Calendar of Event

FEBRUARY 2016
29th — Booklist Payment Due

MARCH 2016
8th - School Photograph Day
11th - Grade 3 & 4 — Sovereign Hill Excursion
14th - Labour Day Public Holiday
   NO SCHOOL
24th - END OF TERM 1

APRIL 2016
11th - START OF TERM 2

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS ON TUESDAY 8TH MARCH. PAYMENT FOR PHOTOS MUST BE MADE BY FRIDAY 4TH MARCH.
THE CORRECT MONEY MUST BE ENCLOSED IN THE ENVELOPE. NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN.

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.

Assembly Changes

If you had visited the hall on Monday morning you would have been surprised with the amount of space available! This was due solely to the absence of both our Prep and Year 3&4 classes. With the school enrolments growing it is awfully uncomfortable to have all students in the hall at one time - therefore the years levels will be rotating through and having their own assemblies separate to the large assembly in the main hall.

The Preps currently run their own assembly which is undertaken in the Multi Purpose Room and they have done so for a year now as there is simply not enough room for all. There first assembly for 2016 took place on Monday and it was wonderful to see so many parents present for this big occasion.
Beginning this week, the Year 3 & 4 children were undertaking their assembly outside in the agora area. All of the same elements of the assembly were present including Mrs Field leading the National Anthem and school song. Mrs Field was the composer of our school song, so who better to sing it!
This then lead into the presentation of Student of the Week certificates. Next week the Year 5 & 6 students will be having their assembly on the stage area outside the multi purpose room. (weather permitting).
The following week it will be the Year 1 & 2’s holding their special assembly outside.
**News From the North**

It has been a very busy start to the year with many new children enrolling at our school. As such we have had increased traffic along both David and Cleeland streets.

Because of this, we are asking all of our parents to drive with care along these roads as there are more cars and more children moving around the school.

It is also imperative that students use the designated crossing areas. There are two crossings on David Street and another one on Cleeland Street. These are supervised by crossing attendants employed by the City of Greater Dandenong and they are on duty from 8am in the morning till 9.15am. They are back at their post at 3pm till 3.45.

We would really ask that all parents set an example for their children and use these crossings whenever attempting to cross either of these two roads.

It is also important for our new parents to be aware of the safety implications when using the staff car park as a thoroughfare. At any one time, staff members can be coming or going and we ask that parents use the designated footpath to ensure the safety of our children.

Thank you for your understanding with these matters.

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**Special Awards for the week ending 19th February**

| Prep A - D’Zyre | 1N - Farhan | 3S - Ruth | 5/6L - Thehara |
| Prep M - Sanam | 1S - Nida | 3/4B - Acelya | 5/6N - Attaullah |
| Prep B - Lydia | 1/2J - Kalab | 4F - Ali | 5/6S - Emilia |
| Prep H - Rocine | 2C - Raeann | 4N - Daniel | 5/6W - Ezatullah |
| Prep N - Samaana | 2G - Bonaden | 4R - Humam | ICT - The whole of 3S |
| Prep O - Lydia | 2M - Yasir | 4WM - Ranudi | ICT - Ancgajan 5/6F |
| Prep W - Mysha | 2S - Joshua | 5/6C - Iftikhar | Sport - Hashim 5/6L |
| 1A - Freshta | 3F - Zara | 5/6F - Ali |
| 1L - David | 3M - Hadia | 5/6H - Alex |

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**School Crossing Safety**

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Spotlight On : Year 5&6 Extension Maths

We all know that Dandenong North provides high quality education for all students and our subsequent results speak for themselves.

A key to our success is ensuring that we cater for all children at their educational level and they can be highly diverse across year levels.

One such way that we do this, is to provide both extension and intervention classes - that focus on developing students at their own levels.

A program that has been in existence for a number of years is the Year 5 & 6 Extension Maths Program which is aimed at students who received an assessment well above expected levels in all areas of Mathematics.

Mr Williamson took over the running of this program in 2013 and has made a huge difference in the mathematical abilities of our top performing maths students.

Mr Williamson focuses his lessons mainly on using the foundation skills that the children have developed and accesses a variety of problems for the children to solve.

Much of Mr Williamson’s program focuses on thinking mathematically “outside the box” to solve puzzles and problems either individually or in groups.

His program runs for one hour per week and there is much enthusiastic discussion that is taking place at any given time in his classroom.

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.

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

If you have any questions regarding your child’s access to this program, please see your child’s classroom teacher.
Student’s Work Page

Visual Art is a fantastic program for all children to participate in. Students not only learn how to express themselves in different ways but they are also given new experiences to use a variety of different mediums like clay, wool, crayon and charcoal.

This week’s work displays the talents of our 1/2 children as they created some fabulous painted masterpieces.

Thanks to Ms Mac for giving our children such fantastic experiences in Art!

Daniel 1L - A dinosaur next to an erupting volcano.

Anmol 2H - A bowl of delicious fruit.

Jai 2H - A car driving around New Zealand.

David 1L - Dinosaurs next to a volcanoes.