



**Term 2- Week 2
Issue 5- 26th April 2024**

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

Welcome to Term 2. I hope that families enjoyed the Term 1 break and the opportunity to spend time together.

This will be an eventful term. There are excursions and incursions planned and the Year 5 and Year 6 students have already attended one Gala Day, last Friday 19th April. We are also hard at work preparing for the school concert on 27th June.

In early May students in Year 4 to Year 6 will be taking part in the annual Attitudes to School Survey. Information about this survey has been sent home with all students in Year 4 to Year 6.

Later this term we will be holding our Annual Reporting Meeting to the school community. This is a great opportunity to celebrate our achievements and outline future directions for our school.

As always, our staff members are keen to work closely with families so please feel welcome to discuss your child's progress with classroom teachers and sub school leaders at any time.

Enjoy the rest of the week.



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>
Wednesday 1st May	Grade 6 Excursion Discover Dandenong High Day
Thursday 2nd May	Harmony Day
Friday 3rd May	Whole School House Cross Country
Wednesday 8th May	EAL Excursion Cranbourne Gardens
Friday 10th May	District Cross Country
Friday 10th May	Grade 1 Classrooms Mother's Day Morning 9:00-10:15 am
Friday 10th May	National Walk to School Day
Tuesday 14th May	Grade 1 Incursion Toys through History
Wednesday 15th and 16th May	Cyber Security Session
Friday 17th May	Grade 5 Excursion Arts Centre
Thursday 30th May	Grade 3/4 Excursion Coal Creek Community Park and Museum
Friday 7th June	<i>Pupil Free day No school for students</i>
Monday 10th June	<i>Kings Birthday Public Holiday</i>

2024 TERM DATES	School Holidays
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



New Foundation Enrolment Information for 2025

The Department of Education has released a new statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2025 school year. If you have a child starting primary school in 2025, it's time to enrol.

Enrolment application forms are now available at Dandenong South Primary School.

Make sure to complete and submit your enrolment application by **Friday 26 July 2024**.

If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2025, and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school as per the department's Placement Policy. It is important to follow the statewide timeline to enrol your child in Foundation.

Between Monday 29th July and Friday 9th August 2024 School will provide parents and carers with written notification of Foundation enrolment outcomes. If parents receive the confirmation of enrolment, they must collect the enrolment forms from the school.

By Friday 23rd August 2024, parents and carers sent a letter of offer must return the completed enrolment forms to indicate acceptance of their child's enrolment offer.

Enrolling your child in line with the timelines allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities and ensures your child has the best start to school.

For more information, please read about when and how to enrol your child in Foundation at

[Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\) | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-in-foundation-prep)

If you are seeking to enrol your child into Foundation next year, please contact our school office on 03 97923726 or email us at dandenong.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au to request an Enrolment Application form.



Foundation News

This term, Foundation students have been focusing on the topic about family life in the past and present. They have been comparing the similarities and differences between individuals and families and how they live. Students have also been developing their skills in sharing





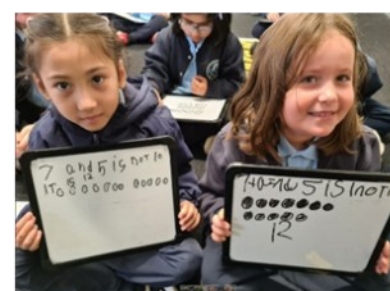
Grade 1 News

The Grade One students and teachers have had a wonderful start to Term Two! As part of their learning, students have been exploring the topic of history and have been learning about the significance of ANZAC Day. Through viewing educational videos, reading, and listening to factual texts and stories, as well as engaging in discussions, students have deepened their understanding of the importance of this day.

In Mathematics, students have been learning to solve addition and subtraction problems using a range of strategies. Students have also been practising their counting skills by completing fluency activities and playing counting games.

As part of their daily reading sessions, students are continuing to learn strategies to help them decode and comprehend texts. In Writing, the focus has been on students learning to write correctly structured sentences using capital letters and full stops. They have been given opportunities to write about a range of topics and personal experiences.

We look forward to a terrific Term 2 in Grade 1!





