



Dandenong South Primary School



Term 1 - Week 6
Issue 3- 7th March 2024

DANDENONG SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Acting Assistant Principal Wellbeing: Ms. Deb Handley

**THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ON THE
SCHOOL WEBSITE**
School Website: www.dandenong-south-ps.vic.edu.au
(Use this website to access SENTRAL's Parent Portal)

I hope everyone has been enjoying the autumn weather this week. Term 1 is well under way and the children are very engaged in their learning.

Tomorrow, Friday 8th March, is a Pupil Free Day. Our staff will be involved in professional development provided by Department of Education staff regarding inclusive practices in schools.

On Tuesday 12th March we will be holding an information meeting for parents of the children who will be attending the Year 5/6 Camp later in the month. The meeting will take place in Rm 24 at 3.00pm. The children are very excited and eagerly looking forward to this experience. Please direct any enquiries to Ms. Vear or Mr. Van Rooyen.

I hope that everyone enjoys spending time with family and friends over the long weekend.



Leonie Fitzgerald
PRINCIPAL

Dandenong South Primary School has a holistic approach to learning where the academic, physical, social, and emotional needs of all children are fostered through the school's values of being:

Be Responsible Be Safe and Respect



Calendar Dates

<i>Dates to remember</i>	<i>Upcoming Events</i>
Friday 8th March	Pupil Free Day No School For Students
Monday 11th March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday March 26th	Whole School Pyjama Day
Wednesday 27th March to Thursday 28th March	Grade 5/6 Camp
Thursday 28th March	Last Day of Term 1 <i>School Finishes at 2:30</i>

2024 TERM DATES	School Holidays
Term 1	Holidays
Tuesday 30th January To Thursday 28th March <i>School Finishes at 2:30pm</i>	Friday 29th March To Sunday 14th April
Term 2	Holidays
Monday 15th April To Friday 28th June	Saturday 29th June To Sunday 14th July
Term 3	Holidays
Monday 15th July To Friday 20th September	Saturday 21st September To Sunday 6th October
Term 4	Holidays
Monday 7th October To Friday 20th December	Saturday 21st December To Monday 27th January 2025



Administration Information

Staff members are on duty before school from 8:45am and after school until 3:45pm. For the safety of the children please ensure that children do not arrive at school before 8:45am unless they are attending the OSHClub Before School program which starts at 7:00am and finishes just before the bell at 9:00am. The children should also be picked up promptly after school. If you are unable to pick up by 3:45pm, please make sure you enrol them in the OSHClub After School Care program which starts at 3:30pm and closes at 6:00pm. Children who are old enough to walk home without parental supervision should be leaving the school ground promptly at 3.30pm.

Key Service Information Dandenong South OSHClub

PROGRAM	TIMES	FULL FEES	FEE AFTER 90% CCS*
Rise then Shine - before school care	07:00am to Bell Time	\$17.00	\$1.70
Stay and Play - after school care	Bell Time to 06:00pm	\$20.00	\$2.00
Holiday HQ - holiday program	07:00am to 06:00pm	\$62.25	\$6.23

Fees and hours of operation may be subject to change.

Enrolments

Enrolling with OSHClub is easy and completely free, just head to our website oshclub.com.au and click Join OSHClub. Your child's enrolment must be confirmed before attending their first session with us.

Bookings and Cancellations

Once enrolled, you can manage your bookings and cancellations with ease online or via the Kidsoft app.

Before & After School Care - Rise then Shine/Stay and Play
Bookings can be made online any time up to 24 hours before the session commences. To make a booking after this time, please contact your service directly. Late bookings will incur an additional \$4.00 fee.

To avoid any out of pocket costs, cancellations must be made at least 48 hours before the session commences. Cancellations within this period will incur the full fee, less any applicable CCS.

Holiday Program

Holiday bookings can be made online any time before the session commences. To make a booking after this time, please contact your service directly.

Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

Many families are eligible for Child Care Subsidy (CCS), which can reduce the cost of Outside School Hours Care by up to 90%. All our services are CCS approved, so we encourage all families to find out whether they are eligible. To establish what level of CCS you may be entitled to please contact the Centrelink Family Line on 13 61 50.

Statements & payments

Fees will be automatically debited every 2 weeks in arrears from the bank account, VISA or MasterCard you nominated during enrolment. Transaction fees apply. A dishonour fee will also be applicable if a transaction is declined. You can view your statements via your online account.

Late pick-up fee

A \$20 per 15 minutes, per child fee may apply for children picked up after the service close time.

Non-Notified Absence Fee

An additional \$5.00 fee per child may be charged for any After School Care booking where no cancellation is provided.

Incursions and excursions

Holiday program incursions and excursions may incur additional fee. These vary based on activity and may be subject to change.

For account specific enquiries, please contact our Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or email oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au. Our team are available 9am - 7pm Monday - Friday (AEST/AEDT).

Medical management

So we can provide the best and safest care, it is important that you inform the service if your child/ren has an identified health care need, allergy or relevant medical condition diagnosed by a registered medical practitioner. On your first day of attendance, bring along a completed Risk Minimisation form, Medical Management forms and any required medications. All medications (including ointments and creams) must be prescribed by a medical practitioner, be in the original container with original pharmacist labels and clear instructions. All labels must be legible and undamaged, and the medication must still be within its expiry date.

We're here to help!

Come and see us in-service, email or give us a call. We look forward to welcoming you soon

0461 335 586

dandenongsouth@oshclub.com.au
OSHClub.com.au



Foundation News

Last Friday, Foundation students were entertained by Tim the Credible Magic Show. This was followed by our Family Fun Day picnic. We were so pleased to have so many parents join us for the picnic.





Grade1 News

As part of the Term One focus on Health, the Grade One students have been learning about the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. To further enhance their understanding, they participated in the Market Fresh incursion last week. Students learnt about the benefits of eating fruits and vegetables every day as part of a healthy balanced diet. They enjoyed the opportunity to taste a variety of fresh produce....YUM!





Grade2 News

Grade Two students have been enhancing their visualisation skills through reading activities. They have engaged with brief descriptive texts and audio clips from digital sources to imagine and interpret what they hear, showcasing their comprehension. Furthermore, as part of their study into healthy choices, the students took part in the Market Fresh incursion. Through this hands-on experience, they had the opportunity to sample fresh produce and learn about the growth, harvesting, transportation, and sale of the fruits and vegetables we enjoy.





Grade3/4 News

In Inquiry, the students in Grades 3 and 4 have been learning how to be healthy. To demonstrate their understanding, they will be creating a project that promotes one aspect of a healthy lifestyle. Some of the students' projects will be displayed or presented at the Middle Sub School end of term assembly. The Writer's and Reader's Workshops have been running every day. The students are now familiar with the routines and have been focusing on improving their purpose for writing and their comprehension in Reading. In Mathematics, the students have been improving their understanding of whole number and fractions. They also investigated time and data.





Grade 5/6 News

The senior students have been learning about 'Healthy Choices'. In STEM, they have researched healthy recipes and created delicious snacks. During their Health lessons, the students have explored how we can promote good personal, social and community health.

Grade 5/6E enjoying some physical exercise with our Health teacher, Mr Wright.



5/6E are recording what they have learned about making healthy choices.





Specialist : STEM

This Term in STEM, we have been investigating food preparation and healthy eating. Students have been investigating the labels on food products, with a specific focus on the sugar content of a range of foods and drinks. They have also worked collaboratively to design, prepare and produce a healthy snack that aligns with the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating. The students have been enjoying cooking and discovering new ideas and techniques that they can put into practice at home.





Pyjama Day

Give for
the kids



Tuesday March
26th

Bring a GOLD coin
donation





Little Angler Kits

Thank you to the Victorian Fishing Authority for giving away the Little Angler kits to our Grade5/6 families. This is a great opportunity for primary school children to try fishing and to get outside and stay active, connecting with nature and enjoying time in the outdoors.

