



# 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

The end of year is fast approaching.

Students and staff are busily preparing for the End of Year concert starting at 6.30 pm tonight. Grant has put a lot of time and energy into the night and the weather forecast shows that from 6 pm – 8.00 pm is going to be sunny. We look forward to seeing everyone there. We will be sitting on the basketball courts this year because the oval is not in use. Please bring along a picnic rug or a low beach chair to sit on. (Please note: In line with school policy this is an alcohol free event.) It will be a great night! Looking forward to seeing you there!

Next Wednesday December 11 we have the Parent Helpers Morning Tea at 11.00 am. This is an opportunity for staff to show their appreciation for all the work that parents do to enhance the learning for the students, whether in the classrooms, canteen, gardening and the many other ways parents work around the school.

Last Friday was our last Transition Day for Foundation students. The Year 5 students did a sterling job presenting them to the school community at the last assembly. We look forward to these students starting school next year and starting their primary school journey in 2020.

Teachers will finalise the classes for next year and the students will meet their new teachers on Monday December 16. This is a much anticipated and exciting time!

Thank you to May Hua and Yong Dong Li (Jessie Year 5) for putting out the council recycling bins every fortnight for the last 4 years. They unfortunately will not be able to continue doing this in 2020, therefore we are looking for some more volunteers to do this job. The bins need to be placed on the nature strip in Pine Way on Sunday afternoons. If you are available please let me know.

We have our Christmas tree up in the foyer and I would like to invite families to send along non-perishable groceries that we will send to Doncare to distribute to needy families in Manningham. The EarlyAct Club are coordinating this event this year.

Kind regards

*Julie*

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## 2020 FOUNDATION TRANSITION

We welcome 2020 Foundation students to our school community and we hope that this first school experience will be fulfilling. We will certainly do all we can to ensure this.

2020 Foundation Students had a great time spending some treasured time with their new



School council has had a busy and productive year. The following people make up the dedicated school council team. They work tirelessly and contribute hours of time to ensure that Donburn Primary School continues to provide caring, nurturing and positive education for all our children. This wonderful group of people are a pleasure to work with and I thank each and every one of you.

Thank you to; Erika Kennedy, [Sohail Siddiqui](#), [Stelios Georgiou](#), [Naden De Luca](#), [Sanobar Najamul Arefeen](#), [Elena Lee](#), [Veena Somaya](#), Lisa Sampson, Julie Hoskin, Jarod Ryan, Nena Sadler, Lynette Hookey, Chris Kovits, Jess Bullen, Caitlin Wightman and Fay Davidson.

### **School Council Activities over 2019**

#### **Building and Ground Works**

We have continued to have a busy time with improvements to our buildings and grounds over the year. With the completion of the Foundation rooms and entrance area, the painters came in to paint the entire main building. The front entrance has received a well-deserved facelift and this work will continue over the holiday period with further painting and surface improvements. We have also had a major upgrade to the irrigation system and turf on the oval which will result in a beautiful lawn surface for the children in 2020.

#### **Out of School Hours Care**

The contract for out of school hours care has been re-negotiated and renewed for the 2020 year. Camp Australia will continue to provide the before and after school hours service to Donburn Primary School during this time. We look forward to an exciting sessional program and a continued relationship with Camp Australia.

#### **Canteen**

Donburn offers a wonderful canteen service to our students and is staffed by the dedicated Vitina Bakker. The canteen is run as a not-for-profit venture and returns a small profit (about \$4,000 per year) 100% of this profit is returned DIRECTLY to the school which is used to purchase equipment and resources for the students. During 2019, School Council commenced a review of the canteen processes, ordering systems and menu. We hope to provide more healthy food options, improve efficiencies and streamline the service during 2020. Watch this space!

### Parents & Friends (P&F) Activity

A huge thankyou to wonderful team of P&F helpers who also dedicate enormous amounts of time and energy to ensure that the children and families have the opportunity to participate in exciting fundraising events. During 2019 these included, Mother's Day stall, Father's Day breakfast and Chomp 'n' Chew days. Members of the P&F committee also run the scholastic book ordering, school banking and organise fundraising events like the chocolate drive. The funds raised from all of these events (approx. \$20,000) goes directly into the purchase of IT equipment for all children (eg iPads and notebook computers). Thank you to Naden De Luca, Erika Kennedy, Michelle Chrysaffis, Bec Siddiqui, Sathya Ganesan, Parool Tandon, Rena Mori, Michelle Wines, Shirley Wong, Leanne Renehan, Bronwyn Milner, Bronwyn Vlahos, Vivian Poh, Lisa Abbey and Linda Loukidis.

As we are coming to the conclusion of another busy year, I would like to thank the following people:

All of the amazing teaching and support staff who work tirelessly to ensure our students are happy, confident and inquisitive learners.

