



NEWSLETTER

CIRCULATED FORTNIGHTLY TO INFORM PARENTS OF
SCHOOL EVENTS AND VIEWPOINTS

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Dear Parents

This is the final newsletter for Term 1, which seems to have passed very quickly.

WORKING BEE

Twenty-four willing workers attended the working bee last Sunday and a lot of productive work was undertaken. It was very pleasing to see six students in attendance, those being Matt and Megan Berry, Andrew Falla, Will McConville, Laura Ackland and Callum Baker. A big thank you also to John McConville for supplying the earth moving equipment.

KEVIN RUDD'S BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION (BER) GRANT

Peter Russell, Tony Cashin and I recently visited Hopetoun Primary School and observed their outdoor teaching/shade area. Basically this is a roof which would extend over the school's basketball court and would measure approximately 19m wide by 33m in length. Our School Council has prioritised the building of a similar structure if we are successful with our grant application. We should know shortly about the success of our application.

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

This was a great day and was once again marked by excellent student effort and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Goode, Mr Haddow, Mrs Gillahan, Mrs Goode and all staff, students and parents who helped make the day a success.

COOL CHEMISTRY (CSIRO) ACTIVITY

Thanks to Miss O'Brien for organising this day for our Year 7, 8 and 10 students. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day.

ANAPHYLAXIS TRAINING

All staff from both Donald Primary and High Schools recently undertook a three-hour training course to deal with students who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction.

CALENDAR

April	
Fri. 3 rd	Last Day Term 1 - 2.30pm Finish
Mon 20 th	First Day Term 2
Tues 21 st	Parent-Teacher interview forms due back at school
Wed 22 nd	Year 7 Immunisations
Thur 23 rd	Inter School Aths Sports
Fri 24 th	Cultural Performance: Steve Schulz "The Big Samba" Yrs 7-11 @ 1.45pm
Mon 27 th	Parent-Teacher Interviews
May	
Mon 4 th	School Photos
11 th to 15 th	Year 11 Work Experience
12 th , 13 th , 14 th	NAPLAN Testing Yr 7 & 9
Thurs 21 st	Interhouse Cross Country

YEAR 9 GREAT SOUTHERN WALK

Our Year 9 students are currently enjoying the walk as part of our innovative Year 9 Time-out Program. A special thank you is extended to our teachers accompanying the students - Mr Whitfield, Mr Cashin, Mrs Warr (Brown), Miss Swan, Mrs McConville and Mr Potter. Thanks also to Mark Connell and Mary Hogan for also helping out.

STUDENT REPORTS

Year 7-10 Reports will be posted to parents later this week. Year 11 and 12 Reports will be handed to students. I urge parents to discuss their child's report with them and to attend the Parent Teacher interviews which will be held early next term.

NEW CARPARK

I request that parents please use the carpark when dropping off or picking up students. It is an excellent facility designed to improve student safety around the bus zone, so please use it.

Geoff Rigby
Principal

EASTER EGGS FROM MANNINGHAM ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club of Manningham have very kindly donated Easter Eggs for every student in the school these will be distributed to all students before the end of term. A big thank you to Manningham Rotary Club for their generosity.

YOUTH DROUGHT FORUM

The aim of this forum is to provide an opportunity for young people to participate in a workshop to identify issues for youth as a result of drought and also provide an opportunity to identify ways to increase their resilience.

Date: Saturday 4 April 2009

Time: 11am to 3pm Lunch Provided

Venue: Elmore Athenaeum Hall, Michie Street, Elmore (transport supported)

Facilitator: Ian McBurney - local environmentalist

Audience: Open to rural young people between 15 - 25 years in the shires of Bendigo, Gannawarra, Central Goldfields, Loddon, Buloke and Campaspe.

To register or for more information contact:

Jenny Pendlebury on 5434 6479

j.pendlebury@bendigo.vic.gov.au or

j.mcgann@bendigo.vic.gov.au.

End of Term Locker Clean Up

A reminder that all lockers need to be emptied of all books, belongings & rubbish before the end of term. Parents of Year 9 students on the Bushwalk Camp may need to arrange for lockers to be emptied by siblings or to remind students to empty their lockers on Friday afternoon when they return from camp.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A number of girls are wearing sports shorts as school uniform. These do not comply with the school uniform policy as prescribed by school council. Could parents please make sure their daughter is wearing the correct school shorts as per uniform policy.

