



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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22nd March 2017

Car Park Concerns



Calendar of Event

MARCH 2017

23rd - Curriculum Day -

NO SCHOOL

24th - Curriculum Day -

NO SCHOOL

31st - CSEF Application close

END OF TERM 1

2.30PM FINISH

APRIL 2017

18th - START OF TERM 2

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.

School's are extremely busy places during any time of day - however the peak drop off and pick up times are especially hectic.

Our school is no different. With over 840 children enrolled and nearly 100 staff working throughout the week, parking spaces have become highly limited.

Over the past ten years, the school has grown and simultaneously both the Dandenong Hospital and Dandenong High School have expanded, making it difficult to access a parking spot.

We understand completely that parents need to drive their children to school and pick them up due to the distance between home and school - however it has come to our attention that some parents have begun parking in the school staff long term car park.

It is very difficult exiting the Woodlee Street car park during peak times due to cars parked on one side of the road and many cars utilising this street at pick up and drop off times.

There is a heavy amount of foot

traffic throughout both car parking areas - with an increasing number of students using the car park as a thoroughfare. Student safety is paramount - therefore we would ask that no parents park in the school staff long term parking areas.

In the upcoming weeks, there will be works beginning in the Woodlee Street Carpark as a new double storey building is placed on this car parking site - which will increase the difficulty of parking as this site will be closed to all cars.

Please refrain from parking in either of the school staff long term parking areas.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter!

CURRICULUM DAYS

**Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th March -
NO SCHOOL**

School Council Members For 2017

School Councils play a key role in Victorian government schools. Participating as a school council member is a rewarding and challenging experience. The school council supports the principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students.

The School Council for Dandenong North Primary School consists of staff representatives, Parent representatives and Community members with particular skills or talents that can assist and support the work of the Council. The Current President and spokesperson for the School Council is Anne Scott.

I thank the following School Councillors for their willingness to give up their time during 2017 to support the growth and further development of our great school.

Anne Scott

Catherine D'Arcy

Daniel Mezentseff

Ali Saberi

Demi Donmex-Pau

Minwen Wu

Kevin Mackay

Paul Hilton

Jenny Mackay

Klaudia Napolitano

Kaniz Azimi

The next meeting of the School Council will be held on 27th, March which will coincide with the annual general meeting at which the 2017 office-bearers will be elected by school councillors.

The Annual General Meeting begins at 7 pm and is open to all interested parents. The Annual Report will be presented including the data around student achievement, engagement in learning and the students' sense of well-being. A financial summary is also presented.

Kevin Mackay

Principal

Farewell Staff

It is time to farewell two members of our teaching staff who are leaving.

Sabrina Massey has been back working with our students after the birth of her first child and after being at DNPS for just over two terms, she is leaving to have her second child.



We thank Mrs Massey for her work with our students and wish her well on this next part of her life's journey.

We are also farewelling Graeme Williamson our extension maths teacher.

Graeme is a retired Principal who worked with our leadership team in 2011 and 2012, then tak-

ing on the role of teaching students in years 2, 5 & 6 in the Extension Maths Program.

Throughout his time at Dandenong North, Graeme has given up his discretionary time to ensure that he was catering for our students through his program often coming in on a Monday to plan his programs.

We thank Graeme for his tireless efforts with our students and wish him well as he spends his retirement fishing in Queensland.



Special Awards for the week ending 17th March

1F - Hadia	2J - Ishani	4K - Sehrish	5S - Asghar
1L - All of 1L	2S - Ayaan	4FM - Asude	6C - Masoud
1M - Patricia	3F - Nasem	4N - Farzana	6H - Zeynab
1JS - Benjamin	3H - Neloofar	4C - Kesley	6D - Ciana
1S - All of 1S	3M - Sandy	5F - Isira	6V - Hally-Rose
2CD - Kiara	3W - Ali	5L - Kristina	ICT - Leroy (6D)
2G - Murtaza	4M - Ally	5H - Hur	ICT - Marko (3F)

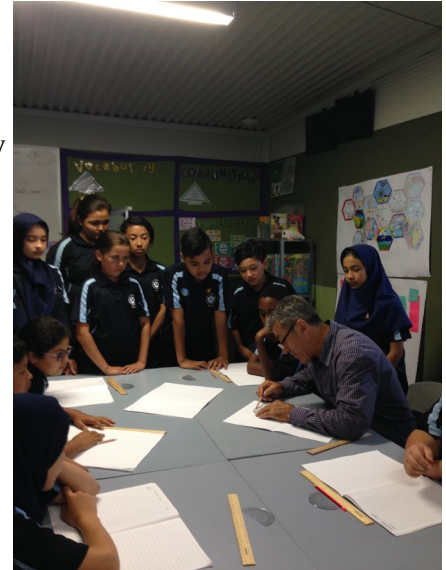
Michael Ymer Visit

Our staff are continuously developing educational practice to ensure that each child is being catered for within the classroom. With Professional Development being an integral part of teacher growth, we were fortunate to have Maths Professional Michael Ymer, again working with our staff in 2017.

To begin the day, Michael worked with all of the staff that are new to our school in 2017, assisting them with planning and differentiating tasks.

He then spent his time working with both the year 3/4 and 5/6 teachers, providing them with some valuable ideas and resources that will be applied to the classroom.

We thank Michael for his time and for giving so readily of his knowledge to assist our teachers with their practice.



Parent Book Covering Group

At Dandenong North we are fortunate enough to have purchased new books for our students to use as take home and Library readers. However in order to keep them in as good a condition as possible, the new books need to be covered in contact and labelled accordingly.

With this in mind, we are asking for any parents who may be available to assist with this process to come to the office between 9 and 11 each week day and you will be shown what needs to be undertaken. Thank you for your assistance.

CSEF Applications close 31st March

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides funds for eligible families to be used for camps, sporting events and excursions.

For families who hold a current Health Care Card as of the 31st January 2017, you will be eligible for this fund.

The \$125 per student per year is paid directly to the school and linked to the student.

The necessary forms to apply for this fund were sent home earlier this week and we urge all of our

parents to fill in the necessary pieces of information and return these forms to school as soon as possible.

So if you have a valid Health Care Card, fill in the required information and return it to the office by **Friday 31st March**. Unfortunately no late applications can be lodged.

Our Preps go to Bunnings

A Prep child's first excursion is always special as it signals their growth into school. With this in mind, a trip to the local Bunnings store is a wonderful introduction into how we behave when on a school excursion.



On Tuesday throughout the morning the prep classes took turns walking down to Bunnings. On the way there, children were taught about crossing the road safely and staying with their excursion

buddy.

At Bunnings, the Preps learnt about planting and planted their very own lettuce plants with Bunnings staff member Anne. After planting, Anne taught the prep children how to care for their lettuce plants. The excursion finished with a quick tour of Bunnings.



We thank Anne and the Bunnings team for

LEARN MUSIC



Learn keyboard at school during school time

Limited places for 30 minute group

Available for grade 2-6 students

Music Melodies -call Lili 0438 901146