



**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,

It has been a very busy end to Term 4 with lots happening around the school.

On Wednesday 15 November, the Year 6 students held their annual Grade 6 Stall. The yard was abuzz with excitement with our future entrepreneurs doing their best to make a sale! Congratulations to the Year 6 students and their teachers on such a successful event. I'd also like to thank the parents who were able to support in the lead up to the event as well as on the day.

On Thursday 16 November we held a Parent Information Session for our 2024 Foundation families. The night was well represented by staff, welcoming our new families to the school. We are excited to have this group of students start next year!

Our Year 5/6 students enjoyed a fantastic camp in Alexandra. We would like to thank all the staff and parents who made this camp possible. It was our first experience at Alexandra Adventure Resort and we look forward to returning there in 2025.

On Monday 27 November, staff spent the day refining the student Semester Reports. We look forward to parents having access to these reports via Compass from Friday 15 December.

The students and staff are excited for tonight's End of Year Concert which officially starts at 6pm. A reminder that Kelly Club will be running some games on the oval from 5pm for those wishing to get to school earlier a great chance to get to meet our new OSHC provider.

*Learning for living*

On Tuesday 12 December, the students will meet their teacher and classmates for 2024. This is always an exciting time for our school community. Our classes have been carefully put together with many factors being considered. Please support your child in understanding the possibilities a new class presents.

In staff news, we wish Katherine Salter all the best as she has accepted a teaching position closer to home. On behalf of Julie, staff, and students, I'd like to thank Kath for her years of service at Donburn where she has held a variety of roles. We will all miss you Kath!

We are all looking forward to Julie's return on Monday 11 December. I know Julie is excited to lead end of year festivities including the Graduation Ceremony on Thursday 14 December.

We have a Curriculum Day planned for Wednesday 20 December. The students' last day of school for 2023 will be Tuesday 19 December, 3:30pm dismissal.

*Kind regards,*

***Jarod Ryan***  
***Assistant Principal***

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### December 2023

- Wednesday 6 - End of Year Concert 6pm, activities by Kelly Club from 5pm
- Tuesday 12 - Statewide Year 6 to 7 Transition Day
- Thursday 14 - Year 6 2023 Graduation
- Friday 15 - Year 6 Sports Day
- Tuesday 19 - Year 6 Breakfast
- Tuesday 19 - Last Day of School - Students dismissed at 3:30pm
- Wednesday 20 - **Pupil Free Day**



### January 2024

- Monday 29 - Teachers resume
- Tuesday 30 - Students resume - Years 1 to 6 only

### February 2024

- Monday 5 - First day for Foundation students

**Please order the items your child needs to start the 2024 school year.**

**Order online at [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au)**



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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

Last Day of School	Tuesday, 19 December, 2023
Term 4 Ends - Pupil Free Day	Wednesday, 20 December, 2023
First Day of Term - Years 1 - 6	Tuesday, 30 January, 2024
First Day of School - Foundation	Monday, 5 February, 2024

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## COMPASS STUDENT REPORTS - REMINDER



### LAST DATE TO SAVE SCHOOL REPORTS

For students and families leaving Donburn Primary School at the end of 2023, past school reports (including 2023 reports) must be printed or saved by **12pm (Midday) on Tuesday, 19th December, 2023.**

After this date, you will no longer have access to Compass and therefore will not be able to access your child's reports.

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### LABEL SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND SWIMMING ITEMS

In preparation for the new school year, a reminder to please check school uniform items and place name labels on all school uniform clothing and swimming items.



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### LABEL BOOKS AND STATIONERY

In preparation for the new school year, a reminder to please ensure all text books, exercise books and stationery are labelled with your child's name.



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### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES - DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations of second hand uniform are needed urgently.

Only official school uniform items can be accepted. Please ensure donated items are clean and in good condition. Hats and schoolbags cannot be accepted.

Donations can be left at the office.



## NEW YEAR 1/2 PLAYGROUND

The new playground is bigger than our old playground. Everybody loves playing on it. We are very grateful for it. The monkey bars are more challenging as it is higher, longer and you must use more skills to advance to the other side.

We like that there are more slides and you can go down them a lot faster, as they are more slippery.

The rope obstacles are challenging and hard as you have to balance as you climb or walk across. If there are more than one person then you have to really concentrate.

The wobbling poles are a lot of fun as you have to try and keep your balance as you are walking across to the next platform.

The fireman pole is tall, really fast and slippery to slide down. It is loads of fun.

