



# NEWSLETTER

CIRCULATED FORTNIGHTLY TO INFORM PARENTS OF  
SCHOOL EVENTS AND VIEWPOINTS

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## Dear Parents,

Once again the school has been a very busy place over the past fortnight.

**AUSTRALIAN BRAIN BEE CHALLENGE:**  
Congratulations to our team of Ashlee Griemink, Luke Clark, Callum Baker and Declan O'Shea for winning the Victorian State Team Final. Well done to Declan, who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the individual section. Thank you to Miss O'Brien who supported the team and transported students to Melbourne.

### VIRTUAL SCHOOL PROJECT:

Bendigo Senior Secondary College has been involved in developing on-line resources in Maths Methods and Physics, which will soon be trialled in the North Central Schools. Our School recently hosted a professional development day for twenty teachers from the Wimmera and North Central Schools. Congratulations to Mr. Whitfield on his excellent organisation, and to Mrs. Karen Sheridan who provided the refreshments.

### INTERMEDIATE PUBLIC SPEAKING:

All participants are to be congratulated on their efforts, and the standard of speeches was high. Thank you to Miss Swan for organising the event, and to Kate Clark and John McConville for acting as judges.

### GREEN WEEK:

This week, our Year 9's are busy planting trees in the Stuart Mill catchment area. Thanks to Mrs. Leishman, Ms. Perkal, Mrs.

Battersby, Mr. Goode and Mr. Wyatt for accompanying the students, and to Mr. Wyatt for his overall organisation.

## CALENDAR

June	
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Green Week
24 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup>	10B Driver Ed.
Fri. 26 <sup>th</sup>	CASUAL CLOTHES DAY - \$2 End Term 2 (2.30 p.m. finish) Reports given to students
July	
Mon. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 3
Thu. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Careers Expo - Charlton
Tue. 21 <sup>st</sup>	School Council Meeting - 7.30 p.m.
Fri. 24 <sup>th</sup>	High School Fete VSSSA Cross Country at Bundoora Park
Wed. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Sports
August	
Tue. 4 <sup>th</sup>	English Competition
Thu. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Competition
Mon. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tue. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Parent Information Night
Tue. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Information Night School Council Meeting - 7.30 p.m.
Wed. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Injections
Thu. 20 <sup>th</sup>	D.H.S. Drama Festival

### ON-TRACK DATA:

Data relating to 2008 student destinations after leaving School were released last week, and once again our results were excellent. Of our 19 Year 12 students, 75% are enrolled at University, 6% are doing a TAFE/VET course, 13% are working and 6% have deferred their tertiary courses and are working. Once again, no student has left Donald High and is still looking for work. This reflects positively on the whole School community.

### National Secondary School Computer Fund

We have just received word that the School has received \$30,000 from the Federal Government Scheme which will enable us to purchase an extra 26 computers. This is great news.

#### MR BURGESS:

Mr Burgess will be on leave for the whole of Term 3. I have arranged for his classes to be taken by Mrs. Jan Bird (Art/Graphics), Ms. Helen Ritchie (Art) and Mr. Bernie Seeger (Woodwork). We are fortunate to be able to employ short-term relief teachers who are qualified in the Art/Craft area, and I hope all students make these teachers feel welcome.

#### YEAR 10 SNOW TRIP:

Six year ten students were able to go to the snow this week after a School's cancellation. Our students are combining with Hopetoun Secondary College, and are having a great time. Thanks to Miss Swan for accompanying our students.

#### PRE-DRIVER EDUCATION:

This week our Year 10B students have been undertaking Pre-Driver Education at Charlton. This important extra-curricular activity has been heavily subsidised by our Parents' Club. I thank the Parents' Club for their continued support of our students, and Mrs. O'Shea who visited the students before their night drive.

#### REPORTS:

The mid-year Reports will be handed out to students tomorrow. I ask parents and students to carefully read the Reports and I hope that students try to act on the helpful advice provided by teachers. Following these Reports, there will be Parent/Teacher Interviews held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> August. Letters for

interviews will go home to parents at the start of Term 3.

