



# 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 great week at school this week.

Firstly we have loved seeing all the parents coming into the playground. Thank you for respecting everyone by maintaining social distancing and wearing masks where appropriate!

Also we have had Camp Week for the students from Years 3 – 6 and the students have had a wonderful experience.

You may have noticed the Gaga Pit in the playground near the Colchester Drive entrance. This was built by Matt Dickins (Year 6 Leader) and Jarod Ryan (Assistant Principal) for the students to have an activity this week. It is a copy of one that they all enjoy at one of our regular camps- Camp Manyung in Mt Eliza. It has been a highlight of the activities for the students this week.

A big thank you to all the staff from Foundation – Year 6 and all the Education Support staff who have assisted with the activities this week. Staff have been here under the guidance of Cathy Marani and Esther Zhang from 7.00 am each morning preparing breakfast, lunch, morning and afternoon tea as well as the fun activities for the students. The students have thoroughly enjoyed this experience.

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## JULIE'S REPORT CONTINUED

The Transition Program for the Foundation students finished last week. The new students were delightful during their four WebEx sessions and the highlight was meeting them with their parents in their small groups. They visited their classrooms, met their teachers and had a tour around the school. It was the first visit to the school for many families. These are certainly very strange times. The new Foundation teachers (Ellen Kiel, Abigail Koh and Nicole Veis), the school captains (Lisa and Richard), Kid Krazy group (Zoey, Jessie, Lachlan, Joe, Katherine, Chloe, Christopher, Gia, & Emma) and Grant assisted in the Foundation Parent Evening. It was a very happy and positive event. Thank you to Jess Bullen for leading the Transition Program. We are looking forward to the students starting next year and getting to know them all and their families.

Please remember to order your books online with Campion before 11 December and pay your 2021 school fees on Compass.

Kind regards

*Julie*



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## SIENNA IS AN ACCOMPLISHED WRITER

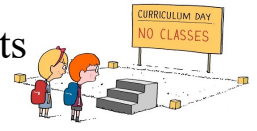
A big congratulations to Sienna from 4HS, who received her prize for second place in the Junior Writing category 2020 Speaking for the Planet Competition!

Well Done Sienna



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|           |             |  |
|-----------|-------------|--|
| Thursday  | 3 December  | Year 3 Camp                                    |
| Friday    | 11 December | Booklist free home delivery closes (see below) |
| Tuesday   | 15 December | Year 6 Graduation - 5pm - 8:30pm               |
| Wednesday | 16 December | Year 6 Sport Day                               |
| Thursday  | 17 December | Last day of term. Finish 3:30pm                |
| Friday    | 18 December | Curriculum Day No school for students          |



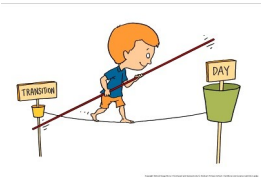
### 2021

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| Thursday  | 28 January | First day of school for students             |
| Wednesday | 3 February | 2021 Foundation students first day of school |

## BOOKS AND STATIONARY ORDERS 2021 - BOOKLIST BY FRIDAY

WWW.CAMPION.COM.AU

code: Q9KW



All orders must be Prepaid by Credit Card Only (Mastercard and Visa accepted).

**All orders submitted by Friday 11 December 2020 will receive free home delivery and will be delivered between 4 January 2021 – 21 January 2021.**

Orders can still be placed after the due date online for standard home delivery. Full stock availability cannot always be guaranteed for late orders and restrictions around COVID-19 will pertain to our Retail Service Centres'

|                           |  |                                  |                 |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Term 1 2021</b>        | <b>Students: Thursday, 28 January 2021</b> | <b>Thursday, 1 April 2021</b>    | <b>11 weeks</b> |
| School Holidays           | Friday, 2 April 2021                       | Sunday, 18 April 2021            |                 |
| <b>Term 2</b>             | <b>Monday, 19 April 2021</b>               | <b>Friday, 25 June 2021</b>      | <b>10 weeks</b> |
| School Holidays           | Saturday, 26 June 2021                     | Sunday, 11 July 2021             |                 |
| <b>Term 3</b>             | <b>Monday, 12 July 2021</b>                | <b>Friday, 17 September 2021</b> | <b>10 weeks</b> |
| School Holidays           | Saturday, 18 September 2021                | Sunday, 3 October 2021           |                 |
| <b>Term 4</b>             | <b>Monday, 4 October 2021</b>              | <b>Friday, 17 December 2021</b>  | <b>11 weeks</b> |
| 2021/2022 School Holidays | Saturday, 18 December 2021                 | Sunday, 30 January 2022          |                 |