SRC NEWS

We have a fresh new executive and enthusiastic SRC Representatives for 2009. We have already organised several fundraising activities. Our Victorian Bushfire Appeal was overwhelming successful. We are currently running our final fundraiser for the bushfire relief appeal - selling yellow wristbands. These wristbands were ordered many weeks ago but have only just arrived from the manufacturer. While the bulk of our fundraising has concluded, we would still like to sell these. **There will be a casual clothes day on Friday (tomorrow) and the fee will be \$2. Each participating student will receive a yellow wristband as part of this fee. Additional wristbands can be purchased from SRC members or Mrs. Goode for \$2.**

The SRC drink and lolly tent at the House Athletics Sports recently raised over \$300. Thanks to those who supported us and to the students who kept the tent operating throughout the day. It was a warm day and competitors appreciated the icy cold drinks and that extra sugar for energy!

Next term will see the introduction of lunchtime activities to occupy the cold and wet (hopefully!) months of winter.

Karyn Goode
SRC Co-ordinator.

YEAR 7 NEWS

Students are ready for a well-earned break. Some of them are certainly looking weary. Next term is another busy one with Anzac Day commemorations, School photos, Inter-School Athletics, National Literacy and Numeracy Testing (NAPLAN) and finally Inter-House and Inter-School Cross Country. Dates for all of these events can be seen on the list of important dates at the end of the Year 7 News. Students will need to remain organised to keep up with these events and the day-to-day activities for their timetabled classes.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Term 1 Reports will be sent home on the last day of Term, and included in each envelope is a Parent/Teacher Interview Form. Hopefully parents will see these, and if seeking interviews, return the forms. These have to be returned by Tuesday 21st April at the very latest, so that time slots can be allocated. Students will be given allocated appointment times next term. Parents are reminded to be prompt, as interviews only last 7 minutes each, and it is vital that the timetable be kept to, so that we get through the large volume of interviews. Interviews are a good way to touch base with individual teachers, and to discuss reports and student progress.

School Photos

A reminder that School photos for 2009 will be held on Monday, 4th May. Could you please make sure your child is in full School uniform on this day.

Hats & Books

Students should take hats home as they are not compulsory until Term 4. All books should be taken out of lockers and taken home.

Important Dates for Term 2

April	
Mon 20 th	First Day of Term 2
Wed 22 nd	Year 7 Immunisations
Thur 23 rd	Inter-School Athletics Sports
Fri 24 th	Cultural Performance : Steve Schulz "The Big Samba" Yrs 7-11 @ 1.45pm
Mon 27 th	Parent-Teacher Interviews
May	
Mon 4 th	School Photos Taken
11 th to 15 th	National Numeracy & Literacy Testing
Thurs 21 st	Interhouse Cross Country
Fri 29 th	Interschool Cross Country
June	
Mon 8 th	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Wed 10 th	Science Competition
Fri 12 th	Report Writing Day - Pupil Free

Homework

Our school policy concerning home-work for Year 7 to 10 over the break is very simple. **There will be no set homework!** However I would suggest all students should do some form of reading - whether it be novels or newspapers.

Enjoy the break, have a very safe and fun-filled Easter.

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

WANTED TO BUY:

2nd Hand school dress about size 12 -
Contact School Office.

For Sale! Australian Grown, Home Made, TOMATO SAUCE,

Prices range from \$3.50 - \$4.00 - \$4.50

Produced for a year 11 school project
Purchase via *Olivia Borden* from school

Thank you for your support enjoy.

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## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **New Books in our Library**

*Coraline* by Neil Gaiman

After opening an old bricked up doorway Coraline finds herself in a magical world that is as deadly as it is enchanting. Coraline meets the ghosts of several other children who had been kidnapped hundreds of years ago, and she soon realises that both her body and spirit are in danger.

*Keepinitreal* by Don Henderson

Stevie a high school dropout and the kid (local daredevil) look set to take on the bikie gang after accidentally sending their leader flying. From there they move onto local government and devise a plan to save the dog racing track from demolition.

*Girl next door* by Alyssa Brugman

Teenager Jenna-Belle had a life many other would envy. A large home, exclusive private school education and frequent overseas holidays, then with her mother no longer able to work and her father's business gone her family's wealth and status disappears and Jenna discovers that many of her school friends no longer wish to know her.