Grade2 News

It's amazing to think that we're already in Week Three. All students have adjusted smoothly to their school routines and are displaying enthusiasm for their learning. We are especially pleased to witness the students consistently embodying our school values. Numerous students are taking part in this year's school concert and are relishing the chance to be active during dance lessons.



Grade 2 students supporting the Royal Children's Hospital on PJ Day





Grade3/4 News

All the students have settled back into their classroom routines for Term 2. Our Inquiry focus this Term is Australian History, so far they have been learning about our First Nations people and also about ANZAC day. At the end of May we will be heading on an excursion to Coal Creek, an interactive historical village and museum.

In Reading the students are working on developing their comprehension of narrative texts. They are then using this understanding to create their own narratives during Writing.

The focus for Mathematics this term will be addition and subtraction. The students will learn to use a variety of strategies to solve problems.

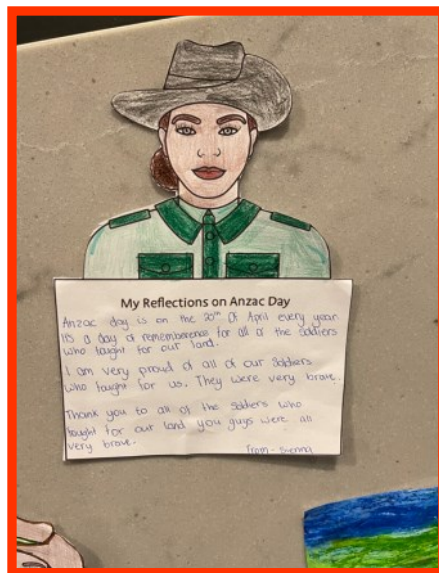
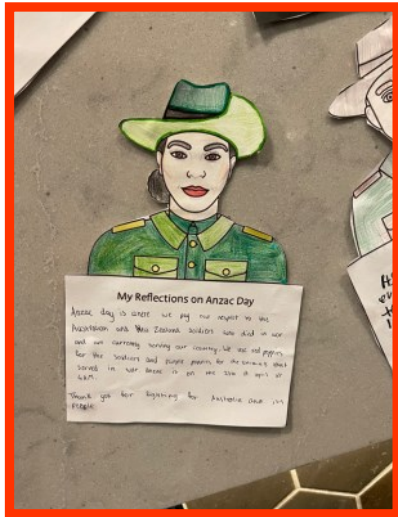
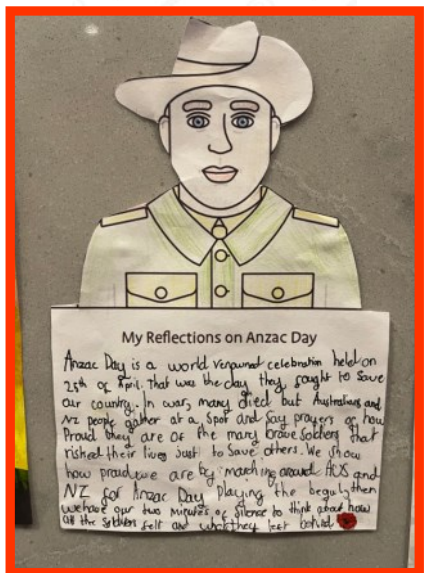
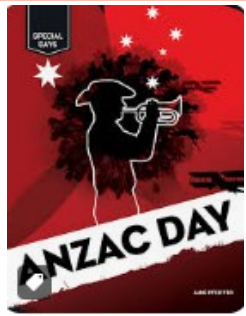
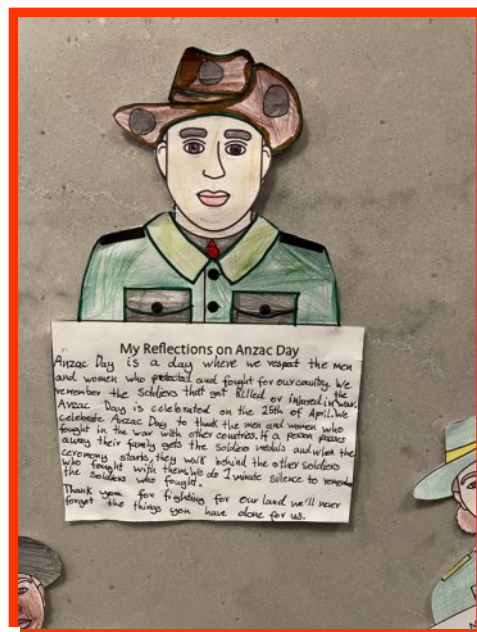
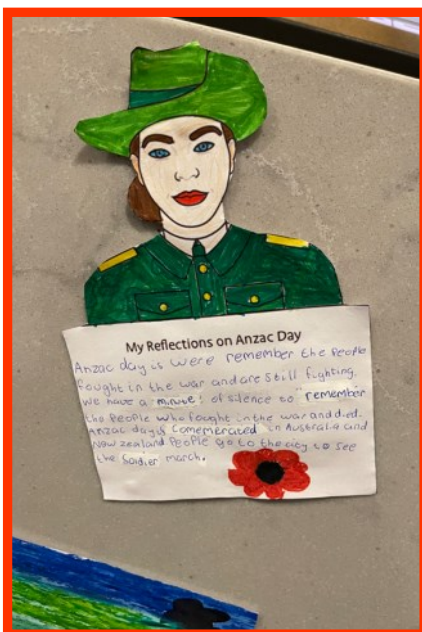
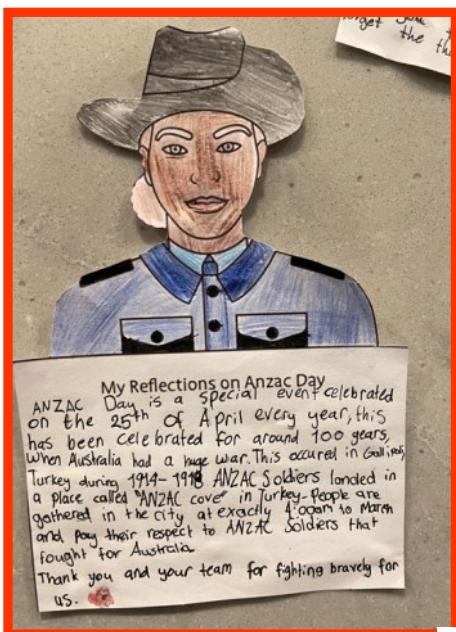
Grade 3/4 students supporting the Royal Children's Hospital on PJ Day