## 'DEEP BLUE' SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH 2020

Ten students from Donburn participated in this year's Science Talent Search. The Science Talent Search is run by the Science Teacher's Association of Victoria and the theme for this year's competition was 'Deep Blue: Innovations for the future of our oceans.' We had a wonderful range of entries including picture story books, posters, inventions and games.



The following students submitted entries and are to be congratulated on their amazing efforts, especially because the competition was held entirely online due to COVID:

Hannah – Foundation

Vidit – Year 1

Hanson – Year 2

Anastasia – Year 2

Amira – Year 2

Elyza – Year 3

Shiva – Year 4

Aarush – Year 5

Shiny – Year 5

Oscar - Year 5



Special congratulations to Oscar who received a Major Bursary Prize, winning a \$55 cheque and a medal. Oscar made a game called 'Climate Change: Ocean Affects' about how climate change has affected the beach at Inverloch. Oscar's prize was awarded at an online ceremony on 16 November. Well done Oscar!

The Science Talent Search will be on again for 2021 and next year's theme will be 'Food: Different by Design' which is based around the United Nations International Year of Fruits and Vegetables and the International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development. More information will be available in Term 1 2021!

Ashleigh Walker & Lauren Maher  
Science Talent Search Co-ordinators



## BIKE EDUCATION

On Monday 23 November, Year 5 had the opportunity to do Bike Education. Throughout four days we learnt basic traffic rules, overtaking, scanning, U-turns and power positions. Though it was tiring, it was lots of fun.

On Monday, we started on the obstacle course. We weaved through the cones and stayed away from the "cars". We did U-turns, and practiced indicating with our hands. The Year 5's loved going over the speed bumps; even though it was very bumpy!



The next day, we rode on the oval, practicing our overtaking and teamwork skills. We learnt to take off in a power position and how to control our speed. We also did a course on the basketball court. We weaved through the cones and rode around the oval. We practiced going in circles in the figure eight, and went as slow as we could on the chalk drawings. It was very hard!

On Wednesday, we attempted the round-about. We constantly had to remember to indicate and scan. We learnt to give way to whoever was coming from our right. After we circled around the oval, we did a U-turn obstacle course to finish.

We finished the week off by riding around the whole school. We covered everything we learned and had an amazing time.

At the end of the week, we were exhausted yet happy. Throughout the week, we enjoyed everything and learnt a lot of new things. We thank the teachers and educational support staff for helping us and guiding us to be more confident and safe on our bikes. It was an experience we would never forget.

By: Amelia and Zoe - Year 5





## CAMP DONBURN

On Monday 30 November the Year 6's attended Camp Donburn at school! We participated in 8 activities including; mega games, the Gaga pit, novelty games, the escape room, earth ball, orienteering, initiatives and cooked damper which were all run by our amazing teachers.



The students were provided with breakfast, a morning snack, lunch and an icy pole at the end of the day. Everyone enjoyed the Gaga pit because it was the first day of using it and everyone was very competitive, trying to win as many games as possible. We got messy making damper and hot and sweaty running around doing the orienteering. Everyone really enjoyed the day and had lots of fun!

By Chloe F and Laura W – Year 6



## eSMART - TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME?

Technology is a huge part of our lives – it has been a great help in staying connected with work, school and family this year. My children have used it to great effect to complete remote schoolwork, gain knowledge about topics that interest them and stay in contact with cousins, grand-parents and aunts and uncles.

To avoid overuse, dependency and even addictions, we have a rule in our house that is: technology is used in family spaces and charged on the kitchen bench overnight. Our goal is to keep our children safe and ensure their attitude to technology is a healthy one.

Having spoken with a number of parents and having heard stories from students in level 6, it seems that there are times where technology is becoming an obsession and children are sneaking device time at the wrong times and accessing inappropriate content.

I recently came across the 'Lootbox', a lockable charging station that parents can use to prevent children from using technology at the wrong time and thought it was worth mentioning.