There is a telescope and binoculars where you can use your imagination to pretend to be a pirate, an astronomer or anything else you desire.

Our class was extremely engaged in trying out all the new fantastic equipment in this new playground.

Wouldn't all schools like a terrific playground like ours?

**Written by 2C**



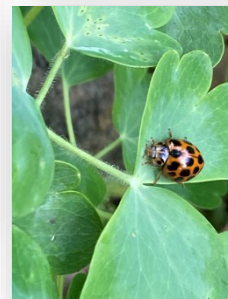
## DONBURN VEGETABLE GARDENS

Gardening is a lifelong skill and provides so many opportunities for students/adults to be out in the fresh air and have fun interacting with other people or just with nature. Donburn values its many garden areas and vegetable patches. Through gardening club this semester, there have been many opportunities for our students to be involved in maintaining and growing fresh vegetables. We would like to thank the numerous students who have been involved during lunch times.

During the holidays you may like to start a small vegetable garden/flower garden with your child/children. Below are 6 reasons to motivate you to start.

- 1) It encourages them to love nature.
- 2) They get a head start on learning about science.
- 3) It gets them active.
- 4) It's good for their health and wellbeing.
- 5) It unlocks their creativity.
- 6) You can eat the fresh food, or have fresh flowers in your house, straight from your garden.

By Lynette Hookey



## YEAR 4 SWIMMING

### Swimming

My experience at swimming was amazing! I had friends in my group and a very nice teacher. I had lots of silly moments like splashing and diving deep. I hope everyone has lots of fun swimming at Aqualink. My favourite part was Friday Fun Day when we got to dive and cannon ball into the deep end.

By Tigerlily 4A

### Aqualink

S – Some Year 3 and 4 Donburn kids went swimming.

W – Water was splashing everywhere.

I – I loved cannon balling into the deep end.

M – My friends were in my group.

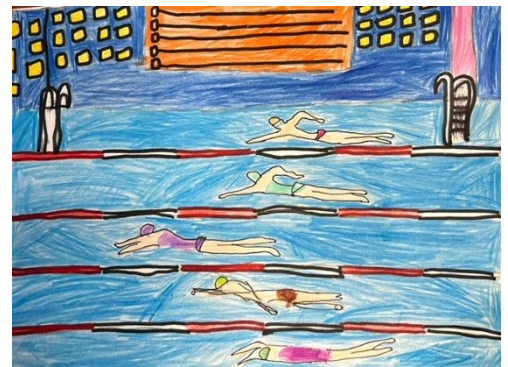
M – My swimming teacher jumped in too!

I – I wish we could do it all again.

N – No diving said the teacher on water safety day.

G – Going swimming is something we do once a year.

By Hugo 4A



I learned to swim in eight days, but how?

On the first day, my teacher taught me the basics. On day two, my teacher showed me how to float on the water. On day three and four, my teacher taught me how to swim but I still needed a noodle to help me. On day five, I could swim without the noodle but still needed a bit of help. For the rest of the three days I could swim by myself! The teacher was very helpful.

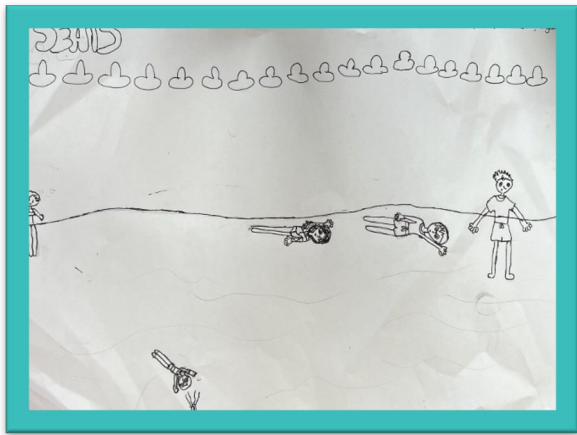
By Hanson 4A

In Term 4, the Year 4 students went swimming for eight days. The bus ride took about 10 minutes to get to a swimming pool called Aqualink. The Year 4 students were split into groups. There was Turtle Bronze, Turtle Silver, Turtle Gold, Penguin Bronze and Penguin Silver. We got to dive into a deep pool. The pool was 2.1 metres deep.

The swimming lessons were lots of fun and we can't wait for next year's swimming lessons!

