



News from the North

18th August, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES



August

20: F-Year 2 Tabloid Sport day

24: Book Week BEGINS!

26: Book Parade

27: Pizza Day

31: Foundation Kew Traffic School

31: Year 6 Photo

September

1: District Athletics

2: Yr 3 Cranbourne Gardens Excursion

3: Yr 4 Bike Ed

4: Father's Day Stall

14: Div. Athletics

18: End of Term 3 (2:30pm finish)

Enrolments for 2027 are now due

ENROLL NOW

Winter School Uniform Expectations

Navy Jumper/ Jacket

Sky Blue t shirt/ Polo

Navy pants/ short/ skirts

Navy head scarf

2026 NAPLAN Results



In March this year, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia took part in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy). These assessments measure student achievement in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. NAPLAN is an adaptive test, which means that students who answer questions correctly are given more challenging questions as they progress through the assessment.

We are very proud to report that once again, our Year 3 and Year 5 students achieved excellent results.

Our Year 3 students performed above the Victorian state average in the percentage of students achieving in the top two proficiency levels of Exceeding and Strong for all assessments. Our Year 5 students performed at or above the state average in two out of the five assessment areas.

What is particularly pleasing is the strong growth our students have made over time. From Year 3 in 2024 to Year 5 in 2026, a higher percentage of our students achieved high or medium growth in all assessed areas compared with students across Victoria. This demonstrates that our students are making excellent progress as they move through the school. We were also ranked among the top two schools in the Dandenong Network for both Writing and Numeracy.

These results reflect the hard work of our students, the support of our families and the dedication of our staff. Our teachers continue to strengthen their teaching through professional learning and by using proven, research-based teaching practices. This ongoing focus on improvement is helping our students achieve strong learning outcomes.

We thank our families for their continued support and congratulate our students on their outstanding efforts. Together, we will continue to work hard to ensure every child develops strong literacy and numeracy skills and the confidence to succeed both at school and in the future.

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 17th August

Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 5
Milhan FO	Meetra 1P	Miguel 2OB	Taranom 3T	Jacob 5LP
Leena FO	Iliyan 1P	Zahra 2OB	Areso 3A	Farzad 5H
Cecilia FN	Christopher 1KN	Xavier 2E	Arsalan 3D	Miji 5J
Matin FN	Jazna 1KN	Ilin 2E	Emerson 3G	Aathi 5C
Umer FE	Sehreen 1V	Alaya 2A	Ronaldo 3S	Year 6
Moaz FE	Sathvik 1V	Ahmad 2A		
Jasraj FS	Abuzar 1A	Noyan 2L	Year 4	Rayan – 6CA
Rida FS	Giselle 1A	Dalia 2L	Ahmad 4M	Nusaibah 6G
Holly FH	Leo 1N	Abbas 2S	Sara 4T	Aishe 6C
Willie FH	Mohammad 1N	Iqra 2S	Zainab 4L	Ruhetha 6A
Sudais FD		Omar 2G	Ramin 4W	
Mason FD	JNR Library	Mudasir 2G	Zara 4HW	ICT
	Zara - 3G			Aliyah, 6K



The DNPS Pledge

I will do all that I can to make sure that Dandenong North Primary School remains a great school.

