Dear Parents,

"LITTLE STARS"
What a performance! I, along with many other members of the Donald community, thought the production was tremendous. Once again, the production unearthed many talented performers, both students and staff, and I congratulate everyone involved. Special thank-you's to Mrs Battersby, Ms Perkal, Mrs Leishman, Miss Walsh, Miss O'Brien, Mrs Warr and Ms Audegond for their hard work. Thank you also to all students involved in the production for their participation. It was a real winner.

INTERMEDIATE PUBLIC SPEAKING
This was held last week and the standard of speeches was very high. Special congratulations to the place-getters but well done to all the speakers. Thank you to Miss Swan for organising the event and to Ross Funcke and Jeremy Cook who acted as judges.

DONALD FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS LOGO
Congratulations to Daniel Matthews and Katie Gillahan who were judged as producing the best logos. Thanks to Mrs Bird for organising our students and to Mr John Russell for his involvement in the project.

INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
Well done to all our competitors who ran and did their best. Once again, we came third out of North Central Cluster schools.

GEOFF RIGBY, PRINCIPAL

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**CALENDAR**

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**THEY’re BACK..................

There has been a reported case of head lice in the school and we request that you check your children’s hair to ensure that there are no other cases.

Head lice have nothing to do with cleanliness: in fact, lice prefer a clean, healthy head to a dirty one. Anyone, adult or child, can get head lice.

Head lice are passed from person to person by direct contact or on shared objects (combs, headphones, towels, etc.) so every member of the family should be checked if an infestation is found.

Attached is a fact sheet from the Department of Human Services that provides information regarding head lice and what can be done to treat the problem.
NEW BOOKS IN YOUR LIBRARY THIS WEEK

**I lost my mobile at the mall** by Wendy "Teenager on the edge of a technological breakdown!" Elly Pickering dreads facing her parents to tell them that she has lost her mobile phone. What Elly doesn't realise is that losing her mobile is just the beginning of a series of events that will find her questioning her priorities and realising who her real friends are.

**Boy on a wire** by John Doust
Boy on a Wire is a coming-of-age memoir set in 1960s Australia, is a brutally honest but funny insight into life in a boys' boarding school.

**Heartless** by Tasma Walton
At 7, she discovers that love isn’t necessarily forever. At 21, she finds love but it escapes her. At 35, she learns that love can be dangerous. By 49, she realises that the greatest love of all comes from the heart. A fable about the power of the human heart, the worthiness of its desires and the often dire consequences of ignoring them.

- Scholastic Book Club orders to be returned by 18th June please.

DONALD FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS’ SOCIETY LOGO COMPETITION

Daniel Matthews and Katie Gillahan are the proud winners of the Donald Friends and Neighbours’ Society Logo Competition, each receiving a $50 gift voucher from Mensland and The Clothes Bin.

The judges of the competition were very impressed with the high standard of creative and original logo entries from the Donald High School students in Year 7A and 8A Graphics classes.

‘Little Stars’
Congratulations to all students and staff involved in the production 'Little Stars'. The show followed the fortunes of the five finalists - Preston (Tom Gillahan), Donna (Eliza Goode) Amadeus Amadeus (Lisa Falla), Merrilee (Sarah Postlethwaite) and Jessica (Jenna Cockman) in a singing competition along the lines of Australian Idol. Declan O'Shea, Larissa Newall and Sean Walsh put in excellent performances as the judges, always coming up with witty comments. Callum Baker and Luke Clark were amusing in their role as hosts for the show. We can't forget the showcase of talent exhibited by the rejected contestants in the audition scenes. It was a great opportunity for our students to demonstrate the depth of their singing and acting abilities. The singers were backed up by a wonderful group of dedicated and enthusiastic musicians in the band. They were fantastic.

Anne Walsh worked tirelessly in many roles including arranging musical rehearsals, conducting the band, preparing the singers and numerous
other tasks all of which helped to make the show such a success.
We would like to thank all the staff, students and parents who contributed towards the musicals success. Special thanks to Bec Warr for the set design and construction, Sarah O’Brien for tickets, program, prompting among other things, Jordan May and Daniel Griemink for assisting backstage, Peter Battersby for his excellent trombone playing, Joe Battersby for assisting backstage and finally Joe Battersby and Bernadette Clark for videoing the performances.

