



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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25th May 2021

News From the North

State Government Budget, 2021, funds Full-Size Gymnasium for DNPS

Calendar of Events

MAY 2021

- 26th - Year 3 Excursion - Melbourne Zoo
- 27th - Pyjama Day
- 28th - DNPS Years 3 - 6 Aths Carnival
- 31st - School Council starting at 4:30pm

JUNE 2021

- 4th - Division Cross Country
- 8th— Pizza Lunch
Scholastic Bookclub Orders Due
- 14th - Public Holiday
- 16th—Regional Cross Country
- 18th—Gala Day 2
- 21st—Parent Teacher Interviews
English Speaking Parents
- 22nd—Parent Teacher Interviews
Interpreters

25th—END OF TERM 2

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.

On Thursday the 20th. May, Mrs.Mackay received a telephone call from Dandenong, Member of Parliament, Ms. Gabrielle Williams congratulating Dandenong North Primary School on meeting all the requirements for being funded to \$6 million dollars for the provision of a full-size gymnasium , a music room, a canteen and a student eating area to be established at the Cleeland Street frontage of the school following the acceptance of tenders – most likely in 2022.

This project will complete the transformation of Dandenong North Primary School from the 1956-built “Light Timber Construction” architecture that reflected the teaching and learning approaches of the last century.

School Council has been actively seeking a full-size gymnasium for the past twenty-one years. In that time School Council submitted a proposal for the provision of a community facility which was available to the City of Dandenong through a special grant. Cleeland Secondary College won the contest and the hall was duly built across the road from DNPS. For a number of years we presented concerts at the ends of some years in that “community facility”. Then Cleeland Secondary College combined with Dandenong High School and as part of the “new school” the community hall was demolished.

In 2010 to 2011 we were supported by the South Eastern Regional Office to receive more than our share of building replacements for the priority teaching spaces that were more aligned with modern teaching requirements. An administration building and a full size gymnasium were part of the “Building the Education Revolution” (BER) Program. Unfortunately DNPS was in the last stage of that program and “the money ran out” before the gymnasium could be built.



State Government Budget, 2021, funds Full-Size Gymnasium for DNPS Continued:

We still had the hall that was funded by School Council back before my time, but probably around 1960. It was a great locally funded facility but, as enrolments grew, became more and more “not fit” for the originally intended purpose. Even though School Council extended the hall in about 1986, enrolment growth remained ahead of the available space. The roof was too low, the flooring contained asbestos (since removed) and there simply was not enough space.

School Council lobbied various people in positions of influence but success eluded us – until 2021! While all this was going on, School

Council began a program of savings dedicated towards funding a gymnasium from our own resources.

Over the period of 21 years, the “gymnasium fund” accrued just short of \$3 million dollars.

In 2020, The Victorian School Building Authority allowed us to spend \$1 million on a detailed “master plan” by Minx Architects.

The allocation of \$6 million last week was predicated upon the contribution of the remaining locally saved \$2 million to meet the entire projected cost of \$8 million.

So, finally, we are going to complete our school with 21st Century buildings and teaching spaces across the board. Congratulations to all concerned – I know Mr. Malone will be “over the moon”, even though he will not get to use it. We are very grateful for the unwavering support of Ms. Gabrielle Williams in helping to ensure the students of DNPS have access to the best possible facilities.

Kevin Mackay

Principal on Leave.



Staff Changes

Last Thursday we farewelled Miss McNab who has taken maternity leave whilst she awaits the birth of her first child in early July. Miss McNab has worked at Dandenong North for more than fifteen years and this is a wonderful milestone for her. We wish her all the very best with this new life adventure and can not wait till she returns to show us her bundle of joy.

Taking over 2M is Miss Rahmani Who has been working at DNPS this year as a part of the tutor program and is familiar with the students at our school. Miss Rahmani spent time in 2M last week getting to know the students and gaining an understanding of the routines.

Mr Vincent has worked as a CRT throughout the year in our school and has also replaced our tutors when they have been absent. He will continue to run the program and provide our students with the extra support needed to catch them up as a result of lost learning in 2020 due to COVID 19 disruptions.



Ms McNab



Miss Rahmani



Mr Vincent

Student Absence/Lateness

It is most important that parents notify the office when their child is away. If you have not advised the school office of your child's absence you will receive an email or text message asking to provide us with a reason as to why they are not at school. There is a message service on the school phone where you can now leave a message. If your child is late to school they must come into the office to collect a late pass and be marked as late.

We thank you for your co-operation with this.

Mrs. Miller
Business Manager



Special Awards

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| Prep A - Aadhavan | 1LH - Saniya | 2V - Sana | 4P - Ashvik | 6F - Kaia |
| Prep Y - Maerweina | 1M - Affan | 3F - Qasim | 5D - Natalie | 6G - Shekib |
| Prep MP - Mirun | 1O - Owen | 3N - Neda | 5FC - Hania | 6L - Fathima |
| Prep O - Ayadh | 1T - Abdul | 3V - Sahana | 5H - Carlo | 1H - Jahmarley (PE) |
| Prep H - Eirfhaan | 2C - Reena | 4B - Chason | 5K - Aamir | 2C - Humza (PE) |
| Prep Y - Sai | 2N - Japjit | 4MD - Fazil | 5L - Uday | 3V - Alamdar (PE) |
| 1F - Erfan | 2T - Aiza | 4N - Ranjana | 6C - Farhan | |

Preps Visit Myuna Farm

On Wednesday, 25th May, our Prep students had their first school excursion to Myuna Farm. The weather was perfect and the excitement was high. As the bus pulled up at the farm the children cheered and clapped. We all knew it was going to be a great day!

First, we all gathered in the big shed where the farmers showed us some chicks and we learnt about their life cycle. Next, the children learnt about goats and they had the opportunity to milk a goat. Then, we split into our groups and explored the whole farm.

Some of the highlights were the Animal Nursery, the rabbits and guinea pigs were so soft and gentle. The kids were friendly and hungry and enjoyed a good pat from the children. The bumpy train ride down to the wetlands was exciting, especially as the big tyres splashed into the puddles. Passing the paddocks we saw pigs, horses, sheep, alpacas and bats.

The children really enjoyed feeding the animals down in the paddocks. They fed the sheep, goats and water buffalo with chaff and patted greedy animals that pushed against the fences to be fed by the children.

On the return bus trip, tired Prep children chattered quietly about the day's adventures. It was definitely a great day, and the teachers heard children saying, 'This is my best day ever' and 'I love Myuna Farm'.



Mrs. Orologas
Prep Area Leader

District Cross Country

Last Friday 48 students from DNPS attended the District Cross Country Carnival at Tattersson Park. All students tried their hardest and achieved outstanding results with 20 students placing in the top 10 of their age group and getting an invite to attend the Division Cross Country event. Once again, DNPS was incredibly well behaved and represented DNPS with pride and respect. Overall, DNPS blitzed the competition and won the entire event by 60 points, which makes over 20 years in a row of winning the event! Great work to all the students that represented DNPS.

Mr. Fenby



2021 Book Fair



Thank you to all those children and parents who came to the 2021 Book Fair, it was an amazing success! It was wonderful to see so many parents come to the fair with their children sharing their love of books. We raised \$100 worth of books that will soon be catalogued, covered and ready to go into both Junior and Senior libraries for children to borrow.

The winners of the Book Fair raffle prizes were presented at Monday's school assembly.

Congratulations our Raffle winners

1st Prize – Garvit 5D

2nd Prize – Anna 6G

3rd Prize – Vignesh 4DM



The winners of the colouring competition were Shanmukhi (5H), Manonith (5K) and Beryl (3N). Congratulations to these three students who made it very difficult to pick a winner.

Ali from 4P guess correctly with 107 on our Super Brain Quest competition.

Thanks once again for the continued support and keep on reading!

Ms. Varas



SRC News

Pyjama Day

Date: Thursday 27th May

Children can wear their favourite PJs to school and bring their favourite teddy bear.

Please bring a gold coin donation.

Pyjama Day Writing Competition

This year as part of the Pyjama Day, the SRC have organised a writing competition for all year levels. The topic is about your favourite teddy bear and how it has helped you overcome things. There will be a 1st, 2nd & 3rd prize awarded. They will be categorised into year level groups: Prep-2, 3 - 4 and 5-6. All of the SRC students will judge the writing pieces and the prizes will be a certificate and a teddy bear. Every class will receive a participation certificate.

Please remember that the closing dates for this competition is Friday 28th May. Have fun writing!



Help Wonder turn **BREAD BAGS** into **SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT**



It's simple...

- 1

Collect your empty bread bags and tags


- 2

Recycle them at school in Wonder's pink Collection Bin
(There is a separate box for bread tags).


- 3

We'll earn reward points to redeem new sports equipment for every 5kg bin filled!



**Our school is in the draw to
WIN 1 of 5 exercise circuits made
from recycled plastic we collect!**

LET'S GET RECYCLING!



Tag Wonder on social **#wonderrecycling** to share all your recycling champion stories!

