Dear Parents

Once again the school has been a busy place recently.

YEAR 10 VCE INFORMATION EVENING

A well attended evening was held at which Mr Leishman and Mrs Gillahan explained the range of VCE courses available to our students. Thank you to the many parents and students who attended and thank you to Mr Leishman and Mrs Gillahan for their professional presentation.

FETE

The rain stayed away for the day which helped make our fete successful. Our students, staff and many parents worked very hard to ensure that our major fundraiser for the year went well. Thank you very much to Miss Hoare who worked tirelessly to ensure the fete ran smoothly and thanks also to all those who helped and came to the fete. The hamper was won by Mrs Betty Roddick.

WINTER SPORTS

Our students enjoyed a full day of sport, competing against north central schools. Thank you to Mr Wyatt and Mr Haddow for their overall organization and to staff who supervised the various sports.

TREE PLANTING

Thanks to School Council member David Falla for planting the trees around the sealed car park. The trees will improve the appearance of the area.

YEAR 10 BOGONG SNOW TRIP

Our students have combined with Wycheproof P-12 students this week at Bogong and I am sure they are having a great time. We will combine with Wycheproof in coming years to increase our chances of gaining places at the Bogong camp.

GEOFF RIGBY, PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR

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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 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.

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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.

Winter Sports Football

Seniors

On the 28th July 2010, the senior football side from the Donald High School made their way to Wycheproof and played one game of footy against St Arnaud. The senior side was lacking in numbers so we had to get some juniors and bring them up. Thanks to Daniel Pearce, Brody Haddow, Darby Harrison, Scott Wood, and finally Nathan Moon who played with us from Pyramid Hill. There were a couple of boys that played with us from St Arnaud which we would also like to thank.

The score for the game was a little upsetting with Donald only kicking 1-1-7 and St Arnaud kicking 10-6-66. Scott Wood was the only goal kicker for Donald. The best on field were Brandon Egan, Trent Grant and James Heslop. On behalf of the senior side we would like to thank Mr Cashin and Mr Whitfield for coaching the team.

By Trent Grant

Juniors

Game 1: Donald was slow to adjust to the slippery ground conditions in the first match of the day. The St Arnaud boys were having a great game. The
Donald boys fought hard as they did not want St Arnaud to have an easy game. We were going hard at the ball all game and started to find our rhythm at the end of the game, but then it was too late and we went down 1-7-7 to St Arnaud 3-2-20. The best on the field were Brody Haddow, Darby Harrison and Scott Wood.

Game 2: We versed Wycheproof and we played a great game. We were all working as a team. With the Year 7’s adjusting well to the faster style of game with Jordan Bath kicking one of the two goals scored in the match and Daniel Pearce kicking the second. We were just too good for Wycheproof, the scores were Donald 2-3-15 to Wycheproof 1-3-9. The best on the field were Sean O'Reilly, Daniel Pearce, Brody Haddow and Scott Wood.

Game 3: We finished the day with a high when we versed Wedderburn. Right from the start of the game it felt like it was going to be an easier game than before. We shared the ball around really well and had multiple scorers. At half time we slowed down the pressure but it was too late for Wedderburn to catch up. The final scores were Donald 6-4-40 to Wedderburn 3-1-19. The goals went to Scott Wood 2, Darby Harrison 1, Brylie Cameron 1, George Milne 1 and Bayley Burke 1. The best on field went to Sean O'Reilly, Brody Haddow and Nick Atkins. Thank you to Mr Cashin for coaching, Anne Marie Wright for driving the bus and Mr Whitfield for helping out.

By Scott Wood

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**Fete**

Thanks to all Year 7 families who volunteered to provide things for the Year 7 fete activities. The day was a great success, and valuable money was raised for the school. The Year 7 students were involved in the Yabby Races, Fortune Telling, Guess the Lollies, Coin in the Bin, Mystery Balloons, Sweet Stall and Sponge Throw. I was very impressed with the way each group organized their activity and conducted themselves on the day. Thanks again for the donations for the Year 7 Sweets Stall. There was an abundant supply of goodies that were appreciated by all those who have a sweet tooth!

**Winter Sports**

All students were involved in the Winter Sports against other North Central Schools. Congratulations to all students for their participation on the day. Although it was cold and wet (unusual for Donald over the last few years) all the students I’ve spoken to had a great day out.

**Diaries**

Please continue to monitor your child’s diary each week. There should never be blank weeks in a diary. Ticking off completed tasks in the diary shows a high level of organization - it’s a practice more students should develop. I will look at diaries on random days this term.

