



**DANDENONG NORTH  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**

School Website:  
[www.dandenongnorthps.vic.edu.au](http://www.dandenongnorthps.vic.edu.au)

7th February 2023

## Welcome Back

### Calendar of Events

#### FEBRUARY 2023

16th—Grade 5 students excursion  
to the Museum

28th— Grade 4 students  
excursion to Botanical  
Gardens.

#### MARCH 2023

3rd - House Cross Country  
Grades 3 to 6

9th - CURRICULUM DAY  
(NO SCHOOL)

10th - CURRICULUM DAY  
(NO SCHOOL)

13th - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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 to our returning families and in particular to our new families that have joined our Dandenong North community. I hope all of our families have had a lovely summer break and thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful weather and time spent with family and friends. It has been wonderful hearing and sharing holiday stories with students and parents. I am so pleased with how our students have returned to school and the calm manner that our Preps have started their educational journey.

Already this week I have walked into classrooms and the students are settled and focused on their learning. After previous years, it is so lovely to have a normal start without fear of closures and the uncertainty that has been a part of other school year beginnings. I would like to thank the Dandenong North staff for the work that they have undertaken in order to make this such a smooth transition back to school for all of our students.

I am proud to be the Principal of this great school and I am looking forward to continuing to work in partnership with our families, to develop every student so that they can be the best that they can be.

Paul Hilton

Principal

Many parents have enquired as to whether Dandenong North Primary has a before and after school care program.

School Council is looking to use a private company to run an Out of School Hours Care program. Parents would **pay the provider** (an external company) and children who then attended would be supervised before and/or after school.

The program would begin during term 3 and be based in the new gymnasium.

To determine if there is a need for this program, we ask parents to [click here](#) and complete a short survey.



## 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 Office for \$10.95 or Safety Slouch Hats for \$13.95



## New Staff in 2023

This year we welcome a number of new and returning teachers to the Dandenong North Primary School community. Please make them feel welcome if you see them around the school.



Miss Yasmine Nasser has joined the DNPS family as a graduate teacher. She is looking forward to being part of the Year 1 team and beginning this exciting new chapter as a classroom teacher.

We welcome Mrs Amanda Gregory to Dandenong North Primary this year. Mrs Gregory is a familiar face to students at DNPS as she was regularly replacing absent teachers in 2022. We are excited to have Mrs Gregory as part of the Year 2 teaching team in 2NG.



Mr Noah Scott graduated from DNPS as a Year 6 student and has now returned as a classroom teacher. Mr Scott has joined the Year 4 team and is looking forward to a fantastic year with 4S.

Miss Aleesha Gist is beginning her teaching journey at Dandenong North and has joined the Year 5 team. We know she will have a fabulous time with 5G.



Mr Pat Gill has joined the Year 6 team this year. Mr Gill is an experienced teacher who is looking forward to an exciting and jam-packed year in 6PG.

Mr Mike O'dwyer has joined our Phys Ed teaching team this year. An experienced Phys Ed teacher, Mr O'dwyer is enjoying getting to know students from every year level as he settles into life at DNPS.



Ms Lauren Stone have returned to the classroom and will be teaching 1KS with Mrs Chloe Gage this year. She is very excited to be back and looking forward to a fabulous year in grade 1.

Mrs Tori Croxton returns to us this year from family leave. Mrs Croxton brings lots of experience to the Year 2 team and will be teaching 2C this year.





## Preps settle into school life!

It has been a very smooth start for our Preps this year and they have settled in well to their new learning environment.

The 2023 Prep teachers have spent many hours organising their rooms to make them as inviting and as stimulating as possible for our littlest learners.

Already, concentration levels of students are expanding as they join in on circle time, listen to stories and sing songs together.

The smiles on children's faces as they walk into their classroom each day is a great indication of the fabulous start to their school year.

