



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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19th December 2023

News From the North

A Year to Celebrate

Calendar of Event

DECEMBER 2023

20th - END OF TERM 4

**SCHOOL FINISHES
AT 1:30 PM**

JANUARY 2024

29th - Curriculum Day: No
students at school

30th - START OF TERM 1

March

7th & 8th—Curriculum Days

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 fol-
low 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 close the book on another year we must take this opportunity to look back and reflect on all the fabulous achievements from this year. The school obtained outstanding NAPLAN results, opened The Mackay Gymnasium, began an OSHC service providing education and care for children before and after the school day and reintroduced weekly Assemblies for the whole school. Whole School celebrations included Harmony Day, Book Week, Open afternoons and finishing with last week's spectacular Concert.

At this time of year, it is also important to thank every member of the DNPS staff for their tireless efforts in ensuring that students are reaching their potential and achieving success. We can not thank our staff enough for always putting the students first and making sure that every child has the social, emotional and academic support that they need.

We say farewell to our Year 6 graduating class of 2023 after a fabulous Certificate Ceremony and Celebration Day. We wish you all the very best for your future endeavours and look forward to hearing about your success.

We thank our families for continuing to support our staff and school. The trust that you have in us to provide your children with a safe and caring environment is something that we appreciate and will continue to provide in 2024.

To all our departing staff - we wish you all the very best for your new roles and hope that you will keep in touch.

For our students, learning never stops! So please keep reading and practicing those times tables in readiness for another big year of learning in 2024!

We would like to wish all members of the DNPS community a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 30th January, 2024.

Paul Hilton
Principal

happy holidays

**Term 4 ends Wednesday 20th December at
1.30pm.**

Term 1 2024 begins Tuesday 30th January.

Year 6 Graduation Certificate Ceremony

The Year 6 Graduation Ceremony took place last Thursday 14th December in the Theatre at Dandenong High School. It was fabulous to be able to celebrate their achievements and present graduates with their certificate and Year 6 Graduation Badge in front of their classmates and families.

Mackay Medallions

Mackay Medallions (named in honour of previous Principal and Assistant Principals Mr and Mrs Mackay) were presented to students who have shown significant educational, social or emotional growth throughout their final year at Dandenong North Primary School.



The recipients this year were: George and Zinat (6C), Chason and Mihei (6CA), Oneesha and Ali (6K), Hannah and Delun (6KG), Afomia and Eric (6PG), Kavein and Madina (6R).

Congratulations to all Mackay Medallion winners!

Academic Excellence Awards

Each year, the top performers on the PAT (Progressive Achievement Test) are recognised with an Academic Excellence award. This year the Literacy (Reading and Vocabulary) awards went to the very deserving Sam from 6K and Abana from 6CA. The Mathematics award was presented to Vibhish, also from 6K. All three students were working at a Year 10 level which is an exceptional effort.



Malone Medallions

In recognition of students who live by the motto 'Fitter, Faster, Stronger, Further', Mr Fenby awarded Malone Medallions (named for previous long-standing Phys Ed teacher Mr Malone) to the following students: Maher (6PG), Lithika (6K), Dawoud (6PG), Oneesha (6K), Sam (6K), Khizar (6C), Dilaksini (6CA), Miheli (6CA), Madina (6R) and Isaac(6K).

Community Spirit and Leadership Award

On Tuesday 5th December, Julian Hill MP (Federal Member of Parliament for Bruce) recognised one student from each school in the Bruce electorate for their contributions to community. Hannah from 6KG was selected to receive this prestigious award from DNPS.

Hannah is a student who has demonstrated the DNPS 4C's of Care, Courtesy, Cooperation and Common Sense on a daily basis, and is an excellent role model for all students. As a trained Peer Mediator, she willingly provides valuable support to students across the school who are experiencing challenges in the playground. Hannah has diligently undertaken further leadership roles including being an active member of the school's student leadership team, a dedicated member of the Children's Advisory Group and is a Teacher Observer, providing feedback to classroom teachers on their practice to support excellence in teaching and learning across the school. In addition, Hannah demonstrates academic excellence in all subject areas and in the classroom is a valuable support to other students with their learning, willingly giving of her time. Hannah is a most deserving recipient of this Community Spirit and Leadership Award.



