



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

School Website:
www.dandenongnorthps.vic.edu.au

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Third Assistant Principal For Dandenong North



We welcome Mrs Erin Scott to Dandenong North Primary School as the new third Assistant Principal. With the ever expanding accountability requirements from the Department of Education and the need for access to Principal and Assistant Principals by teachers, students, parents and visitors to the school the need for another Assistant Principal was required.

Mrs Scott has spent the last few years at Knox Park Primary School, working as a Learning Specialist leading the school's curriculum implementation. In term 2 2021, Mrs Scott was Acting Assistant Principal, responsible for the daily organisation of the school and delivering whole school professional development aligned to the Annual Implementation Plan.

Prior to her Learning Specialist role, Mrs Scott taught at Park Ridge Primary School, mainly in Years 4-6, taking on the extra responsibilities of team leader and Assessment and Reporting Coordinator.

A new Assistant Principal position was developed in March and a State-wide advertisement was circulated. There was great interest in the position and a good number of applicants from areas all across Victoria.

We are sure that Mrs Scott will thoroughly enjoy her time at DNPS as we all know that we are a part of a great school community.

Term 2 Staffing Changes

As we begin a new term at Dandenong North, we would like to introduce you to two new staff members.

Mrs Stone who worked in the Year 3 grades and in the Tutor Learning Program, went on maternity leave at the conclusion of last term. Her role has been replaced by Miss Ellie Parousiatis.



Mrs McLachlan who works in the EAL program is leaving at the end of this week to await the arrival of her first child. Her position has already filled by Mrs Claudia Keast

We welcome both of these staff members to our school and wish them all the very best in their new roles.



Calendar of Events

MAY 2022

- 5th - Mothers Day Stall
- 6th - School Photo Day
- 10th - Grade 2 Students
Excursion to Dinosaur World
- 17th - Preps Excursion to
Myuna Farm
- 20th - District Cross Country
- 24th - Grade 6 Students Excursion to
Lyndale S.C.
- 26th - Grade 3—Zoo Excursion
- 27th - House Athletics Carnival

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.

Covid Restrictions Update:

The Premier, Mr Daniel Andrews has outlined the following Covid restriction updates for primary schools:

Visitors

Parents, carers and other adult visitors are no longer required to show evidence of two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine if not performing work or volunteering at the school.

Rapid Antigen Tests

Free rapid antigen tests will be made available for all staff and students in Victorian schools for the first four weeks of Term 2 2022. Rapid antigen testing is voluntary for all primary students and staff. It is recommended that both students and staff Rapid Antigen Test twice weekly on school days.

Covid Positive Reporting

Families are required to report if your child is Covid positive. We request that families continue to do this via calling our office.

A reminder that if your child has COVID-19 they must:

- Quarantine for seven days
- Advise the school
- They must stay home until their symptoms have resolved and they are well

You must also report your child's positive test to the Department of Health via the [COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form](#) or call centre on 1800 675 398.

Students who show symptoms of COVID-19 cannot attend school and should get tested immediately and isolate until they receive a negative result.

Students who have recovered from COVID-19 do not need to participate in surveillance testing for 12 weeks after their isolation period has ended.

Household Contacts

Where a student is a household contact of a positive case (ie they have spent more than four hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house) they must inform the school.

Household Contacts are no longer required to quarantine as long as they take additional safety measures in the 7 days that would have been their quarantine period.

They can return to school as long as they:

- undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times within their 7-day period
- wear a face masks indoors (if aged 8 years and above or unless they have a valid exemption).

Household contacts are required to inform the school that they are attending during the 7-day period.

If any household contact returns a positive RAT result during this period, they must isolate for 7 days and not attend school.

Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

2022 NAPLAN Testing

The National Assessment Program - Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a set of tests undertaken by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia each year in the month of May. Students will be undertaking Writing, Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy assessments.

This year NAPLAN will be held online for all schools with the exception of the Year 3 Writing test which will be paper and pencil.

As these tests are now online the testing window has been expanded to a two week period from Tuesday 10th May through until 20th May. This will include catch up sessions for absent students.

The aim of NAPLAN assessments is to highlight the educational developments that students make over the course of their time at both Primary and Secondary School.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail style of test, but rather it demonstrates how individual student's Numeracy and Literacy skills are progressing, against national standards for all Australian children. The results of this testing provides information for students, parents and teachers, which is used to improve student achievement.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. This report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

It is important to note that the twice yearly individual student reports prepared by the classroom teacher, give a more comprehensive and accurate picture of what your child is able to do and where they are having difficulties.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

Gala Day 1

Last Friday, the Year 6 students participated in their first Gala Day of the year. The students got to pick from four different sports; Basketball, T-Ball, Netball and AFL. It was a very successful day and all the students had a lot of fun. All the teams played extremely well, in particular, the mixed A T-ball team and the mixed A Netball team, where they both won the tournament and have progressed to the division finals. Great work to all the Year 6 staff and students that were involved.

Mr Fenby



Outdoor Assembly

For the first time in two years we were excited to have our first whole school assembly out on the Agora area on Monday. It was a return to all of the elements that we know and love including special awards - presented in person, the national anthem that we could all sing together and of course there was the opportunity to hear from the Year 6 students, sharing their results from Friday's Gala Day.

Please see the special award winners below:



4DW - Rayyan	4P - Parees	5FM - Murtaza	5P - Buom
4H - Batu	5AL - Ekjot	5K - Michael	6C - Haisha
4M - Angelica	5D - Arnav	5L - Shobika	6F - Raghav

ICAS Assessments

Every year students at Dandenong North Primary School are given the opportunity to participate in the ICAS Assessments. ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving. The subjects offered are **English and Maths** and it is open to **Years 3, 4, 5 & 6** if they wish to enter.



Please note the sitting window for the English assessment is during the grade 6 school camp week. Students attending camp on Tuesday 16th August will have a makeup session on Thursday 18th August.

Each assessment celebrates students' accomplishments by providing opportunities for recognition. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online result report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

Subject	Sitting date
ICAS Assessments English	Tuesday 16 th August
	Thurs 18 th August (makeup session for students who attended camp)
ICAS Assessments Mathematics	Tuesday 30 th August

These assessments will take place during the day

If you would like your child to participate in any of the subjects listed above, please visit the online Parent Payment System to make a direct payment. This is a simple and secure online payment service specifically for parents to purchase ICAS Assessments.

Access details for parents

Our school access code is: **JNK801**

Parent page link is: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Online parent payment closes Friday, 29th July 2022.

IMPORTANT: Please enter your child's name accurately into the System as it will appear on their ICAS certificate. We are proud to partner with ICAS Assessments and look forward to some fantastic results later in the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions and ask for Ms Varas or Mrs Mackay.

Photo Day - 6th May 2022

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2022 Photo Day Online and Envelope Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

Dandenong North Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 06-05-2022

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**** IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 05-05-2022 ****

ONLINE ORDERING Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1: Click Here - For online ordering process for your school.

- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [4PC GC3 R2D]

Step 2: Enter your student's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

****Online Orders have a 1.5% merchant fee applied when using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal.**

Please Note: If you miss photo day, portrait and group packages can still be ordered online for 7 days afterwards with no late fees. After that time, late orders will require separate processing and handling and therefore will incur a \$15 late fee per package.

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS No envelope required if ordering online

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- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [4PC GC3 R2D]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 05-05-2022
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with exact cash amount.

ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE

Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.

Please use black or blue pen.

Step 2: Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.

Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au

Cash – Please enclose correct money – as change is not available

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you Do Not wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order.

info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133

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