



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 happy start to November with all the students returning to school. Students and staff have enthusiastically returned to the classroom routines. I have been impressed with the way the students have quickly settled into their learning.

Foundation Transition will start this Friday. The first three sessions will be held on WebEx at 10.00 am Friday 5 November, Friday 12 November and Friday 19 November. On the last session, Friday 26 November, the students will visit the school. We are currently making Covid Safe plans for this day. Thank you to Jess Bullen (Leading Teacher/Transition Co Ordinator), Ellen Kiel (Foundation Team Leader), Abigail Koh (Foundation Teacher), Meika Hubble (Foundation Teacher) and Cathy Marani (Education Support) for all the planning and preparation for Transition. Also, a big thank you to all the staff for delivering the Transition packages. If your package hasn't arrived, please contact the school.

The Foundation Parent Information Evening will be on Thursday 25 November 2021 on WebEx. We will send out links and times closer to the event.

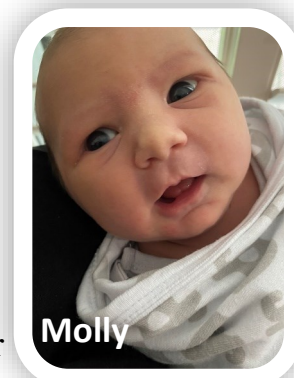
Grant is currently filming the school production iThrone 37. Most of the filming will occur outside in line with our Covid Safe Operations Guide. A very challenging time! Thank you to Grant and his team for all their work. When it is complete it will be made available to the school community via Vimeo, a streaming service. We are all eagerly awaiting its finish!

School Council have completed the process of appointing the Out of School Hours providers. It was an extensive process with a number of providers sending in Expressions of Interest. Three providers presented to a committee of School Councillors and the successful applicant unanimously endorsed was Team Kids. We look forward to working with Team Kids in 2021.

Congratulations to Amy Thompson on the arrival of a beautiful baby girl Molly Elizabeth Margaret, a little sister for Charlie!

Mother and baby are doing very well!

Thank you for your support during these difficult times. All visitors to the school must be fully vaccinated. Please be prepared for staff to ask to see your certificate.



Kind regards

Julie

learning for living



EVERY DAY COUNTS...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

Give your child every chance to succeed...

Every day counts!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Mon	4 Oct	- First day of Term 4 (please have your school hats)
Fri	5 Nov	- Foundation Transition via WebEx
Fri	12 Nov	- Foundation Transition via WebEx
Fri	19 Nov	- Foundation Transition via WebEx
Tues	23 Nov	—Graduation Photos
Thur	25 Nov	- Foundation 2022 Parent Information Evening via WebEx
Fri	26 Nov	- Foundation Transition at school
Tue	14 Dec	- Graduation for Year 6 2021
Fri	17 Dec	- Curriculum Day –no students on this day



Sunsmart!

Hats must be worn

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



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 4 starts	Monday, 4 October (11 weeks)
Public Holiday	Tuesday, 2 November
Last day of Term 4	Friday, 17 December
School Holidays start	Saturday, 18 December

REAL PIDGEON NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Author Visit from Andrew McDonald!

On Tuesday 19 October we had a virtual author visit Donburn.

It was wonderful to virtually meet Andrew McDonald, the author of the Real Pigeon series.

<https://mrandrewmcdonald.com/>

[Andrew McDonald – Children's author](#)

Hi – it's me, Andrew McDonald. Welcome to my corner of the internet. I'm the author of the Real Pigeons books – which are illustrated by the amazing Ben Wood. (Hi Ben, if you're reading this) Australia. If you live in Australia and New Zealand the good news is that the first six books in the series are already out – Real Pigeons Fight Crime, Real Pigeons Eat Danger, Real Pigeons ...

mrandrewmcdonald.com

There was some great discussion as Andrew answered some questions from the students in Prep- Year 2, Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6.

