Calendar of Event

October 2015
30th - Preps 2016 Transition Program 9:30 am until 10:45 am

November 2015
2nd - Curriculum Day (NO SCHOOL)
3rd - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (NO SCHOOL)
12th - Grades 1 & 2 Mordialloc Beach Excursion
17th - Grades 5 & 6 Chemistry Incursion
20th - Grades 3 & 4 Mother’s Beach Excursion
16th November until 27th November - Swimming Program - Grade PREPS
30th November until 11th December - Swimming Program - Grades 1 to 6

December 2015
2nd December until 11th December - Swimming Program - Grades 1 to 6
14th - School Concert
16th - Grade 6 Graduation Luncheon
17th - Grade 6 Certificate Presentation
18th - END OF TERM 4
FINISHES AT 1:30 PM

News From the North

New Buildings

It would be hard not to notice all of the demolition works that have been occurring in our Prep Playground this week.

As our school numbers have increased, the need for extra rooms has been important. It was announced by the Department of Education a couple of weeks ago, that our school would be given four new classrooms - however with space at a premium, the best solution is a double storey portable.

It has been sad to see the removal of the much valued Prep playground, however its removal has made way for the new buildings to take up residence in this space.

There will still be a Prep playground and Mr Hilton has been working on its relocation to the area that currently houses the front garden and the cricket pitch - right next to the Prep Building.

Mr Mackay has worked closely with the Dandenong Member for Parliament Gabrielle Williams, to ensure that our school received the new buildings.

We would like to thank Gabrielle for her support of this project which has allowed us to provide enough learning spaces for our children.

Currently under construction is a new outside fence that will surround the school.

We look forward to the completion of these rooms, fence and the new Prep Playground, in readiness to begin the 2016 school year.

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.

CURRICULUM DAY
Monday 2nd November - NO SCHOOL

MELBOURNE CUP DAY
Tuesday 3rd November - NO SCHOOL

School resumes, Wednesday 4th November
News From the North

Malone Medallions
It has been a long time since Mr Malone presented Malone Medallions at Monday’s Assembly, so this week he made up for it by presenting five awards!

In particular, Mr Malone presents the students in Year 6 with the medallion named after him in Term Four, as it is their last opportunity to receive one before moving onto Secondary College.

The list of students to receive their Medallions shows how all of the recipients follow the motto - Fitter, Faster, Stronger, Further!

Edmond 6C
Since 2012 Edmond has represented Dandenong North at the District Cross Country - and in 2013 he even made it through to the Division Cross Country where he placed 18th.

He has competed at the District athletics in the 800m, 1500m and triple jump. In 2014 he made it through to the Division in Triple Jump, placing 4th overall.

In 2015 he has participated in the Lyndale Fitness Challenge, and has been Captain of the Gala Day Sports teams for AFL and Soccer. Well done Edmond!

Jacob 5/6S
Since 2012 Jacob has competed in the District Cross Country and in 2013 and 2014 he made it through to the Division Cross Country.

In 2013 he moved through the District, Division and Region to participate in the 200m and relay.

In 2014 he progressed from the District to the Division in the 100m, 200m and relay.

This year he again made it through to the Division Athletics in the relay.

Until Term Three of this year, he was thought to be the fastest runner at Dandenong North - however he was beaten by Ny (a previous Malone Medallion winner). Congratulations Jacob!

Ali Sina 6C
In the short period of time that Ali Sina has been at Dandenong North, he has shown his sporting abilities.

This year he progressed from the District Cross Country to the Division where he placed 12th overall.

At the athletics he placed 3rd in the hurdles, 4th in the long jump, and 1st in the relay. At the Division he placed 4th in the relay.

He participated in the Lyndale Fitness Challenge, as well as being awarded the title of the best player for DNPS at the Gala Days in the sport of Soccer. A great effort Ali Sina!

Mariama 6L
Mariama has been a fantastic cross country competitor, making it through to the Division three times and once to the Regionals in 2014.

In 2013 Mariama placed 1st in the hurdles, 2nd 100m and 1st relay. In the Division she placed 1st in hurdles, 4th 100m and 2nd in the relay. At the Regionals she placed 4th in the hurdles, 100m and relay.

In 2014 she again made it through to the Regional finals in hurdles.

Mariama was a member of the Lyndale fitness Challenge and she always shows great sportsmanship and effort. Excellent results Mariama!

Talha 6L
Since 2013 when he was in Year Four, Talha has progressed through the District Cross Country to the Divisional Finals.

He has been a competitive athlete at the District Athletics in 2014 and 2015 - with this year Talha progressing to the Division in the long jump where he placed 3rd and the relay where he placed 5th.

He has been a part of the District winning Soccer team and Kanga Cricket teams as well as a competent member of the T-Ball team.

Talha is a great sportsman who always gives 100% effort to all activities. Fabulous work Talha!
DNPS Art Competition Winners

Every year the students at Dandenong North, look forward to the annual Art Competition that is run by Ms Mac.

This competition is open to all students to participate and their pieces of Art work can be in any medium that they choose - from crayons, to oil paints to needlecraft.

Every year, Ms Mac receives a hundreds of entries and this year was no exception! Selecting the winners of this competition is never an easy task and Ms Mac spends a great deal of time deliberating over each piece.

There were so many entries this year that we had to have a special assembly - just to award all of the children!

This year, Ms Mac provided an award to one child in every year level - but she also provided a number of encouragement awards as she felt that these children had put effort and skill into their art work.

We would like to give Ms Mac a HUGE thank you for her efforts in running this competition. It is always a lot of extra work - but much loved by all of the children. Congratulations to all of the winners in this competition!

Prep Winner - Emily Prep H
Year 1 Winner - Munira (1A)
Year 2 Winner - Hadia (2L)
Year 3 Winner - Vidushi (3S)

Year 4 Winner - Reda (4WM)
Year 5 Winner - Aalijah (5H)

Year 6 Winner - Sedra (6C)

All the children who received an Encouragement Award from Ms Mac for the fabulous efforts!
**Special Award Winners for the week ending 23rd October**

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**Year 3/4 Seaweed Sam Incursion**

The Year Three and Four students have been working on their theme of Sun, Sea and Safety which has children developing their knowledge of our coastal environments.

Seaweed Sam gave a presentation to the children about some of the oldest and largest animals in the world and students were able to touch preserved sharks, fish, coral and seaweed. Children were also able to hold starfish and a sea urchin - learning about their bodies, eating habits and life cycles.

The children had a great time at this incursion, learning lots of new information.

**Bugs and Creepy Crawlies Incursion**

The Preps have spent this term looking at all of the wonderful creatures that we call “Mini Beasts.”

They have learned lots of interesting facts about these creepy crawlies and they were happy to get up close to some of them on Tuesday, when Dan from Reptile Encounters came for a visit.

Dan brought along stick insects, giant beetles, a centipede, tarantula, scorpion, a green tree frog and a frilled neck lizard.

The Preps loved having the opportunity to touch these creatures and to see them in real life. Some were even brave enough to have the creepy crawlies placed on their heads!

The squeals of delight from the children were wonderful and this was a fantastic experience for them all.