



**DANDENONG NORTH  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**

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31st May 2022

## News From the North

### Common Professional Practice Day - Monday 20th June

#### Calendar of Events

##### JUNE 2022

- 1st— Grade 4 Students Excursion to Aviation Museum
- 3rd - Division Cross Country
- 7th - Grade 5 Students—Zoo Excursion  
- Grade Six Incursion
- 10th - House Athletics Carnival
- 13th - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 20th - STUDENT FREE DAY  
Parent/Teacher Interview  
English Speaking Parent/s  
2pm - 6pm
- 21st - Parent/Teacher Interview Interpreters.  
PIZZA LUNCH
- 24th - **END OF TERM 2  
2:30 PM FINISH**

#### 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 you may have heard in the media last week, schools across the State are facing a staff shortage and unfortunately Dandenong North Primary School is not immune to this. This is due to Covid-19 infections, other influenza and illnesses currently being experienced in the community. This is affecting schools across Victoria and has resulted in the unavailability of Casual Relief (Emergency) Teachers.



Please be assured that the best interests of the students are at the forefront of all that we do, and we will continue to pursue avenues to best support student learning. Classes have only been split when every other option has been exhausted.

The Department of Education is well aware of the Casual Relief Teacher deficit and they have provided each Victorian Government school with a Common Professional Practice Day. As a consequence, students are not required to attend school on this day. School Council agreed that the Common Professional Practice Day will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Staff will use part of this day planning for term 3, with the afternoon dedicated to the English speaking parent/teacher interviews which will begin at 2pm. A notice for English speaking parent/teacher interviews was given to your child today. Please return this note as quickly as possible to ensure you receive your preferred time.

**Common Professional Practice Day - Monday  
20th June - No School - Student Free Day**

### Free Eye Testing

If your child requires glasses, we can assist with a free pair of glasses (only at OPSM) using a voucher provided from the school.



Screen time has really affected many students so if it has been more than two years since your child has had their eyes checked, please call OPSM to book an appointment.

After 20 minutes on any screen or device everyone should be having a five minute "eye break". Eyes can be damaged from excessive screen time.

Please visit OPSM Dandenong Plaza along with your medicare card to book an appointment to have a free eye check.

## Keeping our Community Healthy

As you are no doubt aware, currently both our students and teachers are being heavily impacted by the influenza (flu) virus. It is amongst our school community and it is making people feel very unwell. There are general measures that we can all take to reduce the spread of flu (and COVID) as we enter into the colder months.

To help protect our school and the wider community, we ask that unwell students stay home. Whilst we understand that our students love school and want to be there everyday, it is more important that they stay home to stop the spread of any virus.

Students are being encouraged to;

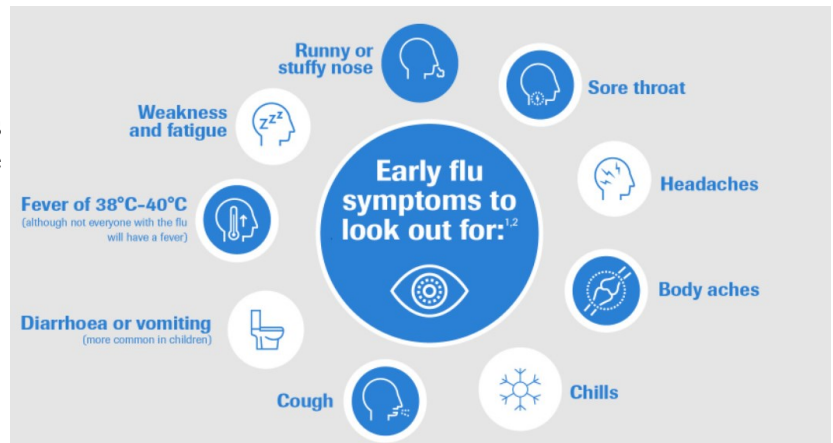
- \* wash and sanitise their hands regularly
- \* avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- \* cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze
- \* get tested for COVID-19 if they feel unwell and follow the current Department of Health isolation requirements if a positive result is shown
- \* if unwell, stay at home until their symptoms pass.

Face masks are available in all schools and can be worn by any staff, student or visiting parent who wish to do so, including those who are medically at risk.

