Fua who assisted at the District carnival and all the other parents who supported and cheered on our students!
This past Monday marked the start of our Term 1 Sport Clinics at Donburn.

The clinics were organised by Anna Papamichael through a government initiative called Sporting Schools. The Year 4’s are doing softball and the Year 3 students hockey.

This week, the Year 3 students have been working on their hockey skills with their classroom teachers and coach Emily from the Melbourne Sports Institute.

Clinics include a range of skill building activities and finish up with a quick game to cap off the fun. We look forward to continuing the sessions for the rest of the term.

Jeremiah Juric and Anna Papamichael

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**SCIENCE CLUB**

**Attention**: Donburn students

Do you love Science? Are you interested in finding out more about how things work in the world around you?

Yes? - well then **Science Club** is for you!

We will meet every Wednesday at lunchtime (2.05pm) in the Art Room. Listen for the announcement calling your year level.

This week Year 3 and 4 will investigate Static Electricity!

See you there

Dr (Mrs) McInnes

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**THE GARDENING CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP**

We are after some unwanted children’s size ankle gumboots to be donated for us to use as hanging planters. If you have any old gumboots hanging around at home we would love to have them! Please bring them to Mrs Wilson’s classroom which is located in Room 3 of the main building.
SCHOOL BANKING ON TUESDAYS

School banking is done at Donburn by parent volunteers and the school receives a commission from the bank on the money banked.

Banking is done every Tuesday, so don’t forget your bank books and start collecting your tokens for some new prizes. If you would like to apply for a bank account, you can visit any Commonwealth branch or apply online. **Happy Banking!**

VICTORIAN SCHOOL DATES

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FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

CANTEEN

A few volunteers still needed for Fridays please.

*Please really consider helping out as it would make such a difference.*

If you are able to help out please let me know.

Canteen is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Thank you, Vitina Bakker 0434 140 739

NEW ITEMS

- Spaghetti Bolognese
- Baked Beans Jaffle
- Spaghetti Jaffle

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES

Open every Monday 2:30pm– 3.30pm in the office.

If you would like to sell any uniform clothing at the uniform shop:

Please leave donated uniform/s to be sold at the front office.

Any uniform clothing left with no details will be assumed to be a donation.

Uniforms are sold as they are. There is no return and no exchange.

If you are not sure about pricing your uniform, the uniform ladies are happy to price it for you.

Due to health regulations we cannot sell school bags or hats. We do not accept stubbies branded clothing. 10% commission of the sales goes to the school.

Any inquires that you may have can be made at the front office.

SICK BAY ROSTER

A clean bed is greatly appreciated by children who need to rest and recover in the sick bay.

Thank you to all who have offered to help with the sick bay washing roster. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.

CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

**Key Dates**

All applicants must complete and lodge their submission by 29 February 2016. This applies to 2015 applicants seeking funding in 2016.

PHOTO DAY MARCH 10

Tomorrow you will find information about photo day in your child’s bag. Orders can be done quickly and easily online.

All envelopes to be returned to the class teacher regardless of the type of payment.

Family photos envelopes are available at the office. The website is www.leadingimage.com.au

CALLING ALL 2017 “FOUNDATION” STUDENTS

Please advise the name of your child who will be attending Donburn Primary School as a Foundation student in 2017.

Your child must turn 5 prior to 30 April 2017.

Thank you 😊

2017 “FOUNDATION” STUDENT RETURN SLIP

Name of Child ..............................

Parent/Guardian ..............................
The Donburn Parents & Friends Committee have a number of activities planned for the coming months.

These include Themed Dress Day (+ treat), preparation for the Mother’s Day Stall and other fundraising events.

We always welcome new members.

CANTEEN

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
Volunteers are still desperately needed for Fridays, especially from 12:30 onwards.

There are 2 weeks where I don’t have enough people for Friday. The success of the canteen is really up to you, I can only do what 1 person can do and on Fridays we need a total of 5 people for things to run smoothly.

There are orders to collate, sandwiches to be made, food to be put in ovens, bags to write up, cooking to oversee, drinks and snacks to bag, hot dogs (70 on average) to cook, rolls to cut and hot dogs to put in rolls, dishes to wash and dry, food to bag and then tubs to fill.

Please consider helping and be part of the school community.

