Dandenong North Primary School

News from the North

10th November, 2026

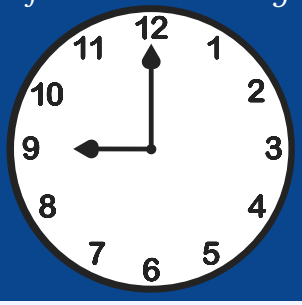
IMPORTANT DATES

November
10: Yr 1 Incursion
16: Yr 5 Excursion
18: Curriculum Day
19: Yr 3 Incursion
19: Foundation Incursion
19: Yr 5 Lyndale SC
23-27: Swimming Group 3



December
11: School Concert
14: Movies Winning House
15: Year 6 Certificate Ceremony
16: Year 6 Fun Day
18: Last day of the Year 1:**30pm** finish

Just a gentle reminder to families that our school day begins at 9:00am. Arriving on time helps students start their day calmly and positively, ready to learn and make the most of their morning.



New Agreement 2026 - Eight Student Free Days from 2027

A new agreement has recently been approved, outlining the working conditions for school staff over the next four years.

The teaching profession continues to evolve, with increasing demands being placed on teachers and education support staff to respond to the diverse and changing needs of children. When we consider how much the role of education professionals has changed over the past decade, it is important that staff are provided with sufficient time to plan, prepare and continue to improve the learning experiences we provide for our students.

As part of the new agreement, from 2027, all schools will have eight student-free days each year. These will consist of four Curriculum Days and four school staff Professional Practice Days. The additional time will provide teachers with opportunities to undertake planning, preparation, collaboration and professional learning to support high quality teaching and learning.

The first student free day is mandated by the Department of Education and will take place on **Wednesday 27th January**, the day before students commence school for the year. The remaining seven days will be spread across the school year.

We understand that families value knowing these dates well in advance so they can make arrangements. Once the proposed dates have been presented to and approved by School Council, we will communicate the full schedule to families.

As always, OSHClub will be available to provide care during these student-free days for families who require supervision for their children.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to ensure our staff have the time and resources needed to provide the best possible learning opportunities for every child at Dandenong North Primary School.

Paul Hilton
Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Each week we love celebrating the achievements of our students at assembly. As a whole school, we recognise the conscious efforts students make to follow our school values of Care, Courtesy, Cooperation and Common Sense (our 4Cs) by awarding a certificate to one student from each class every week. The recipients from the last fortnight are below.

Awards presented 9th Nov 2026



Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 5
Imran FO	Abdullah 1P	Yusuf 2OB	Ghani 3T	Jesse 5LP
Naomi FO	Lily 1P	Hamza 2OB	Flora 3A	Hekmatullah 5H
Christian FN	Aurora 1V	Shivansh 2E	Haniya 3G	Pariza 5J
Matin FN	Fon 1V	Mahmood 2E	Sana 3S	Rahimullah 5C
Ayat FE	Suhail 1A	Saathvik 2A	**Year 4**	**Year 6**
Mahsa FE	Zainab 1A	Sasmika 2A	Maryam 4M	Bahar 6C
Aarathy FS	Mustafa 1N	Adriel 2L	Musna 4T	Pakeran 6A
Yousuf FS	Rafaela 1N	Mohammad 2L	Hussain H 4L	
Arif FH		Aiden 2S	Nyekim 4W	**JNR Lib**
Aadhish FH		Arvin 2S	Zoya 4HW	Yalda Nazari 2L
Hassan FD		Farid 2G		
Halimah FD		Evander 2G		





The DNPS 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.

BEAT THE BELL

Every day, school starts promptly at 9am. To encourage all students and families to be at school ready to start the learning day at 9am, we will be running a competition across the school; Beat the Bell.

Beat the Bell recognises the punctuality of students who are in class and ready to learn at 9am. Classes will earn points each day the whole class is at school, ready to learn by 9am.

Halfway through the term and at the end of term, the class in each year level who has earned the most points will receive a reward.

Success is easy, students just need to be at their classroom by 9am.



