



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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19th March 2019

Swimming Champions

Calendar of Event

MARCH 2019

29th - Gala Day 1

APRIL 2019

5th - END OF TERM ONE

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 our staff undertook their Professional Development Days, Miss Maree accompanied nine of our students to a Divisional Swimming Carnival at Noble Park Pools.



What a successful swim meet it was for Dandenong North PS!

In the 4 by 50m 11 year old boys freestyle race, Farzaan (6L), Andy (5D), Ali Reza (5D) and Jayden (5H) successfully placed first in this event.

In the 12/13 year old mixed freestyle relay Lazar (6L), Bilal (5D), Joey (6L) and Mihdi (5D) placed 4th.

Nandini (4MW) placed 5th in the 9/10 girls 50m freestyle event.

Bilal (5D) placed 4th in the 11 year boys 50m freestyle event.

Jayden (5H) created a record when he placed first in the 11 year old boys 50 m freestyle race. The original time was 34.5 seconds and Jayden completed the race in a new record time of 33.69 seconds. What a wonderful effort!

Nandini (4MW) placed 5th in the



9/10 year old backstroke.

In the 11 year boys backstroke Farzaan (6L) placed 5th in this race.

Again Jayden (5H) placed first in the 50m 11 year boys backstroke - again breaking the record! The original time was 43.7 seconds and the new record set by Jayden was 43.28seconds.

In the 12/13 year girls freestyle, Joey (6L) placed 2nd in this race.

Joey (6L) also place 4th in the 12/13 year old girls breaststroke.

In the 12/13 boys 50m breaststroke saw Lazar (6L)place 2nd.

Open mixed 4 x 50m medley relay Mihdi (5D), Joey (6L), Jayden (5H) and Lazar(6L) placed 2nd.

Jayden (5H) will now advance to the Regional Swimming Finals that will be held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre next Wednesday.

We congratulate all of the students who attended this meet and wish Jayden all the very best as he progresses further with this competition.

Teachers Continuously Learning

Last Thursday and Friday the DNPS staff undertook two days of Professional Development opportunities.

It was a jam packed two days! It began with our staff looking into Departmental initiatives including a toolkit of information to assist decision making with Dr Tanya Vaughan.

Our staff enjoyed working on team activities that allowed them to become more aware of what it means to work collaboratively just as our students do with Mr. Mackay.

Learning about the “grey” areas in leadership was presented in a wonderful manner by a former Principal Elli Brereton, engaging staff in

dealing with others.

As usual, the time spent with Lyn Watts learning about the skills that children need in order to become proficient writers - was invaluable and provided staff with some excellent ideas that they were eagerly looking forward to applying this week..

We thank all of our staff who gave up their own time to be a part of these Professional Development days.

These two curriculum days were designed around the Annual Implementation Plan which was created after our 2018 Review.

National Young Leaders Day

Yesterday, nine members of the School Captain’s Leadership Team attended the Halogen Foundation Young Leaders Conference held at the Exhibition Centre. The aim of this event is to inspire and support young leaders across the whole of Australia.

The first speaker was a famous comedian/author named Cal Wilson. She explained the importance of collaboration and listening that allows you to be an effective leader. Cal believed that you learn best when you are out of your comfort zone and that you should say yes to every opportunity.

The second presenter was Tim Diamond. Tim is the CEO of the Cotton On Foundation. Tim spoke about visiting Uganda where the Foundation has raised over 90 million dollars to provide education, fresh water and produce for the population. Tim spoke about how the Cotton On Foundation started with a small goal and has now helped many villagers in Uganda.

Next was Olympic swimmer Leisel Jones, who spoke about the importance of setting big goals, and then breaking them down into smaller more achievable ones. Once students have set a goal, they need to realise how many hours are needed to practice and achieve the set goal. The last point she made was that taking the first step is always the hardest. Liesel’s words resonated with our students and they believed



her steps to achievement were great advice.

The last presenter was Holly Ferling. She discussed how each student were currently the big fish in a small pond, but that next year it would be the opposite. She talked about being a small fish in a big pond, and how each student has more room to grow and that more opportunities will present themselves. Holly has had many setbacks, which she uses as motivation to be the best cricketer she can be

The children had a fantastic time at this event, learning many ideas from each presenter, which the Student Leadership Team will utilise in their roles as leaders at DNPS throughout the year.

