Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! It has been an exciting start to the school year. While I was walking around the classrooms it was great to see all the students happy to be back at school. We are looking forward to welcoming our Foundation students tomorrow morning. I know this is a special day and I’m sure everyone remembers their first day at school!

It is important that students get back into good routines starting with early to bed and 10 -12 hours of sleep a night. Students need their sleep for optimal learning!

I would like to welcome Caitlin Wightman back. Caitlin has been working in London over the past two years and is teaching Year 3 this year. A special welcome to Ashlyn Brunetti (Year 2) and Mark Whitehead (Year 6) and to our new office administrator, Karen Webber.

Also welcome to all the hardworking staff who have spent many hours preparing for the start of the year.

We have been getting regular updates about Nathan and his upcoming therapy. Everything is progressing as expected and the family are enjoying the challenges of living in Japan. There was a whole page spread in the Herald Sun on January 22. If you would like to see it there is a copy in the foyer.

The new playground looks fabulous and all the students are enjoying exploring it. Also the new carpet in the main building looks terrific.

It is disappointing that the work on improving the access to the Year 4 room has not been completed but hopefully this should be finished by Week 3. We will then have some work done on the toilets in the hall.

On Friday February 10 we will be holding the “Welcome Picnic” for the Foundation students and their families. This will be held on the school oval and the “Gymbus” will be in attendance! This event commences at 6.15 pm. The Foundation families are invited to bring a picnic dinner for this event.

Please take note of the events listed in the diary dates.

Kind regards

Julie

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NATHAN IN JAPAN
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)

Jarod Ryan
Assistant Principal

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

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 Friday 2 June.
### CLASSES FOR 2017

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### OUR NEW PLAYGROUND

![New Playground Image]
Welcome to our first eSmart newsletter for 2017.

It is with great excitement that we announce that Donburn has earned its eSmart School accreditation! We are now in the ‘Sustaining’ phase of eSmart.

Thank you to the committee members for your invaluable assistance with this process. To maintain our eSmart status we will need to continue meeting throughout the year. It is anticipated that we will have one meeting per term which will be ‘needs based’.

We would like to encourage new parent members on our committee. We usually meet on a Thursday morning before school (8:15 am concluding by 8:45 am)

If you are interested in joining our committee please complete the form below and return it to the office at your earliest convenience. We would love all our current committee members to remain on the committee if possible. There is still work to be completed and continued.

Our Junior eSmart Committee will be elected in early February. Stay tuned for an announcement about our new Junior Committee in the near future.

Looking forward to continuing our eSmart journey with you.

Warm regards,
Jeremiah Juric and Robyn Fraser

Please be on the ‘lookout’ for our ‘Student User Agreement’ for 2017 to come home soon. Please discuss this with your child at home to ensure they fully understand what is expected of them as we aim to ensure competent ‘Global Citizens.’ The Student user agreements will need to be returned to school, signed, before your child will be able to access ICT whilst in class.

Thank you for assisting us to educate informed ‘Junior Global Citizens!’
SPORTS DATES FOR 2017

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: Friday, 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: Tuesday, 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

Cricket
T20 Cricket Thursday, 2 November

Volleyball
Volleyball Cup Friday, 24 November (Year 4)

NB Additional dates for other sporting competitions such as hockey, lacrosse & Hoop Time basketball to be confirmed.
HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Notices for the annual Donburn Primary School House Swimming Carnival were handed out today to all Year 3-6 children. It is to be held on Wednesday 15 February at the Doncaster Aquarena Pool from 10am –12:30pm.

Please help your child select the appropriate events in which to participate. Children must be able to swim a distance of 50 metres comfortably if they are to compete in any of the 50m events otherwise they must only compete in the 25m events. Along with the standard swimming events, a number of novelty events have been incorporated into the program to ensure all children participate no matter what their ability level.

We do require the assistance of parents as officials and/or supervisors to ensure the smooth running of the day. Please let me know via the permission slip or in person if you can assist.

To help promote team spirit, children are encouraged to wear a t-shirt of the colour of their house team if they have one. They must bring their hats, sunscreen, a drink and snacks.

Children with the fastest times in the 50m events will represent Donburn at the Doncaster District Swimming Carnival at the Doncaster Aquarena Pool.

Anna Papamichael - PE Teacher

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

PROTECT

Child Safe

The Victorian Government is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. As part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to implementing the recommendations of the Betrayal of Trust report, which found that more must be done to prevent and respond to child abuse in our community, there is a new regulatory landscape surrounding child safety, underpinned by the new PROTECT Child Safe Standards.