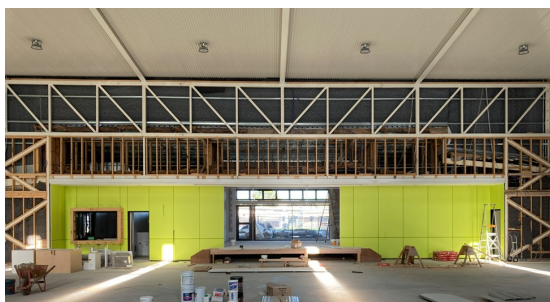
Thank you to parents and guardians who have ensured children arrive at school before 9am and are collecting children from their classroom at 2pm.

We look forward to watching them grow and experience all that school has to offer.



## Building update

Construction has continued over the holidays of our new gym. It is very exciting to see it all coming together. Our senior library is now open and we are enjoying the fresh, colourful new look of the original gym building. The new 'ninja warrior course' playground has been installed and should be open for our senior students to use towards the end of this term.





## Back to School Reminders

- School begins at 9am. Children arriving after 9am must sign in at the office.
- No glass bottles should be brought to school including glass water bottles.
- Student lunches cannot be heated by staff. If you would like your child to have a warm meal, please send pre-warmed food in a thermos.
- No hat, no play. During Terms 1 & 4, our Sun Smart policy states all children must wear a wide-brimmed hat outdoors. No hat means no playtime and no sport or Phys Ed.
- As we return to school routines, encourage children to read every night and be in bed early enough to get a good night's sleep so they are not tired in the morning.
- Breakfast club is open! If you ran out the door without time for breakfast, please send your child to breakfast club. Breakfast is available between 8.15am and 8.45am.
- It's not ok to be away. While at school, each day children are building on their previous learning and understanding. Every time a child is away, they miss a key part of their learning making it more challenging when they return. Unless your child is unwell, please bring them to school.

**IT'S NOT OK  
TO BE AWAY**

### EVERY MINUTE COUNTS ...

**Lost minutes mean lost learning!**

When your child misses just ....	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning time each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
1/2 an hour a day	½ a day of learning each week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1½ years of learning of learning
1 hour a day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year	Over 2½ years of learning

**Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...**

**School starts at  
9.00 AM  
DON'T BE LATE!**



**Good time keeping means making sure that your child is at school and ready to learn BEFORE the school bell rings!**

## Special Awards

This week teachers have been very impressed with the excellent behaviour of all students. Our school values of Care, Courtesy, Cooperation and Common Sense are evident in every classroom and outside in the play-ground. A big congratulations to the following people for receiving their class award this week.

Prep A - Sommer	1T - Anmay	2T - Nyabiel	3A - Eileen
Prep O - Ashleigh	1C - Jala	2AN - Sara	3P - Yasna
Prep N - Agalvizhi	1F - Everyone!	2NG - Areesha	3O - Leo
Prep R - Emerson	1N - Everyone!	2P - Kyna	3V - Hafsa
	1H—Everyone!		3J - Everyone!

## 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 30th January 2023 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.

**If you have applied for CSEF 2022 – you will still need to complete a new application form for 2023.**

All forms must be returned by **28th February 2023.**

# Uniform Supplier - State Schools' Relief

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If you require new school uniforms, please visit State Schools' Relief in Dandenong South.

**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](mailto:contact@ssr.net.au)



## 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 17<sup>th</sup>. February. If there are more nominations than vacancies to be filled it may be necessary to arrange an election.



Paul Hilton

## School Crossing

There has been a slight change to the crossing supervision of David and Cleeland Streets.

Mornings: 8.15am—9.15am

Afternoons: 3pm—4pm



Please note, this means if your child is late to school, the crossing will be unsupervised.

## Annual Privacy Reminder for 2023

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/](http://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.





Australian Muslim Women's  
Centre for Human Rights

# Mother's Group

Discussing topics on:

- Mothers' role in their community
- Understanding children's behaviours
- Healthy Relationships
- Communication skills
- Or any other issues of your concerns

**Every Monday**

**9am - 11am sharp**

**Dandenong North Primary School**

**Language: English and Dari**

**Childcare Free**

**Morning tea provided**

To join us contact

Aalia Hussain or Fatima Baigh on

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