Our wonderful admin team (Nena and Karen) whose dedication, patience and ability to manage multiple tasks at the same time never ceases to amaze me!

Julie Hoskin and Jarod Ryan whose leadership is open and welcoming and who have the children as their number one priority in every, single thing they do!

### **Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our wonderful staff, our students and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe summer holiday. To those families and students who are leaving us for high school, we wish you a smooth transition and a future full of adventure. To those families and students who are returning in 2020, we look forward to another happy and productive year.

Kind Regards,

Caitlyn Green

School Council President

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday	4 December	End of Year Family Concert 6pm
Friday	6 December	Assembly
Sunday	8 December	2020 BookList (stationery/books) last day to order for free delivery <a href="http://www.officemaxschools.com.au">www.officemaxschools.com.au</a> - school code 2RV5Q
Wednesday	11 December	Parent Helper Morning Tea 11 am
Thursday	12 December	Donburn Giving Tree Donations Collected
Friday	13 December	Last Day for Canteen lunch orders
Tuesday	17 December	2019 Year 6 Graduation 5:30 pm (Yr 6 students) Grad Presentation in Assembly 7pm (Guests)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>19 December</b>	<b>Final Assembly 2:30 pm</b> <b>Last day for Students - 3:30pm finish</b>
Friday	20 December	Curriculum Day (No students this day)

### 2020

Tuesday	28 January	First day - teachers and staff only
Wednesday	29 January	First day - Year 1 - 6 students
Wednesday	5 February	First day - 2020 Foundation students

## COMPASS EVENTS

Thursday	5 December	Year 6 sport
Friday	6 December	Music Christmas Group
Thursday	12 December	Junior Choir
Tuesday	17 December	Year 6 graduation bear

## PAYMENTS AND CONSENTS NEEDED



## PE AND SPORTS EVENTS - TERM 4

Thursday	5 December	Year 6 Sport at Donvale Reserve
Thursday	12 December	Year 6 Sport at Donvale Reserve



## CANTEEN

**Last day for lunch orders is Friday 13 December.** Over counter sales are available.



Sushi Only can be ordered on Wednesdays - no other type of lunch orders.

No over counter sales will be available on wet days or hot days.

Wednesday volunteers needed PLEASE contact **Vitina on 0434 140 739.**

## A MESSAGE FROM JAROD

Only one in ten Australian adolescents say they meet the World Health Organisation's guidelines for daily physical activity, making them some of the least active in the world.

A first-ever global report, published in *Lancet Child & Adolescent Health* on Friday, has ranked Australia at 140 of 146 countries for adolescent physical activity.

What you can do with your child(ren) this summer to stay active:



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## CANTEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR PAST AND PRESENT HELPERS

Thank you to everyone who has helped the canteen to run this year. Your help is appreciated and we hope to see you next year.



### Canteen Helper Christmas Dinner

When: Friday 13 December at 7:00 pm

Where: Vibrante Restaurant, 133 James St, Templestowe  
A la carte menu and BYO wine only



Please RSVP by Wednesday 11 December to Vitina on 0434 140 739

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## YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER AND PRESENTATION HELPERS PLEASE

Dear Parents

At the end of each school year, we have a graduation dinner and presentation for our Year 6s.



This event is organised and run by the parents and carers of our community.

We ask if you have a couple of hours to spare on this most important evening for our graduates, it would be great if you could help out and be a part of a great evening.

Help is needed -

5:30 PM - 7:30PM Set up and serve dinner and drinks to the students.

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Clean up, wash dishes, move tables and clean rooms ready for school the next day.

Please call Cathy Marani on 0419 519 160 or a Helpers form is located at the office.



## YEAR 6 STALL

On Tuesday 14 November the Year 6s created a great atmosphere in the school. The Year 6 Stall was a huge success raising \$1400.

All the children could purchase food and treats, play games or have their nails done.

Well done to all the Year 6s for a very successful day.

Year 6 team



# YEAR 6 STALL



## FOOTY GALA DAY

On 7 November all the Year 3 and 4s went to a Football Gala Day. It was so much fun and these are the things we did. We got in our teams and everyone played 3 games each! There was also lots of fun activities like a jumping castle you could catch the ball on, tug of war and other fun obstacles. We learnt how to kick, hand ball, how to defend and how to play fairly. The teachers and coaches were very supportive. Donburn didn't win but at least we tried our best and that's all that matters. - Katie and Isabella 4H



On 7 November the Year 3 and 4 students went to Doncaster Football Club to compete against other schools in a Football Gala Day for a trophy. Every team played 3 matches. There was an inflatable where we ran on to and tried to catch a football. The umpires were really nice and if we made a mistake, they would explain what we did wrong. There were lots of other events and the turf was really nice. Overall it was a really fun, enjoyable and exciting day! Finn and Kevin 4H

The Year 3 and 4 students from Donburn Primary School went to the Leeds St oval to play footy against other schools in the area.