I wish all our students and staff a safe, enjoyable and refreshing holiday.

GEOFF RIGBY, PRINCIPAL

## YEAR 7 NEWS

#### Reports

Tomorrow (last day of term), students will bring home their detailed Semester One Reports. The Reports will be addressed to the "parents/guardians". My view is that parents should **open** them, but at the very least, no student should open their reports without their parent's permission.

In commenting generally on the Year 7 Semester One Reports, I would have to say that they reflect positive progress. As usual, there are some quite outstanding individual performances, and those students have every right to be very proud of themselves. Another positive sign is that some students who were a little slow in adjusting to the increased demands of Secondary School, appear to have made real improvement in Term 2. I am concerned, though, about those students whose "Effort" and "Behaviour" are consistently rated below 'very good'. "Effort" and "Behaviour" are the indicators I take most notice of. Every student, regardless of their academic standard, has the capacity to rate highly in these areas in every subject, and that is the goal I want all students to set themselves for Semester 2.

#### Northern Zone Cross Country

After a successful run at St. Arnaud in the Northern Zone Cross Country, finishing 11<sup>th</sup>, Jack Onley has been selected to run in the VSSSA Cross

Country at **Bundoora Park on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> July**. We wish him well representing the School and region.

**Maths Competition**

This is to be held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> August for those who have paid for the Competition.

**Timetable Changes for Semester 2**

There will be some changes for students to be ready for at the start of Semester 2.

- The craft block will switch, 7A from Textiles and Graphics to Home Economics and Woodwork. 7B will have the reverse classes (Textiles and Graphics) for the second Semester. A copy of the new timetable will be given out to students when they return for Term 3.

**Fete - Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> July**

For the Fete, Year 7 students will be running the Sweets Stall. Next Term a class list will be put up in the Home Room and I will ask students to write next to their names what they could make (parents make) to sell. This is the Year 7's major fundraiser for the Fete and your assistance would be greatly appreciated. A more detailed letter regarding this activity will be sent home soon.

**Lockers**

All lockers will need to be cleaned out by the end of this week for cleaning purposes.

**Holiday Work**

The school policy is that no homework be set for Years 7 to 10 over the Term vacation. The kids need a rest. Most have deserved one. However, please encourage reading. **HAVE A GREAT BREAK. SEND YOUR KIDS BACK REFRESHED, AND REMEMBER TO KEEP CHECKING DIARIES EACH WEEK NEXT SEMESTER.**

**Important Dates for Term 2**

<b>June</b>	
Fri. 26 <sup>th</sup>	End of Semester Reports given to students at School Last day of Term (2.30 p.m. finish)

**Important Dates for Term 3**

<b>July</b>	
Mon. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 3
Fri. 24 <sup>th</sup>	High School Fete
Wed. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Sports
<b>August</b>	
Tue. 4 <sup>th</sup>	English Competition
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Mon. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wed. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Injections (11.30 a.m.)
Thu. 20 <sup>th</sup>	D.H.S. Drama Festival
<b>September</b>	
Mon. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Music Festival
Thu. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reports posted to parents
Fri. 18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 3

Kindest regards,  
JENNY LEISHMAN,  
YEAR 7 CO-ORDINATOR  
Home Phone: 5497-1206

**MIPs TIPS - CAMPUS TOUR: LaTrobe BENDIGO**

LaTrobe will be conducting their "Experience LaTrobe" event once again these School holidays (Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July), this time at their Bendigo campus. Students and their parents/guardians can take a guided tour of the campus, ask questions of staff and current students, explore the student accommodation and attend a mini lecture or tutorial in their area/s of interest. Registrations are now open. Please phone 1300 135 045 or register, visit <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/events/experience/bendigo> or speak with your MIPs Co-ordinator for more info.

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**NEW BOOKS IN YOUR  
LIBRARY THIS WEEK**



*"Grizzly trap"* by Justin D'ath  
Extreme Adventured series

In this latest novel, Justin Sam is on an excursion to North America with a group of Cub Scouts. When their bus crashes down a canyon, Sam, Sally and E.J set off to find help, encountering numerous wild animals, the link to a missing boy, and the mysterious "bigfoot".

