Preps Visit Myuna Farm

It was an excited group of Preps as they headed out to Myuna Farm on Monday. There was a lot of anticipation as the children waited eagerly for the bus to arrive and to take them to their destination. After the disappointment of last weeks cancellation because of bad weather - it was a day that had beautiful sunshine and not a cloud in sight! The Preps have been learning all about the farm and how we are provided with our food because of the plants and animals that give us fresh produce.

Whilst on the farm, the children were able to feed the animals and for some students this was a brand new experience and one that was met with lots of smiles and squeals of happiness. The students enjoyed talking to “Joey” the cockatoo and they loved riding on the train to the furthest parts of the farm. This year the children undertook a walk around the boardwalk where children were amazed to see all of the bats sleeping in the trees. Every child got the opportunity to feed an animal and to hold a Rabbit or Guinea Pig.

Whilst there - they were also able to see what a vegetable garden looks like and how our food is grown on a farm before coming into the market or shop. The enthusiastic stories that were being told upon the return of the students was fantastic! We can’t wait to read their fantastic retells of this fantastic adventure.
School Uniform

The weather has been turning colder as we head into the Winter months. It is natural that children would want to rug up against the chilly weather - however we have a large proportion of students not wearing school uniform.

The Dandenong North School Uniform of sky blue shirt and navy pants has been decided upon by the School Council and every child is expected to wear these colours.

Unlike other schools, students are able to wear pants, shirts and jumpers that are not purchased at the uniform shop with the DNPS logo. Items are able to be purchased from the market or other shops - to lessen the cost to our families.

However, the sky blue top and navy blue pants are an expected school wear item. It is important that if you are sending your child to school with long sleeves or leggings - that they are also in these school colours as this is a school wide policy.

Wearing school uniform also allows students to feel connected to their peers as everyone is wearing the same items so no one feels different or left out.

It is also a time for lost jumpers as students wear their navy windcheater to school in the cold morning and then take it off as the day warms up. It is important that everything is labelled to ensure that all items are returned to their rightful owner.

We thank you for your assistance with ensuring that your child is wearing the correct school uniform everyday.

Special Award Winners for the week ending 15th May

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No Prep awards this week due to their excursion to Myuna Farm.
Eyes, Ears, Heart & Mind Award

Miss Sowersby has been lucky to receive an Eyes Ears Heart and Mind award in her first year at Dandenong North. Yamini, Devapriya, Khushi and Lalitha presented her with this award last week. Here is what they said:

**Eyes:** Miss Sowersby has eyes that see good things but can also spot unfolding troubles. She always helps others whenever they need help. Her eyes are both sweet and kind and that makes her students happy. Miss Sowersby always makes sure that her students are amazing and perfect. Miss Sowersby has eyes like a hawk - sharp and beautiful.

**Ears:** Miss Sowersby has wondrous ears. She can even tell if someone is almost whispering behind her back. This is a very useful ability for a great teacher. Miss Sowersby has the ability to recognize kids or adult voices form a long way, away.

**Heart:** Miss Sowersby has a fabulous heart. She would always use the 4C’s and whatever she says - she says it with her heart. She is new, nice and most of the teachers know her. She is pretty cool, fun and one of the most gorgeous teachers we have ever had. Miss Sowersby puts 100% effort into her teaching.

**Mind:** Miss Sowersby has a wonderful mind full of amazing and brilliant ideas. She is a well-known teacher for her students. Her mind is always calm and relaxed. Her mind always finds challenging activities for kids.

Congratulations Miss Sowersby!

Weekly Attendance Award

At Monday’s Assembly, Mr Lodge introduced a new attendance award to the school. The “Weekly Attendance Award” will be given to any grade within the school that has 100% attendance from all students for a whole week!

2G received the award for week 3, while 3D and Prep B won the award for week 4. Unfortunately, no class achieved 100% attendance for week 5.

Mr Lodge challenged each grade to try and win this award!

We can't wait to see which grade will be presented with an attendance award next week.

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4pm - 5.15pm

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The Year 1 and 2 children have enjoyed learning all about Dinosaurs this term. They have been researching the different types of Dinosaurs along with why they became extinct.

As part of this theme, students were given the opportunity to take part in the Dinosaur Diggers Incursion. The students in 2C were thrilled to participate and have written about their exciting experiences.

Here is what they wrote:

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By Devasena 2C

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First, we went to the hall and the girl named Sandra told us about fossils. It was fun learning about fossils.

Then, Sandra said we could touch her fossils.

Next, we had an activity. First 2C had a turn at digging then we swapped over with 2S to do a puzzle.

Finally, we went back to class and ate our snack.

The best part was digging for fossils because it was fun.

By Jeel 2C