



Donburn Primary School

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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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very busy start to Term 3 with lots happening around the school. Grant and his team are busily preparing for the upcoming school production 'That's Magic'. School Productions take a lot of work, and we would like to thank all those parents who have given up their time to help organise costumes and support Grant. Only 20 days to go until the first show!

We had lots of work completed around the school in the holidays. Students are enjoying exploring our new Yarning circle, as well as active playground markings that look fantastic!

Our Year 1/2 students have enjoyed an intensive Swimming Program over the last 8 days. Year 5/6 Swimming (5 day program) will begin on 31 July and Foundation Swimming (9 day program) will start on 4 September.

On Friday 28 July, Khadija (Canteen Manager) will be preparing a special lunch which will be available to purchase through Compass. More information will come out regarding this in the coming days.

NAPLAN results were to be released from Monday 17 July. As soon as we receive these results, we will be sending the individual student's reports home with them.

Learning for living

Included in this newsletter we have some important information for all families regarding staying safe online. Please discuss this with your child(ren).

I would like to congratulate Sue Fuller and Jess Bullen who have been appointed as acting Assistant Principals for Term 3. Julie-Anne Tseregounis has been appointed as acting Learning Specialist - Wellbeing (0.4). We also welcome Catherine Kulikov, classroom teacher for 4A. Nicole Aalders is working in the office all day Thursdays as added support. This is in addition to working Fridays to replace Karen who works 4 days.

Robyn Fraser has decided to retire after 28 years at Donburn! We would like to congratulate Robyn on an incredible career and wish her all the best in her retirement.

Finally, Julie has taken some long service leave and is travelling around Western Australia for three weeks. Julie will return to school on Monday 7 August. We wish Julie a wonderful break!

Kind regards,

Jarod



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



July

- Monday 10 - First Day of Term 3
Monday 10 - Year 1/2 Swimming (until Thursday 20 July)
Monday 31 - Year 5/6 Swimming (until Friday 4 August)

August

- Tuesday 8 - School Production
Wednesday 9 - School Production
Monday 21 - Foundation excursion to Tunstall Square
Tuesday 22 - Donburn House Athletics Carnival

September

- Monday 4 - Foundation Swimming (until Friday 15 September)
Friday 15 - Term 3 Ends



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).

TERM DATES

Term 3 Begins	Monday, 10 July
Term 3 Ends	Friday, 15 September
Term 4 Begins	Monday, 2 October
Term 4 Ends	Wednesday, 20 December

Tickets on Sale now!!

Don't Miss Out!!!



**August 8th and 9th at the
Alexander Theatre, Monash University**

Starring the children of Donburn Primary School 'That's Magic' is based on the 1942 movie 'Babes on Broadway'. With 16 original songs, amazing singing and dancing and a plot full of twists and turns 'That's Magic' will have you sitting on the edge of your seat and your toes tapping at the same time.. The children have worked tirelessly to put on this show at the magnificent, brand new Alexander Theatre and would love to see you there to support them.

Tickets on sale now at

<https://www.monash.edu/performing-arts-centres/event/thats-magic/>

YEAR 1 SWIMMING

From the 10th of July, all Year 1 students completed a 9 day intensive swimming program. This aimed to improve their swimming skills and water safety knowledge. Students participated in a range of skills such as floating, kicking and survival. They had lots of fun and improved their swimming skills.

Ava – “I learnt that when you do freestyle, don’t move your head. I got better with all my swimming skills. I had so much fun.”

Rayan - “I learnt how to do dolphin kicks. It was so fun. I enjoyed being with my friends in the pool”

Charlotte – “It has helped me improve all of my swimming skills.”

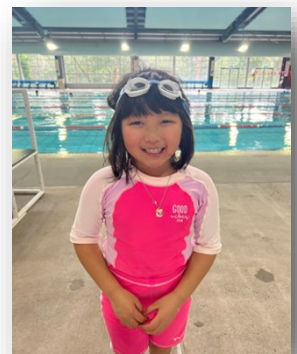
Thomas - “I really enjoyed everything, I don’t have a favourite thing! It helped me get better at all my swimming skills”

Kiki- “I really liked one armed backstroke because backstroke is my favourite swimming stroke.”