By Patrick 4A

## YEAR 4 SWIMMING



### Pelicans

As I hopped on the bus  
The kids chatted with excitement.  
We were all hyped for...  
Swimming!  
When we arrived  
Students changed into their swimsuits.  
As quick as a flash  
We were ready to hop in  
As we entered the pool  
We did different strokes.  
Freestyle, backstroke, dolphin kick  
And more!  
After 40 minutes of fun swimming  
It was time to hop out and get changed.  
Back to school we go.  
But luckily we had seven more days to go!

By Louis 4C

### Crabs

We confidently jumped into the cold, clear water.  
The teacher repeated 'no running and be respectful'.  
At the end, our awesome teacher said we are active and did amazing activities.  
In backstroke, we had to breathe because it comes out in brilliant form.  
Shrey sensibly swam with Miya and Eason safely, which came out in superb shapes.

By Miya, Eason and Shrey 4C

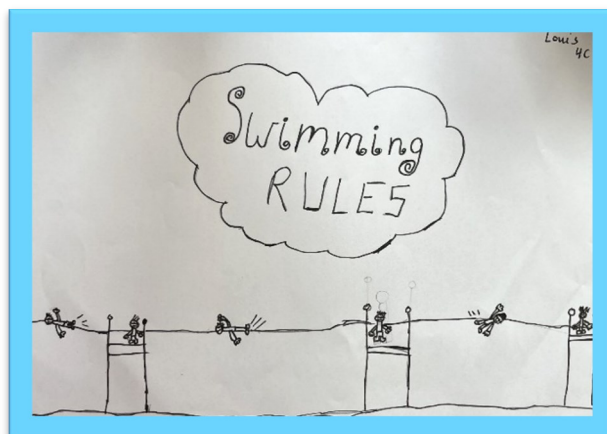
### Sharks

As we took off our school uniform, we were ready for a good swim. Our teacher greeted us nicely as we slid into the water. It was freezing!

We started off doing torpedo and ended with dolphin kick and sinkies. Dolphin kick was the hardest of all. We had to propel across the water using our hips.

On the last day it was fun Friday! We were able to do exciting jumps in the deep end. We enjoyed doing cannonballs.

By Lindsay, Elisa, Bryan, Ari and Alden 4C





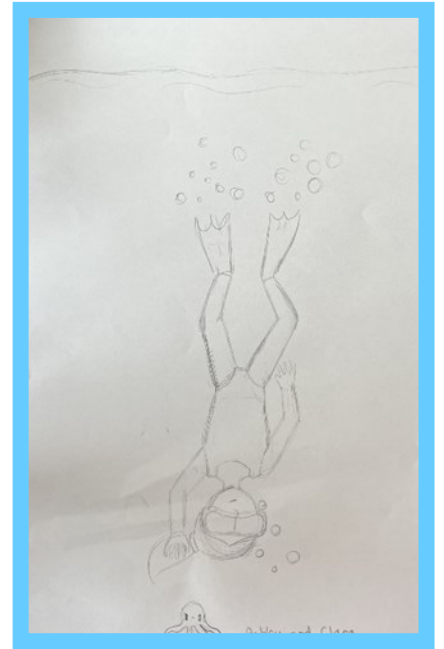
## YEAR 4 SWIMMING

### Ducks

The chatter of excitement rose as we approached the swimming pool. Everyone was excited to meet their swimming instructors. We lined up to get ready to dive, kicking our legs, holding our breath. We waited for the great week of swimming ahead of us. The next few days were epic, with our educators conducting us, we learnt to swim better than we ever have before. We learnt to be safe in the water, swim together like a school of fish and be sleek as eels. It finally happened, we treaded away from the shallow end, splashing our way into deeper waters.

But the two short weeks of swimming soon came to an end, it was time to say goodbye.

By Ashley and Clara 4C



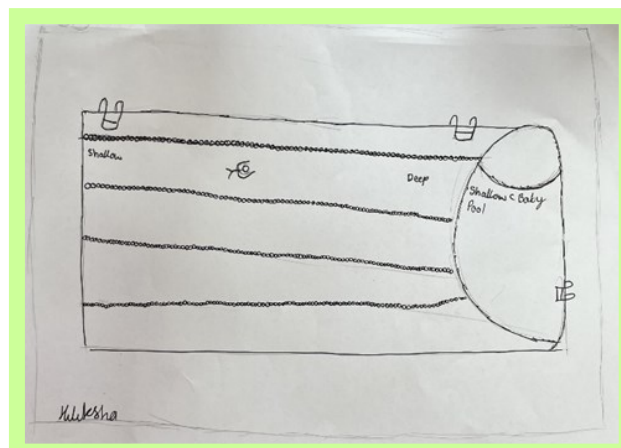
### Seahorses

The sound of the Year 4's chattering away on the bus took us to Aqualink swimming pool on a cool Monday morning. The sound grew louder as we approached the pool, excited to meet our new swimming instructors. There were many different groups to get out into. The first day of swimming we did freestyle and then backstroke to get put into our groups.

