Dear Parents,
First Term is nearly over, and this will be the final Newsletter for Term 1.

WORKING BEE
Thank you to the hard-working parents, teachers, and students who attended the working bee last Sunday. Overall, thirty-two attended (including seven students). The School surrounds look much better following the work.

YEAR 8 ROSES GAP CAMP
The students really enjoyed themselves at the camp. Many thanks to Miss Hoare, Miss Audegond, Mrs. Battersby, Mr. Hume and Mr. Haddow who accompanied the students.

MEALS ON WHEELS
A number of students from mixed Year Levels, as well as parents, have been delivering meals. I thank all involved for giving up their time to this very important community service activity.

REPORTS
Students will receive Term 1 Interim Reports next Friday (see note on this page), and they provide a brief snapshot of the student’s performance over the term. I urge parents to discuss their child’s progress with them, and please try to attend the Parent-Teacher Interviews which will take place on Monday, April 19. Parent/Teacher Interview forms are included in the Report envelopes.

GEOFF RIGBY, PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR

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SCHOOL COUNCIL
Congratulations to Judy Wall who was elected as the School Council President at the Meeting held on Tuesday night.

BUS TRAVELLERS – BUS TREE LETTERS
So that we are able to implement the Bus Tree communication in case of an emergency, could all bus travellers please return the permission letter for 2010 which has been sent home last.

END OF TERM 1 REPORTS
Reports for Years 7 to 10 will be posted in Thursday’s mail, unless they have a sibling in Year 11 or 12, in which case their report will be in the larger envelope with the VCE student’s Report, which will be handed to the VCE student on Friday.

IF YOUR CHILDREN GO HOME FOR LUNCH, PLEASE SEND A NOTE.
The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal
If you would like to donate to this appeal, please return the envelope that was sent home with the previous Newsletter to the School office by tomorrow so all envelopes can be forward before Good Friday.

Reports
With just over a week to go until the first set of reports are sent home, students are becoming very busy completing assessment tasks. Students need to be aware that each assessment task is contributing towards their first report, and ultimately their overall year’s grade.

These reports are interim ‘tick the box’ type reports on a single sheet that will indicate your child’s Effort, Behaviour, Standard Achieved and Homework performances for each subject for the term. More detailed written reports are distributed at the end of Term 2 and at the end of the year. Term 1 reports will be sent home in the post on Thursday, 25th March to be received on Friday, 26th March by the parents. If Year 7 students have siblings in Years 11 or 12, their Report will be in the older sibling’s envelope, which is given to them at School on the Friday.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
An afternoon and evening of Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted on Monday, 19th April. Interviews will be arranged once the forms enclosed with the reports have been returned to the school. I would encourage parents to use this opportunity to make contact with your child’s teachers and discuss their progress to this point.

Forms must be returned by Tuesday, 13th April to reserve an interview time.

Diaries
With the increase in work load, it is vital students remain organized and keep using their diaries. Unfortunately very few of these diaries are appearing each Friday being signed by parents. I have told the students it is their responsibility to ask parents to sign their diaries. Be suspicious if there doesn’t appear to be any homework written in.

School Photos
This year’s school photos will be taken on 12th April, which is the first day of Term 2. If you would also like a family photograph of your children, please fill out the Family Photograph Form in this Newsletter.

Year 7 Immunisations
Immunisations will be on Monday, 22nd March – (next week).

Parent Information Night
Thanks to those parents who made the effort to attend the parent information night last night. I hope the night was valuable in providing you with information about the school and your child’s transition to this point. I felt the night was very positive and I am pleased to report the students still appear to be facing their many challenges in a pleasing fashion. Thanks to those parents who continue to keep me informed about the problems and progress of their children.

Importance of Different Subjects
For a small secondary school, we are lucky to be able to offer a broad curriculum that we believe develops a wide range of skills and caterers for different areas of interest. We also believe that our curriculum is effective at preparing students for further study, the workforce, and life in general. At the same
time, we offer subjects that meet the Department of Education's requirements.

I can fully appreciate that we all have different likes and dislikes, and therefore subjects; however, I would encourage all students and parents to apply a positive attitude to all subjects. It is very important for each student to try their best in every subject. By doing well in a range of areas, you give yourself more options later on in your school life. I have witnessed numerous occasions of students who wished that they had developed skills in a subject; however, at the time of doing the subject they didn't view it as relevant or important.

As parents, please be positive towards all subjects when you are discussing school, and encourage students to apply a maximum effort at all times. Have confidence in the curriculum we offer.

Work due over the next fortnight
- Please cut this out and stick it on your fridge
- 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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Maths: Maths Mates due each Friday.
English: English Rules exercises:
7A: due every Tuesday / 7B: due every Monday
*Spelling tests: 7A: due Tuesdays
7B: due Mondays

Kindest regards, JENNY LEISHMAN,
YEAR 7 CO-ORDINATOR.

