



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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News From the North

Calendar of Events

AUGUST 2023

2nd - Grade 5 Students
Excursion to Victorian
Space Science

3rd - Grade 5 Students
Excursion to Victorian
Space Science

16th - ICAS - English

29th - Pizza Lunch

30th - ICAS - Maths
- Grades Prep, 1 & 2
Tabloid Sports

SEPTEMBER 2023

5th - Grade 1 Students Excursion
to Moonlight Sanctuary

15th - END OF TERM 3

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.

Welcome to Term 3

Term 3 has got off to a smooth start with fantastic attendance across all year levels. A reminder that learning *begins* at 9am. This means for children to be settled and ready to learn, they need to be at school by 8.50am. Arriving after the bell can delay the start of their learning time by 30minutes as they need to sign in at the office, get to class, set up for the day and then wait for the instructions they have missed to be repeated so they can begin learning.

We love Term 3 at DNPS as there are always lots of fun and engaging activities happening around the school. From sports days to cooking incursions, excursions to Scienceworks and Moonlight Sanctuary all our children will be looking forward to some fabulous learning opportunities. Footsteps was postponed last week, however we anticipate that it will begin this Thursday.

Enrolments for 2024

As a result of the new timeline that has been introduced by the Department of Education, **enrolments for 2024 are now due**. If you have a child who will be starting Prep next year it is important that you speak to the office this week to complete enrolment forms so that we can save your child a place and plan for anticipated enrolments. If you have a neighbor, friend or relative who lives within our zone (www.findmyschool.gov.au) we ask you to check that they have enrolled their child. Applications are due by 28th July. If you have any questions, please contact the office ASAP.

Enrolments for 2024 are now due!

**Please contact the office to complete an
enrolment form for any children
starting Prep in 2024**

This week, we anticipate parents and carers will receive results for children who participated in NAPLAN from Years 3 and 5. There were some changes introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) in both the delivery and reporting of the test. This year, all students completed an adaptive test on line (Year 3 Writing was completed on paper). From 2023, NAPLAN results are reported against proficiency standards, with student achievement shown against 4 levels of proficiency. There is a standard for each assessment area at each year level. This replaces the previous numerical NAPLAN bands and national minimum standards. NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels that will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels.

The NAPLAN proficiency standards include 4 proficiency levels for each assessment area at each year level:

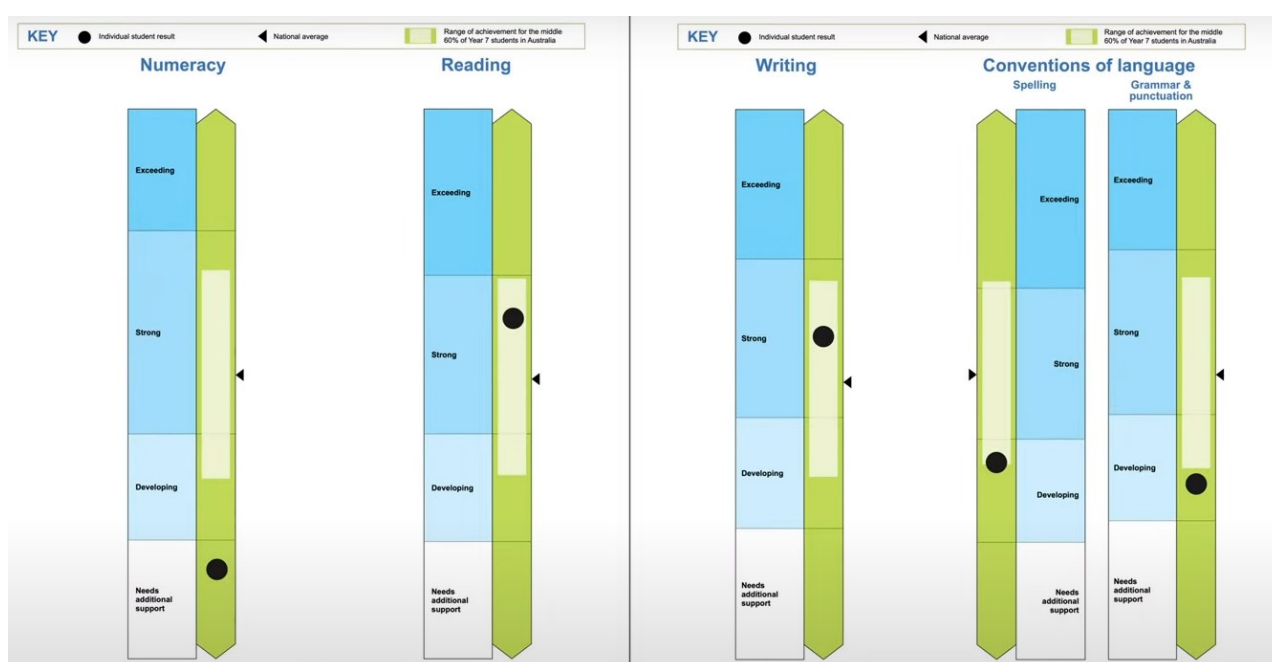
- **Exceeding:** the student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- **Strong:** the student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- **Developing:** the student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- **Needs additional support:** the student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes expected at the time of testing.

Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

When we provide you with your results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean. To watch a video that explains the results, [click here](#).

As always, you're welcome to speak to your child's teacher with any questions about these changes.



Sample of new NAPLAN report style showing student achievement against proficiencies instead of bands.

Special Awards

News From the North

Care, Courtesy, Cooperation and Common Sense are fabulous values that are always on display from students at staff at Dandenong North. Congratulations to the following students for receiving their class award.

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| 4AD: Akram | 5G: Abdullah | 5KL: Alamdar |
| 4S: Farida | 5AL: Dunia | 6C: Ashvik |
| 4DW: Wasim | 5P: Zar | 6CA: Nimalan |



Reminders:

School Uniform

Recently at DNPS, we have noticed some variations of our school uniform, particularly amongst children in years 4-6. We would like to remind all parents that our school uniform colours are navy and sky blue. As per our [School Uniform policy](#) that is published on the DNPS website, children should be wearing navy blue pants, shorts or leggings, a sky blue polo shirt (with or without the school logo) in Year P-5 or the navy Year 6 polo for Year 6 students and a navy blue jumper. A blue and white check dress may also be worn by girls. No black, labelled or free dress jumpers should be worn to school. Please review your child's school uniform to ensure it fits the above requirements. Items can be purchased from all major department stores including Kmart, Target, BigW and Best & Less. Alternatively, State School Relief in Dandenong South are our official uniform supplier and can be found at 1/8 Johnston Court Dandenong South or contact 8769 8400.

Be prepared for cold weather: Please encourage your child to bring (and wear) a navy blue jumper and jacket during recess and lunch. Jackets are also permitted to be worn in the school yard.

ICAS

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 participate. More information including how to register, is included in the newsletter.

End of day school pick up

With the onset of cooler and wetter weather, we would like to remind all parents and carers that school finishes at 3.15. Unfortunately we do not have an appropriate shelter for children to be waiting to be collected so request that you make arrangements to collect your child as close to 3.15 as possible to ensure they are not out in the cold or rain while they wait.

Sentral Parent App

Thank you to all parents who are using the Sentral App to advise the school of planned or unplanned student absences, access school reports and read notifications. Sentral continues to be our main form of communication between home and school.

If you have yet to download the App or require support, please visit the office.

Before and After School Care

Before and After School Care is up and running. We are excited to partner with OSHClub and are excited to see so many children already enjoying breakfast and some fun activities before school and a snack and craft, games or activities after school as part of the program. Registering for Before and After School Care is FREE and you only pay when your child requires care. Being registered before you need it, ensures you can quickly make a booking if and when you need it with very little notice. [Click here to find out more](https://www.oshclub.com.au/vic/dandenong-north-primary-school/Child%20Care) or head to: [https://www.oshclub.com.au/vic/dandenong-north-primary-school/Child Care](https://www.oshclub.com.au/vic/dandenong-north-primary-school/Child%20Care) subsidies apply.



Thank you Hannah

At DNPS, we encourage students to have a voice and be active members of the school community and one of our Year 6 students has gone above and beyond in her efforts for our school. Hannah from 6KG has been studiously writing letters to local businesses seeking donations to furnish our new gymnasium. As a result of her hard work, Bunnings have donated 3 large bins which will be used to store sports equipment.

Thank you Hannah for all your hard work and determination.



PREP ENROLMENTS:



There has been a new statewide timeline for enrolling in Prep for the 2024 school year, with guidelines around dates being mandated.

Therefore, [if you have a child starting primary school in 2024, it's time to enrol](#). Every application must be submitted before Friday 28th July 2023. If you currently have a child attending DNPS and a new sibling beginning in 2024, your child will be prioritised at our school as per the Department's Placement Policy. We encourage you to visit the school office at your earliest convenience to complete an enrolment form (you will require your child's birth certificate or passport and their Medicare Immunisation Certificate).



Dear Parents/Guardians,

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 participate.

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.

Learn more about ICAS [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas). (https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas)

| Subject | Sitting date |
|------------------------------|---|
| ICAS Assessments English | 14-18 August 2023 (Wednesday 16 th August) |
| ICAS Assessments Mathematics | 28-1 Sept 2023 (Wednesday 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: **WXM199**

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

Online parent payment closes 30th July 2023.

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.



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