



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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

15th September 2021

Term 3 Concludes

Calendar of Events

17th September - Final day of Term 3

4th October - First day of Term 4

25th October - School Council Meeting

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.

As we come to the end of this difficult term, staff have continued to be impressed with the attendance and engagement of our students during remote learning. Staff work incredibly hard to maintain the best possible learning environment for all of our students online and ensuring that our student's maintain a positivity towards their learning.

Our teachers are also very thankful for the ongoing support they receive from all parents and carers. It makes such a difference when there is a close and positive partnership between home and school. This partnership is so important as it assists the children to have the best possible education available whilst learning remotely.

We are still unsure what Term 4 will look like, however we have had conversations with our Year level leaders around building contingencies for all students depending on the situations we are presented with. The Department of Education (DET) will provide us with guidelines that we must follow once the Premier has announced the roadmap out of lockdown. We will inform the community of any new arrangements in the coming weeks. Fingers crossed we have everyone back onsite to start Term 4!

Staff Changes

As the term draws to a close, we inevitably have to farewell staff or welcome the return of past staff members and this term is no different.

We farewell Miss Lumsden who is awaiting the birth of her first child early next month. In her place will be Angie Lapatas who has worked preciously at our school in the capacity of a CRT.

We also farewell Miss Nguyen who is also leaving to await the birth of her first child early in October. Mrs Wells has already returned to DNPS and will take over her tutoring classes. Mr Vincent will be taking 4SN on a Friday and he already works with these students in the tutoring program.

Our last farewell is for Mrs Naidoo who will depart DNPS on the first Monday back of Term Four. She is also expecting her first child. Mrs Wills is returning to take Year 3 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On a Thursday and Friday the class will be taken by Miss Rasouli.

We wish all three ladies all the very best on their new parenting adventure. The students have been left in capable hands.

End of Term 3

Term 3 ends this Friday 17th September at 2:30pm for both onsite supervised students and those working remotely.

Term 4 begins on Monday 4th October.

2021 NAPLAN Results

The 2021 NAPLAN results have been received and they showcase the outstanding performance by both Year 3 and 5 students.

The overall results for the students in Year 3 were fantastic! For Reading, Writing, Spelling, and Grammar & Punctuation the Year 3 children performed well above the state averages. For Numeracy our students achieved just below the state mean score. A great result for all our Year 3 students!

The student results in Year 5 were great! For Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy, Dandenong North students achieved above the state average, however in Reading the children achieved below the state averages. Again, this is a pleasing effort by all of our Year 5 students!

The amount of children who achieved in the top 2 bands has continued to grow for most areas, out performing the state as well as network schools.

Individual NAPLAN reports have arrived at school and will be sent home once children return to onsite learning in Term 4. It is important to note that this is a one off assessment that occurs in May of the academic year. NAPLAN is just one source of information that helps to inform parents of their child's learning progress. Student reports completed by their classroom teacher provide a more comprehensive and detailed description of what your child has achieved with their learning at that point in time and also outlines future goals.

Congratulations to the students who completed NAPLAN testing as well as to all the staff of Dandenong North Primary whose dedication and preparedness to go above and beyond ensure that our children gain the best possible education.



Mathletics Program

The school holidays provide children in Years 1 - 6 with the ideal time to use the online website program "Mathletics" in their own homes. Children who have access to a computer and the internet can access this program at www.mathletics.com.au. Children have their own individual password and can complete tasks relevant to their educational development.

Students can work to improve their fast mathematical recall times by competing in a live maths games against other children all around the world.

The Mathletics password also allows the children to access the on-line program Rainforest Maths at www.rainforestmaths.com



Food Assistance

During this COVID-19 period many families may be finding it difficult to provide food for their families. If this is the case, please visit Coco's who will be able to assist you.

Coco's

Address: Shop 2/3, 48 McCrae Street, Dandenong

Open Monday - Friday 9-4:45pm

Phone: 9793 3736



2022 Prep Enrolment Now Open!

Looking forward to 2022, we are keen to ensure that all of 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.

Whilst we are no longer able to undertake school tours in person due to current COVID19 restrictions, we have access to a wonderful **online virtual tour** at <https://www.dandenongnorthps.vic.edu.au/> which highlights all of the key programs that our school provides our students.



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 enroll their child at our school.

Please ring the Office to organise the enrolment of your child for 2022.

Early enrolment also ensures children are included in our Prep Transition Program.

Prep Transition Program Dates (If lockdown restrictions permit):

Wednesday 13th October, 2021

Wednesday 20th October, 2021

Wednesday 27th October, 2021

All sessions begin at 9:30am and they run until 10:45am.

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

School Device Usage Over the Holidays

As the school holidays approach, this is a reminder that we have loaned out to DNPS students over 200 ipads to complete online work. Some of these have been provided by the Victorian Government, however all ipads have been loaned out for the purpose of completing assigned schoolwork.

We are asking our parents to remove devices from students over this holiday period, unless schoolwork has been set by the classroom teacher. This will ensure that the devices remain damage free and ready "if" online remote learning continues at the beginning of Term 4.

If onsite learning resumes at the beginning of Term 4 all devices need to be returned.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter