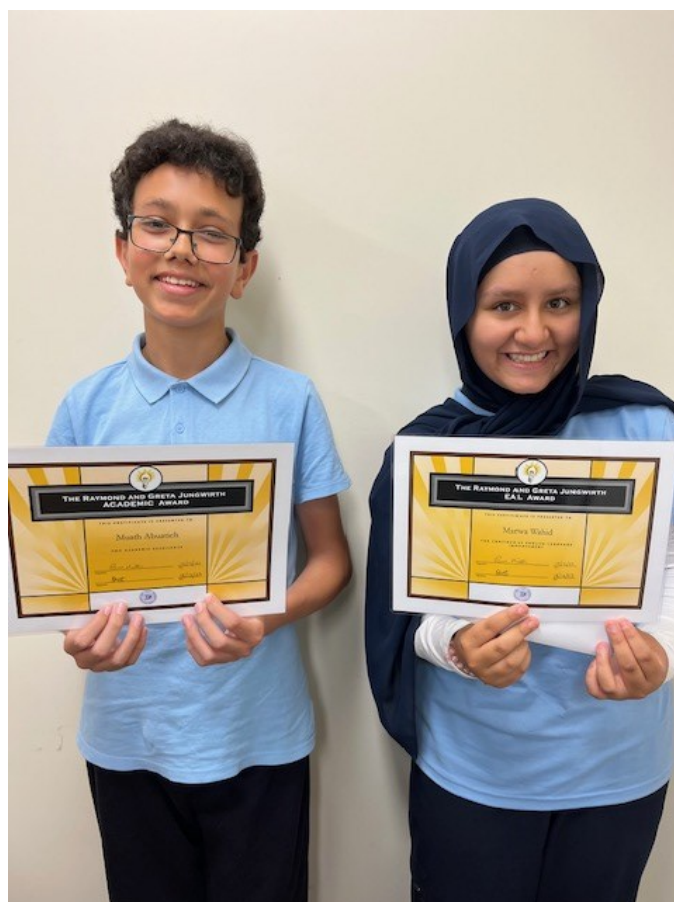
Raymond & Great Jungwirth Awards - Year 5

Academic Excellence Award

Congratulations to Muath from 5KL who has been awarded this on the basis of his academic achievements. Muath will receive \$200 toward the costs associated with Year 6.

English as Additional Language (EAL) Award

Congratulations to Marwa (5G) who has been selected based on remarkable progress in learning the English language. Marwa will receive \$150 towards the costs associated with Year 6.



2024 Student Leadership Positions Announced

At our final assembly for the year, Mr Hilton announced the student leadership positions for 2024. We are proud to introduce you to our 2024 Student Leadership team!

Congratulations to the following students:

School Captains - Reem 5G & Lea 5P



SRC President - Saffat 5P



School Leadership Team Members:

Trinabh 5AL, Maevis 5G, Tasneem 5AL, Shajini 5AL, Mahdiya 5AL, Inaayah 5KL, Arshaad (5AL) and Hariny 5G.

The House Captains were also announced:

Keys: Captains: Benjamin 5AL & Sahana 5KL

Verey: Captains: Duke 5P & Donia 5G

Marsh: Captains: Sajid 5AL & Narges 5KL

Leed: Captains: Sagjey 5P & Selen 5KL

Vice Captains: Batu 5AL & Nazinin 5P

Vice Captains: Mahdi 5KL & Farzana 5KL

Vice Captains: Shabir 5P & Athia 5AL

Vice Captains: Abdullah 5G & Alice 5AL



2024 Student Leadership Team



2024 House Captains

* Please note, some students were unavoidably absent from the photo

Introducing our new Assistant Principal

We are pleased to welcome Miss Amy Forscutt to the Principal team as an Assistant Principal in 2024. Amy has been in the Acting Assistant Principal position at DNPS for Term 4 and has enjoyed getting to know the amazing students at staff that make this school so special. Previously, Amy has been a Learning Specialist and Classroom Teacher at Cranbourne East Primary School where she has taken on a number of roles including leading the re-development of the whole school writing program. We know the DNPS community will make Amy feel welcome and encourage you to say hello and introduce yourself when you see her around.



Departing Staff

As the year draws to a close we need to thank and farewell staff who are leaving Dandenong North to continue their teaching profession at other educational settings.

Mrs Ahdie Rasouli

Ahdie has been an enthusiastic and passionate member of our Prep teaching team beginning as a graduate in 2021. We thank Ahdie for treating every child she has taught as if they were one of her own. In 2024, Ahdie will be teaching at Kurrum Primary.



Mrs Rekha Sunkhara Chandan

Rekha joined our Year 2 teaching team in July this year replacing Mrs Putson in 2P. We thank Rekha for her contributions to both the children in 2P as well as the year level as a whole. We wish Rekha all the best as she continues her teaching career at Hallam Primary.



Mrs Amanda Gregory

Amanda's infectious joy for teaching has been a valuable asset to the Year 2 team where she was part time in both 2NG and 2AN. Amanda joined the DNPS family in 2022 as a Casual Relief Teacher before accepting a position as a classroom teacher in 2023. Amanda will be returning to Queensland in 2024.



Departing Staff continued

Miss Maddi Corcoran

Maddi joined Dandenong North in 2022 as a graduate teacher and has enjoyed teaching Year 1. In 2024, she will be living in the UK where she will be teaching and enjoying some fantastic travel opportunities.



Mrs Belinda Devers

Belinda has been a part of DNPS since 2008. Mrs Devers has taught a variety of year levels and most recently enjoyed working as a part of the Year 4 teaching team. Mrs Devers will be teaching at Langwarrin Primary in 2024.



Mr Andrew Hutchins

Andrew has been at DNPS since 2015. Throughout his years here, he has been both a classroom teacher and supported and extended students from Years 4 - 6 in Mathematics.



We wish all teachers and families who are not returning in 2024 all the best for their next exciting adventure!

School Council Vacancies

Expressions of interest are invited for parent vacancies on School Council for 2024. Parents must have children enrolled for 2024 to be eligible to be school councillors. 2024 is going to be a very exiting and busy year for Dandenong North Primary School. We need School Councillors who are interested in volunteering their time to help solve problems, develop any required policies and help manage the budget that is required to operate our amazing school. School Council meets mostly on the last Monday of a month at around 6.30 pm depending upon the availability of School Councillors. Nomination forms for school Council can be obtained from the office. Nominations will close on 16th February. If there are more nominations than vacancies to be filled it may be necessary to arrange an election.

Paul Hilton
Principal



End of Year Reports

Teachers have completed the end of Year Reports for students to take home on the last day of the school year. Reports will also be available to view and download from Sentral via the Parent App. As with the Semester 1 June Report, the Semester 2 Report contains an indication of your child's academic progress, their attendance rate and a comment from the classroom teacher.

We encourage you to share the report with your child and celebrate their successes with them.

Over the summer break, encourage children to continue their nightly reading routine. This will ensure they will settle back into school easily and be able to easily resume their reading and homework routine.



Please note, we have been having difficulties with our Reporting Program SENTRAL. On some reports we have not been able to generate the previous assessment (page 2 – Academic Progress Overview), displaying your child's growth. Student growth is shown in the other sections of the report.

We apologise for this, however, SENTRAL has been trying to correct the problem for two weeks, but has still been unable to rectify the issue.

Once the problem has been fixed, the reports will be regenerated and uploaded to the SENTRAL App and a notification will be posted. Reports can be easily viewed and downloaded via SENTRAL by clicking opening the Newsfeed post related to reports.

Thank you for your understanding with this matter.



Uniform Supplier - State Schools' Relief

Over the summer, it would be a good idea to check that school uniforms and polo t-shirts still fit. If you require new uniforms, please visit State School's Relief in Dandenong South from Thursday 11th January.

