

News From the North

DANDENONG NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER**

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

30th May, 2023

Calendar of Events

MAY 2023

31st - 4C's Day (Gold coin donation)

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**

23rd - END OF TERM 2

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.

Celebrating our values of Care, Courtesy, Cooperation and Common Sense: 4Cs Day!

Wednesday 31st May is 4Cs day! Students in every year level will be participating in activities that help consolidate our understanding of the 4Cs so that we are better able to live our values in all we say and do, both at school and at home. Children are welcome to wear a coloured top, socks or hair accessory with their school uniform to help celebrate the day. To demonstrate the value Care, we ask all students to bring a gold coin donation to support State School's Relief.

Parent Teacher Interviews

On the 20th and 21st June we will be holding parent teacher interviews. This provides a fantastic opportunity to discuss your child's progress this year, celebrate their achievements and look at goals to support their future learning both at home and at school. Please note that interviews run for 15 minutes on the Tuesday (to support interpreters) and 10 minutes on Wednesday (English speaking). Due to a tight schedule, teachers will be keeping to this limit. If you feel you will need additional time, please contact the office or speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible. We ask you to please arrive 5-10 minutes prior to your scheduled start time so that all interviews can start on time. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

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.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 20th June - Interviews with Interpreters Wednesday 21st June - Interviews (English only)

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After School Care Update

From Term 3, DNPS will be able to provide both Before and After School Care. More information will be available soon including how to enrol your child and the costs associated with attending the program.

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.

Book Fair

Thank you to all those children and parents who came to the 2023 Bookaneer Book Fair, it was an amazing success! It was wonderful to see so many parents come to the fair with their children sharing their love of books. We raised \$800 worth of books that will soon be catalogued, covered and ready to go into the junior and senior libraries for children to borrow. It was a massive success and the children loved all the exciting activities. A big thank you to all the staff who helped at the book fair. Without your support we could not have run such a successful event.

Congratulations to the winners of the Book Fair raffle prizes:

1st Prize – Nazanin 5P 2nd Prize – Fariha 3A 3rd Prize – Zafirah 2AN



The winner of the 'Guess the Treasure in the jar' was Angelica 5KL



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 on page 5.

Special Awards

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.

PA: Alanya	2AN: Kiyan	3P: Imaz	5AL: Lisa	6CA: Shabir
PN: Mahnaz	2B: Nidha	3V: Rayan	5G: Abolfazl	6C: Kosar
1KS: Elvis	2P: Setayesh W	4AD: Sierra	5KL: Selen	6PG: Rayyan
1C: Ananya	2T: Setayesh E	4S: Ashar	5P: Wilfred	6K: Isaac
1F: Zain	3J: Derek	4M: Abdussaleh		6KG: Elias

1T: Jaydel 3A: Mason 4DW: Nihal



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.

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, <u>if you have a child starting primary school in 2024</u>, <u>it's time to enrol</u>. 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 en-

courage 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).

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Education Week Open Day

Thank you to all the parents and carers who visited their child's class during our Open Day. It was fabulous to see so many parents joining in on maths activities and chatting with their child about their learning. We hope that it was a great opportunity for all and will provide some stronger connections to school and what happens in the classroom.



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Year 2 Excursion to Dinosaur World

On Wednesday the 17th of May, Year 2 classes stepped back in time during a 'roarsome' visit to Dinosaur World! Despite a chilly morning start, we were lucky to have the sun shining. Classes rotated through a variety of activities across the day. Students experienced an informative guided tour through a forest of dinosaur models which came to life with movement and sounds! They had the opportunity to share their knowledge and ask questions with our tour guide, Mr Jesse. Larger dinosaur models were spotted by students during a relaxing miniature train ride. The playground equipment was a great treat to play on and allowed students to enjoy the warm sun.

Under the big tent, classes used their cooperation skills to complete enormous puzzles. Time was also spent here colouring dinosaur pictures and watching a realistic documentary on the prehistoric giants. Students became palaeontologists while digging for fossils in a large sand pit, chiselling, brushing and finally revealing their fossil. This was a favourite experience among many and they took home their fossils as a special keepsake.

It was such a fantastic day filled with facts and fun! Year 2 teachers were so pleased to see the 4Cs displayed by students and congratulated their classes on following our school values.













Dear Parents/Guardians.

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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** <u>here</u>. (https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas)

Subject Sitting date

ICAS Assessments English 14-18 August 2023 (Wednesday 16th August)

ICAS Assessments Mathematics 28-1 Sept 2023 (Wednesday 30th 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 Friday, 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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PRIMARY SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO SEE OUR
SCHOOL IN ACTION

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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



4Cs Day

Wednesday 31st May





Care

: Courtesy

Common Sense Cooperation

Wear a splash of colour and bring a gold coin to donate to State School Relief