

# THE DONBURNIAN



## Donburn Primary School

*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 is great to finally see some sunshine! It gives everyone a ‘pep’ in their step!

Term 4 has been very busy and we have lots planned for the rest of the year!

A big thank you to Jasryn Kaur (Jayden FM), Nava Sana (Aidan FM), Andrea Rankin (Ella 6W & Lara 3R) and Michelle Loh (Leona 6W & Kiki FE) for the weeding they did at the front of the school. It made a big difference. ***There are still a lot of weeds that need to be pulled. If you have a few hours your services would be greatly appreciated!***



The Parents and Friends are very busy organising some fun events for the students. The Outdoor Disco will be on



Thursday 17 November and the Colour Run will be on Friday 2 December. The children are very excited about these days and looking forward to the fun!

The Maths Games night was very well attended. Thank you to the families for supporting this event. The students loved showing their parents how they have fun while learning Maths. We are planning next year’s event.

*learning for living*

Grant arranged a concert with our school orchestra on 19 October. The talent was amazing, and the parents were so proud to see their children performing so confidently! The students are loving being part of the orchestra! We also had a small group of students from Gardenvale Primary School visit on 27 October to perform with our TVD group. The Donburn students loved the concerts and the performers from both schools enjoyed this musical experience. The Donburn TVD's will visit Gardenvale in the next few weeks and perform for their school.

This week the students met the renowned children's author Claire Saxby who explained the complexities of writing a picture story book. I'm sure they were inspired by her writing journey and seeing some of her published pieces especially the award winning Iceberg!

Today our Year 6 boys are going to Serpell Primary School to play in the Division Rounders competition. I wish all the boys good luck in this final!

Our Foundation 2023 Transition program started last Friday. There were lots of excited children and parents coming into school to meet the new Foundation team for 2023- Matt Dickins (Team Leader), Kathleen Woolfe and Naden DeLuca. The program will continue on Friday 11, 18 and 25 November.

***We have a curriculum day planned for Tuesday 20 December. The students' last day of school for 2022 will be Monday 19 December.***

*Kind regards,*

***Julie***

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## November

- Friday        4 - Foundation 2023 Transition begins (also November 11, 18, 25)
- Monday      14 - Fire Education - Foundation
- Thursday     17 - Outdoor Disco
- Tuesday      22 - Fire Education - Foundation
- Thursday     24 - Foundation 2023 Parent Information Evening
- Tuesday      29 - Foundation excursion to Tunstall Square



## December

- Friday        2 - Colour Run Fundraiser
- Wednesday    7 - End of Year Concert 6pm
- Monday       12 - Year 6 2022 Graduation
- Tuesday      13 - Year 6 Statewide Transition Day
- Monday       19 - Last Day of Term 4



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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 Term 4	Monday 19, December
First day of Term 1 2023 Years 1-6	Monday, 30 January
First day of School, Foundation	Monday, 6 February

## COMPASS STUDENT REPORTS

### LAST DATE TO SAVE SCHOOL REPORTS



For students and families leaving Donburn PS at the end of 2022, past school reports (including this year) must be printed or saved by **12pm (midday) on Monday, 19th December, 2022.**

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

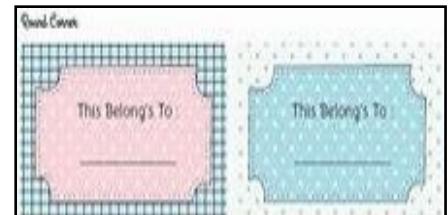
### LABEL SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND SWIMMING ITEMS

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.



### 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 and class.



### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES - DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations of second hand uniform are needed urgently.

Please ensure donated items are clean and in good condition. Donations can be left at the office.



## BASKETBALL CLINICS

For the past three weeks the Bulleen Boomers have been running basketball clinics for the Year 4 students in our PE classes. We have learnt so many skills such as triple move, layups, dribbling, passing, defence and much more. We have enjoyed every second of it and now many students want to play for the Bulleen Boomers. We would like to thank Suze, Caleb, Jen and Mr Wright for running this in PE and helping us develop our skills.

Sammy H 4D

Over the last three weeks in PE we have been practicing our dribbling, shooting and layups with the Bulleen Boomers by playing really fun games. In the first week we focused on our reaction speed, passing and a little bit of shooting. In the second week, we focused on dribbling and in the third week we were working on our layups and a bit more passing.