*"The Bromeliad"* by Terry Pratchett

The Bromeliad is a compilation of Terry Pratchett's three well-known novels "Tuckers", "Diggers" and "Wings". Thousands of tiny gnomes live under the floorboards of a department store. The Store is to be demolished and their home will go. Reluctantly they embark on adventures which involve hazardous road travel, life in a quarry, and trips on Concorde in search of a new home.

*"Winter Song"* by Jean-Claude Mourlevat

In a bleak world ruled by the brutal Phalage, young children in orphanages are suddenly moved to Boarding Schools which resemble prisons. Surviving is all they can do until one day; two girls meet two boys from another Boarding School. Then the world begins to change. First two, then two more teenagers escape. Their captors pursue them using vicious dog-men to hunt them down. Only three succeed in seeking

refuge with a secret resistance movement. Once in safety they begin to find out who they really are, to discover courage and love, and the power a voice can hold.

*"Love you two"* by Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli

Pina is always struggling with the deep-seated, confining views of many of the older generation in her Italian family.

Then one day Pina makes an extraordinary discovery which tosses her views to the wind. Her steadiness is shaken and she runs away to stay with a favourite uncle. Pina is again confused and needs to understand Italian life in a modern world, and to become accepting of changing attitudes.

**DONALD LADIES GOLF** will be holding a Senior and Junior Ambrose event on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of School Holidays). Junior Golfers are most welcome to participate. Partners can be found on the day. Green fees are \$5. 9.30 a.m. assembly for 10.00 a.m. hit off.

**DONALD JUNIOR GOLF** will be commencing on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July @ 4.00 p.m., and will continue each Friday during Term 3. Cost is \$2 per week.

**Intermediate Public Speaking  
Competition**

The annual Intermediate Public Speaking Competition was held on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2009. Students from Years 9 and 10 competed, and Mr. John McConville and Mrs. Kate Clark adjudicated for the afternoon. The audience heard ten speeches on a range of topics, and the afternoon was an educational and entertaining experience for everyone involved.

Public Speaking forms an integral part of Donald High School's English Curriculum, and students perform a variety of speeches throughout their time at the school. Public Speaking is an important aspect of life that students need to practise. From involvement in sports, to job interviews and social functions such as weddings, speaking in front of an audience is something that most of us will do at some time in our lives. Ten Donald High School students have now taken a positive step towards becoming comfortable speaking in front of a crowd.

All students presented persuasive speeches on current issues in their English classes over the past few weeks. The best presenters were chosen, and went on to compete in the competition.

The audience was treated to a variety of speeches, and all speeches were presented with flair and enthusiasm. Lisa Cheng won the competition with her speech entitled 'Disgusting Habits'. She entertained and at times revolted her audience with graphic descriptions of many habits that go on in public that in her opinion, clearly shouldn't. She took a light-hearted look at the rules that govern people's social behaviour and kept her audience amused and entertained. Declan O'Shea took out second place with his discussion of the topical 'The Chaser's War on Everything', in particular the recent skit about terminally ill children. He contended that it was meant to be taken as a joke, as it is a comedy show, and people should lighten up. In third place, Angie Clark alarmed and educated her audience with her sensitive discussion of the frightening trend happening in Schools called 'Bully-cide', where people are deliberately bullied until they commit suicide. Jenna Cockman came fourth, trying to convince her audience

that you don't need money and fancy things to be happy.

Ashlee Jeffery, Matthew Butler, Alexander Bouchier, Cassie Taylor, Luke Clark and Teagan Stuchbery all received Certificates of Distinction for their excellent performances in the competition.

The students are to be commended for their participation in this competition. Well done to everyone involved. Thank you to everyone who helped set up the room, the judges, and particularly all the students willing to have a go. Well done.

Lauren Swan,  
Intermediate Public  
Speaking Co-ordinator.

### **The Pixel Prize Photography Competition**

The Australian Catholic University is committed to fostering and empowering young people to engage in the arts, and use it as a powerful tool to communicate valuable messages to society. For this reason, the University is introducing *The Pixel Prize*, a photography competition for High School students.

