



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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News From the North

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2016

- 12th - Prep Transition Program 2017
- 13th - Regional Athletics
- 19th - Prep Transition Program 2017
 - Grades 1&2 Excursion to Mordialloc Beach
- 26th - Prep Transition Program 2017
- 27th - Prep Bugs Incursion
- 31st - Curriculum Day

**SWIMMING PROGRAM
BEGINS MONDAY 14TH
NOVEMBER UNTIL FRI-
DAY 9TH DECEMBER.**

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.

Regional Director Visits

On Monday morning, we had the new Regional Director, Mr Stephen Gniel, come and visit our school. Before coming out to our school - Mr Gniel had already heard many great things about Dandenong North from Mr John Keyzers, who is our Senior Education Improvement Leader. Because of this, Mr Gniel was very keen to look at the wonderful programs that we have in place to ensure that our children are provided with the best education possible.

Mr Gniel spent part of the morning hearing about the different programs that Dandenong North have available to assist with developing both our teachers and students. This included a discussion around professional development and some insights into the key elements that have allowed Dandenong North to develop our students across the curriculum areas -

with a particular focus on Literacy and Numeracy. Whilst looking around the school,



Mr Gniel responded positively to what he saw occurring and spoke of how impressed he was with the Reading Intervention Program that allowed our students to read and comprehend at a fast rate. He was also highly favourable of both the Reception and EAL programs that we have running to assist students.

We are expecting another visit very soon - another opportunity to showcase the things that we know make Dandenong North a great school!

2017 Enrolments

We are currently in the process of organising grades and teaching staff for next year and it is very important for us to know our enrolment numbers for 2017.

If you know that your child **will not** be attending Dandenong North next year, could you please let the office staff know as soon

as possible. This information allows us to make informed decisions for the school.

We thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Malone Medallions

In a break from tradition, Mr Malone gave out three Malone Medallions at this week's assembly.

He began by praising the efforts of Soul (56L) who made it into the state Rugby team and that he competed against Rugby teams across Australia during the school holidays.

Mr Malone then went on to praise the athleticism of Simone (56F) and Anaisis (56W) as both of these girls made it through selection to be a part of the Dandenong Representative Netball team.

It was then that Mr Malone spoke about the importance of playing sport not just at school - but also on the weekends. As this not only helps to develop sporting skills, but is also important for general fitness.

After talking about each student's sporting ability outside of school, Mr Malone then highlighted their achievements whilst representing Dandenong North.

Anaisis has attended Cross Country in both 2015 and 2016. She has also placed first in discus in 2014, 15 and 16 - this week she is going to compete in this sport at the Regional finals.

Simone has also been a strong competitor participating at Cross Country events for the last three years - placing 20th in the Division cross



country this year. Simone has also shown a strong ability in the hurdles, placing 2nd in the District and 4th in the Division.

Soul has participated in the last 3 years in athletics events. He has placed 2nd in the Division for discus in 2014 and 1st in discus 2015.

In 2016 he placed 2nd in the discus, 4th in the boys relay and 1st in the shotput.

After listing all of the highlights of these three athletes - Mr Malone then revealed that they were recipients of Malone Medallions.

All three were worthy winners as they have all demonstrated their athletic abilities both when representing Dandenong North and participating in outside sporting teams.

We congratulate all three winners.

Whole School SRC Disco Day

At Monday's Assembly two SRC representatives spoke to the school about the fundraising event for this term.

There will be a free dress, whole school disco event held on **Thursday 20th October**.

In order for students to participate in this fun-filled event, they need to bring along a gold coin to donate.

All of the proceeds from this day will



be going to States School Relief. We are hoping that everyone will bring along a gold coin and have fun at the disco!

Eyes, Ears, Heart & Mind Awards

There were two Eyes, Ears, Heart and Mind Awards given out at assembly this Monday. It is always fantastic to have students present this award to another child as it shows the high regard that they have for their peers

The first award was presented to Mahi:

Eyes: Mahi's eyes are as shiny as gold. She also loves looking at her classmates and her teacher.