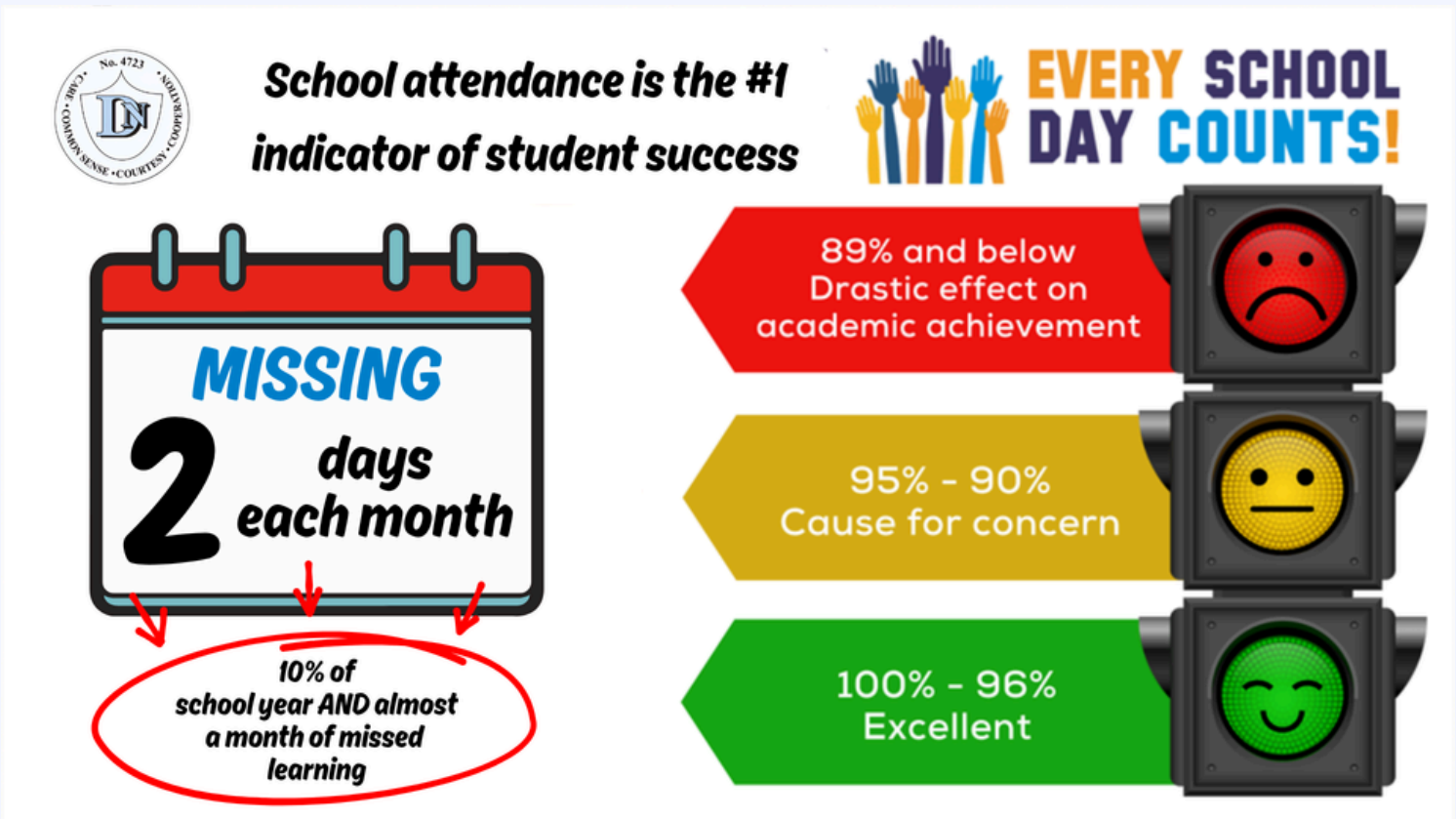
I will try my hardest to follow the 4Cs to keep our school a safe and happy place.

I promise to treat others as I would like to be treated.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**School attendance is the number one indicator of student success.
In order for students to learn, they must be at school.**

Student attendance is closely monitored at school. When a student misses consecutive days they are unable to build on the learning from the previous days. Missing a day of school every two weeks is the same as missing 10% of the school year. That's almost a month of learning!



Last week, letters were sent home to all families who had unapproved absences from school. As school is compulsory, it is a requirement that all absences from school are explained. This can be easily done through the Sentral App. Parents can record an absence in advance (medical appointment, holiday or religious event), on the morning of the absence (sick or medical appointment). If you forget to record the absence prior to or on the day, this must be followed up as soon as possible by explaining the absence on the App.

Sentral is Dandenong North Primary's main form of communication with parents. It is important that all parents and carers can access Sentral. Please see the office if you require support.

YR 2- LEARNING & DISCOVERING



Bend, Stretch and Twist!

Our Year 2 students had a fantastic time exploring the world of Chemical Sciences during our ‘Bend, Stretch and Twist’ incursion. Students investigated how different materials can bend, stretch, twist and change. They also made predictions, asked questions and observed what happened during a range of hands-on experiments. Students used their problem-solving skills to test ideas, work out solutions and overcome challenges as they participated in the activities.

