



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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26th July 2016

Network Maths Games Day Success

Calendar of Events

JULY 2016

29th - Bookclub Orders due

AUGUST 2016

8th - Prep Traffic School
Excursion

9th - Prep Traffic School
Excursion

12th - Gala Day 3

17th - Grades 5 & 6 Students
Excursion to MCG

24th - Division Netball Finals

SEPTEMBER 2016

16th - END OF TERM 3

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.

To celebrate World Maths Day, Keysborough Primary School organise an annual Maths Games day to celebrate this event. Last Friday there were over thirty-five schools participating in the day with some schools entering more than one team - therefore there were a total of forty one teams vying for the championship.

We are extremely pleased to report that Dandenong North came first on the day beating their nearest team by thirty-five points!! This is the largest victory by any team in the five year history of this event!

Mr Williamson has provided a fantastic program, running the Year 5/6 Extension Maths program, extending the children with their learning, ensuring that they have the skills and ability to apply their knowledge to various logic thinking and problem based questions. Before leaving at the end of the term, Mr Williamson made the difficult decision in selecting the five students who would represent Dandenong



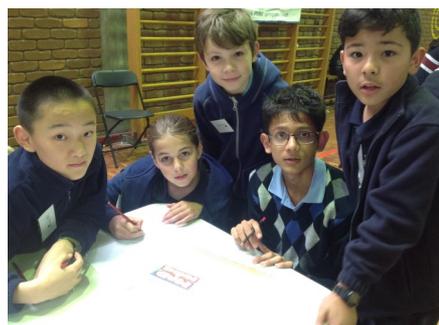
North on the day of this event.

The chosen five who participated in last Friday's event were - Jiadong (5/6H), Alex (5/6H), Simone(5/6F), Dev (5/6W) and Mubashar (5/6W).

The Games Day tasks included worded problem solving tasks, Mental Maths, Code solving tasks, Guess the Lollies in the Jar, Quick Maths and Guess the number. All of these tasks were aimed showcasing the exceptional mathematical abilities that the participants have and highlighting their abilities to work under timed conditions and within groups.

We thank Mr Williamson and class teachers for their hard work in preparing these students and Mrs Graf for looking after the children on the day!

Most importantly our thanks and congratulations go to our five wonderful participants who worked hard and showed team work to win this event!

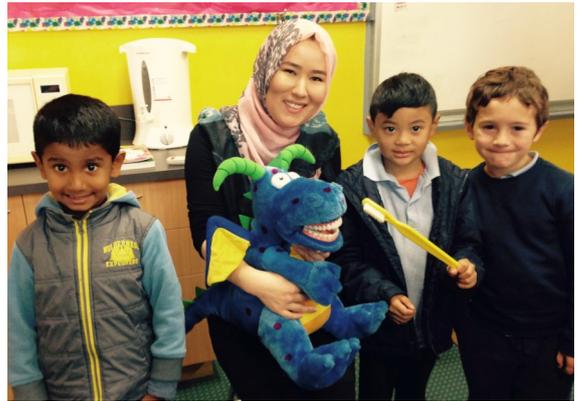


Dental Health Talk

Oral hygiene is extremely important and providing our students at Dandenong North with information about dental health is a high priority. That is why Mrs McLaughlin organised for Marzia to come and visit our school over two days and provide all children with information related to good oral hygiene. Marzia began by explaining about the importance of looking after our teeth and discussing how we have 20 baby teeth and 32 adult teeth.

She discussed what teeth were used for and the different types of teeth that our mouth contain. Marzia explained about what is inside our teeth and how they are attached in our mouths.

The most important facts that she provided were about the care and maintenance of our teeth - which means not eating too much sugary food. Marzia spoke of the need to eat cheese, drink a glass of milk or have some yoghurt after eating high sugar foods.



She also spoke about the importance of using a straw when having soft drinks and then showed how to brush our teeth correctly.

There will be dental check ups for our students in upcoming weeks and a dental form has been sent home with your child - please fill this in and return it to school as soon as possible. New forms can be collected from the office.

Preps Visited by Teddy Bear Hospital

This term, the Prep students are learning about 'The Community' and the people who help us in the community. On Thursday 14th July, the Monash University Medical Students visited the preps with their 'Teddy Bear Hospital'. The Teddy Bear hospital allows for the prep students to explore aspects of visiting the doctor in a safe and friendly environment. The preps learnt about healthy food choices, germs, washing their hands, broken bones, applying plaster, injections and using medical equipment such as stethoscopes. Under the watch-

ful eyes of the student doctors, the preps were able to practise their skills on their favourite teddy bears. The prep students' had a wonderful time and DNPS thanks the Monash Medical students for coming to see us.



SRC News - Pyjama Day Success

On Thursday the 14th of July the SRC held a whole school pyjama day. It was held in conjunction with the Prep teddy bear hospital visit.

We were happy to see so many students and teachers participate on the day coming to school in their best pyjamas, slippers and dressing gowns. It was great to see so many people bring along their favourite toys from teddies to crocodiles, pandas, dolphins and even a tiger or two!

Altogether our school raised \$721 which will be donated to the Children's wing at Dandenong Hospital.

Thanks to everyone who participated!

By: Anmol and Aalijah
(Year 6 SRC)



Eyes, Ears, Heart & Mind Awards

We love to start our week off hearing about the wonderful staff and students at Dandenong North in both our weekly and the Eyes, Ears, Heart and Mind awards.

