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6 March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

There was lots of excitement in the corridors last Monday 26 February with all the students from Year 3-6 preparing to attend the House Swimming Carnival at Aquarena. The students all participated in a wide variety of swimming events from novelty games for the less confident students, the 25 metre events for the beginning swimmers and the more competitive 50 metre events for the more experienced swimmers. Students, teachers and parents enthusiastically cheered on the swimmers in their houses. Thank you to Jacob Wright, our Physical Education teacher for organising the day. Thank you to the teachers and volunteer parents for their assistance on the day.

After a challenging start to the school year, Year 1A & 1B classes have returned to their classrooms. The classes were working in the gym for the first few weeks of the school year due to a dampness problem that has now been resolved. A big thank you to Derek Wang (Father of Joel & William) and Andy Yip (Father of Amelia) for organising and laying new carpet in the rooms. Thank you to Veronica Gogos, Nichole Wan and the support staff who made this period as smooth as possible for the Year 1 students.

Please remember:

The school day begins at 9.00 am. It is important that students are at school and settled in their classrooms by 9.00 am.

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- Also, morning drop off should not be prior to 8.45 am. The playground is not supervised until 8.45 am and classrooms are open at that time.
- Please be mindful of our students when driving to school in the mornings and afternoons. There are clear traffic guidelines sign posted. There should not be parking in the staff car parks. Common sense and care should be taken at all times. Our children are very precious!

I'm sure all parents would have heard about the visit from the Chinese Lion on 16 February to celebrate Lunar New Year. We all thoroughly enjoyed seeing the lion dancing underneath our new cover on the basketball court and thank Melody & Ben Lau (Madison Year 5) for arranging this experience. All the Lau family participated in the dance! We also had Sum Yuet from Year 3 performing too!

We had the presentation of our school leaders badges at a Year 6 assembly on Friday 23 February. Thank you to Sanober Najamul Arefeen our School Council president for presenting the badges.

School Captains	Ollie	Sarah
Music Captains	Michael	Katie
Kosciusko	Joel	Emilija
Kosciusko VC	Hassan	Isabelle
Oberon	Hosea	Isabella
Oberon VC	Vihaan	Maddie
Hotham	Flynn	Sammy
Hotham VC	Lewis	Eliza
Buffalo	Bryant	Chloe S
Buffalo VC	Samuel	Aleena

School Leaders 2024

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Sustainability	Zaki	Lilly
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SWPBS	Scotland	Suhani
eSmart	Alex Y	Anastasia
JSC	Jake D	Viola
Flags Captains	Travis, Jake C, Dihain	
Principal's Assistant		Chris
		Laksh
Library Captains		Jennifer Z
		Alyxa
		Ella
Art Captains		Jasmine H
		Liz
		Joanna
Student Voice Leader	Rodwin	
	Max T	
Door Madiator Cartaire	Managa	
Peer Mediator Captains	Marcus	
	Jordan	
Mondarin Cantaina	Amalia	
Mandarin Captains	Amelia	
	Misha	

I am very proud of all our Year 6 students. They are excellent leaders for the school and I know we will have a very harmonious year with them at the helm.

Sadly, the first Principal of Donburn Primary School Bob Wadley passed away last Friday. Bob was Principal here from 1973 through to 1997. I know there are many people in the community who will remember Bob fondly and appreciate the legacy he left Donburn.

Kind regards,

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Julie

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

Thursday	7	- Year 5/6 Interschool Sport
Monday	11	- Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday	13	- NAPLAN begins (until Monday 25)
Thursday	14	- Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday	19	- Year 3 Eureka Skydeck Excursion
Wednesday	20	- Year 6 Scienceworks Excursion
Wednesday	20	- School Photos (Day 1)
Thursday	21	- School Photos (Day 2)
Friday	22	- Colour Run Fundraising Activity
Thursday	28	- Term 1 Ends - 2:30pm dismissal



Monday 15 - Term 2 Begins





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, Jess Bullen or Sue Fuller (Assistant Principals).

