# 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,

2021 did not work out the way we had hoped. It has been a very challenging year for everyone. The students have been very resilient and accepting of change throughout the year, coping with on-line learning and then pivoting to on-site learning and then back again. It hasn't been easy for students, parents or staff! We are very lucky that we have a very supportive community and everyone is prepared to do whatever they think is best for their children and the community in general! I hope next year all will return to a more normal life!

Please make sure you wear a mask and social distance when in the school grounds.

Students will be dismissed at 3.30 pm on their last day- Thursday 16 December 2021.

On Monday our students met their 2022 teachers and saw their classrooms. They spent time with their new teachers and classmates doing some getting-to-know you activities. With the transition to a new class on everyone's minds, it is important that you help develop your children's resilience about meeting new people and experiencing new things. If you have conversations with your child/children about the benefits of a new class and teacher, it assists them to commence the coming year with a positive mindset. Next year we will have twenty-one classes and I am expecting a school enrolment of around 480. A very warm welcome to Catherine Pickford (Year 1) & Kathleen Woolfe (Year 4).

Sadly Jenny Ota (Year 4 teacher) is moving on. We wish Jenny all the best in her future endeavours.

The classroom teachers for 2022 are as follows:

Foundation	Ellen Kiel	Abigail	Koh	Meika Hubble	
Year 1	Veronica Gogos	Catherin	ne Pickford	Brian Whitehouse/ Annabell Dransfield	
Year 2	Kris Pepper	Evan Terry-Whyte		Lynette Hookey/Lydia Manz	
Year 3	Marina Redmile	Mark Whitehead		Samantha Johnston	
Year 4	Matt Dickins	Robyn Fraser		Kathleen Woolfe	
Year 5	Julie-Anne Tsereg	gounis Ashleigh W		alker	Alison Tobler
Year 6	Sophie Hartman-Smith		Caitlin Wightman		Petra Berglund

On Tuesday night we celebrated the Year 6 Graduation. This is always a wonderful evening for our Year 6 students and their families. A highlight this year was all the Year 6 families eating their dinner on the oval before the ceremony started. The ceremony was held outside on the front steps. All students introduced one another very confidently and the teachers and school captains gave a positive overview of their primary school days and they all performed beautiful songs. Thank you to the Year 6 teachers- Matt Dickins (leader), Meika Hubble, Petra Berglund, Grant Puglia, Andrea Perrin and Alison Hazelman for preparing the students for this evening.

Thank you to Cathy Marani and her helpers who organised the sausage sizzle for the Year 6 students on their Tabloid Sports Day.

A big thank you to Sara Dickins for the beautiful balloon displays at the Year 6 Graduation.

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

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

Thank you to Chandradeep Chakravorty and Max Papenfuss IT technicians.

Thank you to Margaret Chessum for organising the Second Hand Uniform Shop.



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

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

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

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

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

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

A very special thank you to our 2021 School Council. This group of parents and teachers have met throughout the year and have worked enthusiastically to ensure the smooth operation of all school activities. A committed group who work tirelessly to help provide the best education for ALL students at Donburn. Thank you to President, Sanober Arefeen and Treasurer Vandana Nagar, together Stelios Georgiou, Erika Kennedy, Lianne McNaughton, Wei Liu, Naden De Luca, Veena Somaya, Nevania Visser, Cassandra Meagher, Ryan Chhajed, Jarod Ryan, Meika Hubble, Caitlyn Wightman, Matt Dickins and Nena Sadler.

Thank you to Lisa Abbey P & F President and members for their commitment to the school and we look forward to an exciting year ahead in 2022.

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

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

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

Thank you to Di Censo Butchers from Tunstall Square for the generous support to families at Donburn.

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

Thank you to Kathy Monley OAM, Manningham Rotary, Meika Hubble and Mark Whitehead for their continued support for the EarlyAct Club. We feel very privileged to have the support of Manningham Rotary.

Thank you to Warrandyte Donvale Rotary Club their generous gift to our school leaders.

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

Thank you to everyone for their support throughout 2021.