The games I liked were the dribbling, knockout and shooting ones. It was a ton of fun training with the Boomers!

Jake C 4D



## FAMILY MATHS NIGHT AT DONBURN

On Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October, our families came up to school for a family maths night. We got to show our parents and brothers and sisters some of the activities and games we play in our classrooms when we're learning maths. We played all sorts of games and our parents got very competitive – they wanted to beat their own children! My favourite part of the night was showing my parents the games I've told them about at home and we all had a lot of fun. It was exciting to play the games with them!

Ching Shun 4D



On Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October, it was fun to bring my family up to our school maths night. I loved seeing what my siblings were doing in maths. We played games and did activities in their classrooms and there was a lot of families at school! My favourite moment was when I beat my mum playing bingo – she was not happy! I would highly recommend coming to next year's family maths night!

Sienna 6B



On Wednesday October 26, there was a maths night held at school. Lots of people came with their families and had lots of fun. Different classes had different games which included, Buckleys, Molto, Bingo, Multiplication Heads and Division Snakes and Ladders. It was very fun when I beat my mum and dad in Multiplication Heads by 0.5 secs because it was a very tense moment! I can't wait for next year's family maths night so I can beat my parents again!

Jayden 5AW

## FAMILY MATHS NIGHT AT DONBURN

The family maths night was fun playing with my family because the games were so great. I loved them experiencing what it is like to play the maths games during maths time at school. It was fun beating my brother in a game where you had to cover up 7 numbers. It was a fun night.

Sierra 2TW



I loved coming to our school maths night because it was so much fun. We played games like Cover Up, Bingo, and got to go to the library and do maths colouring in. My family had fun doing our maths activities too.

Elliot FM

## NUMERACY JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q: What's a math teacher's favourite kind of tree?

A: Geometry.

Be sure to submit your joke or challenge question to Mr D to be featured in next month's newsletter!

## AUTHOR VISIT - CLAIRE SAXBY

On Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 November, Claire Saxby visited Donburn to speak to all the students from Foundation to Year 6.

Claire Saxby is an author who has written lots of books such as Dingo, Emu, Meet the Anzacs and many more. She told us all about how she researched and wrote her latest book, *Iceberg*.

Claire asked for information from researchers, scientists and photographers who had been to the Antarctic to help her write her book.

She told us about the animals of the Arctic and Antarctic and their food chain. She told us facts about sea animals such as Penguins can do belly flops!

Not only did Claire teach us about researching for stories but she also explained the process of writing, like leaving the most important part of a story until the end and building up to it as you write your story.

She also told us that a picture storybook can be written as fiction, nonfiction, or combined, which she has done with many of her books.

We really enjoyed hearing all about the book *Iceberg* and how Claire Saxby wrote it.

Rose and Alice 3R



## YEAR 3 GARDEN COOKING SESSION

On Thursday 27 October, the Year 3 students experienced making Wontons (Húntún) with our Mandarin teacher, Emily, and Kathryn.

We used vegetables and herbs from our school garden.

Folding Wontons was no easy task but with Emily and Kathryn's help we soon got the hang of it. Before we folded the Wonton skins, we had to agitate the meat with the vegetables and herbs. Emily used 5 chopsticks to mix all the ingredients and she told us that this was the best way to make the meat more tender.

Once everything was mixed together, we carefully placed a small spoonful of the mixture onto the middle third of the wonton skin. We then added a finger dab of water onto the two ends of the skins, (this helped to stick them together) and folded the ends like an envelope, then we folded the ends to make a fan like shape.

By the end we had all made more than 5 wontons each! We are now Experts!!!

We loved our cooking experience and learning how to make and cook Wontons with our very own Donburn grown vegetables and herbs.

A mind-blowing experience!

Thank you to Emily and Kathryn.

By 3R



## YEAR 3 GARDEN COOKING SESSION

Wontons are a traditional Chinese food and to people far and wide across the world, they taste fantastic! The Year 3 students had the opportunity to make some Wontons during our Mandarin class time.

We had fun learning how to chop the vegetables properly and scoop the mixture into the yellow Wonton skins.

