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Victorian Education Minister Visits

Last Friday 6th November was a bleak day, with rain pouring down and student’s being trapped inside to avoid the weather.

It was despite this, the school was abuzz as the Victorian Education Minister Mr James Merlino was coming to take a tour of our school!

Once inside the administration building, the Minister along with Miss Gabrielle Williams (our local Member of Parliament) and Ms Karen Cain (Regional Director) began to thank Mr Mackay for his hospitality.

It was in this setting that the Minister released the “Empty Lunch Box Report” which focused in on homelessness of school aged children and how schools can best support children over the harsh barriers they face.

After the release of this report, it was off on a tour of the school.

Firstly, Mr Mackay showed how crowded the school hall is as Mr Malone ran PMP lessons for all of the Preps.

The Minister was then taken to view the Reading Intervention Program and other classrooms along the way.

Minister Merlino was impressed with the various programs he saw as well as the friendly nature of our children.

Throughout the visit, Mr Mackay took the opportunity to make the point that our school requires a new school hall.

The visit from the Minister is important as it allows him to see first hand what condition our resources are in and the fact that our school hall was not designed to hold the amount of enrolments that we currently have.

Ms Cain was impressed with what she witnessed at our school and has already spoken to Mr Mackay about another visit in the near future to see the whole school in action.

Even though it was a quick visit, it is always fabulous to have the State Education Minister visit our school!

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Calendar of Event

November 2015

Grades 1 & 2 Mordialloc Beach Excursion – HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO THE 26TH NOVEMBER.

17th - Grades 5 & 6 Chemistry Incursion
20th - Grades 3 & 4 Mother’s Beach Excursion
16th November until 27th November - Swimming Program - Grade PREPS
26th - Grades 1 & 2 Mordialloc Beach Excursion
30th November until 11th December - Swimming Program - Grades 1 to 6

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2nd December until 11th December - Swimming Program - Grades 1 to 6
14th - School Concert
16th - Grade 6 Graduation Luncheon
17th - Grade 6 Certificate Presentation
18th - END OF TERM 4 FINISHES AT 1:30 PM

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.
**NSW Visitors**

Last week was jam packed with visitors as nine teachers and their Principal from Auburn North Primary School in NSW, arrived for a two day observation of our school.

Vic Zbar has been working with our school as a consultant for many years and he spoke highly of our results and student progress. He has also included Dandenong North in many of the papers that he has written about exceptional practice and innovative improvements.

After hearing about Dandenong North, the Principal of Auburn North, Mr Mark Harris, conducted research into our school and decided that Dandenong North was the best school in Australia and a school that he and his leadership team needed to visit to ensure continual improvement in his own school.

Day One was spent looking at where Dandenong North has come from and the work that has gone into developing the academic culture that we have today. Later, the staff from Auburn North roamed around the school looking at the various programs that we have in place to develop individual students. They also spent a large proportion of their time in the Reading Intervention Program - there was not a lost moment!

On Friday, the staff spent their morning looking how we analyse data and the importance of this and how it drives future directions of the school and the planning of curriculum. It was then time for the staff to wander around the school and to take advantage of their last few hours, talking to as many staff as possible about how they go about ensuring DNPS remains a high performing school.

Their visit was a highly productive one for Auburn North as no time was wasted and their comments and feedback were all positive.

It is always nice to have visitors to the school as it again highlights the hard work of our teachers to make our school the best in the state and to provide all students with the best possible start to their educational years.

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**SRC News**

This Wednesday is Remembrance Day.

It is held in honour of all of the men and women who have fought and died in wars around the world.

The RSL support the families of those who have been killed or injured and they do this by raising money through the sale of Poppies.

These Poppies cost $1 and can be purchased from Mrs Hilton’s room at any time throughout the day.

So please bring along $1 to support this worthy cause.

The SRC are also running another fundraising event this term. On Wednesday 25th November there will be a Whole School Crazy Hair Disco Day.

A gold coin donation to participate is required and it will be donated to State’s Schools Relief – a not for profit organisation that provides students with school uniform items.

Reminders will be given closer to the date.

