Dear Parents

On Monday evening March 7 we held the Annual General Meeting and March meeting of School Council. Welcome to the new members - Stelios Georgiou, Sohail Siddiqui, Tammy Muller, Caroline McArdle, Julie Hoskin, Jess Mahoney and Margaret Hanna.

Congratulations to Simone Bolt (President), Caitlyn Green (Vice President), Mukund Patel (Treasurer) and Margaret Hanna (Secretary).

Principal’s Report 2015
We recorded and enrolment of 421 (plus one fee paying) students on Census day 27 February 2015.

New members of staff included Emma Hopkins, Ashley Walker, Jeremiah Juric, Christopher Kovits, Carolyn Datson and Michael Todd.

During Term 2 Margaret Hanna enjoyed long service leave and her replacement was Mrs Pauline Thwaites.

On May 18 Mrs Sharon McMahon returned from Family leave. Thank you to Mrs Maree Jack who replaced Sharon during her leave.
Mr Josie Courto decided to return to Tasmania and her position as Year 5 teacher was taken by Ms Jess O’Reilly. At the end of Term 2 Mrs Anne Valkenburg left on sick leave and her place was taken by Ms Julie Anne Tseregounis.

Mrs Carolyn Datson accepted an Acting Assistant Principal position for 2016 at Sussex Heights Primary School and Ms Kerri Brown transferred to Doncaster Gardens Primary School for the 2016 school year.

On October 28 Anne Vanderharst retired from our Education Support staff after twelve years to Donburn Primary School.

Our local member of Parliament The Hon Ryan Smith attended our assembly on Friday 20 February 2015 and presented the student leaders with their badges.

During January I was fortunate to have the experience of working in Uttaradit School in North Thailand. I was part of an Australian group of educators who worked with a Thai colleague. My partner Mr Thanawat Manyeam (Daeng) had worked at Donburn Primary School during August 2014. He was an amazing host, along with his very friendly colleagues and I was in awe of their wonderful work in preparing their students for the future.

Evan Terry-Whyte represented our school in the 2015 Republic of Korea-Australian Teacher Exchange Program. In February Mr Cho Seonghu, Year 5 teacher from Uijonbuseo Elementary School, Gyenggi, Korea worked at Donburn Primary School and was hosted by Evan. Evan visited Korea and worked with Mr Cho Seonghu and, in spite of a broken arm, he found this to be a very rewarding experience.

In March our Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed a wonderful experience at Camp Weekaway in Lancefield. In June our Year 3 and 4 students visited Camp Manyung, Mt Eliza. In October eighteen of our Year 4 and Year 5 students attended a five day camp at “Woorabinda School Camp”.

Congratulations to John Conti for leading a team of volunteers on the renovation of the school toilets.

Sue Page (Performance Arts teacher) provided the students with a wonderful experience in the school production “Donburn Dreaming”. This was held at the George Wood Performing Arts Centre involving students from Years 3-6.

In late December the Education Department removed the single portable near our Colchester Drive entrance. This was to make way for a new double portable to be sited in January 2016.

Congratulations to the Parents and Friends Association – another great year socially and financially. Thank you to Tammy Muller and all members – the introduction of the cake stall was an absolute hit! Thanks!

Congratulations to the School Council for its work during 2015. I thank them all for their valuable contribution. Thanks to Simone Bolt (President), Alison Greenway (Vice President), Tom Sammann (Treasurer), Tammy Muller, Erica Kennedy, Mukund Patel, Caitlyn Green, Caroline McArdle, Lynette Hookey, Julie Hoskin, Kerri Brown and Lauren Maher.

I thank all members of the Donburn School Community for their contribution.

Kevin Sertori
Principal
As School Council President in 2015 it has been an honour to work with the council to support the growth and improvement of the students and staff at Donburn. The positive values and respect for the individual and the development and inclusive practices of the school is something I hold in high regard.

We are privileged to have an innovative Principal Kevin, Assistant Principal Julie and dedicated staff that go above and beyond for the children and their learning.

Many thanks to the teachers who have the greatest influence on student learning by purposefully creating an environment that is stimulating and secure. The coordination of many extra curriculum activities keeps the calendars busy and students engaged in a diverse variety of activities to develop and extend their independence as critical thinkers.