*The Guernsey literary & potato peel pie society* by Mary Ann Shaffer

This is a charming story told through a series of letters to and from Miss Juliet Ashton of the wartime German occupation of Guernsey.

Juliet, author of a series of morale-boosting columns in the Spectator magazine, receives a letter from Dawsey Adams of Guernsey. He writes to introduce himself, not as a fan, but because he has a book by Charles Lamb that once belonged to Juliet. Through Dawsey, Juliet is introduced to a host of other island characters. They all have stories to tell: acts of bravery, folly, love and occasionally treachery. All, inevitably, have had the direction of their lives forever altered by war.

## **DONALD HOCKEY CLUB**

PAYMENT & REGISTRATION  
& SHIRT DISTRIBUTION  
(normal training time)

**U/13, U/Age & Seniors**

Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> @ Tennis Courts

### **Fees to be paid**

|          |                                         |
|----------|-----------------------------------------|
| Family   | \$100                                   |
| Senior   | \$60                                    |
| Tertiary | \$50                                    |
| Student  | \$35 (shirt hire \$15, \$10 refundable) |
| Minkey   | \$30 (\$25 additional siblings)         |
| Twilight | \$30 (for non playing member)           |
| Social   | \$5                                     |

**Minkey Training starts 15<sup>th</sup> April** (venue & time to be advised)

## **ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH**

Upcoming Events:

**Anzac Biscuits** will be on sale the first Friday (April 27<sup>th</sup>) back at school. The RACV Energy Breakthrough Team is looking for some very nice people who may be able to cook & donate Anzac Biscuits - If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Battersby or Miss Perkal at the school. Thank You.

## **SCIENCE NEWS**

**CSIRO - Cool Chemistry**  
Students in Year 7, 8 and 10 attended the Cool Chemistry program last Friday. Elke demonstrated many different products and some even being prototypes. Some of the products were: Nano fabrics, an air guitar program (wearable instrument shirt), icool (a sunscreen for bottles), Partially Stabilised Zirconia (PSZ) in the form of an unbreakable ceramic ball and Ferrofluid (a magnetic liquid). The students seemed to really enjoy the day. Below are some Year 7 students comments of the day.

### **Year 7A**

I learnt that there are little words on a ten dollar note. I think that the coolest thing was where Elke put water in the shirt pocket that Seb was wearing.

**Clarence**

The CSIRO was awesome! I learnt that there was a poem on the ten dollar note. The thing that was the coolest was the air guitar because you could play notes without holding a guitar. I enjoyed playing the air guitar!

**Celeste**

The CSIRO show was awesome! I learnt heaps, for example how Ferrofluid is a magnetic liquid and forms different shapes when in contact with a magnet.

**Brittany**

The Cool Chemistry was awesome! I really liked how there was two bottles and that one was covered with this nano material that stopped UV radiation from entering the bottle. I also liked how you could see little words on the 10 dollar note.

**Stacey.**

I enjoyed the nano t-shirt experiment, because when you put water in the pocket it didn't drip out. The coolest thing was the \$10.00 note. There was a poem called 'The Man from Snowy River', it was also written very small.

**Kara**

What was cool: air guitar, the \$20 note and the metal bolt with the Ferrofluid solution.

**Teagan**

I thought it was really cool. I really enjoyed looking at the money. On the ten dollar note was 'The Man from Snowy River'.

**Darcy**

I enjoyed the nano jacket that you put the water in the jacket pocket and it doesn't leak. I also found looking at the \$10 and \$20 notes under the nano camera interesting.

**Spencer**

The coolest thing was when Seb put on the waterproof shirt and Elke tipped water in the pocket and it stayed there because of nano fibres in it.

**George**

The thing I liked the best was looking at the 10 dollar note under the nano camera. It had the words to 'The Man from Snowy River' on it. It was cool!

**Jaron**

I like the air guitar because you can make your own tune and all you do is strum your hand just in front of the special shirt.

**Alex**

I learnt that CSIRO stands for Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation. The air guitar shirt and the waterproof shirt were really cool.

**Eliza**

I learnt that plastic notes are made of sheets of plastic placed on top of each other. I thought that having a waterproof shirt was cool.

