



Hello everyone!

My name is Grant Puglia and I am the new Performing Arts teacher here at Donburn Primary School. It has been wonderful to finally meet all the children here after 23 years teaching at Gardenvale Primary School. The children have all returned to school smiling, refreshed and very enthusiastic after a lovely holiday. The Performing Arts has sprung into action over the last two weeks with lots of songs, dances and drama plays.

The Senior School children have spent the first two weeks examining the life and times of the amazing Michael Jackson. We have seen video clips, DVD movies and even Nintendo Wii Games of his very eventful life. Many have been trying to master the 'Moonwalk.'

Senior Choir

Our Senior year 5/6 choir has commenced practising for a big concert at MC Square for World Harmony Day on the 23rd of March. It should be an amazing experience with three other schools and a number of cultural groups also performing on the night. Already the children are sounding fantastic and we have some great voices at our school.

Kid Crazy

Many Year 6 children will be auditioning this week for our travelling pre-school group 'Kid Crazy'. Once auditions have completed 8 children will work together on a HI 5, Wiggles type variety show that we will take to many of the kindergartens and pre-schools in Manningham and the surrounding areas. It is so much fun to be part of and a valuable experience for both our children and the audiences involved.

Junior School

Year 1's and 2's have been engaging in plenty of dancing and singing and it was lovely to see the smiles on their faces as we attempted the 'Energy' song and choreography. Year 1's and 2's have also been examining the lives of Karen and Richard Carpenter and their beautiful song 'Sing'.

The Foundation children have had their first ever Performing Arts lesson and they have already demonstrated how much they love to sing and dance. I am sure they are all going to have a wonderful year.

Music Australia Count Us In 2016 Song writing Competition

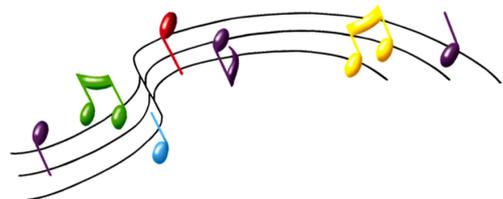
The 2016 MCUI Song writing Competition is open to all Australian school students. We are looking for entries written by students that are catchy, optimistic and upbeat. A small group of finalists will be selected, based on their competition entries, and will work in collaboration with each other, Program Ambassador John Foreman and our 2016 Program Mentor at our 2016 Song writing Workshop. Enter for your chance to help write the song that stops the nation: the song that will be sung by over 550,000 students on MCUI Celebration Day!

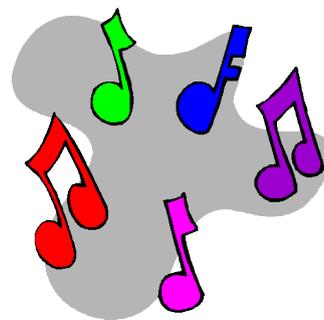
Entries need to be received by MCUI no later than 5pm on Thursday 18th of February. Please see the MCUI website for details (<https://musicaustralia.org.au/program/countusin/>).

If any student is interested and would like some help with their entry please don't hesitate to ask me {Grant} for help.

Have a great week.

Grant





10 February 2016

Dear Foundation/Year 6 families

“FOUNDATION YEAR” WELCOME PICNIC

We look forward to meeting you this Friday night (12 February) on the school oval.

The Gymbus will be arriving at 6pm and will stay until 7.30pm.

You are welcome to **byo** a picnic and beverages (non-alcoholic), also **byo** chairs and/or picnic rug. There will also be a sausage sizzle on the night (weather permitting) from 6.15 - gold coin donation.

This will be a great opportunity for the students to sing with Mr Grant Puglia (Performing Arts teacher).

Yours sincerely

KEVIN SERTORI
PRINCIPAL