Ears: Mahi's ears are like an eagle. She basically can hear more than one voice everywhere.

Heart: Mahi's heart is full of kindness and common sense. She cares about everybody and all of the teachers.

Mind: Mahi's mind is full of thoughtful ideas because she thinks before she does something silly.

You're the best BFF we have ever had, Mahi!

By: Zahra R, Zehra, Chudier, and Fatima



The second Eyes, Ears, Heart and Mind award was presented to Mudabir .

Here is what they had to say:

Eyes: Mudabir's eyes sparkle when the sun hits it. He always looks after people around him.

Ears: Mudabir loves to listen to the teacher and everybody else.

Heart: Mudabir's heart is full of happiness. His heart is the right one for him.

Mind: Mudabir's mind is a running computer and his brain is smart.

Congratulations Mudabir!

By: Zahra R, Zehra, Sajeda, and Fatima



Congratulations to both recipients of these awards - they sound like they are much deserved!

Special Awards for the week ending 7th October

Prep A - Ali Waris	1A - Eshana	2G - Reza	3S - Ariba	5/6H - Muhammad
Prep B - Tanishka	1L - Nandini	2H - Deep	3/4B - Arzoo	5/6N - Avesta
Prep H - Omaid	1M - Emily	2M - Amir	4F - Aliyas	5/6S - Mani
Prep M - Dulana	1N - All of 1N	2S - Hala	4R - Harinii	5/6W - Zeynab
Prep N - All of Prep N	1S - Izaak	3F - Hadi	4WM - Jubilee	ICT - Madina (1/2J)
Prep O - Shivesh	1/2J - All of 1/2J	3H - Nardos	5/6C - Thanush	ICT - Thehara (5/6L)
Prep W - All of Prep W	2C - Majed	3M - Thisum	5/6F - Rocky	

Prep Transition Program

Preparations are well under way for our new 2017 Prep students 'transition sessions'. which begin **this Wednesday 12th October**. These Prep transition sessions are very successful in preparing our new Preps for the beginning of their school life. The focus of this program is to make the children feel happy and comfortable about starting school. These sessions will be conducted by the current Prep teachers within their classrooms.

During this time, children will have the opportunity to become familiar with their new surroundings, interact with teachers and meet possible future classmates.

Parents will also be given the opportunity to attend a

parent information briefing which is held at the same time as the first transition session.



Please Note the Transition dates in your diary:-

Dates for our 2017 Prep Transition classes:

12th October 2016, 9.30-10.45am

19th October 2016, 9.30-10.45am

26th October 2016, 9.30-10.45am

We look forward to seeing all of our new 2017 Prep students at these sessions.

It's Not Okay To Be Away-Term Three Absence Data

At Monday's Assembly, Mr Lodge spoke about the absence rates for students in Term Three. There were 50 school days last term. It is widely regarded as the term with the most absences as it is notorious for illnesses as the weather turns cold and wet. It is the time when children are susceptible to the common cold and other viruses which cause children to take time off school.

Throughout the term, 26% of children attended school everyday of the term. This result was slightly lower than for Term Three, 2015, which was 27%.



Samrawit and Sathila (Prep N) proudly holding Ben for the best 100% attendance in Prep.

Prep grades have their own special award for 100% attendance. The Prep grade with the best 100% attendance was Prep N with 47%. For Years 1 to 6 the grade with the most students who attended 100% of the time in Term Three, was 5/6N with 44%.

What a great achievement from those students in both classes!

74% of children achieved a good attendance record for the term (less than five days absent for the term). 5/6H had the best good attendance for the term, with 96% of students missing less than 5 days of school in Term Three.



Attaullah and Nandini (5/6N) with Biggles for the best 100% attendance in Years 1 - 6.

Due to the good results in both 56N and 56H, meant that the overall best good attendance was won by the Year 5 and 6 year levels with an attendance record of 81%.

Congratulations to all students who achieved 100% attendance for Term Three - you will be receiving your certificates and wristbands this week.