



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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19th October, 2022

News From the North

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2022

26th - Prep 2023 Transition
(9:30 am to 10:45 am)

28th - Crazy Hair Day
Gold coin donation

28th - Gala Day

31st - Curriculum Day
(NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)

NOVEMBER 2022

1st - Melbourne Cup
Public Holiday

7th -18th - Swimming Program
Grade Preps to 2
(2 weeks)

21st Nov– 2nd December
- Swimming Program
Grades 3 to 6
(2 weeks)

29th - Grade 2 Students
Beach Excursion

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.

Education Minister Hutchins visits DNPS

On Wednesday the 19th October, we were honoured with a visit from the Minister for Education, the Hon. Natalie Hutchins who visited DNPS to formally announce the naming of our up and coming gymnasium the 'Mackay Gymnasium'. Minister Hutchins enjoyed a tour of the building site as well as the recently refurbished senior library and STEM building.

We look forward to being able to opening the new senior library later this year and the Mackay Gymnasium toward the end of Term 1, 2023.



Student Free Day: Monday 31st October

On Monday the 31st October, all DNPS staff will be involved in an off-site Professional Learning day and students will not be required at school. Please make alternative arrangements for your children on that day. Also a reminder that the next day, Tuesday 1st November, is a public holiday for Melbourne Cup and school will be closed. We look forward to seeing all children return on Wednesday 2nd November.

Special Awards

Prep A - Ramin	1C - Aizah	3B - Murtaza	5K - Farhan
Prep O - Samvid	1T - Farwa	3O - Maryam	5L - Mushab
Prep Y - Adhrit	2AN - Anish	3A - Kisa	5P - Yash
Prep R - Johnny	2B - Alisina	4DW - Ali	6CA - Ali Waris
Prep H - Usra	2N - Abdul	4M - Daksh	6C - Kingsley
1F - Sofia	2T - Sihan	4P - Alice	6F - Ezekiel
1H - Abbas	2V - Ali	5AL - Elias	6G - Muwahib
1M - Maliha	3V - Yosuf	5D - Chason	Congratulations!

Changes to Covid reporting

Dear parents and carers,

You may be aware that the Victorian Government has announced changes to the COVID-19 isolation requirements.

This means that from 11.59pm on Wednesday 12 October, the mandatory orders around isolation for people with COVID-19 have ended and instead we move to health advice and recommendations for people with COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms.

Our school will continue to adhere to the Department of Health's recommendations to ensure that our school remains a safe environment for our staff and students.

The Department of Health **strongly recommends** that students and school staff:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days and do not attend school after 5 days if they are still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive not attend school. This does not include students with pre-existing conditions such as hay fever.

Parents and carers are recommended to continue to report their child having COVID-19 to both the school and the Department of Health.

We will, however, no longer report occurrences of positive cases to the school community.

We ask parents and carers to continue to remain vigilant in preventing COVID-19 transmission. Any student who is unwell **should** continue to remain at home. This is about keeping students healthy and well in our school and reducing the spread of both COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases.

Free rapid antigen tests are available at the school for those who need them.

Parents and carers will be contacted if their child shows symptoms while at school.

Students who wish to wear a mask should continue to do so.

To keep our school as safe as possible, we will also continue to use air purifiers and other COVID-19 prevention measures.

Thanks for your continued efforts to keep our school community safe and well.

Paul Hilton
Acting Principal

Safety is our #1 priority

Ensuring everyone is safe at school is always our number one priority. This term, we have noticed that many children are attempting to cross David St directly in front of the school office to parents or carers waiting on the footpath or in parked cars on the other side of the road. This is VERY dangerous and is putting our children's lives at risk every time they step onto the road. The supervised school crossing is located on the Cleeland St end of David St. Using the marked and supervised crossing ensures children are not dashing from between parked cars in front of unsuspecting cars. Using the crossing also means children are crossing where drivers are already slowing down as they approach the clearly marked crossing with flags and a supervisor.

With child safety in mind, we ask parents and carers to speak to children about the importance of using the crossing (before and after school) and to not encourage children to cross at other places along David St by calling them across the road (from a parked/driving car or the footpath).

Thank you for supporting us to keep all our children safe when crossing roads.

Erin Scott

Assistant Principal

