Dear Parents

The school has been a busy place over the last few weeks and will continue to be so with only five weeks left in the school year.

PARENT OPINION SURVEYS: Thank you to the forty parents randomly selected to complete the surveys earlier this year. We recently received the results and parents are still extremely satisfied with the education their children are receiving at Donald High. The individual written comments have been discussed by staff and will be tabled at our next School Council meeting.

YEAR 9 CANOE CAMP: Nineteen Year 9’s are currently on the camp which starts at Boundary Bend and ends in Robinvale, and are all having a great time. Thanks to Mr Whitfield for his meticulous organisation and to Mrs Warr, Mrs McConville, Mr Wyatt, Geoff Pearse and Jan and Ron Corrie for accompanying our students.

ZAYHA JORGENSEN: Congratulations to Zayha on winning his section at the Victorian Junior Long Rifle Championships which is for rifles using a modern scope. Zayha is a keen shooter and we wish him well for the future in his chosen sport.

RACV ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH CHALLENGE: Our students and staff have been busy preparing for the event which takes place in Maryborough from November 18th-21st. I am sure that all participants will really enjoy themselves. Thanks to Mrs Battersby and Ms Perkal for organising our participation, including much needed fundraising.

ST MARY’S FETE: As in past years, several students and staff provided musical numbers at the St. Mary’s Fete. We are always pleased to help out Donald schools and it reflects the supportive relationship that Donald schools have with each other. Musicians who performed were Alex Downes, Jeremy Goode, Teagan Stuchbery, Mikayla Haddow, Shaun Walsh, Aaron Wright, Mrs Warr, Mr Potter and myself.

BOOKLISTS: The booklists for 2011 will be distributed to students this week. It is important that parents complete the booklists.

CALENDAR

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we experience problems when students fill them in. On the booklist are also school fees which have been approved by School Council. Some are compulsory, however some are optional. The school usually has a very high payment of voluntary fees which is really appreciated to fund our programs and other expenses. Please return completed booklists promptly. As the school will not be responsible for organising the sale of second-hand books this year, it is important that families quickly seek out books from other families to avoid having to purchase new copies. We have made space available on a notice-board outside the Office, to facilitate students in trying to arrange the purchase of used books. Many families are already using this new system well.

Geoff Rigby
Principal

2011 BOOKLISTS

Booklists for 2011 have been distributed. These will need to be returned to the school by Monday 22nd November for Year 7’s and all other years to be returned by Wednesday 24th November 2010. Payment of and distribution day will be 1st February 2011.

Time is flying

With 6 weeks gone, there are just over 4 working weeks left before our current Year 7 group has finished their first year at High School. It is amazing how fast the year has flown. Over the next few weeks there will no doubt be quite a bit of assessment for students to complete. It is vital that students remain organised right up until the end of formal classes. Now is not a time to wind down and slacken off!! For some students they still require constant reminders and help with homework and assessment tasks. Parents, please don’t assume your child has everything under control. Continue to check work, ask questions and give assistance if required.

Uniform

Recently it has been observed that a number of students are appearing at school out of uniform. If for any reason your child is out of uniform, could you please send me a note explaining the reasons why. The school has a well-defined uniform policy and, as you can appreciate, policing this at times can be difficult, so your support is appreciated. To date this year’s Year 7 group have been fantastic in this area. Things like jewellery and nail polish also come under the uniform policy and are not to be worn to school. If you would like to see a copy of the policy, consult your parent or student handbooks, or give me a call at school.

Booklists

These are being finalised for 2011 and will be sent home soon. I would encourage students to keep books in good order so they can be sold onto next year’s Year 7 group. It would be a good time to start organising people to sell to if you have not done so already. Lists have gone up at school. Come & look at these if you need to.

Orientation Days

Grade 6 students from our feeder schools (Donald P.S., St. Mary’s P.S., Marnoo P.S. and Minyip P.S.) will be joining us for their two Orientation Days on Monday, 22nd November and Tuesday, 30th November.

