



**DANDENONG NORTH  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**

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# News From the North

## Calendar of Events

### NOVEMBER 2022

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

29th - Grade 2 Students  
Beach Excursion

### DECEMBER 2022

7th - Movies Excursion  
Students in **VEREY** House

13th - Grade 6 Students Orientation  
Day at Secondary School

14th - Grade 6 Graduation  
Ceremony

15th - Grade 6 Luncheon

**20th - END OF TERM 4**

## 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.

To all members of the Dandenong North Community,

As we move ever faster towards the end of the 2022 school year, I just want to take a moment to stop and say a huge thank you to all students, parents and staff, for their continued commitment to making Dandenong North Primary School, a great school!

We have just completed the first two weeks of our intensive swimming program for years Prep to Year 2 and the feedback we received from the swim centre was very positive! Students were well behaved and in this short period of time they have developed both their water safety skills and their independence getting themselves ready, before and after each session! Well done! The students in Years 3 to 6 have just begun their ten day intensive course and we are sure that they will be just as motivated and challenged as the junior school were.

It is also important to note, that throughout this two week period classes are disrupted and timetables changed, so I thank and applaud both the staff and the students for their flexibility in making this program a success.

With the continuous downpours of rain that Melbourne has been experiencing it has been unfortunate that we have had to spend a number of our break times inside. It has also been great to see, that despite the many puddles and muddy areas around the school, our students have shown great care when playing outside and have used their common sense when moving around outside the buildings. Whilst we have always applauded our students' behaviour outside, especially considering the smaller play space due to continued building works, the rain has added another element to an already cramped area. I have been speaking with other Principals in the network recently and they have all been lamenting student behaviour due to weather and other factors, which highlights to me yet again, how wonderful our children are, that they can continue to "get along" and make playtimes enjoyable for all.

Paul Hilton  
Acting Principal



## Special Awards

*Congratulations to all students who received awards*

Prep O - Husna	Prep N - Ali N	2AN - Ayla	3O - Layla
Prep Y– Amir	1F - Ashar	2B - Liam	3V - Muhammad
Prep R - Jocelyn	1C - Eirfhaan	2N - Eileen	3B - Ramanpreet
Prep H - Zain	1T - Keegan	2T - Teddy	3A - Devika
		2V - Hasnain	

## ICAS

Earlier this year, a number of our children participated in ICAS assessments. The competition questions that children were required to answer were set in modern, real-world scenarios that were designed to assess their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts using higher-order thinking and problem solving skills. We congratulate all children who took part in the assessments. Several children (see below) received outstanding results and were rewarded with Distinctions and High Distinctions for their efforts.



High Distinction: Maths  
Vibhish 5P



Distinction: English  
Maevis 4P



Distinction: English  
Hannah 5FM

**CONGRATULATIONS  
WELL DONE!**

## Minibeasts visit the Preps

On Monday, the prep children were very excited to have Brandon from Wildlife Xposure come to visit with some of his favourite creatures. Brandon showed us many different minibeasts, such as mealworms, a Giant Burrowing cockroach, stick insects, centipede and a tarantula. We learnt so many facts about these animals. Did you know insects have their bones on the outside of their bodies called an exoskeleton? Spiders and centipedes are venomous so please do not pick them up if you see them in your garden.



## Year 3 Science Incursion

On Thursday and Friday of last week, the Grade 3 students attended the 'Properties of Matter' Incursion, where Dr Steph presented on how matter changes from one state to another. The students enjoyed participating in five exciting experiments and further exploring about the three main states of matter (solid, liquid and gas). Overall, the most exciting phase changing substance was dry ice! The students thoroughly enjoyed watching the changes of mixing dry ice with hot water and liquid detergent. It was a GAS of a time!





