DANDENONG NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Calendar of Event

FEBRUARY 2016

5th—Grade 6 Day Camp
Mt Evelyn

BOOKLIST 2016 TO BE PAID BY FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY.

CSEF APPLICATIONS MUST BE IN BY FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY.

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.

Welcome to all of the Dandenong North families for 2016! This promises to be another fabulous and exciting year for all of our students and staff! Currently our student population is over 800 children, which sees our school at its largest ever enrolment!

Despite the ever expanding student population and new staff, it has been wonderful to see how quickly each student has settled back into the routines of school. Due to our increasing enrolments, our number of classes has jumped by two from 32 classes in 2015 to 34 in 2016.

The double portable which was in the process of being built at the end of last year, has been completed and is ready for use. The four Year 5/6 classes are enjoying their new space, in particular the view of the whole school from the top balcony!

This year Mr Cheng will continue in his role as whole School ICT teacher. Ms Mac will share the Art classes with Mrs Saunders. Library will be provided to most classes. Physical Education lessons will again be taken by Mr Malone and Mrs Conway. Mr Lodge will continue as Welfare Teacher. There will also be the various extension and intervention Literacy and Numeracy programs to meet the needs of all of the children.

We are all looking forward to the year ahead and providing our students with the best possible education that we can provide!

Sun Smart School

A reminder to all children and parents that during Terms 1 and 4, all children are required to wear a hat. All children should have their own hat and it should be brought to school everyday or they can be left at school. It’s important that you name your child’s hat to ensure that it is returned to them if it is lost. Hats can be purchased from the uniform shop for $12.50.
2016 New Staff

With our ever increasing student population and continued maternity leave requirements, we have had to employ some new teaching staff. The selection process for these positions is always rigorous as we wish to select only the best teachers for the students at Dandenong North. We are very lucky to have such talented educators who will continue to foster student talent and enable their educational development at DNPS. Below is a brief introduction to these new (and not so new) faces.

Miss Nebert is new to Dandenong North and has taken on a teaching position in Years 5&6. She completed her teaching degree in 2015 and after some overseas travels has come to join the DNPS team.

Mrs Stone has settled into her Year 1 classroom. She taught at Hampton Park Primary last year and is excited to be joining the DNPS team!

Miss Bunnett is a familiar face around DNPS as she undertook various teaching roles around the school in 2015 which culminated in her taking Year 6 for their final weeks at Primary School. We are sure she will be a valued member of the Year 3/4 team.

We welcome Miss Lumsden who also graduated in 2015 and has joined the Year 1 team.

There is another familiar face in the 3/4 Building and that is Mrs Field who is team teaching with Miss Notenboom. Mrs Field used to teach music at our school many years ago and in 2015 took on a Welfare role. Miss Notenboom is familiar as she has worked in previous years as an Educational Support Member before attaining her teaching degree.

We welcome all new staff and hope they enjoy their time at Dandenong North!

Ms. van Ree Retires

Whilst it is a time to welcome new staff, it is also time to farewell another. Ms van Ree has decided to embark upon a new chapter in her life and has retired.

Ms van Ree is a highly experience educator who worked for many years at Carwatha P-12 College before moving on to work at Dandenong North, arrived in July 2005. She immediately became a valued member of the Year 3/4 team. In more recent times, Ms van Ree moved into the 5/6 area where she shared her love of travel with all students entertaining them with the things that she had seen, and learned whilst overseas. After her move back to Year 3 in 2015, Ms van Ree then decided that 2016 was as good a time as ever to continue travelling the world.

We thank Ms van Ree for all of her efforts with the students including the relationships that she built with all that she taught.

Good luck for the future and happy travels!
2016 Student Positions of Responsibility

At the final assembly of 2015, the 2016 Student Leadership positions were announced and presented to the whole school. Below you will find images of the School and House captains along with the extra special SRC President role. We are sure that all of the children selected for these positions, will be fantastic leaders for our school!

DNPS Student Leadership Team 2016 - Kishore - Vice School Captain, Judith - Vice School Captain, Vini - School Captain, Aalijah - School Captain, Anmol - Vice School Captain.

Student Representative Council President - Simone

Verey’s Leadership Team - Nandini (VC), Taba-som (C), Chinmay (C) & Arpit (VC).

Keys’ Leadership Team - Hannah (VC), Stepha-nie (C), Ali (C) & Zohaib (VC)

Leed’s Leadership Team - Samr (VC), Thehara (C), Jeremy (C) & Mahdi (VC)

Marsh’s Leadership Team - Emilia (VC), Maleesha (C), Jiadong (C) & Pranesh (VC)
2016 School Council Vacancies

The role of a School Council is to develop school policies within Department of Education and Training guidelines and to approve an annual budget and monitor budget expenditure.

Four School Councillors will complete their current terms of office as of 31st March in 2016. They are: Mr. Saberi, Mr. Wu, Mrs. Scott and Mr. Hilton as a staff member of school council.

All are eligible to be re-appointed to the 2016 school council.

The total number of School Councillors for Dandenong North is 9. About half complete their two-year terms every year. It is not uncommon for School Councillors to actually serve long periods of time in two year blocks.

The electoral system is in place to provide parents with regular opportunities to offer their services as part of a governance group responsible for many aspects of school policy and financial and facilities management and planning.

Anyone interested in nominating for school council and making their time and skill available to the school in the committed and important role of School Councillor, can obtain a nomination form from the office. Nominations must be received by the Principal by close of business 19th February, 2016. If there are more nominations than vacant positions, a ballot will be conducted.

Nominations are now called for just two positions for parent members of school Council and one staff member. Nomination forms can be collected from the main office and must be filled in by two members of the parent body of the school for parent vacancies. The person being nominated must also acknowledge that they agree to be considered for the position.

Kevin Mackay
Principal.
2nd. February 2016

TIME-line: (2016)

Notice of election and call for nominations

At least 21 days Called 2nd. Feb, 2016 Close …………………

14 days Tuesday 16th Feb.

Close of nomination Distribution of ballot papers must be on or before 15th February

At least 7 days Distributed Tuesday 16th. Feb. must be received by 4pm on Monday 23rd. Feb.

Closing date of ballot 23rd Feb

Counting of votes 24th Feb

Declaration of poll 25th. Feb

Community members Appointed by Council at first meeting in February

Council meeting to elect 2016 Office Bearers - First meeting after 31st March