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Term 4 School Spirit Awards

At our second last Monday Assembly for the year the School Spirit Awards for Term Four were announced.

Mrs Mackay announced the nominees while the winning student’s class teacher presented the award to the children and spoke about why each child was the deserving winner of the School Spirit Award for their Area.

For the first time we had two children from 3V Fiona and Ali speak about why they had nominated Freshta. It was nice to hear why she was such a deserving winner of this award!

Listening to the reasons, why the children were nominated for this award gives a true indication that all the nominees do exhibit Dandenong North School Spirit and any of the nominees were deserving of this award.

It was fantastic to hear about how children in the junior and middle schools always strive to achieve their personal best and display a caring nature towards their peers. Many children in the upper school received their nomination for their ability to take on feedback to improve their work.

Many of the teachers would have listened to these awards and would be hoping that any one of these children may be in their class next year.

Congratulations to all of the nominees and especially the Term Four School Spirit Award Winners!

| Prep B - Dairah | 1J - Isabella | 2S - Lazar | 4WM – Reda |
| Prep H - Niksika | 1H - Bilal | 3D - Tina | 5H - Admir |
| Prep M - Hashir | 1M - Athsayan | 3F - Angela | 5M - Stephanie |
| Prep N - Viren | 1N - Nellie | 3S - Una | 5P - Nandini |
| Prep O - Ruby | 2C - Abhinandan | 3V - Freshta | 5/6S - Laura |
| Prep S - Kaia | 2CH - Nawid | 4M - Sadaf | 6C - Oir |
| Prep T - Mansoora | 2G - Zulqarnain | 4R - Rida | 6L - Sevgi |
| 1A - Julie | 2L - Nida | 4W - Vithuja | 6M - Sherin |
Here are the winners for Term Four:

The winner from Prep:

**Dairah (Prep B)**

Dairah arrives at school every day with a big smile on his face, greeting his teachers and classmates with his beautiful manners. He is the most kind and caring boy, and because of this, everyone wants to be his friend! Dairah always shares and takes turns when playing and working with his friends. He is sensible in the classroom and in the playground. He is able to have fun, while still following the 4Cs! Well done Dairah, you are a fantastic role model! It has been a pleasure having you in Prep B!!

The winner from Year 1 & 2:

**Lazar (2S)**

Lazar has been nominated for this award because he has completed another outstanding academic year. His hard work and thirst for knowledge is a great example to others in our class. We often marvel at his powers of concentration and memory. Equally important, Lazar is a friend to all and never has a cross word to say about anyone. It’s a wonderful trait to have. Congratulations Lazar.

The winner from Year 3 & 4:

**Freshta (3V)**

Freshta was voted for the School Spirit Award by her classmates in 3V. Freshta is a fabulous role model to the rest of the school community. She always follows the 4 C’s. She cares about our school and all of the people in it. She puts others before herself, always caring in a very unselfish way. Freshta co-operates with everyone. She listens carefully to all of her teachers and friends. She is a wonderful group leader and mentor. Freshta makes decisions wisely, always using good common sense. Freshta is always polite and respectful to everyone and treats people as she would like to be treated. Thankyou Freshta for being you! We were very lucky to have you in our class this year.

The winner from Year 5 & 6:

**Laura (5/6S)**

Laura has been an exceptional member of 5/6S from the very first day of 2015. She is kind, caring and considerate to others regardless of who they are or if she is friends with them. Laura demonstrates all of the qualities that a DNPS student should and shows great pride in being a DNPS student. She puts an incredible amount of effort into every single learning task and I have never once heard her complain! She is a delight to have in the classroom and I hope she realises how fantastic she is.
Year 6 Prep Memories

As the year begins to draw to a close, it is a time to reflect on the educational journey of our Year 6 students. They too, spend time thinking about their time at our school and in particular the Prep year - the first chapter in their Primary School book. It is always wonderful to hear of the Prep memories, and this year is no exception. Below are just some of the many Year 6 Prep memories.

Six years ago in 2009, I was in Prep D. It was my first day and I was happy to go to school, but when I got to the classroom I was so scared. At lunch time all I did was stand and stare at the fence! I thought that one half of the fence was for one class and the other half of the fence was for the other class! For a whole week I stared at that fence until somebody told me that I could go!!

Kaleb 6M

When I started school I was so petrified! I hid behind my mum because I was so scared of all of the teachers and children! In class that day we did a worksheet. I didn’t have a partner, so the teacher partnered me up with Suminda. I learned a lot from him and I hope he learned a lot from me!

At recess I just sat on the steps and waited until recess finished. Then Suminda walked up to me and asked me if I wanted to play anything. I declined his offer and so he sat down next to me and we talked a little.

Kavish 6L

On my last day of Prep, the three Prep classes had a massive dinner of chips and fizzy drinks. I sat with all of my friends and we joined all of the tables together through Mrs Maskell and Mrs Slatter’s rooms.

I want to thank all of the Prep through to Year 6 teachers for their commitment to our education.

Shehan 6C

The minute I stepped into the school with my mum and brother I was so excited and nervous! So nervous that I thought I would never make friends...but I was wrong! As soon as I was introduced to Mrs Mansbridge she immediately asked for students to make friends!

I was lucky enough to become friends with Laura - who is still my friend today!

I am definitely going to miss everyone - including all of my teachers because I love this school!

Amra 5/6S
Student Reports

Teachers are presently taking the time to write the end-of-year student reports. As you can all understand, this is a major task that all of our teachers take seriously. Our staff all work very hard to ensure that parents are fully informed about their child’s progress and development through the creation of these written pieces.

Our staff undertake a lot of professional discussion in relation to ensuring that they are understanding of the processes and requirements that the reports require.

The collation of results, work sample reflection and the multitude of formative assessments all play a crucial role in the development of an overall view of each student’s development in the Key Learning Areas this semester.

As well as essential learnings, effort and behaviour are also viewed and the manner that each child demonstrates our four key values of care, courtesy, cooperation and commonsense is highlighted in these reports.

Reports will be sent home to parents on the last day of school.

We thank all of our teaching staff for taking the time to write these informative documents ensuring a continuing partnership and connection between home and school.

Year 6 Girls Soccer Clinic

Last Friday Mr Malone organised a lady from the Melbourne Victory Soccer team to come out to our school to run some skills and drills for our Year 6 girls.

It is always a thrill when Professional sports people come out to our school to share their knowledge with the next generation of sports enthusiasts.

The girls began with some dribbling - highlighting areas that are important to get right with this skills and then moved into some short form games.

With our girls this year making it through to the Regional Finals this soccer clinic was well timed and provided the girls with a great insight into the skill level required by players at the Professional level.

All of the girls seemed to have a wonderful time running around and honing their soccer skills.

A big thank you to Mr Malone for organizing this clinic and to Mr Lee for overseeing the implementation of this program.