Modular Mansion Takes Shape

It has been an exciting week at Dandenong North as the new double portable has taken shape in the playground.

What we have witnessed is some of the biggest jigsaw pieces we have ever seen, being maneuvered into position to create this new building.

The safety of the children has been paramount and as the trucks rumbled in and out of the Netball court area, Mr Lino stood guard to ensure the safety of our children - and he enjoyed watching this building take shape - as much as everyone else!

What started out as just some stumps in the ground, took shape very quickly over three days last week.

Even the huge rainstorm that blew in did not slow down the progress - only the delivery of the wrong building part did! However, after three days, out rolled the crane. Gone were the trucks and its place there stands a double storey learning centre. The steps and hand rails are now in place and the electricians are now beginning the task of wiring the inside to ensure that our children have access to the internet and air conditioning from day one in 2016.

It has been a marvel watching this building rise from what used to be the Prep playground in such a timely manner. The children can not wait to get their first look inside this building which we are still hopeful will be in early February 2016.

Dandenong North Really Does Have Talent

At Monday’s Assembly we were treated to a fantastic performance from Lorenzo in 4WM. He performed the song “See you again” to the crowded hall. This was the song that he sang at the Casey’s Got Talent Show, where Lorenzo took out the second prize of $25!

Congratulations to Lorenzo for his courage to perform!
Malone Medallions

At Monday’s Assembly, Mr Malone was feeling particularly generous as he awarded five Malone Medallions to worthy recipients. This is what Mr Malone had to say about each of the children.

Beatrice (6M):
Cross Country in 2015 - came 19th in the District.
Grade 5 came 4th in the Divisional Athletics in the Discus.
Grade 6 came first in the Long Jump, 4th in the Discus and 2nd in the relay at the District Athletics. Placed 3rd in the Long Jump at the Divisional Athletics.
Has participated in the Basketball team, Soccer team and Girls Kanga Cricket team.
Always performs to the best of her ability.

Nebojsa (6C):
Came 4th in both the 800m and high jump at the District athletics.
Has participated in the Gala Day teams of Basketball, T-ball and Boys Soccer.
Great role model as he always performs at his best.

Shehan (6C):
In the Cross Country in 2015 Shehan placed 21st.
In the District Athletics in 2015, he came 5th in the 1500m and 3rd in the 800m.
In Gala Day One - he played in the Boys Basketball team.
In Gala Day Two - he played in the boys basketball.
In Gala Day Three - he played in the Boys Kanga Cricket team.
Shehan always performs at his best and is a role model for his peers.

Vithus (5/6S):
In 2014, Vithus placed 4th in both the hurdles and high jump at the District Athletics and he was the 3rd runner in the winning relay team.
In the 2014 Divisional relay, the team to which he was a part, placed 4th.
In 2015, he placed 5th in both the hurdles and the 200m and again he was the third runner in the boys relay team that placed 1st.
At the Divisionals, the boys placed 4th.
In 2015, Gala Day 1 - he played T-Ball and Gala Day 3 - Kanga Cricket.

Will (6M):
This award was given to Will for his shear tenacity and never give up attitude. He has never been picked for a Cross Country event OR an Athletics team.
In Gala Day 1 he was not selected.
In Gala Day 2 - he was a sub for the mixed Netball team.
In Gala Day 3 - be played Osh Rounders.
However, this award is because Will tries his very best in all P.E. activities - he is often read in the face because of his exertions and sometimes he has tears that have sprung because of sheer exhaustion - but he never gives up, even when his body is in pain.
Will also shows great sportsmanship at all times.
Congratulations to all winners!
Eyes, Ears, Heart & Minds Awards

At this week’s assembly there were three Eyes, Ears, Heart and Mind Awards given out. It is always nice to see these awards presented as it highlights the wonderful teachers and students that we have at our school.

Ms van Ree from Pinky, Fiona, Nyra and Mahsooma:

Eyes - Ms van Ree has eyes that are like diamonds because they are ever so sparkly and clear. If they were really diamonds they would be worth one billion dollars. There are over one thousand ways to describe those all seeing eyes.

Ears - Ms van Ree has sharp, pointy ears like Kangaroo. She can hear from a mile away with those wonderful ears. Her magnificent ears have heard a thousand stories. Her hearing is so sharp, she can even hear Ant footsteps.

Heart - Ms van Ree has a bright red heart that cares for all creatures great and small - especially Mrs Devers tiny new baby. She takes care of everyone even if they are not from our school. Her heart is always working and its like her heart grows wings because its like an angels.

Mind - Ms van Ree has a particularly active mind. She thinks of wonderful things to teach. Ms van Ree has an inspiring mind that has inspired us into liking Maths.

Mrs Fernando from Madina, Elaha, Lorenzo, Chloe, Nellie, Yelda, Nadia and Madina:

Eyes - Mrs Fernando’s eyes are incredible. You will be wondering, what incredible eyes you have. We used incredible because her eyes are as sharp as an Eagle.

Ears - Mrs Fernando’s ears can hear a tiny insect behind her. If someone asks a question, she tries hard to find a great answer. Her ears help her to do that.

Heart - Mrs Fernando’s heart is filled with Care, Common Sense, Courtesy and it is also filled with gold stars.

Mind - Mrs Fernando’s mind is filled with ideas, thoughts and games that she made up herself to make us all happy.

Abi (5P) from Nandini, Bibi, Mayisha and Christina:

Eyes - Abi’s beautiful eyes are like a shining star. Whenever she sees a new student in Year 5, she makes new friends with them.

Ears - Abi’s excellent ears can hear 200,000 miles away from her. Whenever she hears someone calling, Abi listens to them carefully.

Heart - Abi’s heart is a kind heart full of gold, love. Whenever someone is upset, angry or sad, she is able to solve that problem and make other people feel better.

Mind - Abi has an intelligent mind. Her mind is like a beautiful brain. When someone doesn’t know what to do - like in Buddies, she knows what to do to help them to understand.

Congratulations to all of our recipients of an Eyes, Ears, Heart and Mind Award!
2015 Prep Swimming Program Begins

Over the last couple of years our numbers attending the annual swimming program have been increasing.

This year, they have risen so much, that the two week intensive swimming program is running for the next two weeks, only for Preps. The rest of the school will have their two week swimming lessons beginning Monday 30th November.

These swimming lessons are again taking place at Dandenong Swim at Genesis Pool in Scott Street Dandenong.

The first trip to the swimming pool on Monday was full of excited children!

By all accounts they had a fantastic start to the two week program - behaving and listening to the instructors and being super quick changing back into school uniforms at the completion of lessons!

It is going to be a tiring couple of weeks for the children, so plenty of early nights sleep will be required!

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