Home Phone: 5497-1206

Senior Public Speaking Competition
Declan O'Shea has taken out the 2010 Donald High School Senior Public Speaking Competition. The competition was held on Friday, 5th March, 2010, with students from Years 11 & 12 taking part. There were ten speakers for the afternoon, and the adjudicators were Mr. Ron Corrie and Mr. Trevor Campbell.

Students spoke about a variety of topics ranging from ‘biologically doomed’ Pandas and whaling, to Euthanasia. All students performed at a very high standard, and showed confidence and competence at speaking in front of a crowd. Each participant is to be congratulated for volunteering to have a go in the competition, as it is something that many people find very difficult. Brenna Green was in second place, Alex Downes in third and Zack May in fourth position. Well done to all students involved and thank you to the judges.

Lauren Swan
Tjupurru Performance

Highly acclaimed musician Tjupurru captivated students at Donald High School with a spectacular performance on Thursday, 11 March. Tjupurru has recently returned from the Vancouver Winter Olympics and is touring Schools around Australia.

Tjupurru plays the Didjeribone, which is a Didjeridu-Trombone fusion instrument. He uses a ‘face bass’ and a set of guitar pedals to create amazing and unique songs and soundscapes. The Didjeribone is a unique slide Didjeridu; named Didjeribone because it can slide through different notes and tones.

Students were entertained with renditions of Happy Birthday, Smoke on the Water, some traditional songs written by Tjupurru and a game of Didjeribone-limbo! Twins Katie and John Gillahan were celebrating their birthday, and they will no doubt remember their first Didjeribone version of Happy Birthday! The performance was very interactive and Tjupurru asked for volunteers several times. The Year Seven students were the most eager to have a go on the electronic sound sampling equipment, and they produced some highly original sounds. Year Seven students Sam Dunstan, Angus McLennan and Jordan Bath proved to be very musical, putting together an interesting combination of sounds using the loop pedal.

Here’s what the students thought:

‘I really enjoyed Tjupurru and his Didjeribone. I haven’t laughed like I did in ages! The sounds he played were fantastic.’ Tayla Burke, Year 11.

‘I loved Tjupurru’s performance. I enjoyed the music and the culture in the room when he got students up on the stage.’ Rebekah Borden, Year 11.

‘I enjoyed the whole performance. I was surprised at how good Tjupurru could make two pipes stuck together sound!’ Teagan Stuchbery, Year 11.

‘I enjoyed it - the gear he has was amazing. I’m now looking for it on ebay!’ Callum Baker, Year 11.

‘I thought the show was awesome. It was interesting to see the new instrument. He was very funny and played some cool beats and showed some of his equipment.’ Jeevan George, Year 7.

‘I thought it was amazing. I loved the different style of it compared to the classic didgeridoo. It was just different.’ Darcy Drum, Year 7.

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Donald Junior Football Club Annual General Meeting
7 p.m., Thursday, 18th March, 2010, at the Blue Room.
All parents please attend, and all supporters are most welcome.
John Matthews, Secretary, D.J.F.C.

Australian Brain Bee Challenge
Four Year 10 students sat for the Australian Brain Bee Challenge Round 1 on Tuesday. Good luck to the students, and hopefully they get into Round 2, which will be held in Melbourne

LUNCHTIME SOCCER COMPETITION
To celebrate the installation of the new shed and playing surface, a lunchtime mini soccer competition has been running over the past couple of weeks. Students were very enthusiastic to get involved and try out the new synthetic surface. Over 60 students from all Year Levels were involved in the 12 teams that competed in the knock-out competition. Games consisted of two 5-minute action-packed halves. The grand final saw Thomas the Tanks, led by Brody Haddow, take on Jacko’s Soccer Team, captained by Jackson Hogan. In an exciting hard-fought final, which was decided by penalty kicks, Jacko’s Soccer Team (Jackson Hogan, Brayden Newall, Daniel Pearce, Matt Gilmour and Reily Dunstan) were the eventual winners by one goal. Thanks to all those who competed. Be ready to get involved in our next lunchtime competition.

NEW BOOKS IN YOUR LIBRARY THIS WEEK

"Hetty by Verolme: a true story" by Hetty E Verolme
Hetty was just twelve years old in 1943 when her family was torn apart by the Nazis. This is her story to help other children understand the way children were treated, and to learn of the consequences of prejudice and hatred.

"Extras" by Scott Westerfeld
An extra for the “Uglies Trilogy”. A few years after Tally took down the regime and its strict roles and rules, there are still problems as one city has chosen a "reputation economy", rewarding citizens either with merits for productive tasks which help the city, or with face rank, a measure of popularity. Every inhabitant has their own feed and obsessively tracks their face rank, hoping to gain fame and lose their status as an "extra".

"Big book of verse for Aussie Kids" by Jim Haynes
A wonderful collection from the most famous and well-known, Paterson and Dennis, to schoolyard rhymes and nonsense verse, with a little of Kipling and Milligan thrown in between.

