Soccer Pitch & Osh Rounders Court Completed!!

Despite the oppressive heat that we have been experiencing, it did not deter the children from making use of the new Soccer Pitch and Osh Rounders Court, which were open for play last week. Finally the temporary fencing was removed and the synthetic turf was ready to be played on. The fans of soccer have been particularly excited as they have missed having the lunch play space, to kick a soccer ball around. It has been fantastic to see how excited the children have been at being able to run and play without interrupting other games in the process. Fencing has been put in place around the boundaries of the Soccer Pitch to assist with the safety of children not being hit by the soccer ball. Miss Amelia has ordered the goals and we hope to see them arrive and installed in the not to distant future! The creation of this play space has been a long and expensive process and we would like everyone from our school to be able to utilize the area well into the future. Therefore, please ensure that you always use this area with the 4Cs in mind. If you see other people using it inappropriately over the weekend please let a staff member know on the Monday morning. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic facility and it needs everyone to look after it!

Annual General Meeting

The Dandenong North Primary School Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 25th March at 7 pm in the staffroom. This is a fantastic opportunity for the community to hear about the effectiveness of our school programs and the outstanding academic performance of our children. All parents are welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting. Following this Annual General Meeting, the usual School Council Meeting will be held.
A last week’s Assembly, Mrs Hilton announced the 2013 Student Representative Council (SRC) Members. A child from each class has been elected by their classroom peers, to be on the SRC to present the views of that class. Children on this committee meet on a fortnightly basis, discussing ways that money can be raised and what charities might benefit from this fundraising. Last year there were fundraising days which included the biggest morning tea, pyjama day, guess the lolly jar competition and sport day. There are 17 members of the SRC from years 3 to 6. The SRC also includes our School and Vice School Captains and they are expected to become a part of this Council as part of their leadership duties. This year there are two critical friends who are part of the committee and they were selected because of the roles that they played in the 2012 SRC. The two critical friends for 2013 are Hasna Kazi and Nikola Vanovac. After the first ‘official’ meeting for 2013 the following roles were appointed:

President - Adam Alfawwal.
Treasurer - Harini Koralage
Secretary - Hasna Kazi

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Anurag Thakur, Lachie Byers, Nikola Vanovac, Adam Alfawwal, Siva Thangavel and Harini Koralage.

Middle Row Left:
Adithya Sairamesh, Mia Psihogios, Joshua Leauanae, Alanna Elysee and Madison Young.

Front Row Left:
Hasna Kazi, Simone Chandler and Reshma Gopakumar

Absent:
Teneisha Carroll, Judith Sathish and Janice Sathish

The SRC have elected to begin their 2013 fundraising efforts with an Easter raffle. There will be 10 Easter chocolate prizes that can be won. **Raffle tickets are 50 cents for 1 ticket or 3 tickets for $1.00.** Students can enter the raffle as many times as they would like. Raffle tickets will be sold at recess and lunchtimes from the bench seat area outside the 1/2 Building - close to the office. They will go on sale next Monday 18th March and will finish on Wednesday 27th March with the draw taking place just before lunch on Thursday 28th. Please bring along some money to purchase tickets for these fantastic Easter raffle prizes. The SRC thank all of the Dandenong North families for their support of their fundraisers.
2013 Young Leaders Conference

The Halogen Foundation again ran a fantastic event aimed at the future leaders in our state. The Young Leaders Conference took place at the Melbourne Convention Centre and it was wonderful to be able to take 10 members of our SRC team to this fantastic event.

This year the program included Creel Price a millionaire businessman, Dan Jackson a successful Richmond Football Club Player, Detective Senior Sergeant Susan Thomas and Surfing Scientist and TV presenter Ruben Meerman.

There were over 3000 Primary aged school children who attended this event and they were all engaged with presentations and their interest was displayed in the multitude of questions that were asked at the conclusion of each presenter’s speech.

The dance act performed by “One50” and the science experiment performed by Ruben Meerman were a highlight for all of the children present.

We were all left with the thoughts from Dan Jackson “it’s all of the little things that you do, that add up to something very special”.

Here are what some of our SRC members thought:

I had the privilege of attending the National Young Leaders Day, supported by the Halogen Foundation, with approximately 4000 other students from school around Victoria.

There were five inspirational speakers.

The first speaker Mike Martin spoke about Anne Frank, a young German girl who was persecuted by the Nazis in WWII for her Jewish faith. Ann Frank and her family hid in her father’s work attic for 2 years. Whilst in hiding, she wrote in her diary about the events that occurred in her short life. Her book at one stage became one of the best sellers. What Mike Martin was trying to illustrate was to never give up.

The second speaker, Creel Price was initially a strawberry farmer, who amazingly started seven successful businesses. He said the most important value as a leader was self-belief.

The third speaker was Dan Jackson the Richmond footballer. He stated that you need to respect each other and always give a helping hand.

Sussan Thomas a Victorian Detective Senior Sergeant, spoke next. She wanted to do something that would help the community so she became a policewoman. She said to become what you want, you take one step at a time and try your hardest.

The final speaker was Ruben Meerman he spoke about animals and how they all have leaders and followers. He showed us a video of how a leader must be a good role model and I thought this was very important.

I felt the day motivated me in my role as a school leader.

It taught me that we can all do extraordinary things.

By Adam 6M

What a wonderful day I had at The International Young Leaders Day. This was an awesome opportunity for me to gain some knowledge regarding leadership and how to positively influence others. The 5 guest speakers talked about influence, positivity, courage and how to recognise what your own strength as a leader is.

I found the experiment performed by Ruben Meerman a highlight of the day and his ability to link science and animals to leadership, really fascinating.

By Siva 6M

The Young Leaders Conference gave me the opportunity to learn about being a leader.

The guest speakers really focused on having courage to continue even when you have had negative results.

Dan Jackson spoke about how it’s the little things that add up to making a big difference. The small things that you do with other people and yourself allows everyone to gain success,

I most definitely felt that I learned a lot from these current leaders in our community and I am thankful for the experience.

By Nikola 5/6H
University of New South Wales Testing

Every year students at Dandenong North Primary are given the opportunity to participate in the Austral-Asian Schools Competition run by the University of New South Wales. The subjects offered in this competition are English and Maths and it is open to all students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 if they wish to enter. Participation in this competition is optional and require a payment from parents of $8.00 for each of the two subjects. The competition is a multiple choice test paper with up to 60 questions, depending on the year level.

All students who participate, receive a certificate and a detailed letter that indicates which questions they answered correctly and identifies the skill tested in each question.

The English Competition will be held at school on Wednesday 31st July.
The Mathematics Competition will be held at school on Tuesday 13th August.
Entry forms for both competitions and entry fee must be returned to school by Friday 21st June.

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