All the students played very well and Kiefer was the top goal kicker for the Year 3 boys. In the girls team, Leona scored 2 goals. Every team had great players and all the students had a great time. It was so much fun and all the Year 3 students can't wait to go again next year.

We would all like to thank Ms Papamichael, Miss Kiel, Miss Hubble and Bec Barker for all the help and coaching on the day. - By Josh and Kiefer 3R

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## YEARS 2, 3 AND 6 BASKETBALL CLINIC

Last week, the Year Two, Three and Six students participated in a basketball clinic run by Melbourne United.

The professional player Warrick Giddy showed us cool tricks and important skills to play basketball. It was really fun to get outside and play a different sport together. At the end of the lesson, Warrick Giddy showed us his shots from half court, everyone was going crazy because he got it in the hoop from so far away! At the end of the lesson, he gave us a free basketball singlet to take away and wear.

Overall, we had a great time playing basketball.

Joe L, Asya D and Abbe H - 3K

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## YEAR 6 LEARNING CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY

Donburn had the privilege of having a calligraphy specialist, Anna, come and show our Year 6 students the art of writing Chinese characters using calligraphy.

The students really enjoyed the concept and history of this ancient Chinese character writing.

Emily Paton - Mandarin Teacher



## YEAR 4 VOLLEYBALL INTERSCHOOL TOURNAMENT

On 22 November, all of the Year 4s went to the State Volleyball Centre in Dandenong to play against other schools. There were 4 boys teams and 3 girls teams. Our team, The Volleyball Superstars, played 4 games. We won 2 out of 4 games. At the end of the day we all had an amazing time! - Tanvi 4O.

During Volleyball, we had a lot of fun even though we lost all of our games. Everything there was a new experience for us and a dream come true to play. It was also a very fun event to play volleyball with our team. - Aarush & Kris 4H

On 22 November, all the Year 4s went to play volleyball. We were captain and vice captain of The Spikers. We played for Donburn and won a bronze medal. We had a really good time and it was a great excursion and we hope to do it again. - Christian 4F & Oscar 4O

On Friday 22 November, we went to the State Volleyball Centre in Dandenong. Each team played 4 games and then some made it to the finals. After all of the games were finished they handed out the medals. It was a great day! - Nate 4O

On 22 November, all of the Year 4s went to the State Volleyball Centre to play volleyball. It was a great day for all of us, and lots of us won medals! I was the captain of my team #SuperSportsGirls and we won the bronze medal! - Sarah 4O

Our team The Phoenix's did really well and we won a gold medal because we worked as a team and encouraged each other. We had such a great day! - Zoe D 4H



## CHEMICAL CAPERS INCURSION

Here are some student responses from 1F from the chemical capers incursion. Enjoy.

The coolest part was the Coca Cola where you needed to put Mentos in it. - Wing Him

The dish soap made the food colouring spread out. - Ily

I learnt that skittles dissolve not melt. - Lillian

You had to put Mentos in the coke and then it exploded! - Hosea

If you put purple cabbage soup with different ingredients, they will change colour, like toothpaste and vinegar. - Jacob

I liked the food colouring experiment. It was cool because it eventually mixed together and made a different colour. - Laksh

My favourite part was when we did the experiment with the Skittles and the water and they spread. - Philip

I liked when we put food colouring and milk together and watched it go apart. - Emilija

I had to be the man's helper and I had to pretend to be the fat that was 'handcuffed' to the liquid. - Moses



## CHEMICAL CAPERS INCURSION

The colour of the Skittles spread in the water. - Alex

I liked the experiment where you put Skittles in water and put a sugar cube in it, the Skittles started to dissolve into the water. - Anita

I learnt that if you put cabbage soup into different liquids it will change colour. - Dihain

I learnt when you put green and red food colouring into milk it doesn't spread. - Minjae

My favourite part was when I saw the different colours.- Skylar

I liked the part when you put the Mentos into the coke bottle and then the coke explodes everywhere into the sky. - Suhani

My favourite part was when the Coca Cola went everywhere and the ground got bubbly. - Lisa

I liked the part when we were butting bicarb soda and vinegar together and put a balloon on top and the balloon started to blow up. Kaeley-

My favourite part was when you put the Mentos into the coke, the coke will build up bubbles and explode everywhere. - Austin



## CHEMICAL CAPERS INCURSION

Here are some student responses from 1A from the chemical capers incursion.

Enjoy.