The competition provides students with an opportunity to develop their skills as photographers, have their work displayed in a public gallery, attend an Awards Night with industry professionals, and of course win over \$2,000 in cash prizes.

**The Pixel Prize Photography Competition** is Open to all High School students. \$1000 will be awarded as first prize (as well as runners-up prizes). There will be a Gallery Exhibition and Awards Night for short-listed entries. For more information or to enter, visit: [www.thepixelprize.com.au](http://www.thepixelprize.com.au)

## NORTHERN ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

2009

Three Donald High School students have earned a place in the VSSSA Cross Country finals after very competitive performances in the Northern Zone final held at St. Arnaud last Tuesday, 16th June.

In what was a major boost for the North Central area, the Northern Zone event was moved away from Bendigo and gave local students a wonderful opportunity to compete at a higher level. Credit for this must undoubtedly go to Craig Cornwell and the staff at St. Arnaud S.C. and other Schools in the North Central cluster. Needless to say, the presentation of the event at Lord Nelson Park was brilliant, and brought nothing but praise from visitors who travelled from near and far.

Donald High School had a total of eighteen competitors, which compares with the normal five or six in previous years. Jack Onley came eleventh in a field of seventy three in the 13 Year Old section. Jake Sheridan came in fifth out of sixty five (15 year old). Alex Downes came twelfth out of thirty six (Under 21).

Congratulations to all runners who gave their best. We wish Jack, Jake and Alex, along with all runners from neighbouring Schools, the very best of luck at the next level.

The VSSSA final will be held at Bundoora Park on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> July.

**There will be Casual Clothes Day on tomorrow, Friday, June 26. Students are asked to pay \$2 each for the privilege of being out of uniform. All money will go towards fundraising for the SRC.**

## WIMMERA BAND GROUP

Donald is hosting the annual Wimmera Band Group Music School in the first week of the School holidays, beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June. This represents an excellent opportunity for all music students to receive tuition from specialised music educators. All ages and stages of learning are catered for, and mature-aged students are also very welcome to attend. The cost is \$140 for the week, which includes textbooks, lunch, as well as morning and afternoon tea. This is a rare opportunity in your home town, so any music student who is not already enrolled should seriously consider making the effort to attend. There are still limited places available for students to participate. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity. Contact Mr. or Mrs. Battersby on 5495-1780 (a.h.) as soon as possible.

This is a great chance to showcase our town and act as hosts to an influx of approximately 80 participants. The Donald 2000 Committee is helping to organise this great event. We are still looking for approximately six families to host a pair of band group participants. Please let Mrs. Battersby or Mrs. Goode know if you are able to host. The week will finish with a concert in the Donald Memorial Hall on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, to which all the public are welcome. We will complete the weekend with an afternoon tea and the organising committee would really appreciate donations of a plate of afternoon tea. Please let Debbie Borden know if you are able to make a donation (phone 0409 955 272).

On behalf of the Donald 200 Music School Organising Committee, Debbie Borden.

## **WORKCO Apprenticeship and Traineeship Vacancies**

<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>
Business Administration Traineeship	Horsham	Kylie Christian	26/06/2009
Certificate III in Real Estate	Horsham	Shane Cross	26/06/2009
Mechanic Apprenticeship	Donald	Kate Clark	17/07/2009
Floor Covering Apprenticeship	Melbourne	Deena Sleiman	26/06/2009

More details about these vacancies can be found on the noticeboard outside the office.

### 2009 UNSW English Competition

The University of NSW English Competition will take place on Tuesday, August 4, week three of Term three. This provides an opportunity for all Years 3 – 12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in English.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly, and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The tests are an excellent preparation for National tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses.

High quality UNSW certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

Many parents have taken the opportunity of paying for entry to the English Competition through the booklist earlier this year. If you want your child to participate in this competition and have not previously paid, please fill in the form below and return to school together with payment of \$6.60, in an envelope by Tuesday, July 14.