At the end of the session, we all got a chance to taste our Wontons and they were amazing.

What a great snack time we had!

By 3J



Last week we got to make wonton soup in Mandarin. First, we chopped up lots of vegetables including lettuce and chives.

Everybody cut them on their own chopping board with a knife.

Lau Shi mixed the vegetables with some chicken and added some other ingredients which we cannot say because they are her secret recipe.

Then, we folded up the mixture in pastry and then boiled until they were ready to eat. They were by far the most delicious thing in the universe.

By 3W



## YEAR 2 PIRATE WRITING

Bingo the pirate was selfish, ginormous and colourful and she was walking to find 'X' marks the spot.

Bingo ran across the ship and stomped on the squeaky floorboards, SQUEAK!

One day Bingo's treasure got stolen and Bingo said maybe if I am good, great and grateful, I will get it back.

Bingo went to Australia to share money with everyone and her wish came true.

Kayla



Larry was a violent, mean and tough man who always fired his cannon at other ships and stole treasure from right under people's noses.

One day the strong wind blew Larry's ship onto a clean and shiny island where he started to look for treasure, but his strong ship did not get damaged.

The big wavy, wind blew the steering wheel right instead of left, as he was about to get the treasure and the treasure chest slipped out of his slippery hand.

Suddenly the strong, furious and frightening wind stopped and Larry turned the ship around. He tied it to a heavy rock and at last he got the big, golden treasure chest.

Edric

Lilly was a colourful, brave and clever pirate who liked to swim in the ocean to find treasure.

Lilly was on her ship feeding her parrot when a big wave came crashing onto the ship.

"Quick, we need to get the shiny, sparkly treasure", she cried, but the treasure was gone.

She looked out the window and saw another ship and on the ship was her sparkling treasure. She sailed after the ship and got her sparkly treasure back and the captain of the other ship apologized.

Ella



Tim the pirate was giant, fearless and colourful and liked to play with the treasure he found.

Suddenly Tim's ship started to rock and it was crashing, booming and banging as the waves crashed loudly against the old ship.

Then he rolled and rocked on the rough sea and fell off the ship swimming super-fast to get back to the ship.

Luckily another pirate pushed the "stop" button and Tim swam back to the ship feeling sweaty and tired and wet.

Moxi

## YEAR 2 PIRATE WRITING

Molly the pirate was a tough, selfish and clever pirate who liked to steal treasure chests full of gold.

She stomped and clomped aboard the stone ship as it crashed and banged on the trembling waves.

One day Molly's special sword got stolen by a sneaky person.

Molly decided to make a new sword out of her shiny, glamorous and sparkling gold.

Lancy

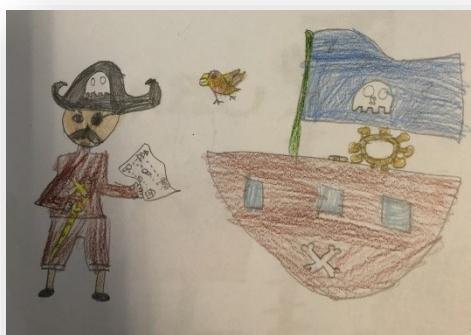
Max the pirate was a violent, greedy and big pirate.

One day Max was woken by a boom! as he slept on his shiny ship.

Max was on his ship, but another ship attacked his ship.

Max fired 100 shiny, strong cannon balls and sunk the other ship and stole their treasure.

Alfred



Lilly the pirate was kind, funny and cheeky and helped people if they got caught in the waves.

One day Lilly arrived on an island and stepped on the hot sand which squeaked and creaked under her feet.

Lilly got lost and realized she had been left behind and didn't know what to do.

Lilly soon found a dirty, old map and she followed it and happily found her way home.

Mahnoor



Ham the pirate was a very kind, brave and generous man.

Ham the pirate crashed and boomed his way through the waves all to get to the last Sponge Bob tickets.

All of a sudden there was a crash and a crack as his boat hit an ice berg.

The boat tore open and all of his treasure flew out making him furious because his treasure was gone and he didn't get the Sponge Bob tickets.

Louis

## YEAR 2 PIRATE WRITING

Mary the pirate was a smelly, mean and selfish women who always stole gems, one by one from the gem shop.

