Dear Parents

Welcome back to the 2015 school year!

I hope you enjoyed Christmas festivities and New Year celebrations with your family and friends!

I am very pleased to report that we have enjoyed a magnificent start this year with a wonderful new group of Foundation students joining the Donburn School community. Thank you for preparing your children so positively for the new school year!

Welcome to our new students who will be formally introduced at our first assembly on Friday afternoon 13 February.

On this day we will also hold the “Welcome Picnic” for our three groups of Foundation students. This will be held on the school oval and the “Gymbus” will be in attendance! This event will commence at 6.15 pm.

School Assembly will be held on the following dates -

- February 13 (3 pm)
- February 20
- March 6
- March 20
- March 27 (2 pm)

We have had a very positive feedback from students, parents and staff regarding the Year 3 - Year 6 swimming program. Thank you for your support with this very important part of our curriculum.
A very big welcome to our enthusiastic new teachers -

Emma Watson  
Foundation E

Ashleigh Walker  
Year 2W

Jeremiah Juric  
Year 3J

Christopher Kovits  
Year 4K

Carolyn Datson  
Year 5D

Michael Todd  
Year 6T

Congratulations to Evan Terry-Whyte who has been accepted to participate in the 2015 Republic of Korea - Australian Teacher Exchange Program. The first part of this exciting program will occur in February when Mr Cho Seonghu, Year 5 teacher from Uijongbuseo Elementary School, Gyeonggi, Korea arrives in Melbourne. He is scheduled to arrive on Sunday 8 February and will depart on Saturday 28 February 2015. Evan will host Cho and I’m sure he will make a wonderful contribution to all Donburn students during his visit.

The second phase of the program will be Evan’s visit to Korea, 5 July, concluding on 25 July. If you could contribute in any way in making Cho’s visit a success please let me or Evan know. Thank you!

The safety of our students is always paramount. I was very concerned when I received a phone call from someone driving along Highfield Road this week who had to stop for a student running across the road. Please remind your children to use the crossing. Zaheda, the crossing supervisor diligently monitors all the students safely across the road.
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) worked at Donburn Primary 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.

In the morning at the ‘Teachers’ Day’ celebrations the teachers brought gifts for the local monks. After a ceremony recognising the outstanding work of all local teachers, the teachers participated in a series of sporting and cultural events. This was but one of my many highlights during my visit to the school.

All teachers were very keen to learn about the system of education at Donburn Primary School and the Principal and Assistant Principal, along with Daeng, welcomed me with open arms!

We will be communicating with this school throughout the year and, in particular Term 2 when “Thailand” will be our focus.

Regards ~

Kevin
My first visit to School Assembly (2,100 students) - a very attentive audience.

Teachers dressed for “Teachers Day” - a celebration and sharing with all local schools.
The Year Sixes enjoyed great company and a wonderful lunch at ‘La Porchetta’ last Friday to celebrate the beginning of their final year of Primary School together.

Everyone had a lot of fun, enjoying the delicious pizza, catching up with friends after the holidays and lots of laughter could be heard throughout the restaurant. This was a great start to an exciting year ahead.

Alex D

Ethan M
Dear Parents/Guardians

You are cordially invited to the Parents and Friends AGM in the staffroom on Friday 20 February 2015. The meeting will start just after drop off time of 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 as well as existing are welcome! New ideas and enthusiasm are always encouraged. This is a great way to get to know other school families, we run a variety of events across the year you can get involved in if you choose to, and the kids get a thrill out of you being involved at their school.

Preschoolers are very welcome.

Hope to see you there!

Tammy Muller
President
Parents and Friends Association

BE SUNSMART!

A hat must be worn outside during Term 1!
THANK YOU FROM OUR CHOOKS

A big thank you if you helped to look after Qwerty and Emerald, over the school holidays.

Thanks to the following very generous families:- Topalli, Mulcahy, Li, Pourhamzeh and Kyriacou. Also, thank you so much to the Brennan family who were the 'key-keepers' and on egg duty as well!

Our chickens enjoyed your regular visits and snacks. They were spoilt! We hope you enjoyed some eggs for breakfast in the holidays!

Beth McInnes

STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking has commenced and will be available each week on Tuesday’s.

If you wish to open an account, kits are available from the front office or via any Commonwealth Bank.

Melanie Barrett (Jacob Yr 4, Noah FE)

SICK BAY ROSTER

HELP NEEDED!
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!

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

Name: ...........................................................................................................................

Students Name: ................................................................. Grade: ..................
CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN NEEDS YOUR HELP TO OPEN!

Please join and become a volunteer.
You can see me in canteen on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays,
I can also be contacted at any time on 0434 140 739
or you can leave your details at the office with Marg or Chris.

Thankyou😊

Vitina Bakker
Canteen Manager

RECEIVING NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY

Please consider receiving your Newsletter via email instead of a printed copy!

