



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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19th September 2014

Divisional Athletics Carnival

Calendar of Event

September 2014

19th— END OF TERM 3

School finishes at 2:30 pm

October 2014

6th—Term 4 begins

14th—Prep 2015 Transition Program

9:30 am—11:00 am

21st—Prep 2015 Transition Program

9:30 am—11:00 am

28th—Prep 2015 Transition Program

9:30 am — 11:00 am

November 2014

3rd - Curriculum Day - Student Free

Day

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.

Last Wednesday the Divisional Athletics was held at Ross Reserve. The Divisional Athletics is where the children from the Dandenong, Springvale and Noble Park Schools who finished first or second in their chosen event at the District Athletics competition, continue on to compete against students from other districts.

We had 36 competitors who were participating across all athletic events from discus to hurdles.

It was cold and windy conditions which hampered the performance of some students, however every child gave 100% effort to their event.

Once again, Dandenong North had an outstanding meet with 21 of our children successfully completing their event and making it through



to the Regional Athletics Carnival which is to be held on Thursday 16th October.

All of our students represented Dandenong North with sportsmanship and we would like to wish the 20 Regional Carnival competitors the best of luck.

A big thank you to Mr Malone for training our athletes and to Mrs Charalambous for assisting on the day.

Farewell Mrs Ferguson

Today we farewell Mrs Ferguson who is leaving the school to go on maternity leave.

Mrs Ferguson has been a wonderful Year 5 teacher and we know that she will be missed by her students.

Mrs Ferguson is due to give birth to twins in the next couple of weeks.

We would like to wish her all of the

very best as she embarks on this new chapter in her life.

We look forward to seeing her back at Dandenong North with her twin babies when she pops in for a visit!



**Term 4 begins Monday
6th October at 9:00 am.**

Term 3 School Spirit Award

There was a different end of Term Assembly this week with our special assembly being held on Friday morning.

Nevertheless, the termly School Spirit Award nominations were still fantastic for all of the Dandenong North staff and students to listen to and to reflect upon as the term comes to a close.

These awards focus on the students who over the course of the term have shown themselves to be responsible, a wonderful class and whole school community member, as well as a person who uses

the 4C's as a motto when dealing with others.

This term, teachers have focused strongly on the academic achievements made by their nominees and it is always difficult just to select one student per term to receive this award.

Congratulations to all of the Term Three nominees and winners.

Below is the list of nominees and the three winners of the School Spirit:

Zehra - Prep O	Aman - 3C
Yasir - Prep S	Fatima - 3D
Fatima - Prep T	Waghma - 3F
Hamidah - Prep B	Jasmina - 4WF
Sandy - Prep M	Kishore - 4R
Shavin - 1K	Sumayya - 4W
Kavya - 1W	Keerthi - 5F
Sohaila - 1S	Emma - 5H
Fatima - 1HF	Ny - 5/6V
Fajer - 2L	Humza - 6L
Waqar - 2G	Sahana - 6M
Una - 2P	Aishu - 6P
Angela - 2C	

The winner from Prep - 2:

Zahra (Prep N)

Zahra is a student every teacher would like to have in their class. Zahra is a quiet, dedicated and hardworking student. She is always enthusiastic and tries her best at all tasks. Zahra did not know much English when she came to primary school, but she practices every day and is now speaking English with ease! Zahra feeds her thirst for knowledge by reading the classroom books every morning when she is early for school and does not hesitate to ask for help on words she cannot figure out. Zahra is a great friend to have and takes great care of those around her. Zahra is kind and playful; she also is a great comfort to her friends when they are upset. It is Prep N's absolute pleasure to have such a super star in their class. Keep up the great work Zahra, you are amazing!



The winner from 3/4:

Sanjeev (3A)

Sanjeev was nominated by his fellow classmates for the school spirit award this term. Sanjeev is a hard worker and is attentive during every session. His fellow classmates believe he is the perfect role model because he makes smart choices and thinks before he acts. A fellow student wrote that Sanjeev works out sums like a supersonic jet and always finishes in time with the correct answers. We are all so proud of you Sanjeev and feel extremely lucky to have you in our grade this year!



The winner from 5/6

Zoha (5M)

Zoha is a conscientious student. She comes to school early to revise and study, using the computers to practise her Maths and English skills. She uses the 4C's at all times and is proud to be a DNPS student. Her caring and generous nature means that she helps others as much as she can. Her positive attitude helps to make the classroom a safe and happy place. Well done Zoha!



Free Testing of your Child's Estimated Intelligence, Memory & Emotional and Behavioural Functioning

Research is being conducted through Monash University and the Melbourne Neuropsychiatry Centre to better understand the processes underlying self-regulation in school-aged children and any links to emotional and behavioural problems. A benefit of your child's participation is that their general intelligence, memory, as well as their ability to self-regulate and their emotional and behavioural functioning will be assessed and the results will be provided to you within four weeks following testing in the form of a report. These tested areas of functioning are all important factors contributing to your child's academic performance at school, as well as their ongoing social and emotional adjustment.

The research involves completion of three questionnaires by each participating child's primary caregiver, which assesses their child's temperament, ability to control their thoughts, feelings and behaviours and the presence and severity of any emotional and/or behavioural problems.

Each participating child will undertake a 2 hour testing session that will assess their general verbal and visual skills, attention and memory. Testing can be arranged to suit, e.g. after school hours, on weekends or school holidays in your own home, or at one of our research centres if you prefer.

In order to participate children must meet the following criteria: 1) Be aged between 11 years 0 months and 12 years 11 months; 2) Normal, or corrected to normal, vision and hearing; 3) English is his/her first spoken language; 4) No history of a diagnosed learning disorder (e.g. Reading Disorder / Dyslexia); 5) No history of a brain injury or diagnosed psychiatric illness; 6) Not currently take any medications that affect his/her brain function (e.g. psychiatric medications). To register your interest or for more information please contact:

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Prep Enrolment and Transition Dates

As Term Three draws to a close, we begin looking towards 2015 and our newest school members - the Preps. Our enrolments for next year are at an all time high for this time of the school year.

We have a continuing pattern of increasing student enrolments and we are keen to ensure that all our current families are enrolled for 2015 and this information can then allow us to keep all class sizes as small as possible.

As we have done in previous years, we are aiming to keep our Prep classes below twenty. This gives children the best possible attention during their foundation schooling year. It is important for us to know of all students who may be enrolling for 2015, so if you know of a neighbour or a relative who has a child that turns five before the 30th April 2015, please ask them to come to the office to complete an enrolment form.

Parents are asked to bring proof of birth, passport/visa documents, if applicable, and an immunisation certificate (obtained from the local council offices).

Enrolment also ensures children are included in our Prep Transition Program. This program is a fantastic support for students as they transition to the Primary School Setting.

If you have enrolled your child, the Transition Program will be running:

Tuesday 14th October 9.30 am - 11.00 am.

Tuesday 21st October 9.30 am - 11.00 am.

Tuesday 28th October 9.30 am - 11.00 am.

We look forward to seeing as many 2015 Preps as possible on these dates.

If you have any questions, please contact the School Office.

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