Key Safety Messages:

Going fishing is awesome and so much fun! When it comes to fishing, it's important to stay safe, especially around water!

Students can keep their fishing safe by:

- going with a friend;
 - being careful with hooks and lures;
 - looking behind before casting;
 - handling fish carefully;
 - being conscious of the dangers associated with water;
 - protecting yourself against the elements (sunscreen, drinking water);
 - letting someone know before you go; and
- washing your hands after handling lead sinkers, especially before eating or drinking.



The link below is to a short safety video that is posted on the Little Anglers hub website, reinforcing the above safety messages to students.

<https://youtu.be/drPLpKXpC3w>

Please note that fishing equipment is not for human consumption. If swallowed, hooks can cause serious harm and lead sinkers can be toxic. Young children and those with some disabilities including pica disorder are especially vulnerable and should be supervised whilst fishing. If a child does swallow a hook or lead sinker, seek medical assistance immediately - don't wait for it to pass.

If you would like any additional information about this exciting commitment, please visit the Victorian Fishing Authority's Little Angler Kits [FAQs for parents](#), located on the VFA's website (www.vfa.vic.gov.au).



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EASTER RAFFLE

As part of our school's fundraising this year we are asking each family to bring along a donation of an Easter Egg or a Chocolate Bunny to put towards our Easter Raffle prizes.



For every donation each student brings to school, they will receive a free raffle ticket to go into the draw.

Tickets cost \$1.00 each. The book of 10 tickets is \$10.00.

Please come to the office if you require more raffle tickets.



Tickets and money must be returned to the office by Wednesday 27th March.

**Raffle drawn on the last day of term,
Thursday 28th March.**



Dandenong South Kindergarten is working together with Dandenong South Primary School to help the children develop their language and literacy skills. We work together as part of the Greater Dandenong Learning Alliance Project.

The teachers from the Kindergarten and Primary School meet often to talk about the children's learning and how to best support them. We share teaching strategies, discuss children's data and learn from each other. We are focusing on vocabulary development and early writing skills.

As a parent there is a lot you can do at home to help your child with their speech & understanding.

Some things you can do are:

- Read with your child each day.
- Talk about the pictures in story books.
- Tell stories from your culture.
- Encourage your child to ask questions or to tell their own stories.
- Sing songs or rhymes.

You can read and speak with your child in whatever language you prefer!

We also want to hear your ideas about ways we can support you to help your child with their language development.



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Encouraging Positive Attitudes Towards Learning

Primary School • Essential Topics for Dads



Encouraging Positive Attitudes Towards Learning

Dads, you have an important role to play in your child's education. Not only have fathers been shown to have a significant impact on academic achievement, but your child's attitude towards learning and school is also very strongly influenced by you. So, if you show and encourage a love of learning, you will be setting your child up for success throughout their lives.

Top Tips for Dads

- **Take an interest in what your child is doing at school.** Ask them about their day at school "What was the best thing about school today?". "What did you learn at school today?". Ask their thoughts and opinions about new topics they are learning about.
- **Be positive about school.** Even if you have some not so positive memories of school or learning yourself, allow your child to create their own experiences of school. Speak positively about going to school and learning.
- **Talk about learning.** Talk about your experiences of learning new things and how it has helped you in your work and life. Try learning something new together – build something, learn about something new about the world online, play general knowledge games and quizzes with the family.
- **Make contact with their teachers.** Children notice when their dad actively communicates with their teacher/s. This makes them feel that you are really interested in and connected to them.
- **Take an interest in your child's homework and assignments.** Ask them what they are doing for homework and if they would like to discuss it with you or could show you what they are doing.
- **Praise their efforts.** Encouragement from dad goes a long way. Tell your child how proud you are of them when they try hard and have a positive attitude toward learning. You could reward by doing something together they enjoy.



