Our School Assembly where the Dandenong North Primary School Student Leadership Team is announced, is always a very special occasion for the whole community. Proud parents and family members attend this event, witnessing their children receiving their badges. It is also a time for our younger students to see who the school leaders are and they can begin to aspire towards one day holding one of these treasured positions. Teachers always find this day rewarding as they reflect back and think about these students whom they taught and how far they have come in developing their leadership skills.

Every year it is a difficult decision to select our school leaders, as we always have quality applicants. All of the nominees are wonderful children, who set the example for others to follow and have the best interest of Dandenong North at heart. Mr Mackay announced the 2013 Student Leaders and they were presented their badges by Miss Nish and Mrs Saraikin who were both School Captains when they attended Dandenong North as students.

Our School Captains for 2013 are Lachlan Buyers and Teneisha Carroll and they will be supported by Adam Alfawwal and Efthimia Psihogios, in their Vice School Captain positions. Our school leaders will have the role of meeting and greeting visitors to our school, as well as hosting assemblies and presenting prepared speeches at ceremonies such as the Year 6 Graduation. However most importantly, they will continue to be outstanding students, setting an exemplary example for students to follow and ensuring that Dandenong North remains a great school.

Parents and students holding Dandenong North Primary Student Leadership positions were invited to attend a morning tea to celebrate their positions. It was fabulous to witness the excitement on the faces at this morning tea of both the parents and students as they wore their badges for the very first time.

We would like to congratulate all of the recipients who received leadership positions for 2013.
Mr Mackay had the pleasure of announcing the 2013 House Captains and Vice Captains at Monday’s Assembly. Each of the House teams have special significance for Dandenong North Primary as they are the surnames of the parents who formed the first ever School Council in the early 1950’s. These people were also highly influential in the development of excellent facilities when our school was first built. Each Year 6 student is able to nominate themselves for the House leadership positions. Children in Years 5 and 6 are able to vote for the Year 6 child who they think will best lead their House for the year, with Mr. Mackay, Mrs. Mackay and Mr. Hilton having the final approval throughout the process. It is an honour to be selected for one of these positions and each student should be proud of their selection to their leadership role.

Congratulations to the Leaders of these Houses.

**MARSH**

Chloe Mezentseff (VC), Nikola Vanovae (C), Patience Johnson (C) & Anurag Thakur (VC)

**LEED**

Issa Rahimi (VC), Hashan Wickramasinghe (C), Kylie Lin (C) & Petra Karapandza (VC)

**VEREY**

Sohayla Ahmadi (VC), Hanifa Rezae (C), Nisal Jayamaha (C) & Mohammad Rezae (VC)

**KEYS**

Riddhi Kamble (VC), Margrett Tiqatabua (C), Siva Thangavel (C) & Geenath Singankuttiarachchi (VC)
Playgroup at Dandenong North

The Dandenong North community are again fortunate this year to be able to access a playgroup session each Wednesday morning at 9.30am. These sessions which are held in the Multi-Purpose Room are for children of kindergarten age or younger. The Playgroup session is planned and implemented by The City of Greater Dandenong. The aim of the program is for children to have access to a variety of stimulating learning experiences, which develop each child’s motor skills as well as enabling them to socialise with other children of a similar age. It was fabulous to see so many children at last week’s session participating in activities which included painting, bike riding, playing musical instruments and general play with numerous toys. These sessions also allow for parents to get to know other parents and discuss any issues and ask questions in a relaxed atmosphere. During these sessions, the Playgroup organisers also discuss the services that are available for parents and care givers which are provided by The City of Greater Dandenong.

If you have a family member who is of kindergarten age or younger, and you would like to bring them along to this playgroup, please come on a Wednesday morning at 9.30am or you can call Rachael on 0459 026 825 or email her at Rachael@playgroup.org.au. All children must be supervised by a parent or caregiver during the session. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 or 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 at the office. If there has been any changes to your child’s information over the holidays, please write down the new details and give this updated information to either Miss Kanjer or Mrs Dowdle at the office.

2013 Curriculum Days

School Council has approved the following student free days in 2013.

Term 2 – Friday 31st May
Term 3 - Thursday 22nd August
Term 3 - Friday 23rd August
In the lead up to the NAPLAN tests which are held in May, Year 3 teachers have been busy teaching the techniques to students on how to write a persuasive piece of writing. There is a formula to writing persuasive pieces and there is a need for emotive language to be included, in order to persuade the reader towards the point of view being expressed. The students in 3W have been busy covering a variety of writing topics and I am sure that you will agree that their arguments are fairly persuasive!

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**Hats Should Be Worn at School**

I strongly believe hats should be worn at school here are my three fantastic reasons to convince you.
Firstly, hats should be worn outside because you might get skin cancer. Skin cancer is extremely bad for your health, and it could also be deadly.
Secondly, I strongly believe that hats should be worn at school because if your skin gets damaged by the sun, you might look like a grandma or a grandpa. This means when you are thirty five years old you will look like you are fifty five years old. Who would want to look like that?
Furthermore, it is dangerous because you might get sunspots. This is why you should wear hats.
In conclusion, I believe it is highly important for children to wear hats outside.

By Sumayya 3W

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**Lollies Are bad for You**

I’m going to try and convince you that lollies are bad for you and I’ll give you three reasons why.
Firstly, lollies are very expensive and a waste of money. If you eat too many you will get addicted to them and waste your money for more.
Secondly, they are bad for your teeth. If you eat too many lollies you will have a tooth ache and have lots of holes in your teeth!
Another reason is because they are full of sugar and if you eat too much you might get a sugar rush and you might get hyperactive.
There are my three reasons why I think lollies are bad. I hope I have convinced you!

By Aalijah 3W

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**I Should Have a Bike**

I think it’s a fantastic idea that I should have a bike. There are many reasons why I should have a bike. I am going to give you a few.
Firstly, it is good for my health. For example instead of watching TV and playing boring computer games, I could ride my bike and have loads of fun. You know how important it is not to be lazy.
Furthermore, it’s great fun. Remember I always say to you “Mum, I’m bored.”? Well, I don’t have to do that anymore if I have a bike.
Whenever I am bored I could play on my bike. I could also take it to the stunt park and do tricks. I would love to take a bike to the stunt park.
Finally, it could make me really responsible. I could do a safety check every time I ride my bike and I could wash my bike every second time I ride it. Wouldn’t you want me to be really responsible?
So there are my three fantastic reasons why I should have a bike. I hope I have convinced you.

By Manvitha 3W