



**DANDENONG NORTH  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**

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# News From the North

## Calendar of Events

### SEPTEMBER 2016

- 8th - Movies Excursion**
- 14th - Division Athletics  
- Pizza Lunch**
- 16th - END OF  
TERM 3**

### OCTOBER 2016

- 3rd - START OF  
TERM 4**

## 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.

## Awesome Athletics Results

Last Friday was the District Athletics carnival held at Ross Reserve in Noble Park.

There were 9 different schools from across Dandenong participating at this carnival in a variety of age levels and athletic events.

The day began with 74 students from across Years 4, 5 and 6 with nervous anticipation heading off to the carnival full of high hopes for success.

The 74 students that were taken along, displayed exemplary sportsmanship and behaviour throughout the whole day event.

We had a lot of success on the day with many students placing either first, second or third which earned them ribbons and for some, a spot in the Regional Athletics Carnival to be held next week.

In the overall place rankings across all of the schools, Dandenong North was placed first with 240 points - nearly triple the score of the second placed school!!

Some of the notable performances were Mohyad (56W) who placed

first in both the 1500m, 800m and was a part of the 4 by 100m relay team who placed first.

Anasis (56W) placed first in both the 11 girls discus, shotput and relay. Waghma (56L) placed first in the triple jump, hurdles and relay as well.

It truly was a fabulous day with all students supporting one another throughout the events and celebrating each others success throughout the day.

A big thank you must go to the team of time keepers in Miss Cadman, Miss Sandra, Mrs Graf and Mitch who had the high pressure job of time keeping and placing children in their finishing order.

Of course, we must thank Mr Malone for his continued development of students physical capabilities to ensure that we can compete at all levels.

Congratulations to all of the winners and we wish you luck attending the Regional Finals next week.



## Eyes, Ears, Heart and Mind Award

At Monday's Assemble we were lucky to have one Eyes, Ears, heart and Mind award presented to Mrs Fernando.

Below is what Sajeda, Zehra, Zahra Y, Fatima and Nadia had to say.

### Eyes:

Mrs Fernando's eyes can see a little caterpillar crawling on a leaf. She can see how careful her students are thinking about their work.



### Ears:

Mrs Fernando can hear a bumblebee buzzing. She can hear a mouse squeaking behind a wall.

### Heart:

Mrs Fernando's heart is full of love, gold and care. Her heart is full of creative ideas for her class.

### Mind:

Mrs Fernando's mind is full of imaginary diamonds. The most amazing thing she has thought of is the amazing party hat.

Congratulations Mrs Fernando.

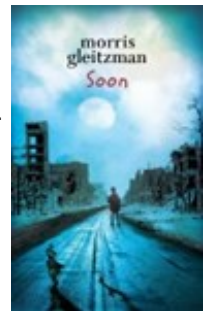
## Blurb of the Week Competition

Miss Varas is running a weekly competition for children to enter. Children are able to write a blurb for a book they have not read before.

Congratulations to **Manizha in 56S** who created an extraordinary blurb to win "Blurb of the Week" competition. Children in grades 3 -6 were encouraged to enter this competition where they had to create a blurb just by looking at the title of the

book.

We all know the importance of a blurb as it can determine whether an individual will decide to read the book or not. The aim of a blurb is to leave readers curious and wanting more – Manizha has certainly achieved this. Here is Manizha's blurb for the book **SOON**.



Tim knew that when his parents say "soon" it means never and Tim is desperate for something. He tries to convince his parents for a dog on his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday but his parents say "soon". So now Tim is desperate to run away but does Tim really run away? .....

## 2017 Enrolments

We are currently in the process of organising grades and teaching staff for next year and it is very important for us to know our enrolment numbers for 2017. If you know that your child **will not** be attending Dandenong North next year, could you please fill out the

slip below and either return it to your child's classroom teacher or to the office staff.

We thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Student/s Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade/s \_\_\_\_\_

Name of new school being attended in 2017 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Special Awards for the Week Ending 2nd September

1A - All EAL students in 1A	2G - Bineth	3/4B - Sanuk	5/6H - Emina
1L - Daeshanee	2H - Shathu	4F - Ethan	5/6L - Hashim
1M - Aahil	2M - Nazif	4N - Leyla	5/6N - Hamid
1N - Ali	2S - Joshua	4R - Shazaan	5/6S - Judith
1S - Chris	3H - Sehrish	4WM - Isira	5/6W - Anaisis
1/2J - Om	3M - Mahnoor	5/6C - Iftikhar	ICT - Tenzing (1S)
2C - Chesna	3S - Iqbal	5/6F - Ancgajan	ICT - Farwa (5/6C)

## Don Elgin, Paralympian Visit

The Year 5 and 6 students have spent the term focusing upon High Performance and what that means at both a sporting and academic level. Paralympian Don Elgin spoke about the ups and downs in his life and how you never know where life might take you. Below are what some students had to say about his visit:

On Thursday 1st September the Year 5 and 6 students were lucky enough to meet Don Elgin. He is a Paralympian who shared his life experiences and how he overcame the devastating problems in his life.

Don spoke about his tough life experiences and how he told us not to worry about other people's opinions - and to always try new things.

Don Elgin inspired us with all of his motivating words. We would like to thank him for sharing his experiences with us.

Maleesha, Jeremy, Michaela and Pranesh 56N

Don Elgin a former Paralympian came to Dandenong North and he spoke to the year 5 and 6's about his life journey and his experiences in sport.

Don Elgin was an inspirational speaker. He gave us some tips for the future as well as the facts about his life so far.

One thing that I really liked was when he spoke about "resetting your mood" - it is as simple as seeing a door and beginning fresh when you walk through it - changing your mood so that you feel positive about every minute of every day.

Myee 56H

On Thursday 1st September, the grade 5's and 6's walked through the doors of the hall with a smile on our faces. We were excited about seeing the Paralympian Don Elgin.

Don Elgin talked about how he learnt to believe in himself and taught us to try new things in life. He also said our school had asked the best questions so far. One of them was "How many legs do you have Don?"

Thank You Don for coming to our school and inspiring us.

Anahita 56H

Author and Paralympian Don Elgin was born with half a leg - however he hasn't let it stop him. There have been challenges in his life, but he has solved them through his positive nature.

Don spoke about making a conscious effort to always smile when he looks at his watch and when he walks through a door he leaves the past behind and moves on.

Don showed pictures of his first ever leg and talked about the medal he won for writing a book. Don always looks on the bright side of things which made him a happy and funny man.

Leroy 56H

Don is a bright, funny and inspiring man. He was born with only half a leg, had open heart surgery at three and has half a thumb. Even with those hurdles in his life went to 4 World Championships, 3 Paralympics, 2 World Cups and 1 Commonwealth Games.

When he was young, he thought he was a "normal" person. He only realized that he was a disabled person when someone told him that he should go to the Paralympics because he was disabled!

Don created history when he taught himself to skip! It was a skill that he wished to achieve, however everyone said that it would be too hard on his stump. One of his trainers told him that he couldn't skip because he hadn't learned it yet! Don was determined to teach himself to skip which he eventually did - stunning the medical profession with this feat!

Alex 56H

