



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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10th May 2016

DNPS Monster Book Fair Success

Calendar of Event

MAY 2016

- 10th - Grades 1 & 2—Fairytale Incursion
- 13th - Gala Day 1
 - Grades 1&2—Fairytale Incursion
- 16th - Prep Myuna Farm Excursion
- 18th - Grades 5&6 CERES Excursion
- 20th - District Cross-Country

JUNE 2016

- 3rd - Divisional Cross Country
- 13th - Queen's Birthday Holiday (NO SCHOOL)
- 17th - Gala Day 2
- 24th - END OF TERM 2

School Pledge

I will do all that I can to make sure that Dandenong North Primary School remains a great school.

I will try my hardest to follow the 4Cs to keep our school a safe and happy place.

I promise to treat others as I would like to be treated.

Monday's assembly saw Ms Varas speak to the students about the success of this year's Monster Book Fair!

The Book Fair which was organised by Ms Varas and Mrs Saunders ran for approximately a week and a half and saw many of our children purchasing books, posters and other stationery items, on a daily basis.

There was always a lot of interest from the children who after purchasing an item, went into the draw to win one of three fantastic baskets of prizes.

At assembly there were many students eagerly waiting to see whose name would be drawn from the box.

The three prize winners were announced as :

- 1st Prize: Jenica 56H,
- 2nd Prize Shanmukhi Prep O
- 3rd Prize Emaan 4F.



Christina with her jar of bookworms.

There was also a guess the lolly jar competition that was run at the Book Fair - this was won by Christina (56W) who correctly guessed the number of bookworms



Prize winners from left: Shanmukhi, Jenica and Emaan pose with Ms Varas.

in the lolly-jar as 189!

Ms Varas wanted to thank all of the children, parents and teachers who came to the 2016 Monster Book Fair, and who helped to make it an even bigger success than last year!

We raised over \$1400 worth of books for our library. What a fantastic effort!

These books will soon be catalogued, covered and ready to go into the library for all of our children to borrow.

A thank you must also go out to the many staff members who volunteered their time to assist Ms Varas with the smooth running of this fantastic event.

We are sure that our students will highly benefit from the new books as well as they will be looking forward to this excellent event in 2017!

University of New South Wales Competitions

Every year students at Dandenong North Primary are given the opportunity to participate in the Australasian Schools Competition run by the University of New South Wales. The subjects offered in this competition are English and Maths and it is open to all students in **Years 3, 4, 5 & 6** - if they wish to enter.

Participation in this competition is optional and requires a payment from parents of \$8.00 for each of the two subjects. The competition is a multiple choice test paper with up to 60 questions, depending on the year level.

All students who participate, receive a certificate and a detailed letter that indicates which questions they answered correctly and identifies the skill tested in each question.

The English Competition will be held at school on **Tuesday 2nd August**.

The Mathematics Competition will be held at school on **Tuesday 16th August**.

Entry forms for both competitions and entry fees must be returned to school by **Friday 10th June**.

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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 10th June.

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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 10th June.

Special Awards for the week ending 6th May

Prep A -	1M - Zahra	3H - Lamar	5/6F - Sina
Prep B - Noor	1N - Fathima	3M - Louis	5/6H - Mahtab
Prep H - Lucas	1/2J - Madina	3S - Hanna	5/6L - Elaha
Prep M - Awais	2C - Sadia	3/4B -	5/6N - Ali
Prep N - Jaylen	2G - Fatima	4F - Hitanshi	5/6S - Arpit
Prep O - Asma	2H - Lulzim	4N -	5/6W - Mohyad
Prep W - Ansh	2M - Omid	4R - Sina	ICT - Lujein (1A)
1A - Lujein	2S - Maryam	4WM - Grace	ICT - Kojak (5/6N)
1L - Tiana	3F - Praveena	5/6C - Akash	

NAPLAN Begins

Today marked the beginning of the 2016 NAPLAN tests for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across all Australian Primary and Secondary Schools.

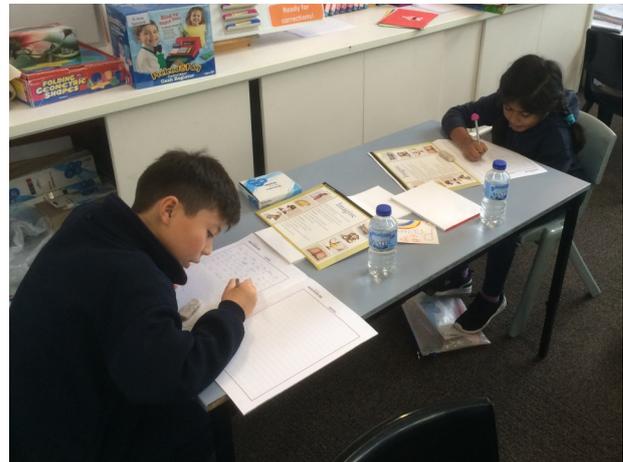
These tests are an assessment undertaken to gain a better understanding of student educational abilities in the areas of Spelling and Grammar, Writing, Reading and Numeracy.

Today began with the Language Conventions test which focuses on highlighting the abilities of the students spelling and grammar knowledge.

The students also undertook a writing task that had the students planning, creating and editing a piece of writing within the allocated time.

Tomorrow children will undertake the Reading Comprehension test which is then followed on Thursday by a Numeracy test.

It is important to be aware that NAPLAN Testing only gives an insight into student perfor-



mance on the given day of the test. Classroom teachers perform many assessments of students over the year and have a more detailed understanding of student performance and ability - which is reflected in their gradings and comments on both mid and end of year reports.

The results of NAPLAN testing will not be available until later in the year and parents will be notified of these results.

SRC 5 cent coin Campaign

At this years Halogen Young leaders conference an entrepreneur from Ygap spoke about their vision to ensure that every child has access to education. So they created the “change for change” campaign.

This fundraising effort focuses on the collection of 5cent coins that will be donated to students in poverty so that they can be provided with education.

The 2016 SRC felt that this was a wonderful cause to become involved with, and they have started running the 5 cent collection campaign across all classes at DNPS.

The campaign will run for the month of May and students are asked to bring as many 5cent coins as possible and place it in their “change for change” box within the classroom.

At the end of May, Miss Sowersby and our SRC members will collect the boxes and total up the amount of 5cent coins that each classroom has collected.

So if you have some spare 5 cent coins, please donate to this very special fundraising effort - because every child deserves to have the opportunity to receive an education.



New Play Areas

As our enrolments have expanded - we have had unfortunately had to build over areas that were once the place for children to play.

Now that the dust has well and truly settled on our double storey building, we have now had the opportunity to rebuild a couple of areas for our students.

To begin with, we have placed new synthetic turf outside the new buildings and this has been a fantastic place for the students to gather and enjoy their time with their friends playing in this area.

The picnic tables had been removed before the build and have now been placed back in this area and it



is a fabulous place for the children to eat their snack and lunch when the weather allows.

Perhaps the best replacement has been the new sandpit which was removed late last year. This new sand pit has seen lots of children congregate to build sand castles and to use their imaginations to create towers and tunnels together.

With both the new playground and the new sand-pit area, students have more areas to play with their friends and to enjoy their time at school.