# Mothers beach

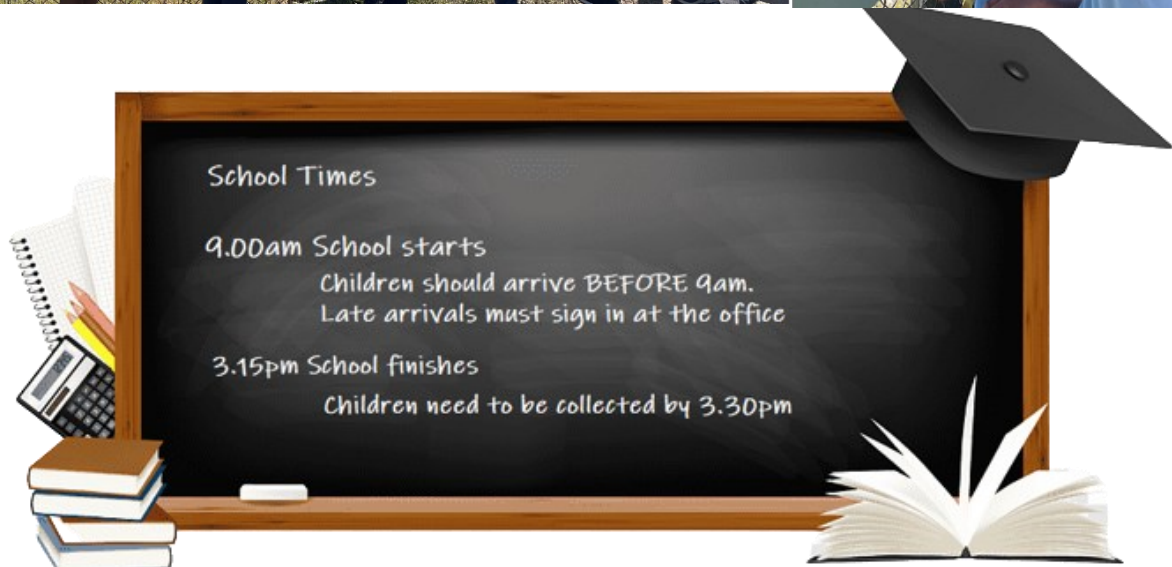
It was a perfect day for our awesome grade 4 excursion. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of November we went to Mornington Mother's Beach, we went with 4P, 4M and 4H. Once we arrived, we first ate our snacks and everyone was really excited.

After snack, we did a sandcastle competition which was really exciting. My group and I (Beryl, Mahdiya, Amelia, Ali, Sajid, and Rima) made a volcano. We used wet sand to harden it up and made a little whole in the middle. We used wet sand to harden it up and made a little whole in the middle. We used sticks and dried coral to make lava. We also used rocks and leaves to decorate the volcano.

We started to explore and found some cliffs and other cool things. It started to get flaming hot, so we went under for some shade and ate our food. We got a booklet that was about finding sedimentary layers and finding out the distance between places.

In the end we all went to the playground to play. After 10 to 15 minutes we went back on the bus and arrived back to school. I really enjoyed the excursion and I'm really looking forward to going with my family.

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## **Basketballer Sukart Alex visits Year 5**

Sukart Alex, a Professional Basketball Player, Coach, and the Founder of Standout Basketball, visited the Year 5 children last week. Mr Alex shared his incredible journey in landing a sports scholarship and his experience going to the United States to play professional College Basketball. Attending Combine Academy in North Carolina, Mr. Alex stressed that being a student athlete comes with a lot of responsibility, emphasising the significance of academic studies in order to play games- highlighting how the word 'student' comes first in 'student-athlete'. Mr Alex spoke about his many accomplishments, including being drafted as the sixth best basketball player in Australia within Super League of 2016.

Interestingly, the first basketball courts Mr. Alex ever trained on were at our very own Dandenong North Primary School. Mr Alex spoke to the children on the importance of working hard and using his very own 4-step blueprint model '1.Decide 2.Set Goals 3.Action, and 4.Perform'.

Dandenong North PS hopes to have Mr. Alex and the Standout basketball team return next year to run some basketball programmes for our children.

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School Community Liaison Officer