Andrew also gave the students some wonderful ideas about how to create characters and techniques for writing interesting and engaging stories.

Overall it was a fun and worthwhile experience and enjoyed by all.

Andrea Sertori
Library Teacher

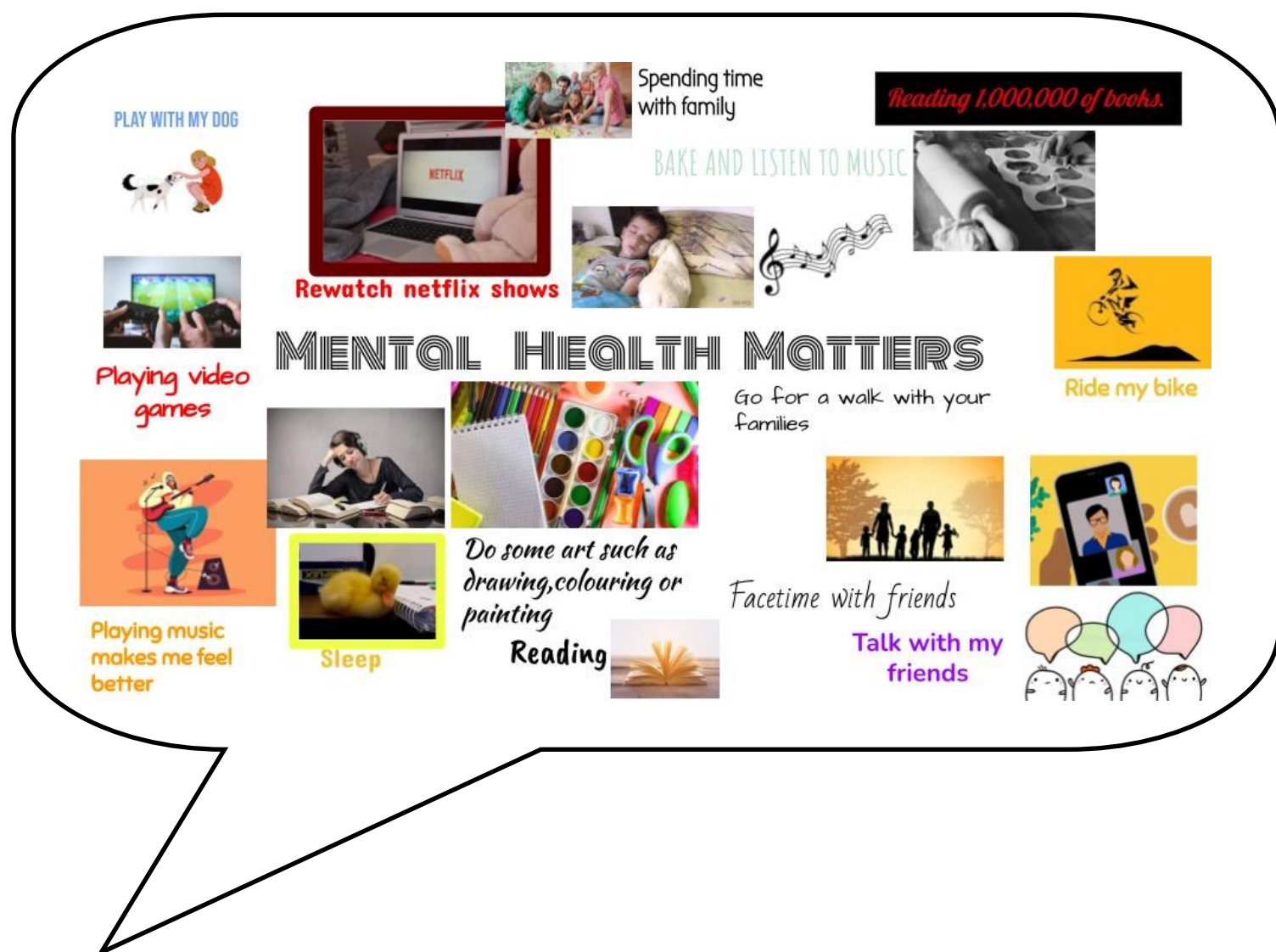


MENTAL HEALTH TALKS IN YEAR 6

The Year 6 students have been discussing how going in and out of lockdowns over the past two years can have an effect on students' mental health.