Kaylie- “I liked backstroke because I am really good at it. I also learnt stingray and how to dive underwater”.

Paul- “I really liked crocodile float because I like floating on my front and back”.

Kavish- “I liked doing torpedo because I am really good at it and I can go really far underwater!”



SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS)



Hello Donburn students and families,

These past few terms we have been working hard collecting hoots from all the classes and awarding the golden hoot each week to the class with the most hoots. Our favourite things have been meeting different students in their classrooms each week and hearing the cheers from the winning class.

Last term as a whole school we filled the positive learner hoot jar which means we now get a reward. As the SWPBS leaders we made suggestions and now all the classes get to vote on which reward they would like. We are excited to celebrate our reward day on Thursday August 17th.

Anvesha C 6C and Aiden T 6B



DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL (DUAN WU JIE)

We celebrated the Dragon Boat festival, which took place on the 22nd June (5th May Lunar calendar) this year.

All year levels participated in and celebrated Dragon Boat festival.

Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students contributed to decorating of the dragon boat, which is on display near the office. Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 students made 'zongzi' (rice dumplings) using paper with a lolly inside as the filling.

Year 6 students made 'zongzi' using bamboo leaves, sticky rice, red beans and brown sugar. At the end of the day, the students were able to taste 'zongzi' that they made. A big thank you to Ling (Elly, Year 6) and Sally (Charlotte, Year 6) for your assistance on the day. The event could not have taken place without the parents' help.

Alice Wang – Mandarin Teacher



LIBRARY NEWS - BOOK WEEK

On **Thursday 24 August 2023** students and teachers will be celebrating Book Week at Donburn by dressing up as their favourite book character! The theme for Book Week this year is **Read, Grow & Inspire!** You can dress up as an animal or fairytale story book characters, a unicorn, a dragon, a butterfly, a dinosaur or even a wizard! The list is endless!

If you are stuck for dress up ideas please visit the following links below.

FYI Spotlight and Kmart stores have extensive ranges of Book Week Dress up day costumes.

Spotlight: [Book Week Costumes & Ideas 2023 | Spotlight Australia \(spotlightstores.com\)](https://www.spotlightstores.com/book-week-costumes-ideas-2023)

Kmart: <https://www.kmart.com.au/category/toys/costumes/>

Costume Box: Online Store <https://www.costumebox.com.au/pages/book-week-costume-ideas>

Or visit **Op shops** or find some costumes from your own **dress up box** at home!

Let's get creative with our costumes and have some fun!

Andrea Sertori- Donburn Library Specialist Teacher- In previous book weeks I dressed up as: Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, a Pirate and a Butterfly!



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. In this newsletter we have included two resources to support our Donburn families in being respectful and using digital technology safely - please read these with your children and discuss accordingly.


Kathleen Woolfe

Ways to be respectful online...


Optus Digital
Thumbprint




Treat others how you want to be treated - avoid racism, bad language and insults



Respect others' privacy - ask permission




It's ok to be different - Respond to others in a fair and calm way



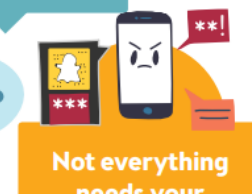
Make decisions for yourself - listen to your gut feeling



Be an upstander by reporting cyberbullying and online hate



Stop and think before you respond to insults



Not everything needs your opinion - it's best to keep some things for yourself

Your child's first smartphone – are they old enough?

Children often have access to devices, including smartphones, from a very young age. Whether it's watching their favourite program through streaming services on your phone, using educational apps or simply viewing photos with you and the family, they are engaging with devices in one form or another.

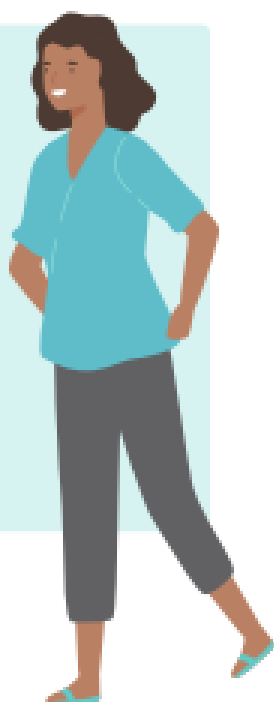
But when is my child old enough to be given their own mobile phone?

