



News from the North

28th October, 2025

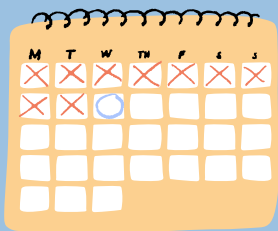
IMPORTANT DATES

October

29: 2026 Preps: Transition Session #3
30: Foundation Mini Beast incursion

November

4: Melbourne Cup Day (school is closed)
12: Yr 1 Marine Life Incursion
13: Yr 2 Mordialloc Beach Excursion
18: Yr 5 Puffing Billy excursion
19: Curriculum Day (no students to attend school)
20: Yr 5 Lyndale Science excursion



Melbourne Cup Day



Tuesday 4th November

Curriculum Day

Wednesday 19th November

World Teachers' Day

This Friday, 31st October is World Teachers' Day. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful work of the teachers at DNPS. It takes a special kind of person to dedicate their lives to helping others, and being a teacher means you are not just an academic educator; you also provide students with the safety and support that allow them to challenge themselves and grow. I know how hard our teams work to help your child(ren) grow and thrive, ensuring they receive the education they deserve in a supportive school community. On this day, we say thank you to our teachers, but every day we can say thanks through the support of our families for the work that our teachers do in nurturing and educating our future generations.



Parent Opinion Survey

Thank you to the families that completed the Parent Opinion Survey last term. We had over 160 families undertake this and the feedback provided helps to shape what we do at DNPS. Pleasingly, the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Some of the areas to note were:

- General Satisfaction – 94% positive endorsement
- School Connectedness – 93% positive endorsement
- School Communication – 91% positive endorsement
- Respect for Diversity – 94% positive endorsement

As a community, we will continue to work in partnership to ensure our students feel safe and happy, as we know this is when they learn best. Thank you for your continued support of what we do at Dandenong North Primary.

*Paul Hilton
Principal*

Student of the Week

Each week we love celebrating the achievements of our students at assembly. As a whole school, we recognise the conscious efforts students make to follow our school values of Care, Courtesy, Cooperation and Common Sense (our 4Cs) by awarding a certificate to one student from each class every week. The recipients from the last fortnight are below.

Awards presented 20th October

Suhail FO	Iqra 1FB	Ali 2C	Maten 3T	Swathi 4M	Fozia 5H
Lon FN	Farid 1YN	Piper 2S	Emma 3G	Ashnoor 4C	Abdussaleh 6CA
Iliyan FE	Madina 1V	Sarah 2D	Adhrit 3TW	Urfanullah 5J	Mey 6W
Ollie FS	Isra 1KN	Daniel 2A	Casilda 3S	Sam 5LP	Library: Asal 1YN
Sharon FH	Dalia 1P	Adrian 2L	Habil 3A		
	Earl 1I				

Awards presented 27th October

Mansoor FO	Tommy 1I	Kavin 2C	Kamran 3T	Keegan 4M	Taha R 5G
Safa FN	Armin 1YN	Kosar 2S	Farida 3G	Maerweina 4C	Mahsa 5LP
Yaran FE	Ali 1P	Sora 2D	Zainab 3TW	Karrar 4L	Afsa 6W
Ishak FS	Ava 1KN	Eltomma 2A	Maryam 3S	Azin 5P	Arzish 6C
Sara FH		Kriishnaa 2L	Diane 3A	Tarik 5J	Sohail 6CA



The DNPS 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.

Preparing for 2026

Starting school at Dandenong North



Our final transition session for new students will be Wednesday 29th October from 9.30-10.45am.

We have limited places remaining in all year levels and encourage anyone who has not yet enrolled their child to contact the office on 9794 7899 urgently.

Changing schools in 2026

While we are always sad to say goodbye to students who are changing schools, we would appreciate as much notice as possible. This helps your child transition smoothly to the new school while allowing us to accommodate any changes to classes at DNPS.

If your child is changing schools for 2026, please advise us in writing at dandenong.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au



2025 Curriculum Contribution



Each year we ask families to contribute to the cost of consumables at school (including classroom supplies such as books & pencils). We make every effort to keep this as low as possible and have kept this to a low \$110. If you have yet to pay and are able to, we would greatly appreciate it. This can be done at the office by cash or card or via the Sentral App.

Thank you in advance

Digital Device Update

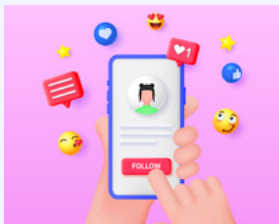
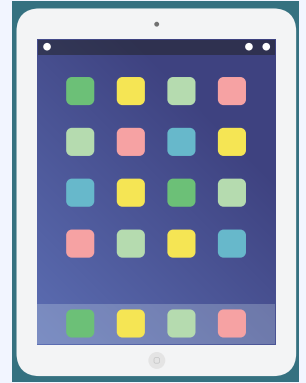
Changes to Student Digital Device Use

From 2027, the Victorian Government will introduce changes to the use of digital devices for students from Foundation to Year 6.