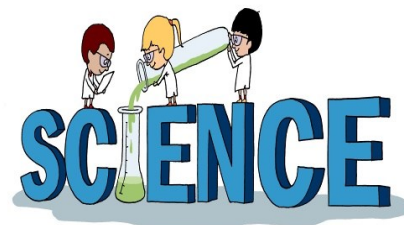
The students have recognised just how important mental health is.

As a group, the students have put together a poster suggesting ways that students, or the Donburn community could look after their mental health and keep themselves feeling positive.



SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH RESULTS

This year's theme was 'Food: Different by Design' and Donburn students had 14 entries into the competition. We had incredible results this year with one major bursary and seven minor bursary awards!



The Science Talent Search is an annual competition run by the Science Teacher's Association of Victoria. We had a wonderful range of submissions including picture story books, posters, research projects and games. All students who participated are to be commended on their amazing efforts, especially because the competition was held entirely online due to COVID.

Special thanks to Mrs Tobler and Mrs Gibbs for their assistance with the Science Talent Search this year.

Congratulations to these students who were awarded bursary prizes:

Major Bursary

Chloe and Grace – Year 5

Minor Bursary

William – Foundation

Zhe Yi – Year 1

Lilly and Anastasia – Year 3

Elyza – Year 4

Matthew - Year 5

Sienna – Year 5

Oscar and Joel – Year 6

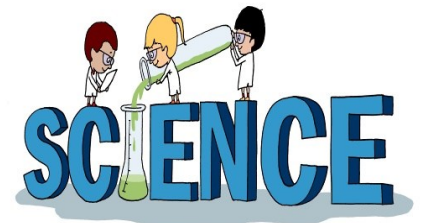
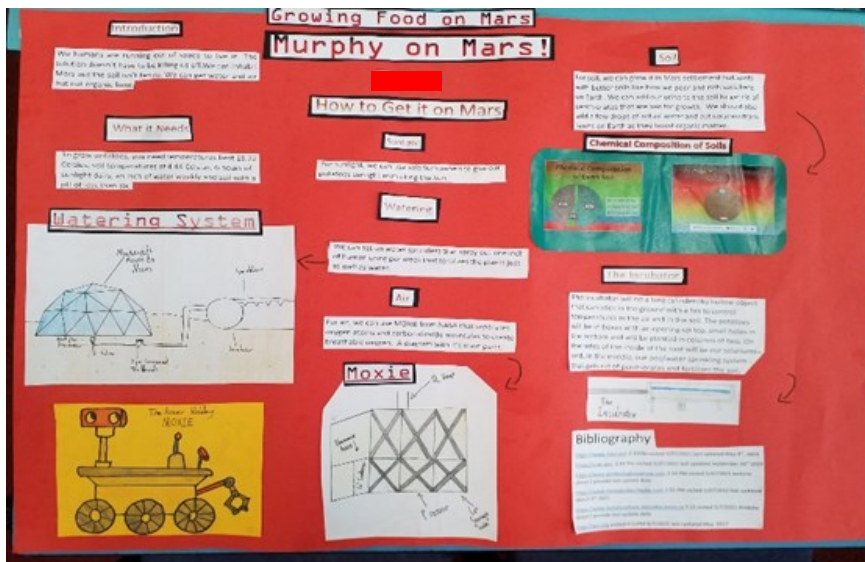
Ashleigh Walker