Last week was no exception with 3 recipients for Eyes, Ears, Heart and Mind Awards being presented in front of the whole school.

To begin with Miss Walker received her award:



Eyes: Miss Walker's eyes are as shining as a diamond and as sharp as an Great American Eagle.

Ears: Miss Walker's ears are so special because they are one of a kind. They one of a kind because they were only made for Miss Walker.

Heart: Miss Walker's heart is a heart full of care, gold and love. Her heart is the most loving we have ever come across from!

Mind: Miss Walker's mind is as smart as a technology genius - she is gifted with an enchanting mind.

The next award was presented to Zehra from 2G



Eyes: Zehra's eyes are like diamonds shining in the sky. Whenever anyone is crying Zehra is the first person to take them to the teacher

Ears: Zehra's ears are like an Eagle squawking. She always listens to Miss Gray and always does stuff right.

Heart: Zerah's heart is full of love and joy because whatever people say she always agrees with them and, no matter what, she is always caring towards others.

Mind: Zehra's mind is full of wonderful ideas and her brain is like a machine full of wonderful ideas. Her brain might even be shaped like a heart because she is always thinking how to do things for her friends.

The third award presented last week was given to Alek from 2S.

Eyes: Alek's eyes are like a shining diamond. She can see miles away to people who are hurt or sad. Her eyes are sharp as an Eagle and her eyes are beautiful like a star.

Ears: Alek's ears are one of the most fantastic ears that no one has ever seen. Alek's ears are so special that she can hear everyone around the world. She can always make sure that everybody is safe and okay.



Heart: Alek's heart is filled with lots of love and care. Alek's heart is as beautiful as a diamond. She has a heart full of kindness and has a heart full of golden flowers.

Mind: Alek's mind has lots of ideas to play sensible games and she is always sensible to everyone. Alek is smart like a clever cookie. She has a mind that she can know everything.

You are the best friend ever!

By: Jaanki, Maryam, Sajeda and Fatima

The final Eyes, Ears, Heart and Mind Award was presented at Monday's Assembly to Miss Nguyen.



Eyes: Miss Nguyen's eyes can see from Melbourne to Africa, she always looks for the best in people.

Ears: Miss Nguyen's ears are awesome. She could probably hear a mouse squeaking behind a wall.

Heart: Miss Nguyen's heart is filled with love and care, her heart is like it's full of diamonds.

Mind: Miss Nguyen's mind is so creative. She can think about stuff that hasn't even been invented yet. Chloe & Thiyanna 2M

Congratulations to our worthwhile recipients of this prestigious award!

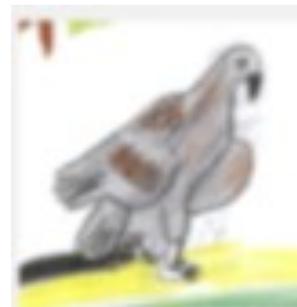
Student's Work

Excursion to Healesville Sanctuary

Grade 2S loved their excursion to Healesville Sanctuary. Students have written a recount about the excursion, drawn pictures of the amazing bird life and helped design a video of the Spirit of the Sky performance which can be seen at <http://tinyurl.com/zhbutgq>.

On Wednesday 20th of July we went to Healesville Sanctuary. We went with all the other classes in Grades 1 and 2. It was a cold, cloudy and foggy morning when we set off. When we got there we met a ranger called Lisa who introduced us to the Sanctuary. After a short break for a snack we started our journey.

The first animal we saw were kangaroos. Most of them were lying in the hay inside their shelter. Others were hopping around with their joeys in their pouch. Next we crossed Badger Creek and walked to the Wildlife Hospital. We saw the tools and equipment that the vets use to cure the animals. We saw another ranger



called Lucy. She was putting a black snake back to sleep under a small hollow log. We asked her about an injured eagle we had read about in the newspaper a week ago. He had been shot and run over before someone rescued it and took it to Healesville. This eagle had several operations and was named Wedginald. Lucy said he was fine and learning how to fly again. That was terrific news.

The World of the Platypus was next. We were in a large dark area. Just then we saw something moving. It was a platypus! Did you know that

they have 6 senses including ultrasonic echolocation. When we finished exploring, we walked out of the enclosure. We walked to the Tales from Platypus Creek. There was another ranger telling a story about a small platypus who was swimming energetically around her legs. We kept exploring and met some Emus. There were a few of them. Some of the students began to give them names. We called one of them Bob because he was always bobbing. No one went near him because he looked like he might peck us. After Bob and his friends, we kept walking and saw Lisa again. She had a Tawny Frogmouth on her arm. We stood in a circle while Lisa told us about Twitty. Twitty used to work at the Spirit of the Sky venue. We all asked her questions. It was a fascinating looking bird because it was so well camouflaged with its feathers and beak.



It was almost midday - the time when the Spirit of the Sky performance would begin. We walked over there and sat on the front row seats. We saw Sulphur Crested Cockatoos, a Black Breasted buzzard and a Wedge Tail Eagle. The black breasted buzzard used a rock to crack open Emu eggs. How clever! After lunch we visited the koalas in their new enclosure. Most of them were asleep or eating. We could see them closely because of the new platforms that were built. We also met an echidna in its burrow. It was also sleeping.



Before long it was time to head back to school on the bus. We all had a great time at Healesville Sanctuary. The best parts included the Spirit of the Sky performance, meeting the Platypus and the new Koala area. We all want to go back to Healesville Sanctuary!!

Contributions from all of the students in Grade 2S.