At Donburn, we are confident that all Child Safe standards are being met and that all children are safe and cared for. In line with the Child Safe practices, all volunteers within the school, including parents who are assisting, must have a current Working with Children Check. This procedure is to ensure all children are safe.

To obtain a Working with Children card please go to http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/

Upon receiving your card please provide the office with a photocopy before commencing any work with children.

For any more information please feel free to contact either Julie or myself.

Jarod Ryan
Assistant Principal (Child Safe Leader)
A clean bed is greatly appreciated by children who need to rest and recover in the sick bay. We therefore need parents willing to wash the sick bay bedding on a weekly basis.

If you are able to help in this way please return the form below to the office and I will notify you via the Newsletter about your rostered week.

Thank you in anticipation of your support in Term 1, 2017

Volunteers needed please.

I am willing to be placed on the sick bay washing roster.

Name ___________________ Student’s Name ___________________ Year ____

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Students who are interested in joining the Donburn Primary School Chess Club please see Mr Kovits in Year 5 for a registration form.

Feel free to come to the introductory session this Tuesday 7 February at lunch time in the hall.

Donburn Chess Club

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If you would like to sell any Donburn uniform clothing at the second hand uniform shop, please leave at the front office. (Any uniform clothing left with no details will be assumed to be a donation.)

Uniforms are sold with no return or exchange. If you are not sure about pricing we will price it for you. Due to health regulations we cannot sell school bags or hats and we do not accept Stubbies clothing.

10% commission of the sale goes to the school. Enquires can be made at the front office.

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Welcome back to all students.

There are limited vacancies in tuition for Piano, Guitar and Singing.

For all enquirers please phone Hedy France on 0417 135 558.

Musically,

Hedy
To all in the Donburn community, please consider volunteering for canteen this 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 after the 3 - 6 swimming program, Monday 13 February

Vitina Bakker: Mobile no. 0434 140 739

Can we also ask you to begin thinking about your preferences for the canteen roster. It is great to have parents who are able to help on a regular basis, but please do not feel that you have to commit to this at this stage.

NAME ____________________________ Phone no. _________________
NAME of eldest child __________________Year __________________

Please circle the day of week you prefer for the monthly roster

(* If only available for a few hours, please specify the times below.
The canteen helper session is approx. 9:30 - 2:30).

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__________)

Please return this form to the office or classroom by Monday 6 February.

Thank you

Vitina Bakker:
Mobile no. 0434 140 739
GET INVOLVED IN SCHOOL BANKING - 2017

Donburn Primary is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball (Term 1)
- Colour Change Markers (Term 1)
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

**Getting involved in School Banking is easy!**
All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. **Online**

2. **In branch**
   Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver’s licence and birth certificate.

   If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

   If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2017 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking), or call me on 0411461988.

Melanie Barrett

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Dear Parents/Guardians

You are cordially invited to the Parents and Friends Association AGM in the staffroom on Friday 10 February a little after 9:00am.

Join us for a cuppa and an informal chat about the Parents and Friends Association. A great chance for new people to learn about the important role this group has in the school community.

**The AGM will commence at 9:15am.** All parents/guardians new to the school and existing are welcome!

There are a variety of events run across the year in which you get involved at Donburn. Preschoolers are very welcome. Hope to see you there!

Adi Garcia - President
Parents and Friends Association
Learn to play tennis - the sport for life

Children:
3 & 4 year olds - Wilson peeWee Tennis
5-12 year olds - Tennis Australia's ANZ Tennis Hot Shots
12-18 year olds - Yellow Ball Juniors
10-18 year olds - Advanced performance Squad Training.
Any Age - Private lessons for maximum improvement.
7 years up - Introduction to Competition League

Adults:
Cardio Tennis - aerobic fitness based session
Beginners lessons (No experience necessary)
Any Age - Private lessons for maximum improvement.

Group Lesson Price:
$18.00 / 45 mins
$20.00 / 60mins

Private Lesson Price:
30mins - $45
45mins - $65

MAXIMUM OF (4) STUDENTS PER COACH.

SLAMiN TENNIS & FITNESS
Head Coach - Vicky Lee
m: 0403 128 648
e: vicky@slamin.com.au

NUNAWADING TENNIS CLUB
OPEN DAY

All Welcome
Sunday 5th February 2017
10:00am- 4:00pm

BBQ & Soft Drinks provided.
- Free tennis trials
- Giveaways
- Special membership rate for those who register on the day
- Ball machine
- Serve speed radar

Contact Joe on 0409 585 319 for enquiries

Nunawading Tennis Club is located at
6 Lane Street, Blackburn North
COMMUNITY NEWS

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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

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 4, 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.


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).