Dear Parents,

Students and staff are now back into the swing of things after the well earned holidays.

CAREERS EXPO - CHARLTON:
Last week our Year 10 students attended the Careers Expo in Charlton and reports of the day were very positive. Thank you to Mr Leishman and Mrs Gillahan who accompanied our students. This term Year 10’s will be undertaking a Careers Unit in Work Related Skills and will undergo a thorough process of course selection with Ms Wilde and Mr Leishman. A Year 10 Parent Information Night will be held on Tuesday August 11 and I hope that all parents and students will attend the night.

SOLAR ENERGY GRANT:
We have just received confirmation of our success in obtaining a $65,000 grant to install a 6.48 kW solar power grid connect system involving 36 Solar Panels. This project should be completed in August. Not only will this reduce our energy bill but we are required to also incorporate alternate energy studies into our school’s curriculum.

BER PROGRESS:
We have started to spend the $125,000 grant from the Federal Government. So far the switchboard has been upgraded in the gym, new blinds have been installed in the VC room and Office foyer and a new work area in the Principal’s Office has been built. Work on our new covered outdoor learning area will commence later this term.

BAND SCHOOL
Congratulations to Mrs Battersby on the success of the Band School.

Geoff Rigby,
PRINCIPAL

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**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 Veteran’s 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 (**13 July** 2009) for the second installment. The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **7 August 2009**.

Students turning 16 years in 2009 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of **2009** through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after **27 February 2009** and prior to or on **7 August 2009**, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

EMA application forms are available from the school office.

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**CALENDAR**

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Northern Zone Cross Country
Jack Onley has been selected to run in the VSSSA Cross Country at Bundoora Park on Friday, 24th July. We wish him well representing the School and region.

Maths Competition
This is to be held on Thursday, 6th August for those who have paid for the Competition.

Semester One Reports
If any parent wishes to follow up aspects of their child’s Semester One Report, I am happy to arrange a meeting for you with teachers involved, or to discuss the reports with you myself. While the reports were generally pleasing, there are some areas of concern. We must all – home and school – encourage a positive attitude to learning. It is easy (and dangerous) to relax now we have reached the half-way stage of Year 7 in the belief that a smooth TRANSITION has been achieved.

Timetable
There have been a number of timetable changes for Years 7A and 7B for this term. All students have been given copies of their new timetable – one of which should be kept at home. Remember to highlight special sessions, such as Phys. Ed. pracs and Home Eco.

Change of craft blocks
This semester 7A and 7B swap over their craft blocks. During second semester, 7A will be doing Home Economics and Woodwork, and 7B will be doing Textiles and Graphics. In Home Economics, cooking will be done every second week at a cost of $3.00.

Fete
The Annual School Fete is on tomorrow – Friday 24th July. Year 7s will be involved in a number of activities, but traditionally our major fundraiser is the HOME MADE SWEET STALL. All students are asked to contribute produce to be sold at this stall, and your help is requested. Could you please discuss at home what you can make as a contribution? A list is up in our home room and most students have already filled this in. Any items donated can be brought to school on the morning of the Fete and left on a table in the Home Economics room for pricing. A reminder that all food brought from home must be numbered. If you are unsure of your number, please contact the office.

Pastoral Care - 15 minute sessions.
Topics to be covered this term include: understanding and controlling feelings. Ask your children about pastoral care and the issues discussed. I would be interested to get feedback about pastoral care - you may even have ideas about other topics/issues that could be discussed.

Inter-School Sport
The Winter Sports against other North Central Schools will be held on Wednesday, 29th July. All Yr 7s have selected the sports teams they are interested in. Mr. Goode and Mr. Haddow will be sorting out these teams very soon. Ask students where they are playing and come along and support Donald High School if you are able.