Science Talent Search Co-ordinator



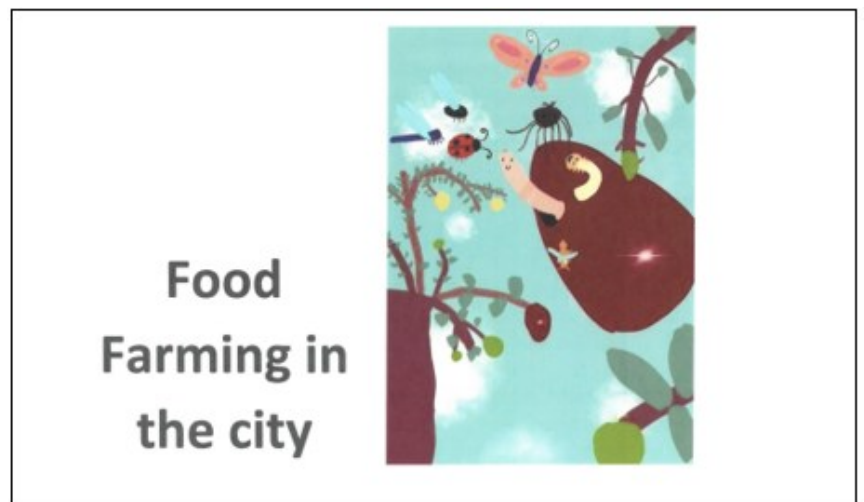
Part of Chloe and Grace's game encouraging children to eat their greens

SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH RESULTS



Matthew's poster about growing food on Mars

Sienna's picture story book cover about growing food in the city and all created digitally



BUILDING UPGRADES

Building upgrades within the main school building are now complete. Look at our new First Aid Room!



SHOREBIRDS DRAWING COMPETITION

ART NEWS CONGRATULATIONS!

In August, Year 3-6 students were invited to enter a drawing competition, sponsored by **ANSTO** (Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation).

Students were asked to create an 'ecotourism poster' for a local wetland or coastal area that is a habitat for an Australian shorebird which is threatened or facing extinction.

Five Donburn students entered posters. The competition was held Australia-wide.

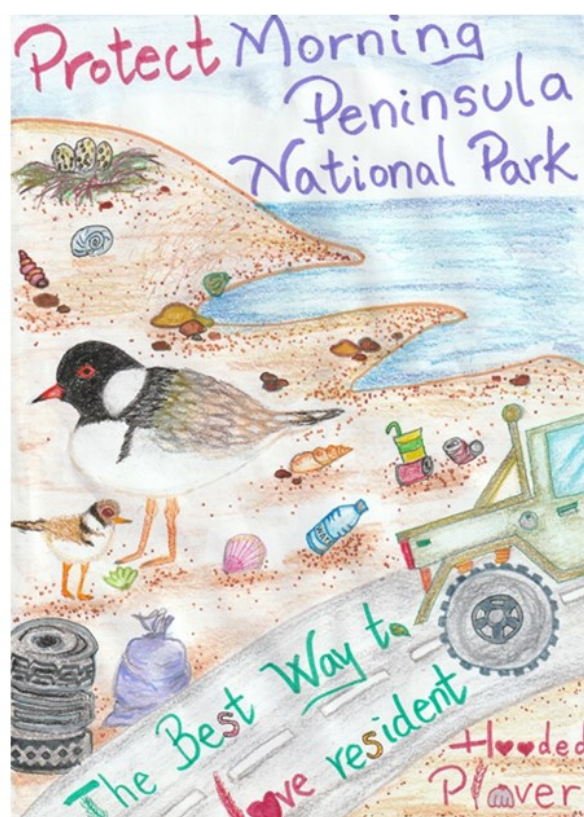
Here is the wonderful work of **two students** whose work was **highly commended** by the ANSTO judging panel!



Highly Commended, Years 5-6
Zoe, 6H

Congratulations to
both students for
their creativity and
artistic talents.

Zoe and Lea each
receive a \$50 voucher
and a
certificate of
commendation.



