



**DANDENONG NORTH  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**

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[www.dandenongnorthps.vic.edu.au](http://www.dandenongnorthps.vic.edu.au)

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## 2017 SRC Members Announced

### Calendar of Event

#### MARCH 2017

- 8th - School Photos
- 13th - Public Holiday
- 22nd - Pizza Lunch
- 23rd - Curriculum Day - NO SCHOOL
- 24th - Curriculum Day - NO SCHOOL
- 31st - END OF TERM 1

#### APRIL 2017

- 18th - START OF TERM 2

At Monday's Assembly, Miss Sowersby presented the 2017 Student Representative Council badges to the students who have been selected to this position.

There is a representative from all Years 3 to 6 who have been chosen by their peers, to represent their classrooms. As well we have our SRC President who was selected and awarded with their position last year. Of course our School Captains Beraka and Waghma, along with the School Vice Captains of Avesta and Ancgajan are also important members of the SRC.

Some of these students had to create a speech that was presented in front of their classmates in order to be elected to this position. It will then be the responsibility of this group to attend meetings and to keep all children aware of what the SRC are doing around the school.

Congratulations to all SRC members.

SRC Rep	Grade
Rishika (President)	6H
Ananya	3M
Athsayan	3B
Reza	3H
Jaanki	3W
Ruhama	3F
Mahdia	4FM
Divya	4N
Thenila	4K
Lazar	4C
Jeremy	4L
Mariam	5S
Ranudi	5F
Fiona	5H
Asia	5L
Irtika	6H
Hussain	6C
Farwa	6V
Leroy	6D

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.



## Jungwirth Scholarships for EAL students

At Monday's Assembly, Mr Mackay presented two scholarships to Year 6 children on behalf of the Jungwirth family.

The Jungwirth family has had a long history of association with Dandenong North Primary with Mr Ray Jungwirth teaching at Dandenong North Primary when it first opened in 1954. For many years the Jungwirth family have provided scholarships for Dandenong North students who come from a non English speaking background.

The first scholarship presented is for a child from a non English speaking background for Academic Excellence and this was awarded to Alex (6H).

The second scholarship is to an EAL student who has shown continuous improvement in their learning of the English language and a dedication to all other curriculum areas. This year's EAL Scholarship winner is Rinoa (6D)



These scholarships assist each child with purchasing uniforms and books this year and will continue for Year Seven at Dandenong High School.

Congratulations to both children for receiving their scholarships!

## 2017 Booklist

Every child across the school should have received a book list payment note. We endeavor to keep all of our costs to a minimum and as in previous years, the cost of your child's books is only \$100.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many families who have so promptly paid

this booklist money to the office.

Just a reminder to all other families that you can pay this money at the office via cash or through our eftpos facilities.

Thanking you in advance.

## Parenting Resilient Kids Research Program

Studies have shown that developing resilience in students and the ability to use grit are key factors in developing confident adults.

As parents, what are the strategies that we use to instill this in our children and how can we better empower parents to build their child's resilience? These are the questions that Dr Marie Yap from Monash University is seeking to solve and in doing so, create a program that can be adopted by all parents.

Monash University are seeking volunteers of children aged 8-11, who are fluent in English

and who have access to the internet to take part.

This research program will span 12 months and will take a couple of hours of your time. If you are interested you can contact Mrs Karene Blachford, one of our student welfare coordinators, on a Thursday or Friday to discuss this program.

Alternatively you can find out more or register to participate at

[www.parentingresilientkids.com](http://www.parentingresilientkids.com)

## Athletics Champion

At the last two Monday morning Assemblies, Hassan (4N) has been presented to the audience for his achievements on the Athletics track.

Last week Hassan displayed his medal for coming first in the Under 9 Boys 800 metres in the Gippsland Country Championships where he ran a record time of 2 minutes and 59 seconds.

This Monday he brought along a gold and silver medal that he had achieved during his Athletics Club events. He won the gold medal for achieving 25 personal best times in a season for the 800 metre race. His silver medal was for achieving 15 personal bests in a season for the long jump. What an achievement!