7B Textiles
7B has begun Textiles this Semester. Students are required to have sewing pins and a quick-un-pick for their Textiles classes. If they do not have pins and a quick-un-pick which they can bring from home, these can be purchased from the school for $2.20. They will be supplied with the items on payment of this amount. Thank you, Sue Gillahan
Important Dates for Term 3

**July**
- Fri. 24\(^{th}\) | High School Fete
- Wed. 29\(^{th}\) | Winter Sports

**August**
- Tue. 4\(^{th}\) | English Competition
- Thu. 6\(^{th}\) | Maths Competition
- Mon. 10\(^{th}\) | Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Thu. 20\(^{th}\) | D.H.S. Drama Festival

**September**
- Mon. 14\(^{th}\) | Music Festival | Year 7 injections
- Thu. 17\(^{th}\) | Reports posted to parents
- Fri. 18\(^{th}\) | End of Term 3

Homework due:
- Please cut this out and stick it on your fridge. Make sure these tasks are placed in your diary.
- Tests are marked with an * asterisk
- Please note that this schedule only reflects tasks that teachers have set in advance. Other homework may be set from day to day.

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

**Green Week Camp**

On Monday 22\(^{nd}\) June the year 9’s went to Stuart Mill to plant trees in that catchment area. Students learnt about the importance of protecting the local environment and how fixing up this area has a positive effect on the local environment in Donald.

Over the first 3 days they went to various farms where the ground had been ripped and fenced in preparation for the planting. Overall we planted about 4000 trees. The students worked well in their teams and worked diligently planting, guarding and watering all the trees.

They also were very involved in the Challenges and all groups tried their best. Overall students in Jarra Jarra won and were given some extra money to spend in Ballarat if they wanted. All students received a small amount of money provided by DSE as a way of saying thank you for planting the trees. They also covered the cost of the bus to Bacchus Marsh and Ballarat.

On Thursday we visited the Ecolinc Centre in Bacchus Marsh to help reinforce the importance of plants in maintaining biodiversity and helping purify ecosystems. We then travelled to Ballarat where students were given free time as a reward for all their hard work over the previous three days. They then went to dinner and finally the cinema before heading back to Camp for the final night.

On Friday they packed up and cleaned the camp before heading to the Hockey Ground to plant a few trees locally and also some near sports oval near the Federation Trail.

I would like to congratulate all the students for their efforts and positive approach throughout the camp. I
particularly want to thank Mr Goode, Ms Perkal, Mrs Leishman and Mrs Battersby for volunteering to undertake the huge task of planting trees alongside the students in their teams, running the challenges, helping prepare meals and generally supervising throughout the day and often well into the night.

Thanks also to Lindsay Ezard (DSE), Tom Small, Rhonda Fernandes & the Winjallok Landcare Group for organising the tree planting at the lower catchment, and Liz Russell & David Falla for preparation and organisation at Donald.

**Some Student Comments about Green Week:**

"Learnt more about people and can talk to them easier now"

"I learnt that the waterways need to stay clean for aquatic creatures to survive."

"I enjoyed the tree planting, challenges and team work as well as just hanging around with everyone"

"It was fun and a great way to learn and see the environment"  
**Glen Wyatt**

**MUSIC SCHOOL AT DONALD**

During the July school holidays the Wimmera Bands Group held its annual music school in Donald. The Donald High School provided an excellent venue for the week long school hosted by Donald 2000.

The 65 students from all parts of Victoria, among them were 12 students from Donald, spent their days studying both the practical aspects of music and music theory. They were placed into bands where they were able to practise playing in groups.

This year students were placed into 3 Bands

The Lofts Band conducted by Ian Lofts & Richard Lovejoy– a beginner Band for students who are just starting to learn. This year Cameron Berry and Kayden Johnson attended music school for the first time having not learnt any music before and by the end of the week they both played the trumpet in the Lofts Band.

The Donald 2000 Concert Band conducted by Steven East & Natalie Pollard. The 30 member strong concert showed that they could perform every bit as well as the top band. They played a number of well-rehearsed pieces, such as Pachelbel’s Canon and Sponge Bob Square pants, to the delight of the large crowd that attended on the Sunday.