**Rebecca**

I liked it when Elke put a twenty dollar note under a nano camera and on the lady's hair it had twenty dollars written over and over again in tiny little print. It was AWESOME!

**Kiahn**

During the Cool Chemistry the coolest thing was the unbreakable ceramic ball. Dylan W smashed it as hard as he could, but the ball didn't break. The most amazing thing was that the hammer used was pretty dinged up.

**Daniel M**

I thought that the waterproof shirt was pretty cool. I learnt that money had stories and other things on it. And that China actually gets its money made in Victoria. I thought that the bolt and the magnetic material (Ferrofluid) that stuck to it was cool.

**Daniel A.**

### Year 7B

On Friday Elke came from the Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). We got to see one out of five in the world air guitar shirts. The air guitar shirts were worth \$20,000. The show was awesome.

**Larissa**

The coolest things was when Elke helped Celeste put on a shirt (prototype) that played notes just by moving your arms. It was awesome!

**Daniel G**

The nano shirt and the air guitar was cool.

**Dylan Ghys**

I learnt that on the Australian notes there is writing that is really small. I also learnt that the PSZ ball is super strong. I enjoyed how Elke showed us the air guitar shirt and the nano fabric waterproof shirt (that I got to wear). I thought how Dylan W tried to break the PSZ ball was cool. **Seb**

The CSIRO was great, I enjoyed all the science practicals. I thought all the things were great like the air guitar and the water proof jacket (nano fabric) and the optical fibre table cloth. **Keith**

CSIRO was great, because Elke showed us that on a ten dollar note there is the poem 'The Man from Snowy River'. **Darby**

The CSIRO was great. My favourite thing was the air guitar and the 20 dollar note, how you could read twenty dollars repeated over and over again. **Jack**

I learnt that a 10 dollar note has a poem on it, 'The Man from Snowy River'. I enjoyed the air guitar. I thought the shirt was cool, due to the fact that you could put water in the pocket and it doesn't leak. **Jay**

I was amazed on how many different discoveries CSIRO has been involved in. I really enjoyed watching Elke pour water into a pocket of the nano shirt Seb was wearing. **Lisa**

I learnt that a PSZ ball was extremely tough and even Dylan W could not smash it with a hammer. I enjoyed the whole show, it was awesome! **Unnamed**

I liked how I couldn't crack the PSZ ball with the hammer. I learnt that water does not absorb into nano fabric. The air guitar was the best, it was cool that it actually played notes. **Dylan W**

*Elke pour water into the nano fibre shirt Seb McConville is wearing. Look the pocket holds the water!*

*Dylan Wheeler tries to crack the Partially Stabilised Zirconia ball with a hammer.*

*Daniel rocks it out tune on the air guitar.*

### **EARTH HOUR - Donald High School**

#### **Switches off its Lights!**

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March students and teachers supported Earth Hour by leaving all unnecessary lights and appliances off for the day. Over the last couple of days I have spoken to many Year 7 students that supported Earth Hour on Saturday by turning off their lights and some even turned the TV's off in their house. Congratulations to all the students that supported helping their Future!

I would like to thank all the parents and teachers that made cupcakes to promote Earth Hour, it was greatly appreciated and the students thoroughly enjoyed them: Jenny Baker, Karyn Goode, Viva Perkal, Tracey Atkins, Patsy Dunstan, Geordie Butler, Mary and Hannah Hogan. I hope everyone in the Donald community enjoyed the students posters in many of the local business windows last week.

*Year 7 students enjoy their Earth Hour cupcakes*

*(L-R): Clarence, Eliza, Jaron, Rebecca, Teagan, Georg, Spencer and Darcy*

S. O'Brien  
Science Coordinator

## STUDENT CONCESSION CARDS

If your child is 16 years old or over you may need them to have a concession card for public transport or venues. Please obtain an

application form from the school office, which is then processed at the Newsagency - cost is \$9. Do not leave it to the last minute to apply for one.

## **WORKCO Apprenticeship and Traineeship Vacancies**

**WORKCO**  
Limited

67 Woods Street,  
DONALD. 3480  
Ph. 5497-1821

| Job Title                                                     | Town                     | Contact       | Closing Date |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Certificate III in Retail Traineeship                         | Stawell                  | Asha Hitchens | ASAP         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Apprentice Bricklayer | Melbourne (Moonee Ponds) | Deena Sleiman | 03/04/2009   |
| Beauty Services Traineeship                                   | Warracknabeal            | Kate Clark    | 24/04/2009   |

See School Noticeboard or phone Kate Clarke at Workco on 0428 971821 for details.