She ran and stomped on her old funny ship to find treasure as two enormous waves crashed on her ship.

Just then her ship bolted backwards and Mary noticed that she was out in the ocean and her boat rocked and made her feel sick.

Then she started to miss her family and her husband, so she sailed back to her house and promised never to sail the seas again.

Rhosyn



Molly the pirate was fearless, big and kind and was always trying to bring people together.

Molly stomped around on her old, shiny ship crazily laughing her lungs out!

Molly headed up to the pirate paradise, but pirate paradise was terrible and trouble was everywhere!!

Molly headed to Potions Price and bought a friendship potion which she sprinkled on everyone at Pirate's Paradise and strait away everyone was kind. Hip, hip hooray!

Emily

Fin the pirate was a joyful, mindful and beautiful person who liked to share gold with people in need.

Fin visited an island and stomped on the fresh sand looking for treasure so he could open a treasure shop.

Another pirate came to steal the treasure, so Fin ran and raced to his rickety ship.

Fin calmly, fearlessly and happily got a treasure map from his ship, found more gold and gave it to everyone on the island.

Dayyan

Lilly the pirate was a kind, caring and respectful person who liked to donate money to poor people.

One day Lilly was walking at the noisy beach with squawking seagulls and crashing waves.

Then Lilly saw a big pirate with a purple parrot who stole all her treasure and carried it in his purple claws.

Lilly was angry, but she was a good and generous pirate who had a secret stash of precious treasure that she kept donating to the poor.

Benjamin

## YEAR 2 PIRATE WRITING

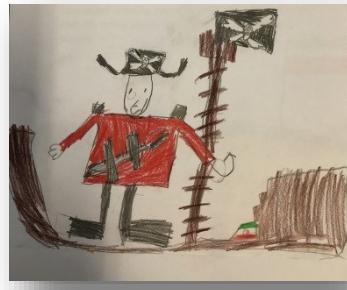
Joe the pirate was a very kind, generous and friendly pirate who gave gold to people when they were poor.

One day Joe got on his ship to look for more treasure, but bang! an enemy ship shot at his ship.

They stole the tremendous treasure and his clever crew were captured and even his ship was taken.

Joe jumped onto the ship and used his strong hands to free his clever crew and his treasure.

Jet



Ron the pirate was brave, violent, scary and tough and also liked to steal money and gold.

The strong waves crashed up against the great big walls of his ship, Crash! Bang! Boom! and he yelled "Where's my crown?"

Ron ran into a rambunctious rhino who ran over his beautiful ship and smashed it into a million pieces.

Ron grabbed his glamorous and shiny diamond sword and killed the ferocious rhino, celebrating his victory with a pirate party on the beach.

Finley

Samy the pirate was a scary, selfish, messy lady and she liked stealing treasure.

Whoosh! splashed the strong waves and almost broke her boat.

Samy got scared and knew she needed to sail to land to get a bigger and stronger boat.

She found land and felt happy and great because she stole the money from the people who lived there and used it to buy a new boat.

Aiza

Sally the pirate was a furious, selfish and messy woman who always wanted to steal treasure.

She dived and splashed in the big, rough ocean and swam to an island where she heard a loud crack as a treasure chest opened.

A strong, sneaky squirrel lifted the treasure chest and ran away yelling, "if you stop stealing I will give the treasure chest back".

Sally realized that if she didn't stop stealing, her life would be sad, friendless and bad so from then on she had a happy life.

Vincent

## YEAR 2 PIRATE WRITING

Sarah the pirate was a dangerous, crazy, horrifying woman who would not stop stealing gold and treasure.

After burying her treasure, Sarah relaxed on the hot, soft sand.

When she went back to her ship the waves crashed and crashed against it and almost sunk the ship.

Luckily the ship was strong and didn't sink.

Alan

Paul the pirate was a very big and brave pirate who loved jumping.

Paul loved going to the beach and finding treasure under the hot, rough, swooshing sand.

One day his ship turned and tumbled in the rough waves and slowly sunk.

Paul jumped out of the ship and swam to the rocky, hard and sunny shore where he was safe.

Tahlia



Tara the pirate was a kind, happy and selfless girl who was always giving money to the poor.

She skipped and hopped aboard her rickety wooden ship as the waves splashed and splashed.

