



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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3rd February 2017

Welcome to 2017

Calendar of Event

MARCH 2017

- 7th - School Photograph Day
- 13th - LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 23rd - Curriculum Day
- 24th - Curriculum Day
- 31st - END OF TERM 1

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.

It was lovely to see our students and families return for 2017. We also welcome those students and their families who are new to our school. Currently our student population is nearing 850 children, which sees our school at its largest ever enrolment! Both staff and parents have worked together to ensure it has been a wonderful start to the new year and each student has settled back into the routines of school. Due to our continuing increasing enrolments, our number of classes has increased by two to 36 classes in 2017.

Specialist Programs 2017

In 2017, students will receive a range of Specialist Programs that run alongside the teaching of Literacy and Numeracy.

Art - Prep - 6

Physical Education - Prep - 6

Library - Prep and Years 3-6.

ICT - Years 1 - 6

Welcome to our new and re- turning Staff members

We are delighted to have our new staff as well as the return of some of our experienced teachers.

Mrs Saraikin has returned from maternity leave. She will be teaching ICT to Year 1 students and taking 3H one day per week.

Mrs Blachford is also returning from maternity leave, once again taking up the position of Welfare Officer on a Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Field has returned to Dandenong North after spending part of

2016 travelling. She is teaching a year 5 class.

Miss Wiltgren has returned to Dandenong North after two years travelling and working in London. She is teaching 3W.

Mrs Devers has also returned from maternity leave to work in Year 2CD for two days one week and three days on another.

Of our new staff, Miss Hillard has transferred from Brighton Primary. She has spent time overseas teaching and will be teaching 3H and leading the Year 3/4 team.

Miss Clugg has moved from Mt Waverley North Primary where she taught for eleven years and is teaching 4C.

Mr Domogala has had experience teaching in the United Kingdom, before moving to Australia four years ago. Last year he taught at Moorabbin Primary before taking up a position at our school teaching 6D.

Miss Valcanis and Miss Ong are both beginning their teaching careers at Dandenong North. Miss Valcanis is teaching 6V, while Miss Ong is teaching 1A.

Mrs Parson's has come to Dandenong North from Balcombe Grammar. She will be leading the new Talk 4 Writing Program throughout Prep - 2.

We are sure that all of our teaching staff will be assets to our school and will continue Dandenong North's proud history of providing a high quality education for all of our children!

Hats Compulsory Terms 1 & 4

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.



Booklist

Earlier this week every child across the school should have received a book list payment note. We endeavor to keep all of our costs to a minimum and as in previous years, the cost of your child's books is only \$100.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many families who have so promptly paid this book-

list money to the office.

Just a reminder to all other families that you can pay this money at the office via cash or through our eftpos facilities.

Thanking you in advance.

CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides funds for eligible families to be used for camps, sporting events and excursions.

For families who hold a current Health Care Card as of the 30th January 2017, you will be eligible for this fund.

The \$125 per student per year is paid directly to the school and linked to the student.

The necessary forms to apply for this fund were sent home earlier this week and we urge all of our parents to fill in the necessary pieces of information and return these forms to school as soon as possible.

So if you have a valid Health Care Card, fill in the required information and return it to the office as quickly as possible.

Year 6 2017 Growth Day

Today was the Year 6, 2017 Growth Day. It is a chance for the students to get to know children from other classes and to spend time building relationships and facing up to some challenges.



The children took part in Animal Encounters, Team Building activities and some getting to know you activities within their care group.

They had a fun day that will set them up for a

fantastic final year of primary school.

