Dear Parents,

We have now reached the half-way mark in the school year and both students and staff have earned a break.

**CONGRATULATIONS MEGAN**

Megan Berry was recently awarded a $500 scholarship from the Weight Family Foundation which was established under the auspices of the Wesley Performing Arts Centre to honour the enormous contribution that the Weight Family has made to the development of music and the performing arts. Megan was announced as a winner at a recent concert given by current Weight Family Foundation recipient Matthew Binion with associate artist India Hooi. They both study at the Elder Conservatorium of Music with honours in piano performance. The Foundation aims to raise $200,000 over a five-year period which will support the development of performing artists and music in the Horsham region through workshops for performing artists (musicians, actors) of all ages, scholarships and skills development programs (technical, stage management). I urge more of our talented performing arts students to apply for future scholarships.

**NORTHERN ZONE CROSS COUNTRY**

Seven of our students competed and acquitted themselves well. Thank you to the parents who transported them.

**GREEN WEEK**

Our year 9's have spent this week planting trees as part of the “Time-Out” program and plan to celebrate in Ballarat with a meal and a movie. Thank you to Mr Wyatt, Mrs Leishman, Ms Perkal and Mr Potter for accompanying them.

**PRE DRIVER EDUCATION**

Year 10A students are learning the fundamentals of safe driving at the Cluster Centre. This program has always been very popular with the students and let’s hope that one day it saves someone from serious injury.

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL POSITION**

Following an extensive statewide selection process, Mr Tony Cashin, our Acting Assistant Principal, has been awarded the position. He is doing an excellent job in this demanding role and I congratulate him on his appointment.

**LONG SERVICE LEAVE**

Mrs Laird is taking leave for Term 3 and I hope she has a relaxing time. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Carolyn Potter as her replacement. Other part time positions in the Office will be filled by Mrs Michelle Powell (2 days per week) and Mrs Heather Phillips (one day per week).

**SCHOOL COUNCIL HAPPENINGS**

Council has co-opted both Hans Griemink and Peter Sheridan to this important body and I thank them for accepting the
position. David Falla is organising approximately 60 plants to serve as a hedge around the sealed carpark.

STUDENT REPORTS
Students will bring these home tomorrow and I urge parents to carefully read the Reports and discuss them with their children. Reports indicate a student’s strengths and also give helpful hints on how they can improve. It is important that students reflect on their mid-year performance and try hard to overcome any problems. Overall, I am very pleased with our students’ performance across all year levels and I wish them, and staff, a safe and refreshing break.

GEOFF RIGBY, PRINCIPAL

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YEAR 10 VCE INFORMATION EVENING
There will be an information evening for Year 10 students and their parents on Tuesday July 27. It will be held in the video conferencing room starting at 7.30 pm and finishing at around 8.30 pm. Information will be given regarding student pathways, subject choices/VCE programs, assessment and selection processes for further education and VET and VCAL options.

Education Maintenance Allowance.
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (12 July) for the second installment. The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 6 August 2010.

Students turning 16 years in 2010 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2010 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 26 February 2010 and prior to or on 6 August 2010, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

EMA application forms are available from the school office.
PARENTS’ AND FRIENDS
To those who attended our Parents Club meeting a few weeks ago, thank you. We enjoyed the company of Mr. Tony Cashin who took us on a tour of the school to show us the renovations and upgrades that have been completed, and informed us of what is happening at School Council level.

The Fete is on July 30 this year, so the Parents Club are seeking support in making the 2010 Fete a success. Please refer to the roster at the end of the Newsletter and choose a time that suits, fill in and return to school by July 22.

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, where it will be priced. 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 half an hour to assist on any of the Parent Club stalls or the BBQ please contact Robyn Bibby on 54966222 or Jan Crowe 53808231 or send a note to school.

Robyn Bibby
President
Parents’ & Friends

Year 9 Community Week
During term 3, the Year 9 students from the Donald High School are designing and creating a colourful mosaic for the Primary School. They plan to install it during their community week.

The students wish to incorporate ceramic items and pieces of decorative plates into their mosaic. Have you got any decorative ceramic items at home that we can use? We hope many families will contribute to this exciting art piece and feel a connection with the school and community through their personal contribution.

The ceramic items do not have to be in perfect condition as we intend to cut them into small patterned pieces. We are looking for coloured and decorative bowls, cups or plates and other patterned pieces of pottery. Clay knobs off casserole dish lids, painted tiles and porcelain plates may also be used.