Whilst I have no affiliation with the company, I thought it would be worth mentioning in our newsletter for your consideration. Please see the information sheet attached.

Best wishes,

Matt Dickins – Year 6 Team Leader and Teacher

# LOOTBOX

Melbourne invention to help parents provide screen time balance.




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Lock it away, let's go play!

LOOTBOX has just been formally nominated for the London Design Awards 2020.

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## A GAGA PIT HAS ARRIVED AT DONBURN



### GAGA RULES

1. To start, everyone in the pit must be touching the wall. Someone tosses the ball in the center of the pit, and it must bounce twice on the ground. As it bounces, everyone can say "Ga" for each bounce. After the second bounce ("Ga-Ga"), the ball is live.
2. Slap-hit the ball with your hand, aiming it at another player's leg at the knee or below. If the ball hits or touches anyone at the knee or below, that player is out and must exit the pit. At any time, if a player makes any type of contact with the ball at the knee or below, that player is out.
3. Anytime the ball goes out of the pit, the last person the ball touched is out.
4. You can only hit the ball one time until it either touches another player or the wall, then you are able to hit it again. You can bounce the ball against the wall to position it if necessary; and, you can move around anywhere inside the pit during the game.
5. The game ends when the last person is eliminated or to speed up the end of the game, the last few players can be given a count-down for a tie game. Once the game is over, everyone else re-enters the pit to start a new game.





# COLOURING COMPETITION INVITATION

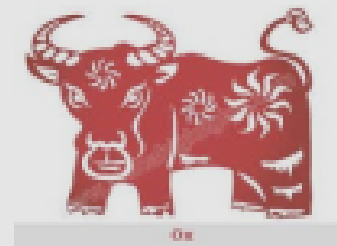
The Rejoice Community Centre has invited Donburn students to enter their **2021 Chinese New Year Fun Fair Colouring Competition.**

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.

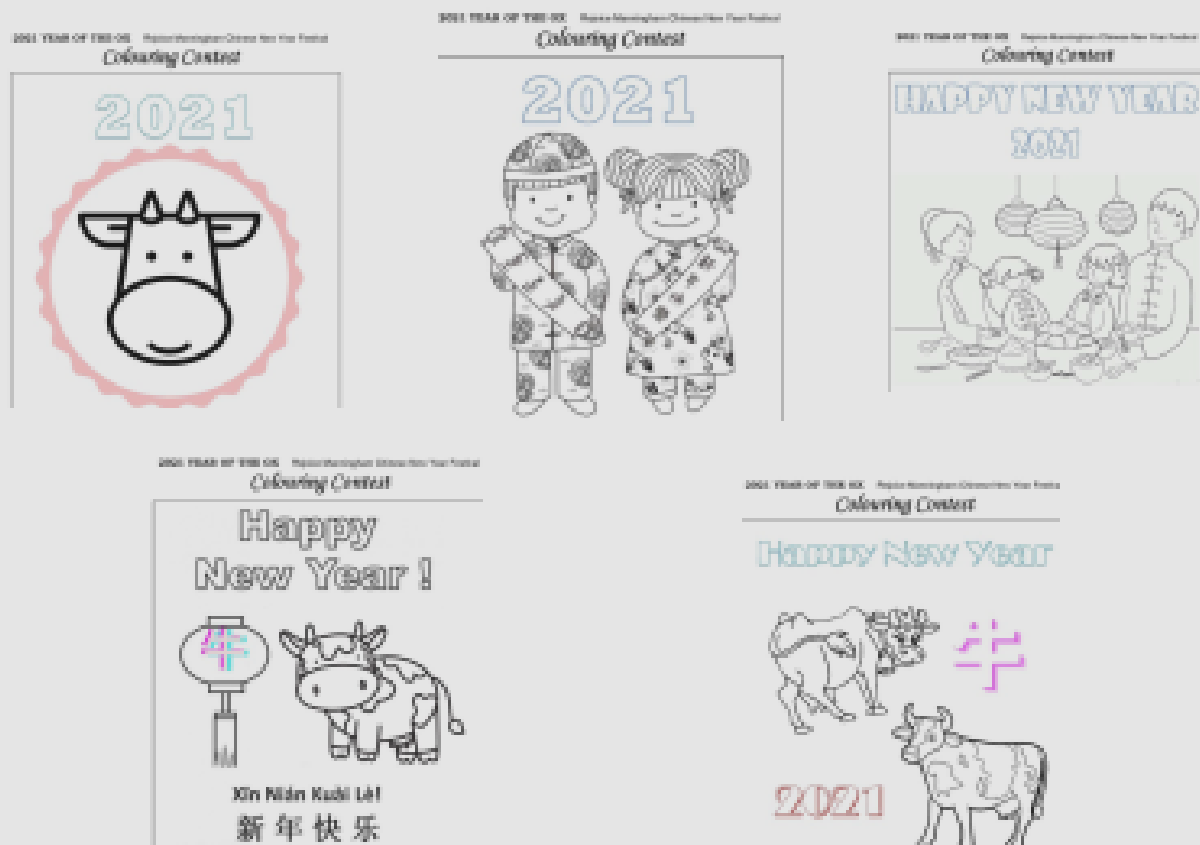
There are 5 pictures to choose from, each celebrating the 2021 Chinese New Year Of the Ox.

