Dear Parents,

The term has started smoothly with six new or returning students enrolling at our school.

WELCOME GREGORIO AND ROMAIN
This semester we have two exchange students with us. Gregorio is from Italy and Romain is from Switzerland. I am sure that they will enjoy their stay with us.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE
Mrs Goode is taking four weeks leave at the start of this term. Her English classes are being taken by Miss Swan, who is taking all Year 12 English students and Mrs McConville who is taking the other classes. I thank Miss Swan and Mrs McConville for accepting the extra work load. Miss Walsh is also on leave for the first two weeks of term.

CONGRATULATIONS TOM
Tom Gillahan has been selected to represent Country Victoria in Hockey. In the next holidays, he will be playing matches in Tasmania. Well done Tom on your selection. I am sure that you will perform to the best of your ability.

YEAR 10 VCE INFORMATION EVENING
I urge all Year 10 students and at least one of their parents to attend this important evening as it is vital in informing families about the range of subjects and courses available in VCE, VCAL and VET for 2011-12.

SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATION
Good news has just reached us that we have been successful in receiving a $5000 grant to purchase a ride on mower. This was under the Federal Government Volunteer Grant Scheme.

GEOFF RIGBY, PRINCIPAL

CALANDER

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>July</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tue. 27th</td>
<td>Yr. 10 VCE Information session 7.30 pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed. 28th</td>
<td>Winter Sports</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri. 30th</td>
<td>School Fete</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>August</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon. 2nd</td>
<td>Yr. 10 Bogong Snow Trip</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri. 6th</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon. 9th</td>
<td>Pupil Free Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tue. 10th</td>
<td>Parent/Teacher Interviews 4.00 - 7.00 pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thu. 17th</td>
<td>Maths Competition</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.

SCHOOL FETE
Catering numbers are available at the School Office for families supplying food for the fete i.e. for cakes etc.

NEW CALEDONIA STUDY TOUR
In approximately 8 weeks, 13 students from Year 9 -11 from both Donald High School and Boort Secondary College will be departing for Noumea.

As part of our fundraising efforts to help offset the costs of this trip, we are running one final activity which should appeal to all of those with a sweet tooth. Please remember order forms must be submitted by Monday 26th July.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Miss N. Hoare
LOTE Co-ordinator

CANTEEN
Please order lunch before school. Only a small amount of spares are available each day. The canteen does not want to heat too many extras so as to avoid wastage.

Please do not pre-cut toasted sandwiches. Mrs Cocking will cut them after toasting.

Junior Golf
Starting Friday 16th July @ 4:00pm @ Donald Golf Course.
For children from grade 4 & above.
Will continue each Friday night (weather permitting) for approx. 9 weeks.
A cost of $2.00 per round is required to cover costs.
Just turn up on Friday nights.
Enquiries contact Brad or Carmen Bath on 5497 6266 or 0429 976 266.
**Maths Competition**
This is to be held on Thursday, 17th 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 Friday 30th 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 for students to fill 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, 28th July. All Yr 7s will select the sports teams they are interested in. 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
### Homework due:
- 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.
- Please cut this out and stick it on your fridge. Make sure these tasks are placed in your diary.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day/Date</th>
<th>Subject</th>
<th>Task</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mon 26th</td>
<td>7B Eng</td>
<td>Spelling Test Monday</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Maths:** 7A & 7B MathsMates 1 & 2 due next two Fridays (16th, 23rd).

**English:** English Rules exercises: 7A: due every Tuesday /7B: due every Monday

*Spelling tests: 7A: due Tuesdays 7B: due Mondays

**French:** Spelling Test every Wednesday

**Science:** Spelling Words – probably Wednesdays

---

**SCIENCE NEWS**

**Science Experience**

The Science Experience is a three-day hands-on activities program being conducted in 35 universities and tertiary institutions around Australia in 2010 - 2011.

The programs are designed for students in Years 9 and Year 10, the years in which they make significant decisions about senior secondary and tertiary studies. The program informs students of the importance of science and technology, stimulates and heightens their interest in a wide range of science study and career opportunities, while giving them a ‘taste’ of university life and encourages further studies in the sciences.