In 2012, the Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed children as young as five years old owned a mobile phone – two percent of children aged between five and eight years old, and 29 percent for children aged five to 14 years. This figure is likely to be higher now!

For many parents and carers, five years old would seem too young. For others, it might offer them peace of mind and security to know they can keep in touch with their child—especially in an emergency.

The right age for your child will depend on their level of maturity. It's worth asking yourself the following questions before handing over a digital device.

- Does my child have a good sense of responsibility?
- Are they able to stick to the rules?
- Do they show a good understanding of actions and consequences?
- Do they come to me or another trusted adult when they are distressed or encounter problems?



For younger children it's best to start with a mobile phone without internet access, and introduce a smartphone when they demonstrate an appropriate level of maturity. Some younger children might argue that they are ready for a smartphone, especially if their friends already have one. But it's worth holding out until you feel confident that your child is mature enough.

My child has their first smartphone – now what?

When your child receives their first smartphone it's a great opportunity to instil safe online behaviours early on, so they can carry these skills through to their teens and beyond.

Here are some tips for getting them on board with good online habits.

Establish rules at the outset with clear boundaries

Talk about expectations and the consequences for not meeting these rules. Depending on the age of your child, you might want to set up a written signed agreement which lists the rules.

Here are some you may want to agree on:

- No phones after a certain time (i.e. 8.00 pm) – unless in an emergency.
- Keep to daily screen time limits (i.e. 1 hour per school night).
- Family time is a no-phone zone (i.e. dinner).

- Do not share your passwords with others – apart from parents.
- Do not share your real name (or full name), age and address when posting, talking to strangers or on sites where anyone can see it.
- Be kind to people – treat people on the phone as you would face-to-face.
- Do not take or share photos of others (including friends) without their permission.
- Tell a parent or another trusted adult if anything makes you feel uncomfortable, or if a stranger contacts you online.
- Do not purchase or download an app or game without talking to a parent first—especially as these often have minimum age requirements.



Use technology tools to help set the boundaries to keep your child safe

Use parental controls to help manage your child's device and the types of content they can access. Most devices come with parental controls and offer a range of features:

- **iPhone:** Go to Settings ● General > Restrictions. Here you can disable apps or features, prevent access to explicit content and specific webpages.
- **Android (Google Play):** Go to Play Store > Settings > Parental controls. Most Android phones use Google Play as the digital marketplace for purchasing apps and accessing content. Through Google Play you can restrict the content your child can download or purchase from Google Play.
- **Google's Family Link** is an app for parents to help manage their child's device and account and offers additional layers of protection. It enables parents to set screen time limits, review app permissions (such as their camera, location, contacts), block apps and approve downloads, block sites and filter content.
- You can also check with your mobile service provider if they offer any parental control tools.

Activate any privacy settings and safety features available on the device, in web browsers and apps. In some cases you can do this through parental controls or when installing apps on their phone. Carefully consider permissions and whether apps really need to access your child's location, contact list, messages and other features.

Help your child set up a pin or password to lock their phone. In addition to protecting their personal information, this will ensure that no one else can use their phone.

Help your child set up strong and unique passwords for their apps and websites. Even if the phone is locked, apps and websites can be accessed from other devices.



Communicate openly with your child, establish and maintain trust

Most importantly, communicate openly with your child about their phone and online use. It's not possible to supervise your child 24/7 and no technology tool is 100 percent effective in protecting them from online risks. So it's really important to establish and maintain trust.

- Talk openly and regularly with your child about their online activities. Show them that you are interested in how they connect with friends, who they talk with and the type of sites they visit.
- If you are using parental controls, be upfront about this and get them on board. Let them know that these can be reviewed and changed as they get older and they continue to demonstrate responsible behaviour.
- Talk about positive online behaviour and about respecting others online. Encourage your child to think carefully before they post, text or share comments or photos so they don't hurt or upset others. Remind them there is a real person at the end of the screen.
- Encourage your child to come to you (or another trusted adult) if they are upset because of an online experience, even if they think they are to blame.



