



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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

7th December 2021

COVID Update

Calendar of Events

- 9th December - Free Pizza Lunch Celebration
- December 13th - School Council Meeting
- Year 6 Certificate Day
- December 14th - Year 6 Luncheon
- December 16th - **Final day of Term 4 - 1:30 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.

We are all “sick of” COVID-19. None of our staff at Dandenong North Primary School want to be calling parents and telling them that their child/children have to get a COVID test before they can come back with a negative result after a certain number of days.

We have had to make far too many calls – every day, almost! The amount of paperwork required by DHHS for every daily report would choke a hippopotamus.

Part of the reason we have had to make so many calls is that not every parent agrees that testing and adult vaccinations help to protect others. As a result, we have had positive cases among students because they have not been identified soon enough as positive and they have remained at school while they are infectious - and the result is often that 20 to 60 other children then have to get tested and remain absent for up to 10 days if their parents are vaccinated. Then, of course, even parents in essential occupations also have to stay absent to look after them. Another hurdle we then have to negotiate is trying to find replacement teachers for the teachers who also have had to get tested and be absent for ten days if they tested positive.

Yes, we really are “sick of it”!

So, when we hear from the occasional parent that they are “sick” of this, and “Why can’t the school do better?”, it simply adds to the already impossible workload of complying with the requirements and mandates of the Chief Medical Officer.

Believe me; we are “sick of it” too! But, we are doing exactly what we must do.

If any parent continues to be “unhappy”, “angry”, “annoyed” with calls from the school about isolation or quarantine requirements I ask that they not direct those feelings upon any of our staff.

Let’s just hope that the cross-infections among us and our community slow down over the next weeks and months so that we can all get back to making sure all of our wonderful students get a fair go at their learning.

Kevin Mackay

Principal

**Term 4 ends Thursday 16th December -
School finishes at 1:30 pm.**

Prep Transition - Wednesday 15th December

It is with great excitement that we welcome you to take part in our Prep Transition Program. Unfortunately, we did have to cancel our last session, however, our circumstances have changed and we are excited to open our classrooms to your child on **Wednesday 15th December**.



When: Wednesday 15th December, 2021

Time: 9:30am – 11:45am

Where: In front of the office building (smiling staff will be waiting for you)

RSVP: As soon as possible by reply email or call the school office on **97947899**

Unfortunately, due to Covid safe policies, we will be unable to have parents/guardians in the Prep building and we ask that families drop their children off at the signed desk in the morning and pick them up from the same location, on time.

Details of the day

9:30am- 10:15am Arrival, sign in, Meet a prep teacher and Developmental play in the classroom

10:15am- 10:30am Snack Time (We will provide some sliced apple, pear and orange in a separate zip lock bag for a healthy snack) **Please inform the office if your child has allergies to this fruit**

10:30am-11:00am Recess Play in the Prep playground

11:00am-11:15am Story Time

11:15am -11:35am Learning task

11:35am -11:45am Pack up, sing our 'Good bye' song, dismissal

Please provide a water bottle and hat that is, clearly named.

The Prep teachers look forward to meeting you and your child. Please keep in mind these Prep Transition groupings are **not** your child's class. We will be making the grades after our Transition day. There will also be an Information Afternoon sometime in the first few weeks of school where your classroom teacher will explain the expectations and routines of their classroom. You will also be able to ask any questions at this meeting too.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Agathi Orologas
Prep Area Leader

Pizza Day



To celebrate the amazing efforts of every student at DNPS (and their parents) during such a difficult year, the school will be funding a pizza day for all on Thursday 9th December!

Students will each get 2 slices of pizza and a drink. They will NOT need a packed lunch on this day, please include a snack for recess.

Vegetarian options will be provided & all pizzas are Halal.

Thank-you for all your hard work!

School Owned Borrowed Devices

We want to take this opportunity to thank those families who have returned their school owned borrowed device as requested. This is also a reminder to other families who have not yet returned devices, to please do so as soon as possible.

Class teachers have an up-to-date list of students who borrowed devices and they will continue to question the students daily about the return of these borrowed devices and chargers.

It is important that each device is returned in the condition that it was borrowed, as all of these devices are used at school to assist children with their learning.

Once all devices are returned, they will then need to be cleaned and reimaged before they can be used in classrooms again.

