THE DONBURNIAN



Our goal is to provide a vibrant, attractive and safe teaching and learning environment, growing and evolving in harmony with the community.

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ISSUE 7

Dear Parents/Carers

I am thrilled to announce that the Minister of Education has approved funding of \$155 125.00 for an 'Upgrade to current staff area and facilities' at Donburn through the 2020- 21 Minor Capital Works Fund. The upgrade will be for the staff toilets which are the original facilities from when the school was built almost 50 years ago.

We hope to begin the assembly on Thursday at 2.30 pm to provide an opportunity to finish the year off in style! Due to the Covid restrictions we will run an outdoor assembly on the asphalt between the main building and the Year 1 & 2 area. Students are invited to bring a cushion from home to sit on and also may want to wear rain jackets because the forecast is for light rain. In line with Sunsmart policy all students will require a sunhat. Parents are welcome!

Please make sure you wear a mask and social distance.

Students will be dismissed at 3.30 pm on their last day- Thursday 17 December.

On Monday our students visited their 2021 classrooms, spent time with their new teachers and classmates doing some getting-to-know you activities. With the transition to a new class on everyone's minds, it is important that you help develop your children's resilience about meeting new people and experiencing new things. If you have conversations with your child/children about the benefits of a new class and teacher, it assists them to commence the coming year with a positive mindset.

Next year we will have twenty-one classes and I am expecting a school enrolment of around 480.

A very warm welcome to Samantha Johnstone (Year 3) and Alison Tobler and Tara Gibbs who our new tutors for 2021.

Sadly Anna Papamichael (PE teacher) is retiring and Esther Tsang (EAL teacher) is moving on. We wish these members of staff all the best in their future endeavours.





The 2021 classroom teachers are as follows

Foundation Ellen Kiel Abigail Koh Nicole Veis

Year 1 Veronica Gogos Jodie Baruta Amy Thompson/Brian Whitehouse

Year 2 Kris Pepper Evan Terry-Whyte Lynette Hookey/Lauren Maher

Year 3 Marina Redmile Mark Whitehead Samantha Johnston

Year 4 Robyn Fraser Jenny Ota Sophie Hartman-Smith

Year 5 Caitlin Wightman Ashleigh Walker Julie-Anne Tseregounis

Year 6 Matt Dickins Meika Hubble Petra Berglund

On Tuesday night we celebrated the Year 6 Graduation online. This is always a wonderful evening for our Year 6 students and their families. A highlight was the sharing of a meal together in the beautifully decorated staffroom. After this the students sat together in the hall and watched their Graduation Ceremony which was streamed live for their families to watch at home. All students introduced one another very confidently and the teachers and school captains gave a positive overview of their primary school days and they all performed beautiful songs. Thank you to the Year 6 teachers- Matt Dickins (leader), Meika Hubble, Petra Berglund, Grant Puglia, Cathy Marani, Andrea Perrin and Mandy Gebert for preparing the students for this evening.

Thank you to Cathy Marani and her helpers who organised and served a beautiful Graduation Dinner in the staffroom and hallway. Thank you to Sarah Dickins for the balloons and decorations for the Graduation Evening.



Special thanks to Will Dunlevie, Brodie Wolst, George Vlachos, Michael Chryssafis Lilly Amor and Emily Steel, for helping around the school over the last few weeks!

Thank you and goodbye to our families who will be leaving our school community - some after a very long and happy association - your support has been greatly appreciated!

Thanks to Fabian Kenie, Ivan Taradajko, who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to maintain our outdoor areas. We really appreciate their tireless efforts to assist across our school grounds and buildings. They are always very particular about their work which is always meticulously performed!

Thanks to Margaret Chessum for coordinating the second hand uniform sales and thanks to all parents who contributed to the stock and for your support of this valuable service.

A big thank you to Melanie Barrett, Kate Gill and Michelle Wines for their work in organising the School Banking across the school. These ladies have been doing the school banking for many years and due to Department policy this service will no longer be available.

Thank you to Bec Siddiqui for the work she has done with the Scholastic Book Club. We have been able to order lots of books for the school reading program with the reward points we receive in this program.

Thank you to the members of the Donvale Presbyterian Church who provide the school with magnificent support through the Kids Hope program. Michelle Martin, Natalie Martin, Jill Roberts, Rita Soon, Cherrie Hedley, Barbara Kentler, Jenny Smit, led by Janet van Leerdam and Rowena Cheng.