Wellbeing Check

Did you know that how we 'think' affects how we 'feel' - not the other way around. So, if you notice you are having negative thoughts, you have the opportunity to challenge that way of thinking and decide if this is helpful for you and your child.



**CSEF - Please present your Health Care\Concession Card to the office for 2024.
Your card must be valid as at 31st January 2024. This must be processed through the system**



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____



WEEKLY TIMETABLE

TUESDAY

English
Intermediate
9:30am - 12:00pm



WEDNESDAY

English
Intermediate &
Advanced
9:30am - 12:30pm

Parenting and
Wellbeing Session
12:30pm - 1:30 pm

Starts April 17th

THURSDAY

English Beginners
**Multicultural
Class**
11:30am - 1:30pm

2024

FRIDAY

Playgroup
*Parents &
Grandparents*
10:00am - 12:00pm



Address:
52 Kirkham Rd,
Dandenong VIC 3175

Phone 97923726

TERM DATES

TERM 1
30TH JANUARY – 6TH APRIL

TERM 2
24TH APRIL – 23RD JUNE

TERM 3
10TH JULY – 15TH
SEPTEMBER.

TERM 4
2nd October – 20th
December.



Regina Moore
Community Hub Leader
Tuesday to Friday
8:30 am – 4:30 pm



97923726



Regina.moore@education.vic.gov.au

English Classes Childminding program

- *Thursday class - The Childminding program is now full.*

We are only enrolling students who do not need childminding for their children.

- *Limited spots available for Tuesday and Wednesday classes.*

To Enrol in a English class you will need to bring the following documents:

- Medicare
- Licence
- Healthcare card
- Passport
- Visa number/ status.

All hub participants need to have working with children check card

The community Hub can help with the applications.





Road Safety Video



[Use the below link or QR code to view the video](#)

<https://youtu.be/quPIEv0IIIo?>





HEALTH INFORMATION

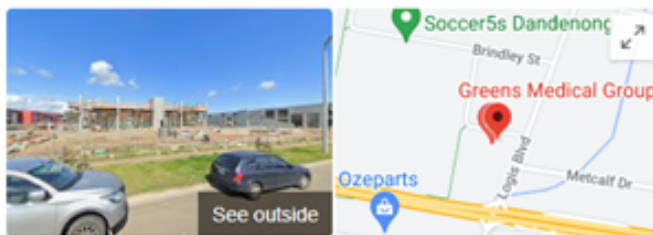
Refugee Liaison Nurse

Assist any families attending or being admitted to Monash Hospitals

Mobile: 0420 301 643



Medical service for people who need urgent care, but not an emergency response.



Dandenong Priority Primary Care Centre

4.1 ★★★★★ 13 Google reviews

Medical center in Dandenong South, Victoria

Located in: Greens Medical Group

Address: 134 Logis Blvd, Dandenong South VIC 3175

Hours:

Thursday	8 am–10 pm
Friday	8 am–10 pm
Saturday	8 am–10 pm
Sunday	8 am–10 pm
Monday	8 am–10 pm
Tuesday	8 am–10 pm
Wednesday	8 am–10 pm

[Suggest new hours](#)

Phone: (03) 9579 7933



Education

AMES Australia

Free English Conversation Group

Practice your English speaking skills, meet new people and have fun!

When: Every Friday from 23 February – 22 March 2024
Time: 10.30 am – 12 pm
Where: Room 4, AMES Australia Noble Park

Register Now

Contact AMES Noble Park Reception OR
 Email volunteer@ames.net.au

Free online workshop

First Steps to Support & Connection

Do you have a young child with developmental delay or disability?

Then you're probably trying to navigate the huge amount of information to find out what support your child needs.

Register now for one of our March sessions!

This workshop will provide information about where to start and what you need to support your child and family.