TERM DATES

First day of Term 1, Years 1-6	Tuesday, 30 January
Foundation students begin	Monday, 5 February
Public Holiday - Labour Day	Monday, 11 March
Term 1 Ends	Thursday, 28 March

eSMART SPOTLIGHT

Hello Donburn Community,

In a growing digital world, we value the importance of being safe and respectful online. Through eSmart units of work we are developing our students' understanding of what it means to be a positive digital citizen and how to stay safe when online.

Below is a link to the **eSafety Guide** from the eSafety Commissioner. It is a resource developed to support parents in learning about the latest games, apps and social media sites including how to protect your families information and report harmful content. It is important to note that this guide also provides the age limit for these apps and many are not to be used by primary aged children.

We encourage all parents to familiarise themselves with the apps their children are engaging with and to monitor their online activity. Thank you for your support in keeping all of our children safe.

The eSafety Guide: https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide



DISTRICT SWIMMING THANK YOU

Congratulations to all students for the outstanding way they represented our school at the District Swimming Carnival. We had a number of great results, including the following students progressing to the Division Swimming Carnival: Kylie (Year 4), Jasper (Year 6), Matthew (Year 6), Mathew (Year 6), Jake (Year 6), Vancy (Year 3), Hannah (Year 4), Chloe (Year 4) and Ayden (Year 4).

The students looked great swimming in our brand new personalised swimming caps, proudly donated by Kate and Iain Enticott and their company T4 Group.

Jacob Wright Physical Education Teacher



DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On the 19th of February, Donburn swimmers from Years 3-6 competed at the District Swimming Carnival at Aquarena. Other schools, such as St Gregory's and Doncaster Gardens, had already arrived and were getting ready, changing into their bathers. We dropped our bags under a tent and went to change too. The tents were up on a hill, so we had a good view of the pool. Mrs. Enticott was making sure everyone had a swimming cap and goggles. We had these nice Donburn caps that we wore. The first event was Butterfly. Very few students competed in Butterfly. I didn't compete in Butterfly because it would use too much energy. My first event was Freestyle. I came second but didn't make it to Division. After Freestyle was Breaststroke, my favourite event. The lane next to me, Doncaster Gardens, put up a fight. But in the end he got disqualified because he had a bad kick. I ended up coming first and made it to Division. After Breaststroke was Backstroke. I wasn't in Backstroke so I went up to the tent to have my lunch. After Backstroke was the relays. My Freestyle relay team was looking strong. We did come first after a comeback and beat Doncaster Gardens by a bit. The last event was the medley relay, and we came third. I would like to thank the teachers and staff for coming to support us. Secondly, I want to thank the swimmers for participating. Congratulations to the students who made it to Division. It was really tiring and hot (I got sunburnt) and the schedule was really tight (we nearly missed the bus), but it was a great day!



Matthew X 6A

DONBURN HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Monday the 26th of February 2024 the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6's went to the Donburn Swimming Carnival. At the pool everybody was dressed up in their house colours. We saw kids with green, yellow, red and blue wigs and even saw some people wearing tutus. Kids were cheering their hardest,. Some people were singing and screaming while having so much fun, while kids were swimming to earn house points.

We would like to thank all the teachers and parents that helped with the races and a big thank you to Mr Wright for organising this awesome event and making it possible.

We would like to thank every house for cheering and swimming. Congratulations to Buffalo for winning the Spirit award and Hotham for winning the most points overall. Good job Hotham!



Flynn & Lewis Hotham Captains

A big thank you to all staff and parents for assisting throughout the day at the swimming carnival to help make the day possible. A special shout out to parents Vanessa (Liam and Lachie) and Kate (Kai), for going above and beyond all day.

Congratulations to all students for their incredible enthusiasm and participation all day, and in particular to Hotham house!