Thank you to Miss Sobia, Miss Karen, Mr Hilton and Mr Lodge for taking the DNPS Student Leaders to this event.

Special Awards

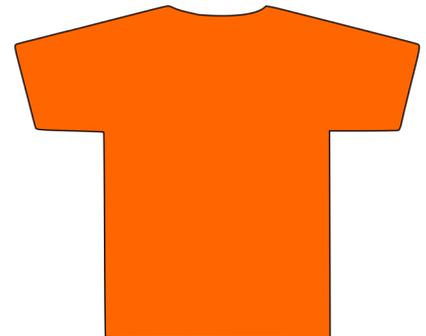
1F - Sahana	2B - Evin	4P - Yousuf	6D - Haris
1G - Manahil	3W - Jaden	4WM - Ali Reza	6A - Hadia
1H - Elnaz	3L - Hania	5D - Mehdi	ICT - Archit (6K)
1O - Sienna	3B - Aamir	5H - Marko	ICT - Hrishoth (5H)
2M - Ranjana	3LF - Noyan	5F - Chudier	Art - Ali (5D)
2AM - Anshdeep	3P - Haydin	5L - Zainab	Art - Nida (6K)
2C - Aarav	4H - Dairah	5CW - Baris	PE - Abdullah (1L)
2S - Shanawar	4K - Hijraan	6L - Sana	PE - Dhattatray (2AM)
2N - Sumedha	4FM - Adem	6HK - Sam	PE - Manonith (3L)

Harmony Day - 21st March

Have your eyes ever caught something beautiful, like a traditional dress? Do you accidentally stare at that item for a long time? Well, I can assure you that this Harmony Day all you will be doing is studying the amazing cultural and traditional clothing! To join in the fun, on **Thursday 21st March** students are encouraged to wear something inspired by their own culture, if you don't own anything please wear orange which is the colour of Harmony Day.

We will be having a **whole school parade from 10am to 11am**, parents are welcome to attend.

By Siyana, 6A. Student Leader



Year 3 Incursion: Convicts & Captains

On Thursday the 14th of March, the Grade Three classes had the fantastic opportunity to attend the Convicts and Captains Incursion that came to DNPS. Students were taken on a journey back in time to the 1800s and dressed up as convicts from Britain who travelled on the First Fleet ships that arrived on Australia's shores. They played games that English settlers created and put together puzzles of our national flags and emblems. One of the most exciting activities



was making their own bricks out of clay and pretending to build walls, just like the British convicts did in the late 1800s!

Written by: Miss Rebecca Leicester



Year 4 Excursion: Immigration Museum

Tuesday the 12th March saw the grade four students and staff embark on an excursion to the Immigration Museum in the city. This was a journey to discover the history of immigration into our country in line with our Term One topic.

After a pleasant bus ride, we alighted from the buses and waited our turn to have a special lesson with a museum educator. This presentation involved the students dressing up with clothes worn by the immigrants from the 1850's and 1970's (European and Vietnamese immigrants respectively). The students thoroughly enjoyed this activity as it gave them a new perspective on what it would have been like in these times.

Afterward, students and staff discovered the museum exhibits learning about the struggles and causes of immigration to Australia.

When this was completed, students partook of



lunch and then ventured to a series of immigration sculptures and sights of the cityscape. A quick bus journey back to Dandenong ensued with everyone happy and better informed about Australia's Immigration History. A huge thanks to organisers of the excursion, accompanying staff and to the students for making the trip a pleasant experience.

Written by: Mr Mark Hickey

AFL Program

Last Thursday it was wonderful to see so many children participating after school in an AFL event hosted by players affiliated with the Melbourne Football Club.

This afternoon event was to bring together students from Years 2, 3 and 4 to learn some of the skills needed to play Australian Rules Football.

The children were excited to participate in the "rob the nest" game which had them running around and taking footballs from different piles to add to their own nests.

The players then showed our students the finer points to holding a football and handballing to each other.



The students worked well together and had fun learning about some of the skills needed to play AFL.

The players will return again this



Thursday afternoon for session two of this program which runs from 3.30 to 4.30.

A huge thank you goes out to the staff who gave up their time so that our students could participate in this physical education activity.

We also thank Miss Fisher for organising the players to come out - we appreciate their time in running these clinics for our children.