



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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

8th February 2022

Gymnasium Construction Begins

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 2022

22nd - Grade 5 Students attending
Melbourne Museum

28th - **GRADE PREPS START
FULL TIME**
(9:00 am–3:15 pm)

MARCH 2022

10th— **CURRICULUM DAY
NO SCHOOL**

11th - **CURRICULUM DAY
NO SCHOOL**

14th - **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

21st - Harmony Day

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 fol-
low the 4Cs to keep our
school a safe and happy
place.

I promise to treat others as I
would like to be treated.

Welcome back to all of our returning families and those that are new to the DNPS community.

It is always wonderful to see the children looking refreshed and keen to be back with their friends ready to learn and achieve. After the last two years of disruptive learning, it is great to see our students back working in classrooms again. We currently have 781 students enrolled at the school with 35 classes across the school from Prep to Year 6.

Many families who have been on-site in 2022, will notice a major change at the Cleeland Street end of the school. The Multi-purpose Room has now been completely demolished and two playgrounds have been re-moved. At this point in time, much of the playground has been fenced off as the builders look to begin the building of foundations for the full size gymnasium.

This is a very exciting time for the community as the School Council has been actively pursuing this first class facility that our community de-serves. We will be watching with anticipation the progress of this build and we look forward to sharing with you updates as the gymnasium pro-gresses.



Sun Smart School

A reminder to all children and parents that during Terms 1 and 4, all children are required to wear a hat. All children should have their own hat and it should be brought to school everyday or they can be left at school. It's important that you name your child's hat to ensure that it is returned to them if it is lost. Bucket hats can be purchased from the Of-fice for \$10.95 or Safety Slouch Hats for \$13.95



COVID Update

Thank you to all parents and children who have been following the precautions we have put in place to make our school COVID safe as possible.

The following precautions remain in place:

- Mask wearing will continue to be mandatory for students from Year 3 upwards. Mask wearing is highly recommended for students in years Prep-2.
- Parents/Carers, unfortunately, are still not allowed within classrooms or other rooms. Parents can enter the Office area, but only one parent at a time and they must check-in using the QR code and wear a fitted mask to minimise the risk of viral transmission.
- Parents/carers are strongly encouraged to RAT test their children twice a week on days of their choosing. If parents/carers choose to test more frequently than twice a week they will need to obtain additional RAT kits from retail outlets.

What you need to know:

- If your child is not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, they can continue to attend school, but you should monitor for symptoms.
- Students who show symptoms of COVID-19 cannot attend school and should get tested immediately and isolate until they receive a negative result.
- Students should continue with twice-a-week rapid antigen testing on school days.
- Students who have recovered from COVID-19 do not need to participate in regular testing for 30 days after their isolation period has ended.
- For information on symptoms visit: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/symptoms-and-risks>.
- For more information on how to get tested visit: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/taking-test-covid-19>.

If your child returns a positive result, your child has COVID-19. You must:

- quarantine your child for seven days
- advise the school about the positive result
- Your child must stay home until their symptoms have resolved and they are well
- Everyone in your household is a close contact and must isolate for 7 days.

Reporting your child's positive test:

If your child was at school when they were infectious you need to report the positive case and notify the school by calling the school office **97947899** or via email to dandenong.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au. 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.

Further information for languages other than English:

- For school information in languages other than English, call TIS National on **131 450**.
- For translated written information about COVID-19, please visit: [Translated information about COVID-19 | Coronavirus Victoria](#).
- Please ask them to call the DET COVID-19 hotline on **1800 338 663** and they will help interpret.
- For health advice in languages other than English, visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19

General advice and support:

Advice and further resources about what to do if you test positive to COVID-19, or you have been told you are a close contact, are at: [Your COVID Checklist | Coronavirus Victoria](#), or call the 24/7 Coronavirus hotline on: 1800 675 398

Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

New Staff in 2022

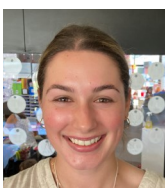
In 2022 we have five new class teacher to Dandenong North Primary School, as well as two new staff joining our Wellbeing team. Below is the list of staff and their roles for 2022.

Miss Svetlana Blagojevic has settled into her Year 2 classroom. She taught at North Melbourne Primary School for the previous four years as a tutor and literacy leader. Prior to this, she worked at Dandenong Primary School.



We welcome Miss Ella Putt to the Year 5 team. Having completed her University degree, Miss Putt travelled to the UK and taught in various schools. Upon returning, Miss Putt taught at Lynbrook Primary for the last 2 1/2 years. She is excited about teaching 5P this year!.

Miss Tanya Shevchenko is new to Dandenong North and has taken on a teaching position in Year 6. Miss Shevchenko taught Year 1, 2 and 6 in her time at Lyndale Greens Primary School. She is enjoying working with the Year 6 team.



Miss Rehanna Nuredin is a graduate teacher from Deakin University. She was at our school last year as a student teacher and was a member of the Tutoring Program team. Miss Nuredin displayed impressive teaching skills throughout the year and has joined the Prep team in 2022.

Miss Maddison Corcoran was also a 2021 graduate teacher from Deakin University.

Miss Corcoran completed her teaching rounds at DNPS last year and also worked in the tutoring program. She is enjoying teaching her own class - 1C.