The Dyason Band conducted by Tim Fisher & Tony lofts – This is the top band at the music for the most experienced players. They played a variety of different pieces, which included The Great Escape and The Theme from Rocky.

The week finished on Sunday 5th July 2009 with a finale concert at the Memorial Hall

**Jane Battersby**

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT!**

Exciting news from the VCAL Garden – after incubating her eggs for 21 days the little brown silky is now the proud Mum of a little baby chick – a new addition to the VCAL garden. Mum and chick are both doing well.

**NEW BOOKS IN YOUR LIBRARY THIS WEEK**

*‘Keeper’* by Mal Peet

El Gato tells the story of how a poor logger’s son learns to become a World Cup goalkeeper. In the heart of the South American rainforest Gato trains with the mysterious keeper to become the greatest in the world.

*‘Crime Time: Australians behaving badly’* by Sue Bursztynski

From the 1600’s to the current day this is a look at the crimes, dastardly deeds and
terrifying tricks of Crooks and Con-Artists across Australia.

'The Nest' by Paul Jennings
Sixteen year old Robin lives with his father in the Victorian Alps and is searching for his mother. Robin has a lot of strange thoughts and images happening in his head, believing he drove his mother away, but slowly Robin begins to piece things together drawing us towards a thrilling conclusion.

'The good daughter' by Amra Pajalic
Sabih is fifteen and trying to be true to herself, juggling being Muslim whilst trying to maintain an Australian identity. This is a humorous look at how she deals with her

mother, the boys at school and her bullying girlfriends.

Scholastic Book Club
All book club orders to be returned to Mrs Russell by Friday 31st July 2009

East Wimmera Health Service
BREASTSCREEN
Free Bus trip to Birchip mobile Breastscreen
Monday August 17th. Leaving Donald Hospital car park at 9.15am and to 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 phone 54786213. ASAP

FETE ROSTER
The following times have not been filled in the Fete Roster
PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUT TOMORROW
If you have any enquiries, please contact Robyn Bibby (5496-6222) or Jan Crowe (5380-8231)

Donald High School Fete 2009
Activities, food and prices

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Donald High School Fete 2009
ANNUAL DHS FETE

The annual Donald High School Fete will be conducted TOMORROW: 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 lasagna 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. tomorrow.

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

SCIENCECLUB AT THE FETE

Once again Science Club will be setting up a stall for Fete day. Students from Year 7, 8 and 9 involved in the club will be running the stall with homemade sherbet for sale (40c).
Students will also demonstrate how volcanoes work and mini-rockets and what Moon Goo (Magic Mud) is all about.

The money raised will go back into buying ingredients and supplies for National Science Week - Astronomy later this term.

Come along and watch the student demonstrations, play with bubbles or get a bit messy with some Moon Goo. 

S.O’Brien  Science Teacher

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**WORKCO Apprenticeship and Traineeship Vacancies**

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

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**Graffiti Bus Timetable**

Sea Lake Sports Complex – 1st August 09

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- Note: All buses will leave the Complex at 12:00am and follow the same route home
- If there are insufficient names on bus lists at schools on Wednesday 29th July, then bus will be cancelled.
- **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR NAME ON THE LIST**

For more information contact Marc - 0429867897
FINALLY – ‘SMITHY’ DVDs for SALE

The ‘SMITHY’ play has finally been turned into a DVD. If you would like to purchase a DVD of the major school play in 2008 please see Miss Walsh on FETE day or fill in the slip below and give to Miss O’Brien with payment. DVDs are a low $2 each, so get your copy NOW! If you would like a copy in VHS form please see Miss Walsh.

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SMITHY DVD

Name of student to send DVD home with: _________________________________

I would like to purchase _______ (Quantity) ‘SMITHY’ DVDs.

Amount: $ ____________

Please return form to Miss O’Brien