



## DANDENONG NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

24th October, 2023

# News From the North

### Calendar of Events

#### OCTOBER 2023

25th - Prep 2024 Transition  
(9:30 am to 10:45 am)

Grade Preps— 2 Students  
Tabloid Sports

31st - Pizza Lunch

#### NOVEMBER 2023

2nd - Grade 2 Students  
Mordialloc Beach Excursion

Grade 3 Students  
Science Incursion

7th - Melbourne Cup  
**Public Holiday**

13th –24th - Swimming Program  
Grade Preps to Grade 2  
Students

22nd - **CURRICULUM DAY  
(NO SCHOOL)**

27th November - 8th December  
Swimming Program  
Grades 3 - 6 Students

### 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.

### 'It takes a village to raise a child'

Dandenong North Primary School is proud to have a great relationship with members of our community including our parents, carers and wider community. To support our students to become thriving members of an always evolving society, we are so grateful to be able to have a strong partnership between home and school.

To continue to help us support each other, we encourage families to use the language of our school values of Care, Courtesy, Common Sense and Cooperation at home. These values can also be the basis of good conversation with older children about the responsible use of technology (including being safe online and Social Media).

### Child safety and wellbeing at DNPS: information for families and the school community

The Victorian Government has announced new [Child Safe Standards](#) to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Dandenong North Primary has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to on our [school website](#).

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please email [dandenong.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:dandenong.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

### Moving Schools in 2024?

If your child will not be returning to Dandenong North Primary School in 2024, please advise the school office in writing at your earliest convenience. This will help us as we plan for 2024 and ensure we can support a smooth transition to the new school.

Please email: [dandenong.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:dandenong.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

## Weekly Awards

We love to celebrate our students who are not just achieving academically in the classroom but showing our school values of Care, Courtesy, Cooperation and Common Sense. Here are our recipients for the fortnight.



*Awarded Monday 16th October*

PA: Helena	1KS: Ahmad	2T: Pranav	3J: Wajid	4S: Jenega	6C: George
PH: Janecia	1H: Navid	2P: Setayesh	3P: Mihran	5G: Dean	6R: Kavein
PN: Kamshika	1N: Basharmal	2NG: Aram	3V: Muaz	5KL: Satya	6KG: Michael
PO: Ghani	1C: Ramin	2B: Raiden	4DW: Humza	5P: Charan	6CA: Dilaksini
PR: Soha	1F: Kyas	3O: Nayab	4M: Sahib	5AL: Hasty	6PG: Dawoud
1T: Aiden	2AN: Urooj	3A: Samsor	4AD: Bhavika		6K: Shanawar



## Spotlight on Talents

Every child is unique and we are enjoying giving children an opportunity to showcase their talent at assembly. Students who have presented their talent have bravely stood in front of 850 students and teachers and performed under pressure to a very supportive and appreciative audience. Thank you to Josh who this week shared his impressive skill of solving a randomly twisted rubik's cube in 1 minute and 18 seconds!!





*Awarded Monday 23rd October*

PA: Sobhan	1KS: Kamran	2T: Vinuki	3J: Eva	4DW: Vanara	6C: Farhan
PH: Nyakhan	1H: Olivia	2P: Rayyan	3P: Mihran	4S: Thanish	6R: Anjoa
PN: Kamshika	1N: Raha	2NG: Maliha		5G: Aishah	6KG: Krithika
PO: Sarah	1C: Narges	2B: Sangay		5KL: Bavisan	6CA: Bella
PR: Evan	1F: Hedia	3O: Teddy		5P: Manahill	6PG: Tasbeeh
1T: Aiden	2AN: Mojtaba	3A: Saraniya	4AD: Zaiden	5AL: Hassan	6K: Isaac



**Care**  
**Courtesy**  
**Cooperation**  
**Common Sense**



## **ICAS awards**

Every year we give children the opportunity to 'opt-in' to participating in ICAS testing. Those who participate are awarded one of the following awards:

High Distinction is awarded to the top 1% of participants

Distinction is awarded to the next 10% of participants

Credit is awarded to the next 25% of participants

Merit is awarded to the next 10% of participants

Participation is awarded to all remaining participants



### **Maths**

Distinction: Maevis (5G) and Vibhish (6K)

Credit: Imaiya (3J), Tetiana (3V), Arshaad (5AL), Oneesha (6K), Hannah (6KG), Dhattatray (6CA), Vigashni (6R)

### **English**

Distinction: Vibhish (6K)

Credit: Imaiya (3J), Tetiana (3V), Dhattatray (6CA), Maevis (5G)

## Pyjama Day - We raised \$667

Last Thursday we held our whole-school Pyjama Day to raise money to support children in out of home care to reignite their passion for reading. The Student Representative Council are proud to share that we raised a whopping \$667. This is an outstanding effort and we thank everyone who contributed a gold coin to this worthy cause.



**How Your Donation Helps**

Dreams are no good if they remain just dreams. Education opens doors. Help The Pyjama Foundation to support more children by empowering them with learning, life skills and confidence to achieve their dreams. Here's how your donations can make a difference:

-   
**\$1000**  
Provides a child in care with their very own Pyjama Angel mentor, who will visit each week, igniting a love for learning.
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**\$105**  
Helps The Pyjama Foundation to provide two training kits for two Pyjama Angel mentors (a vital kit they need to become a volunteer).
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**\$58**  
Secures new educational resources for children in care including: learning activities, games, puzzles and more.
-   
**\$32**  
Enables The Pyjama Foundation to provide brand new books for children in care.