09:00



FUTURE LEADERS IN THE MAKING!

Last week the members of our Junior Civic Leaders Club were privileged to attend The 2026 Children's Forum at the Springvale Town Hall, organised by The City of Greater Dandenong Council. The Mayor of Dandenong, Sophie Tan was in attendance and we were very proud of our very own Junior Mayor, Fariha who has shown remarkable leadership qualities in her role this year. All of the Junior Civic Leaders from DNPS have had the opportunity to be involved in this amazing leadership program and have represented DNPS, always demonstrating The 4Cs. They are certainly future leaders and we are extremely proud of them.

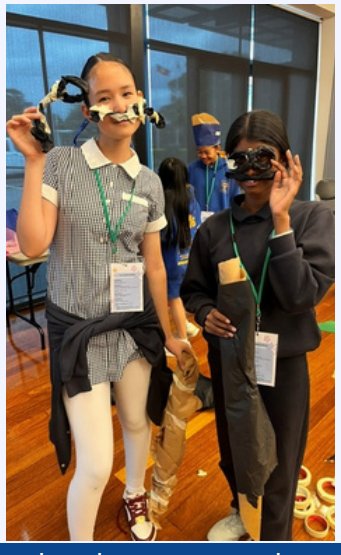














A MOMENT TO SHINE – MALONE MEDALLION SUCCESS!

In 2023 this person placed 3rd in the house cross country, 7th in district cross country and in the top 20 at division cross country
In 2024 this person placed 2nd in the house cross country, 2nd in district cross country, 5th in the division cross country and in 55th in regional cross country.
They were also a member of the district athletics team and placed 3rd in 800m and 4th in the 1500m
In 2025 this person placed 1st in the house cross country, 2nd in district cross country, 10th in division cross country and 45th in regional cross country.
They were once again a member of the DNPS athletics team. At district athletics they placed 1st in the 1500m, 1st in the 800m and 2nd in the 4x100m relay. In division athletics they placed 3rd in the 1500m and 3rd in the 4x100m relay.
This person was also a member of the Mixed soccer team they represented DNPS at gala day 2.

In 2026 this person placed 1st in the house cross country, 2nd in the district cross country, 2nd in the division cross country and 41st in regional cross country.
They were again a member of the DNPS athletics teams. At district athletics they placed 3rd in the 1500m, 3rd in the 800m and 1st in the 4x100m relay team. At division athletics they placed 2nd in the 4x100m relay and at regional they placed 9th in the 4x100m.
This person was also of several gala day teams. They were a member of the mixed soccer team that placed 3rd at gala day 2 and a member of the mixed netball team that went undefeated at gala day 1 and placed 2nd at the division netball competition.



THIS PERSON IS …….. ALI FROM 6A.

GOING FOR GOLD AND MAKING HISTORY!

Dandenong North Primary School continues to demonstrate outstanding performance at the District Athletics Carnival. DNPS currently holds 21 of the 66 event records across the competition, equalling to almost one-third of all records in the district made up of 10 schools. This is a remarkable achievement and reflects the commitment, talent and hard work of our students.



Year Event Athlete / Team Record

2026 Girls 9–10 1500m Maliha 6:15.00

2026 Girls 9–10 800m Sofia 3:15.66

2026 Girls 11 800m Nikki 3:10.18

2026 Boys 9–10 Shot Put Chris 8.66m

2026 Girls 11 Shot Put Sienna 7.37m

2026 Girls 9–10 Long Jump Samara 3.25m

2026 Boys 12–13 Long Jump Mohammad 4.92m

2026 Boys 9–10 4x100m Relay Dandenong North PS 1:03.11

2026 Boys 12–13 4x100m Relay Dandenong North PS 57.44



IMPORTANT NOTICE



A big thank you to all our families who have made voluntary contributions to the school this year. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated and help us continue to provide resources and learning experiences for our students.

For families who would still like to make a voluntary contribution, payments are still welcome. Every contribution makes a difference and is sincerely appreciated.



