



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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Construction Update

Calendar of Events

MAY 2022

- 20th - District Cross Country
- 24th - Grade 6 Students Excursion to Lyndale S.C.
- 26th - Grade 3—Zoo Excursion
- 27th - House Athletics Carnival

JUNE 2022

- 1st— Grade 4 Students Excursion to Aviation Museum
- 3rd - Division Cross Country
- 7th - Grade 5 Students—Zoo Excursion
- Grade Six Incursion
- 10th - House Athletics Carnival
- 13th - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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 building works throughout the school is beginning to take shape. The portable building that has been moved next to the double storey year 5 building, is almost ready to be occupied. Concreting around the building has been completed with power and internet connected. The new carpet is to be laid later this week. It will be with excitement that students will be able to begin moving into this portable on Thursday 26th May.



5L and 5K's portable building will be relocated to the corner of Cleeland and David Streets in the second week of June. The white portable which is opposite 5K and 5L is being taken off site in the Term Two holidays. The removal and relocation of these portables now allows the builders to have greater access to the site in order to continue with the gymnasium build. There has been the installation of in-ground fire services, storm-water and electrical connections.

Unfortunately the renovation to the old hall has been halted due to the unavailability of steel which is required to complete this build. It is estimated to now be ready at the end of Term 3.

We are still hoping the gymnasium will be completed by the end of the year.



Winter Uniform

As Winter is fast approaching, despite the wonderfully mild weather that we have been having, we have begun to notice that students are not adhering to the school uniform policy.

We understand that it can at times be difficult to get to the shops quickly - however as the weather has definitely turned, it is a timely reminder for parents to ensure that their children are wearing the navy blue and sky blue elements of our school uniform.

We look forward to seeing more children in their DNPS Winter uniform in the coming weeks.

School Review

Every four years, Victorian Primary Schools undergo a Review. It is essentially where schools are assessed against goals and targets that they set four years prior, as part of their Strategic Plan.

The first day of our review was held yesterday. Our reviewer is Mr David Mann from VALAD Solutions who was allocated to our school by the Department of Education to undertake our Review. Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) Tina Clydesdale was also present. The panel also consisted of three challenge partners who Mr Mackay was able to select. Our challenge partners are, Mr Ian Sloane a retired principal, Mrs Lyn Watts, consultant - “Only the Brave Should Teach” and Helen Weston from Deakin University.



Mr Mann received school documentation in advance of his visit, which had been put together by the school and encompassed evidence of how we achieved our goals stated in the Strategic Plan. This documentation also outlined all of the programs, staff, and finances that related to the development of DNPS over the last four years.

The Review Panel was treated to a wonderful presentation from our Student Representative Council (SRC) who outlined the programs at DNPS along with special days such as Harmony Day, which all help to make our school a great school.

The data to evaluate the Strategic Plan’s goals was unpacked and our visitors were also provided with an opportunity to observe various classes undertaking Numeracy and Talk For Writing.

At the end of the day, Mr Mann stated he was very impressed with what he had witnessed and that it was obvious to see our students loved coming to school and that our teachers and ES staff were always challenging themselves to be the best that they could be.

Over the next few weeks, the panel will complete two field days where Mr Mann will continue to visit classrooms, he will interview staff as well as some parents. On the final day, the panel will then develop goals and targets which will provide direction for the new Strategic Plan.

Special Awards

Prep A - Hedia	2B - Ibaad	4P - Arshaad	6G - Shanmukhi
Prep H - Lataree	2N - Mahrus	5AL - Isabella	6S - Tiam
Prep N - Steven	2T - Yousra	5D - Simel	Prep R - Ramin (PE)
Prep O - Thavion	2V - Kamil	5FM - Keertan	1H - Grace (PE)
Prep R - Ramin	3O - Thakseha	5K - Apshara	2V - Eden (PE)
Prep Y - Asghar	3V - Ryder	5L - Krishna	2T - Andee (PE)
1C - Harshitha	4DW - Christa	6CA - Jarrar	3B - Vanya (PE)
1T - Khaliq	4H - Sara	6C - Vinith	
2AN - Sahar	4M - Dhatsin	6F - Hania	

NAPLAN Testing Begins

NAPLAN testing began last Tuesday for all students in Years 3 and 5. Students were mandated to complete the writing test first, then it was up to individual schools to create a testing schedule for the remainder of tests to be completed.

In week one, the Year 3 students completed their testing and now in the second week, Year 5 students are completing their testing.

Of course both Year 3 and Year 5 students are participating in “catch up” testing if they were absent at the time when the initial testing was undertaken.



The aim of NAPLAN assessments is to highlight the educational developments that students make over the course of their time at both primary and secondary school.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail style of test, but rather it demonstrates how individual student's Numeracy and Literacy skills are progressing, against national standards for all Australian children. The results of this testing provides information for students, parents and teachers, which is used to improve student achievement.

Results used to be released in September, however with the introduction of online testing, they are predicting a quicker turn around of results

It is important to note that the twice yearly individual student reports prepared by the classroom teacher, give a more comprehensive and accurate picture of what your child is able to do and where they are having difficulties.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

Mathletics

Mathletics is an online maths program that is offered free to children in Years 1 to 6. This program can be used both at home or at school for all children who have access to a computer and the internet at www.mathletics.com.au.

Children have their own individual passwords and can complete tasks relevant to their educational development, which have been set by their class teacher. They can also improve their fast mathematical recall times by competing in a live mathematical game against other children all around the world.

This program is a fantastic way to improve your child's Mathematics progress, while they enjoy the use of the computer and competing against other children from around the world.

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

If you have any questions regarding your child's access to this program, please see your child's classroom teacher.



Year 2 Excursion: Dinosaur World

On Tuesday the 10th May, the Year 2's excitedly boarded a bus for our long awaited excursion to Dinosaur World. It was our first excursion of the year and it 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. Our guide, Mr Jesse, told the students fascinating facts about the dinosaurs around them and even had some dinosaur teeth fossils the students were able to touch and hold.



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. Back at school, students wrote a recount about their day and added their new facts about dinosaurs to our information posters in the classroom. Later this term, students will choose a dinosaur to write an information report on using all their new and fascinating dinosaur knowledge.



Miss Nish

Prep Excursion: Myuna Farm

It was a very excited group of Prep children who had the opportunity to go on their first ever excursion! It was just as exciting for the teachers, who were able to get a sense of normal school life by being able to visit Myuna Farm - something that was a staple on the Prep calendar prior to COVID.

This year was extra special as the Preps were given the opportunity to ride on the ponies Roxy and Bailey.

Students were lucky enough to have Farmer Elise walk around with both a Blue Tongue Lizard and a snake and if students were brave enough, they had the opportunity to touch them both!

As usual there were plenty of cuddles of rabbits and Guinea Pigs to be had with the subsequent squeals of delight from the children as they stroked the fluffy fur of these animals.

Students were shown how to milk goats which was also a lot of fun.

There was the Myuna Farm Train which slowly passed through the wetlands, past goats, camels, cows and even fruit bats!

What a wonderful experience and a great memory for our littlest students.