The second to last day of swimming was the best because we got to jump into the water safely and we learned all about how to stay safe in the water and what to do in an emergency.

The swimming lasted eight days and it was so much fun.

By Hitiksha 4C



## YEAR 4 SWIMMING

### Penguins

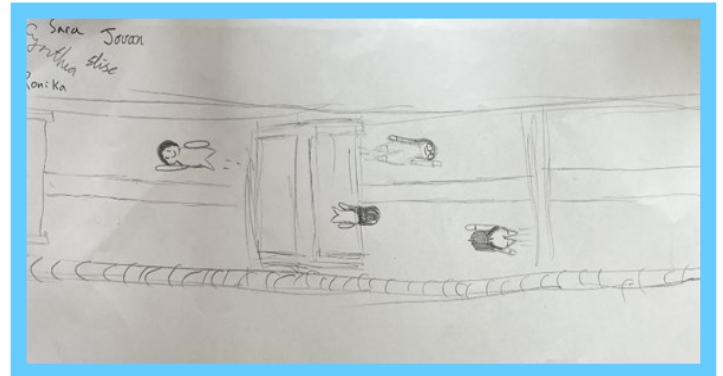
On Monday morning, the Year 4's eagerly rushed onto the enormous bus and started chatting blissfully. Once they got to the warm swimming area, they took off their Donburn uniform with their vibrant swimsuit underneath.

As the teachers called us row by row, we got assigned to take a test to determine what group we were going to be in. We hopped into the freezing cold water and did two warm up laps to get used to the cold water.

As we got out of the water, drenched, we swiftly walked to get our swimming bags and headed to the changing rooms as the noise of the chattering children filled the room.

We finally headed to the awesome Donburn as we continued the day with tiredness.

By Elise, Cynthia, Sara, Jovan and Ronika 4C



### Blue Fish

It all started one Monday morning when the Year 4's headed to Aqualink with some Year 3's. As we stepped into the warm water, excitement flowed into the pool. We learnt how to swim in different ways, like torpedo kick and how to save ourselves from dangerous water. Day after day we learnt something new in very fun ways. The teachers were amazing and so was the fun! As we said our bye byes and thank you's, we were all looking forward to going back next year!

### Fish

The excited Year 3/4 Donburn students went swimming at Nunawading Aqualink to learn fun and helpful things. They learned basic swimming styles such as freestyle, backstroke, torpedo and dolphin kick.

They had safety day and had to pack a spare pair of clothes just in case in a real situation you need help in the water. The swimming teachers taught the signs around the pool and what to do if you're in trouble.

On the last day of swimming they got to dive in the deep end off a diving board. Donburn students loved every bit of it!

By Nane, Tahish and Elijah 4C

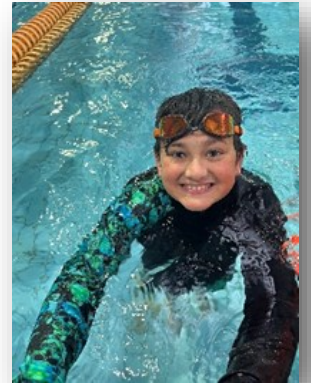
### 3A SWIMMING NEWS

In our Swimming Program my teacher's name was Lucas. When I stepped into the water it was freezing cold. As I was swimming through the water it went in my eyes. I learnt that I needed to swim with goggles. -By Alfie



During our Swimming Program, we had Water Safety Day and we learnt about floating in the water and yelling out “HELP” when we needed it. The teacher also taught us how to point our toes correctly when swimming. -By Trini

In swimming we had Water Safety Day. We learnt that if we are drowning or in trouble in water we should float on our backs and shout out “HELP”. -By Daniel



“Splash” I got into the water! I was so excited. I learnt that you have to put your hands behind your ears in a torpedo and stretching them out in front for freestyle swimming. -By Lachie

“Woosh ” as I dived back for the Backstroke race. We learnt dolphin kicks and breaststroke styles of swimming. -By Moxi

“Drip, drop” “Legs straight in water! Point your toes!”. We are in the water doing our swimming lessons. I loved learning freestyle and backstroke, the teacher always said point your toes and keep your legs straight. He taught us how to tread the water. It was so much fun! -By Rida



On Thursday we had Water Safety Day, we learnt how to help ourselves in the water. We practised screaming “Help”. The water was cold and deep, I had so much fun! -By Emily

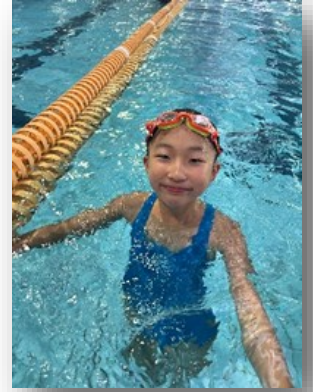
“Splash!” As I swam in the water. “Point your toes!”, “Kick!”. The teacher told us with every stroke. “Stay above the water!”. -By Keira

“Keep your chin down,” said our teacher when we were swimming around in the pool. This is one of the things I learnt at Water Safety Day. -By Lucas



### 3A SWIMMING NEWS

“Kick faster! Harder kicks! A lap of Freestyle! Kick, kick, kick! Windmill arms! Faster!”. “Don’t look up at the roof while breathing, look sideways”. -By Ella



“Woosh!” Everyone dived into the clear, glimmery water. “Freestyle, Backstroke! Keep your legs straight!” said my teacher. I had an enjoyable time with my friends learning how to tread in the water, it was so much fun and exciting. -By Hannah

“Woosh!” I quickly swam but I stopped because I was too fast. The teacher told me not to swim too fast. We learnt Backstroke and Freestyle. -By Jasper

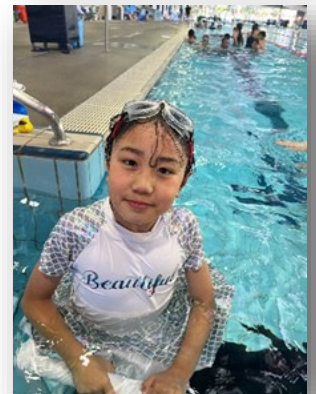
“Splish, splash” The teachers told everyone that when you do Backstroke your pinky is the first finger that needs to touch the water. I had a lot of fun doing swimming lessons. -By Hudson



“Woosh” as the water passed as I was kicking. “Keep your toes pointed Eshwar!” said my teacher as I learnt Freestyle swimming. -By Eshwar

“Swish” Swimming in the pool felt cool and warm. I learnt to go completely under the water without holding my nose. -By Vivian

“Woosh!” as I swished around in the water. “Point your toes!”. I splashed around as I swam, I learnt how to Backstroke correctly. -By Lancy



“Eeeek, eeeek!” I screamed as I walked into the freezing pool! “Freestyle please, keep your arms and legs straight” these are a few of the things I learnt at swimming. -By Claire.

“Splish” as I jumped into the water. At swimming our teacher taught us how to stab the water property to swim faster. -By Jordan

Year 3s and 4s went to swimming lessons. My favourite style of swimming was Freestyle because we made fun splashing noises whilst doing it. -By Hatton



### 3A SWIMMING NEWS

“Stab the water” My teacher Fishy Man said as I was swishing through the water, learning that stabbing the water when doing torpedo really helps to travel across faster! Thank you, Fishy Man!

-By Louis

“Slap!” As my hand hit the water as I was doing Freestyle. “Drop! Drop!” went to the water from the roof. At swimming I learnt how to swim Dolphin style. -By Jake

It was the best week ever! I learn how to swim properly in all different styles. -By Emma

I had so much fun at swimming and learnt so many strokes.

-By Kayla

“Feet straight” said my teacher. We learnt that when kicking out feet in the water our feet must stay straight. -By Ryan

Swimming was fun when we did Water Safety Day. We screamed “Help” as loud as we could. “Splash” went to the water. It was fun! We learnt about pointing our toes and kicking straight in the water.

-By Nick

During my Swimming lessons, I learnt how to do the kick board kick.

-By Shayan

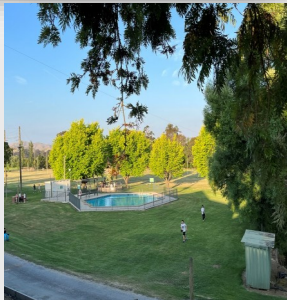
“Blow bubbles” said my swimming teacher as I heard the splashing water as I was kicking. My teacher said ‘Good job! You learnt how to swim torpedo’. -By Artin



## YEAR 5/6 CAMP

Last week, the Year 5s and 6s went to Alexandra Adventure Resort Camp for three days and two nights. It was located near mountains and beautiful lakes. The Year 5s and 6s had a fantastic time, doing all of the fun activities such as archery, canoeing, volleyball and many more! The employees were very patient and enthusiastic and never forced you to do a scary activity like high ropes, crate stacking and the flying fox. The chefs gave the Year 5s and 6s delicious food like potatoes and delicious desserts! Suemin and I personally loved the canoeing and the flying fox. We give a huge shout-out to our teachers and parents for helping us with all the camp activities and planning the trip. We believe this camp is one of our best yet!

By Jordan and Suemin - Year 5



On the 22nd of November, the Year 5 and 6 students went to Alexandra Adventure Resort to participate in one of the most memorable experiences. Throughout the camp, we all enjoyed spending time with our peers and working together as a team. Many of our favourite highlights included high ropes, flying fox, trivia and movie night. During camp we all learnt to show grit, teamwork, respect and responsibility. Thank you to all the teachers and parents for organising camp and making camp such a wonderful experience for us.

By Aadya and Yubi 6C

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## YEAR 3/4 SWIMMING

### Year 3's and 4's extraordinary Swimming recount!

On the 30th of October, the fellow Year 3's and 4's went to Nunawading Aqua link for 2 weeks

I walked into school with a joyful smile on my face, excited for swimming! As I walked onto the big crowded bus, Mrs Kaur marked the roll excitedly. As we sat in our seats, the sound of the seatbelts gave me a fright.

As we arrived the smell of the chlorine filled my nose with a shock! As we found our seats, we put on our bathers. "PLOP" the sound of water splashing. The swimming teachers tested us by telling us to do assigned strokes.

We all got sorted into groups based on our skill level! We practised strokes like Freestyle, backstroke and much more! "PLIP, PLOP" The sound of the water dripping. I gasped to feel the cold freezing air in the change rooms touch my body. This continued for the next eight days.

As we came back to Donburn at the end of the program, I felt sad to leave swimming.

Havana, Lara, Alice 4B



## YEAR 3/4 SWIMMING

On the 30th of October the Year 3 and 4 went swimming with excited mindsets. Once they arrived, they all found a seat to put their bags. Then, they were tested and arranged into classes based on their swimming levels. Afterwards, they met their enthusiastic teachers who they will be with for 8 days!

Giving their teachers a big high five at the end, when they had finally finished their first class. The students all rushed off to go get changed while suffering the cold of the change rooms. Speedily, everyone finished changing and were on their way to school. A lot of students were chatting or playing a game on the journey back while others got tired and was silent the entire way.

The same thing happened again and again over the next few days until it was water safety day! Students had to bring an extra t-shirt and shorts to wear in the pool. They all went into the pool with their t-shirt and shorts on top of their swimmers, and had to take those off in the water while swimming! Of course they were taught how to do it safely and without drowning themselves. They went to some other seats, where there was a whiteboard and sat in front of it. They were taught and reminded of some water safety rules. In the end of the classes, they were all at the end of the deep pool splashing away.

Everybody had an amazing time. When the swimming classes had come to an end, students thanked their teachers gratefully as they all rushed off to change and go on the bus back to school.

By Angelina, Ellie & Sofie 4B



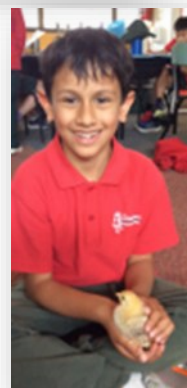
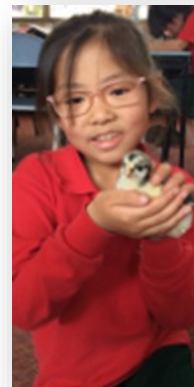


# Hatch, Eggs Hatch

The Year 2 students had the opportunity to watch eggs hatch into chicks when the Henny Penny Hatching Program came to Donburn Primary School. The program went for 2 weeks starting from the 13<sup>th</sup> of November until the 24<sup>th</sup> of November. We did this activity as part of our Science Unit; Watch It Grow, while we were learning about life cycles.

Ada stated, "I loved patting the chicks." While Anam said "My favourite part was holding the chicks." Daniel was surprised that the chicks were so excited and noisy as they were chirping a lot. Chloe stated that "When they are born, they are cold and wet. Then when they have been in the incubator, they get dry and fluffy."

By 2C



## CHICKS IN 2A

From November 13 to November 24, all the Year 2s at Donburn P.S. had chicks and eggs delivered from Henny Penny to help with our science unit *Watch it Grow*.

The unhatched eggs all had stamps on them. There were four types of stamps. There was one stamp on each egg and it showed which day it was supposed to hatch. Tuesday was pink, Wednesday was blue, Thursday was purple and Friday was green.

When the eggs were hatching, the eggs started to move. The chick pecked all around the egg then kicked out of the shell. Once the chick was out, it was wet and not fluffy. "It was amazing seeing them grow and hatch," said Kevin, a student in 2A.

We had a chick that Mr Terry-Whyte thought had only one leg. He called Linda from Henny Penny and she came and inspected the chick. She picked it up and noticed that it had one leg locked. It had its foot stuck in its hip! She said it needed physiotherapy. Linda then took it back to the farm.

The class learned a lot from having the chickens in the classroom. "I learned that we eat unfertilized eggs," said Alex. "I learned that chicks can be different colours," said Norah.

The chickens were taken back to their farm on November 24. "The chickens were wonderful and adorable and I hated to see them leave," said Hazel.



Chickens in their enclosure.



Eggs starting to hatch.



Lunchtime chicken club.

## SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH AWARDS

Lot of awards have been handed out recently for the Science Talent Search. Congratulations to Ezekiel (Year 2), Xavier (Year 4) on their Major Bursary prizes in the Science Talent Search. Congratulations also to Anastasia and Misha (both from Year 5) on their Minor Bursary prizes. They recently received their medals, certificates and prize money in the form of vouchers.



### Special School Award for Donburn

Donburn has also been awarded a school award, the 'Peter Craig Memorial Award'. The award recognises the high quality of entries submitted in a range of sections in the competition. We will be awarded a special plaque and a \$250 prize to spend on Science equipment. Thank you to all students who entered the STS this year and contributed towards this prize!

### Year 5 Class Project Awards

Max N, Anastasia, Ibrahim, Jaiyana and Dihain represented the Year 5 class project entry on 'Measuring Pollution at Donburn PS' at the STS Judging Day in August. The Year 5 entry won a major bursary and prize of \$250. This, combined with the \$250 mentioned above, will certainly enable us to purchase some wonderful new Science equipment. Congratulations to Max N, Anastasia, Ibrahim, Jaiyana and Dihain and all Year 5s!



Ashleigh Walker  
Science Talent Search Co-ordinator

## 2B POETRY INSPIRED BY SCIENCE

The students in Year 2 wrote poems inspired by our Science Unit "Watch It Grow". We saw eggs hatch in our classroom and talked about the lifecycles of many different animals. The poems below are Haiku, Diamante and Acrostic. These are the favorite poems of the students in 2B.

Cute and fluffy chicks  
Pecking out of their hard egg  
The fat chick is cute  
By Cynthia



Cracking on the egg  
Beak pecking through the small hole  
New born chick is here  
By Leen

Eggs  
Itsy-bitsy, warm  
Cracking, sleeping, soaking  
Wet, cute, sleepy, tight  
Lightning, jumping, excited  
Smooth, feathery  
By Sum

Eggs  
Clear, round  
Moving, wobbling, cracking  
Warm, shells, chick, soaked  
Leaping, pecking, flapping  
Soft, tiny  
Chickens



By Agastya

Eggs  
Tiny, round  
Wriggling, rolling, moving  
Shell, fluffy, slimy, wet  
Incubating, jumping, flapping  
Cute, sticky  
Chicks

By Raymond

Eggs  
Quiet, still  
Pecking, hatching, cracking  
Gentle, wonderful, wet, warm  
Walking, thinking, jumping  
Adorable, lovely  
Chicken

By Nancy

Eggs  
Tiny, dry  
Hatching, wobbling, cracking  
White, brown, black, yellow  
Wiggling, moving, fighting  
Warm, fluffy  
Chickens

By Sofia

Sneaky, slithering, scary and scaly  
Natures scary animal  
Attacks other animals  
Killing their prey  
Eating whatever they like  
By Elise

Chicks hatch from the egg  
Peck the shell to get outside  
Welcome to the class  
By Tara

Chicks come from brown eggs  
Chickens have fluffy feathers  
Are trying to fly  
By Issac



Marks from footprints  
Out on the run  
Underground living  
Sneaking into attics  
Eating from the bin  
By Ava