The SRC thank you for your participation in both of these fundraising events.
Eyes, Ears, Heart & Minds Awards

At this week’s assembly there were three Eyes, Ears, Heart and Mind Awards given out. It is always fantastic to see the pride and enjoyment on the faces of the students who present these awards as well as those who receive them.

To begin with, Adama 4W was given this award by Aida, Farwa, Tamana and Mahtab.

Eyes: Adama’s eyes are like a bunch of flowers. She can spot anyone who is feeling unhappy or lonely, no matter if they are a girl or a boy. Adama always has smiling bright eyes that shine day and night.

Ears: Adama has ears like a very strict librarian. She always listens to other peoples ideas and sayings, but at the same time she’s fun and friendly.

Heart: Adama’s heart is full of fun and pure happiness. She always tries to keep everyone’s hearts happy, like hers. Adama also treats others the way she would like to be treated at all times.

Mind: Adama’s mind is always shooting with ideas, like a confetti. She always thinks about things before she says it. Adama is smarter than all people in her own way, but she is kind and generous at the same time.

Adama is not just a nice person, but she is also a great friend. We love you Adama.

Leetesha, Zahra, Mariam and Lina gave out two awards this week to special students in Year 3. The first went to Vidushi (3S):

Eyes: Vidushi’s eyes are like glittery diamonds, she can see everything better than anyone else. She can see three hundred miles away from the school. She uses her eyes to carefully read her reading books.

Ears: Vidushi’s ears can hear from Antarctic to Antarctica. Vidushi’s ears are better then an elephant for listening. She can hear someone crying from a long way.

Heart: Vidushi’s heart is full of golden love. Her heart is so kind that she would give you anything to be a best friend. She is kind to everyone in the school even if they are lonely, she never says no to anyone.

Mind: Vidushi has so many interesting ideas. She can answer hard questions that no-one knows. She thinks of new games all the time and that’s how good her mind is.

The girls second award goes to Kristina (3S):

Eyes: Kristina’s beautiful eyes are so pretty she can see diamonds, deep underground. Her eyes can see 3000 kilometres away.

Ears: Kristina’s excellent ears are fantastic. She always pays attention to what her friends are saying and she listens much more than she talks. By listening she learns about others that she cares for.

Heart: Kristina’s kind heart is special because it is always concerned about other people. Whenever someone is upset, angry or sad, she is always the first to console them and help.

Mind: Kristina has an intelligent mind that is always brimming with new ideas. When we all get sick of playing the same old game, Kristina will always thinks of a new one to play.

We love you Kristina!

Congratulations to all three girls on their awards from their peers!
Student of the Week Awards - Week ending 6th November

| Prep B - Alyssa | 1M - Thevan | 3V - Pinky | 5/6S - Pranesh |
| Prep H - Shekib | 2C - Thomas | 4M - Janika | 6C - Hassan |
| Prep S - Kaia | 2CH - Sanuk | 4R - Waghma | 6L - Atharva |
| Prep T - Mohammad | 2G - Nyantraa | 4W - Anthony | 6M - Jorga |
| Prep O - Bairam | 2L - Kesenraj | 4WM - Rafi | ICT - Simone |
| Prep M - Sristi | 2S - Louis | 5H - Jenica | ICT - Joshua |
| Prep N - Keerthana | 3D - Asia | 5M - Mayisha | Art - Bhumika |
| 1A - Ibrahim | 3F - Reshmi | 5P - Thehara | Art - Danielle |
| 1H - Elijah | 3S - Zeba | |

**DNPS Choir**

Monday we were treated to a wonderful performance by the Dandenong North Choir. Catani has been working once a week with this group of 35 children, developing their choral ability to the point that they can perform together seamlessly.

On Monday, they performed the One Direction hit “Drag Me Down” loudly and with gusto.

Thank you to Catani for taking her time to coach and guide the students to be able to present such a wonderful musical piece.

**DANDENONG SHOW**

*November 14th & 15th 2015*

Where the city meets the country, the Dandenong Show has lots to offer; farm animals, dogs, arts and crafts, amusement rides, show-bags and fireworks. Don’t forget to visit the animal nursery and look out for the free entertainment. There is something for everyone!

Dandenong Show Grounds – Greaves Reserve, Bennet Street Dandenong