Calendar of Event

July 2015
31st July - Division Finals

August 2015
3rd August - Hoop Time Basketball
12th August - Yr 5/6 Science works Excursion
14th August - Gala Day 3
17th August - Teddy Bears Hospital & Pyjama Day

September 2015
September 3rd & 4th - Curriculum Days - Pupil Free Days

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.

A Terrific Term Ahead!

Term Three began on Monday with a vibrant school assembly which focused on students working to their best.

It promises to be another busy term with lots of events occurring - beginning with the Footsteps and the Hoop Time Basketball competition.

There is also the Teddy Bears Hospital visit in August, which always coincides with the SRC Pyjama fundraising Day - a much loved annual event.

There is also the annual Maths Games Day which allows our top mathematicians to compete in a fun, logical Maths competition.

There will be many other exciting events occurring throughout the term, so make sure that you read the newsletter or website to keep up to date with events that are occurring in or around our school.

Accelerated Learning Success

It is that time of year again when our Year 6 students have to make important decisions regarding their Secondary Education.

Our students are lucky enough to have the opportunity to apply for scholarships and Accelerated Programs that all Secondary Schools provide.

If students wish to apply for these, they are then asked to sit a variety of tests, as well as attend an interview at their chosen school.

This is a rigorous process and one that Rakul 5/6S has pursued and attained at Wellington Secondary College.

We congratulate him on his achievement and wish him all the very best at Wellington in 2016.

Swimming, Sports & Excursion Payment for Parents

If you have a current Health/Pension Card and have not applied for the CSEF, please complete the enclosed form and bring the completed application form along with your Health/Pension Card to the General Office BEFORE THIS FRIDAY 17TH JULY, to verify your details.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
At the final assembly for Term Two there were four Eyes, Ears, Hearts and Mind Awards presented. Mrs Abboud, Miss MacLeod, Mrs Campitelli and Pepper Mackay. Children really enjoy having the opportunity to write these fabulous descriptions for such worthy recipients at Dandenong North. Read on to see why each of the beneficiaries of this award were nominated:

Mrs Abboud

**Eyes:** Mrs. Abboud has really sharp and quick-moving eyes. She can see if children are doing their work and doing what they are supposed to be doing. She plans with her eyes.

**Ears:** Mrs. Abboud is a superstar listener. She listens very carefully when someone is talking and also tells us to listen carefully while she is talking or giving us an instruction.

**Heart:** Mrs. Abboud is a kind and caring person because she has a soft and sweet heart. She always respects people and also cares about them—especially their feelings.

**Mind:** Mrs. Abboud has a positive and creative mind. She always thinks positively and never negatively. We are convinced that she is always trying to think of creative ways to teach us lessons while making sure they are fun lessons at the same time. When it is fun for us it is more interesting and easier to learn. That’s what makes Mrs. Abboud such a special teacher.

Presented by: Miona, Zoha and Najma on behalf of all the Year 6 children who attend EAL Transition.

Miss MacLeod

**Eyes:** Miss MacLeod has sharp eyes when it is show and tell. She always looks at what the kids bring and then she thinks of something good to teach the kids. Her gorgeous hazel eyes can see people who need help to learn. Miss MacLeod is always ready to teach.

**Ears:** Miss MacLeod has listening ears that she uses a lot. When kids want to ask about what is happening, Miss MacLeod is always ready to hear. Her ears are so good they can hear from miles away. Miss MacLeod ears help her to understand the questions her grade asks. She always thinks hard before she answers because she always listens carefully to all the questions.

**Heart:** Miss MacLeod has a heart full of gold. Miss MacLeod’s heart is like an angel. She uses her heart to care for children and other staff. Miss MacLeod has a shiny heart that matches her shiny eyes. Miss MacLeod’s heart is like an angel.

**Mind:** Miss MacLeod has a mind that is smart and that has great ideas in it. Miss MacLeod has a mind that is really sparkling and shining and is always thinking of ways to make sure the kids learn as much as they can. Her mind is sparkly, huge and really modern.

Presented by: Zahraa, Zainab & Kiani

Mrs Campitelli

**Eyes:** Mrs Campitelli has eyes as sharp as a dinosaur looking for its prey. Her eyes are always filled with care, love, enthusiasm and much more. So much more that it would fill the whole page! Mrs Campitelli’s eyes are like shiny crystals and beautiful stars.

**Ears:** Mrs Campitelli has got the best ears that a person could have. Her ears are as sensitive as her dog Jazz. She could the tiniest whisper even if she was sleeping! Her ears are always working 24/7. She has got the special ears that only one person could have. She was gifted those ears because she
Eyes, Ears, Heart & Mind Awards continued

Heart: Mrs Campitelli has a heart full of enthusiasm and love. She has got the best heart that a person could have. Her heart has so much care that if someone is hurt she doesn’t care if she knows that person but she will be the first person who will lend a helping hand.

Mind: Mrs Campitelli’s mind is like a popcorn machine popping with exquisite ideas that no other teacher could think of. Her mind is always at work she never lets it rest she is always thinking of ideas for the class to do.

Presented by: Rishika, Waghma, Krish and Dibi on behalf of 4R.

Pepper Mackay (the school dog)

Eyes: Pepper’s eyes are like a pride of lions. She has got the best eyes in the world. She even has one of each colour. One can see in the dark and the other works best in the day.

Ears: Pepper can hear anyone or other animals talking anywhere around our school. If Mrs. Mackay leaves Pepper alone she will find her in a second by hearing where she is. Her ears go up when she is alert and down when she is sad.

Heart: Pepper’s heart is full of Mrs. Mackay and Mr. Mackay. Pepper will do anything you say to her. She loves playing with kids who have hearts full of love for animals.

Mind: Pepper’s mind is a soft pillow. She is really talented. She can surprise everyone with her special talents like making noises, jumping and catching.

Presented by: Azada, Lina, Florentine & Kiani

Congratulations to all of the awardees!

Road Safety

Winter has finally made its presence felt across Victoria in the last couple of days. In particular there has been a large amount of rain falling, 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 parents 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.
The Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is well underway with the Year 3-6 students participating.

The Challenge encourages these students to read 15 books over the year and record their efforts online. It’s a great way to get children talking about reading with their friends and pushing themselves to read as many books as they can. The students can also go to the website and play some games and enter competitions.

EAL Transitions Students accessing the ICT Lab

The Transition students in Years 3 and 4 have been developing their ability to write Information Reports about animals.

To compliment their hard effort with the written piece, the students accessed the ICT Lab to find images to place on their posters.

Mathletics

Mathletics in an online maths program that is offered free to children in Years 1 to 6. This program can be used both at home or at school for all children who have access to a computer and the internet at www.mathletics.com.au. Children have their own individual passwords and can complete tasks relevant to their educational development, which have been set by their class teacher. They can also improve their fast mathematical recall times by competing in a live mathematical game against other children all around the world.

This program is a fantastic way to improve your child’s Mathematics progress, while they enjoy the use of the computer and competing against other children from around the world.

The Mathletics password also allows the children to access the on-line program Rainforest Maths at www.rainforestmaths.com

If you have any questions regarding your child’s access to this program, please see your child’s classroom teacher.