If you have any questions or concerns you can ring me on 0434 140 739 or you can find me in canteen on Mondays from 11:00am and Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30am.

You are more than welcome to come and try for a couple of hours and see if you like it before you commit.

If you prefer you may want to bring a friend and you can try out together. It really is a great way to get involved with the school and your child/children will love that you are at their school. We hope to continue and improve the quality of the canteen but you are an important part of the success of our canteen, please come and join us.

Thank you
Vitina Bakker
Canteen Manager

CANTEEN MENU CHANGES

NO MORE Moosies, Go Cookies or Anacondas Movietime Pop Corn Red Rock Chips

REPLACEMENTS Bulla Light Vanilla cup 100mls $1.

Allen’s Killer Pythons 80c each through lunch orders only.

Go Cookies -replacement soon.

50c bags of Grain Waves, Salt and Vinegar chips, Pretzels and butter Pop Corn till normal supplies resume

Hash Browns 80c are available. They are delicious, especially in the cooler month when they really hit the spot.

DATES AND INFORMATION

New members = New ideas
Pre-school children are very welcome.

Term 1

Friday March 11 at 9am   P&F Meeting
All welcome to attend. Pre-schoolers are most welcome.

Friday March 18 at 9am   Foundation Parent Morning Tea
In the Staff Room

Friday March 18  Easter Bonnet Day
Cost for the day is $2
Children can dress in casual clothes and wear an Easter themed hat. We will provide Easter Eggs to all the children. If your child has an allergy, we will provide a suitable alternative.
COMMUNITY NEWS
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Drama Animation Circus Filmmaking Movement Visual Arts Sound Design Puppetry Music Dance and much more all in one weekly program.

Our preschool to grade six creative arts program will let you discover your child's creative potential, watch their skills grow and help them develop creative thinking.

Fresh is a not for profit organisation. The Young @ Art program introduces preschool and primary school aged young people to a variety of creative experiences in a structured, safe and supportive environment. Throughout the year participants explore a range of artistic disciplines from drama, to animation, filmmaking, sound design, circus arts and much, much more. By taking part in the Fresh Young @ Art Program, your child will engage in a different creative discipline every five weeks, with opportunities to present their work throughout the year.

For more information and to book your place go to www.freshtheatre.org or call 0432 400 844.

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Girls aged 5-9 years are invited to...

BE A GUIDE FOR A DAY!

Activities include: Crafts, Games, campfire, cooking and more!

TIME: 10am - 1pm
WHEN: March 8, 2016
WHERE: Guilde Hall – Luckle St, Nunawading
WHAT TO BRING: Hot Drink bottle
Please wear closed toed shoes.
RSVP TO: Donvale/Nunawading Girl Guides
donvalenunawadinggirlguides@hotmail.com

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CAMPFIRE & CRICKET NIGHT

The Salvation Army

Calling All Dads, Grandfathers and Father Figures

DATE: FRIDAY 18th MARCH 2016
TIME: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
WHERE: THE SALVOS 37 TAUNTON SL DONCASTER EAST
RSVP: TUES. 15TH MARCH CONTACT 0432 459 433

Bring your kids!

- Fun around the fire pit
- Practise skills with Dad
- Sausage Sizzle (gold coin)
- Roasted marshmallows

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2015 Donburn Graduate

Year 7 @ Whitefriars

The staff of Whitefriars College would like to acknowledge the very sound preparation that you have given Ethan for his secondary schooling.

He is an enthusiastic student who has started the year with great energy and purpose. We very much appreciate the way in which you have assisted us with the transition process and see that partnership as being a key to the boys having a successful secondary school experience. You can be justly proud of his efforts.

Mr John Finn
Principal

Whitefriars College Inc.
250 Park Road, Doncaster, Victoria 3109, Australia
E: admin@whitefriars.vc.edu.au  www.whitefriars.vc.edu.au
ABN: 25 006 941 124/ REG NO 29974/ CRC 5100006.
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.

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 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. 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.

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.


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 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.


EMAIL THE DONBURNIAN NEWSLETTER

- Send an email to hanna.margaret.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
- In the “subject” box in your email, please enter “subscribe” so you will automatically be added to our data base.
- In the “content” section, place your name and your child’s name and year level of the eldest Donburn child.