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My child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

(please print)

would like to participate in the University of N.S.W English Competition to be held on Tuesday, August 4. Please find enclosed the entry fee of \$6.60.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Australian Brain Bee Challenge - Victorian State Final Program

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2009

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

On Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00 a.m., four Year 10 students made their way to Melbourne to compete in the Australian Brain Bee Challenge Victorian State finals. Congratulations to Callum Baker, Luke Clark, Ashlee Griemink and Declan O'Shea for an exceptional performance in Round 2 (State Final). The students had to complete an online multiple choice test for Round 1 back in March, and due to their results from this test they were all invited to compete in Round 2 as individuals and as a team. After competing in the Preliminary Final, Luke, Ashlee and Declan were three of eight students to make it into the next stage. Declan was one of three students to compete in the final and came third after a very close and very competitive test. Congratulations to Declan, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize was an iPod Shuffle. As a team, Callum, Luke, Ashlee and Declan managed to be one of three teams to make it into the finals after the preliminary team final. **THEY WON!** 1<sup>st</sup> prize was a fantastic microscope for the School. Personally I would like to congratulate Callum, Luke, Ashlee and Declan on their exceptional performance against other students their own age from all over Victoria.

I hope that the Year 10's next year will take on the opportunity when offered to them. You never know, they may win and that means a trip to Sydney to compete in the Australian Brain Bee National Finals.

S. O'Brien

## **Year 11 Work Experience.**

Back in May the Year 11 students went to Ballarat for work experience. Below are some of their comments on the week.

I worked at the North Ballarat Roosters Football Club, which is a VFL club. I enjoyed the week enormously. The thing that really amazed me is how much work is done behind the scenes, and what many don't see. The time in just to pick a side for the weekend really surprised me! All in all I had a great week and enjoyed the experience. I would like to thank the teachers who came along for the trip.

- Lucas Anderson

For Work Experience I worked at Ballarat Elders. I had a fantastic week, learning a range of new skills. I worked in the stock yards with sheep and cattle on farm agronomy and went to a wool sale in Melbourne. I could definitely see myself working there in the future.

- Olivia Borden

For Work Experience I worked at Dana Street Primary School. I really enjoyed hearing the children read and teaching them new Maths skills. I had a great week and really enjoyed myself.

- Laura Connell

During the week of Work Experience I worked at Canadian Lead Primary School. I took classes and helped kids with their reading. I also made a lot of younger friends at lunchtimes, as I would go out and kick the footy with some boys, then gradually more girls would play as well. I had so much fun. It was a great experience and I've learnt to appreciate teachers more because it is hard work.

- Rachael Coon

I worked at the Ballarat Courier for 3 days, where I did a variety program. I spent a

day in Editorial, Design and Print, and also Accounting. On the other 2 days I spent at the DPI where I went to Hamilton to a field day and went out with the Potato Department man. Overall I enjoyed the experience and had a lot of fun.

- Shannon Crowe

I worked at Sovereign Hill and enjoyed sleeping in whilst everyone else (except Caitlyn) rushed off to catch public transport. During the week I made and ate lollies and photos with 1 million plus people and made candles. I enjoyed the dressing up every morning and being beaten by Mrs. Goode in Ten Pin Bowling. Working at Sovereign Hill was a great experience and a lot of fun.

- A. Downes

For Work Experience I spent 5 days at ASCET Creative. I really enjoyed working in the graphic design industry and learnt a lot. During the week I worked on newsletters and Album covers. I also created a logo for an accounting firm. I thoroughly enjoyed the week and would recommend it to anyone interested in the graphic design industry.

- Alex Dunstan

For Work Experience I went to the Commonwealth Bank Business Loan Branch in Ballarat. I got to work with Banking software, collaborate accountants figures and have a good laugh with my workmates. It was really fun and a good experience.

- Ethan Egan

I worked at Ballarat Truck Centre. I fixed and serviced trucks. I worked with a good lot of people.