Jacob Wright Physical Education Teacher

THE LION DANCE

On the 16th February, the CYSM Lion Dancing group came to Donburn. They came to Donburn to show us a Chinese New Year tradition, the Lion Dance. The Lion Dance is a mix of music and dance. Two people are under a lion suit and pretend to be the lion. The lion dances to music made by loud drums and gongs.

CYSM stands for Chinese Youth Society Melbourne. CYSM does more than just lion dance. They also do dragon dance, folk dance, kung fu, dragon boat and soccer. They do the lion dance extremely well. CYSM comes to Donburn every year to perform the lion dance.

The CYSM lion dance is very interesting. It starts with drums and gongs making music which awakens the lion. The lion starts dancing and leaping into the air. Eventually the Lion throws oranges which symbolises good luck if you catch it. Then the lion "eats"/ shreds lettuce and throws it into the audience. The lettuces symbolises prosperity to the people who are watching. Unlike the oranges you don't have to touch the lettuce to have prosperity. At the end, the lion unfolds a scroll and then goes back to sleep.

Madison is a part of CYSM. She is a young member of the group. She goes to Donburn Primary School. Madison was a laughing villager during the performance and she added humour. Madison got this opportunity because her grandpa was part of the founding of CYSM and her dad is the director. When Madison grows up she wants to be a part of CYSM too. Sum is Madison's cousin and has been a part of CYSM since last year. Sum isn't sure if she wants to pursue lion dancing as a career. Sum says she enjoys being part of CYSM, and her favourite part is watching the performance. Sum also played a part in the lion dance, and like her cousin she was a laughing villager.

I think everyone at Donburn really enjoyed the performance. So we'd like to thank CYSM for performing at Donburn.

By Sarah Y and Ollie B - School Captains





CHINESE NEW YEAR

Xin Nian Kuai Le! (Happy New Year!) It's the Year of the Dragon! Dragon is pronounced as 'long' in Mandarin.

Earlier in the year, we learned about Chinese New Year and how it came to be. We also discovered why the colour red is considered as lucky and explored the ways the 15-day festivity is celebrated.

Here are some activities that we have done in our Mandarin classes to mark this occasion.

Foundation

The Foundation students created marvelous paper dragon puppets and practiced lion dances.

Year 1 and 2

The Year 1 and 2 students cut and pasted their colourful, unique paper dragons.

Year 3

The Year 3s did Chinese paper cutting. They firstly wrote their own "spring" characters before cutting them out and pasting them on red paper, creating Chinese spring couplets.

Year 4,5 and 6

The 4-6 cohort had the opportunity to practice their calligraphy skills. They could choose to write "Spring" or "Good fortune" characters on the special red paper. You may have seen that spring couplets hang upside-down, symbolising the arrival of "Spring" or "Good fortune".

Wishing you and your family a year of health, wealth, happiness and prosperity.

Amelia and Misha - Mandarin Captains













REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS CLUB ATHLETICS

On the 17th and 18th of February, I had my Regional Athletics Club Challenge, where you choose what event you want to do and you compete against the athletics clubs in the region. My chosen events were Javelin and the 1500m running race. My Javelin event was on the 17th of February, I came second last for Javelin, however I am happy with my results. The next day I was ready for my 1500m race, it was in the morning at 8:45am, so me and my dad woke



up at 6:00am to get ready. I started with a warm up for 10 minutes and then did some striding and drills. At 8:00am I got ready for the race with my dad supporting me. Suddenly the managers changed the location of the call room closer to the 1500m start line. I first watched some other age groups run their 1500m, and then it was my turn. I was very nervous and stressed before the race, and then they called us onto the start line. I looked at the other runners as they all looked nervous. "On your marks. Set. BANG!" The race started. I was being pushed behind at the start of the race, which put me in second last. However I started to catch up, I overtook a lot of people and started chasing my friend, Molly. In the end she gave up fighting and I overtook her. It was the last lap and I went for it. I pushed to the end, leaving me 5th and with a time of 5.40 minutes. It was a big P.B (personal best) for me, and I was very proud. My parents were also very proud of me. A week later, my mum told me that I had indeed qualified for the State Championships. The State Championships will be held over the Labour Day long weekend. I can't wait to let you all know how I go!

