It is that time of year again when we start making plans to farewell our Year 6 students. This year the Graduation Committee have decided to change the format of the Graduation and make it an event that takes place over two days. In previous years there have been issues regarding the ability of parents to view their children during the awarding of graduation certificates. So to ensure that maximum enjoyment can be made of this wonderful event, the certificate ceremony will be held separately.

Beginning on Tuesday 18th December, Year 6 students will attend their special graduation luncheon with a disco to follow. On this day, students will be wearing smart attire and attending school around recess time in readiness for this fantastic event.

Then on Thursday 20th December students will attend school as usual from 9am then parents are asked to attend the certificate ceremony beginning at 12.45pm, which will be held in the school hall.

Students will be receiving a letter home today that outlines all of this information clearly, to ensure that there are no misunderstandings as to the time and place for these two events.

We are hoping that we can make the events this year as special as possible for all of our wonderful year 6 students and that it will be something that they remember in the future.

The last day the Uniform Shop will be open in 2012 will be Friday 14/12/2012, from 8.45am to 9.30am. **2013 the Uniform Shop will re-open on Tuesday 29/1/2013 from 9am to 3pm.**

The Uniform Shop will be open each Friday from 8.45am to 9.30am, the shop is located in the breezeway in the building beside the main car park.

All prep students who commence in Term One, 2013 will be given a school hat and bag.

Mrs Mackay mentioned that there are many children who are not wearing hats while out at recess or lunchtime. Dandenong North is a Sunsmart school and all children should be wearing hats in Terms 1 and 4. Please ensure your child has a hat to wear. If your child doesn’t have a hat, one can be purchased from the Uniform Shop for $12.00.
As part of the Grade 1/2 theme - Under the Sea, the children went on an excursion to The Melbourne Aquarium. It was an amazing day! Our students walked with sharks, visited the penguins on ice, touched a sea sponge, sea star and even held a shark’s egg! There were lots of weird and wonderful sea creatures, like the leafy sea dragon, jellyfish and some beautifully colored fish. For some children it was their first time at the Aquarium and they thoroughly enjoyed this experience.

Below are some of the retells written by students who attended the excursion:

Grade 1s and 2s went on a brilliant excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium on Tuesday 20th November. When I arrived at school I couldn’t wait to go on the bus. We saw many weird and wonderful sea creatures at the aquarium. The sea creature I thought was the best was the stingrays.
Stingrays have a long thin tail that stings things. When we walked past the sharks a gigantic stingray came over to the glass and we could see its features. I had never seen anything like that.
The other weird and wonderful creatures were turtles, sharks, lobsters, crabs, clownfish, penguins and other creatures.
I felt so happy that we got to go to the aquarium and I want to see other kinds of fish again. I would love to go to the Aquarium every month.
By Mubashar 2P

Grade 2P went on a trip to the Melbourne Aquarium - it was wonderful.
When we arrived at the Melbourne Aquarium we saw Penguins! They were so cute. The penguins were eating lantern fish and sitting on eggs. They were Gentoo penguins and Emperor penguins.
As we were walking through the aquarium we saw a lady showing a shark’s egg. I held one, it felt funny and smooth.
After that we saw Mr G. Mr G was a pinkish, purple humongous fish. I think Mr G was big because he ate too many squid.
Next I was the only one to see the eels in the huge fish tank because everybody was sitting the other way.
Then we ate our lunch at the Royal Botanical gardens and then we went back to school.
I had a great day because I had never seen these animals in real life.
By Charita 2P

On Wednesday, all of the DNPS children were lucky enough to have STOMP visit. Students built up their cardiovascular fitness by moving to music in a fast paced lesson that lasted for thirty minutes. Sarah, the instructor, commented on the children’s excellent behaviour and how well they applied themselves to the activity. All of the children had an excellent time! We thank Miss Amelia for organising a wonderful free incursion.
Lyndale Secondary College extended our Year 5 students the opportunity to come and sample some of the wonderful things that their school has to offer. This visit was of no cost to our students and they were provided with a yummy play lunch, a great sausage sizzle lunch and the experience of a fantastic secondary college.

The day began with a performance from the many musically talented individuals who showcased the instruments and vocal coaching that is available to Lyndale Secondary students. The students were then taken on a brief tour of the school, with each group being led by the Middle School Captains. The students enjoyed the chance to look around and the greenery that is a part of the landscape of this school was commented on.