We thank you for your assistance with this matter.



New Uniform Supplier - State Schools' Relief

We will be changing our School Uniform supplier in the coming weeks. Our current supplier PSW will no longer sell our uniform as of December 6th 2021.

Our new supplier State Schools' Relief will have ordering online from 20th December 2021 until 9th January 2022. You can then visit their store to purchase from 10th January onwards.



State Schools' Relief

Business hours: 8:30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday

Location: 1/8 Johnston Court, Dandenong South VIC 3175

Mailing address: PO Box 4528, Dandenong South VIC 3164

Phone: 03 8769 8400

Email: contact@ssr.net.au

Hats for Term 4

Dandenong North is a Sun Smart School so it is expected that all students are to wear a navy blue school hat (broad brimmed or legionnaire), during Terms 1 and 4 of the school year. With the weather warming up, it is important that a hat is worn during any outside activities including P.E. sessions and during recess and lunch times.

All children should have their own hat and it should be brought to school every-day or alternatively it can be left in classrooms. Broad brimmed hats can be purchased from the Office for \$12.95 or a bucket hat for \$9.95

Please ensure your child has the correct school hat as soon as possible.

Students are also encouraged to wear an SPF 30+ (or higher) sunscreen to school, which they can reapply prior to the lunch break.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.



Preps' Minibeast Incursion

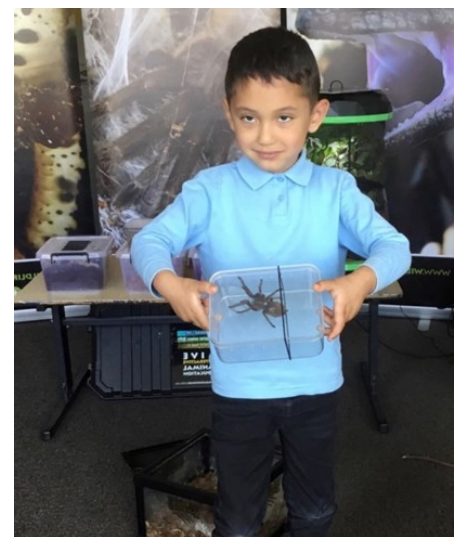
On Monday, the prep children were very excited to have Brandon from Wildlife Xposure come to visit with some of his favourite creatures. Brandon showed us many different minibeasts, such as, mealworms, a Giant Burrowing cockroach, stick insects, and myriapods. We learnt so many facts about these animals! 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.

The spider was so creepy and it was camouflaged in dirt. By Ayadh

I liked the mealworms because they tickled my hand. By Ishwari

I liked the scary spider it had 8 hairy legs and a hairy body. By Vinuki

The tarantula was cool because it is very scary. By Karrar



Year 6 Excursion to Sidetracked

On Monday 6th of December, our year 6 students attended Sidetracked for their final excursion of the year.

Students had the opportunity to participate in a variety of action-packed games and activities. Laser tag was popular and gave students a big adrenalin rush once they were in the arena. Students also loved driving the dodgem cars, and playing miniature golf, ten pin bowling and many other arcade games.

Sidetracked was such a great way for students to finish off their final year of primary school with an experience to remember.



Music Melodies

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The keyboard music program has been running successfully at Dandenong North Primary school and will be continuing in the future. Your school and the teachers are very supportive of the music program and enrolments are now open to students in grades 2-6

Music Melodies offers students the opportunity to learn the keyboard whilst at school in a relaxed and fun environment. It caters for all skill levels from beginners to advance. The program is designed to develop music skills, appreciation, active listening, and concentration skills. Students will learn to read music notation and basic theory, providing them with an excellent grounding to further their skills or enabling them to easily switch to any other musical instrument.



Features of this program include:

Lessons offered to children in grades 2 upwards.

Qualified and experienced music teacher.

Small intimate classes of 4 to 5 students.

30 Minute classes held weekly.

Classes held at school during school hours.

Each student learning the keyboard is provided with their own instrument to use during lessons.

Keyboard lessons are \$125 per term. GST is included.

Tuition in group of 2 offered; private lessons also available; please enquire.

Lessons will continue at school, face to face. Please enrol online at

MusicMelodies.com.au

Happy Keyboarding,

Lili Katz - Director.

(Music Melodies 0438 901146)