Highly Commended, Years 3-4
Lea, 4HS

All winning entries are on public display on the ANSTO website at:

<https://www.ansto.gov.au/education/primary/competitions/shorebirds-competition-2021/results>

WALK TO SCHOOL THIS NOVEMBER

Now that we are back to face-to-face learning, it's a great time to consider walking, riding or scooting to school to help ease traffic and pollution on our roads and around the school.

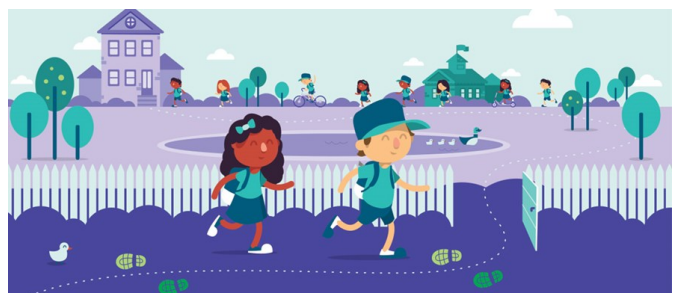
It's also a great opportunity to retain those healthy habits your family may have developed during lockdown.

So with less traffic on the roads and more people on the footpath, now's the time to build confidence in **active travel** with kids.

Tips for parents:

- **With less traffic on the roads, as people work from home, now is a great time to teach your kids about road safety** and help build their confidence and skills around walking/scooting/riding to school.
- **Familiarise yourself with the new protocols.** Your school may have different drop-off and pick-up times and locations for different year levels.
- **Take it in turns.** Many other parents in your school community will still be working from home right now, so why not take it in turns to walk/ride/scoot to school with the kids?
- **Set a good example** by continuing to walk or cycle to local places, including school.
- **Get quality time that builds life skills.** Walking kids to school is a great opportunity to get kids active and build their confidence and life skills. It's also a chance for everyone to spend some quality family time together.
- **Part way is OK!** If the walk to school is too far, you can park a few blocks from the school and walk the rest of the way. If your child is old enough, you could encourage their independence and have them to walk by themselves or with school friends.
- **Help your child become familiar with the local neighbourhood** and identify the safest routes (e.g. where there are safe road crossings).
- More information and fun activities to do while walking are available at

<https://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au/schools>



FOUNDATION RETURN TO SCHOOL



In Foundation N we have had an amazing start to onsite learning in Term 4. We have loved coming back to school and seeing all our friends and playing outside together. We have had some amazing activities in the classroom, we have even been counting money with Australian coins! It has been nice to see all of our teachers again. We are so excited to be back.

In Foundation A, we have loved coming back to school, especially writing and our weather watch. We have been looking forward to going to our specialist classes. We have made new friends in the classroom. We also missed playing with our friends! We get to play and listen to our teacher. We are looking forward to celebrating our 'One hundred days of school'.



On the 18th of October, all Foundation students returned to school. The students in Foundation E have enjoyed having fun outside, seeing everyone at school, learning new things and seeing their teacher. School is the best!

RETURN TO SCHOOL YEARS 1 & 2



RETURN TO SCHOOL YEARS 3 & 4



RETURN TO SCHOOL YEARS 5 & 6



FOUNDATION 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

On Wednesday 27 October, the Foundation students reached a once in a lifetime milestone – 100+48 Days of School! On this very special day, they participated in many different and fun learning activities that related to the number 100 including counting to one hundred by 5s and tens, writing about what they would do with \$100, and they enjoyed some craft activities in the afternoon.

Students were encouraged to come to school dressed as a person who is 100 years old. Costume ideas included grey hair, glasses, a walking stick, a walking frame, shirts, ties, braces, long dresses, pearl necklaces, cardigans and so on. The students and Foundation teachers did not disappoint with so many amazing costumes. They all looked absolutely fantastic!

Congratulations Foundation! We are all so proud of you.