Grade 5/6 News

The senior students have been learning about why ANZAC day is a significant event in Australia's history. The students in 5/6A wrote some thank you letters to the women and men that fought for Australia. These have been displayed at the Noble Park RSL. The veterans were thrilled to receive them.





Specialist : Indonesian

This term students have been learning the Indonesian names of their extended family members. They have informed the class of the 'likes' and 'dislikes' of each family member, along with writing up sentences about their family. They were introduced to a traditional Indonesian game, similar to rock, paper, scissors, called 'SUWIT'. Students created greeting cards for EID and Mother's Day.





GALA DAY - AFL

FRIDAY 19TH MARCH 2024

On the 19th of March, 44 students participated in AFL for Gala Day at Greaves Reserve.

We had a jam packed day playing against other schools.

The schools we played were Dandenong North PS, Dandenong West PS, Minaret, Lyndale Greens, Rosewood Downs and of course our own Dandenong South team.

Dandenong South PS was very lucky to have two teams (A and B team) competing in the competition.

The A team were very successful, winning all their games and overall becoming the Premiers.

The B team played fantastically as a team and enjoyed competing against other schools in the area.

The A team will be playing in the Division finals later in the year.

Scores of the AFL A Team were as follows:

Team	Goals	Points	Total
DSPS (A Team)	9	6	60
DSPS (B Team)			0

Team	Goals	Points	Total
DSPS (A)	8	4	52
Minaret			0

Team	Goals	Points	Total
DSPS (A)	6	2	38
Dandenong North			0

Team	Goals	Points	Total
DSPS (A)	9	0	54
Dandenong West	1		6

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DSPS (A Team)	9	4	58
Lyndale Greens			0

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DSPS (A)	9	4	58
Rosewood Downs			0

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO PLAYED AFL DURING GALA DAY SPORTS!





