Road Safety

Road safety is always a major concern for the Dandenong North Community, as we don’t want any of our children involved in any kind of road accident. Unfortunately, one of our children was hit by a car on Thursday afternoon. The child was trying to cross David Street without using one of the two supervised crossings on David Street. It is of the utmost importance that parents assist us in training the children to use the designated supervised crossings at all times. We understand that this can be inconvenient, however for the safety of the children the practice of using the crossings must be adopted.

Since the new buildings have been completed, we now have many new entry and exit points that are close to student classrooms but not necessarily close to the supervised school crossings. Now that the new school buildings are situated further away from the supervised crossing areas, there is the temptation to cross the road at any spot, rather than at the designated crossings. This is a highly dangerous practice for students to undertake and it is very important that parents take the time to discuss with their children the safest routes home, including the importance of crossing at the supervised school crossings in David and Cleeland Streets. It is also of high importance that parents remember not to “call” their child to cross the street in order to reach them, as this practice shows other impressionable children that it is okay to cross the roads in unsupervised areas.

This is just a timely reminder for all of our families, in light of the incident that occurred Thursday afternoon. We trust that in the future parents and students will have a greater awareness of the dangerous practice of crossing on unsupervised roads.

Prep Enrolments 2013

We are now taking enrolments for children who will be starting Prep next year in 2013. With a pattern of increasing student enrolments over the past few years, we are keen to ensure that we have enough teachers in 2013 to keep all class sizes as small as possible. We are aiming to keep our Prep classes below twenty to allow children a strong start to their educational journey during this important foundation year. If you know of a neighbour or relatives who has a child that turns five before the 30th April 2013, please ask them to come to the office to complete an enrolment form. Parents are asked to bring proof of birth and an immunisation certificate (obtained from the local council offices).

Early enrolment also ensures children are included in our Prep Transition Program which begins Thursday 18th October.
The students in Years 1 & 2 headed off to Healesville Sanctuary full of excited anticipation on Tuesday and they all returned exhausted but with some wonderful stories to tell. The weather was sunny and the children had a fantastic time viewing the crocodiles, wombats, platypus, dingoes and many other Australian animals. Healesville Sanctuary is a fantastic place for the students to experience as they continue developing their knowledge of Australian animals during Term Three.

Below are some students retells of this great event:

On Tuesday we went to Healesville Sanctuary to see and learn about Australian Animals. We saw a Dingo, it was fuzzy. We saw a Brolga, it was standing on one leg. Then we saw pelicans. They were very stinky. We also saw ducks and saw a turtle. They were swimming. Next we saw snakes and crocodiles. They were green. When it was snack time one bird was hungry and snatched my sandwich. I was scared. We saw Koalas, they were cuddly. Then we saw the Tasmanian Devil. We missed out on the bird show so we went to a dark room where the lizards and snakes were. After that we were going home and I was very tired.

By Reshan (1HM)

On Tuesday the 28th of August the Grade 1’s and 2’s went to Healesville Sanctuary. It was fun! We saw a Wallaby, Emu’s, pelican’s, dingo’s, baby crocodiles, snakes and parrots. We saw a Lyre-Bird. It’s tail was very long. There was a competition to name the baby dingo and we found out that the winner of that was Mrs Lovegrove. She told us the story. It’s name was Tambo. After we saw all the animals we went back onto the bus. I felt dizzy on the bus sitting next to Kiani.

My favourite animal of the whole day was the baby Dingo because it was very cute and I liked the story about how it was named.

By Waghma (1HM)

On Tuesday, August 28th, the Greater Dandenong Network held its inaugural Maths Games Day. This special event was organised by staff from Keysborough Primary School. We sent along 4 children to represent Dandenong North - Gajan 6C, Teneisha 5W, Hashan & Snehithaa 5D. The day consisted of Maths Games, Mental Maths Competitions, Matrix activities & Mystery activities.

The day was a huge success. Of the 36 teams, DNPS finished in fourth position just one point short of a bronze medal. Also pleasing was the outstanding behavior exhibited by our four stars.

A great day was had by all. Congratulations to our children and also to the staff at Keysborough Primary School for their excellent organizational skills.

Jeff Lovegrove
Eyes, Ears, Hearts & Mind Awards

It was wonderful again to witness the special awarding of the Eyes, Ears, Hearts and Minds Award at Monday’s Assembly. It is always such a privilege to listen to these speeches made by teachers or students - that speak straight from the heart. It was great to see students nominating another student this time around. Congratulations to both of our award winners.

This is what Sikujua and Seren had to say about Gayani Silva from 6C:

Gayani cares about everybody. She is friendly, approachable and has a ready smile. She makes sure that everyone is alright. If someone seems lonely or sad, Gayani will ask if they are ok or offer for them to join in a game.

Even in class, if there is someone who seems to need extra help, she will leave her own work to help them. Everybody loves Gayani’s kindness and she has a strong ability to learn. Mrs Colaci always has a smile on her face when Gayani can provide the class with a detailed explanation that shows how well she understands what she is learning.

She always completes her projects on time and they are always of a very high standard. Gayani loves to read, having read a truck-load of books. A lot of what Gayani knows, she has learned from her wide reading.

Gayani never gives up and she always encourages others not to give up either.

All in all, this person is a thoroughly deserving recipient of this award because she is well liked by all of her peers and she is someone who follows the 4C’s and is greatly admired by everyone!

Here is what Sasnee and Chathana had to say about Mr Lee:

We chose Mr Lee for this award because he gives informative feedback to his students on how to improve their learning.

He organises high quality activities for the different learning levels of his students. The children in his class find him funny and caring.

He gives his students a reason to always be at school.

NORTH DANDENONG Cricket CLUB - JUNIOR CRICKET 2012/13

Registration Day

Saturday 15th September 10am – 12noon

@ Clubrooms - Lois Twohig Reserve, Carlton Rd, Nth Dandenong

Melway 81 E 12

MILO In2 Cricket (beginners 5 – 9 years)
Under 11, 13, 15, 17 grades

Practice begins 17th September from 5.15pm
Registrations can also be taken on practice nights
Season commences – U13, 15, 17 - October 13th
MILO In2 Cricket – Sat 27th October, Under 11’s – Fri 26th October

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The students in 5M have been studying the human body this term and have created mind maps of their knowledge using FreeMind software. The students have been adding to their mindmaps as they have been gaining new information, giving them a picture of what they know and future direction for what they will research and learn.

By: Geenath

By: Mineth

By: Hans

By: Louie