Hassan attends his Little Athletics Club each Thursday and Saturday. He is dedicated to his Athletics, regularly going for a run, building his fitness and ensuring that he will achieve his personal best when he competes in events at his Little Athletics Club. Hopefully



one day we may see Hassan at the Olympic Games representing Australia in the 800 metre race!

## Be Alert To Bullying

This article was written by Madina in 6V. She has been bullied previously at her old school. She relives her memories about this and gives some excellent advice if this is happening in a child's life.

I've been bullied, and I regret not doing anything about it at the time. So I decided to write about it as my way of doing something positive about it - finally.

In Kindergarten and Year 1 I was very left out of games and groups. I knew I was rejected because some of the people in the group used to roll their eyes straight at me. An eye-roll without a smile is meant to be mean. At the school where I was bullied, the teacher had a brother and when the brother visited the school the other kids in the class would tell him to hit me or say mean stuff to me.

I only had one friend. Just one friend !

Bullying is a common thing because in almost every place where people gather, there might be someone who could get targeted to be bullied.

Bullies use superior strength to hurt or intimidate their victims. There is cyber-bullying, exclusion bullying, physical bullying, ignoring bullying, verbal bullying and there might be some other sorts that we don't even know about.

Bullying is the repeated use of threat or force to abuse, embarrass or aggressively dominate others.

Many students worry too much about bullying be-

cause there are many ways to be safe from bullying. How do you find out the ways to be safe from bullying ?

Ways to combat the potential for bullying:

1. Find a group of friends that you can trust.
2. Try to keep away from known bullies.
3. Learn a few things that you can say to potential bullies that will show them you are not prepared to be a victim,
4. Don't fall into the trap of trying to be mean back to them or hurting them back because that only exacerbates the problem.
5. Do some research on Google to find out ways of combatting bullying. People who are getting bullied can call Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800, go to the Welfare Teacher or seek help from a trusted person, say, a school captain.

Kids who experience bullying when they are young often experience depression and anxiety as they become older. I hope I don't. I don't think I will. I know what it is like to feel very vulnerable and excluded, though. I used to try to lift my spirits by self-talk. But, now here I am, at a great school, writing about bullying from the past. Who's laughing now ?

## 2017 Library Monitors

Every year our Year 5 and 6 students take on roles of responsibility which allows the school to run smoothly.

One such important position are our Library Monitors who were presented with their badges and a certificate at Monday's Assembly.

Miss Varas takes the time to train the Library Monitors who will be responsible for ensuring the safe return of books on a daily basis, as well as making sure that the Library is as neat as a

pin for daily Library lessons to take place.

Congratulations to the following students:

**5H** - Shifa, Ali, Mustafa & Nyoka

**5F** - Natalin, Nyra, Aadit & Ahash

**5S** - Tiana, Jubilee, Ivana & Pinky

**5L** - Sara, Irshad, Tina & Emaan

**6C** - Sanjeev, Samrin, Sabeen & Verona

**6D** - Rownaq, Ciana, Thishanthan & Regina

**6H** - Jelena, Alice, Kushi & Hasini

**6V** - Keira, Madina, Joseph & Krish



## Mathletics

Mathletics is an online maths program that is offered free to children in Years 1 to 6. This program can be used both at home or at school for all children who have access to a computer and the internet at [www.mathletics.com.au](http://www.mathletics.com.au).

Children have their own individual passwords and can complete tasks relevant to their educational development, which have been set by their class teacher. They can also improve their fast mathematical recall times by competing in a live mathematical game against other children all around the world.

This program is a fantastic way to improve your child's Mathematics progress, while they enjoy the use of the computer and competing against other

children from around the world.

The Mathletics password also allows the children to access the on-line program Rainforest Maths at [www.rainforestmaths.com](http://www.rainforestmaths.com)

If you have any questions regarding your child's access to this program, please see your child's classroom teacher.