My favourite part was when Ben put Mentos in the coke and it EXPLODED everywhere! Lewis 1A

I liked putting food colouring in the milk and then dipping a detergent soaked cotton bud into the colour and seeing a shape appear. Zaki 1A

My favourite thing was seeing the coke explode when the Mentos was added to it. Scotland 1A

I loved seeing the coke explode. William 1A

The coolest part was when we mixed vinegar with bicarb soda and put it in the balloon and the balloon blew up. Lilly 1A

My favourite part was when Ben put Mentos into the coke which made it explode. Dane 1A

The best part was the coke exploding with the Mentos because it went really high up in the sky. Sophia 1A

I liked the Mentos and coke experiment because the coke exploded everywhere! Flynn 1A

I learnt that fat and water don't want to be together. They are 'handcuffed' and can't move unless they take off the 'handcuffs' using something like detergent. Katie 1A



## CHEMICAL CAPERS INCURSION

My favourite part was the coke and Mentos explosion in front of the hall, it was amazing and cool. Chloe 1A

My favourite part was the coke exploding in the air when the Mentos mixed with it. Eddie 1A

My favourite part was watching the coke explode. It went higher than I thought! Hunter 1A

My favourite activity was the coke experiment. The coke exploded in front of everyone when the Mentos was mixed with it. Lucia 1A

My favourite part was the coke and Mentos explosion because it looked like a volcano erupting. Oliver 1A

My favourite part was the coke and Mentos because when he dropped the Mentos and it touched the coke, it went flying up. Jake 1A

We blew up a balloon using bicarb soda mixed with vinegar! Anastasia 1A

My favourite part was putting the skittle in the water because the colour from the skittle spread everywhere in the water. Chris 1A

My favourite part was when Ben made the coke come flying out because the Mentos made gas that took up soooooo much space. Dean 1A

The first thing we did was mixed bicarb soda with vinegar in a bottle. We put a balloon over the top of the bottle and the balloon started to blow up!

Aaliyah 1A



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## CHEMICAL CAPERS INCURSION

Here are student responses from 1V from the Chemical Capers incursion.

I learnt that when you add food colouring to milk the colour stays in its own area. When you add detergent to the food colouring, the food colouring spreads it “uncuffs’ the milk. Rodwin 1V

I learnt that vinegar and bi-carb soda can blew up a balloon. An acid is a warm colour and a base is a cool colour. Travis 1V

The best part was when colours joined together. Jasmine 1V

The best part was the coke and the Mentos together. The coke exploded all around and it looked like a big waterfall. Renee 1V

I learnt that cabbage soup is an indicator. Acids are warm colours and bases are cool colours. For example, vinegar and cabbage soup together becomes an acid and turns pink. Isabella 1V

The best part was when the coke exploded on the floor. It was so quick the gas escaped from the coke bottle. Coke is an acid. Joel 1V

I learnt if you put dish liquid into milk and food colouring it went all swirly. Mekai 1V

I learnt that if you add Mentos to coke, the coke will explode. Coke is an acid. Jake 1V

I learnt that an acid is a warm colour and a base is a cool colour. Cabbage soup is an indicator. Michael 1V

I learnt that if you have window cleaner, vinegar, coke and toothpaste in a separate cups and add a little bit of cabbage soup into each cup they will all change colour. The toothpaste will turn greyish blue and the window cleaner will turn green. The vinegar will turn light pink and coke turns dark red. Amira 1V

I learnt that whenever you add Mentos into a coke bottle the coke will explode. Sammy 1V

I learnt that when you put cabbage soup in vinegar the colour changes to pink. It’s a warm acid colour. I learnt that cabbage soup is an indicator and is purple colour. Jennifer 1V

## CHEMICAL CAPERS INCURSION

The best part was when the coke exploded because the gas escaped out of the bottle. Lucas. G. 1V

I learnt the sugar cube beside the food colouring won't stick together because the water pushed the colour away because the sugar unlocks the chain reaction. Viola 1V

I learnt that an acid turns red or pink and bases turn blue or green. Samuel 1V

The best part was when Ben put Mentos lollies into the coke bottle and the coke exploded out of the bottle like a fountain. Sarah 1V

I learnt that when you put skittles in the water, the food colouring from the Skittles slowly moves to a spot. The Skittles become white and the water takes the white for itself. Bryan 1V

I learnt that you don't eat your ingredients. When you put an indicator such as cabbage soup into vinegar, coke, toothpaste and window cleaner they all change colour. Eliza 1V

The best part was when we added skittles and water in a plate. Then the Skittles turned white and the colour spread. The Skittles turned white because the water dissolved the food colouring. Ryan 1V

I learnt that coke mixed with Mentos equals an explosion. This is because the gas escapes from the coke bottle. Maddy 1V

The best part was when Ben pulled the string with Mentos and the coke exploded like a fountain. Lucas.P. 1V

I learnt that when you put Skittles in the water the food colouring dissolves and turns the Skittles white. Marcus 1V



## FOUNDATION GO SHOPPING AT TUNSTALL SQUARE

There was great excitement on Tuesday 3 December when the Foundation students had their shopping excursion to Tunstall Square. This term we have been learning about money in maths and it was a fantastic experience for the children to use notes and coins in a variety of shops. At Tunstall Square we broke up into small groups and everyone had a list of different things to buy, such as fruit, vegetables, bread, dip, party pies and so on. Each student was allowed to spend up to \$2 at the \$2 Shop which was a definite highlight for most!