Jane Battersby - Drama Coordinator

YEARS 7 NEWS

The Science competition was held yesterday. It was good to see 10 Year 7’s go in this – after all there is nothing to lose by sitting this test.

Assessments.
Students have been busy with tests and other assessments. Report writing day is Friday 11th so students have a day off. Reports will go home with students on the last day of term, Friday 25th. Maths Mates and English homework sheets have been completed for Term 2.

School Play
Congratulations to Katie Gillahan, Sarah Clark, Chloe Wheeler, Kelly Baker, Belicia Bowles, Morgan Green and Stacey Rachinskaya on their parts in the school play. It is a huge time commitment and a bit frightening to be on stage in front of so many people. Well done! By the way….. no boys involved….. where will our next Russell Crowe come from?

Maths Competition
This is to be held on Thursday 17th August for those who have paid for the competition. English competition is 3rd August.

Fete - Friday 30th July
For the Fete, Year 7 students will be running the Sweets Stall. Next Term a class list will be put up in the Home Room and I will ask students to write next to their names what they could make (parents make) to sell. This is the Year 7’s major fundraiser for the Fete and your assistance would be greatly appreciated. A more detailed letter regarding this activity will be sent home soon.

Lockers
All lockers will need to be cleaned out before the holidays for cleaning purposes.

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.

Day/Date | Subject | Task
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| | 7A PE | Flipcards were due Wed. 9th.
| | | Gymnastics routine due last week of term
| Wed. 16th | 7B History | Egyptian Gods/Goddess due - submit electronically

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
Intermediate Public Speaking
Competition 2010

Ten students have taken part in the annual Intermediate Public Speaking Competition. Students from Year Nine and Ten completed speeches in their English classes and the best performers were selected to take part in the competition.

Many people fear public speaking yet these young people took it in their stride and showed that confidence is the key. They are all to be congratulated for participating.

Donald Football Club Seniors Coach Ross Funcke and Sergeant Jeremy Cook from Donald Police, were the adjudicators for the afternoon and both brought valuable experience to the role. Ross, a former competitor in Donald High School’s public speaking competitions himself, and Sergeant Cook, commended all participants for the way they presented themselves and for tackling issues of high importance in the community.

Alexander Bourchier from Year 10 won the competition with his analytical and thoughtful discussion of the growing knife culture in Australia. He proposed many solutions to the problem and his audience was left in no doubt as to the seriousness of this issue.

Rachel Carey, also of Year Ten, was awarded second place for her topical discussion of banning the burqa. She spoke with conviction and enthusiasm and had a willing volunteer in Rachel McLoughan who wore a burqa for the duration of Rachel’s speech, to further demonstrate her point.

Year 9 student Tobie Chapman was in third place with his balanced yet thought-provoking insights into the proposed government internet filter. He appealed directly to his audience by suggesting that sites such as Facebook, MySpace and YouTube may be affected by the new filter.

Sarah Postlethwaite was awarded fourth place for her interesting and somewhat alarming discussion of child beauty pageants. She used images to support her contention and left her audience feeling certain that child beauty pageants have no place in Australian society.

The rest of the participants are to be commended for their contribution to the afternoon and as the judges commented, all speeches were of a very high standard. Laura Ackland spoke about the precarious situation of our country hospitals, while Kate Stuchbery tackled the issue of capital punishment. Fabian O’Shanessy offered an interesting perspective on the way the public view Michael Jackson and he implored his audience to remember the former child star for the wonderful pop star he was.

Hannah Hogan discussed the government’s recent announcement that cigarettes would be sold in plain packages and the increased tax. Brayden Newall spoke thoughtfully about whether tourists should be allowed to climb Uluru. Nathan Dunstan’s speech fitted in nicely with this as he gave his opinion about the apology given to the stolen generations by Kevin Rudd, suggesting it was long overdue.

All speeches were of a high standard and the school is grateful to the adjudicators who willingly gave up their time. Congratulations to all students for their willingness to participate.

Miss Swan
Public Speaking Co-ordinator
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WORKCO Apprenticeship and Traineeship Vacancies

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

3rd Annual Wycheproof Chamber of Commerce
TOWN GARAGE SALE / MARKET DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 20th
9am to 2pm

Garage Sales, Car Boot Sales, Market Stalls and End-of-Financial-Year Sales!!
Come along and get yourself a bargain or three!!

Site Bookings and Enquiries to:
Resource Centre on 5493 7455
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

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