



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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News From the North

Calendar of Event

NOVEMBER 2017

13th Swimming Program Commences

DECEMBER 2017

12th Year 6– 7 Orientation Day

13th Pizza Lunch

18th School Concert

19th Graduation Ceremony

20th Movie Excursion

21st Graduation Lunch— Grade 6

22nd Last Day of Term 4

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.

Road Safety Importance

Last Wednesday there was an accident involving two of our students. The accident was not the fault of the students and it seemed not to be the fault of the driver whose car hit the two children. The accident was caused by a very narrow and busy road with visibility for both drivers and pedestrians made difficult due to many parked vehicles.

Police and ambulances were very quickly on the scene. The children were both taken by ambulance to hospital. Thankfully, neither of the girls were seriously injured and were back at home by the afternoon of the same day.

It was a road traffic accident that has again highlighted the need for all students to take special care when crossing any roads.

It was only at a recent assembly that Mr Mackay reminded children of the importance of crossing safely at the very spot where the accident happened.

All of the areas that surround our school are always very busy with

people either heading to and from the hospital, TAFE, Dandenong High or Dandenong Market. This makes for heavy traffic on the surrounding streets which continue to remain dangerous to drivers and pedestrians.

We have often highlighted the importance of students crossing at the manned school crossings. However Woodlee Street remains an area that is particularly dangerous to children because there is no crossing area for students and it has a high volume of traffic.

As well, we continue to plead with parents and older siblings, to not call students across busy roads to try to save a little bit of time by not using the school crossings. All it takes is a second of lost concentration and the effects can be devastating. Everyone needs to make time to be safe.

We thank all members of the Dandenong North community who came to the aid of the injured children to ensure that the paramedics were on the scene as quickly as possible.

Sun Smart School

As Dandenong North is a Sun Smart School it is expected that students will wear a navy blue school hat (broad brimmed or legionnaire), during **Terms 1 and 4 of the school year.**

All children should have their own hat and it should be brought

to school everyday or alternatively it can be left in classrooms.

Hats can be purchased from the uniform shop for \$12.50.

Please ensure your child has the correct school hat as soon as possible.

Malone Medallions

At Monday's assembly Mr Malone finally presented the first Malone Medallions for 2017. He started with a bang awarding four medallions!

The first was Waghma (6C) to be given her medallion. Mr Malone spoke of her wonderful efforts with Cross Country performing at a high level for the past 3 years - culminating in a trip to the Regional finals this year. She has been a regular performer at athletics events including hurdles, triple jump and relay. This year she was a part of the Division winning relay team who came first with a record time. Waghma has also been an active participant in Gala Days playing in both AFL and girls soccer teams. Waghma always displays excellent sportsmanship and was a part of the winning Lyndale mogul fitness challenge this year.

The second recipient was Aida (6D) who Mr Malone praised for her effort with physical education tasks and sportsmanship. She was also a part of the Lyndale Mogul Team Challenge this year. Aida participated in both the Gala day basketball and soccer teams. She has represented Dandenong North for the last 3 years at District Cross Country, with her best result coming in 2016 when she placed 11th. Aida has attended the last three years of athletics, making her way through to the Division every year in either hurdles, relay or 100m sprints. Her best results came this year in the Division 100m where she placed 2nd.

The next medallion was presented to Alex (6H) another individual who shows sportsmanship and effort during all physical education classes. Alex has attended the District Cross Country for the last 3 years, this year progressing through to the Regional finals where he was placed 46th - a great effort considering the caliber of the compe-



Alex (6H), Aida (6D), Waghma (6C) & Rownaq (6D) were the first students to be awarded a Malone Medallion in 2017.

tion. Alex was a successful member of the athletics team in 2014 and 2016, however he was away on an overseas holiday during this year's events. Alex attended a Regional Swimming Carnival this year, where he placed 3rd in both the 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke. Upon his return from holiday, Alex participated in the Division Volleyball Final where the team placed 2nd.