My greatest respect to Kevin for his effective leadership. Kevin continues to develop and shape a compelling vision that sets the annual and strategic direction of the school. He supports the growth of the teachers which in turn fosters the learning for students. He has high expectations and is a professional leader to students and staff alike.

Margaret and Chris provide exceptional support to current and prospective families. Specialist teaching staff offer invaluable skills to all children. Kerri Brown and Caroline Datsun took up new career opportunities at the end of 2015, both have impacted positively on many Donburn students. We welcomed Grant Puglia as our performing Arts teacher.

Donburn Primary School continued to reflect on and improve their practices from other schools both locally and internationally. The school remains one of the highest ranked schools in the Eastern Region and enrolments have stabilized at 400+ students.

In 2015 the toilet block was renovated thanks to the generous donations of the community and an enormous amount of effort and time by John Conti. The maintenance of the buildings and grounds inspires community pride.

Fellow councilors are highly valued as they work behind the scenes for the benefit of each and every child. School Council Committees included:

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School Council members included:

- Kai (Kathy) Ding
- Caroline McArdle
- Kevin Sertori
- Kerri Brown
- Caitlyn Green
- Tammy Muller
- Julie Hoskin
- Alison Greenway
- Mukund Patel
- Lynette Hookey
- Erika Kennedy
- Tom Sammann
- Lauren Maher

Parents and Friends worked tirelessly to enhance student and community engagement. The Education subcommittee reviewed policies and guidelines to maintain best practice. Sustainability continued to source proactive initiatives to offer practical, diverse and sustainable learning. Class Representatives facilitated communication across all grades.

Thanks to the commitment of all Donburn staff members the children covered the core competencies as well as many extracurricular activities, from school camps to shopping, athletics and swimming programs, public speaking events, leadership roles, cultural inclusion and business acumen. Thank you to the parents of Donburn who respectfully support the learning environment.

Thank you to Kevin and Julie for their inspirational leadership, nurturing the individual, the team and the vision.

Simone Bolt
0412 126 300
President,
Donburn School Council
Parents and Friends Association Annual Report for 2015

Taking on the role of P & F President again in 2015 has been extremely enjoyable and rewarding. My gratitude for the support of Kevin, Julie, Marg, Chris, the teachers and the parents and students of Donburn Primary. I value the opportunity to assist in the schools positive spirit and success through my involvement in P & F and School council.

Again I wish to thank Marg and Chris for all they do and their fantastic support over the years. These ladies are such a strong network to the smooth operation here. Kevin and Julie for always being supportive and encouraging. You both do such amazing work and are so available to everyone. It’s easy to see how others follow your leadership. Thanks to the teachers who allow us to interrupt their classrooms during events and assisting getting the families on board with our events.

Thank you to the parents attending our monthly meetings and those that stay connected through our notices and emails. Thanks goes to Michelle Chryssafis – Vice President, Jim Simonovski (beginning of the year) and Leanne Renehan (who took over from Jim) – Treasurer, Erika Kennedy (beginning of year) and Stephanie Fua (took over from Erika) – Secretary. Other committee members include Michelle Wines, Bronwyn Vlachos, Sonia Heliotis, Vivian Hua, Rebecca Dodwell, Rebecca Siddiqui, Debbie Kyriacou and Jen Hanrahan. Plus the many parents that help out at various events over the year. We know their contributions make these events all the more successful.

We saw some wonderful community spirit this year especially surrounding the Toilet Refurbishment and Canteen help when Vitina needed some personal time. The Raffle and Cake Stalls were a great success and we feel the focus of a task affecting the entire school community played a role in this support. As a result of the wonderful community feel, the Cake Stalls will become a permanent addition to each term.

