



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

School Website:
www.dandenongnorthps.vic.edu.au

15th June 2021

COVID19 - Return to School Arrangements, Moving Forward

Calendar of Events

JUNE 2021

- 17th June - Pizza lunch
- 25th June - Student Reports go Home
- Last day of term 2

JULY 2021

- 12th July - First day of Term3
- 26th July - School Council starting at 4:30pm
- English speaking Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 27th July - Interpreter Parent/Teacher Interviews

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.

The school was abuzz last Friday morning as excited children returned to school after a two week lockdown that saw teachers again teaching on line. It wasn't just the students who were delighted to be back, the staff at DNPS could not wait to be back doing what they love most - teaching students! No doubt parents were just as happy to see their children back at school as we are all aware of the difficulties that at home learning brings!

Just like the other three lockdowns, there are continued restrictions in place across metropolitan Melbourne and includes schools.

As part of minimising the risk of coronavirus transmission, we will have the following in place:

- Parents and carers may come on to school grounds to help their child to make their way to the appropriate school building entry point. However parents and carers **must not** enter school buildings.
- Just like if you are out in public, you must wear a face mask if entering the school.
- Staff will be at the main entrances of the building from 8:45am to provide hand sanitiser for all children to use before entering classrooms.
- If parents would like to speak with their child's teacher, they need to make an appointment with them via see saw or by contacting the school.
- Student hand hygiene will be promoted.
- Enhanced ventilation where possible.
- Currently the Department of Education has put a stop to any incursions or excursions - so if any year levels had these planned, they will be postponed for now. This includes Gala Day sport activities for any Year 6 students.

It is important that all of our parents adhere to the restrictions that are in place at DNPS.

As new Operational Guidelines are released we will keep our community updated.



**Term 2 ends next Friday 25th June -
School finishes at 2:30 pm.
Term 3 begins Monday 12th July.**

Student Reports/Parent-Teacher Interviews Date Changes

Student Reports

Teachers are in the process of writing reports for students. Mid year reports usually go home on the second last Friday of Term 2. However due to remote learning and the enforced lockdown, reports will now go home on the last **Friday of Term 2 - 25th June**.

These reports will be in line with the report format prior to lockdown.

- A course overview has been completed for each subject.
- An assessment of student learning for English, Mathematics and Physical Education has been provided.
- An English and Mathematics achievement comment and future goals.
- A General comment



Parent/Teacher Interviews

Because of the change in date for reports going home, we have also rescheduled Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Monday 26th July: English speaking parent/teacher interviews.

Tuesday 27th July: Interpreter parent/teacher interviews.

Safe Driving

Winter has finally made its presence felt across Victoria. In particular there has been a large amount of rain falling over the past week and the forecast is for it to continue over the next few weeks, making driving conditions hazardous.

It is important to remind parents and students about the risks involved when dropping off or picking up students. Combined with the wet weather, the resultant problems include car accidents and students being injured.

That is why we are again highlighting the use of school crossings for the safety of all Dandenong North Community Members. There are three crossings placed around the school and it is vitally important that children and parents use them before and after school to reduce the risk of anybody being struck by a car.

We understand that school drop off times and pick ups can be particularly busy around the school and frustrating because of the limited parking available. However we are pleading with parents not to call their children across the road in undesignated areas as drivers are not expecting them to dart in front of their vehicles combined with the wet and slippery conditions makes braking in a hurry, very dangerous.

We are also making sure that children don't run and become distracted around road ways - as the rain will only make children a little damp - something that is fixable - however an accident may not have as quick a recovery time as a wet jumper!

A reminder that the school zone is 40km an hour for everybody's safety and that designated parking spots have been created by the council for the safety of all.



2022 Prep Enrolments

Looking forward to 2022, we are keen to ensure that all our current families have been able to enrol their children into Prep classes. As usual, we aim to keep these class sizes as small as possible in order to give children the best possible start to their education. Therefore it is highly important for us to have an idea as to how many students may be enrolling at our school for next year.

If you know of a neighbour or a relative who has a child that turns five before the 30th April 2022, please ask them to come to the Office to complete an enrolment form.

Parents are asked to bring a Birth certificate or Visa for proof of age and an Immunisation History Statement from Medicare in order to enrol their child at our school.

Early enrolment also ensures children are included in our Prep Transition Program which begins in Term Four.

We look forward to meeting all of our new families enrolling at DNPS and making them a part of our community.

Help Wonder turn **BREAD BAGS** into **SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT**



It's simple...

1

Collect your empty bread bags and tags



2

Recycle them at school in Wonder's pink Collection Bin
(There is a separate box for bread tags).



3

We'll earn reward points to redeem new sports equipment for every 5kg bin filled!



**Our school is in the draw to
WIN 1 of 5 exercise circuits made
from recycled plastic we collect!**

LET'S GET RECYCLING!



Tag Wonder on social **#wonderrecycling**
to share all your recycling champion stories!



2021 ICAS Assessments—Maths & English Competition

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Every year students at Dandenong North Primary School are given the opportunity to participate in the ICAS Assessments. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving. The subjects offered are **English and Maths** and it is open to **Years 3, 4, 5 & 6** if they wish to enter.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online result report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

Subject	Sitting date
ICAS Assessments English	Tuesday 17 th August
ICAS Assessments Mathematics	Tuesday 31 st August

These assessments will take place during the day

If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed above, please visit the online Parent Payment System to make a direct payment. This is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

Access details for parents

Our school access code is: **LLK350**

Parent page link is: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Online parent payment closes Friday, 6th August 2021.

IMPORTANT: Please enter your child's name accurately into the System as it will appear on their ICAS certificate.

We are proud to partner with ICAS Assessments and look forward to some fantastic results later in the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions and ask for Ms Varas or Mrs Mackay.
