



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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19th December 2022

News From the North

Summer Holidays

Calendar of Event

DECEMBER 2022

20th - END OF TERM 4
SCHOOL FINISHES
AT 1:30 PM

JANUARY 2023

27th - Curriculum Day: No
students at school
30th - START OF TERM 1

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 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.

We had known that this year would be a challenging one and we had all prepared for what might occur however nothing could have prepared us for the continued aftershocks of COVID. Students, teachers and our families were continually impacted as they were again hit with COVID. The continual changes to rules and mandates also proved tricky, but again, our families rose to the challenge and worked with us to keep everyone safe and we thank the community for their continued support through these difficult times. It has been great to feel like we are finally getting back to normality, especially being able to have all of our children back onsite and learning for the entire year.

It has been a big year for the leadership of Dandenong North Primary with the retirement of Mr Mackay (39 years at DNPS) and Mrs Mackay (36 years at DNPS). It was sad to say farewell to these two icons of education, however the assemblies, afternoon tea and evening celebration were fitting tributes to two people who have made this school a great place to work and learn. I have been successful in my application to be the next Principal of Dandenong North and have had a fabulous apprenticeship under the tutelage of both Kevin and Jenny and whilst they are big shoes to fill, I am confident that my understanding of the school and our community will ensure Dandenong North remains a high performing school.

At this time, I wish to thank all of our staff for their continued hard work and dedication to our students. They go above and beyond to support the academic and social growth of students whilst seeing to their wellbeing both within and beyond the classroom.

We say a fond farewell to our Year 6 students and we were very lucky to be able to allow parents to attend the certificate ceremony last Tuesday to celebrate this special occasion with their children. We wish them all the very best for their transition into secondary school and we know that they are all ready to spread their wings and continue their educational journey.

As the term ends, we wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. Don't forget that Dandenong Library will be open, so make sure that you pop in for a visit and borrow some books. We will look forward to seeing you all back for the start of the school year on Monday 30th January 2023.

Paul Hilton
Acting Principal

happy holidays

**Term 4 ends Tuesday 20th December at
1.30pm.**

Term 1 2023 begins Monday 30th January.

Year 6 Graduation Certificate Ceremony

The Year 6 Graduation Ceremony took place last Wednesday 14th December in the Theatre at Dandenong High School. It was fabulous to be able to celebrate their achievements and present graduates with their certificate and Year 6 Graduation Badge in front of their classmates and families.

Mackay Medallions

Mackay Medallions (named in honour of previous Principal and Assistant Principals Mr and Mrs Mackay) were presented to students who have shown significant educational, social or emotional growth throughout their final year at Dandenong North Primary School.



The recipients this year were: Pratyush and Thenumi (6C), Noyan and Adina (6F), Shanmukhi and Sherroch (6G), Manonith and Mercy (6CA).

Congratulations to all Mackay Medallion winners!

Academic Excellence Awards

Each year, the top performers on the PAT (Progressive Achievement Test) are recognised with an Academic Excellence award. This year the Literacy (Reading and Vocabulary) award went to the very deserving Nadinsa from 6C and the Mathematics award was presented to Lydia, also from 6C. Both students were working at a Year 10 level which is an exceptional effort.



Malone Medallions

In recognition of students who live by the motto 'Fitter, Faster, Stronger, Further', Mr Fenby awarded Malone Medallions (named for previous long-standing Phys Ed teacher Mr Malone) to the following students: Yuhan 6F, Wahab 6F, Enayat 6F, Shabir 6F, Jinston 6G, Bhavesh 6G, Lilly 6G, Sahana 6CA, Penny 6CA, Zahra 6CA, Fredrick 6CA, Rocine 6CA, Lydia 6C



Community Spirit and Leadership Award

On Tuesday 13th December, Julian Hill MP (Federal Member of Parliament for Bruce) recognised one student from each school in the Bruce electorate for their contributions to community. Sahana was selected to receive this prestigious award from DNPS.

Sahana is a member of the student leadership team and epitomises the school values of the 4Cs - Care, Courtesy, Co-operation and Common-sense, and is an exemplary role model in the Dandenong North Primary School community. Sahana is a Peer Mediator where she volunteers her recess and lunch time to be on duty to support her fellow peers. This role provides Sahana with the opportunity to assist students when solving problems, and creating a school environment that is caring, safe and friendly. Sahana consistently displays a positive approach to her learning and applies herself to all set tasks. She constantly seeks to give back to the school she has attended for the last 7 years. Congratulations Sahana!



2023 Student Leadership Positions Announced

At our final virtual assembly for the year, Mr Hilton announced the student leadership positions for 2023. We are proud to introduce you to our 2023 Student Leadership team!

Congratulations to the following students:

School Captains - Oneesha 5K & Sam 5P

SRC President - Ranjana 5L

School Leadership Team Members: Shadien 5P, Dhattatray 5FM, Akashiya 5AL, Hannah 5FM, Vibhish 5P, Jarrod 5K and Ashvik 5FM.



School Captains - Oneesha & Sam

The House Captains were also announced:

Keys: Captains: Chudiar 5L & Vigashni 5K

Vice Captains: Evin 5P & Saba R 5AL

Verrey: Captains: Ahemadkibir 5AL & Madina 5L

Vice Captains: Dawoud 5L & Lithika 5D

Marsh: Captains: Mushab 5L & Zinat 5P

Vice Captains: Omer 5FM & Dephne 5AL

Leed: Captains: Ansh 5FM & Miheli 5FM

Vice Captains: Hadiid 5L & Saba N 5D

Raymond & Great Jungwirth Awards - Year 5

Academic Excellence Award

Congratulations to Dhattatray from 5FM who has been awarded this on the basis of his/her academic achievements. Dhattatray will receive \$200 toward the costs associated with Year 6.

English as Additional Language (EAL) Award

Congratulations to Yasna from 5P who has been selected based on remarkable progress in learning the English language. Yasna will receive \$150 towards the costs associated with Year 6.

Departing Staff

As the year draws to a close we need to thank and farewell staff who are leaving Dandenong North to continue their teaching profession at other educational settings.

Miss Ellie Fisher

Ellie Fisher has been a wonderful staff member of DNPS since 2016, most recently teaching in Year 6. Miss Fisher has decided to extend her teaching capabilities and will be heading to Sandringham College to teach. We wish her the very best with her future endeavours.



Miss Emily Young

Emily Young joined the Prep team as a graduate teacher in 2021 and has enjoyed welcoming Prep students to the beginning of their Primary School journey. Miss Young will be heading to Berwick Fields Primary School next year. We wish her the very best during this very exciting time.



Miss Biljana Vucic

Biljana Vucic joined DNPS as a graduate teacher in 2019 and has enjoyed being part of the Year 2 teaching team. Biljana has been a wonderful staff member, particularly since she was also a past student from 1999 to 2005. She has decided to spread her wings for a year and will be venturing out seeking new opportunities and we wish her the very best.



Mrs Sabrina Massey

Sabrina Massey has been a part of DNPS since 2010. Mrs Massey has mainly worked with the senior students at our school, however, she has also team taught our prep students a couple of years ago when she returned after maternity leave. Mrs Massey will be teaching at Diamond Creek East Primary in 2023 and we hope she has a fabulous year.



We wish all teachers and families who are not returning in 2023 all the best for their next exciting adventure!

School Council Vacancies

Expressions of interest are invited for three parent vacancies on School Council for 2023. Parents must have children enrolled for 2023 to be eligible to be school councillors. 2023 is going to be a very exiting and busy year for Dandenong North Primary School. We need School Councillors who are interested in volunteering their time to help solve problems, develop any required policies and help manage the budget that is required to operate our amazing school. School Council meets mostly on the last Monday of a month at around 6.30 pm depending upon the availability of School Councillors. Nomination forms for school Council can be obtained from the office. Nominations will close on 17th February. If there are more nominations than vacancies to be filled it may be necessary to arrange election.

Paul Hilton
Acting Principal



Uniform Supplier - State Schools' Relief

Over the summer, it would be a good idea to check that school uniforms and polo t-shirts still fit. If you require new uniforms, please visit State School's Relief in Dandenong South from Thursday 12th January.

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

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

Phone: 03 8769 8400

Email: contact@ssr.net.au



End of Year Reports

Teachers have completed the end of Year Reports for students to take home on the last day of the school year. Reports will also be available to view and download from Sentral via the Parent App. As with the Semester 1 June Report, the Semester 2 Report contains an indication of your child's academic progress, their attendance rate and a comment from the classroom teacher.

We encourage you to share the report with your child and celebrate their successes with them.

Over the summer break, encourage children to continue their nightly reading routine. This will ensure they will settle back into school easily and be able to easily resume their reading and homework routine.