By Alyxa 6A

CUP STACKING TEAM BUILDING CHALLENGE

Last week on Tuesday, Year 5A excitedly stacked cups making a massive tower of cups!!!! All the students were extremely excited. We made our groups and got started. Mrs.Tobler immediately explained, "You have to use a rubber band and a two metre piece of string." Could we do it?

We got split up into three groups of 7-8 people in a group. The group that came first had a good strategy, where they used the rubber band to lift the cups and the group had brilliant team work and all offered their support and advice.

Sienna and Ari 5A



Cup stacking teaches us how to work together with our friends to achieve a common goal. When we stack cups, we take turns and help each other, just like when we play together in the playground. We learn to communicate and support one another, making sure everyone gets a chance to participate and succeed. It's like building a tower together, where each cup represents a step we take as a team towards our shared victory.

Ibrahim 5A

On Tuesday, the 20th of February, class 5B did the Cup team building activity. Each group consisted of six people. We had to build the tallest cup tower! To make it really challenging, Ms Mathews said that we weren't allowed to use our hands. We were given the materials of 15 cups, a 2 metre long piece of string and 1 rubber band. The teams had 15-20 minutes each to make the highest cup stack.

Every team struggled to find strategies, but everyone worked together and found strategies to build the cup tower. Two of the groups tied because they used the same structure, five at the bottom, losing one cup each time they went up. It was a really fun activity to do and it really helped our team building.

By Gracie, Madison and Aditi 5B

CUP STACKING TEAM BUILDING CHALLENGE

Ms Walker put us into groups and we were given 15 cups, a long piece of string, scissors and an elastic band. That's all! Then we had only 15 minutes to build the tallest cup tower. We weren't allowed to touch the cups and could only use the string and elastic band!! At first my group really rushed and just built the tower easily but then we tried to think of other ways we could make it even taller! We made it taller by flipping a cup and putting another one on top.

We saw another group looking like they were struggling but it was so good to see they didn't give up on the challenge!

This was a much more challenging activity than it looked. We all learnt about having teamwork.

I really enjoyed this activity!

By Helen 5C



In 5D as part of our Wellbeing session, we did an activity called Cup Stacking. In groups we had to plan and build the highest tower of cups. All groups had to follow a few rules: we had to use only one elastic band, we could cut up the piece of string into as many pieces as we wanted but we could not touch the cups with our hands. It was a hard challenge until we figured out how to pick up each cup. It was a fun session working together!









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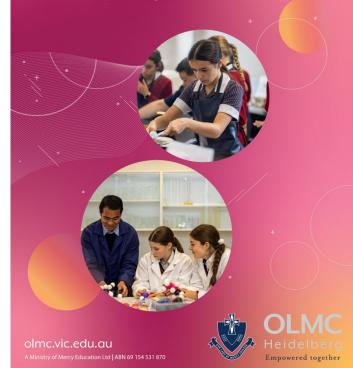
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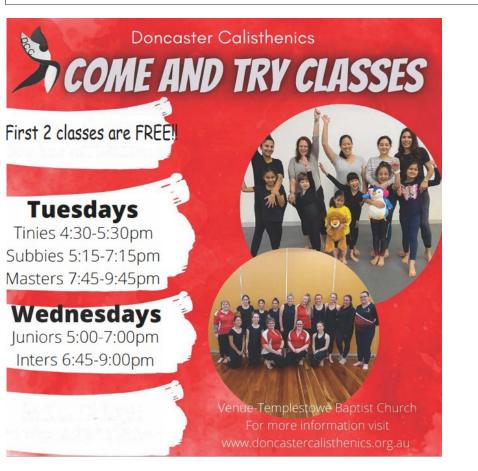
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