**Early Completion of Set Work**

If diaries are used properly, students are able to see in advance what each week
holds in terms of work due. This enables them to spread the load evenly by completing some set tasks well in advance. Successful English and Maths Mate Sheets are some examples of set work that can be done well before their due date.

Tackling at School
I am aware that a number of boys in Years 7 & 8 are engaging in games that involve tackling during recess and lunch times. On numerous occasions, it has been pointed out to students that this is not permitted and will not be tolerated. Students who persist in engaging in these behaviours and don’t heed warnings will be banned from playing on the ovals. Staff have been told to be vigilant in policing this matter. I am sure we have your support and we will continue to make every effort to stamp it out.

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.

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

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Bring a friend and make a statement about world peace. Every lunch time 2nd – 6th August we will be busy making a thousand cranes. Come along to Room 3 to learn a new skill and make a statement about peace. Bring your lunch and Girls - bring a friend! Staff and students welcome. See Miss Swan if you have any queries.

LEAVING THE SCHOOL GROUNDS
Students and parents are reminded that students are not to leave the school grounds without having a permission note and signing out at the office.

Students cannot just sign themselves out, they must have an accompanying note from their parents. The school must know where students are at all times and if they wish to leave the grounds for any reason, they must have permission to do so.

Recently students have been trying to sign out without parent permission notes and staff have had to waste time chasing this up. We require parent support and assistance in this matter.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interviews will be conducted Tuesday 10th August from 4 – 7pm

SCHOOL FETE

Thank you to all parents who helped in any way at the Fete on Friday. To Rae, John, Bronwyn, Ged and Joylene thank you for cooking and serving the Primary School and St. Mary’s School students their sausages. The comments about moving stalls into the undercover sport area out the back has been positive. People having lunch in the canteen felt it was nice to be able to look out and see what was going on whilst they ate. We are very fortunate to have such a facility to be able to utilise on such days.

Robyn Bibby

CBCA Book of the Year

If you have finished with your book and not returned it, please return now to the Library. There are still several people that have not read all books and we need to keep them circulating before the winner is announced at our luncheon on 25th August.

NEW BOOKS IN YOUR LIBRARY THIS WEEK

The Curse of the Wendigo by Scott R. Welvaert
In 1898, Buck and Agate go into the missing parents and find themselves in the middle of a life-and-death battle with the shape-shifting Wendigo and the even more evil Coyote.

The Undrowned Child by Michelle Lovric
Venice is dying. Only eleven-year-old Teodora and her friend Renzo can save the city and fulfil a strange prophecy. An epic and truly atmospheric story that weaves Venetian history with magic and sorcery.

Della says: OMG by Keris Stainton
Della’s over the moon when she kisses her long-standing crush at a party - but then she discovers her diary has disappeared... and embarrassing pages of it are sent to her mobile and appear on Facebook. Trying to enjoy her first proper romance is nearly impossible when someone, somewhere, knows all her deepest, darkest secrets.

Premiers Reading Challenge
There are only two weeks left to complete reading fifteen books. All Year 7’s should be reading each night and getting very close to completing the challenge.

WINTER SPORTS - JUNIOR NETBALL
On the 28th July 10 girls, including Miss O’Brien and Mrs Russell travelled to Boort to play Junior Netball. Our team consisted of Sarah Clark, Jorey Russell and Stacey Rachinskaya (both absent on the day), Chloe Wheeler, myself (captain), Paige Butler, Kara Harberger (vice-captain), Larissa Newall, Celeste O’Shannessy, Sabrina Smith and Meg Cumming.

We arrived at Boort at approximately 10:15, which was very cold and it was pouring rain. We played our first game against Wyche and had a win 11-7. Next we played Boort around midday and had our first loss of 5-12, which we knew we could improve and try harder. Our third game against Pyramid Hill and we had another disappointing lose 5 - 18. On our last game at 1.20 we played St Arnaud and unfortunately lost 3 -15. We played our best and had a fun day in the rain.

On behalf of the team we would like to thank Miss O’Brien, Mrs Russell and Meg (for coming along, even with a broken leg) for their awesome encouragement and cheering. Thanks Heaps.

By Teagan Anderson and Kara Harberger

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Just a reminder to Year 10 parents and students - our Work Experience program is scheduled for 13th -17th September ( last week of this term )

Students should be contacting employers to arrange placement. Once the initial contact has been made by the student employer details need to be given to Mrs. Gillahan and the relevant paperwork will be completed.

Please encourage your children to start organizing as time passes very quickly.

Mrs. Gillahan
Year 10 Work Experience Co-Ordinator.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Next week the High School is delivering meals on wheels. We have drivers for most of the days, but still need two parent’s to deliver meals on Monday August 9th. This is a curriculum day and therefore there will be no students at school to assist the driver. The Hospital run begins at 11.45 a.m. and the Goodwin Homes run is at 12 Midday.