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Thank you to Kathy Monley and the Rotary Club of Manningham for your support with our Early Act Club.

Thankyou to the Warrandyte Rotary Club for your generous donations of book vouchers for our school leaders.

Thank you Zaheda for supervising the school crossing on Highfield Road.

Thank you to Chandradeep Chakravorty and Max Papenfuss, our IT technicians.

Thanks to our fabulous team of Education Support Staff - Nicole Aalders, Alison Hazelman, Debbie Kyriacou, Andrea Perrin, Sally Pittendrigh-Smith, Koon Yee Tan, Mandy Gebert, Robin Huang, Rebecca Barker, Cathy Marani, Shandell Henry and Rebecca Barton who support students and teachers in the classroom.

Thanks to our fantastic office staff – Nena Sadler and Karen Webber! So friendly and supportive - so highly valued.

Thankyou to Nurse Chiara for your patience and assistance with all the students. It is wonderful to have a health professional on staff.

Thank you to Jess Bullen (Leading Teacher), Sue Fuller (Learning Specialist) and Caitlin Wightman (Learning Specialist) for your support for improved student learning outcomes for all students at Donburn.

Thanks to all our fantastic teaching staff Ashleigh Walker, Ashlyn Kent,
Nicole Veis, Veronica Gogos, Amy Thompson, Brian Whitehouse, Jodie Baruta,
Kris Pepper, Evan Terry-Whyte, Lauren Maher, Lynette Hookey, Marina Redmile,
Ellen Kiel, Mark Whitehead, Robyn Fraser, Sophie Hartman-Smith, Jenny Ota,
Abigail Koh, Julie-Anne Tseregounis, Caitlin Wightman, Matt Dickins,
Petra Berglund, Meika Hubble, Andrea Sertori, Esther Tsang, Beth McInnes,
Grant Puglia, Anna Papamichael, and Lydia Manz - what a talented team!
I hope you all enjoy a very relaxing holiday - you deserve it!



A very special thank you to our 2020 School Council. This group of parents and teachers have met throughout the year and have worked enthusiastically to ensure the smooth operation of all school activities. A committed group who work tirelessly to help provide the best education for ALL students at Donburn.

Thank you to President, Caitlyn Green and Treasurer Sanober Najamul Arefeen, together Stelios Georgiou, Erika Kennedy, Lianne McNaughton, Wei Liu, Naden De Luca, Lisa Sampson, Veena Somaya, Elena Lee, Jarod Ryan, Ashlyn Kent, Meika Hubble, Caitlyn Wightman and Nena Sadler.

Thank you to Naden De Luca P & F president and members for their commitment to the school and we look forward to an exciting year ahead in 2021.

Thank you to Lara and Teena from Camp Australia for providing this service to our community.

Thank you to all families for their support of the booklist and associated school levies.

Thank you to Jarod Ryan for his work as Assistant Principal. Nothing is ever too much trouble for Jarod, and I am very pleased to have his strong support.

Thank you to Jarod Ryan for organising the wonderful swimming program - please remember that the swimming program for all Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 students will commence on Thursday 28 January 2021. Years 1 and 2 students commence on Monday 9 March 2021.

Thank you to Phillip Webb Real Estate for their very generous Christmas hampers.

Thank you to Evangeline's Café Tunstall Square for the support to Donburn families for Christmas.

Thank you to Di Censo Butchers for their VERY generous support for Donburn families throughout the year.

My very best wishes to all members of the Donburn school community for a very happy and safe new year.

Kind regards

Julie

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School Council Report: December 2020

As we reach the end of an incredible year – I would like to take the opportunity to reflect and say thankyou to all of the members of the Donburn School Council. Council has embraced the virtual meeting environment and continued to meet twice a term over the year and we have continued to provide the governance and oversight of the school and activities listed below.

