



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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News From the North

Welcome back to Term Three

Calendar of Events

July 2016

- 14th - Pyjama Day
- 15th - Gala Day 2
- 20th - Grades 1 & 2
Healesville Sanctuary
Excursion

August 2016

- 8th - Grade Preps
Traffic School
- 9th - Grade Preps
Traffic School
- 12th - Gala Day 3
- 17th - Grades 5 & 6
MCG Excursion

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.

Welcome back to all of our families! We hope that you all enjoyed the time together over the Term Two holidays. We also have a number of new families who started with us and we would like to extend a warm welcome to those students and their families.

Of course it will, once again be an exciting term with many events and tasks to keep us all focused: Gala Days, Preps will be attending the Traffic School, Years 1/2 will be heading to Healesville Sanctuary, Years 3/4 are having an Olympics Day, and the Year 5/6 students are taking a tour of the MCG and the National Sports Museum. Along with these exciting adventures there will be a continuation of excellent learning taking place in our classrooms.

Staff Changes

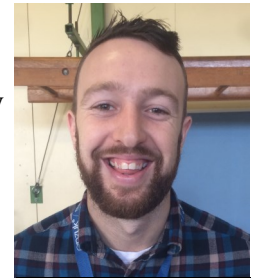
Over the term break there have been some staff changes. Ms Macmichael continues her leave and Miss Thomas who replaced Ms Macmichael is returning to her native country to take up a teaching position. We thank Miss Thomas for her work in the Visual Arts Program and as a relief teacher. Mrs Chan will be replacing Miss Thomas in the role of Visual Arts teacher. Mrs Chan is a qualified Visual Arts teacher, bringing experience to the role she will undertake.



Mrs Chan

Mrs Wells will be taking maternity leave after the first couple of weeks of this term as she edges closer to the arrival of her new baby. We wish Mrs Wells all the best for the birth of her second child! Mr Simpson will be replacing Mrs Wells. Mr Simpson taught Physical Education for six weeks in Term Two, impressing with his ability to interact with the children and build strong relationships quickly. Mrs Maskell will teach 4WM on a Tuesday and Wednesday for the remainder of the year.

We are also fortunate to have Miss Powell returning to Dandenong North after the birth of her baby Zahli. She will be working on a Monday and Friday taking Numeracy classes in the Year 5/6 Area as well as library sessions on a Friday. We are sure that all of our students will continue to develop with the rigour and focus that is provided by all Dandenong North staff.



Mr Simpson



Miss Powell

School Attendance

School attendance is of the utmost importance. Children cannot connect with their peers and the school curriculum if their attendance is not consistently high. A school attendance award is presented each week at Assembly to a class that achieves 100% attendance for that week. Mr Lodge also keeps a close eye on the attendance data, rewarding children with a certificate and prize if they achieve 100% attendance for the term.

The children who achieve 100% attendance for the whole year, will be rewarded with a morning tea attended by Mr Mackay and a special cloth badge which they are then encouraged to sew onto their school uniform. It is important that we encourage children to attend school as often as possible to assist with their continual learning!

School Uniform

Term Three is one of the coldest terms of the year, so many children want to wear thick jackets or woolen leggings to help them keep warm. Just as all students need to attend school - they need to attend wearing full school uniform in the colours navy blue and sky blue. Please ensure that if you are purchasing warm clothing items that they match with the school uniform colours.

The school uniform shop is open on a Friday morning from 8.30am.

With so much that is new occurring around the school on any given day - everyone is sure to have a great Term Three!

Safe Driving

Winter has finally made its presence felt across Victoria. In particular there has been a large amount of rain falling over the holidays and the forecast is for it to continue over the next few weeks, making driving conditions hazardous.

With school returning this week, it is important to remind parents and students about the risks involved when dropping off or picking up students. Combined with the wet weather, the resultant problems include car accidents and students being injured.

That is why we are again highlighting the use of school crossings for the safety of all Dandenong North Community Members. There are three crossings placed around the school and it is vitally important that children and parents use them before and after school to reduce the risk of anybody being struck by a car.