If you can help out on Monday 9th, please contact the school asap. Your help is greatly appreciated.

EARTHWATCH - Student Challenge

Year 10 and 11 students

Imagine spending a week in an amazing place with students from all over Australia finding solutions for a more sustainable environment. Student Challenge is a unique, once in a lifetime opportunity for a select number of 16 and 17 year olds to experience conservation research first
hand. Working with leading scientists, you will be trained in all aspects of scientific work and gain valuable insights into conservation research.

There are two student challenges this year: 'Vanishing Frogs' and 'Secrets of Microbats'. The vanishing frog project is located in the Forests of the Wataga Mountains (NSW) and the microbat project is located in Melbourne and surrounding areas.

It is a fully funded package including, food, accommodation, field transport and membership.

To apply visit earthwatch.org.au/education and download the application form. Once completed hand to Miss O’Brien to check over and write a reference for you. Applications close 1st October, though numbers are strictly limited so apply early.

This is a fantastic opportunity: don’t let it slip you by.

Scienceclub – FETE

A big thank you to Morgan Green, Katie Gillahan, Bec Postlethwaite and Daniel Westerland and any other students who helped run the Scienceclub stall at FETE. The younger kids seemed to really enjoy the Moon Goo.

Thank you to the many Scienceclub members who helped in making Sherbet for FETE, it was a big hit. And one last thank you to Sarah Postlethwaite and Allesha Connell, who once again help me clean up. This week instead of a Scienceclub session we will be helping Miss Swan make 1000 paper Cranes in support of World Peace.

Stayed tuned for National Science Week updates!

National Science Week – Australian Biodiversity

Monday 16th – Friday 20th August
www.scienceweek.gov.au

Year 7 Photography Competition: There is a Year 7 Photography Competition being held for NSW (National Science Week). The theme is Australian Biodiversity. The deadline is 5.00pm of Tuesday 10th August. Entries can be submitted via hardcopy or onto the Year 7 Donald High School Moodle page. The entries already received look amazing. All entries will be on display during NSW.

Lunchtime Activities: There will be hands on science activities during lunchtimes on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday during NSW. All students are welcome to come along and have some fun. Activities will be advertised on the Science notice board.

Guest Speaker: One of Australia’s leading stem cell scientists Prof. David Havlock from CSIRO will be giving an interactive talk of stem cell research on Thursday during NSW to all Year 10 students, Year 11 Science students and the Year 12 Biology students.

The Big Sleep Survey 2010 is a real citizen science research project. Australian sleep scientists want to find out how much sleep we’re getting, whether mobiles and laptops in the
bedroom are affecting our sleep, and how many of us experience parasomnias, such as sleep walking! The scientists need as many people as possible to volunteer to do the Big Sleep Survey this August (www.sleepsurvey.net.au). There’s a special version of the Big Sleep Survey 2010 for schools AND you could win $500 worth of DVDs and books for your school. All Year 7 students will be taking part in keeping a sleep diary and entering class results during NSW.

**Bush Blitz:** During NSW students should vote for there number 1 species from a Top 10 list. The ‘Top 10’ is a fascinating and diverse group that includes a frog, a fungus, and a fossilised fruit fly. Prizes to be won. Go to: www.bushblitz.org.au

**Bright Sparkle:** To help celebrate science and show the world how science makes us smile, Macleans is running a huge promotion from July 2010 with 3 amazing Science Safaris worth up to $20,000 to be won. Also on lucky school will also win an amazing $50,000. The more promotional entries your school receives the greater the chance for us to win. Check out the website (www.macleans.com.au) and look out for specially marked ‘macleans advanced’ toothpaste with the promotional code. It would be great for Donald High School to give it a go and see how we go.

S. O’Brien

**WORKCO Apprenticeship and Traineeship Vacancies**

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

**Donald and District Community Bank Branch Project**

**Feasibility Study Now Under Way**

As part of a very important Feasibility Study to determine the banking needs of the Donald district and the potential support for a Donald and District Community Bank Branch, survey forms (personal banking and business banking) will be arriving in the mail between August 9 and 13. When you receive these survey form(s), please take the time to fill them in (business owners can fill in both), even if you have not as yet pledged your support for the project. The more survey forms filled in and returned (envelope provided, no stamp needed), the greater the chance is that a Community Bank in Donald will get the go ahead. And our schools stand to benefit significantly.

For more information, please contact Steering Committee chairman Shane O’Shea, 0408 086 504