The program is promoted and supported actively by Rotary Clubs, the Australian Science Teachers Association and the Young Scientists of Australia. The full cost is $110 and as it is a Rotary supported project, local clubs are often willing to sponsor students.

Students can enroll at [www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au) and the availability of places can be checked on the Where and When page of the website. Please see Miss O’Brien if you would like help in enrolling.

**SCIENCE CLUB**

Science club meeting will be held next week to make sherbet for our Fete stall. Remember we will also be putting on demonstrations of volcanos, rockets and magic mud.

---

**Australian Brain Bee Challenge**

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR MAJOR EFFORTS**

I will be looking for Year 10 students early next year to compete in Round 1. So if you are currently in Year 9 please think about competing in the Australian Brain Bee. Below is an article by Sarah Postlethwaite about the adventure four Year 10 students embarked on.

On Tuesday the 20th of July, four Donald High School students, accompanied by
Miss O’Brien travelled to Melbourne to compete in the Australian Brain Bee Challenge (ABBC) state finals.

The ABBC is a national competition where Year 10 students extend and test their knowledge of Neuroscience. Earlier in the year we completed Round 1; an online test, the results were in our favour and gained us entry to the state finals as a team. The team comprised of Alexander Bourchier, Jeremy Goode, Sarah Postlethwaite and Cassie Taylor. As Alexander and Jeremy Goode excelled, they were eligible for the individual challenge, but unfortunately Jeremy couldn’t make it, so Fabian O’Shannessy stepped up to the mark so that we could send our team to the state finals.

After an early start, leaving Donald at 5.45am, we drove down to Melbourne in the darkness well over half the way. We arrived at the Melbourne University at 9.30am to discover we were the only public school to be competing.

Alexander was to compete in his challenge first and did an excellent job, answering nearly every question.

In between challenges we sat and listened to guest speakers from researchers to PhD students on topics such as schizophrenia, Parkinson’s disease and stem cell research. We were given a tour of both the Florey Institutes laboratories and the Anatomy Museum, which left half of the group feeling slightly queasy.

Before long, the team challenge was under way, where we were asked 20 questions and answered them as a team, leaving no answers blank. Despite our best efforts we didn’t make it past the preliminaries. Though still received our own ABBC t-shirts and squishy brains as well as a certificate and a pen.

Despite the Outcome it was a great day overall, shared by everyone. Jam-packed with traffic, names tags, zombies, guest speakers, mouse brains, ice cream, synapses, neurons, skeletons and McDonalds, it was a remarkable experience for any of next years (2011) Year 10s.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Miss O’Brien for such a great day. Without her, we wouldn’t have got as far as we did, we wouldn’t have known about it at all and we would have missed out on such an awesome experience.

By Sarah Postlethwaite.

NEW BOOKS IN YOUR LIBRARY THIS WEEK

Drums, girls & dangerous pie by Jordan Sonnenblick
On stage for his eighth-grade graduation, Steven recalls the past school year, Renee Albert is the object of his lust, his five-year-old brother Jeffrey was diagnosed with leukemia and Annette the piano player in jazz band gradually becomes beautiful.

January by Gabrielle Lord
The first book in the Conspiracy 365 series
On New Year’s Eve Cal is given a deadly warning that begins the race to discover the truth about his father and survive the next 365 days.

*Burning secrets by steve Brezenoff*
Two boys and their mother spend a week fixing up an old mansion that belonged to their mysterious Great-Uncle and discover an ancient family secret.

*Childrens Book Council Book of the Year*
All readers need to keep the 6 novels circulating. As soon as you have finished your book please return quickly back to the library so that others can read. There are only four weeks till Book Week and it would be great to have all 6 novels read by all.

**SCHOOL FETE**

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 on page 8 and choose a time that suits, fill in and return to school by July 22nd. We have had very few responses to our requests for help. You will only be on a stall for half an hour at the minimum. If a lot of people put their hand up to help, it shares the load.