It was a wonderful opportunity for students to put their learning into action, work collaboratively and think like real scientists. They enjoyed a fun-filled session of exploration and discovery.



YR 5- LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

On Tuesday 4th of August, 5C and 5LP, and on Thursday 6th of August, 5H and 5J, had the exciting opportunity to attend an excursion to the Victorian Space Science Education Centre (VSSEC).

Students became astronauts for part of the day and travelled to Mars, where they worked together to conduct experiments and communicate important information back to Mission Control. During the other component of the day, students investigated static electricity and explored how circuits work. They then used their new knowledge to create their very own dancing robots!

Overall, it was a fantastic day filled with learning, teamwork, problem solving and lots of fun. It was a brilliant experience enjoyed by all!



My favourite part was making my own robot.

– Joseph 5LP

I enjoyed being in Mission Control.

– Nyawhal 5LP

Mission Control was my highlight of the excursion.

– Anuki 5LP

Conducting experiments on Mars was the best.

– Jacob – 5LP

Being inside of Mars and doing the experiments was really fun.

– Maliha 5J

Doing the computers in Mission Control was my favourite.

– Keegan 5J

The lab where we tested the water on Mars was the best.

– Miji 5J

Making the robot was my favourite part.

– AJ 5H

Making dancing robots was what I enjoyed the most.

– Chris 5C

When we were at Mars and we looked at the water usage was really good.

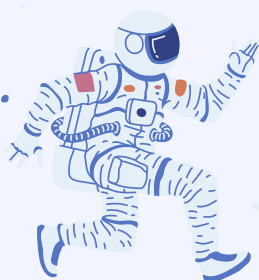
– Nyabiel 5C

When I looked at the rock samples on Mars was my favourite.

– Ezyan 5H

Doing Mars rocks investigations was the best part.

– Adan 5H



YEAR 6 REFLECTIONS



On Wednesday 12th August, our Year 6 students took part in The Man Cave and Big Sister wellbeing incursion, focusing on connection, resilience and positive relationships. Through a range of engaging activities and meaningful conversations, students explored the importance of empathy, trust and respect, while developing strategies to build confidence and support one another. The day encouraged our students to contribute to a culture of kindness, empathy and support, where everyone feels valued, heard and connected. It was a wonderful day filled with learning, laughter and meaningful connections, and we are incredibly proud of the way our students participated and supported each other.



MATHS GAMES DAY- BRAIN POWER IN ACTION!

Our Grade 5 and Grade 6 Maths Games teams had a fantastic day at Keysborough Primary School, where they put their mathematical skills to the test! Students participated in a range of exciting challenges, including Mental Maths and a Maths Relay. A huge congratulations to Team 2, who placed 2nd overall, and a special well done to Christian, who came 1st in Mental Maths! Well done to all our students who participated for their teamwork, problem-solving and enthusiasm throughout the day.



WORLD OF WELLBEING

Welcome back to the 'World of Wellbeing', your fortnightly update on everything wellness!

This issue, I wanted to share some helpful ideas to create more conversation with your child throughout the day. Often, the little chats we have during the day can create the biggest difference for your child. Taking a few minutes to be in the present moment, listen and show interest in what your child is sharing, can help them feel valued and connected.

Tip: Try asking open-ended questions, rather than just 'yes' or 'no' questions

CONVERSATION STARTER IDEAS

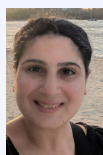


- Peak & Pit – What was the best part of your day? What was the hardest part?
- Rose & Thorn 🌹 – What was something good today? What was something tricky?
- Rose, Bud & Thorn 🌹🌱🌵 – What was something good? What are you looking forward to? What was difficult?
- Something New 🌱 – Did you learn or discover anything new today?
- Feelings Check-In 😊 – What feeling did you experience most today? Why?

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 and stay warm!

Mrs. Fernando





Dandenong North Primary School

2027 Foundation Enrolment

Enrolment is now open for students who will be starting Foundation (Prep) in 2027. As you have a child already attending Dandenong North Primary School, we encourage you to enrol as soon as possible.

Enrolling your child is as easy as visiting the office with:

- birth certificate or passport
- medicare immunisation certificate

By enrolling your child during Term 2, we are better able to plan for our 2027 Foundation classes. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Important Dates

20th April:

Enrolments open

31st July:

Enrolments close



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