Then all of a sudden the marvelous, metallic chest she kept her money in mysteriously disappeared.

Tara realized that she had only misplaced it and was happy, relieved and thankful when she found it.

Emma

Sarah was a kind, cute and sneaky pirate who liked to cook.

She bounced along her beautiful ship home and it sounded like boing, boing!

Suddenly her sweet home was being attacked by a mean, muscly, madman and her beautiful ship that she called home was gone.

She went to a village to search for money and got all the money she needed to buy a new ship.

Alyssa

## YEAR 2 PIRATE WRITING

Sponge Bob the pirate was a selfish, funny and brave man who was always trying to secretly steal burgers.

He ran and then walked aboard his rickety wooden ship as the waves crashed against the side.

Sponge Bob smelt the beautiful, bitter and beefy burgers and stole 10 burgers.

Sponge Bob got caught by kind, funny and caring Patrick who returned the burgers to their owners

Adele

Fatema the pirate was a kind, caring and playful girl who was always trying to study and learn more sums.

She skipped and calmly hopped aboard her majestic wooden ship as the waves banged and crashed.

Suddenly the waves got rough and the ship crashed on an island.

It was a pretty, perfect, pineapple paradise and Fatema found a colourful, cute and cuddly parrot to live there with her.

Fatema



Lloyd the pirate was a furious, clean and big man who was always trying to attack the bad guys.

He stamped and clomped aboard his rickety wooden ship as the blue waves crashed and boomed against the hull.

The waves rolled the sailing ship onto the hard rocks and the sailing ship smashed into small pieces.

Lloyd and his clever crew decided to put the small pieces of the ship together using the ships impressive plans and they did it magnificently.

Jasper



Pete the pirate was a selfish, greedy and scary man who was always trying to steal treasure.

He stamped and clomped aboard his rickety wooden ship as the blue waves splashed and boomed against the hull.

One day as Pete's ship sailed the seven seas it sank into a seabed.

Pete was so angry and upset that, when he saw another ship trying to save him, he was so happy and thankful that he now lives a good life.

Charlotte

## YEAR 2 PIRATE WRITING

Peter the pirate was a greedy, serious one-legged man, who was always trying to steal treasure.

He stomped and clomped aboard his rickety wooden ship as the blue waves splashed and crashed against the hull.

Peter's parrot was trapped in the waves and was waving for help.

Peter and his strong crew went on the big boat, crossed the swirling sea and used a long rope to grab the scared parrot.

Shayan

Pete the pirate was a brave, clean and one-legged man who was always trying to help people.

He stamped and crashed aboard his rickety wooden ship as the blue waves splashed and boomed against the hull.

The waves splashed and swished the ship until the ship sank.

Pete used 100 gold bars to fix his ship because he knew he could always find more gold.

Hannah



Tara the pirate was a furious, fighting and violent women who didn't like helping people.

Tara ran to 7 -11 to buy a coffee, slushy and a muffin to slurp and eat on her flight.

There was a big storm and because the train to the airport was delayed, she missed her flight.

She laid over in Hong Kong for 2 nights and then finally got a flight to Japan.

Lachie

Billy was a rude, toxic and violent pirate who always hurt the villagers and stole their supplies.

The villagers came on board Billy's boat, which was rocking and rolling in the sea, to look for their stolen supplies.

They found their supplies and took Billy to jail.

Billy realized that he was strong and fast, so he used his fists to break out of jail.

Victor

## PEACE POSTER CONTEST

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups.

Creating peace posters gives

children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

This year we had five students from Yr 5 create Peace Posters that depicted what peace means to them. Here are our talented artists and their entries. Congratulations to all our artists, stay tuned for further updates.



Nicole 5AW



Yubi 5AW



Elyza 5AT



Maya 5JA



Charlotte 5JA

## YEAR 4 PIRATE WRITING

### Peter Pan and the Dirty Ship

Peter Pan was a pathetic man who was disgusting and deceiving and liked to steal. On his ship he huffed and puffed, pushed and shoved his way to the old creaky steering wheel. The big booming waves crashed a hole in the ship. As the ship went down Peter felt as dizzy as a spinning top. Peter Pan rushed to the other side of the ship to get the flex tape. He mended the crooked old rusty broken down ship.

