



**DANDENONG NORTH  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**

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

2nd May, 2023

# News From the North

## Calendar of Events

### MAY 2023

- 5th - School Photo Day
- 9th - Prep Students Myuna Farm Excursion
- 10th - Mothers Day Stall
- 11-18th - Book Fair
- 16th - Grade 4 Students - Aviation Museum
- 17th - Grade 2 Students Dinosaur World Excursion
- 19th - District Cross Country
- 24th - Pizza Day

### JUNE 2023

- 2nd - Division Cross Country
- 9th - House Athletics Day
- 12th - Kings Birthday (Public Holiday)
- 14th - Regional Cross Country
- 20th - Parent Teacher Interviews Interpreters
- 21st - Student Free Day  
**NO SCHOOL**
  - Parent Teacher Interviews English Speaking

## 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.

## Welcome back!

I would like to personally welcome back all our families for what promises to be an exciting Term 2. Last week it was quite a strange start to the term as we began on the Monday which was followed by ANZAC Day public holiday on the Tuesday – therefore Wednesday felt like the “official” start to the term.

The school landscape certainly looked different when we returned last Monday as all the builders’ sheds and equipment had been removed now that the gymnasium has finally been completed. On Monday we took students through the new gym pointing out all of the features, in particular the new toilet areas. Our Physical Education staff were particularly pleased to have somewhere to store equipment and to work from after having been unable to undertake classes in a hall for a number of months. There will be an official gymnasium opening once the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) determine a date. On Wednesday I had the pleasure of escorting Mr and Mrs Mackay around the new Gym that is named in their honour. They were impressed by the facilities and are in agreement that these are facilities that our students can thrive in. I need to thank the tireless work of Mr and Mrs Mackay and our School Council President Mrs Ann Scott to ensure that this gymnasium was finally completed and it is an exciting development for our community. Later this term, we will be reinstating school assemblies and there will be Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) being offered to our families early in Term 3.

With the building equipment removed, our students have much more open space to play and it was wonderful to see so many children exploring this end of the school. In the coming weeks, Mr Fenby and Mr O’Dwyer will be delivering licenses to those students in Years 5/6 who have competently completed the Ninja course and this will be open for those students to use during break times.

Mr Hilton’s welcome back letter is continued on the next page.

## Student Free Day - Wednesday 21st June

**Students will not be required at school on Wednesday 21st June as this will be a Professional Practice Day for all teachers.**

**In addition to this teachers will be planning for Term 3, Parent / Teacher conferences will be held at DNPS from 2pm - 6pm. More information to come.**

### SCHOOL UNIFORM:

The weather is becoming cooler and jackets are being worn by our students – some of which are not the DNPS uniform colours. As a reminder to our families, school pants, jackets and jumpers are navy blue with school t-shirts being sky-blue (unless it is a year 6 polo). We are not asking for school uniforms with logos to be worn – however the correct school colours are required. More information on our school uniform policy can be found on the school website.

### SCHOOL TIMES:

We have had an increasing number of students unsupervised and onsite until 4pm on a school day. Our supervised school hours are from 8.45 until 3.30. Please endeavor to collect your child at the correct school finishing time of 3.15.

### MOBILE PHONES:

The Department of Education have strict guidelines in place in regards to mobile phone usage. We are asking that parents adhere to these guidelines by ensuring that they have completed a consent form for their child if they are required to have a mobile phone at school. These are then stored in the office during school hours and can be collected at the end of the day by students. We appreciate our families support in this matter.

### BOOKLIST:

We would like to thank our families who have paid for their child's booklist fees for 2023. The ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students. Within the school this support allows us to ensure each student has that required stationery equipment as well as access to various programs such as Mathletics, which assists us to provide the best education possible.

If you would like to pay your book list fees, this can be done via the details below-

Sentral App

Cash at office

EFTPOS at office

Bpay – using your unique BPay code (please ask at the office)

Direct Deposit- BSB: 063 000 Account number: 14179085 Reference: use child's name & grade

### 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 enroll.](#) Every application must be submitted before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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).



## Special Awards

The behaviour of students as we being Term 2 has been fantastic. It is great to see children using the 4Cs in and out of the classroom. Thank you to the following children for being fabulous role models for your peers.