Back at school we had an amazing party with all the food we purchased. Thank you to all the parents and helpers who assisted on the day at Tunstall Square and back at school with the food and cleaning up. The students all agreed it was, "The best day ever!"

Foundation Team



## SUSTAINABILITY AT DONBURN - GARDENING CLUB



Hello families,

What a successful year we've had in the garden! We've done heaps of fun cooking with all the produce coming out of our very own garden. This wouldn't be possible without all of our talented and enthusiastic students lending a hand during Tuesday lunchtimes and our amazing parent helpers Dionne Dearman and Kathryn Manago. Gardening Club will continue into 2020 with many more classroom cooking activities.

If you would like to help or your children would like to attend, you can find us behind the Year 5 classrooms every Tuesday from 1:40-2:30 pm.

An additional thank you to all our wonderful families who have contributed to Nude Food Tuesday's. Every contribution to helping our environment counts!

Thank you,

Sustainability Team



## SUSTAINABILITY AT DONBURN - GARDENING - COOKING

On November 21, 3V had an extra special day as students cooked Okonomiyaki with our incredible helpers Kathryn Manago, Tiffany Podrug and Bec Barker. It was a great experience for all students as they got to participate in picking the produce from our garden and helping prepare it in the kitchen. Students put their best *food* forward and showed their amazing culinary skills in washing, cutting and grating all of our produce. See below for images from the day.

Thank you - Students from 3V





## Okonomiyaki (Japanese pancakes)

**Season:** Winter/Spring

**Makes:** 30 tastes in the classroom or 6 at home

Okonomiyaki or Japanese pancakes are a delicious treat designed to be shared. They are easy to make and you can substitute other vegetables depending on what you have growing in the garden.

**Fresh from the garden:** cabbage, carrots, eggs, kale, nagaimo or sweet potato, spring onions

### Equipment:

measuring cup and spoons  
clean tea towel  
chopping board  
cook's knife  
vegetable peeler  
grater  
large bowl  
medium bowl  
small bowl  
whisk  
mixing spoon  
4 egg rings  
frying pan  
egg flip  
paper towel  
serving platter

### Ingredients:

½ small head of cabbage, finely shredded  
2 carrots, peeled into long thin ribbons with a vegetable peeler  
1 large nagaimo (or sweet potato if unavailable), grated  
4 kale leaves, stalks removed and finely shredded  
6 x 70 g eggs  
¼ cup dashi or fish sauce  
spring onions, finely sliced  
1 cup flour  
2 tbsp sesame seeds  
4 tbsp sunflower oil, for frying  
4 tbsp kecap manis (sweet soy sauce)  
3 tbsp Japanese mayonnaise or home-made mayonnaise  
2 tbsp pickled ginger (optional)

### What to do:

1. Prepare all of the ingredients based on the instructions in the ingredients list.
2. Place the shredded cabbage, carrot ribbons, nagaimo, kale and half the spring onions into a large bowl.
3. Crack the eggs into the medium bowl and whisk to combine, then add the dashi.
4. Shake the flour and half the sesame seeds across the cabbage and other veg and toss to combine, then drizzle the egg mixture over the top and stir to combine.
5. Place enough sunflower oil into your frying pan to cover the base, and heat over medium to high temperature. Place the egg rings into the pan.
6. Using a tablespoon, place a large spoonful of pancake mixture into each egg ring and cook until golden and crispy on the bottom. When ready, remove egg ring and flip and push your pancakes up against the side of your frying pan to create a nice round shape. Cook the other side, then reserve on paper towels and keep warm in the oven. Repeat the process using the remaining oil and batter.
7. Serve warm with kecap manis drizzled over the top, then create a criss-cross pattern with the Japanese mayonnaise.
8. Lastly, sprinkle with sesame seeds, top with pickled ginger (if using) and scatter the remaining spring onions over the top. Serve warm.



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## THE ADVENTURES AT COMO HOUSE

The Year 3 students went to Como House on 18 November to learn about Australian History and the Armytage Family.

One of the activities we did was the Mansion Tour, where we saw lots of old fashioned furniture, clothes and rooms for the children, adults and a nanny. The students learnt about the olden days and their old fashioned rules, including that children under five had to wear particular clothing. Boys had to wear a smock that looked like a pretty dress, and girls were only allowed to wear a dress every day, and not allowed to wear pants. When the students did ballroom dancing, they danced like ladies and gentlemen. After the mansion tour, they reflected on their lives compared to those of the Armytage family, and realised that they are very lucky to be able to wear whatever they want!