- Andrew Falla

I worked at Ballarat Community Health Centre. There I worked in Health Promotion, in a variety of areas such as party safe, weight management, dietetics

and assisting people to quit smoking and manage diabetes. - Erin Fritsch

For Work Experience, Olivia and I worked at the Ballarat Branch of Elders. We both found that it was a great environment to work in, and overall it was a very rewarding experience. We would both like to encourage anyone interested in Agriculture to choose Elders because there is a lot to learn and they are great teachers.

- Kalon Green

I spent the week working at the Ballarat YMCA. I thoroughly enjoyed it as I did a variety of things like aquatic education, crèche, gym, working at the café and learnt how to test the pool water.

- Tim Gillahan

I worked a T.J. COUTT's Electrical Contractors with a lot of different people and learnt a wide range of skills. I enjoyed my week a lot.

-Josh Gilmour

I spent my week working with the Sales Managers and Buyers at Hugo Boss in Melbourne. Everyone was so generous of their time, and I had a fantastic week.

- Caitlin Leishman

I spent the week at the Allied Health Department at the Queen Elizabeth Centre looking at various allied health occupations. My week was brilliant and the staff were awesome to work with, as were the patients.

- Zack May

For the week I worked with Leigh Hawkes. I improved my skills and learnt how to pave.

- Jake McKenzie

I went to Bendigo to do work in a camera house, which was a really good experience. I got to learn more about cameras, work with people, and also got to work in the lab processing, where they go through to get to

the right colour quality. It was a wonderful experience which I would recommend to anyone who loves photography, and I would go back anytime.

- Skye McCahon

For Work Experience, I went to Ballarat Ag, as a tractor Mechanic. I did a range of work from new machines to fixing up old ones. One day I went out and was working in the field on tractors instead of in the workshop.

- Alastair Paynter

For Work Experience I worked with TGM Engineering. I completed a variety of different tasks, such as surveying, planning, drafting and visiting a construction site.

- Jake Postlethwaite

I went to Dana St. Primary School for Work Experience. I helped the kids with reading and Math. Everyone was really friendly which made it enjoyable.

- Tamika Russell

For Work Experience I worked at Ideal Fabrications in Mildura as a cabinet maker. During the week I learnt how to assemble and install cupboards. The people were very kind and I enjoyed the week working with them.

- Lachlan Sheridan

For Work Experience I worked at the Ballarat Courier with the photographers. I went out with the photographers each day and got to take some photos. Some of my photos went in the newspaper. I enjoyed my Work Experience.

- Alice Rooney

For Work Experience I spent 3 days at the Delacombe Primary School with an Art teacher, Annet Archer. I really enjoyed spending time with all the different aged children, but particularly enjoyed working with Years 3 & 4. For the other 2 days I went to the Ballarat Courier working with a graphic designer and photographer. One of the days I got to design my own

advertisement and also had the chance to get close up with the Crocodiles at the Wildlife Park with the photographers. Work Experience was great fun. Thanks to all the teachers. - Leah Trollop

I went to Sovereign Hill. I got to help out in a lot of different shops, including the

Lolly Making Factory. Dressing up was a lot of fun and everyone was really nice to work with. - Caitlyn Wood

I worked at IBM Classifieds. - Andrew Young

### **DONALD JUNIOR FOOTBALL & HOCKEY CLUBS**

Just a reminder that there will be a tea in the Blue Room after training on July 1<sup>st</sup> - this is the first Wednesday of the School holidays. There will be hot beef or chicken rolls with gravy. \$2 for tea and \$1 for a can of soft drink.

### **ZACK MAY - VIC COUNTRY TEAM**

Congratulations to Zack May for his selection in the Victorian Country Under 16 Football team. The team will be under the guidance of Nathan Buckley as Coach and will travel to Sydney in the holidays to compete against other states in the Australian Championships.

The School community would like to wish Zack all the best and congratulate him on his achievements to this point.