House Cross Country George Andrews Reserve 2024

Day: Friday the 3rd of May

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 AM

Who: Grades 3 – 6

Timetable

Race time	Group	Course
9:30	8 year old boys and girls	1 km
9:50	9 and 10 year old boys and girls	2 km
10:10	11 year old boys and girls	3 km
10:30	12 year old boys and girls	3 km

Students are encouraged to wear a t-shirt representing their schools' house colours; **Hawdon- Green**, **Kirkham- Blue**, **Lonsdale- Red** and **Thomas- Yellow**. Students should bring their water bottles.

Parents are invited to come and watch.



Parents, guardians and friends are invited to come and celebrate

Harmony Day @ Dandenong South PS

Change of date:

Thursday 2nd May 2024
9.15-11.00am

Families, students and staff are encouraged to
dress in their cultural costumes.





ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS



JOIN US FRIDAY 10 MAY 2024



Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

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Our Children
Our Communities
Our Future



**Dandenong South
Primary School**

Building a national picture of child health

From May 2024, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information.

The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

AEDC data is reported at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Some teachers have found that completing the AEDC made them more aware of the needs of individual children and their class, and that the data was useful for planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their first year of full-time school participating in the collection. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit:
www.aedc.gov.au.





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Supporting School Learning at Home

Primary School • Essential Topics for Dads



Supporting School Learning at Home

When fathers support school learning at home, it demonstrates to your child that you truly value their education and learning. Fathers have also been found to be particularly supportive of learning as they encourage their children to discover things for themselves and challenge them to learn from their mistakes and improve. If you can instil in them the mindset that learning is a process that is positive and enjoyable, they will grow up to be lifelong learners who thrive on challenges.



Did you know?

- Fathering involvement in educational activities with their children is associated with improved educational outcomes for all students.
- Children at all ages with fathers interested and involved in their learning have a clear academic advantage.
- Children do not stop needing their fathers as they get older, or because lives get busy.
- You don't have to be strong academically yourself to have an impact on your child's education. Evidence shows you just have to be supportive and positive about learning.



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Top Tips for Dads

- Read with your child from an early age and encourage an interest and enjoyment of reading. Show your children how you use reading each day and get them to join you, reading instructions, following road signs, reading news or reading a menu.
- Be willing to help with homework (even if that just means asking them questions). Discuss what they have to do and how they are going to do it, rather than doing it for them.
- Let them be independent learners and be there to support, if they want to do the home learning themselves. This demonstrates self-management skills and should be encouraged and praised.
- Don't put too much pressure on them – encourage them to be as good as they can be and help them plan how to improve.
- If homework is causing stress or arguments, put it aside and take a break. Try again later and if there are still problems, contact the teacher to discuss solutions.



Wellbeing Check

We can all get frustrated, angry or upset at times. How we deal with these emotions is what's important. It is helpful to have some strategies to regulate your emotions so you don't overreact or regret your response. Did you know that just that act of stopping and recognising the emotion and naming it, can reduce the intensity of this feeling. This gives you the space to choose a helpful response.



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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Your Fishing
licence fees
at work



School Clinics

We deliver **FREE** excursion and incursion activities that are aligned with the Victorian curriculum. Our programs are designed to teach students stewardship principles as well as the fundamentals of getting involved in recreational fishing.



Come & Try

We conduct **FREE** responsible fishing education workshops throughout the year in regional and metro areas. Our events are targeted at novice anglers that are keen to learn the basics of fishing and get their first catch!



Learn to Fish App

Our **FREE** app reduces the barriers to getting involved in fishing in Victoria. With video tutorials & quizzes on how to cast, tie knots & rigs, we will teach you what you need to know to get started & continue your fishing journey!



Attend an event



**DOWNLOAD OUR FREE
LEARN TO FISH APP!**

ABOUT US

Fishcare has been operating in Victoria since 1995 and has since grown to cover 5 regions across the state. We are a community operated not-for-profit with the motto 'We Fish, We Care'. Our work promotes responsible fishing practices and increased stewardship of Victoria's aquatic environments and is funded through the Recreational Fishing License trust fund.

fishcare.org.au



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A RESPONSIBLE & INCLUSIVE FISHING FUTURE

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Stewardship

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We educate on aquatic environments and how to mitigate threats to these precious resources. We want all Victorians to become stewards of our waterways and marine environments!