Another activity was the 'Old Fashioned Games', where the children played croquet, sack races, hot potato, egg and spoon races, quoits, skipping and tug of war. The students laughed a lot when they kept falling over while playing tug of war!

The Donburn Detectives searched the garden for clues during the Mystery Garden activity to solve the case of 'who broke the doll?' It was difficult to find the clues in the garden because the map was challenging to navigate. They found out the answer at the end...but they will keep it a secret for future Donburn detectives!



## THE ADVENTURES AT COMO HOUSE

The last activity was Servant Training, where the students learnt how to wash clothes the old fashioned way, using a washboard, a wooden stick and a mangle. They also had to learn 4 of the 14 servant bells that were used in Como House. The bells had slightly different sounds, some were lower pitched and some were higher. The children couldn't even accurately identify 4 of the bells, let alone all 14! During servant training, they practiced carrying a tray full of plastic cups without dropping them, however the real glasses that the Armytage family used were expensive and made out of crystals and glass. Being a servant must have been very tiring, stressful and a lot of hard work.

At the end of the day, the Donburn students thanked the hosts for teaching them important information about the Armytage family, how to be a servant and what life was like in the olden days. They had a great day touring the mansion, solving mysteries, practising being a servant and playing olden day games, some of which they had never played before. 3K highly recommends a visit to Como House.



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## THE ADVENTURES AT COMO HOUSE

On 18 November 2019, Year 3 students from Donburn Primary School went on an excursion to Como House.

Como House is located in South Yarra on Williams Road. The students visited Como House to learn about what it was like in the 19th Century.

The students were put into four groups and they participated in four activities. The activities included a tour of the mansion, olden day games, a history mystery search and servant training.

The old fashioned games included croquet, hot potato, tug of war and many more. The students also worked as servants. They had to listen to bells and then carry drinks to those rooms, and wash clothes using a washing board. During the mansion tour the students danced in the ballroom, walked around acting like wealthy people in the 1800's. They saw the big black door and chandeliers that Mrs Armytage brought back from her trip to Europe. During their mystery search, students had to find clues from around the garden and work out who broke the porcelain doll.

During the excursion the students found out that Como House was built in 1847 and that the Armytage family owned it for 95 years before they sold it to The National Trust in 1959. Students had an amazing time at Como House. Some students even said they want to take their families on the weekend to have another tour. To find out more information please visit

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/places/como-house-and-garden/>

By 3R



## THE ADVENTURES AT COMO HOUSE

On Monday 18 November, the students of Donburn Primary School visited Como House for an excursion and got to experience what life was like in the 1800's. When they arrived, they were greeted by Mark and Bronwyn, the tour guides for Como House.

On the day, the students were engaged with old fashioned games such as croquet, egg and spoon race, tug of war and hot potato. Some also experienced what it would be like to a servant for the Armytage family and exactly how much work was involved in doing even the most basic of chores! Students particularly liked learning about 'chamber pots' which were the toilets for families in the 1800's. "How far we've come!"

Another highlight of the day was the mansion tour which allowed students to see inside Como House. The Armytage family even had their own ballroom, a symbol of their unbelievable wealth!

The activity which got the votes for the most enjoyable activity was the mystery hunt where students went searching for clues to solve the mystery of '*who broke Laura Armytage's porcelain doll?*'.

Everyone had an amazing day at Como House, with some of the students even wanting to return to take their own families on the tour! By 3V



## COLOURING COMPETITION INVITATION

The Rejoice Community Centre , Forest Hill, has invited Donburn students to enter their **2020 Chinese New Year Fun Fair Colouring Competition.**

The aim of the competition is to share and promote Chinese culture.

There is a group prize (for the most number of entries from one school) and individual prizes for the best three drawings.

There are 7 pictures to choose from, each celebrating the 2020 Chinese New Year Of the Rat.

### How to enter:

- Ask your parents/carers for permission to enter.
- Go to **[www.rejoiceatsameway.org.au](http://www.rejoiceatsameway.org.au)**.
- Choose your favourite picture.
- Download and print the picture.
- Fill in your details at the bottom of the page.
- Colour the picture using your artistic skills.
- Enter more than once if you are keen.
- **Entries must be received by Rejoice Community Centre by December 20, 2019**

(either by mail to 67 Mahoney's Road, Forest Hill, 3131 OR scan your entry and email to [info@sameway.com.au](mailto:info@sameway.com.au)).

\*You can enter more than once.

Any questions? See Mrs McInnes, Art Room



## JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

Hi everyone,

Thank you so much for your contributions to the Envision Hands bottle cap collection! We have collected two whole tubs of plastic caps to donate to Envision Hands, which will go towards making prosthetic hands for children.

**Our last day for cap collection will be this Monday 9 December.**

If you want to keep collecting and helping this charity, you can go to this website

<https://envision.org.au/envision-hands/>.