"The Elegance of the Hedgehog" by Muriel Barbery
Renée is a concierge of a grand Parisian apartment building on the Left Bank. To the residents she is honest, reliable and uncultivated. But beneath this façade, she is really passionate about culture and the arts, and more knowledgeable than some of her self-important employers.
Youth of the Year - Regional Level
On Friday, 12th March, Alex Downes participated in the Lions' Club Youth of the Year Regional Finals in Wycheproof. Alex delivered her prepared speech and participated in an interview and impromptu speaking section. She performed well and received extremely positive feedback from the judges. Although Alex did not progress to the next stage, she is to be congratulated for her performance. The standard at Regional Finals is exceptionally high, and Alex can be proud of her performance amongst very high quality candidates, from public and private Schools. Well done Alex.

V/Line Information Night at St. Arnaud
Topic: Depression
- by Beyondblue
Ambassador: Ranae Hallinan
(Melbourne Vixens)
An information night for students aged 14 to 18 years (parents welcome also)
Date: Friday, 19th March
Time: 7.30 p.m.
Venue: St. Arnaud Sporting Club
(Lord Nelson Park)
Cost: Gold coin donation

Year 11 Work Experience
Just a reminder that Year 11 students should have their work experience (work placement) for Monday, 3rd - Friday, 7th May sorted by the end of Term 1. A letter was sent home Tuesday. The deposit is due Thursday, 25th March along with the parent consent form, the medical form and mobile agreement form.

Please feel free to contact Miss O'Brien at the School if you have any queries.
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.
60 Earth Hour - Year 7

Year 7 students will be designing a 60 Earth Hour poster in their Science classes. These will be displayed in local businesses around Donald, to spread the word. Students will also be sending a postcard to a relative or friend to spread the word about Earth Hour. Donald High School will descend into darkness on Friday, 26th March by turning off all unnecessary lights in classrooms for the whole day.

If you would like to do your own bit and want to know more, visit the website:  
www.earthhour.org

Miss O’Brien, Science Coordinator

Once again I would like to promote this event by offering a cupcake to all students at Donald High School. I am asking for parents (especially of Year 7) and students to support the promotion of this event by making enough cupcakes for 160 students.

I, _____________________________ would like to make a batch (24) of cupcakes with ______________ (green or blue) icing to support Earth Hour. Could all cupcakes made be donated to the School on Wednesday, 24th or Thursday, 25th March?

Thank-you for your generosity!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - FAMILY - Monday, 12th April, 2010

School Photos will be taken on this date, which is the first day of Term 2. Any parent wanting a FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH needs to return the form below to Mrs. Gillahan with one of their children before that day. You will be under no obligation to purchase the photo that is taken.

Please include my children in a family photograph:

Names: _____________________ Yr. Level ___
_________________________ Yr. Level ___
_________________________ Yr. Level ___
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_________________________ Yr. Level ___

Signed: ____________________________
**Scienceclub**

Scienceclub was oogy goey last week with students making ‘Slime’. It is great to see that out of the 28 Year 7 students, 13 have decided to join Scienceclub. New members will receive their membership cards shortly. It is also great to see many older members coming along to have some fun. Next session will be Elephant Toothpaste.

1. Checking out their slime.
2. (Photo above) carefully measuring out the chemicals

**Ecolinc**

The Year 12 Chemistry students made their way to Ecolinc in Bacchus Marsh on Thursday, 4th March. They completed a major piece of Chemistry assessment that was worth 50% of their Unit 3 SAC mark. The students really seemed to enjoy the day, and found it very worthwhile, asking many questions and being able to use analytical instruments that only University students would normally get to use. Students were able to test the calcium concentration in milk using Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy, for the protein content using Ultraviolet-visible Spectroscopy and the different components of milk using Infrared Spectroscopy. A highlight of the trip was being entertained on the way home by the two Megan dancing fans.

1. Teamwork: work together to make up their standard solutions
2. Using the micropipettes

S. O’Brien
Hula hoop virtuosa and historian, author and circus artist Judith Lanigan, knows what she is talking about when she discusses the art and techniques of dealing with an audience and creating characters.

Judith Lanigan was the first Australian to study at the Moscow State Circus School and then created a hula hoop version of a ballet solo originally choreographed by Fokine for Anna Pavlova a hundred years ago. The “Dying Swan” took her into the piazzas and squares, Big Tops and Burlesque Dives, Theatres and Festivals of Europe, New Zealand and Australia. Judith Lanigan lived to tell the tale in “The True History of the Hula Hoop”, published by Picador in 2009. It is also a documentation of her art form and its history.

Judith can make people laugh in six languages, and can illustrate her point with feats such as singing the national anthem in a handstand while hula hooping, showing three different ways to squeeze herself through a tiny hoop and many other ridiculous stunts.

The Wimmera Regional Library has invited Judith to speak about the process of writing a book, plus her hula hoop skills. Judith will be appearing at:

Donald:
- Thursday, 18 March—7.30 p.m.
- The Black Room. Donald Primary School
- Open Invitation—supper provided

St. Arnaud:
- Friday, 19 March—10.30 a.m.
- St. Arnaud Library
- Light refreshments. Bookings on 5495 2188

Enquiries to Jan Corrie, Phone 5497-1480
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