If you are interested in launching into the technological age and saving the environment, please email me at - hanna.margaret.a@edumail.vic.gov.au and your address will be included in the Newsletter distribution list.

- In the “subject” box in your email, please enter “subscribe” so you will automatically be added to our data base.
- In the content” section, please put your name and the name and grade of your eldest child.

The Newsletter will be in “pdf” format and will hide the names of all recipients to protect privacy. If you are not receiving your Newsletter by email and have requested this, please contact me at the office.

Thank you — Margaret Hanna

SCHOOL UNIFORM—RHSports

RHSports has moved to -
Unit 12/100 New Street, Ringwood
P: 9870 1377
www.rhsports.com.au

Operating hours are 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays)

Many parents are already taking advantage of ordering and paying directly to our shop, and request delivery to the school for the children to take home.

Orders can be faxed, emailed or phoned thru to our shop. These orders will arrive at school on a Wednesday and they will be labelled with your child’s name.
What a brilliant year Donburn has had in sport!

Congratulations once again to all students who participated.

Below are some of the dates for 2015 -

TERM 1

Swimming
- School: Monday, 16 February
- District: Friday, 20 February
- Division: Thursday, 5 March
- Region: Friday, 13 March
- State: Monday, 15 April (Term 2)

Summer Sport
- Round Robin 1: Thursday, 26 February
- Round Robin 2: Thursday, 16 April (Term 2)
  (Back-up date: Term 2: Thursday, 23 April)

TERM 2

Cross country
- School: Wednesday, 29 April
- District: Thursday, 21 May
- Division: Tuesday, 9 June
- Region: Tuesday, 16 June

Winter Sport
- Round Robin 1: Thursday, 28 May
- Round Robin 2: Thursday, 18 June
  (Back-up date: Term 3: Thursday, 16 July)

Regional Trials
- Netball: Monday, 18 May
- Football: Tuesday 19 May
- Soccer: Wednesday, 20 May

TERM 3

Cross country
- State: Thursday, 16 July

Athletics
- School: Monday, 7 September
- District: Tuesday, 15 September

TERM 4

Athletics
- Division: Thursday, 8 October
- Region: Thursday, 15 October
- State: Friday, 23 October

NB There may additional dates for other sporting competitions to be confirmed next year.

Anna Papamichael
PE
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.

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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

TEST AND TAG Ensure your Electrical Appliances & Equipment are not faulty with a low cost visual and performance test. *Donburn special for households and businesses*. Contact Wes (Yr 1 & 5 Dad) 0418 334 096

CONTINENTAL MITCHAM - Stanley Chen (Parent) Director 582 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham e: conti.mitcham@gmail.com w: www.continental-tyres.com.au

QUALIFIED DRESSMAKER available to do alterations. No job too small or too big. Please call Manizheh after 4 pm (Prep Mum) on 0426 212 555.

BABYSITTING - 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 ten at Tintern Girls Grammar school. Contact Jacinta on 0449692079.

BABY SITTER 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 768 995

SACRAMENTAL CATECHIST CLASSES
The parish of Ss Peter & Paul’s is currently accepting enrolments for Catechist Classes to prepare children (Yr 4 and over) for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Confirmation Classes will commence on Sunday, 1st March at 10am whilst classes for the other Sacraments will also be commencing soon at Ss Peter & Paul’s Parish, 23 Leeds Street, Doncaster East. Please contact the Parish Office on 9842 1480 asap for an enrolment form.

VICTORIAN SCHOOL TERM DATES

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COMMUNITY NEWS
The School is publishing these community notices because they may interest some students or Community members, but the school is unable to endorse or recommend any of these advertisements.
We are now accepting Child Dental Benefit Schedule Vouchers

Free Dental Treatment for Children
Your child’s dental treatment up to $1,000 can now be bulk billed for eligible children through the Medicare Child Dental Benefit Scheme.
No Waiting, No GAP, No out of pocket expenses

Other children may also receive dental treatment at Carrington Health

Carrington Health offers a range of dental services -
- Examinations
- Extractions
- Cleanings
- Fillings
- X-rays

Call us on 9897 1792 to make an appointment or visit our website
www.carringtonhealth.org.au
Late afternoon/early evening appointments available from February

Dental Services 9897 1792 | Fax 9898 8010 | 43 Carrington Rd Box Hill 3128

Football Star Academy

CHAMPIONS ARE MADE, NOT BORN.

TERM 1 | Providing your child the opportunity to learn the skills of football...
Weekly Clinics – Skills Acquisition Program

DONCASTER EAST
MONDAYS
4pm - 5pm 5 - 7 yo
6pm - 6pm 8 - 12 yo

LOCATION:
Doncaster Gardens Primary School
Sandhurst Ave, Doncaster East

TO SIGN UP:
PLEASE VISIT:
footballstaracademy.com.au

PROGRAM ENDORSED by JESPER OLSEN former Manchester United, Denmark World Cup player and Melbourne Heart Assistant Coach.