**Thank you**

**Donate today at [nationalpyjamaday.com](http://nationalpyjamaday.com)**

## Sentral and Seesaw Apps

As we move toward the end of the year, we encourage all families to be regularly checking Sentral and using the App to report student absences. Sentral will also be used to gain permission for upcoming activities. If you need support accessing Sentral, please see the office.



Seesaw will be updating its logo from October 27th. Please ensure you update your app over the weekend. All the features of Seesaw will stay the same, its just a new look. Thank you.

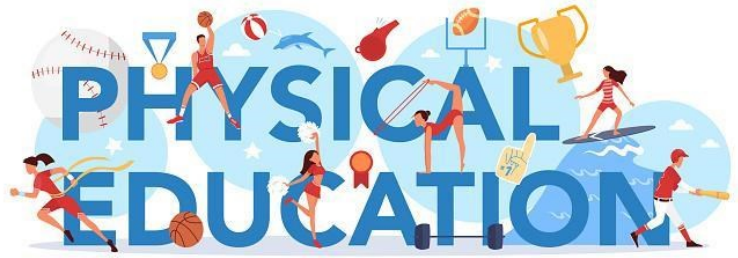




## Regional Athletics

Last Wednesday, 19 students from DNPS attended the Regional Athletics Championships. Our students showcased remarkable skills and sportsmanship, making the day a great success. Special congratulations to

Dawoud 6PG, Oneesha 6K, and Trinabh 5AL for their outstanding performances in the 12/13 Boys 1500m, 12/13 Girls Triple jump and the 9/10 Boys Triple jump where each athlete placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Congratulations to all students who participated in Regional Athletics, Mr Fenby and Mr O'Dwyer are very proud of your dedication and hard work.



## Division Summer Sport Finals

Last Friday, DNPS attended the Division Summer Finals. We sent three mixed teams to compete in three different sports: T20 Cricket, Hot Shots Tennis, and Fully Loaded Softball. All the teams played extremely well, displayed excellent teamwork, and represented DNPS with pride. DNPS won all their matches in each sport and will now be advancing to the Regional Championships.



## Division Summer Sport Finals

The Year 4 Transition and EAL classes made their own Island using a salt dough recipe. The children followed a procedure to make the salt dough and then demonstrated their understanding of Geographic Features by making landforms such as lakes, volcanoes, oceans, caves and even

an isthmus on their island. From this activity they will be able to use this knowledge to help with their writing. Such creative work from our talented Year 4s. Well done.

From Mrs Wilhelm and Mrs Cortese



# Prep

On Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, the Foundation students participated in a 'Creepy Crawlies' incursion with Brandon from Wildlife Xposure. In this incursion, Brandon brought in a diverse collection of live creatures that our students investigated up close, including a Water Dragon Lizard, a Giant Burrowing Cockroach and Australia's heaviest bird-eating spider. Brandon also taught us about the life-cycles of these creatures and their place in our food chain. Our Foundation students then created such wonderful pieces of writing about this exciting experience! Here are a couple of photos from our day:



**Aryan standing as still as a tree, while a stick and leaf insect crawled on him.**



**Arash holding Millie, the 200-legged millipede.**



**Helaina bravely holding a Water Dragon Lizard.**





# WE ARE COMMUNITY

*Come & try athletics!*



Ever wanted to **give athletics a go?** Meet new friends, spend quality time with family, have fun and achieve your personal best?

Participate in a variety of running, throwing and jumping events whilst being surrounded by a supportive community!

What are you waiting for?

REGISTER TODAY AT  
**[lavic.com.au](http://lavic.com.au)**



## **DANDENONG LITTLE ATHLETICS U6 to U17 REGISTRATIONS OPEN.**

FREE 2 week trial for new athletes, register at [lavic.com.au](http://lavic.com.au)

Annual fee \$165 (including cross-country) +\$35 shirt.

Any further questions please contact:

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Websites: [lavic.com.au](http://lavic.com.au) OR [dandenonglac.com.au](http://dandenonglac.com.au)

Facebook: Dandenong Little Athletics Centre





## Victorian Government Get Active Vouchers

Parents or carers, can receive a voucher for up to \$200 towards your child's membership or registration fees.

To be eligible for a voucher your child/dependant must be:

aged 0 to 18 years, and

a resident in Victoria, and

named on a valid Australian Government Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, and

named on a valid Australian Government Medicare Card.

You can apply for more than one voucher if you have more than one eligible child. You can apply for multiple children on the one application.

To apply log onto the website:

<https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/apply-for-vouchers/>

Please search for an activity provider by activity and suburb or organisation name to ensure your child's sporting club is a provider that parents/carers are able to access a voucher for.

Not all sporting clubs have access to the \$200 voucher to pay your child's membership or registration fees.

Applications will close when the allocation has been exhausted. Vouchers expire 30 April 2024, so you can use your voucher for a Summer sport or a Winter sport.



**LEARN MUSIC** at Dandenong Nth

Learn keyboard at school during school time

There are a vacancies for 2024

for 30 minute group

Available for grade 2-6 students

 Music Melodies -call Lili 0438 901146

Enrol online [www. Musicmelodies.com.au](http://www.Musicmelodies.com.au)



# FUN IS IN FULL SWING!

**Join Woolworths Cricket Blast**

A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.



## North Dandenong Cricket Club

All ages and abilities welcome!  
'Sport for All' vouchers applicable  
Be active and have fun!



**SIGN UP TODAY!**

**Q Play Cricket**

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