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

Kind regards,

Julie

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Thursday 16 Dec - Last Day of Term. Finish at 3:30pm

Friday 17 Dec - Pupil Free Day –no students on this day

Friday 17 Dec - Last day Compass student reports can be accessed for Year 6 students and

students leaving Donburn.

2022

Monday 31 Jan - First day of term (please have your hats)

Thursday 3 Feb - 2022 Foundation students first day of school

Thursday 17 Feb - Donburn House Swimming Carnival

Monday 21 Feb - Year 3/4 Swimming commences (until Friday 4 Mar)

Tuesday 8 Mar - School Photos



## **BOOKS AND STATIONERY NEEDED TO START THE YEAR**

Please order the items your child needs to start the 2022 school year.

Order online at www.campion.com.au



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 1 2022	Students: Monday, 31 January 2022	Friday, 8April 2022	10 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday, 9 April 2022	Monday, 25 April 2022	
Term 2	Tuesday, 26 April 2022	Friday, 24 June 2022	9 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday, 25 June 2022	Sunday, 10 July 2022	
Term 3	Monday, 11 July 2022	Friday, 16 September 2022	10 weeks
School Holidays	Saturday, 17 September 2022	Sunday, 2 October 2022	
Term 4	Monday, 3 October 2022	Tuesday, 20 December 2022	11 weeks
2022/2023 School Holidays	Wednesday, 21 December 2022	Sunday, 29January 2023	

#### **COMPASS STUDENT REPORTS**

For any children leaving the school at the end of this year (including 2021 Year 6 students), your Donburn Compass account will not be available from the end of day December 17. Please ensure you have saved or printed all your child's reports and any other information before this date.



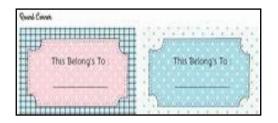
### LABEL SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND SWIMMING ITEMS

Please check school uniform items and place name labels on all school uniform clothing and swimming items.



## LABEL BOOKS AND STATIONERY

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



# **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES - DONATIONS NEEDED**

2022 Dates and times to be confirmed.

Located next to the Donburn office.

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

Regards,
Margaret - Second Hand
Uniform Coordinator



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

# HOLIDAY DRAWING COMPETITION



The Toyota Dream Car Contest is **now** open for entries.

This Art Contest is a fantastic opportunity for the creative thinkers, designers and engineers of tomorrow let their imaginations run wild by drawing an image of their 'Dream Car'.

There are three different age categories for the competition:

- Under 8's
- 8 to 11 year olds
- 12 to 15 year olds

All entries must be created by hand (painting, drawing, collage etc) in A4 or A3 size and submitted online.

One lucky entrant will be crowned the Australian National Dream Car Champion and will win a \$2,500 VISA Gift Card for their school and a \$2,500 VISA Gift Card for themselves. There are also eight \$275 prizes to be won across three age groups.

To see artwork by previous winners, entry details and more information go to:-

https://www.toyota.com.au/dreamcar?utm\_source=Cool% 20Australia&utm\_medium=Teacher%20Lesson% 20Plan&utm\_campaign=Dream%20Car

Remember to keep your original artwork in a safe place. You'll need it in order to be eligible to win the amazing prizes. Give it a go!

Competition closes 28 FEBRUARY 2022







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# 2021/2022 HOLIDAY PROGRAMS JUNIOR AUSTRALIAN OPEN CLINICS

#### **DONVALE TENNIS CLUB**

#### CLINIC 1

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9am - 12 \$65/day

### CLINIC 2

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 9am - 12 \$150 or \$65/day

#### CLINIC 3

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 9am - 12 \$150 or \$65/day

## ADULT AUSTRALIAN OPEN HOLIDAY CLINIC

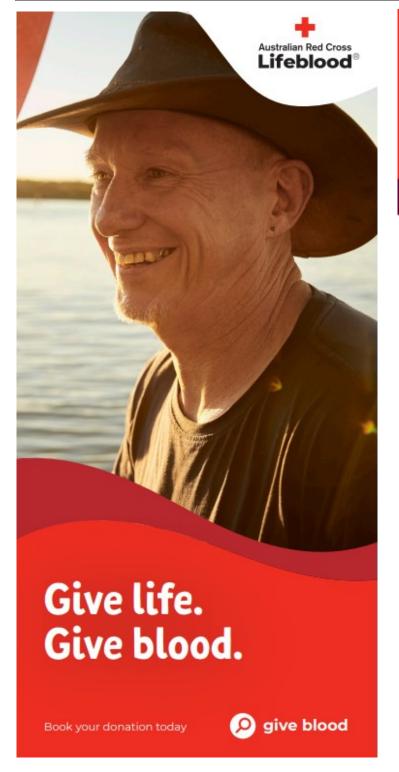
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 7.00pm- 9.00pm \$120 or \$50/day

