



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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News From the North

Divisional Cross Country Results

Calendar of Event

June 2017

- 23rd - Gala Day 2
 - Reports go home
- 26th - English speaking
Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 27th - Interpreter Parent/Teacher
Interviews
- 28th - PIZZA LUNCH
- 29th - Movies Excursion
- 30th - **END OF TERM 2**
FINISHES AT 2:30 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.

It was exciting to have 30 participants from Years 4, 5 and 6 heading to the Divisional Cross Country at Tatterson Park in Keysborough.

These 30 children had placed in the top 10 of their age races in the District Cross Country races and last Friday, they represented Dandenong at the Divisional Cross Country,

Our Dandenong District representatives competed against the Springvale and Noble Park athletes.

The 9/10 year olds ran over 2 km and the 11/12 & 13 years old ran over 3km.

It was another fantastically successful event for our students with 21 out of the 30 participants, making it through to the next level - the Regional Cross Country on Monday 19th June at Ballam Park in Frankston. This is an amazing effort as Dandenong North has more runners than any other school within the three Districts. A fantastic achievement!

Some notable results were Hassan (4N) who ran over 2 km in a time of 8 minutes and 46 sec - to place first in the boys 9/10 years race.

His brother Mohyad (6C) ran over 3km in a time of 11min and 25 sec to place first in the 11 year boys race. He ran 15 seconds quicker than his run at the Division Cross Country event.



Waghma (6C) came second in the girls 12/13 race over 3km with a time of 13min and 4 seconds.

Jake (6H) placed 3rd in the 12/13 boys in at time of 11 min and 53 seconds.

There were other students who placed within the top 10 which have allowed them to move into the Regional Cross Country races.

Mr Malone has been particularly pleased with this year's results and will be hoping for further success in order to take students through to the State's at the end of the next race meet.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated on the day and good luck with the Regional races.

Another huge thank you to Mrs Conway and Mr Malone for the fabulous effort that they put into training our children for these long distances races.

Report Changes

Over the last few weeks, our teachers have been involved in writing individual mid-year student reports that go home to parents on Friday 23rd June.

Teachers put in an enormous amount of effort to provide accurate and meaningful student reports. They have continued to assess and evaluate student progress throughout the year in order to provide parents with the most accurate account of student abilities.

There have been changes to the A-E rating scale that Dandenong North Primary School teachers are required to employ as part of the introduction of the Victorian Curriculum, replacing the former AusVELS, Australian Curriculum.

Each student's report will continue to have an "A-E" rating scale to evaluate a child's achievement against the statewide standards, not against other students in your child's class.

With the implementation of the new Victorian Curriculum in order for students to achieve an "A" rating, they need to be performing **18 months** above the expected achievement Standard.

A "B" rating now means that a student is working 6 to 12 months above the expected Achievement Standard. This means that some of our children, who were previously assessed as an "A" rating, may now be assessed as a "B", even though they are still performing 12 months ahead of the ex-

pected Achievement Standard. It is important to still note, that if your child achieves a "C" then they are performing at the expected achievement Standard. Student reports contain all of the elements of previous years. There

will still be a black dot demonstrating which level your child is currently working at and a written comment from the class teacher, stating your child's strengths and areas for improvement. Your child's class teacher will be able to provide more information about the new "A-E" rating scale during parent teacher interviews. English speaking parent teacher interviews will be held on Monday 26th June and parents requiring interpreters will be held on Tuesday 27th June. We look forward to discussing your child's progress during these times.



2018 Prep Enrolments

With a continued pattern of increasing student enrolments, we are keen to ensure that all our current families have students enrolled for 2018 in order to assist with planning and to keep all class sizes as small as possible.

We are aiming to keep our Prep classes to below twenty in order to give children the best possible start to their education. Therefore it is highly important for us to have an idea as to how many students may be enrolling at our school for next year.

If you know of a neighbour or a relative who has a child that turns five before the 30th April 2018, please ask them to come to the office for an enrolment form.

Parents are asked to bring proof of birth and an immunisation certificate (obtained from the local

council offices) in order to enrol their child at our school.

Early enrolment also ensures children are included in our Prep Transition Program which begins in Term Four.

We look forward to meeting all new enrolments to DNPS and making them a part of our community.