P&F Membership was $2,210.00
Mothers Day Stall raised $1,638.14
Christmas stall Raised $2,064.99
Entertainment Books raised $663.00
Chomp & Chew days ran each term under the guidance of Sonia Heliotis and Leanne Renehan. This group did a fantastic job raising $4571.09. This year saw some difficulty organizing and getting helpers to run this event. A small group managed to get these days over the line but without stress. Sonia has done an amazing job over the years with her team of helpers and has made a slow removal from running this activity. P & F have discussed the operations of this event and due to the growth of student numbers and the workload involved in putting this event on, have decided to replace 3 out of the 4 days with a themed Casual Dress event and only run Chomp and Chew in Term 3 with Football Theme.

Toilet Refurbishment – Fantastic community spirit towards this project in a short period of time with work being completed during the September School Holidays. John Conte and his helpers did a tremendous job.

Raffle - $1,450.00
Cake Stalls - $1,941.10
Despite some rescheduling due to poor weather and some technical glitches at the beginning of the day, we ran another fun

Lapathon for the students this year raising $2,272.00.
Melanie Barrett and her helpers had a great year running school banking which raised $1,255.26
This year the Mother’s Day, Father’s Day and Christmas Stall were coordinated by Michelle Chryssafis and Bronwyn Vlachos with assistance from Erika Kennedy and a great group of volunteers. These events were run over 1or 2 days making it easier to assist the children as well as getting helpers.

Earn and Learn Stickers Program – Again the community supported this event strongly and we appreciate the efforts of all involved. This years tally has been utilized by the Art Department. Fantastic new supplies have been secured for 2016.

Total Raised for the year was over $24,000.00.  This is a great result and is only achievable with so many dedicated people.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the role of President of P & F for the past 2 years. I’ve made some wonderful friends and am extremely grateful for the support and encouragement, especially in the 2nd year through my pregnancy and the arrival of Ethan. We really have a great group of dedicated parents in our school that support and work to ensure our children get the best opportunities. As promised I have stepped down from this role in my final year at Donburn allowing others the opportunity to step up and get involved for future years.

For 2016, Adi has taken on the role of President again with the Vice President role yet to be filled. Stephanie Fua has taken on Secretary and Rebecca Siddiqui taking on Treasurer. Here’s to another successful year for all involved.

On a personal note I want to wish Kevin a wonderful future beyond Donburn Primary. I can’t quite imagine this school without him here. I’m appreciative of our time at Donburn, the welcoming environment Kevin has created and for supporting my involvement on P & F and School Council.

Regards

Tammy Muller
On February 23rd Year 4 students at Donburn were lucky enough to have a visit from Miss Hyungmyung Bae (an exchange teacher from South Korea).

Miss Bae was a part of the ROK-Australia program which facilitates the exchange of International teachers to participate in a teaching and learning program.

Although Miss Bae was on exchange at Croydon Hills Primary School (with Ms Fraser’s daughter), she was interested in experiencing what Donburn had to offer, so it was arranged for Miss Bae to come and be part of Donburn Year 4 classrooms for the morning.

During the visit Miss Bae worked with both Year 4 classes. She spoke with the students about games that Korean children play during recess and lunchtimes. Miss Bae taught the students two traditional Korean games, ‘Rose of Sharon Blossom’ and ‘Go Gu Nori’.

It was a great experience for our Donburn Year 4’s who all enjoyed it immensely! Thank you Miss Bae!
YEAR 6 EASTER RAFFLE

Year 6 students will be coming around to your classrooms from this Thursday selling tickets.

20c for one ticket or $1 for 6 tickets

Winning prizes will be drawn during the last week of term.

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.

Please donate old children’s size gumboots.

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

2016 has started wonderfully in the Art Room.

Students are keen to show their creative skills and enjoy coming to classes. To take care of school uniforms, please ensure that your child has an art smock to wear to each Art session.

In preparation for a special Art project we are asking for families to donate buttons and wool. Please bring any you have to the Art Room.

Thank you

Sue Page and Beth McInnes

Please donate your buttons and wool.

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.

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HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR THE CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND. (CSEF)?

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the 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.

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.

How to Apply

- Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website. Applications close 3 June 2016.

PHOTO DAY MARCH 10

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

2016 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Students in Years 3 to 6 are eligible to enter the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS), commonly referred to as UNSW tests.

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Closing date for each competition is Wednesday 16 March, 2016.

Fay Davidson & Chris Clark - Coordinators

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!