## **Creating a Healthy Easter Basket**

*With the rate of childhood obesity on the rise, try something new. This year, buy healthy snacks instead of lollies and chocolate. You don't have to sacrifice flavour, either. Low-calorie or low-fat doesn't mean it has to taste bad.*



*This is one time that toys are okay. All kids would agree you can never have too many toys. An Easter basket is about getting a special treat. No one said those treats had to be edible.*

*Jelly beans versus dried fruit. Jelly beans would be great if it wasn't for all of the sugar. You can never eat just one or five for that matter. Dried fruit offers nutrition and taste in the same bite-sized portion as jelly beans. Sunbeam®, best known for their sultanas, make dried fruit treats including yogurt- and chocolate-covered raisins. Kids won't believe they're eating something that's good for them.*

*Snack size versus regular size. If you add lollies or chocolate to your basket, smaller is better. Choose snack-sized things like Milky Way® or Peppermint Patties®. These candy treats are lower in calories than other choices. Just add three or four for a sweet treat instead of chocolate bunnies or cream eggs.*

Store bought versus homemade treats. We all enjoy going to the shops and getting donuts and chocolate, but do you really know what's in what you are eating? Most if not all marketable treats started in someone's kitchen. That means they were homemade at one time. Let's take Cadbury's chocolate as an example:

*" In 1824 John Cadbury, the founder of Cadbury's opened his first shop in Birmingham, selling tea, coffee, hops, mustard and a new sideline - cocoa and drinking chocolate, which he prepared using a mortar and pestle. Experimenting with his mortar and pestle, John Cadbury produced a wide variety of 'eating chocolate,' leading to the development of the smooth creamy chocolate produced today."*

*All food-products start in a home kitchen somewhere - why don't you give it a go yourself!!*

*Easter baskets don't have to be chock full of junk to be fun. Healthy additions make you a better parent without sacrificing taste. Teach children to eat right while they are young so that they develop a lifetime of good habits.*

*Have a great and safe Easter and I'll see you all at the start of term 2!*

*Take Care*

*Arnna - Secondary School Nurse*

## **SCIENCE COMPETITION 2009**

A reminder to any students who are interested in participating in, but have not already paid for the Science competition, that it is being held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. The entry fee is \$6.00. This competition is a good way for students to test their skills in an externally assessed task. It provides students with more experience in analysing and interpreting information under test conditions. This is achieved by answering 45 multiple choice questions in a supervised one-hour session. The cost of \$6.00 for the competition covers the printing of the booklets, correction of the answer sheets and the provision of certificates and feedback to **all** participants.

Certificates are awarded to each Year Level as follows:

High Distinction - the top 1% of entrants in the state

Distinction - the next 10% of entrants in the state

Credit - the next 20% of entrants in the state.

If your child is interested, could you please fill out the **form** below and send it along with the **money** in an envelope by **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**.

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My child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

(please print)

would like to participate in the University of N.S.W Science Competition to be held on

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Please find enclosed the entry fee of \$6.00

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# VALUES EDUCATION

Schools are expected to develop a set of values which form the basis of their actions and underpin what the school culture embodies.

I am in the process of asking parents, students and staff to develop a set of values. I have arranged with Mrs Warr (Brown) for her Year 11 Art class to illustrate these and these could be put on the walls on the entrance to the school, which would serve to show all who enter our school what our school stands for. These values would also be reinforced in pastoral care sessions.

Following is a list of values that some schools use:



Please **circle up to ten of these values** which you feel we should adopt and/or suggest some extra ones.

Please return this sheet to school by **Friday April 24**.

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|-----------------|---------------|
| Respect         | Resilience    |
| Generosity      | Initiative    |
| Trustworthyness | Commitment    |
| Integrity       | Co-operation  |
| Effort          | Self Esteem   |
| Professionalism | Consideration |
| Teamwork        | Perseverance  |
| Truthfulness    | Friendliness  |
| Tolerance       |               |

Other values I consider could be included are: .....

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Thank you for your co-operation

Geoff Rigby  
PRINCIPAL