The following people make up the dedicated school council team. They work tirelessly and contribute hours of their own time to ensure that Donburn Primary School continues to provide caring, nurturing and positive education for all our children. This wonderful group of people are a pleasure to work with and I thank each and every one of you. Thank you to; Erika Kennedy, Stelios Georgiou, Naden De Luca, Sanober Arefeen, Wei Liu, Elena Lee, Veena Somaya, Lisa Sampson, Lianne McNaughton, Julie Hoskin, Jarod Ryan, Caitlin Wightman, Ashlyn Kent, Meika Hubble and our minute secretary Nena Sadler

School Council Activities over 2020

Building and Ground Works

We have continued to have a busy time with improvements to our buildings and grounds over the year, as we were able to progress many works whilst the students were not on site. You will have noticed the upgrades and rock placement along the area between the Grade 4 classrooms and the front entrance – the children are loving sitting, climbing and walking on these! We have had the exterior of the buildings repainted, new perimeter fencing installed, upgrades to the CCTV system, ongoing gardening and maintenance work and of course the installation of the "gaga pit" at the outside the Grade 4 portables (this has been a consistent favourite activity of children when they go on camp and a request from Junior School Council!). Of course, we are now reaping the rewards of the work done on the oval at the end of 2019 – and our oval surface is lush, green and a lovely space for the children to enjoy.

Education Sub-Committee

We are <u>very</u> fortunate to have an extremely active, dedicated and productive education sub-committee – led by Erika Kennedy. This group have done an incredible amount of work in policy & procedure development, archiving and ensuring that all our policies are up to date and in line with Dept Education requirements. This is incredibly important work that goes on behind the scenes – and is vital in ensuring our children have a safe and effective learning environment. A huge thank you to Erika and her team!

Out of school hours care

Camp Australia will continue to provide the before and after school hours service to Donburn Primary School into 2021. We look forward to an exciting sessional program and a continued relationship with Camp Australia.

Canteen

In late 2019 and early 2020, School Council commenced a review of the canteen processes, ordering systems and menu. We had made significant progress towards updating our canteen and then COVID hit – which paused our plans. We will pick this up again in early 2021 and will be providing more healthy food options, improve efficiencies and streamline the service...watch this space!

Parents & Friends (P&F) Activity

P&F activity has been reduced due to COVID this year, however the dedicated P&F team will be back in action in 2021. They are always keen for more helpers, so if you are interested, please contact the office.

As we are coming to the conclusion of what has been an incredible year, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the following people:

All of the amazing teaching and support staff for your amazing ability to "pivot" and "adapt" to the challenges of 2020. You continued to teach, support, guide, motivate and nurture our students through the most difficult of environments — whilst maintaining smiles on your faces. Thankyou for all of this...

Our wonderful admin team (Nena and Karen) who managed to continue to field calls, questions, manage IT breakdowns – all whilst ensuring the school continued to function. Your patience and ability to manage multiple tasks at the same time never ceases to amaze me!

To Julie Hoskin and Jarod Ryan who have led Donburn through this incredible period. You approached this with great wisdom and a calm and flexible approach – but with uncompromising focus on student and staff safety and wellbeing. Thankyou to you both – the students are back learning and thriving.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our wonderful staff, our students and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe summer holiday. To those families and students who are leaving us for high school, we wish you a smooth transition and a future full of adventure. To those families and students who are returning in 2021, we look forward to a happy, calm and 'routine' year ahead. Stay safe and enjoy a well earned break.

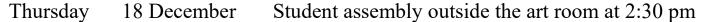
Kind Regards,

Caitlyn Green - School Council President - 0425 757 832

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday 17 December Last day Student Reports can be accessed

for Year 6's and students leaving Donburn



Students finishing 3:30 pm

Friday 20 December Curriculum Day.

(No students this day)



2021

Thursday 28 January First day for students Years 1 - 6

Years 3 - 6 Swimming (28/1 - 5/2)

Wednesday 3 February First day for 2021 Foundation students

Monday 9 March Years 1 and 2 Swimming program begins



COMPASS EVENTS

PAYMENTS AND CONSENTS NEEDED

Thursday 28 January 2020 Years 3 - 6 Swimming Program starts



SUBJECT BOOKS AND STATIONERY NEEDED TO START THE YEAR

Please order the items your child needs to start the 2020 school year.

Go onto the Campion.com.au as soon as possible if you have not done so already.