After play lunch, the students then took part in some of the specialist classes that are offered at Lyndale including the new movement classes – which gave our students the opportunity to enjoy the song “Gangnam Style”.

Children also took part in Technological Studies, which is not just woodwork and plastics, but a combination of both and an incorporation of design technologies. During this lesson, students were able to make a key ring that they could take home.

In Home Economics, students were exposed to the working area of this class and were able to sample some of the fare that they would be making in the coming years.

By far, one of the favourite lessons undertaken, was P.E. This was held in the school gymnasium which has two full sized basketball courts. The children were able to play a game of Pony Express that pitted two grades against one another in a game of dodging skills.

The children were given the opportunity to talk with Principal Mr Moir about why Lyndale was the school that they should attend at the end of primary school. Mr Moir was most impressed with their questions, he even said it was like being interviewed for his job all over again! All the Year 5 students had a fantastic time.

Below are some of the students reflections from this wonderful day:

We went to Lyndale Secondary College for a visit and it was an exciting day. We first went out for a tour around the school. They told us information about the school. It was an interesting. We went to a place called Design and Technology where we made key chains. The key chains were so awesome!

Then we had our morning tea. There was a variety of biscuits and cupcakes to choose from and had a drink mixed with water and cordial. They were delicious!

Next we went to a dance class where we actually practiced dancing. We danced to a song called Gangnam Style. Almost everyone laughed when we did it although it was very tiring! That was our favorite part at Lyndale.

After we went dancing we went to a basketball stadium where we played pony express. Also in the basketball stadium there was a netball court on the basketball stadium, badminton court, volleyball court etc.

Next we went to a place filled with little bushes and had sausages; it was like being at a party, with salads, vegetables, drinks and much more. We loved it. Finally after that massive lunch, the Principal announced how lovely the grade 5s behaved at Lyndale. He was very happy with us and everyone was proud.

It was nice being at Lyndale Secondary College, we just wished we could stay a little longer.

By Matthew and Haroon - 5/6H

Today we attended Lyndale Secondary College for an open day. It was fun. They let us do what the older kids do at Secondary school, like dancing, design and technology and P.E. Our favourite was the dancing because we learned the dance steps to “Gangnam Style”.

They took us on a tour around the school and we saw the many different people in their classes, like language classes, science classes and more.

Lyndale Secondary College even provided us with a free lunch, snack, and they gave us their 50th Anniversary book. Their Principal said that the D.N.P.S Year 5 students were very good. He also said that it felt like an interview because we asked him so many questions!

This open day gave us a good opportunity to see what Secondary School is going to be like.

By: Munty & Josh
Getting Ready for Melbourne Aquarium by 1S
Students in Year 1 and 2 are very excited. On November the 20th we are all going to Melbourne Aquarium to look at some of the marine life one can find around Australian Waters. To get us ready for this trip students have been researching what we can expect to see when we get there. Students have designed interesting fact sheets along with their drawings of these fascinating animals. Some students have also constructed a word search with the theme of marine life. The first ten students who complete this word search correctly and bring it to Grade 1S for checking will receive a delicious prize. Good luck everyone!!!

Shark, penguins, coral, octopus, turtle, stingray, fish, whale and shrimp. Thanks to Michael, Liann, Nemat, Masi and Beraka.

White Spotted Eagle Ray
By Mohamed
Size and Weight: The white-spotted ray’s disc width will grow to at least 3.5m and 8.8m in length. It can also reach up to a weight of 230kg.
What does it eat? They like to eat clams, oysters, shrimp, octopus, squid and sea urchins.
Interesting Facts: These stingrays like to swim in groups.

Big Bellied Seahorse
By Anthony, Joseph and Alice
Size and Weight: This seahorse can grow up to 30cms, has a curly tail and spots for camouflage.
What does it eat? They eat small shrimp and crustaceans. They suck their food in with their snouts.
Interesting Facts: They live in the southern waters and use their tail to hold on to coral and seaweed.

Marine Life Gallery by Nemat, Attullah, Danijela, Mohadesseh, Hadi, Fida, Krish, Hailey, Anahita and Azada

Smooth Stingray
By Hamid and Mahdi
Size and Weight: This stingray can grow to 4.3 metres and weigh 350 Kgs. What does it eat? They love to eat crabs and bony fish. They crush the food with their teeth. Interesting Facts: These stingrays are the largest in the stingray family. Watch out for the barb in their tails.