Topics include:

- Respite
- Financial supports
- Self-care
- Staying connected
- Supporting siblings

More information:

- Duration: 90-minutes
- Bookings are essential
- Content is intended for families of children with developmental delay or disability
- Professional workshop facilitators are all parents or carers of children with disability

Workshop dates:

- Tuesday 12 March – 10:00 am
- Wednesday 13 March – 10:00 am
- Monday 18 March – 7:30 pm
- Tuesday 19 March – 10:00 am
- Wednesday 20 March – 10:00 am

Read more and register now

bit.ly/FSTSCmarch24

Contact us

educate@acd.org.au
 03 9880 7000 or
 1800 654 013 (regional callers)

www.acd.org.au

CLASS SCHEDULE DANDENONG PROGRAM

MONDAY 15 APRIL 2024 - FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 2024

sister works

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Free
<p>Spangl Classes Teacher Sales 10:00am-12:00pm Face to Face / onsite Address: 205 Thomas Street Dandenong 3175 Commencement date: 15 April 2024</p> <p>English Classes Teacher Make 1pm-2pm Face to Face/Onsite SisterWorks Level 2 205 Thomas St Dandenong Commencement date: 15 April 2024</p> <p>Computer Classes 2pm-3pm Onsite/Face to Face Address: SisterWorks level 2 205 Thomas Street Dandenong 3175 Commencement date: 15 April 2024</p>	<p>Hardening Session Local Dandenong 10am-2:30pm Onsite/Face to Face Local Dandenong Commencement date: Start 18 April 2024</p> <p>FREE</p>	<p>Warehousing and Manufacturing Training Term 1 7 Weeks Program 10:00am-2:30pm Face to face / onsite Address: 205 Thomas Street Dandenong 3175 Job Ready Program Interview Tips Reasoning Writing Communication Skills Building Confidence Warehousing Skills Trainers: Harriet, Michelle, Dee, Nika, Wendy Commencement date: 15 April 2024</p>	<p>Hospitality Training Term 1 8 Weeks Program 10:00am-2:30pm Onsite/Face to Face Address: 205 Thomas Street Dandenong 3175 Job Ready Program Interview Tips Communication Skills Building Confidence Barista Coffee Skills Food Handling Certificate Food Safety Skills RSA Trainers: Harriet, Michelle, Dee, Nika, Wendy Commencement date: 15 April 2024</p> <p>Beauty & Makeup Classes Teacher Hong Ling Tan 10:00am-2:00pm Online/Zoom Meeting ID: 780 120 7523 Passcode: sister Commencement date: 19 April 2024</p>	<p>Free training and program for migrant women, refugee background and asylum seeker</p> <p>No Classes during school holidays and public holidays</p>

Free Training & Program | Dandenong Hub | SisterWorks Inc.
 Address: 205 Thomas Street Dandenong 3175
 Contact & RSVP: 0452 528 287, 0493 294 586 | WhatsApp: 0482 562 935
 Email: nika@sisterworks.org.au | Website: www.sisterwork.org.au





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KEYSBOROUGH'S BIG PICNIC



Supported by



SUNDAY
24
MARCH 2024

11AM-4PM
FREE EVENT

**FREDERICK
WACHTER
RESERVE**
Kingsclere Ave,
Keysborough

8571 1000 | greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/keysboroughs-big-picnic





Dandenong South Primary School



SPRINGVALE INDOOR SPORTS

JUNIOR CRICKET LEAGUE

U12'S & U14'S

**\$72/TEAM
(\$12/CHILD)**

**STARTING
MAY 2**

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

SPRINGVALEINDOORSports.COM.AU/INDOOR-CRICKET

Kids Parties

- Space jump
- Sports & jump
- Dodgem cars
- Nerf wars
- Bubble soccer
- Laser tag

**Prices: \$240+
(incl kids food)**

NOBLE PARK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

FREE ALL GIRLS

COME & PLAY

We are offering 2 free all girls Auskick come & try sessions. Held on Monday 18th & 25th March at Ross Reserve Noble Park 5pm - 6pm Open to girls aged 5-12 All Abilities Welcome

No experience necessary just come along and have some fun.

All participants will receive a free football For more information contact Trish: 0438 921 516

Register your interest here <https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/df49fa>