Donburn and access code - $Q9KW\,$

| Term 1 2021 | Students: Thursday, 28 January 2021 | Thursday, 1 April 2021 | 10weeks |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| School Holidays | Friday, 2 April 2021 | Sunday, 18 April 2021 | |
| Term 2 | Monday, 19 April 2021 | Friday, 25 June 2021 | 10 weeks |
| School Holidays | Saturday, 26 June 2021 | Sunday, 11 July 2021 | |
| Term 3 | Monday, 12 July 2021 | Friday, 17 September 2021 | 10 weeks |
| School Holidays | Saturday, 18 September 2021 | Sunday, 3 October 2021 | |
| Term 4 | Monday, 4 October 2021 | Friday, 17 December 2021 | 11 weeks |
| 2021/2022 School Holidays | Saturday, 18 December 2021 | Sunday, 30 January 2022 | |

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 6 GRADUATES FOR 2020





WHERE TO FROM DONBURN...

| Student | Secondary School | |
|-----------|----------------------------------|--|
| Aadhithya | East Doncaster Secondary College | |
| Aleisha P | Doncaster Secondary College | |
| Alicia | East Doncaster Secondary College | |
| Allie | Templestowe College | |
| Alvin | Yarra Valley Grammar | |
| Anny | Doncaster Secondary College | |
| Anson | Yarra Valley Grammar | |
| Archie | Doncaster Secondary College | |
| Ariana | Donvale Christian College | |
| Aryan | East Doncaster Secondary College | |
| Asher | Donvale Christian College | |
| Atiya | East Doncaster Secondary College | |
| Bruce | East Doncaster Secondary College | |
| Carissa | Siena | |
| Charley C | East Doncaster Secondary College | |
| Charlie D | Doncaster Secondary College | |
| Charlotte | Yarra Valley Grammar | |
| Chermaine | East Doncaster Secondary College | |
| Ching | Doncaster Secondary College | |
| Chloe F | Presbyterian Ladies College | |
| Chloe P | East Doncaster Secondary College | |
| Chris | Whitefriars | |
| Dakota | Academy of Mary Immaculate | |
| Dereson | East Doncaster Secondary College | |
| Ehsaam | East Doncaster Secondary College | |
| Emma | East Doncaster Secondary College | |





WHERE TO FROM DONBURN...

| Secondary School |
|----------------------------------|
| East Doncaster Secondary College |
| East Doncaster Secondary College |
| Doncaster Secondary College |
| Balwyn High |
| East Doncaster Secondary College |
| Doncaster Secondary College |
| East Doncaster Secondary College |
| Whitefriars |
| Wantirna College |
| East Doncaster Secondary College |
| Blackburn High School |
| Tintern |
| Doncaster Secondary College |
| Yarra Valley Grammar |
| East Doncaster Secondary College |
| Mullauna |
| East Doncaster Secondary College |
| Wesley College |
| Doncaster Secondary College |
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WHERE TO FROM DONBURN...

| Student | Secondary School |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| Lisa | Donvale Christian College |
| Matthew | Doncaster Secondary College |
| Maya | East Doncaster Secondary College |
| Mitchell | Doncaster Secondary College |
| Miyuki | East Doncaster Secondary College |
| Mohamed R | East Doncaster Secondary College |
| Mohammad H | East Doncaster Secondary College |
| Oscar | Mallauna |
| Pooya | East Doncaster Secondary College |
| Riana | Doncaster Secondary College |
| Richard | Caulfield Grammar |
| Samantha | Donvale Christian College |
| Sean | Melbourne Grammar |
| Sebastian | Whitefriars |
| Seth | Nunawading Christian College |
| Stellar | East Doncaster Secondary College |
| Tarek | East Doncaster Secondary College |
| Terence | Balwyn High School |
| Tilak | East Doncaster Secondary College |
| Titan | East Doncaster Secondary College |
| Tyler | Camberwell Grammar |
| Vanessa | Doncaster Secondary College |
| Vaughan | Doncaster Secondary College |
| Xavier H | Vermont |
| Xavier M | Doncaster Secondary College |
| Zoey | Our Lady of Sion |
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COMPUTER SCIENCE WEEK

Computer Science Week ran from December 7 - 13. This year more than any other in recent memory we have seen the critical role that technology plays in our lives. During Computer Science week students have been interacting with technology in many different ways. We have been using iPad's, our Sphero robots and our skills in coding to navigate around an obstacle course. This activity, apart from being lots of fun, also develops problem-solving, critical and creative thinking skills.

We have also been using the fantastic website code.org to create amazing musical animations as well as designing and coding our very own playable games. At Donburn we don't like to sit back and let the computer or iPad tell us what to do, we tell the technology what to do! So we don't need to ask Google or Siri we can just ask one of Donburn PS student software engineers!

