



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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Mrs Jenny McLaughlin Retires

Calendar of Events

- 13th - 20th May - Book Fair
- 19th May - Prep Excursion - Myuna Farm
- 28th May - DNPS Years 3 - 6 Aths Carnival
- 31st May - School Council starting at 4:30pm

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.

It has been the end of an era for Mrs McLaughlin who for over 39 years has been a teacher - with 33 of those years at DNPS.

She began teaching at Chalcot Lodge, Longford and Stratford Primary Schools, along with some time spent as a relief teacher.

During her time at DNPS, Mrs McLaughlin has taught computer, library as well as Prep, Year 1,2,3,5 and 6. However she is most well known for her work as an EAL teacher - which she has been for the past 23 years!

Whilst Mrs McLaughlin was a fantastic EAL teacher, her real passion was the Welfare of students and families at DNPS. This lead her to coordinate and run a variety of programs aimed at providing support for our students and families. Hats, lunches, dental care, glasses for students, uniforms, bathers for students during the swimming program are just to name a few. She could also be counted upon to assist parents with forms, delivering food to families that needed it, visiting families in the hospital and providing refugee support. Her heart has always been for the families and ensuring that DNPS community members were taken care of.

Mrs McLaughlin made a difference to many lives - and it was not just a job - but a passion to help others. This included the staff at DNPS. She could always be counted upon to celebrate staff occasions and her creative abilities were well known throughout the school.

We thank her for all of her efforts over the past years and hope that she can enjoy spending time with her family during her retirement.



NAPLAN Begins

Today the National Assessment Program - Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing for Years 3 and 5 students began. The Language Conventions and Writing tests were completed today with Reading being completed tomorrow and Numeracy on Thursday. We understand that Eid celebrations may coincide with testing on Thursday - but would ask our parents who are planning a celebration for this day, to please allow children to attend school for the morning sessions to enable them to complete this test.



Jungwirth Scholarships

At last Monday's Assembly, Mrs Mackay presented two Jungwirth scholarships to Year 6 children.

For many years the Jungwirth family has been associated with Dandenong North Primary, beginning with Mr Ray Jungwirth who taught at Dandenong North Primary when the school first opened in 1954.

The Jungwirth family highly value the education of children and have consistently provided scholarships for Dandenong North students who come from a non English speaking background.

The first scholarship was presented to Tania (6G) for Academic Excellence.

The second scholarship is awarded to an EAL student who has shown growth and continuous improvement with their learning of the English language as well as a dedication to all other curriculum areas. The EAL Scholarship was awarded to Simra (6C)

These scholarships are to assist the students with their uniform and book purchases for the year. If they decide to attend Dandenong High School in Year 7, the scholarship will continue.

We congratulate both of the award winners for their effort and this subsequent reward.



Mothers' Day Stall Volunteers

We hope all the Mothers' in the Dandenong North Primary community had a lovely time celebrating their special day on Sunday!

Last Thursday our children had the opportunity to attend the Mothers' Day stall organized by Mrs Miller. It was fabulous that we had so many parents assisting with the stall allowing our students the opportunity to purchase their mum a gift if they wanted to.

Thank you to the following volunteers who assisted with the stall: Hoda, Sediqa, Anahita, Shabana, Benafsha, Afifa, Aqila, Gulziwar, Habiba and Masooma.



Special Awards

Prep A - Santana	Prep Y - Kendrick	2M - Nilofar	4DM - Dephne	5L - Hope
Prep H - Riyan	1F - Mason	2N - Homeyra	4N - Carlo	6C - Simra
Prep MP - Wahid	1LH - Farzad	2T - Zahra	4SN - Sedra	6F - Maida
Prep O - Grace	1M- Teddy	2V - Sidra	5D - Garvit	6G - Sherothi
Prep A - Faiza	1O - Ryan	3F - Moses	5FC - Alyssa	6L - Masooma
Prep MP - Okan	1T - Subodh	3N - Ziyad	5H - Atyab	
Prep O - Frozan	2C - Jodhvir	3V - Nisa	5K - Haisha	

Invitation to Showing Act of Kindness and Making a Difference

For the students who were not at DNPS last year, my sister and I are collecting preloved sunglasses and prescription glasses. The glasses we collect will be given to the Lions Recycle For Sight Australia which will then be given to people in need of glasses in third world countries.