FishAbility

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We're increasing the active involvement of people with disabilities into recreational fishing through coordinated and regular volunteer supported fishing events.



Volunteering

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We are a volunteer based not-for-profit charity. We are always welcoming new volunteers to our inclusive team. If you are keen to share your fishing knowledge with Victorian Communities, come and join us!



Learn More



Join Us

WHAT WE DO

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We run free educational and hands on aquatic education and fishing clinics to communities and schools across Victoria. If your school, angling club or community group is interested in getting involved in a learn to fish clinic or learning about their local aquatic environment, please reach out to our friendly staff. We provide all the gear, advice and educational materials you need!

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School Student
Broadband Initiative
An Australian Government initiative
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THE CYBER SAFETY PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SSBI

Cyber Safety & Wellbeing Parent Information Session

TUESDAY 30th APRIL 2024, 7:00PM – 8:30PM

**LOCATION: Dandenong High School (92-106 Princes
Hwy Dandenong VIC 3175)**

Learn, connect and play safe online

Children today love to play, connect and learn online. This session aims at providing parents and guardians with insights and important information about popular online experiences children are exposed to today. Building a positive and healthy family environment where digital use is encouraged, but managed effectively, can be a tough balance.

Throughout this session the Cyber Safety Project Team highlight important settings and parental controls that allow your child to navigate online tools independently and safely. You will uncover proactive tools and strategies for developing fundamental digital safety and wellbeing skills in your young people at home, including ways to seek help when things go wrong online.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- ✓ The Cyber Safety project methodology: Plan, Prevent & Protect
- ✓ Social networking trends and networking 101.
- ✓ Managing cyber bullying, help seeking strategies and resources.
- ✓ Parental controls & app privacy settings.
- ✓ Cyberbullying and help seeking strategies.
- ✓ Establishing and maintaining a safe digital environment in the home.

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**TUESDAY
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Do you qualify for free home internet?



Our helpful team can check for you. Scan the QR code or call **1800 954 610** for more information.



Get back to school ready with the School Student Broadband Initiative

Children who can access online learning at home as part of their education are more likely to engage in classroom activities.

With broadband internet access your family will be able to access fast internet at home, which supports children to build their digital skills, learn how to safely use the internet and participate in a world that is more dependent on digital technology.

There is still time to sign up for the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI):

- For any families signing up now, this offer means free internet until 31 December 2025.
- For families who have already connected with SSBI, their free internet will automatically be rolled over until 31 December 2025.

Check your eligibility for free **nbn** broadband until the end of 2025 now:

Contact the National Referral Centre on **1800 954 610**
(Mon - Fri, 10am - 6pm AEDT) or visit
anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet



Cooking and Gardening



Connect. Share. Learn.



Grow & Cook WORKSHOP

Come along to learn how to grow your own vegetables
and make a delicious meal.

We will be growing carrots, and making minestrone soup
and foccacia bread.



Friday, May 24

Time 1 pm —2:30 pm



Community hub —Gym Foyer



Take home free seeds

And eat a yummy meal




Around the hub



Connect. Share. Learn.





Eid Celebration

You are invited to join our community Eid Celebration.

In celebration of Eid, a special day to commemorate the end of Ramadan, we will come together with women who have participated in our programs and services. Join in the festivities as we celebrate with music, games and prizes. Food & drinks will be provided.

Wednesday, 17 April 2024
10:30 am – 1:30 pm
Shire Hall Preston
286 Gower Street, Preston

Pick up at 9am:
Dandenong south primary school

Drop-off: 10:00-10:15am Shire Hall Preston

Return at 1:30pm:
 at the original pick-up destination.

please be on time or the bus will leave without you

Kindly no children (dependent children only) as there will be no childcare provided.

Invite only.
RSVP by April 12th as spots are limited.





come find your awesome

DANDENONG SOUTH AUSKICK CENTRE

Dandenong South Primary School
Starts Wednesday, May 1st
3:30pm - 4:30pm



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