Brain Whitehouse - Year 1 Teacher and Tech Team Leader.





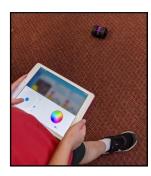










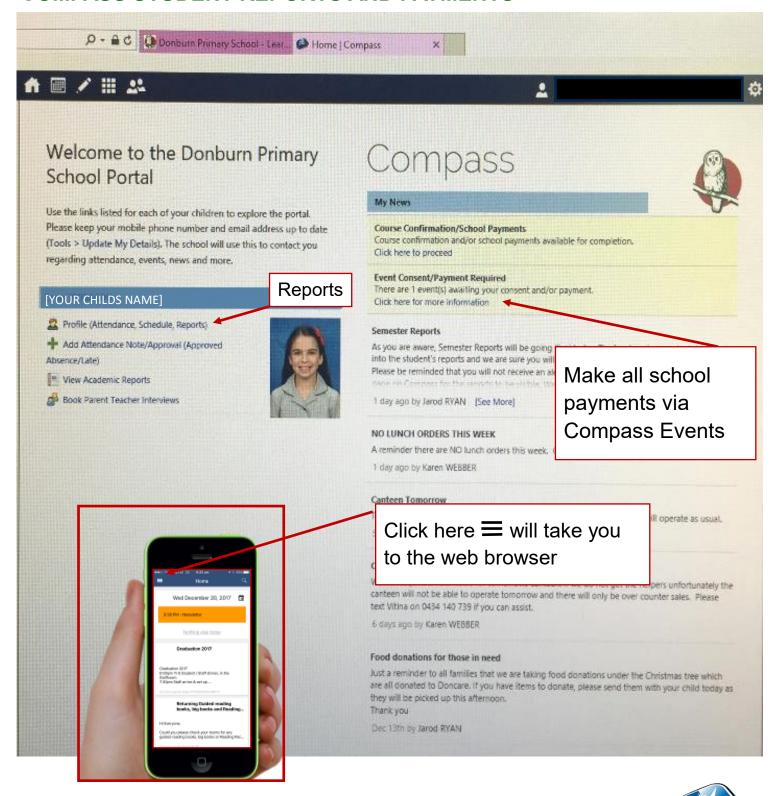








COMPASS STUDENT REPORTS AND PAYMENTS



COMPASS STUDENT REPORTS

For any children leaving the school (including 2020 Year 6 students) at the end of this year, your Donburn Compass account will not be available from the end of day December 17. Please ensure you have saved or printed all your child's reports and any other information before this date.

CHECK AND LABEL WITH NAMES YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND SWIMMING ITEMS

Parents please check your child/ren's uniform items and place name labels on all your school uniform clothing and swimming items.



LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD'S 2020 BOOKS WITH THEIR NAME

Please check COMPASS for instructions for ordering your child's booklist for 2021.

Please ensure all text books and exercise books are labelled with your child's name and class.

This Belong's To: This Belong's To:

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES

OPEN Monday 10 February and 24 February 3:00pm - 3:30pm

Located next to the Donburn office.

When donating/selling items please ensure they are in good, clean condition, labelled using the example shown.

Regards
Margaret - Second Hand
Uniform Coordinator



| Your Name | | |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| | | |
| Phone number | | |
| | | |
| Description of the item (s) | | |
| | | |
| Price or Donated Y/N. | | |
| ☐ Clothing in good condition | | |
| ☐ Laundered | | |

SCHOOL BANKING FINISHING UP

From Term 1, 2021 the Victorian Government has ceased school banking programs in Victorian Government Schools. As a result, the School Banking program will no longer be able to operate at Donburn Primary School. Please contact your local branch to continue depositing into your child's account.

From the School Banking team, we appreciate your support and participation in School Banking over the many years that Donburn has been able to run the program.

Melanie, Michelle and Kate



COMMUNITY NEWS

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Evangeline's Café in Tunstall Square

Menu About Coffee with a friend is like capturing happiness in a cup. We love coffee. We love food. We love catching up with friends. A cafe should be about connecting over a coffee or delicious food. Whether it's a business meeting, a casual catch up or just some 'me' time, we hope to make...

Everything sold is made on site.