Under the new guidelines, schools will follow new recommended digital device times:

- minimal device time for Foundation to Year 2
- maximum of 90 minutes per day for Years 3 to 6.

These changes are intended to support families by reducing cost-of-living pressures. These changes support the reduction of screen time for students which can ultimately reduce the risk of eye strain, sedentary behaviour and increase peer interaction. These changes will have little to no impact at Dandenong North Primary, as we use technology to support learning; it is not a key tool to educate our students and the recommendations provided by the Victorian Government are already in place at DNPS.



Preparing children for the upcoming Social Media ban for children under 16

The changes aim to protect under-16s from pressures and risks they can be exposed to while logged in to social media accounts. These come from design features in the platforms that:

encourage them to spend too much time on screens – for example, by prompting them with streams of notifications and alerts, and pressuring them to view disappearing content increase the likelihood of exposure to negative, upsetting or manipulative content served up in their feeds by algorithms.

These features have been linked to harms to health and wellbeing – including increased stress levels, and reduced sleep and concentration.

Of course, they are not the only risks on social media. Young people can also be exposed to harmful conduct such as cyberbullying, being asked for nudes and being sent pornography or violent material.

The age restrictions are a delay, not a ban. You won't have to say 'yes' or 'no' to social media accounts, instead you can say 'not yet', knowing other under-16s are also being prevented from creating or keeping accounts so your child won't be missing out.

The delay gives you extra time to talk about online safety and wellbeing with your child, to help them prepare for the risks and pressures of social media when they turn 16. It's breathing space for them to build digital, social and emotional skills, and to understand the importance of reaching out for help if things go wrong.

Access to **social media** is changing

The Australian Government has made some new rules about who can create or have an account on social media in Australia.

This is called 'social media minimum age' (SMMA) but sometimes it is also referred to as the social media 'ban', 'delay', 'age requirement, or 'age obligation'.



SMMA means your personal information will be handled

To follow the new rules, social media companies will need information about:

- 1) if you ordinarily live in Australia, and
- 2) if you are over the age of 16.

This information could be personal information, which is information that could identify you. It could also be sensitive information, which is a special set of personal information that has stricter rules because, if exposed, could cause harm or discrimination. Both personal and sensitive information are protected by the Privacy Act 1988.

Social media companies will handle your personal information or use a 'third party' company known as an 'age assurance provider,' to conduct the age check.

How will social media companies check my location?

There are many ways that social media companies might check if you ordinarily live in Australia.

They might use location information like:

- if you have an Australian mobile number
- your Wi-Fi network information
- GPS information or other location services
- your app store, operating systems and account settings
- photos, tags, connections and online activity you or others have shared on social media.

From 10 December 2025, social media companies will have a responsibility to make sure everyone using their service in Australia is at least 16 years old. To do this, social media companies will need to handle the personal information of users to be confident that every person creating an account or who has an account on social media is 16 years or older.



eSafety have loads of helpful information that explain what SMMA is, why it was introduced, which social media platforms it affects and what to do if you are over 16 and your account has been mistakenly removed.

Check out www.eSafety.gov.au



The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC) is here to protect the privacy of all Australians. We will make sure that social media companies, and any company they team up with to do age checks, called 'third parties' or 'age assurance providers', obey the law and protect your personal information when following these new rules.

KIDS UNDER
10 FREE ENTRY

LET'S GO TO THE

DANDY SHOW

ALL WEEKEND
8TH-9TH NOVEMBER

DANDENONG
SHOWGROUNDS
GREAVES RESERVE

KIDS'
CORNER

RIDES & FIREWORKS

FOOD STALLS & TRADE SPACE

WIN PRIZES

EXHIBITORS & COMPETITIONS

ANIMAL COMPETITIONS

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GREATER DANDENONG NETWORK



LOGO COMPETITION

Who Can Enter?

Students from Foundation to Year 12
across the Greater Dandenong Network of schools

Theme:

-  Celebrates the diversity of our community
-  Honours our Aboriginal heritage,
recognising that we live and learn on the lands
of the Bunurong people

Competition Dates:

Open: 1 September 2025 Close: 31 October 2025

How to Enter:

Submit your design (digital file or clear photo of
your artwork) with your name

- In person: Dandenong Primary School
- Email: gdnlogo@gmail.com
- Text: 0421 876 237



Design Tips: Be creative and original
Reflect community and inclusivity
Honour Aboriginal culture and heritage

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY – HONOUR HERITAGE – INSPIRE COMMUNITY

DANDENONG NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



FOUNDATION 2026 TRANSITION SESSIONS



WEDNESDAY
**OCTOBER
15**

Students arrive from 9.15am
SESSION: 9.30-10.45

**PARENT
MORNING TEA**

**MEET
AND
GREET**



WEDNESDAY
**OCTOBER
22**

Students arrive from 9.15am
SESSION: 9.30-10.45

PARENT
INFORMATION
SESSION

*ALL PARENTS
TO ATTEND



WEDNESDAY
**OCTOBER
29**

Students arrive from 9.15am
SESSION: 9.30-10.45

Q&A



Student & Parent to attend ALL 3 sessions

Forgotten to enrol?
Visit the office ASAP or call 9794 7899