The last Malone Medallion was awarded to Rownaq (6D) who arrived at Dandenong North in mid 2016. Rownaq has always put in effort during Physical Education classes and whenever playing team games he shows sportsmanship. He participated in the District athletics placing 2nd in the 100m and 200m sprints and 1st in the boys relay. This allowed him to progress through to the Divisional athletics where he placed 3rd in the 100m and 4th in both the 200m and boys relay. Rownaq participated in Basketball for Gala Day 1, Soccer in Gala Day 2 and Soccer 5's in Gala Day 3. Rownaq was a member of the Lyndale Mogul Fitness Challenge winning team.

It is always great to hear these Malone Medallions as the students are always so deserved of their award.

Congratulations to all four students.

Game Time

Playing video games has become a popular activity for people of all ages. On average, girls spend more than an hour per day playing video games and boys spend more than two hours. Some games connect to the internet, which can allow children and adolescents to play games and have discussions with unknown adults and peers.



While some games have educational content, many of the most popular games emphasise negative themes and they can have elements which are inappropriate for primary aged children.

Studies of children who have been exposed to violent video games for long periods of time have shown that they may become numb to violence, imitate the violence, or show more aggressive behaviours.

Children and adolescents can become overly involved with videogames and they may have difficulty controlling the amount of time they spend playing on line games each day. Spending excessive time playing these games can impact on the time that students spend with their family and friends and makes social situations difficult. The manner with which video games stimulate the brain, can also lead to poor sleep patterns which have a wider impact on students everyday lives in particular in an educational manner.

Tips for Parents

There are many educational games that students can access at any age - however it is important that parents regulate their use - the use of a timer to limit the amount of screen time that students are exposed to - is one suggestion.

Ensuring that if children are playing online - that parents know who the gamers are that their child is interacting with. It is always best to play against local friend groups - and not invite strangers into their online games or virtual worlds.

It is also vitally important that parents only allow video game playing in the public areas of the home - no devices (xbox, Play Stations, I-pads, tablets or phones) should be accessed in a child's bedroom without an adult present.

As a parent, it is always difficult to say no to our children's wants and demands. However the importance of limiting screen time and remaining firm in the face of resistance will be highly beneficial to their future.

Mrs Blachford (Welfare Co-ordinator

Thur/Fri)

Special Awards for the week ending 10th November

1A - Udaypartap	2J - Zahra	4M - Amir	5S - Wajahat
1F - Evan	2S - Yonal	4FM - Mahdia	6C - Sanjeev
1JS - Abualfazl	3B - Daniel	4N - Joey	6H - Urooj
1M - Sean	3H - Alek	4C - Sheza	6D - Caron
2CD - Kavya	3M - Ananya	5F - Farsaneh	6V - Ayasha
2G - Brinthan	3W - Sadia	5L - Fajer	
2H - Imran	4K - Ruth	5H - Tejasvi	

2018 Enrolment

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 2018. If you know that your child **will not** be attending Dandenong North Primary School next year, could you please fill out the

slip below and either return it to your child's classroom teacher or to office staff as soon as possible.

We thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Student/s Name/s _____

Current Grade/s _____

Name of new school being attended in 2018 _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

2017 Swimming Begins

Our two week intensive swimming program started on Monday for the students in Prep, Year 1, Year 2 and 3B.

It was a bus full of excited children who took off for their first lessons of this two week program. It



was particularly enjoyable for the students because of the warm weather that we experienced on Monday and Tuesday - there is no better way to cool off than a swim in a pool!

It was a good start with the children behaving and listening to the instructors and being super quick changing back into school uniforms at the completion of lessons!

As you would expect - it is going to be a tiring couple of weeks for the children, so plenty of early nights sleep will be required!



At the completion of these two weeks—the Year 3 to 6 children will then have their turn.

A big thank you to Mr Malone for organizing this event for the children.