## 2B POETRY INSPIRED BY SCIENCE

Slithering with scaly scales

Not friendly

Attacking their prey

Killing delicious prey

Eating yummy prey

Sneaking into prey's houses

By Tyler

Eggs

White, brown

Rolling, hatching, wobbling

Heat, shell, chicken, slimy

Flapping, jumping, running

Small, wet

Chicken

By Aviram



Leaping across the hot savannah

Intelligent and quick on their paws

Opening their humongous mouth to roar

Not friendly and extremely dangerous

By Lucas

Planting seeds in soil

Grass starts to grow bigger now

Faces put on grass

By Lenient

Eyes on you

All birds flying in the sky

Gliding eagles

Light birds gliding

Eagles around the sky

By Lachlan

Chick

Chicken egg hatches

Chick pecking, fighting others

Fun to see them play

By Max

Eggs

Little, brown

Shell, warm, wet, sticky

Chirping, jumping, sleeping

Cute, loud

Chickens

By Cynthea

Eggs

Hatching, wobbling

Tiny, brown, white

Shell, hot, chick, wet

Walking, surviving, jumping

Soft, cute

Chickens

By Ayla



Chickens

Chick pecks the egg

The egg cracks, out comes the chick

New chicks get fluffy

By Charmaine



Eggs

White, smooth

Cracking, hatching, sleeping

Heat, shell, warm, fluffy

Exercising, jumping, playing

Fluffy, cute

Chicks

By Miranda



## ROLLERBLADING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

On the 6th of October, my family and I left Australia for China for me to compete in the Inline Freestyle World Championships. I went there to train for rollerblading, but I went two weeks earlier to travel with my family. I competed in the inline freestyle world championships, the Asian freestyle world championships, and the Skate cross world championships with my team. Our team spent 10 days competing in the Asian world championships in Beidaihe (somewhere in Beijing), while the other two races were in Shanghai. Before going to Shanghai, my team and I decided to train separately in different places. My team stayed in Beijing and I trained in Xi'an. In the races I got 4th and 8th place rankings. When we weren't training, we explored the city, eating delicious ginormous pork buns, which became my favourite part of the trip. To compete, you had to go on a special diet as part of the rules, so that's why I ate the buns beforehand. During the trip, I visited six different cities in China: Beijing, Beidaihe, Tianjin, Xi'an, Shanghai, and Guangdong. Some of the places I did training, other places I relaxed and visited family. Overall I think the trip was fun and a really great experience. I think everyone should try rollerblading, you might even get to compete and go on a special holiday like me!



By Phoebe 6B

## SVRC WRITING COMPETITION

This year I entered the Statewide Vision Resource Service (SVRS) Writing competition 2023. The theme of this year was 'Dear Future Me', so I wrote a letter to myself in the future. I really enjoyed it because I love writing.

Unfortunately I didn't win but I got an honourable mention and as a prize I got a trophy, certificate and a DVD audio book. I really enjoyed it and hope to join next year as well.

By Anvesha 6C



## LIBRARY NEWS

A BIG thank you to the following kind people for contacting books and for their book donations to the Donburn Library! We really appreciate your help & time!



Alison – Jack C's grandma for contacting books

Maryam - Tara D's mum for contacting books

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Isabella – Zayd E's mum for her kind book donation

Many thanks,

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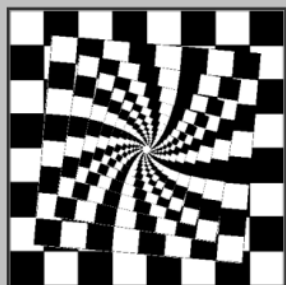


### ***Year 2 students putting their best foot forward!***

Year 2 students enjoyed designing a unique shoe in their Art Lesson. The students were inspired by the book 'Wonderful shoes,' written by author Emma Bowd who visited Donburn during Book Week 2023. The Year 2 students enjoyed using their creativity to make their shoe super special! Emma Bowd shared the shoe tree on her instagram: [@emma.bowd.au](https://www.instagram.com/emma.bowd.au)



# Chess Ideas



## Child Safe Organisation

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**Time & Day:** Wednesday 1:40 – 2:30pm

**Cost:** \$126.00 (\$18 per session)

- If chess lessons coincide with swimming or school camp, please deduct the cost of these lessons from the total amount

### How to pay

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1. Select Pay Fees and Term Fees
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- All Payments need to be made by the second week of Chess
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- Students commencing *after* the first week *do not pay* for the earlier lessons.

*If your child has a medical condition that we should know about please ring our office with details.*

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