### Calendar of Event

**FEBRUARY 2016**
- 29th — Booklist Payment Due

**MARCH 2016**
- 8th - School Photograph Day
- 11th - Grade 3 & 4 — Sovereign Hill Excursion
- 14th - Labour Day Public Holiday NO SCHOOL
- 24th - END OF TERM 1

**APRIL 2016**
- 11th - START OF TERM 2

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### 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.

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### News From the North

**Monday Morning’s Assembly**

The busy school week is always started off well, with our Monday morning assembly.

Due to the large nature of staff and students at Dandenong North, there are two assemblies run simultaneously on a Monday morning.

There is the Prep assembly which is undertaken in the Multi Purpose Room (however these have not yet begun) and then the Year 1 to 6 Assembly which is in the school hall.

At both of these assemblies, there are the same elements. Both begin with the pledge and then the singing of the national anthem and school song.

This then leads into the presentation of Student of the Week certificates which highlight the fantastic performances of children across the school and this in turn allows all children to see what fantastic role models there are at our school.

The reiteration of the 4C’s throughout the assembly and the celebration of every individual or collective success is what allows our students to continue to achieve.

There is of course the House Points and badges that again reinforces the positive behaviours exhibited by children.

It is lovely to see our parents attend these assemblies to celebrate the successes of all children.

Below is the list of Special Award winners for last week ending 5th February.

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Prep Beginnings

What a fantastic start to their school life our 2016 Preps have had!
It was a sea of smiling, happy faced children who began their educational journey at Dandenong North.
All of our youngest students entered the Prep building on that first day - full of nervous anticipation, ready to begin learning.
With seven Prep grades and a record number of Preps enrolled - it was fantastic to see such a smooth transition into Primary School life.
During the day, floor puzzles were discovered, coloured pencils were used and of course there was the all important time outside playing with their friends. The children went home exhausted but ready to come back for another excitement packed day!
It is of course a sad time for parents as they leave their child in the care of our educators and make their way home without their little ones. However the enjoyment of the days events told at home time to family members - ensures that parents feel safe in the knowledge that their child is being cared for and enjoying this time of their life.
It is rewarding to watch the growth of these students over time and see them blossoming into fantastic DNPS role models.
It was unfortunate that the Prep playground was not available on the first full week of Prep - however it’s opening at the beginning of this week has seen our Preps having a great time climbing and sliding on this equipment together.
A huge thank you must be given to our Prep Teachers and Support Staff who have made every child feel welcome and supported during this emotionally challenging time.
We can’t wait to see how these children continue to develop in the future!

2016 Book list

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 booklist 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.
Year 6 Mt Evelyn Adventure Day

We are lucky to be supported by the YMCA in Mt Evelyn to be able to provide our Year 6 students with a Day Adventure at this venue - which took place last week.

All students are placed in a Care Group with leaders who are not their class teacher. This leader is then available to the students throughout the year for a catch up or general chat out in the playground.

The weather was quite hot but the students enthusiasm with all of the activities did not waiver! As they supported, cheered and celebrated together as they undertook activities that they had never before been able to try.

There was the Flying Fox, the Giant Swing and the High Ropes for the daredevils in the groups. Whilst Circus Arts, Archery and the Low Ropes were on offer and provided for those less adventurous individuals!

It is always fantastic to see the children stepping outside of their comfort zone to attempt something new - and the YMCA staff were so supportive as they encouraged each and every individual to achieve their best.

The culmination of the day was with all children being provided with a pair of New Balance Runners - courtesy of New Balance! The six guys who came to fit our children were volunteering their time to provide our students with a new pair of sneakers. It was unfortunate that they did not have all sizes available - however children who missed out will receive their pairs soon.

We would like to thank the staff at New Balance for their generosity with both their time and their products!

A huge thank you must also go to the Open Doors Foundation which allows our children the opportunity to attend Mt Evelyn Day Adventure at only 20% of the cost of a full day’s activities!

The students had a wonderful time and they made memories that will last them a lifetime! Who will ever forget that rush as you pull the cord to let the giant swing drop you out of the sky? Or the flush of success when you let your arrow fly and it actually connects with the target? What a fantastic adventure!

Thanks to all of the staff that attended this day and made it memorable for our Year 6 students.
**Student’s Work Page**

Fresh from their Day Adventure at Mt Evelyn, our Year 6 students came back to school with stories to share! Rather than recount the days events, they have focused on a “snapshot” of one part of the day that they wanted to write about. They have focused on including their emotions and feelings during these events. Enjoy reading their work:

When Mr. Lodge said that we will be doing archery, I felt so scared and kept on thinking that oh I would miss and hit someone. When we got there, I was the first one in my group because everyone else in my group was nervous also. As I attached my arrow to my bow, my heart started racing but as I pulled the arrow against the bow and let go, my heart skipped a beat. When the arrow hit the target, I felt so relieved!

Fatmata 5/6H

I was trembling with fear while I was getting strapped into my safety harness. I was lined up to go on the blood curling Giant Swing. In no time, the instructor Bruce hooked me onto the carabiner. Everyone pulled me up right to the top. When I looked down it was a death defying sight. Bruce counted down 321 my heart was riotously beating. Then I dropped and my fright turned to relief and joy as I had survived the Giant Swing!

Kishore 5/6H

Stepping on the ladder, I sighed, fearing the anticipated fall. As I was pulled upwards on the giant swing, the echoes of my team’s encouragement kept me going. I looked down, appreciating the sheer height, whilst making my biggest mistake. I was now relying on the supposed safety of the harness. Marveling at my own bravery, I pulled the cord and found myself dropping several metres below. I opened my mouth, adrenaline rising promptly, but only a stutter came out. My surroundings blurred before me and the wind became a roar whipping by my side. I felt a tingle every swing, cringing at the rising momentum. As it surprised even myself and brought my courage to the surface.

Jiadong 5/6H