Jake C

### Pot Pum the Pirate

Pot Pum the pirate was a mischievous, violent and adventurous man who violently raided huge ships. He stamped and bumped aboard his beaten down wooden ship as the waves boomed and crashed against the cracked hull. He went into a silent sleep on his sturdy sailing ship and woke up to find that he couldn't see the massive mainland. He thought he had put the rope that was as long as a giraffe's neck on the dock, so he was as sad as a crying baby and as annoyed as a paper cut. He realised that being in the sea alone was depressing, emotional and friendless so he sailed to the massive mainland where he lived a peaceful life.

By Moses

### Polly The Pirate

Polly the pirate was a pathetic, pesky and grumpy woman who owned a playful pet parrot unlike her. She marched up the creaky wooden, rusty steps bossing everyone around, not noticing they were headed towards a giant, stony and bumpy cliff. With all her power, she started strongly steering the wobbly, wooden wheel but she was too late, and they suddenly crashed crazily into the cliff. The crash sounded like a tall tree crashing to the ground as they hopped safely onto the cliff like giant kangaroos and the ship sank deep into the sea. After a really long hour, Polly was hopeless, apprehensive and frustrated but suddenly, she spotted a giant, brown and ornate ship heading towards them so they hopped on and thanked the leader.

By Hedaya

## YEAR 4 PIRATE WRITING

### Ugly Peter

Peter the pirate was an ugly, one legged, poisonous pirate who was trying to kill people. Peter stamped and hopped quickly aboard his rickety wooden ship as the blue waves shook and bumped against the hull. Peter was amazingly arrested because he killed another pirate and the police put him in prison. He felt sad as a rain cloud and he missed his family as much as the grass in the oval and he wanted to see them again. Peter said to the police I will never kill anyone again and he just wanted to see his caring, loving and beautiful family again.

### By Amelia

John was an arrogant, bad tempered and aggressive man who got into fights over the most simple things. He stomped and clomped day and night with his fidgety wooden leg coming with him as he yelled "ARGH" One day, there was a horrible, horrific horrifying storm that rapidly chucked John into the 7-seas. John was as whiny as an unfed animal as he drifted away into the depths of the ocean. John reached his hand out for one final time then, his trustworthy crew threw a rope for John and then reeled him in and he felt relieved, lucky and grateful.

### By Emilija

Peter the pirate was a careful, weird and ram-bunctious pirate, who loved stealing in a silly but careful way. He went to a cannon and put TNT and then, BOOM! Luckily, he had bulletproof armour, CRASH, he landed onto a beach with tall palm trees, clink, ting, he was fighting a guard of a bank. The fight was fierce, fabulous and furious, as the cash was rolling along the rickety rumbling floor. Peter won and robbed the bank, but he felt sad as a child losing his iPad as to what would happen to all the families money. He decides not to rob so everyone would be friendly to him so he didn't rob the secure bank and went to his ship using a rusty cannon.

### By Mahan



## YEAR 4 PIRATE WRITING

Percy the pirate was a grumpy, cruel and brave violinist, he adored playing his shiny violin and loved to play chess with Paul. He always angrily stomped across his crashing old rumbling boat as it battled the bright rolling waves. Percy and Paul played a chunky chocolate chess match, they agreed that whoever lost the game had to walk the plank, unfortunately, Percy had lost. He felt super anxious as he shivered like a hedgehog, Percy took steps as slow as a tortoise as he was about to walk the tempting plank. As Percy was at the edge of the rattling plank, "WAIT!" Paul yelled as he grabbed Percy's stubby arm, he realised that if Percy had to walk the plank, he couldn't play chess anymore!

By Liz

Pat the pirate is a very violent and disfigured man who secretly plays his beloved guitar. Whenever Pat feels like stomping and yelling, the thwanging noise of his guitar calms him down. One day the waves violently pounded against the ship's hull making it creak and crack and crash. Pat's face was a raging thunder cloud, "Abandon ship" he screamed. Pat jumped off his ship, expecting himself to be in the ocean, but no, he was on a surfer's motor boat, which made him feel doubtful, relieved and a bit hopeful for a better life.

