2015 NAPLAN Results

Every year students in Years 3 and 5 are required to sit the National Assessment Progression...tests. These tests occur in May and test the student’s knowledge in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy.

Every year our student performance highlights the excellent teaching and learning that occurs at Dandenong North. This year has proven that our children again can perform to the same standard or above that of all students across Victoria.

The overall results for the students in Year 3 were very good. For Reading we achieved just below the state average. However, in Writing and Spelling our children achieved well above the state average which is a fabulous achievement. For Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy the Year 3 children also performed above the state averages. A fabulous effort by our Year 3 students!

In Year 5, once again our students achieved pleasing results. For Reading, Dandenong North students achieved just below the state average, however in all other areas the children achieved well above the state averages. This is a fantastic effort by all of our Year 5 students!

The comparison of results for students in Year 5 with their NAPLAN results from when they were in Year 3, display the great educational improvements that they have made.

It is always gratifying to see that all of the hard work and effort that our students put into their learning has shown them some good results.

Once children’s NAPLAN reports have arrived at school they will be sent home in an envelope. If parents would like to discuss this report or need some assistance in understanding what the report means, please see your child’s class teacher and they will be able to assist you.

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.

Calendar of Event

August 2015
21st - Uniform Shop CLOSED
24th - Basketball Hoop Time
25th - Book Week Parade
27th—Scholastic Bookclub Orders Close

September 2015
3rd & 4th - Curriculum Days - Pupil Free Days
18th - END OF TERM 3

October 2015
5th - START OF TERM 4

News From the North
Eyes, Ears, Heart & Mind Award

Mr Malone was a worthy recipient of an Eyes, Ears, Heart and Mind award at Monday’s Assembly. Just to prove that he was not becoming soft, he had the entire hall of students standing up and counting out 30 star jumps!

**EYES:** Mr Malone has happy eyes that are always interested in what the kids are doing with the tumbling mats, the climbing ropes and the running laps!

**EARS:** Mr Malone has magic ears. They are magic because he can hear whatever people say from far away. This means he can be an excellent teacher out on the oval as well as in the hall. He listens carefully to students and he often says “good stuff” or sometimes he might say “RUBBISH”!

**HEART:** Mr Malone has a heart as big as Australia. Pity about his football team that doesn’t! His heart is very, very kind and anytime anyone needs to work with a partner Mr Malone will volunteer to be that partner. Mr Malone has just the right heart to be a fantastic sports teacher.

**MIND:** Mr Malone has a sharp mind. His mind is full of sports and he loves running because he gets everyone else to do it. Mr Malone worries a lot that’s how he gets smarter at sport than the other teachers!

Presented by Kavya, Jeel, Aisha, Zara and Sehrish (2C)

Mrs McLaughlin returned from her overseas trip a few weeks ago and the students were so excited to see her that they wrote this for her:

Dear Mrs McLaughlin,

We are really happy that you are back. We are so happy for you to be back. We missed you so much.

We hope you had a great journey around America. We couldn’t wait to see you again.

We are so happy that you came back because you are the smartest and best EAL teacher.

We never knew that we will have you. You are a superstar Mrs McLaughlin. Once again welcome back.

We love you Mrs McLaughlin

By Wendy, Azada, Tamana and Samrin

Mrs Mackay received her award earlier in the term from Kiani, Waghma, Esther, and Sandrine.

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Special Award Winners for the week ending 14th August

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Year 5 & 6 Gala Day

It was another successful Gala Day Sports for our Year 5 and 6 Students last Friday at Greaves Reserve.

The Girls Kanga Cricket team played against Rosewood Downs and they placed first overall on the day and will now progress to the Regional Finals.

The Boys Cricket team won 4 out of 4 matches and will also advance to the Regional Finals.

Oshrounders Team 1 came equal first with 4 wins and 1 drawn match.

Oshrounders Team 2 came equal first with 3 wins and 2 draws.

Boys Voleystars placed 3rd overall.

Girls Voleystars progressed to the Division Finals after placing first.

The Boys Soccer won all 3 matches and then lost the final 4 goals to 2.

The Girls Soccer had 3 wins, 1 draw and placed first in the finals.

Mr Malone was pleased with all of the sportsmanship displayed by the students and the competitive spirit that the games were played in. Congratulations to all of the winners.

Teddy Bear Hospital Visit

Today, the Prep area was transformed into a Teddy Bear Hospital. Student doctors from Monash University came to visit and to teach our students about hospital procedures and healthy eating.

All of the Preps were involved in rotating through activities which included looking at our skeleton, x-rays, our intestines, breathing easy, what is asthma, healthy foods and sometimes foods, injections, plaster casts, heart monitors and blood pressure bands.

The children were so excited to be a part of this day and many of them are now exclaiming over their wish to be doctors when they grow up.

It was fantastic to see Nalian an ex-student as part of the student doctors. She was so excited to come back to Dandenong North and witness all the changes to the surrounds.

A big thanks to Mrs Slatter for organizing this event and thank you to the wonderful student doctors who gave up their time to come and teach the next generation of doctors!
Whole School Pyjama Day

The Whole School Pyjama Day is becoming an annual event at Dandenong North. It is planned in accordance with the Prep Teddy Bear Hospital visit and sees students and teachers arriving at school in their sleepwear!

This year in particular it was a fun event with the whole school assembly taking place with Mr Mackay in his onesie!!

The Student Representative Council members collected the gold coins from our students with over $550 being raised for the children’s wing at Dandenong Hospital.

There were also prizes awarded to students for the best pyjamas, slippers and bed time toys.

Below are some of the images from the day. A big thank you to all of the students and staff who dressed up for this event and who donated to this worthy cause.