Business hours: 8:30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday

Location: 1/8 Johnston Court, Dandenong South VIC 3175

Phone: 03 8769 8400

Email: contact@ssr.net.au





HOLIDAY



Dandenong North

117-125 Cleeland Street, Dandenong 3175

Monday 8 January 2024 to Friday 26 January 2024

Ph: 0439 488 122

6:30 AM
TIL
6 PM

Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines.
Contact your service for detailed information.

MON
8
JAN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Celebrate like it's your special day with our "Happy Birthday" theme! Dive into festivities such as grooving at the Birthday Disco, crafting your own Pinata, baking delightful Bday Cupcakes, and engaging in the timeless game of Pass the Parcel.



BASE FEE \$60
DAILY TOTAL \$60
AFTER MAX CCS* \$6.00

MON
15
JAN

KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE

Let's go back in time to embark on a noble quest! Activities include crafting your own Knight Shield, feasting like royalty at a Medieval Feast, and partaking in the chivalrous Royal Tournament Games. Sharpen your swords and prepare for a day of valiant adventures and timeless tales!



BASE FEE \$60
DAILY TOTAL \$60
AFTER MAX CCS* \$6.00

TUE
9
JAN

NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS INCURSION: SELF-GUIDED NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS BUNDLE

Ring in the New Year with creative flair using the Self-Guided New Year Celebrations Bundle.



BASE FEE \$60
EXC/INC FEE \$22
DAILY TOTAL \$82
AFTER MAX CCS* \$8.20

TUE
16
JAN

GAMING UNPLUGGED

Ready to unplug and play? Engage in exciting activities like creating your own gaming world, trading Pokemon cards, acting out your favourite games in Video Game Charades, and racing to the finish line in Mario Kart Creation. Let the games begin!



BASE FEE \$60
DAILY TOTAL \$60
AFTER MAX CCS* \$6.00

WED
10
JAN

TENNIS FEVER

Catch The Tennis Fever This Summer! Swing Into Action With Activities Such As Superhero Tennis, Challenging Your Agility With Tennis Ball Balance, And Leaving Your Mark With Tennis Ball Prints. Game, Set, Match For A Smashing Good Time.



BASE FEE \$60
DAILY TOTAL \$60
AFTER MAX CCS* \$6.00

WED
17
JAN

SPY KIDS EXCURSION: RISKY KIDS BERWICK

ARRIVE BY 08:30 AM

Tackle challenges at Risky Kids Berwick, an obstacle course designed for thrill-seekers.



BASE FEE \$60
EXC/INC FEE \$38
DAILY TOTAL \$98
AFTER MAX CCS* \$9.80

THU
11
JAN

DISNEY DAY

Embrace the magic with Disney Day! Engage in activities such as crafting delightful Disney Masks, testing your knowledge with Disney Trivia, savoring the magic with Mickey Mouse Cupcakes, embarking on an Enchanted Sensory Safari, and having fun with Disney Bingo.



BASE FEE \$60
DAILY TOTAL \$60
AFTER MAX CCS* \$6.00

THU
18
JAN

BLOCK BLITZ INCURSION: BRICKS 4 KIDZ

Get creative with Bricks 4 Kidz, offering a hands-on building experience that sparks imagination and innovation.



BASE FEE \$60
EXC/INC FEE \$22
DAILY TOTAL \$82
AFTER MAX CCS* \$8.20

FRI
12
JAN

SLUMBER PARTY

Drift Into A Dreamy Slumber Party Adventure! Activities Include Diving Into Bubbly Fun With Fizzy Bliss Creations, An Indoor Campout, Crafting Your Own Sweet Dreams Eye Masks, And Even Creating Diy Popcorn Holders For Movie Time. Sweet Dreams Await!



BASE FEE \$60
DAILY TOTAL \$60
AFTER MAX CCS* \$6.00

FRI
19
JAN

COMIC BOOK HEROES

Ready to save the day with us? Unleash your inner hero with activities such as embarking on a daring Mission Blast, testing your knowledge in Superhero Trivia, joining forces for the Avengers Attack, and creating your own comic strip.



BASE FEE \$60
DAILY TOTAL \$60
AFTER MAX CCS* \$6.00

*Childcare subsidy (CCS) may apply. Please refer to Services Australia Childcare Subsidy for eligibility and entitlement.

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programs today!

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