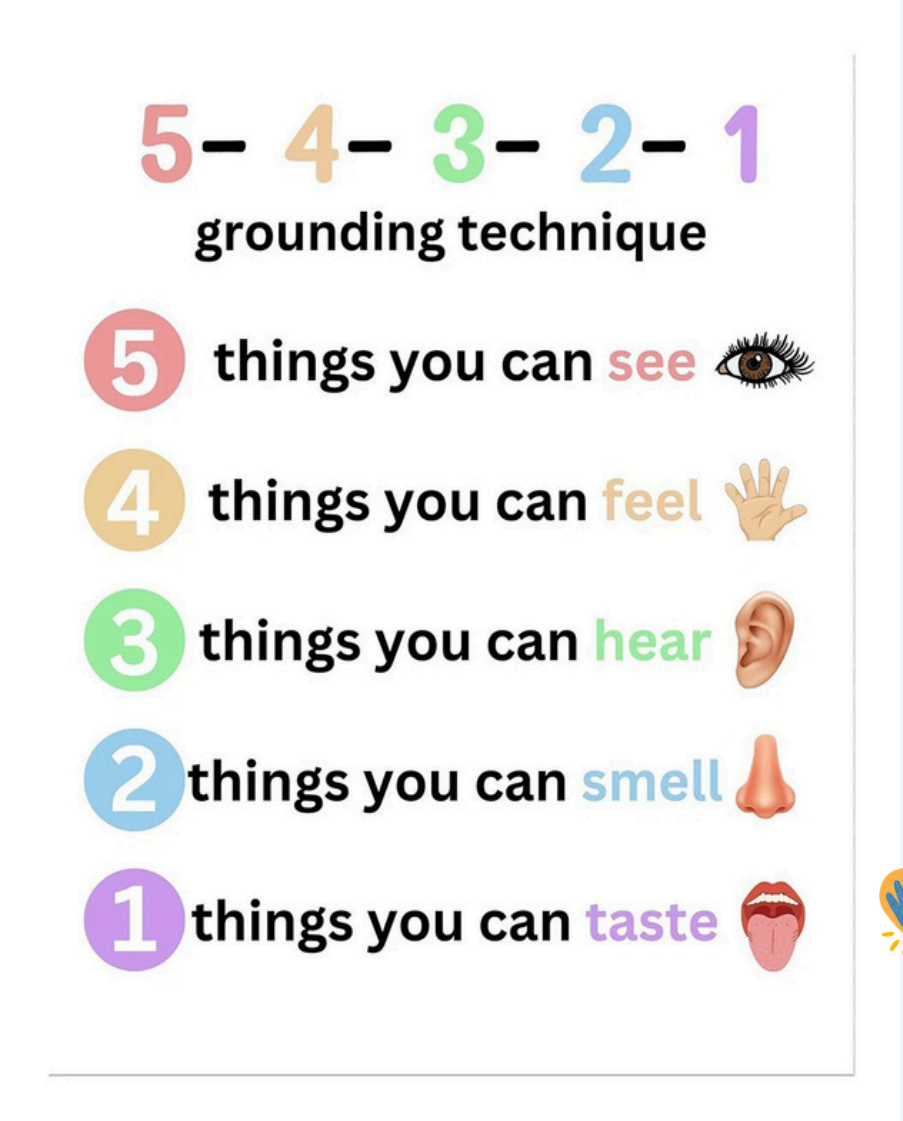
World of Wellbeing

Welcome back to the 'World of Wellbeing', your fortnightly update on everything wellness at DNPS.

This issue, I wanted to share a helpful exercise called the **5-4-3-2-1 *Grounding Technique.***

The **5-4-3-2-1 *Grounding Technique***, uses the five senses to help students slow down, feel more settled and reconnect with their surroundings. It is a very helpful exercise for when your child needs support to calm their brain and body.







As always, if you would like further support regarding yours or your child's wellbeing, you can ask to speak to me in person, via the school office.

See you in the next newsletter!

Mrs. Fernando 