Regional Athletics

On Wednesday 17th October, eighteen children from Dandenong North competed in the Southern Metropolitan Regional Athletics Carnival, held at Casey Fields. Our squad of eighteen children was one of the largest of any school.

To be eligible to compete at this event, which is one step away from the State Finals, the children had to win their event at both the District and Divisional level. Dandenong North had one student who took out third place at this event. That student was Feda Ahmedi who took out third place in the 11 year boys 200m race. This was a fantastic effort by Feda especially considering he competed in the race with a broken arm! Mr Malone is wondering how fast he would have run without the plaster! This result placed him the top 10 runners at this event for the State.

All of the other children who competed from Dandenong North placed 4th, 5th or 6th which places them in the top 20 competitors for their chosen event in the state—a tremendous achievement!

A special thankyou must go to Mr Malone and Miss Atkinson for putting in the dedication and expertise to train our children to achieve the best that they can. Without their generosity in giving up time to train the children our results would not be so spectacular!

Congratulations to the eighteen team members who travelled out to Casey Fields - keep up the training and lets see how far you can go in the competitions next year.

Michael Ymer

Michael Ymer, our regular Mathematics Professional Development officer has again visited our school to demonstrate to teachers a variety of teaching strategies and learning experiences. The students love having him in their grade and the staff gain a lot of knowledge and skill from his visits. Mr Ymer enjoys coming to our school as he finds the children to be enthusiastic and highly friendly. While Michael was at our school we also took the opportunity to look at the structure of the new AusVELS curriculum. We look forward to further visits from him in 2013.
It was great to see Mr Lodge at Monday’s Assembly with 3 bears in tow, ready to announce the attendance winners for Term Three 2012. Before awarding the Bears, Mr Lodge spoke about how he had named the Bears.

Biggles was named after a much loved character from a book Mr Lodge used to read as a child and it was named after James Bigglework a pilot and adventure hero.

The Second Bear was named after the famous nurse, Florence Nightingale, who attended to wounded soldiers during the wars in the 1850’s.

Mr Lodge’s newest bear is called Algy which is named after another book character from the Biggles series which is Cousin Algernon (Algy) Lacey—Biggles flight partner.

The children were interested to hear Mr Lodge’s stories, however the real excitement was who had the best attendance during Term Three? The overall school attendance was lower in Term Three than in previous terms, however the cold and flu season was upon us and we had a lot of children who missed school due to this Winter illness.

Despite this the best 100% attendance went again to 6L (46%) - so they will have a Biggles visitor this term.

The best overall attendance went to 6C (89%) - so they were awarded Florence.

This new award of Algy the bear went to the Year 3 children, who had the best Year Level attendance at Danedenong North.

Well done to all of the winning grades.

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**Hats Reminder:**

As part of the Government’s Sun-smart Schools Program, all students are required to wear a hat whilst playing outside during Term Four. The blue broad brimmed hats are part of the school uniform and can be purchased from the uniform shop for $12.00. If children forget their hats, they may borrow one before school from the ESL rooms before 9am.
School Crossing Safety

It has again come to the attention of our crossing supervisors that some students are not using the designated crossings near the school. We all want to keep our students safe and it is very important that students use the crossings that are supervised in order to cross the roads to ensure that children walk to and from school safely. We understand that this can be inconvenient, however for the safety of the children the practice of using the crossings must be adopted. There are many entry and exit points to our school and there is always the temptation to cross the road in an unsupervised area, however this practice is very dangerous. Please continue to talk to your children about the safest routes home, including the importance of crossing at the supervised school crossings in David and Cleeland Streets. Thank you for you assistance with this matter.

Overseas Travel Return Dates

We understand at this time of year, many families are planning to travel overseas to spend the festive season with their loved ones, as well as taking advantage of the longer break from school. However it is important for us to know whether your child will be returning to Dandenong North on the first day of school, Wednesday 30th January 2013 or whether your family will still be away on holidays. If you could please notify your child’s current classroom teacher, and the office staff, (with a letter) as this help us to determine school enrolments beginning in 2013. Thank you for your assistance.

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The students in Years 5 & 6 attended an excursion to the MCG this term. It was a great experience for all students who have never been to a sporting event at this ground. They attended the National Sports Museum, Game On - an interactive sports game area as well as going on a tour of the MCG. Below are two recounts written by students in 6V - recounting the events of this excursion.

On Tuesday the 16th of October Year 5 & 6 students went on an excursion to the Melbourne Cricket Ground. We began with a tour of the MCG. We looked at the ground where they play cricket, AFL and sometimes soccer and rugby. We saw the indoor practice nets and the underground car park. We went into the change rooms where the players leave their gear and where they have ice baths after matches. We saw the rooms where they talk over their game plans.

We went to the top of the grandstand by an elevator. After that we went to the Long Room, where only the members are allowed to sit and watch the match. They have restaurants in the Long Room too. There is a Library at the MCG, however we did not go inside it. We saw some great art work too.

After we had finished our tour, we went into the National Sports Museum. As we walked around we saw the men’s shot put, the women’s shot put, shoe of Ian Thorpe’s, a baton and a table tennis bat.

Then we went to Game On where there were lots of sports games. There was a cricket game where the ball comes at you and you have to hit the stumps with it, a soccer penalty shoot out game where there is a big screen and you have to kick the ball in it. There was a game of net ball, there was an archery game where you have to shoot an imaginary arrow and it puts a dot where your arrow would have gone if it was real. There was a reaction time game where you have to press the button that lights up. There was also a footy game where you have to kick the football through the goals.

We went back and roamed around the sport museum. Then we watched a video of Shane Warne that taught us about his career in cricket. I loved going to the Melbourne Cricket Ground because I am very interested in sports. My favourite part was when we went to GAME ON section because that’s where I had the most fun.

By: Mann

Today on the 16/10/12 the Year 5 and 6’s went on an excursion to the Melbourne Cricket Ground (M.C.G). We caught the bus there and on the way we drove past Collingwood’s training ground. When we arrived at the M.C.G we sat down and ate our play lunch. My friends and I were watching the Victorian Bushrangers team train. I saw Andrew McDonald training.

We went to Gate 3 to meet our tour guide. His name was Myles and he was very nice. The first place he took us was to show us what the ground looks like at level one. Next he took us to where the cricket teams sit during the Boxing Day match. When it is their turn to bat, they go down the stairs and walk down on green carpet, then on to the field.

Secondly he took us to the change rooms where the cricket players and the A.F.L players get changed. Then he showed us their lockers and where they go to get massages from people after the games they play. We got to go on the ground where the A.F.L players sit on the interchange bench with the coaches and doctors.

We went to the M.C.G Museum. We watched a Shane Warne hologram about his career. It was called Shane Warne’s Career. We saw really old cricket bats, balls and clothes. Next we went to the GAME ON section. At the ‘Game On’ section there were fun games. There were: penalty shoot outs, A.F.L kick for goal, netball, A.F.L marking, cycling, archery and cricket (hit the wicket).

After Game On we went to the A.F.L section and we saw old trophies, the old team jumpers and the new team jumpers. My day was lots of fun because I learned new things. My favourite part of the day was when we got to go to the GAME ON section.

By Jamie 6V