# Enrol a friend (must be new to our academy) to any of the holiday clinics and you will receive a 50% discount.

Private Lessons and our COVID Hitting Session (\$40/hour with a junior coach) will also be on offer over the holiday period.

To book please contact the office on 0407 050 060.

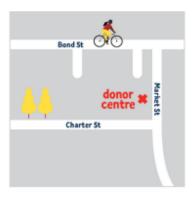
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#### **Ringwood Blood Donor Centre**

Unit 4, 38 Charter Street



#### Opening hours

Monday	7.00am	-	8.00pm
Tuesday	7.00am	-	8.00pm
Wednesday	7.00am	-	8.00pm
Thursday	7.00am	-	8.00pm
Friday	7.00am	_	8.00pm
Saturday	7.00am	_	5.00pm
Sunday	7.00am	_	4.00pm

For more, including public holiday opening hours and eligibility, see our website or call **13 14 95**.

Every week Australian Red Cross Lifeblood needs to collect 33,000 donations to be able to support those in need.

These donations are used to support patients through their cancer treatments or a difficult pregnancy, during surgery or in an emergency. Others have medical conditions which mean they need blood products regularly to stay healthy.

The need for blood never takes a holiday. Over the holidays, give the Gift of Life, give blood.

To book an appointment call 13 14 95 or visit www.lifeblood.com.au

Tag: @lifebloodau; #lifebloodau

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# Handy links from Team Kids



How to Register & Book
Frequently Asked Questions
Childcare Subsidy Help?

Bring out the best in your child with singing.



Enrolments for 2022 with the Australian Youth Choir are now open to boys and girls from 8 years of age.



A great opportunity to develop singing, build confidence, self esteem and make new friends in 2022.



Weekly rehearsals in Canterbury during school Term; workshops and concerts included in the year.

> TRY OUT NOW FOR 2022 EMAIL OR CALL US

office2@niypaa.com.au or 9836 2877

Take your child's singing from the shower to the stage:

Visit our website www.niypaa.com.au

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The Australian Youth Choir is a division of National Institute of Youth Performing Arts
Australian (NIYPAA) ABN 28 007 124 629

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

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

**MINDFULNESS CLASSES FOR KIDS** to help kids balance stress, improve focus and concentration, reduce anxiety, decrease worry, help them cope with change and improve self-esteem. More details from Ryan parent), <a href="mailto:info@minderly.com.au">info@minderly.com.au</a> or 0488100255

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

**INDIVIDUAL EYELASH EXTENSIONS** Applied to each individual eyelash - No more mascara! Completely harmless to your natural lashes when applied correctly. Home based business in Donvale, professionally trained and qualified. Call Bec 0430 318 172.

**MENDING AND ALTERATIONS** – Zips, hems, lengthening, shortening, taking-in or letting-out. Grandparents of Dean and Olivia, with over 50 years experience as a tailor and a dressmaker. Call Andrea on 9842 7860, East Doncaster.

**FACE MASKS** – Comfort range or Designer Range. Australian Made and Owned. Non-medical grade masks. Shop at <a href="www.livingmasks.com.au">www.livingmasks.com.au</a> or contact at <a href="mailto:info@livingmasks.com.au">info@livingmasks.com.au</a>

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS TO KEEP HANDY

Kids Help kidshelpline.com.au phone 1800 55 1800

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

Headspace headspace.org.au phone 1800 650 890

eSafety Commissioner - esafety.gov.au - Advice for parents and carers to help

children have safe experiences online

The Fathering Project - www.thefatheringproject.org - for some fun activities