The Foundation Team



ADHD AWARENESS MONTH (OCTOBER)

So, you might leap to conclusions about ADHD! You might even picture an energetic boy, which can be correct. However, ADHD can be more subtle in girls. We will help you understand more and offer you key information that can help you be more aware and able to support your friends and family members.

ADHD isn't just about attention and being able to concentrate. Some people with ADHD can concentrate for long periods of time on activities or interests that they are passionate about. This is called hyper-focus. But at other times they can be easily distracted and find it hard to attend and concentrate. ADHD can also include impulsivity, which makes it really difficult to think before acting. Sometimes this can result in unhelpful decisions, often the person will feel bad afterwards. However, impulsivity, like all parts of ADHD can also provide strengths that others do not have!

Organisational skills can be challenging and cause a lot of stress and misunderstandings from others. For example, cleaning the bedroom or having a tidy desk might be super hard. This can be due to difficulty holding a number of things in mind, sequencing, and feeling overwhelmed.

Managing emotions can be tricky as well. Sometimes it might feel like emotions arise quickly with no warning and then it is hard to process them and try and be calm. This may result in people thinking that children are naughty, behaving badly or being disruptive. But this is not the case, rather they need support, space, and time.

Girls with ADHD may appear to be attending and coping, however inside struggling with the environment and expectations, this is called masking. This is where difficulties are hidden, and even true parts of the self are hidden. Although masking can be useful, in these circumstances it has been shown to impact mental health and wellbeing.

These are just a few things I thought you would like to understand about what it is like to have ADHD. If you want more information, check out the link below.

[ADHD Awareness Month | ADHD Australia](#)

Rosie M (Inclusion and Wellbeing Captain) and Suzie Bisset (Smiley Happy People)

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More info

explore thefatheringproject.org or contact us
admin@thefatheringproject.org
1300 FATHERS



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2021/22 Baseball Summer Season

For Boys and Girls Aged 5+

Register for an online information session:

juniorbaseball.com.au

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A 6-week program running for an hour consisting of skill development and a Fully Loaded Softball Game!

ALL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED

**REGISTER NOW TO RECEIVE YOUR BALL AND GLOVE PACK
AT FIRST SESSION**

EVERY WEDNESDAY @ JELLS PARK

**10TH NOVEMBER – 15TH DECEMBER
4:30pm - 5:30PM**



HOST: SYNDAL SOFTBALL CLUB

CONTACT: GILL PENFOLD

EMAIL: syndalsoftballclub@gmail.com

WHERE: DIAMOND 4, JELLS PARK 2-30
Jells Rd, WHEELERS HILL, VIC 3150

AGES: 8-12 (boys and girls)

HOW MUCH: Program & Pack \$60.00
Program Only \$40.00

REGISTER:

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/syndalsoftballcl/events/118657/>

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East Doncaster Cricket Club

CRICKET FOR ALL AGES 5YRS - 12YRS

Starts October

Monday & Friday Evenings, Saturday & Sunday Mornings

Email us at: playcricket@edcc.com.au

Register via our website: www.edcc.com.au



Zerbes Reserve 293 Blackburn Road Doncaster East

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SPORT IS BACK
JOIN THE HAMMERS



**PLAY CRICKET IN MANNINGHAM
THIS SUMMER!**

BLAST BEGINNERS PROGRAM (4-8 YEARS)

JUNIOR TEAMS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS (9-15 YEARS)

WOMENS INTRO TO CRICKET PROGRAM (ALL AGES)

SENIOR MENS CRICKET (ALL AGES)



SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS

EMAIL: PLAYMANNINGHAMCRICKET@GMAIL.COM

FOR MORE INFO AND TO BOOK A SLOT IN OUR TEAMS

LOCATION- RIESCHIECKS RESERVE, GEORGE STREET

SHANNON:0418162761 ; AAKARSH: 0451079636

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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),
info@minderly.com.au 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. www.rhsports.com.au Shop 14/100 New Street Ringwood Ph: 039870 1377

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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.