Australian Government

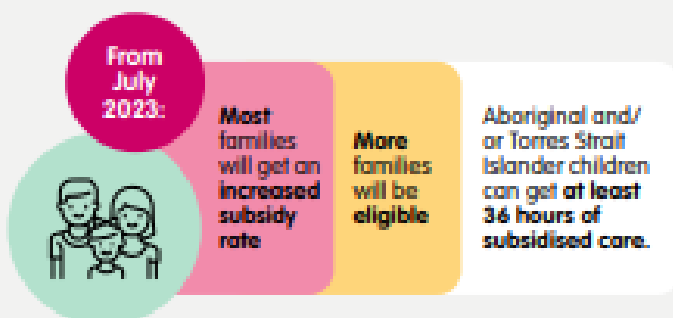
FROM **July 2023**

Changes to Child Care Subsidy

From July 2023, **Child Care Subsidy (CCS)** is increasing. Most families using care will get more subsidy. Some families previously not eligible will now get it.

The changes mean early childhood education and care, including outside school hours care, is now more affordable for more families. Out-of-pocket costs will reduce for around 96% of families currently using child care, and no family will be worse off.

Making early childhood education and care more affordable has benefits for children and their families, communities and the Australian economy.



What you need to know



The maximum amount of CCS is increasing from 85% to 90% for families earning \$80,000 or less.

90%

Families earning over \$80,000 and under \$530,000 may get a subsidy starting from 90%. Depending on their income, the subsidy will go down by 1% for each \$5,000 of income they earn.



The income limit for CCS is increasing to \$530,000 a year. This means more families will be eligible.



Families earning below \$362,408 with more than one child aged 5 or under in care can still get a higher rate of CCS for one or more of their children.



Families with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children can get at least 36 hours of subsidised care per fortnight for that child. This is regardless of their family's activity level.

What you need to do

If you are already getting CCS you don't need to do anything to get the new rate. Services Australia will apply the changes for you from 10 July.

You can talk to your child care service about how the changes apply to the child care fees you pay.

If your family earns below \$530,000 you may be entitled to CCS from 10 July. Check your eligibility by **making a claim** using your Centrelink online account through myGov or your Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.

If you have more than one child aged 5 or under in early childhood education and care, you can get a higher rate of CCS for one or more of your children. Services Australia will work out if you're eligible.

If you have an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child

From 10 July 2023, families can get at least 36 hours of subsidised care per fortnight for each Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child in their care and attending child care. Families may get more than 36 hours of subsidy per fortnight based on their circumstances and the amount of recognised activity they do.

If you would like to get at least 36 hours of subsidised care, you should contact Services Australia to update your child's CCS details. It's voluntary for you to tell Services Australia this. For more information go to [Services Australia](https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au).

How much will you pay

Use the CCS Calculator at [startingblocks.gov.au](https://www.startingblocks.gov.au) to find out what your family might pay.

For more information visit [childcaresubsidy.gov.au](https://www.childcaresubsidy.gov.au).

Find a service near you

To find and compare quality children's education and care services, visit [startingblocks.gov.au](https://www.startingblocks.gov.au).

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THE CHILD CARE SUBSIDY INCREASES FROM JULY



SAVE NOW!

FIND OUT YOUR SAVINGS

CHILDCARE WILL
BE **CHEAPER** FOR:

- **MOST FAMILIES**
(increased subsidy rate)
- **MORE FAMILIES**
will be eligible

If your family earns under \$530K, your child care subsidy (CCS) will increase.



FIND OUT MORE

FROM JULY 2023

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More info: <https://www.education.gov.au/child-care-subsidy-campaign?fbclid=IwAR02EEZlgi13jIBXz03Wpvf9qLB1Q345ZUx6NZ3IE4OUKyD4dxq4AGm0Dqo>

Handy CCS Calculator: <https://www.startingblocks.gov.au/child-care-subsidy-calculator>

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

Headspace headspace.org.au phone 1800 650 890

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