Vaccination remains the best protection against both COVID-19 and the flu, and we encourage you to get your child vaccinated. Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations.

If your child does become sick while at school, please also ensure that we have the correct emergency contact details for yourself. This is so we can get hold of you as quickly as possible.

Whilst this is yet another challenging health situation for our school, we thank you for your understanding and support as we keep the DNPS community as healthy as possible.



## Special Awards

Prep A - Saqlain	1M - Ayadh	3B - Ishitha	5L - Sedra
Prep H - Felicio	1T - Aram	3O - Manya	5P - Shafa
Prep N - Casilda	2AN - Farzad	4H - Sana	6CA - Abualfazl
Prep O - Zainab	2B - Christian	4M - Narges	6C - Sammi
Prep Y - Briseis	2T - Zena	4P - Hazal	6F - Wahab
1C - Mahdi	3A - Wasim	5D - Daniel	6G - Shanmukhi
1F - Imra	3B - Ishitha	5FM - Rhoda	6S - Aliya
1H - Saijinth	3O - Manya	5K - Fazil	

## District Cross Country

Last Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May Dandenong North sent 48 students to compete in the Dandenong District Cross Country. All of the students have been training extremely hard this term and it paid off as DNPS won the event, convincingly. Congratulations to all participating students in particular, the 22 students who made it to the Division Cross Country race on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June.

A special mention to the following students;

Lydia (6CA) and Zahra (6CA) who came 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in 12/13 year old girls.

Yuhan (6F) who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 12/13 old boys.

Dawoud who came 1<sup>st</sup> in the 11 year old boys.

Lithika and Manahil who came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 9/10 year old girls.

Mr Fenby



## National Simultaneous Story time

Joining thousands of young readers across Australia, Dandenong North Primary School was a proud participant of the National Simultaneous Story time 2022. This annual reading event took place on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 at 11am.

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by Australians is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, homes, pre-schools, childcare centres,

bookshops and many other places around the country. This year's book was the heart-warmer '**Family Tree**', written by Josh Pykes and illustrated by Ronojoy Ghosh.

Students flocked to the Junior library to listen to this story. Over the week they also engaged in fun activities related to the theme on 'Family Trees'. Students wrote on why families are a special part of their lives and created simple 'family trees'. It was a celebration of family love and being thankful for the many wonderful things families do for one another.

Ms. Kay



## Year 3 Excursion: Melbourne Zoo

Last Thursday on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, the Year 3 students went on a fun-filled trip to Melbourne Zoo. Students travelled by bus through the city; enjoying all the sights and sounds.

Upon arriving at the zoo, classes were divided and allocated learning sessions with Zoo Educators. These educators spoke about animals facing problems in their habitats, such as the yellow striped Corroboree Frog. Students even got the opportunity to see a friendly banded-red snake from Guatemala, which they found very exciting! Classes then wandered around the zoo, discovering a range of animals such as: lions, wombats, otters, a variety of butterflies, seals, elephants, giraffes, kangaroos and emus; to name just a few.

After all that hard work, students ate their lunches on the grass, enjoying the beautiful gardens. We were very lucky on the day, as though it was overcast, it did not rain until we were on the bus! T

here were too many highlights from the day, but one favourite moment from Abinisha of 3V was “Completing scavenger activities and learning about endangered animals with the zoo teachers”.

All of Year 3 students were abuzz on the ride back and went home happy after our first excursion for 2022. What a successful day for all!

Miss Bunnett



## VPS Basketball Team

Last Term DNPS started our very first Dandenong North Basketball Team called the Dandenong Devils. The students that make up the team are Lily (6S), Lexi (6CA) Sumeyye (6F), Ardita (6CA), Jinston (6S), Ali (6S), Carlo (6S), Sam (5P) and Jixon (5D). Last term the team were still learning how to play basketball together and had one win and one draw.

This term the team has been practising very hard and are playing extremely well together. DNPS won the first game of the season 18-8, where Ardita scored 10 points by herself. DNPS dominated game 2 winning 59-7 where Lexi, Carlo and Ardita scored over 10 points each. Great work Dandenong North Devils!

Huge thank you to Mrs Graf for taking the time to help out the team every Friday - they couldn't do it without you!

Mr Fenby