By Hassan

Jack the pirate was greedy and vile but friendly and kind as well and he liked to sail the seas quickly with his lads. He jumped and landed firmly on his stable ship and the waves were booming and storming and crashing against the hull, but no one was scared. He sailed into the amazing Atlantic Ocean and crashed into a cold icy iceberg. But he was clever, kind, and hopeful, so he told his lads that he would help them, he told them to jump on a nearby Island. They survived! Phew! They lived on this island until help came.

By Simon

## YEAR 4 PIRATE WRITING

Jaz was a diligent, vile and misunderstood pirate, Jaz loved to sail carelessly while listening to loud jazz music. She crazily danced and stomped to the loud jazz beat, while sailing on the wild booming, crashing sea. Her record player slipped and slid while the ship tossed and turned, the record player slipped right off the slimy ship and was never seen again. Jaz was lost for words as it disappeared like a person in quicksand. Jaz had forgotten that she had installed a life jacket in the record player. The soggy, half broken and unharmed record player floated up like an elegant angel, Jaz was delighted and she reeled it in and fixed it.

By Sarah

Princess Coco was a friendly, fancy but very forgetful shark who loved swimming and swiftly speeding along. Princess Coco glided through Sydney Harbour, glittering with jewels, basking happily in the colourful warm ocean. Playfully enjoying the rush and swish of water over her, Princess Coco realised, with great shock and sadness, that she had lost her precious jewels and would need the help of her kind friends. Princess Coco felt sick, scared and sorry that she had no memory of where to find her sparkling jewels. Ocean creatures came from everywhere, to help their forgetful shark friend, discover the jewels in a cute clam shell and celebrate Coco's success!

By Jasmine

Zak the pirate was a violent, cold-hearted, and cursed pirate who loved to viciously sail the sea with his sidekick cat named Bob. He was sailing across the ocean BOOM BOOM he heard so he went to check what happened as his cat meowed. Zak sailed across the seven seas to search for the secret sock..... but he couldn't get to it because his ship had a big hole and it was sinking. He was as wounded as a knee scrape, as his prized possession sunk to the bottom. As he was sinking fast he saw an incoming ship he shot his flare in the air like fireworks and the ship saw him and quickly saved the panicking Zak from getting killed from fierce sharks.

By Zaki

# RECYCLING GAMES AT DONBURN



On Friday 14th of October, Donburn had a morning full of activities with the focus being on recycling, especially soft plastic recycling. All students began the day by participating in 4 activities; a Recycling Obstacle Course, Recycling Hoopla, a Recycling Relay, and Recycling Scramble. Then students went back into the classroom and had rich discussions about what happens to our waste once it goes in the bin, the effect rubbish has on our oceans, and how important it is to protect our ocean life.

Students also got the chance to create and wear their best costumes made from recyclable materials.

A special thank you to all the Sustainability members for running the morning.



## LEAD TO SUSTAIN 2022

On Friday 21st October, our Sustainability Leaders from Yr 4, 5 and 6 plus our School Captains attended the annual Sustainability Conference at Currawong Bush Park. After Uncle Bill Welcomed us to Country, students participated in many activities including learning about our backyard biodiversity, creating art from waste and even getting up close to snakes! All of this took place in the beautiful bush setting of Currawong Bush Park, only 5 mins from our school.

Here are some of our recounts about such a fantastic day!



On the 21<sup>st</sup> of October all of the Donburn Sustainability captains in year 4,5 and 6 went to Currawong Park. There were lots of different schools there. Altogether there were 290 students. All of the students were divided into groups. I was in the Wombat group with people from the different schools, and the Donburn kids in my group were: Elly, Charlotte X and Edwin. Every group did four activities. My favourite activity was the first activity, where we got to hold creatures like snails, scorpions and many more interesting animals. We were fortunate enough to hold a koala, joey and a lizard. After that excursion I am going to always walk with the dog on a lead and ensure that I recycle and reuse when possible.

Charlotte 5AT



It was a very fun and exciting day! I got to hold a snake. It was humongous! We examined animal bones and feathers. It was cool to get so close to a Koala.

Nilia 6B

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At the brink of dawn, a light gale caressed the tips of the native gumtree also known as a eucalyptus tree. The idyllic sun flickered it on the edges of the horizon, threatening the proud serene moon to the other side of the world. Animals raised their heads nonchalantly as their beady eyes glistened. Today, like every other day they will continue a pattern of prey and predator. Hunt and hunted. We live as the apex predator. Everything we do impacts the environment. Our litter, overhunting etc . So, today we embarked on a thrilling adventure to learn how to be sustainable.