I am sure some of you wear glasses or at least know someone who does. My sister used to describe looking without glasses as having a foggy mirror in front of your eyes wherever you go, this is exactly how a person who needs glasses sees. We believe every human being should have the basic right to having glasses to help them have better vision, therefore we would like to play our part in helping. By donating any preloved glasses, you will not only help someone in third world countries have a better sight and a chance to see, but you will also be displaying the school's core values the 4C's: care, Courtesy, Common Sense and Cooperation.

In addition, you will also be helping the environment because the glasses, we do not use usually end up in the landfill and takes around 450 – 1000 years to decompose into tiny particles called microplastics. Did you know that these tiny particles have a negative effect on our lives as they make their way into lakes, rivers and oceans, eventually contaminating our food, water and air?

Please bring your preloved glasses and make a difference in not only people's lives but also help the environment.

Hannah H 4P



2021 Library Monitors

Congratulations to those students in grades 5 and 6 who were presented with their certificates and badges at assembly for being successful in becoming library monitors in 2021. This is a very important role that ensures the functionality of both the Junior and Senior libraries. We all benefit from their great work and appreciate what they do to keep the libraries running smoothly. Congratulations and we look forward to working with you this year.

Ms. Varas



Keysborough Secondary College High Achievers Program

Last week, 12 Year Six students were selected to attend the Keysborough College High Achievers Program.

The program was a wonderful opportunity for students to display their skills in their preferred subject areas through a range of engaging and challenging activities. Students were selected by teachers to represent Dandenong North in the subject areas they excel in. The STEM students participated in an experiment, coding challenges and the use of a drone. The Global Literacy group were challenged by an escape room. The Art and Drama students got in touch with their artistic side on the first day and then had acting parts in a play on the second day. Finally, the PE students were exposed to a variety of skill-based games and investigated the science behind exercise. To conclude the event, there was a celebration ceremony where students were able to share their experiences and challenges throughout the program. Overall, it was two fantastic days that we were lucky to be involved in!

Miss Fisher



Year 2 Excursion: Dinosaur World

On Wednesday the 5th May, the Year 2's excitedly boarded a bus for their first excursion of the year to Dinosaur World. The excursion was greatly anticipated by staff and students alike as it has been a while since we have been able to venture out from school. Upon arrival, the students were greeted by a huge roaring T-Rex model before wandering through the dinosaur forest walk. Amongst the trees were large, life-like models of dinosaurs, some of which roared and moved. Students were fascinated by the fact boards that accompanied each model and gladly posed for photos next to their favourites. Students then made their way down to the marquee where they participated in the much-anticipated Fossil Dig. Students searched for fossil blocks in a large sand pit and then, just like real palaeontologists, used chisels and brushes to carefully extract their find from the plaster before identifying the type of skull they had found. A well-earned lunch break and play on the playground was followed by a trip on the Dino-Train. Students boarded the train for a trip through a dinosaur plain where new dinosaur models were on display. The day ended by meeting Wilson, a life-like large dinosaur puppet and posing for a photo. Finally, all the exhausted students and teachers boarded the bus and it was time for the most awesome excursion ever to come to an end.



Miss Nish

AFL Auskick Program

Last Thursday afternoon, the DNPS Auskick program began. Students broke up into 4 groups and rotated through a variety of different activities, practising some of the skills that are used in AFL. It was a major success with well over 200 students participating and having fun. The program continues for the next three Thursday afternoons.

Mr Fenby