4AD - Mohammad	5KL - Sanjeev	6KG - Dorcas
4S - Emma	5G - Mubarik	6K - Taha
4DW - Josh	5AL - Mahdia	6PG - Afomia
		6CA - Evin

## Year 6 Gala Sports Day

On the 28th of April, the Year 6 students had the opportunity to showcase their skills and abilities at the Dandenong District Gala Day. With four sports to choose from, including Basketball, T-Ball, Netball, and AFL, the students had an unforgettable experience. The day was a huge success, with all the teams performing exceptionally well and having a blast.

The Mixed AFL team made it to the Grand Final and gave their best performance, although unfortunately, they lost to Dandenong South. On the other hand, the Mixed A Netball Team proved their dominance and remained undefeated throughout the day, ultimately winning the Grand Final. Their outstanding performance earned them a spot in the division finals in term 3.

Congratulations to all the Year 6 staff and students who participated in this incredible event. Your hard work and dedication were truly remarkable.



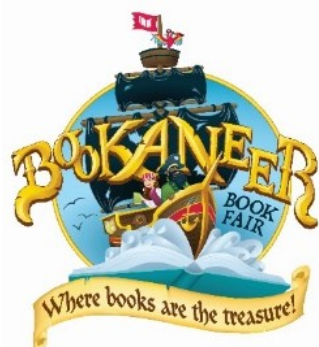
Netball mixed team A



Basketball Allstars

# Book Week

## 11th - 18th May



Welcome back everyone we hope you've had a lovely two week break and plenty of reading was done during the school holidays. This term we will be encouraging children to read by having a Book Fair... It's no ordinary fair because this year it's a **Bookaneer Book Fair!** There will be plenty of fun activities and prizes to be won by all. The fair starts on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May after school**. Don't forget all purchases will benefit our school, so come and join us and look at all the fantastic range of books that are available to buy. Parents are most welcome to come with their children after school and before school during the book fair.

A Book Fair is the perfect place for children to discover a love of books and ignite a lifelong passion for reading. We look forward to seeing you there!!



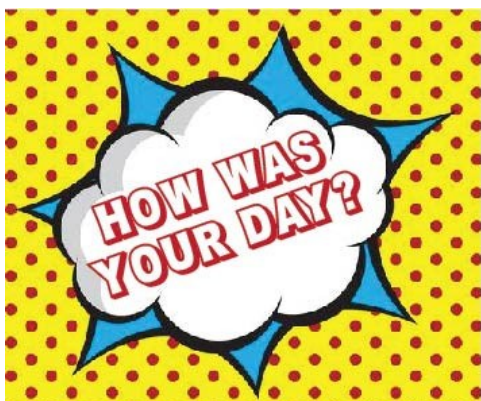
## BOOK FAIR HOURS

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May			After School 3.15—3.45
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning 8.30—9.00	Lunch 1.15—2.15	After School 3.15—3.45
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning 8.30—9.00	Lunch 1.15—2.15	After School 3.15—3.45
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning 8.30—9.00	Lunch 1.15—2.15	After School 3.15—3.45
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning 8.30—9.00	Lunch 1.15—2.15	After School 3.15—3.45
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning 8.30—9.00		

# Get hooked on a book!



## Wellbeing Matters



### Talking with your kids about their day

“How was your day?”

“Good”

“What did you do?”

“I don’t know”

We have all been there before when we ask our children how their day went and we get the classic response of “I don’t know”. Often even when we give them prompts of how was this class or who did you play with we still get the same response.

When we think about the question “how was your day”, it is a very big question. Your child might be thinking what parts of the day should I share, who should I talk about, what did I learn, what did I like or dislike. Answering with “I don’t know” and “good” is a way to quickly finish a conversation we don’t really want to be having because we feel tired, stressed or we feel like the person won’t care what we have to say.

This is why talking and unpacking a child’s day is so important. It helps to build their ability to share their ideas, thoughts and feeling and in turn increases their connectedness to you and improves their overall wellbeing. When we talk with our children they can ask about a tricky social interaction they had and we can help them work through how to manage it, they can discuss a difficulty they are having in class or they can feel a sense of pride when they tell you something they did well. These skills are important to help them navigate social situations, improve their engagement with school and can help them feel more connected and understood by you.

### Some strategies to get kids talking:

**Giving time to relax after school:** bombarding children with questions about their day straight away won’t give you much information. Your child is likely tired, hungry and thinking about other things so they are not in a space where they want to be talking. It’s important to not make them feel rushed to share. Listening to music they like, having a snack or talking about upcoming exciting events might be a good start.