Open Monday - Saturday 8.00 am - 5.00 pm

Sunday 8.00 am - 4.00 pm

20 Tunstall Square East Doncaster Ph 9841 4449





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RHSPORTS Donburn uniform items For School Donburn hats, you can order on-line and they will be shipped to you or free to the school. www.rhsports.com.au Shop 14/100 New Street Ringwood Ph: 039870 1377

MAT PILATES Wednesdays 5:30pm to 6:30pm at Ruffey Lake Park. Cost \$10 Call Mandy on 0409 568 221 to book!

MANNINGHAM UNITING CHURCH PLAYGROUP Playgroup spaces available now. Manningham Uniting Church in Templestowe. Address: 109 Wood Street Templestowe (access from carpark to hall) For children 0-5 years and their parents, grandparents and carers. Craft, painting, playdough, messy play, outdoor and indoor play all included each session. More details from Chris playgroup@manninghamuc.org or Claire 0410827597

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.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)- Structured mother's group with crèche in Doncaster for mums of kids aged 0-6 years. Two Wednesday mornings per month during school term. Socialise, eat, learn, craft and RELAX! First session free for new mums -Call/text Donburn mum Margaret 0410 120 446 e: mops@holytrinitydoncaster.org.au.

MENDING AND ALTERATIONS – Zips, hems, lengthening, shortening, taking-in or letting-out. Grandmother and grandfather of Emmi, Year 6 and Dean, Year 2, with over 50 years experience as a tailor and a dressmaker. Call Andrea on 9842 7860, East Doncaster.

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

CURRAWONG TENNIS CLUB (Cnr Reynolds & Springvale Roads, East Doncaster) Extensive Junior Coaching Junior Groups (5-18 years), Private Lessons, Friday Social, Friday Night Junior League, Weekend Competition, Holiday Programs & Round Robins, Free Trial and Ladies Mornings. Contact Club Coach Ultimate Tennis Training Gary Pitts 0404 028 104.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP HANDY

Kids Help kidshelpline.com.au phone 1800 55 1800

Parent Line **betterhealth.vic.gov.au** phone 13 22 89

Headspace headspace.org.au phone 1800 650 890

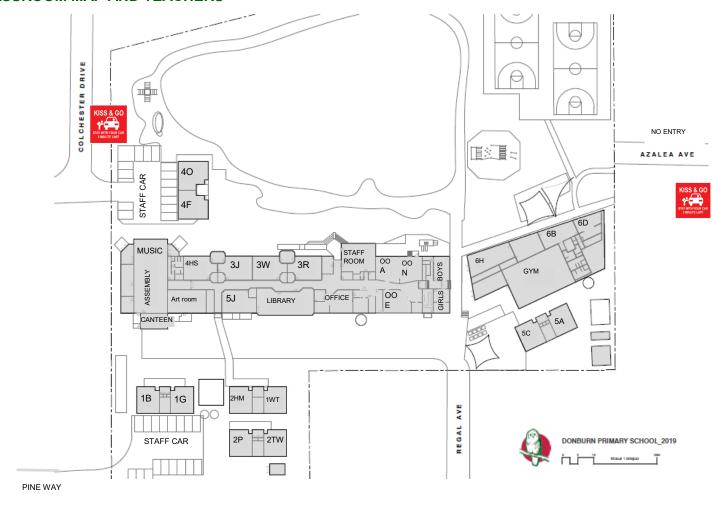
eSafety Commissioner - **esafety.gov.au** - Advice for parents and carers to help children have safe experiences online



Using the app - COMPASS SCHOOL MANAGER APP
Using the web link - https://donburn-vic.compass.education
or click on the link on our web site - www.donburn.vic.edu.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).

CLASSROOM MAP AND TEACHERS



The classroom teachers are as follows

Foundation

Ellen Kiel - FE Abigail Koh - FA Nicole Veis - FN

Year 1

Veronica Gogos - 1G Jodie Baruta - 1B Amy Thompson/Brian Whitehouse - 1WT

Year 2

Kris Pepper - 2P Evan Terry-Whyte - 2TW Lynette Hookey/Lauren Maher - 2HM

Year 3

Marina Redmile - 3R Mark Whitehead - 3W Samantha Johnston - 3J

Year 4

Robyn Fraser - 4F Jenny Ota - 4O Sophie Hartman-Smith - 4HS

Year 5

Caitlin Wightman - 5C Ashleigh Walker - 5A Julie-Anne Tseregounis - 5J

Year 6

Matt Dickins - 6D Meika Hubble - 6H Petra Berglund - 6B