On 21st October, the Donburn Sustainability captains and representatives journeyed to the picturesque reserve of the Currawong Bush Park. At the exhilarating Bush Park, we learnt more about how to sustain our environment. This isn't just about rubbish but also cultures and inhabitants too, each playing its role. We met a variety of different schools, participating in numerous engaging activities.

This is a day I will never forget and will carry in my memories.

Elly 5JA



Meeting new friends was a highlight! My favourite activity was testing the water quality in the creek. It turned out to be very healthy, you could even here the 'pobblebonk' frogs croaking. From now on I will ride my bike more and walk instead of using the car and creating pollution.

Aisha 6W

I really loved being able to touch the animals, particularly the snakes. They were surprisingly smooth! I will ensure I don't use much plastics in my lunch to help reduce plastic pollution.

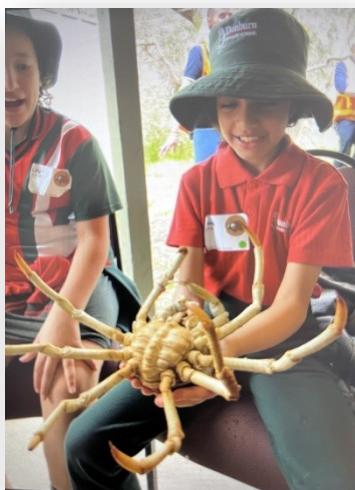
Nathan 6W



## LEAD TO SUSTAIN 2022

A swift breeze weaved through sun-bleached trees, laughing, as animals, weary and tedious, crept out of their unobtrusive hiding places, staring in utter confusion, ecclesiastical leaves blowing around in desolation as an eerie tintinnabulation rang out unexpectedly. Footsteps echoed in the distance, as an odoriferous scent hit their twitching noses. The realisation hit their divergent thoughts. They had come. On the 21st of October, the sustainability captains of Donburn travelled to the awe-inspiring Currawong Bush Park, to explore the diverse grounds of the park. The experience was truly phenomenal. In total, the unique bushland held 290 of us, combined from quite a few primary schools in our wonderful homeland, Manningham. We were lucky enough to experience a special visit from the mayor of Manningham too! Then, after an enticing discussion, we embarked on our separate adventures. We explored animals, insects, recyclable information, and culture, with the honour of meeting Uncle Bill, who guided us through the eventful day. It was truly amazing. After completing our 4 activities, we learned that we would have to protect our beloved environment, so that we could enjoy the wonderful spark of nature, both now, and in the future. Forever, on this land. For all eternity, in this world.

Charlotte X 5JA



On Friday the 21st of October the sustainability leaders from years 4-6 went on a day out to Currowong Bush Park. Everybody participated in various different activities and had an amazing time. All of the activities included things like petting animals, learning about our environment, and a lot more!

On the day there were 4 different rotations each of them were really unique and fun. My favourite one was meeting new sea creatures and petting them. During lunchtime there was a show with many cute and friendly animals. Various students were able to hold the cutest and most unique animals.

From now on everyone has promised to keep our ocean and environment clean and never pollute it.

Anvesha 5AW



## LEAD TO SUSTAIN 2022

Going to Currawong Bush park was awesome! I learnt so much and met many new people. A highlight was getting to hold a female stick insect and getting to learn a dance with Uncle Bill.

Sienna 6B

My favourite activity was Wildlife Encounters as we got to touch reptiles and mammals such as lizards, snakes, birds and a super rare bandicoot. The staff members were so nice and welcoming, they taught us a lot about the environment. I totally recommend this excursion!

Hirad 6B



I really loved doing the activities with my group members because I learnt new things and unlocked a world of nature. However, getting bitten by mosquitoes was not much fun!

Grace 6W



I loved getting to see the animals, especially the crocodile. I learnt that bats eat seeds then spread the seeds to grow in their droppings.

Iven 6HS

The first activity was the best! It was called Secrets of Wildlife and we were able to hold a starfish and crabs. I will continue to look after our environment and make sure I recycle my rubbish correctly.

Samantha 4D

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