We understand that school drop off times and pick ups can be particularly busy around the school and frustrating because of the limited parking available. However we are pleading with par-

ents not to call their children across the road in undesignated areas as drivers are not expecting them to dart in front of their vehicles and the wet and slippery conditions make braking in a hurry, very dangerous.



We are also making sure that children don't run and become distracted around road ways - as the rain will only make children a little damp - something that is fixable - however an accident may not have as quick a recovery time as a dried jumper!

A reminder that the school zone is 40km an hour for everybody's safety and designated parking spots have been created by the council for the safety of all.

Eyes, Ears, Heart & Mind Awards

At Monday's Assembly we had our first three Eyes, Ears, Heart and Mind Awards to start the term off in an exciting manner.

The first one was presented to Mrs Hilton by Sabira, Mahboba, Shukria and Hannah. Read below what the girls had to say about Mrs Hilton.

Eyes: Mrs Hilton has sharp and quick eyes. She can see if the students are doing what they are supposed to do. Mrs Hilton's blue eyes are as cute as a puppy.

Ears: Mrs Hilton has super ears, she can hear if the children are whispering to someone in class. Mrs Hilton's ears are wonderfully attuned to her classroom.

Heart: Mrs Hilton is a kind caring person, because she has a soft and sweet heart. She always respects people as a family. Mrs Hilton's heart is full of love.

Mind: Mrs Hilton has a creative and positive mind. She always remembers things from many years ago. She uses her mind to create great stuff for her class.



The second Eyes, Ears, Heart and Mind Award was enthusiastically presented to Mrs Rouda by Mariam, Kristina, Harinii, Reshmi and Lujgin.

Eyes: Mrs. Rouda's eyes can see a lion hunting for food in Africa. She can also see if children are playing nicely so she can give raffle tickets to them.

Ears: Mrs Rouda's ears can hear 16 kms away. Her ears can hear a child crying and when she leaves that child that child will be as happy as can be.

Heart: Mrs.Rouda's heart shines like golden Armour. Her heart makes her even more special as

she always tries to make learning fun.

Mind: Mrs.Rouda's mind is full of technology that can think 24/7. And her fun mind is full of kindness and hugs. Congratulations Mrs Rouda!



The final award was presented to Tina a student in 4R from her classmates, Ivana, Maryam, Sara and Shasvini, Tina's best friends for life!

Eyes: Tina's eyes are the sharpest eyes ever. She can spot anyone even if they are camouflaged. Her eyes are like eagles eyes which can spot anyone smallest to biggest.

Ears: Tina's ears are just like an elephant she can hear from miles away even a single pin drop can't beat Tina's ears.

Heart: Tina's heart is made out of the world's finest diamonds. Her heart is like a crystal globe that will never break.

Mind: Tina's mind is so creative that it will blow everyone's mind out and as well as that she is so smart she can tell an answer to the hardest question ever.



What a lovely way to start off the term - three worthy recipients!

2016 Swimming Program

The 10 day Intensive Swimming Program will be held next term in late November and early December.

Lessons this year will again be taught at Just Swimming, Scott Street Dandenong.

Students will travel to and from the pool by bus every day for two weeks. The cost of this program is \$90.00, which equates to \$9 per lesson.

There have been notes sent home to all students during Term Two and you can collect another note if required, from the office.

As Dandenong North Primary has continued to grow, positions are limited so it is very important that the school receives confirmation of your intention to have your student participate in the program as soon as possible. As part of this confirmation a \$30 deposit is required.

If you wish for your child to participate in the swimming program your payment must be finalized by Friday 4th November 2016.



SRC News - Pyjama Day

This Thursday 14th July is the SRC organised whole school pyjama day!

This annual fundraising event is held to raise funds for the children's ward at Dandenong Hospital.

Students are asked to come to school wearing their pyjamas, slippers, dressing gowns and with bed hair!

Students need to bring along a gold coin to participate in the day and there will prizes

awarded by the SRC for the best dressed students.

The SRC have informed all classes across the school of this event and they would love to see as many children as possible come dressed in their pyjamas on Thursday.



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