Could all parents/guardians please check with the School for their numbers to be placed on all cakes/slices, etc. Items 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 1/2 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.

---

**Donald Golf Club Inc**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Friday 30th July
7.30 pm
Tables of 6
Cost: $10.00 per person includes supper & great prizes!

Contact: John Lenaghan 5497 1211
Or Doug Walters 5497 1898
COURSES

• Open Day – At the Men’s Shed  
  Saturday 17th July  10.00am
• WOW for Women  
  Tuesday 20th August  9.30am to 3.30pm
• Planning for the Future – At the Men’s Shed  
  Tuesday 20th July  10.30am
• First Aid Level 2  
  4 hour course Tuesday 27th July  9.30am  
  $95
• Meet & Greet your Local Councillor – Gavan Holt  
  Wednesday 28th July  10.30am
• Maximise Your Employment Opportunities  
  Every Wednesday starting 4th August until  
  8th September  $120 ($55 concession)
• Self Defence  
  Wednesday 4th August  10-11am  
  Gold Coin Donation
• Literacy & Numeracy for Survival  
  10 week course Every Thursday starting 5th August  $90 ($55 concession)
• Power Boat Licence  $80 or Jet Ski Licence $100  
  Saturday 7th August 10am
• Winter Delights - Bus tour in your backyard  
  Wednesday 10th August  $30 (includes lunch)
• Pamper Night  
  Friday 13th August 6.30pm
• Tai Chi  
  Every Tuesday 11am  $3
• Playgroup  
  Tuesday mornings 10am

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent teacher interview forms were handed out to the eldest in the family this week.  
We would ask that parents wishing to see teachers fill in the forms and return them no later than Tuesday 27th July. If you have not seen a form and are wanting an interview time, please contact the school before next Tuesday. Interviews will be conducted Tuesday 10th August from 4pm - 7pm.

STATE CROSS COUNTRY

I competed at Bundoora Park in Melbourne at the State Cross Country on 13th July in the 14yo girls age group. I finished 66th out of 110 competitors in a time of 13 minutes against girls from all over Victoria including Mildura, Swan Hill and Melbourne. To qualify for the State finals, I had to finish in the top 10 at the Northern Zone at St Arnaud, which I finished 6th out of 74.  
Celeste O’Shannessy
**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)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CAKE STALL</th>
<th>11.30 - 12.00</th>
<th>12.00 - 12.30</th>
<th>12.30 - 1.00</th>
<th>1.00 - 1.30</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PLANTS/PRODUCE</td>
<td>11.30 - 12.00</td>
<td>12.00 - 12.30</td>
<td>12.30 - 1.00</td>
<td>1.00 - 1.30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LUCKY DIPS/SHOW BAGS</td>
<td>11.30 - 12.00</td>
<td>12.00 - 12.30</td>
<td>12.30 - 1.00</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAUSAGE SIZZLE</td>
<td>10.00 - 11.00</td>
<td>11.00 - 12.00</td>
<td>12.00 - 1.00</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

G McLoughlan        B McLoughlan

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

As the next week for the High School to provide drivers for Meals on Wheels is coming up, we are seeking names of volunteer drivers. If you can help the school by sending the form back, it would be very much appreciated.

The school will deliver Meals on Wheels for the week 9th to 13th August. I would appreciate hearing from parents who are able to do the driving. As usual, two students will go with each car to deliver the meals.

The Hospital run begins at 11.45 a.m. and the Goodwin Homes run is at 12 Midday.

G. Rigby

**Name: **_______________________________

Please tick the times you could be available:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dates</th>
<th>11.45 a.m. Hospital</th>
<th>12.00 Midday Goodwin Homes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Monday, 9th August</strong></td>
<td><strong>Pupil Free Day</strong></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday, 10th August</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday, 11th August</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday, 12th August</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday, 13th August</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

** Monday is a Curriculum Day and therefore no students will be at School to assist the driver. However, we still need someone to deliver meals on this day.**
Thank you. Please return to the Office by Tuesday, 2nd August.