**Be specific about what you want to know:** Being specific about what you want to talk about helps build the conversations and gives places for you to dig deeper. This could be asking questions such as; what was fun today, what did you like best about this class, what games did you play at recess, what was something that was funny that happened today. Try asking opened ended questions to avoid just getting yes or no answers.

**Make different times to talk:** giving your child different opportunities to chat not just straight after school but perhaps during cooking dinner, walking the dog, driving to or from after school activities or even when watching TV.

**Sometimes even just how you are sitting when you ask the questions can help:** Talking face to face about things can be a little overwhelming sometimes especially when it might be a tricky topic. Sitting or standing next to each other and engaging in an activity like lego, drawing or doing cooking together can help them feel less interrogated and more open to chatting.

**Active listening:** Being present when you are talking with your child is the most important part of showing them you are there for them and that you value their thoughts. Nodding or asking building questions such as “then what happened” or “how do you feel about that” can facilitated more meaningful conversations and show them that you have heard what they have said and want to know more.

The more you encourage them to share and make them feel comfortable with sharing the more they are likely to share without you even having to ask.



Helena Brace

DNPS Child Psychologist

**DANDENONG NORTH  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
INVITES YOU TO SEE OUR  
SCHOOL IN ACTION**



# **Foundation 2024 Tours**

**If you have a child who  
will be starting Primary  
School in 2024, we  
invite you to see our  
classes in action, meet  
the teachers and ask  
questions.**

**Wednesday 10th May 9.30am  
Wednesday 24th May 9.30am  
Friday 2nd June 9.30am  
Wednesday 7th June 2.30pm**

**Call 9794 7899 or  
scan QR code  
to book**



**SCAN ME**



# 2023 Photo Day

## Online and Envelope Order Instructions

Dear Parents and Students,

### Dandenong North Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 05-05-2023

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

**\*\* IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE – ONLINE ORDERING FOR SIBLING PHOTOS WILL CUT OFF ON 04-05-2023 \*\***

**ONLINE ORDERING** Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

#### 4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

**Step 1:** [Click Here](#). - For online ordering process for your school.

- OR - Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [4PC GC3 R2D]

**Step 2:** Enter your student's details

**Step 3:** Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)

**Step 4:** Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

**\*\*Online Orders have a 1.5% merchant fee applied when using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal.**

Please Note: If you miss photo day, portrait and group packages can still be ordered online for 7 days afterwards with no late fees. After that time, late orders will require separate processing and handling and therefore will incur a \$15 late fee per package.

#### FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS No envelope required if ordering online

##### 3 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) before photo day and enter your school code [4PC GC3 R2D]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on [4/05/2023]
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with exact cash amount.

#### ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

##### ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE

**Step 1: Student Details:** Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.

Please use black or blue pen.

**Step 2: Purchase Details:** Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.

**Step 3: Payment Method:** Select your payment method.

Credit Card – Online Only at [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au)

Cash – Please enclose correct money – as change is not available

Please Note: A portrait and a class group photograph will be taken of every student at the school, regardless of purchase. Photographs of your children taken as part of a class group are only permitted to be distributed within their own class. Your child's name will appear on the class group photo. If you Do Not wish your child to be photographed, please contact your school office with your instructions prior to Photo Day.

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries regarding your child's school photo order.

[info@advancedlifevic.com.au](mailto:info@advancedlifevic.com.au) or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team



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DATES	TIME	AGES
WED MAY 3 to WED JUNE 21	5:00 - 6:00PM	7-12 YEARS

WAVERLEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION JELLS RD, WHEELERS HILL	WAVERLEYSOFTBALL@GMAIL.COM WWW.REVOLUTIONISE.COM.AU/WAVERLEYSA/HOME/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 WEEK COMPETITION</li> <li>• MIXED GENDER TEAMS</li> </ul>
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## Waverley Winter Softball Competition is starting soon for juniors aged 7-12!!

The perfect competition for juniors to unleash their super skills learnt at home, school or in club training as well as develop and foster new skills in a supportive team-based competition!!



Fun, inclusive, welcoming comp for all



Mixed gender team competition



Wednesday nights from 5-6pm



Once players register they'll be placed in a team



RSVP HERE:

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/waverleysa/events/183328/>

AND TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS TO COME AND BE HOME RUN HEROES TOO!