Thank you for all of your help. Finn 4H



## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES

OPEN Monday 9 December

3:00pm - 3:30pm

Located next to the Donburn office.

Donations and selling items **needed for 2020 students please.**

Ensure genuine uniform items 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.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Clothing in good condition	
<input type="checkbox"/> Laundered	



## LAST DAY FOR BANKING 2019 - TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER

Last day for 2019 banking is Tuesday 17 December.

School banking is done at Donburn by parent volunteers and the school receives a commission from the bank on the money banked. If you would like to apply for a bank account, you can visit any Commonwealth branch or apply online. -Happy Banking!



# COMMUNITY NEWS

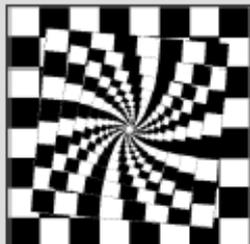
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Dear Families,

Term 4 has come to an end and what an eventful year we've had in Chess! Chess Club will continue into 2020 every Tuesday at lunchtime. If you would like to enrol your child, please complete the attached form.

Thank you - Chess Club

## Chess Ideas



### Child Safe Organisation

In accordance with the Child Safety and Wellbeing act of Victoria.

Ph: 9532 8370

Fax: 9532 8360

P.O. Box 3158  
Ripponlea 3185

[admin@chessideas.com.au](mailto:admin@chessideas.com.au)

- Established in 1994
- Teaching in over 100 schools in Melbourne and Ballarat.



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Chess Ideas Australia

## Donburn Primary School Chess Club 2020 Term 1



### Free Promotional Session Tuesday 11/2

Dates: Free session 11/2: 18/2 – 24/3): 6 week programme

Time: Tuesday Lunch 1.40 pm – 2.30 pm

Cost: \$14.50 per lesson \$87.00 for the Term

**PLEASE NOTE:** Students will not receive a refund for classes missed, unless it is a school activity.

Cheques should be made payable to "Chess Ideas (Australia) Pty. Ltd." or we accept payment by MasterCard, and Visa either by phone, 9532-8370, fax, 9532-8360 (Mon/Wed/Fri), email [admin@chessideas.com.au](mailto:admin@chessideas.com.au) or post. (Please complete the form below and post with payment).

**PAYMENTS CAN NOW BE DONE ONLINE AT**  
[www.chessideas.com.au](http://www.chessideas.com.au)

**ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY THE SECOND WEEK OF CHESS**

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

Go to [www.chessideas.com.au](http://www.chessideas.com.au) for our home page, to see upcoming tournaments and events.

### Donburn Primary School - CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 1, 2020

NAME OF CHILD: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph. #: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

Beginners/Intermediates or Advanced group \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Details:

NAME ON CARD: \_\_\_\_\_ CARD TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_

CARD NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRY DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose \$87.00 and send to: 'Chess Ideas (Australia) Pty. Ltd.' PO Box 3158, Ripponlea Vic 3185, or phone 9532 - 8370 or fax 9532 - 8360 with credit card details between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday

**Payment should not be handed to the school office.**

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Mark Hartnett  
**protennisacademy.com.au**

Donvale Tennis Club is delighted to host Donburn Primary School's tennis program. As a thank you we will be offering any new Donburn Primary Student a 25% discount off the Term 1 2020 coaching program.

**FREE TRIAL LESSON**

0407 050 060  
coaching@protennisacademy.com.au

(T&C's enrolments and payments must be finalised by the end of 2019)

# Learn to play tennis!

**FREE TRIAL!**

Do you need to speak to someone in Cantonese or Mandarin to enrol your child or yourself in tennis lessons? Simply sms to: 0403 129 648 - your Name, your child's name, child's age and your school, and our translator will call you to help you enrol. We cater for deaf or hard of hearing children, and all our programs are eligible for NDIS funding.

您需要和會說粵語或中文的人討論您自己或者您孩子的網球課程入學手續嗎？現在只需要簡單的發短信到0403 129 648；並填寫以下內容：  
您的姓名，聯繫號碼和電子郵件地址；  
孩子的姓名，年齡和所在學校（如果孩子是入學申請人）；所需要翻譯的語言。  
我們將會有翻譯聯繫和幫助您辦理入學手續。

**INCLUDES**

- 1 x FREE racquet
- 1 x FREE pencil case
- 1 x FREE Hot Shots Tee
- 1 x FREE Tennis Ball

**COST**

\$22.00 / session 10 x 45mins = \$220  
Note: Pro rata payments applicable.  
Max (4) players per coach.

After school lessons at Doncaster Tennis Club.