11 March  Erika Kennedy   18 March  Melinda Pecher
24 March  Inga Kasimis
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!**

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CANTEEN

If you are able to help out please let me know. Canteen is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

You are more than welcome to come and try for a couple of hours and see if you like it before you commit. **Please really consider helping out as it would make such a difference.**

Thank you, Vitina Bakker 0434 140 739

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 reception. Thank you.
New members = New ideas

Pre-school children are very welcome.

Calendar Dates

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

Tuesday April 12  The Entertainment Books will be available for pre-order. More information will be sent out soon so you can pre-order your book.

We always welcome new members.

As previously mentioned, school reminders and events are listed through the above Team App.
It is a free App that you can download through iPhone or Android phones, or through the computer at www.teamapp.com.
Just follow the prompts, select the School, then Class you want to be connected to, and Admin will accept you.
Once that is done, you will receive reminders for School Banking, Assembly etc provided you are logged in.

As another means of distributing information, a CLOSED Facebook page has been created for Donburn families. This is ONLY a page to advertise coming events and important notices.
If you are a Facebook member, you can request to join the group https://www.facebook.com/groups/487995894696906/ and Admin will accept you.
If this link doesn’t work, just search Donburn Primary Fundraising & Events, then send through your request.

Presented by the P & F:
Easter themed Casual dress day on Friday, March 18

Pop on a pair of Bunny Ears or get creative and make an Easter Bonnet!
$2 and Every child will receive a Chocolate Egg!

While every effort will be made to source Nut free Eggs, if your child has an allergy to Nuts or Chocolate, please advise your class teacher.

eSmart News Update 2, 2016

Our first meeting for this year is this Friday March 11.
We will be resuming our eSmart journey by revisiting the things we completed last year and finalising our ‘Plan of Action’ for the ‘Implementing eSmart Phase.’
Please take some time to peruse documents on ‘Google Drive’ for you before our meeting.
I look forward to seeing all our wonderful committee members this Friday at 8:15am in the new Year 4 portable.

Best regards,
Robyn Fraser
Blackburn High School High Achievers' Program for Year 7, 2017
Applications are now open.

How to Apply
Applications are online at www.blackburnhs.vic.edu.au

Test date:
Saturday 14th May 2016, 8:30am for 9:00am start Concludes 12.00pm (Noon)

High Achievers' Program Information Evening
Tuesday 19 April, 2016 – 7.00pm – 8.00pm at Blackburn High School.

The Information Evening is an opportunity for parents to learn more about the program and the examination and interview process.

Warrandyte Tennis Club
State & National Award Winning Coaching Program

FREE Tennis Trials for Kids and Adults

Kids: Hot Shot League – Ages 8 to 12
Fridays 445pm to 545pm

Kids: Hot Shot Coaching – Ages 3 to 12
Mon to Fri after school & Sat mornings

Adults: Monday Night Social
Mondays 730pm to 930pm (approx)

Adults: Cardio Tennis
Mornings, Evenings & Saturday

To book in for a FREE trial please contact:
Craig Haslam
0488 722 538
info@thetennisguru.com.au
warrandytetennisclub.org.au
Registration day Wednesday 23rd March between 4.15-5.15pm at Templestowe Leisure Centre. Registrations can also be made online at www.netsetgo.asn.au

Location: Training is held in the stadium at the Templestowe Leisure Centre (corner of Foote St and Anderson St, Templestowe).

When: Wednesdays 4:15pm-5:15pm

Dates: First session starting in Term 2. Winter program runs for 10 weeks.

Fees: The fee for the NetSetGO! program is $60. This includes Netball Victoria membership/insurance, ball and T-shirt!

Uniform: No uniform is required to be purchased for NetSetGO! participants. Please wear comfortable clothes and sports shoes.

If you are interested in joining the NetSetGO! Program, or know someone who is, please let us know. New players always welcome - spread the word and bring your friends along!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Website: www.deepcreeknetball.com.au Email: deepcreek.netballclub@hotmail.com Coach: Britt Finlay 0425 787 917
COMMUNITY NEWS

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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! ☞ 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.

HAIRRESSER - 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.