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

VCE JUMPERS

A reminder to Year 10 parents that the final payment of $60.00 is due for the VCE jumpers. Letters have been sent home with those students who still owe this.

Mrs O'Shea

CHRISTMAS TREES

Science Club has sponsored two Christmas trees to decorate. The students have been coming in at lunchtimes and working on the trees. It’s great to see the students supporting the Donald community. Stay tuned for the final product!

RACV Energy Breakthrough 2010

The students at Donald High School are busily preparing for this year’s RACV Energy Breakthrough in Maryborough. We leave next Thursday for the challenge and this year we have 2 teams participating.

The senior team, consisting of Jenna Allen, Kayla Allen, Alexander Burchier, Ethan Egan, Michael Geatches, Tom Gillahan, Jeremy Goode, Katrina Heslop, Fabian O’Shannessy, Jake Postlethwaite, Sarah Postlethwaite and James Young, will compete in the Open Try-athlon event. Due to a large number of entries we have been unable to gain a place in the 24 hour event. The Try-athlon will involve a time trial, obstacle course, 8-hour race and the design and construction section.

The junior team, consisting of Kelly Baker, Belicia Bowles, Lisa Falla, John Gillahan, Eliza Goode, George Milne, Jeremy Pearce and Rebecca Postlethwaite, will compete in the 24-hour challenge.

We would like to thank our sponsors, The Sidney Myer Foundation for providing us with the funds to purchase a second trike, this has
enabled us to take 2 teams this year. Donald Mensland, Donald Newsagency, Hardingham's, Weir's IGA, Donald Motorcycles, Donald Steel and Esmore's BP St Arnaud have all generously provided us with sponsorship.

Any other Donald businesses or local groups that would be prepared to offer us any support or sponsorship are very welcome to, we will place your business or group logo stickers on either or both of our trikes. If you are able to help don't hesitate to contact the school on 54971205.

Jane Battersby
RACV Energy Breakthrough Co-ordinator

GRADUATION DINNER

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered their time to help at the Graduation Dinner on Friday 19th. Anyone that is unable help on the night but would like to support, a donation would be appreciated towards the cost of the night.

MATHS COMPETITION 2010

This year 41 students from Years 7 - 10 completed the University of NSW Mathematic Competition on the 17th of August 2010. The students have to complete a variety of questions that cover topics such as algebra, arithmetic, geometry, ratio and problem solving.

Eighteen students received outstanding results and were rewarded with a special certificate.

Distinction Certificates were awarded to Belicia Bowles (Year 7), Sarah Postlethwaite (Year 10) and Declan O’Shea (Year 10)

Credit certificate were awarded to:

Year 7 - Kelly Baker, Sarah Clark, Sophie Hogan, Stacey Rachinskaya and Sarah Stuchbery.
Year 8 - Eliza Goode, Daniel Griemink, Darby Harrison, Larissa Newall and Rebecca Postlethwaite.
Year 9 - Laura Ackland and Tobie Chapman,
Year 10 - Fabian O’Shannessy and Jeremy Goode.
Year 11 - Ashlee Griemink

The certificates were presented at an assembly recently. Congratulations to all award winners and everyone who participated

CLAY TARGET SHOOTING COMPETITION

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Robyn Bibby

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We would like to congratulate Zayha Jorgensen for coming 3rd in the Senior Boys. In the shoot off, Dudley beat Daniel to be placed 2nd & 3rd respectively in the Junior Boys. Then on the following day Zahya won the Junior State Championship at Bendigo.

We would like to thank Pam McConville for driving the bus and supervising and also Mr Haddow.

Matt Gilmour & Reily Dunstan

**New Books in our Library**

**Lucy Zeezous's Goal by Liz Deep-Jones**

Lucy’s family is famous for football and fashion. Lucy’s pushy Australian-born mother wants her to model for the family’s fashion label. And even worse- Lucy’s Italian father, captain of Milan’s premier football team, agrees! She wishes he would support her and be more passionate about her playing Soccer than being a beautiful clothes horse.