Mr Michael Bains joins the DNPS staff, having just completed a Master of Music Therapy at Melbourne University. Michael completed his final placement during Terms 3 & 4 last year. Michael aims to help students realise their musical potential and access the depths of their creative minds. Michael also plans to introduce a lunchtime choir once a week which will be accessible for all students.

Miss Shannyn Davies is an occupational therapist who has recently joined the Wellbeing team at DNPS. For the past 6 years Shannyn has supported children and families in their homes, schools and kindergarten through Early Childhood Intervention Services. She is looking forward to supporting the students of DNPS to access their schooling potential through assessments, direct individual or group therapy support and working alongside teaching staff to enable our students to be the best they can be.



Preps settle into school life!

Our Preps have settled in well to their new learning environment. After all of the upheaval that these children have experienced it has been a smooth transition for them into school life.

The 2022 Prep teachers have spent many hours organising their rooms to make them as inviting and as stimulating as possible for our littlest learners.

Already you can start to see the growth and improvements that they can make over a short period of time with the concentration levels of students expanding.

Students have also begun to complete excellent pieces of work and have shown their enthusiasm for school! The smiles on the faces of the students as they come into their classroom and the engage in work tasks is great to see.

We can not wait to watch them grow and experience all that school has to offer.



Special Awards

At DNPS we have weekly special awards that celebrate student achievements, courage and dedication across all year levels. The 4C's are a set of values that allow our students to be developing learners, great friends and confident individuals.

It is lovely to hear about all of the wonderful achievements of our students. Here the assembly award winners.

Prep N - Casilda	2AN - Aishe	3O - Gursirat	5K - Vigashni
Prep O - Arham	2B - Mason	3V - Raghavi	5L - Ahemadkabir
Prep Y - Noreen	2N - Shirley	4DW - Amelia	5P - Evin
1C - Zafirah	2T - Hijrat	4H - Nazanin	6CA - Sahana
1F - All of 1F	2V - Eden	4P - Zain	6C - Swetha
1H - Levi	3A - Sneva	5D - Lithika	6G - Benjamin
1M - Riyan	3B - Nilofar	5FM - George	6S - Xiaoli
1T - Kyna			

School Hours

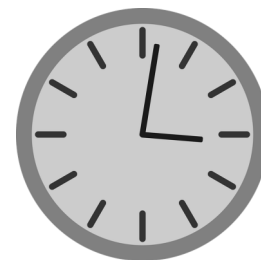
Children are required to arrive at school between 8:45 and 9am. If children arrive after 9am, they must first go to the Office to be given a "Late Pass". Students are dismissed from school at 3:15.

Each day, teachers are on duty from 8.45am until 3.30pm. Children who are at school outside these hours are not supervised.

After 3:30pm it is considered the parents/carers duty of care to ensure children are safe and under their supervision unless they have phoned to inform the school that they will be late.

The school will ensure all students have been collected by parents/carers before the school is closed for the day, however, the expectation is that children will have left the school grounds by 3:30pm.

If your child has an appointment throughout the day, please write a note for their classroom teacher, so the children can be waiting at the Office to be picked up. Parents are still required to come to the Office to sign their child out.



CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides money for eligible families to be used for camps, sporting events and excursions.

For families who hold a current Health Care Card as of the 31st January 2022 you will be eligible for this fund.

The \$125 per student per year is paid directly to the school and is linked to the child and can be used to pay for excursions or sporting events.

The forms needed to apply for this fund were sent home earlier this week and we urge all of our parents to fill in the necessary pieces of information and return these forms to school as soon as possible.

If you have a valid Health Care Card, fill in the required information and return it to the office as quickly as possible. All forms must be returned by **28th February 2022**.

Annual Privacy Reminder for 2022

Dandenong North PS collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, found on our website

www.dandenongnorthps.vic.edu.au/

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

Amharic
Arabic
Dari
Gujarati
Mandarin
Somali
Sudanese
Turkish
Urdu
Vietnamese.

Keyboard Program - Learn Music



Learn keyboard at school during school time.

Hurry there are a few vacancies for 2022 .

30 minute group sessions.

Available for grade 2-6 students



Music Melodies -call Lili 0438 901146

Enroll online [www. Musicmelodies.com.au](http://www.Musicmelodies.com.au)

North Dandenong Masala Junior Football Club

Masala Dandenong FC is extremely proud to announce that it will be launching a new junior football club in 2022: **North Dandenong Masala JFC**

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the launch event which will include an AFL Victoria supported Footy4Fun program, games, activities & prizes, as well as a free BBQ and the presentation of 2021 Auskick awards.



The new junior club combines the heritage of the North Dandenong JFC, mixed with the multicultural flavour of Masala Dandenong's senior club to create a new home for the next generation of footy champions to emerge from Australia's most diverse municipality.

North Dandenong Masala JFC will launch with U9's in 2022 in addition to the existing Auskick program (for 5-7yo), and is open to boys and girls.

The club is also taking expressions of interest for other junior age groups.

Detail of the Launch Event:

Sunday 13 February

10.00am - 1.00pm

Lois Twohig Reserve - Top Oval

80 Carlton Rd, North Dandenong

For all enquiries, please contact Jana on 0403 295 107