Success at District Athletics

On the last Wednesday of Term One the Dandenong District Athletics Carnival was held at Ross Reserve Athletics Field. It was an extremely warm day at the carnival, where ten of the Dandenong District Schools were competing. Each of these schools brought along seventy to eighty participants who would be competing in the sixty-six planned events. Dandenong North have always competed strongly at this level event, and this year was no exception. Out of all of the events participated in, Dandenong North won an amazing thirty-two events! We were also placed second in another sixteen events!

Perhaps our best effort came in the 4x100m relay. Our students train hard to gain a spot on this relay squad and since 2009 we have never been beaten! 2013 was no different with a continued record of 24 wins in this event and no losses, displays the skills and dedication of our students to achieve this. The behaviour of all competitors on the day was outstanding with students supporting and cheering each other on during events.

A big thank you to Mr Malone for training our students to compete at such a high level. Thank you also to Miss Atkinson for setting the foundations for competition in our junior grades.

Well done to our fantastic DNPS students for behaving and competing to the best of their ability.
The SRC would like to thank all of the children who donated to the Royal Children’s Hospital appeal last term, when they purchased tickets for our Easter raffle. The response from all children was fantastic, with many students buying a multitude of tickets. We raised a total of $230. Which was a fantastic effort at such short notice. Below is the list of the 10 winners:

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We are currently selling ANZAC day badges in anticipation of ANZAC day on the 25th April. The cost of these badges is 50c. Students have been visiting every class daily selling these badges, so please bring along 50c to donate to this worthy cause. There will be no more badges being sold after Wednesday 24th April. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

We would also like to prepare families for another upcoming fundraising event this term. The month of May is typically the month for running the Cancer Council’s Biggest Morning Tea which raises funds to donate to this wonderful charity. Just the same as last year, the SRC are looking to run a whole school Biggest Morning Tea where teachers and students would participate in a morning tea where food would be brought along to be shared. Please keep checking the newsletter for the announcement of the Biggest Moring Tea day for Dandenong North as the date has yet to be decided.

Woolworths is again running their community program of “Earn & Learn” and this year Dandenong North is going to participate. This community program enables schools to earn educational resources simply through the school community shopping at Woolworths. So, from now until Sunday 9th June, you can simply collect earn and learn points when you shop at Woolworths - every $10 spent will earn you one point. The more we can collect, the more chance we have of receiving some great educational resources. Any stickers that you collect can be brought along to school and be given either to your child’s class teacher or the office. We thank you for your support.
Update Information Records

It is important that parents update their children’s student record details when there has been any changes in address, telephone numbers for work, home and emergency contacts. It is important that these details are updated, so parents/guardians can be contacted when required. In particular if your child requires urgent medical assistance we will need to contact you, therefore it is important that all of your details are kept up to date in the office. If there has been changes to your child’s information please, write down the new details and give this updated information to either Miss Kanjer or Mrs Dowdle in the office.

University of New South Wales Testing

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
ENGLISH COMPETITION
I would like to enter my child ........................................ in grade .......... to enter the University of New South Wales English Competition.
Please enclose $8.00 and return to class teacher by Friday 21st June

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
MATHEMATICS COMPETITION
I would like to enter my child ........................................ in grade .......... to enter the University of New South Wales Mathematics Competition.
Please enclose $8.00 and return to class teacher by Friday 21st June

Term 2 DNPS Calendar

25th April - ANZAC Day - Public Holiday (No school on this day)
26th April - District Cross Country
8th May - Mothers’ Day Stall
9th May - Prep Excursion to Myuna Farm
14th - 16th May - NAPLAN Testing
17th May - Year 5/6 Gala Sports Day
29th May - Year 3/4 Excursion to The Zoo
31st May - Year 5/6 Lyndale Secondary College visit
21st June - Year 5/6 Gala Sports Day
24th June - Parent teacher interviews for English speaking parents.
25th June - Parent teacher interviews for parents that require interpreters.
28th June - Last day of Term 2

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The students in Years 5 & 6 have been working very hard on developing their skills when writing persuasive pieces. They have been given a multitude of topic questions to write on and have worked on ensuring that they can clearly persuade the reader to their point of view through the use of emotive language and rhetorical questioning. Here are some examples of persuasive pieces written by some students in 6M.

**Primary Students Should Have Free periods!**

I definitely think primary schools should have free periods for kids. When kids are in the class they try really hard to achieve their goal but they get really stressed and they need that extra backup to calm them down. It can also be a good thing because they get time to study and discuss issues with other students. Let’s discuss the fact primary school students try their best to make the teacher proud. It can really be stressful for someone that’s young having so much pressure on them. Put yourself in their shoes and imagine how it would be. They also need to prepare for upcoming subjects that they have next whether they have math, English, or even art. Just know that kids have the right to relax.

When it comes to homework, students will have 100 reasons why they could complete the homework maybe instead of that they can use the spare time and finish their homework when they have free period. We all want kids to be smart and study and become a big person, well it all starts at a young age. So instead of lecturing them for hours you can give them some time to study. All students want extra company from other kids that might not be in the same grade as them or that might not be in the same grade as them, or they couldn’t talk to during class time. Everyone needs an extra hand to get help or help someone else. Friends always like to have a laugh and talk about how everything is going. So it is good to have a free period where you can all that.

I really hope you understand and put yourself in their shoes and know how hard it is. Give primary kids free periods to help them.

By Yasmeen 6M

**All Kids Should Have a Dog!**

All kids should have a dog as a pet. Dogs increase children’s fitness. As well as being really fun to play with. Dogs are like guards that protect you. Fitness is really fun when you have a dog. You can take them for a walk and get fit. Also when you go to the park and your dog is there you can play fetch because they are very active.

Their fun to play with because they’re active and hyper with joy. When you play a game with a dog you have fun and you enjoy it. A dog is (everybody’s) best friend everyone knows that. You can also teach them and you have a lot of fun doing it.

You should have a dog because they’re great guard dogs. They keep strangers away from you and your precious items. If you’re away they can keep the house safe until you get back.

I strongly believe that you should have a dog for your safety!

By Mia 6M

**Circuses and Animals Don’t Mix!**

I strongly believe animals should not be part of the circus because they are not meant to be kept in cages, they get low quality of care and it can increase the animal’s aggressiveness.

Animals are not meant to be kept in cages, they deserve as much freedom as humans do. When animals are kept in cages they don’t have their own species to communicate and interact with.

Animals in other foreign countries can be whipped and hurt; some animals may get stressed from this mistreatment. Some animals get a shortage of food if they don’t do what their trainer tells them to do.

The animals one day may be aggressive to their trainers because of the way their trainers treated them in their circuses.

Would you like to be kept in a cage all your life? Imagine being mistreated by your trainers. This is what the poor animals are going through that’s why animals should not be kept in circuses.

By Adam