May 2015
6th-8th - Year 1/2 Dinosaur Diggers Incursion
12th - 14th - Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Testing
12th— School Banking Day
15th - Gala Sports Day 1
19th - Preps—Myuna Farm Excursion

June 2015
19th - Gala Sports Day 2
19th - Reports go home to parents
22nd - English Speaking Parent/Teacher Interviews
23rd - Interpreter Parent/Teacher Interviews
26th - Last day Term 2

Calendar of Event

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

Weekly House Points Totals
1st - Keys - 34 points
2nd - Marsh - 28 points
Eq 3rd - Verey - 27 points
Leed - 27 points

News From the North

New Balance Gifts

The Year Six students were highly excited last Thursday when a group of New Balance staff arrived to fit each child with new runners!!
At the beginning of the year, all of the Year Six children attended a Day Adventure at Mt Evelyn YMCA. This Day Adventure was an opportunity for students to undertake adventure tasks with their Care Group.
As this is a very expensive Day Adventure, the YMCA through their Foundation called “Open Doors”, subsidised all students 80% of the cost to attend - making this day affordable for all.
The Open Doors Foundation, work hard to ensure that students all get an opportunity to participate and experience outings that may not be otherwise possible.
So, as part of the sponsors of the Open Doors Foundation, YMCA negotiated with New Balance Victoria, to donate a pair of new runners, to each child in Year Six! Last Thursday was fitting day - with three people from the YMCA, along with six people from New Balance, fitting all students with a new pair of runners. The children were so excited to receive these gifts and the staff from New Balance and YMCA were pleased that they could make this happen for our students.
The comments of “I love them”, “Can I keep them?,” “I’m never taking them off!” warmed the hearts of everyone listening!
The students then took part in some outdoor games - where they could showcase their new runners and subsequent improved sporting levels!
We can not thank Mt Evelyn YMCA or New Balance, enough, for their generosity and kindness. This is something that these students will never forget!
Road Safety - Always a Priority

Our recent spate of fine weather has been lovely, however with Autumn in full swing and Winter approaching - road safety becomes paramount. Roads are wet and slippery, and students are in a rush to get out of the rain to the safety of classrooms, cars or home. This means that they are not always paying careful attention as they cross the road, and there is always the temptation to cross at non-designated spots.

For the safety of all students and their parents, school crossings have been placed adjacent to the school - one in David Street and one in Cleeland Street. There is also another crossing on David Street just past the roundabout. These are supervised by crossing attendants employed by the City of Dandenong with an expectation that between the hours of 8am and 9am and 3pm and 4pm, students and their families will cross at these designated areas.

Having a hospital, TAFE centre and a large high school in the surrounding area, both roads are extremely busy at drop off and pick up times. It may not always be convenient to cross at the designated areas as it may take extra time - however you can not put a time limit on safety and keeping our children safe is priority number one.

As drivers, we also need to be mindful of children crossing both at designated areas and at other dangerous places. Try to remember that a child could dart out in front of you at any time - so be extra careful when dropping off and picking up outside the school areas.

If we all take a little time to cross at the correct spots and to be aware of slippery roads when driving, we will all help to keep the Dandenong North Community members safe.

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Eyes, Ears, Heart & Mind Award

We were lucky enough to have another Eyes, Ears, Heart and Mind Award at Monday’s Assembly. This was awarded to Madina from 1N. This award was presented by Rania (4WM), Yalda (1N) and Elaha (4WM).

Here is what was said about Madina:

**Eyes:**
Madina has the most wonderful pair of eyes. For example if she saw a lost hat or badge, she would the first to hand it into the office.

**Ears:**
Madina has the best pair of ears; she always listens to others’ questions and she really tries hard to find a good answer.

**Heart:**
Madina has a heart full of gold stars; when we say gold stars, we mean the shiny, long lasting ones that everyone else would just love to have.

**Mind:**
Madina’s mind is just like a machine. For example, if she sees a toy - sometimes she says this: “I know whose that is” and she will then go and find that person and give it to them.

Congratulations on your award, Madina!

University of New South Wales Competitions

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
ENGLISH COMPETITION

I would like to enter my child ................................................ in grade ........ to enter the University of New South Wales English Competition.

Please enclose $8.00 and return to class teacher by Friday 12th June.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

I would like to enter my child ................................................ in grade ........ to enter the University of New South Wales Mathematics Competition.

Please enclose $8.00 and return to class teacher by Friday 12th June.
The Year 3 & 4 children have been lucky enough to attend the Zoo recently as they work on their theme of All Creatures Great and Small. They all had a fantastic time and want to ensure that other children attend the zoo to have as much fun as they did!

Therefore, they wrote persuasive pieces to encourage others to visit the zoo and have a wonderful experience like they had.

Here is what some of the students in 3S wrote:

**Melbourne Zoo is Cool**

Melbourne Zoo is cool! I love animals, do you love them? If you do then the Melbourne Zoo is the perfect place for you!
Firstly, Melbourne Zoo is cool because you can see the Butterfly House. This Butterfly House has lots of different sizes of butterflies and colours plus they might land on you if you are lucky! If you like Butterflies, this is your big chance!!
Secondly, Melbourne Zoo is cool because there is an amazing seal show. The seal show is the best show at the Melbourne Zoo, it is legendary!
Finally, Melbourne Zoo is cool because it has one of the oldest Tortoises. It is a miracle how long they live! Did you know they can live up to 250 years? If you want more information go to the Melbourne Zoo!
Stop reading this, you are wasting time!! Run to the Melbourne Zoo so you can see all these amazing animals.
By Sana P 3S

**Melbourne Zoo is Remarkable**

Melbourne Zoo is remarkable! Do you love animals? Well Melbourne Zoo is right for you!
Firstly, Melbourne Zoo is remarkable because there is a wonderful, cute and friendly seal that can do any trick! You really can’t miss this!
Secondly, Melbourne Zoo is remarkable because Melbourne Zoo has a Giant Tortoise that can live up to 250 years! Did you know that tortoises can also eat flowers?
Thirdly, Melbourne Zoo is remarkable because there is a wonderful Butterfly House, in there butterflies have different coloured wings with amazing patterns and they are all different sizes. These are just a few of the remarkable things you will see at the Melbourne Zoo!! Melbourne Zoo is a must see!!
By Una D 3S

**Melbourne Zoo is Awesome!!**

Do you love animals? Then Melbourne Zoo is the place for you.
Firstly, Melbourne Zoo is awesome because they have this extremely cute baby gorilla. As most babies, it sleeps most of the time but if you are lucky you will get to see it.
Secondly, Melbourne Zoo is awesome because there is an unbelievable seal show. The seal in the show is named Tarwin and he does mind blowing stunts.
Finally, Melbourne Zoo is awesome because they have giant tortoises. They were nearly as huge as an elephant and did you know they can live up to 250 years?
Why are you still sitting there reading this? Get to the Melbourne Zoo now!!
By Aravind S 3S