### **FREE HOSPITAL LAB TOURS**

RMIT University and Melbourne's leading hospitals and laboratories are giving enthusiastic Science students in Years 10 to 12 the chance to see hospital scientists in action. The labs opening their doors to students from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July include: Austin Pathology, Heidelberg; Box Hill Hospital, Box Hill; Monash Medical Centre, Southern Health Pathology, Clayton; and Victorian Cytology Services, Carlton. To view a full list of labs, and to register, visit [www.rmit.edu.au/medical-sciences](http://www.rmit.edu.au/medical-sciences)

## High School Fete

1. Cake Stall. If many people do a little bit, it will be terrific! Family numbers and prices can be obtained by phoning the office prior to the Fete. Pricing will be made when delivered to School.
2. Garden and produce: What you can grow easily, others may want to purchase.

Ideas for Sweets Stall – Rocky Road, Moulded Chocolates, Peppermint creams, Coconut Ice, Nut Clusters, Toffee, Spiders, Rumballs, Apricot Balls, and Turkish Delight.

### PARENTS' CLUB MEETING REPORT

To those who attended our Parents' Club lunch meeting a few weeks ago, thank you. We enjoyed the company of our Principal, Geoff Rigby, who informed us of what is happening at School Council level, and he urged parents to consider Ambulance Membership, as it is a very costly service to use if you are a non-member. Unfortunately we never know when we may need it.

The Fete is on July 24 this year, a little earlier than last year, so the Parents' Club are asking for support again in making the 2009 Fete a success. Please refer to the roster below and choose a time that suits, fill in and return to school by July 13.

Could all parents/guardians please check with the School for their numbers to be placed on all cakes, slices, etc. Items, which can be brought to School on Fete Day and sent to the Home Economics Centre, **will be priced from the revised price list at the School this year** to save confusion in pricing, making sure that all items are priced accordingly. This will hopefully save time for those working on the stall, as this is a very busy stall on Fete day. Could any parents, Mums or Dads who could spare 1/2 an hour to assist on any of the Parents' Club stalls or the BBQ please contact Robyn Bibby on 54966222 or send a note to School.

## ANNUAL DHS FETE

The annual Donald High School Fete will be conducted on FRIDAY, JULY 24TH commencing at 12:00 a.m. and finishing at 2:30 p.m. with the announcement of the competition winners and the drawing of the Year 12 Monster Hamper raffle.

There will be a vast array of stalls for those of you looking to brighten up your garden, tantalise your taste buds with homemade goodies or the perfect knick-knack to accentuate the coffee table.

The Parents' Club will be running a Sausage Sizzle and also selling Lucky Dips, Show Bags, and for the first time, Bubble Wands!

**The lunchtime rush will be well catered for with food stalls offering hamburgers from the front of the School, hot dogs and hot potatoes from the Home Economics centre, as well as dessert plates, milkshakes and lasagne from the café located in the Canteen.**

Unfortunately the Hole-In-One golf competition will not run this year, but in its place will be the Spinning Wheel, providing lucky contenders with a variety of prizes. This will be conducted from noon to 2:00 p.m. on Friday.

If you have not caught up with the latest winter fashions come along room 1 at 12:30 or 1:30 p.m. and see them being modelled with style in the Fashion Parade, which is proudly sponsored by Mensland and Clothes Bin.

To add to the atmosphere, Miss Walsh and her talented musicians will entertain the crowd with a performance between 1 and 1:30 p.m.

If activity is what you want, then try the mini golf, mystery balloons, face painting, fortune telling, footy kick, coin in the tank, guess the lolly, chocolate lob or the gum boot throw - it is all at the Fete.

Come and support your school in this major fundraising activity.

Miss N. Hoare, Fete Co-ordinator

## BIRCHIP CROPPING GROUP INVITATION

Her Excellency, Ms. Quentin Bryce, AC Governor General, will be the Guest Speaker at the BCG Expo Dinner on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> July at the Birchip Leisure Centre.

Dinner Cost: \$40 (BCG Farmer Members \$30).

RSVP by 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2009. Phone 5492 2787

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**THURSDAY, 2nd J U LY, 2009**

**BCG GRAINS RESEARCH EXPO**

From surviving to thriving

Expo topics include:

Grain storage & marketing; risk management; new varieties; nutrition; soils; pest, disease & weed management; spray technology; precision agriculture; climate & weather.

Free breakfast 8.30am – 4.00pm

Free entry Birchip P – 12 School