If you can help with this community project it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mrs Bird (PH. 5497 2224) to arrange collection or leave the items at the office of the Donald High School or Donald Primary School.

JUNIOR GOLF
This will be held each Friday for Term 3. More details will be provided at a later date.

School Photos
School photos have been handed out to all students. If you haven't received the photo order could you please contact Mrs. Sue Gillahan at school as soon as possible.
Cosentino- Making the impossible possible

World-class performer Cosentino performed at Donald High School, captivating the audience, on Thursday 17 June. Cosentino’s show, titled Making the Impossible Possible, is a fusion of illusion, dance and mime and students loved every minute of it.

Students from years 7 to 11 attended the show and they were spellbound as Cosentino performed. Cosentino told the audience after the show that he has performed in lots of different places around the world, including Las Vegas. Donald students then realised how lucky they were to have a world-class performer in their school. He has also been an Australian Champion magician.

He amazed the audience with music and breathtaking illusions at the start of the show and much of what he performed he had first performed when he was just thirteen years old. He also completed a daring escape from a straitjacket, which kept the audience absolutely mesmerised!

Cosentino took the time to explain a seemingly simple illusion using a coke can - all the while performing another illusion altogether. Students were invited to participate at different stages during the performance. Kara Harberger was a willing participant in a very clever card trick. Jordan May also assisted Cosentino in setting up the straitjacket escape. Blake Hogan was also eager to take part and he helped perform one of the most incredible illusions of the afternoon - a floating table!

Cosentino was truly amazing and the students were an appreciative audience.

NEW BOOKS IN YOUR LIBRARY THIS WEEK

Now by Morris Gleitzman
Continues the story of Felix and Zelda. Felix is now living in Australia but disasters continue to follow him.

The Piper’s son by Melina Machetta
The companion novel to Saving Francesca it is five years on and Thomas has screwed up, if he will only let Francesca and Justine help he will realise how much his family need him.

Stones into Schools by Greg Mortenson
Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

CBCA Book of the year
Please keep these books circulating over the holidays if you have finished and don’t know who to hand on to please drop off to Mrs Russell at home or leave in her mail box thank you.

East Wimmera Health Service

Free Bus trip to Horsham Breastscreen
Monday June 28th.
Leaving Donald Hospital car park at 9 am and returning at 3pm.
All women over 40 are eligible for free breast screen.
To ensure your place please contact EWHS Community Health Nurse
Kerry Wood – ph 54786213.ASAP
SCIENCECLUB

Snowing in Donald!
Last week in Scienceclub, students were able to make fake snow and they had an absolute ball. It’s not like you see snow in Donald.

Remember if you are bored at lunchtimes, Scienceclub generally runs once a fortnight on a Wednesday. Keep an eye on the bulletin and the Science noticeboard.

Scienceclub will be once again running a stall at the Fete, there will be sherbet for sale and many science demonstrations: volcanoes, magic mud, water rockets and maybe even some more snow may feature. So look out for the Scienceclub stall.

S. O’Brien

Reports

Tomorrow (last day of term), students will bring home their detailed Semester One Reports. The Reports will be addressed to the “parent/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. Following these Reports, there will be Parent/Teacher Interviews held on Tuesday August 10. Letters for interviews will go home to parents at the start of Term 3.

Fete – Friday 30th 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 before the holidays for cleaning purposes.

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

DEB PHOTOS
Photos & DVD’s of the Deb are at Liston Landers for collection. Contact Maree Hughes.

WORKCO Apprenticeship and Traineeship Vacancies

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Any interested students can obtain further information regarding these vacancies from the Office.
DONALD HIGH SCHOOL

PLEASE EXCUSE
STUDENT’S NAME: ______________________ YEAR LEVEL ______________________

1. for being absent from school on:
   DATE: ____________________________ TIME: ______________
   REASON: ____________________________________________

2. from P.E./sport today □

3. as I will be picking him/her up at___________a.m./p.m.

4. as he/she will be leaving at _____________ a.m./p.m.
   The reason is: ____________________________________________

SIGNED: ________________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN

FETE ROSTER

Please fill out when you may be able to help out at the Fete (Friday July 30)

Please consider helping out

If you have any enquiries, please contact Robyn Bibby (5496-6222) or Jan Crowe (5380-8231)

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