**SESSION TIMES**

Donburn Primary School  
Friday 8:00-8:45am

**M** 0403 129 648  
**E** vicky@slamin.com.au  
**W** www.slamin.com.au

- Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/435076>  
- Free trial bookings: [www.slamin.com.au](http://www.slamin.com.au)



## 2020 TERM DATES

TERM 1	Tuesday 28 January (teachers start) Wednesday 29 January (Year 1 - 6 students start) Wednesday 5 February (2020 Foundation students)	Friday 27 March	9 weeks
TERM 2	Tuesday 14 April	Friday 26 June	11 weeks
TERM 3	Monday 13 July	Friday 18 September	10 weeks
TERM 4	Monday 5 October	Friday 18 December	11 weeks

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### Wonga Park Scouts have you covered!

These funds will help us run amazing activities for the youth of our community, now that's the Christmas spirit!

#### PRICE LIST

Fresh Christmas Trees!

5ft - \$60  
6ft - \$70  
7ft - \$80

#### OPENING HOURS

Yarra & Dawes Rd, Wonga Park

Sat 30th Nov 9am - 12 noon  
Sat 7th Dec 9am - 12 noon  
Sat 14th Dec 9am - 12 noon

#### WE DELIVER!

Skip the hassle!  
\$15 delivery to your door\*



#### BUY ONLINE TODAY

Order now while stocks last!  
[www.stickytickets.com.au/92394](http://www.stickytickets.com.au/92394)

A stylized Christmas tree composed of various colored circles (red, white, purple) and stars. The text 'Carols by Candlelight' is written below it.

### Friday 13 December

6.00pm to 10.00pm  
Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster

#### Program highlights

**Kids Zone - 6.00pm to 8.00pm**  
**Pre-show stage entertainment - 6.30pm**  
**Main Concert - 8.00pm**  
**Fireworks - 10.00pm**

#### Getting there and parking

Parking is limited, plan ahead and if possible walk, cycle, or get dropped off at the event.  
Free event parking is available via King Street.

#### On the night

Food, snacks and glow novelties will be available for purchase.  
Manningham Carols is a smoke-free, family friendly event.  
Remember to keep your family pets in a safe, comfortable location at home during the fireworks display.

#### For full event information, road closures and parking details please visit:

[manningham.vic.gov.au/carols](http://manningham.vic.gov.au/carols)

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**MANNINGHAM UNITING CHURCH PLAYGROUP** Playgroup spaces available now. Manningham Uniting Church in Templestowe. Address: 109 Wood Street Templestowe (access from carpark to hall) For children 0-5 years and their parents, grandparents and carers. Craft, painting, playdough, messy play, outdoor and indoor play all included each session. More details from Chris [playgroup@manninghamuc.org](mailto:playgroup@manninghamuc.org) or Claire 0410827597

**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.

**DONBURN BADMINTON** Thursday Mornings from 9:15am - 11am (a change of day and now for Dads and Mums) Come and join us at social badminton. Bring your friends. Get to know members of Donburn community. Great exercise, even better coffee. Call or text Allison (Raf and Asher's mum) 0400 984 288. Even if you've never tried, you can cheer us on. Kiddies and bubs welcome.

**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](http://www.rhsports.com.au) Shop 14/100 New Street Ringwood Ph: 039870 1377

**MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS)**- Structured mother's group with crèche in Doncaster for mums of kids aged 0-6 years. Two Wednesday mornings per month during school term. Socialise, eat, learn, craft and RELAX! First session free for new mums -Call/text Donburn mum Margaret 0410 120 446 e: [mops@holyltrinitydoncaster.org.au](mailto:mops@holyltrinitydoncaster.org.au).

**MENDING AND ALTERATIONS** – Zips, hems, lengthening, shortening, taking-in or letting-out. Grandmother and grandfather of Emmi, Year 6 and Dean, Year 2, with over 50 years experience as a tailor and a dressmaker. Call Andrea on 9842 7860, East Doncaster.

**HAIRDRESSER** - please call Kathy on 0468 457 358 for an appointment.

**SUKI KIDS Designer Wear** - Designs by a Donburn mum. Ethically made. Girls sizes 7 - 14. Purchase online [www.sukikids.com.au](http://www.sukikids.com.au). Free postage for orders \$50+.

**CONTINENTAL MITCHAM** - Stanley Chen (Parent) Director 582 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham e: [conti.mitcam@gmail.com](mailto:conti.mitcam@gmail.com) [www.continental-tyres.com.au](http://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.

**MAT PILATES** Wednesdays 5:30pm to 6:30pm at Ruffey Lake Park. Cost \$10 Call Mandy on 0409 568 221 to book!

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### SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS / CLASSROOM HELPERS

Donburn appreciates the time you volunteer to help around the school. If you are volunteering in the classroom,

- ⇒ please sign in at the office and wear a visitors badge
- ⇒ please complete an initial induction with Jarod Ryan (all volunteers)



COMPASS  
School Manager

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](http://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).