## 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, 2020**  
(either by mail to Level 1, 1 Walkers Road, NUNAWADING VIC 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



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## **NURSE CHIARA'S TIPS**

### **Eating tips for school**

It is important to encourage breakfast - Breakfast after a good night's sleep can help your child stay active and concentrate at school.



Snacks are an important part of a healthy diet for active children. Make snacks nutritious, not just high in energy. Fruit and vegetables provide important vitamins such as Vitamin C and folic acid, and should be included in children's lunches.

Examples of healthy snacks include crunchy vegetables with a spread or dip, whole grain crackers with cheese slices or yoghurt. In the warmer weather including a frozen cut up orange is a refreshing snack and will also keep the lunch box cool. Try to avoid high sugar and salty snacks that are low in nutrients such as lollies and potato crisps. Substitute sugary juices for plain water. Although fruit juice contains minerals, eating a piece of fruit is best, as fruit juice contains less fibre and more sugar.

Involving your child in preparing their lunch the night before will give them a sense of empowerment over what they are preparing.

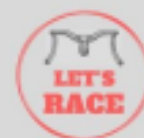
### **Treating a Nose Bleed**

As we move into the warmer weather nose bleeds can become more prevalent. To treat a nose bleed:

- ⇒ Lean person forward, pinching their nose between the bridge (middle) and the nostril (end). Maintain pressure for 10-15 minutes using a tissue or damp cloth to absorb the blood.
- ⇒ Have the person spit out blood and breath only through their mouth. Reassure and rest person for half an hour, avoid blowing or picking nose.
- ⇒ If a nose bleed is caused by a head injury (other than the nose being knocked) call 000 for immediate assistance.

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**Come & Try Track Cycling!**

Our 4 week all discipline free trial membership is a great option for people who are looking to get into riding and racing. Experience the thrill of participating in all disciplines recreationally or competitively. Disciplines include Road, Track, BMX, MTB, CX & Freestyle.

Day: Every **THURSDAY & SATURDAY**  
(Except 24/12/20-9/1/21)  
Time: Thu 6pm – 8pm & Sat 10am-12pm  
Date: 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020– 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Location: East Burwood Reserve Velodrome  
300 Burwood Hwy, Burwood East.

For more information contact:

Club name: Blackburn Cycling Club  
President: Barry Woods  
Email: [info@bbn.org.au](mailto:info@bbn.org.au)  
Phone: 0407 308 755



AUSCYCLE LINK - <https://auscycling.org.au/membership/other/free-trial>  
Register via <https://blackburncyclingclub.Teamapp.com/events> -  
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[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!

**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

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**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.

**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 Dean, Year 3 and Olivia Foundation, 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.

### FAUX FLOWERS FOREVER

Preserved flower arrangements that are real flowers that are preserved and can last for more than a year to 3 years. They can be an arrangement in a vase or bouquet or gift box for any occasion. Instagram: [@faux.flowers.forever](https://www.instagram.com/faux.flowers.forever) Facebook: [faux.flowers.forever](https://www.facebook.com/faux.flowers.forever) Mobile number s: Deeyana 0412971168 or Hasey 0403197268

**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+.



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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).