Term 1, 2016 School Spirit Awards

Last Monday was the last assembly for the term, which meant it was time for the School Spirit Nominees and Award Winners to be announced. These awards are different to the weekly student awards as they are given out to students for exceptional work throughout the entire term. It is fantastic to hear the fabulous work that children have completed throughout the term and how they have been great role models for their peers by following the 4C’s. These awards are never easy to select as there are always more than one worthy candidate. It is also particularly difficult for Mr Mackay, Mrs Mackay and Mr Hilton to choose a winner from the four areas as all of the nominees are deserved.

Below is the list of nominees and on the next page, the award winners. Congratulations to all of these students on their wonderful achievements.

| Prep A - Shahyan | 1M - Akshaj | 3F - Lusiahntay | 5/6C – Tabasom |
| Prep B - Ekaksh | 1N - Sareena | 3H - Sheza | 5/6F - Ancgajan |
| Prep H - Sedrick | 1S - Mitra | 3M - Nila | 5/6H - Jenica |
| Prep M - Alyssa | 1/2J - Sana | 3S - Lazar | 5/6L - Hannah D |
| Prep N - Surjo | 2C - Ali R | 3/4B - Aysha | 5/6N - Scelina |
| Prep O - Simran | 2G - Shivesh | 4F - Aruzou | 5/6S - Fatemah |
| Prep W - Lily | 2H - Nasem | 4N - Farsaneh | 5/6W - Asal |
| 1A - Hajara | 2M - Chloe | 4R - Fiona | Art - Yamini (5/6W) |
| 1L - Keerthana | 2S - Santhya | 4WM - Yagy |

Term 1 ends this Thursday 24th March - School finishes at 2:30 pm.
Term 2 begins Monday 11th April.
Term 1, 2016 School Spirit Awards Continued:

Here are the winners for Term One:

The winner from Prep:

**Surjo (Prep N)**

Surjo has made quite an impression during his first term of Prep. Everyday he comes to school with an enthusiasm for learning and a big smile on his face. Surjo tries his best with every task and even goes as far as helping his friends around him. Surjo is a beautiful reader and is surprising Miss Nish every week with the words he has learnt to read. Surjo is learning about the 4C’s at DNPS, but he already demonstrates them everyday. He is caring towards his classmates, he is polite and always uses his manners. He works well with others and he is constantly thinking of his actions and better ways of doing things. What an amazing start to Prep Surjo and what an amazing student you are. Well done!

The winner from Year 1 & 2:

**Sareena (1N)**

Sareena is a fantastic member of 1N and has had a great start to Year 1! Sareena always has a wonderful attitude to school and does her best work all of the time. She is a caring friend and is always happy to play with everyone in the class and help anyone who needs help. Sareena follows the 4C’s everyday and makes sure to practise her understanding of what the 4C’s mean. Well done Sareena on a great start to Year 1 and thank you for being such a valued member of 1N!

The winner from Year 3 & 4:

**Lazar (3S)**

Lazar always tries his hardest in all things, for acting as a mediator and putting into place his problem solving skills within the classroom to help others. For his can do attitude, persistence and humour, and finally for his outstanding work in class all term.

The winner from Year 5 & 6:

**Tabasom (5/6C)**

Tabasom you display DNPS school spirit in many ways. You show friendship and support to many students in our class and I have been particularly impressed with how you have taken initiative to help those around with their learning throughout the term, often before I ask you to. You love to have a laugh, but you also understand when it is time to put in hard work and focus on classroom tasks. Every time I have given you some kind of responsibility you have shown me that you 100% deserve it! You are a shining light in 5/6C. Well done!
Mrs Mansbridge’s Fantastic Fundraising Effort

It was Crazy Hair everywhere on Friday as the students and teachers got behind Mrs Mansbridge’s cause - which was to raise money for cancer research.

There were multi-coloured wigs, hair sprayed hair, pipe cleaner creations and lots of cupcake buns scattered throughout the school as everyone got behind this cause.

At recess Mrs Mansbridge bravely had all of her hair removed in front of family, friends and her colleagues. How liberated she felt at the end of her hair cut!

At Monday’s assembly she came to show off her new hair style and she became emotional as she thanked everyone for their donations towards cancer research. She thanked the students profusely as they had raised a mammoth $677 for this charity.

Mrs Mansbridge raised over $5000 for Cancer research smashing her goal of $2000.

A big thank you to the SRC for getting behind this wonderful fundraising event and congratulations to Mrs Mansbridge for her fabulous efforts to raise money for Cancer research.

Local Member for Parliament visits Year 5/6 Children

Last Thursday the Year 5 & 6 children were treated to a visit from the local member for Dandenong Miss Gabrielle Williams.

With the students currently studying the government - Miss Williams provided them with some excellent insights into her life in politics.

She is an avid supporter of education as well as being a champion for families and individuals who are impaired or disabled.

Miss Williams spoke about the fact that she worked in Canberra behind the scenes in Parliament and swore that she never wanted to become a Minister for Parliament herself!

It was interesting to hear her speak about the “bill” she was working on and how you are not allowed to read from a piece of paper when in Parliament except with your inaugural speech.

The children were very interested in listening to her speak and the many and varying questions that were asked showed their interest and how much they had absorbed from her speech.

She also provided the students with a Parliament goody bag which was a nice end to the day.

We thank Miss Gabrielle Williams for taking the time to come and speak with our students - what an inspiring presentation!
Eyes, Ears, Heart & Mind Awards

At Monday’s Assembly we had our first Eyes, Ears, Heart and Mind Award given out for the year. The children take great pride in writing these awards for their teachers as they get the chance to tell the rest of the school how special their teacher is to them. Our first recipients were Mrs Hilton and Mrs Nebert.

**Eyes:** Mrs Hilton has beautiful light blue eyes. She always says she has eyes in the back of her head and factually she does as she is always aware of what’s happening around her.

**Ears:** Mrs Hilton always listens to her students ideas before her own opinion. Her ears are very unique and very special to her. She respects the speaker by letting them have go and never speaks over them.

**Heart:** Mrs Hilton has a sweet heart because she is a very loving and caring teacher. She understands each and every one of us, our needs and challenges accordingly. She treats everyone equally without being indifferent. She is hilarious and witty.

**Mind:** Mrs Hilton always thinks positively and never lets anyone down and encourages us to be optimistic. She ensures that we work hard to achieve success and makes learning fun. She is a great leader and a good example for us to follow.

By Jenica and Vini

The second teacher to be presented with this prestigious award was Miss Nebert

**Eyes:** Miss Nebert’s eyes are like sparkling microscopic lenses that can increase and decrease their power. With these lenses she can look out for people who are injured or in need of help.

**Ears:** Miss Nebert’s ears are as sharp as an Elf’s. She is not just good at listening out for naughty kids, she is also good at listening to others while they are talking.

**Heart:** Miss Nebert’s heart is made with a quantity of fragile and precious diamonds as unique as emeralds. Miss Nebert’s splendid heart is covered with joy and love. With all this joy she makes projects intense.

**Mind:** Miss Nebert’s mind is an elite, empathetic and resilient mind that can speed through practice sheets faster than you could say “OMG it’s a jet...no it’s a flying sandwich...no its Miss Nebert’s brain!” Apart from that—Miss Nebert’s mind has coughed up a plethora of brilliant ideas like 321 waterfall and then everyone says “shhhhhhhhhhh!” Then it becomes quiet!

We are proud to say that Miss Nebert is the highest achieving teacher in the universe.

By Hamid, Jeremy Sitra and

Congratulations to both teachers on receiving their awards!