**The truth about Leo by David Yelland**

This novel is aimed principally at those children who see their parents drinking themselves to death, but have no idea what they can do about it. Deciding to involve the authorities could mean losing a home; staying around, hoping that things might improve, runs the risk of physical injury. For Leo, the 10-year-old hero of this novel, there is an additional hazard after his house catches fire one night when his father Dr Tom Rake, a local GP, is in one of his drunken fits.

**Summer at Mount Hope by Rosalie Ham**

Phoeba Crupp is a young woman who lives with her parents and sister on a small farm near Geelong in the 1890s. While her sister makes a play for the local squatter’s son, Phoeba is content with her best friend Harriet, until circumstances push her towards the world of men and money. This story has a lot of the black comedy but also contains a more serious strand about the efforts of a woman a century ago to be free.
AGE NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTIONS 2011

The Age Newspaper offers a special subscription to all students. $15.00 for the year. If you are wishing to subscribe to the Age Newspaper in 2011 (for School Terms, week day delivery to school) please pay Mrs Russell $15.00 by 30th Nov 2010.

CHEEP CHEEP—CHICKENS

Sixteen gorgeous little chickens hatched on Sunday 7th November, they are now in the hatchery. All students have a chance to interact with them if they wish. Many students have taken a great interest in them and this is fantastic to see. The science room is now open every lunch at 1.30 so if students wish they can spend their lunchtimes interacting with the chickens. On Tuesday students named and weighed the chickens. Each chicken has its own Birth Certificate and will have adoption papers with them.

I have sent home a permission letter with the year 7 students that were interested in adopting a chicken. Stay tuned for updates.

Sarah O’Brien

Could it be asthma?

Do you ever:
Get short of breath when you are not exercising or at unexpected times?
Find that your shortness of breath is seasonal, or that during some months or times of year your breathing is worse?
Have cough or coughing spells even when you do not have a cold?
Notice times when there is wheezing or whistling in your chest?
Feel tightness in your chest when you are short of breath?
Wake up at night with shortness of breath or wheeze?
Notice wheeze, cough, or chest tightness in certain environments, such as hot/cold air, dusty places, or in certain homes?
Wheeze when you exercise?

If you experience any of the above ask your pharmacist or doctor about a lung health check.

Asthma: 10 things to tell your doctor

Symptoms
1. If you wake up coughing, wheezing or breathless
2. If you struggle to keep up with normal activity

Triggers
3. Anything that seems to trigger/make your asthma worse
4. What you do about your triggers and whether this helps

Medication
5. How often you take your blue reliever puffer
6. How often you take your preventer medication
7. How you use your device
8. If you are using any other medications or complementary therapies

Asthma plan
9. I would like an asthma action plan
10. I would like a regular asthma review

If you would like more information please call The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or visit www.asthma.org.au
Water aerobics is coming to the Donald pool in 2010
HAVE FUN WHilst IMPROVING YOUR FITNESS
WITH QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR BRENDA DORAN

Ideal for all ages & fitness levels — Aged 13 years and beyond!!!!!!
Men & Women, Boys & Girls.
COST $ 8.00 per session
DON’T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

Bookings essential to ensure it goes ahead with
Kerry Wood ph 54786213, before Nov 12th.

BYO drink bottle, sunscreen, hat and sunglasses
Year 11 Exams
Year 11 Exams are just around the corner. If you have a child in Year 11, they should be completing at least 2 hours of study each night and plenty of revision on the weekends. They could be completing questions from textbooks, summary notes, past or practice exams. The Year 11 study day is Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} November and should be spent studying and revising in preparation for their exam week. Year 11 students can wear casual clothes and may come and go as they please. Students who would normally travel on the bus to get to and from school, must have a note and sign out in the Absent Book if they are going to leave school grounds, even to go down the street for lunch.

Below is the timetable for the exams. You may want to stick this on your fridge as a reminder.

Just a quick reminder that ALL year 11 students are to attend the Year 12 Orientation day if they are returning to Donald High School in 2011.

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