



# Dandenong South Primary School



**Term 2-Week 4  
Issue 6-9th May2024**

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SCHOOL WEBSITE**

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

Our second term has begun very well. Over the next 4 weeks our Year 3-6 students will be taking part in the Attitudes to School Survey. The purpose of this state-wide survey is to give schools insight into what is working well for students and any areas of concern. The information helps schools to provide the happiest and best learning environment for students.

Next week will be Education Week. The theme for Education Week 2024 is Spotlight on STEM and it highlights the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, (STEM) in our everyday lives, in the classroom and beyond. We will be providing a Cyber Safety information session for parents and carers on Wednesday 15th May starting at 9.05am in the staffroom. Classrooms will be open between 10.00am and 11.00am and we invite parents and carers to visit classrooms and take part in learning activities.

As the weather becomes colder it is important that all students have their warm school jumpers. Currently we have a large number of items in our lost property area. Please come and check if your child is missing a jumper and please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named so that they can be returned if lost.

As always, our staff 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

<b>Dates to remember</b>	<b>Upcoming Events</b>
<b>Friday 10th May</b>	<b>District Cross Country</b>
<b>Friday 10th May</b>	<b>Grade 1 Classrooms Mother's Day Morning 9:00-10:15 am</b>
<b>Friday 10th May</b>	<b>Walk Safely to School Day</b>
<b>Monday-Thursday 13th-17th May</b>	<b>Education Week</b>
<b>Tuesday 14th May</b>	<b>Grade 1 Incursion Toys through History</b>
<b>Wednesday 15th and 16th May</b>	<b>Cyber Security Session</b>
<b>Friday 17th May</b>	<b>Grade 5 Excursion Arts Centre</b>
<b>Thursday 30th May</b>	<b>Grade 3/4 Excursion Coal Creek Community Park and Museum</b>
<b>Friday 7th June</b>	<b><i>Pupil Free day No school for students</i></b>
<b>Monday 10th June</b>	<b><i>Kings Birthday Public Holiday</i></b>
<b>Wednesday 12th June</b>	<b>Region Cross Country</b>
<b>Thursday 27th June</b>	<b>Whole School Concert</b>

<b>2024 TERM DATES</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Monday 15th April To Friday 28th June	Saturday 29th June To Sunday 14th July
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Monday 15th July To Friday 20th September	Saturday 21st September To Sunday 6th October
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
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 26th 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 prioritized 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 29<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:dandenong.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au) to request an Enrolment Application form.



## Foundation News

Last week we celebrated Harmony Day. The Foundation students experienced the diverse cultures of our school. Students dressed up proudly in their cultural costumes and enthusiastically participated in our whole school parade.





## Grade 1 News

The celebration of Harmony Day last week provided a wonderful opportunity for students to celebrate diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone. We love the diversity of our community and embrace all of the great opportunities this provides to enrich our lives. It was great to see everyone joining in this wonderful celebration.



## Harmony Day - Everyone Belongs!





## Grade2 News

Our Harmony Day celebration in week three was enjoyed by everyone. It was fantastic to see so many students wearing different cultural clothes, showcasing the cultural diversity of our wonderful community.





## Grade3/4 News

All of students have been very engaged in learning about Australian History in Inquiry. We are excited about our excursion to Coal Creek Historical Village at the end of May. After the excursion, students will be starting their investigation projects. They will choose any History topic they have learned about and create an artefact for our Middle Sub School Museum.

In Reading, the students have been reading and unpacking the themes behind narrative texts. They have been exposed to a variety of historical narratives to help their learning in Inquiry.

In Mathematics, there has been a focus on developing the students reasoning skills. Teachers have been teaching them how to justify and explain their strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems.

### **Grade 3/4 students and teachers celebrate Harmony Day**





## Grade 5/6 News

### Year 6 Discover Dandenong High School Day

As part of the Year 6-7 Transition Program, last Friday, the Year 6 students spent a day at Dandenong High School. Regardless of which high school they plan to attend, this was an excellent opportunity for these students to get an insight into how Year 7 is both similar and different to primary school. The students greatly enjoyed touring Dandenong High School, and keenly participated in a STEM, Drama, Science, and Physical Education lesson.



*Grade 6 students listening to an information session about Dandenong High School.*



*Participating in a STEM challenge, science experiment and a drama Class at Discover Dandenong High School day.*



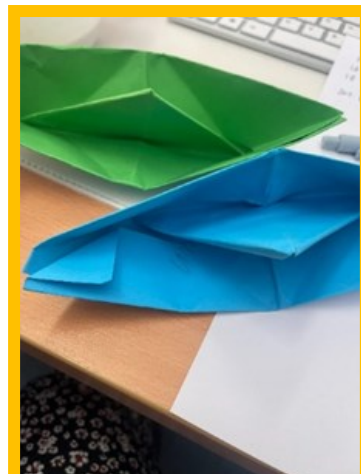




## Specialist : STEM

During STEM this term, the Foundation students have been investigating their senses. This week they explored the sense of touch. They have been learning to use different words to describe 'feeling' such as hard, soft, rough and smooth.

Grade 1 students have been exploring floating and sinking as they prepare to design and create their own boats. Each student has been given the opportunity to watch how objects float or sink and use key words, such as density, buoyancy, and gravity to describe what is happening. Students have been learning about the best materials they can use to build their boats so they float on water.





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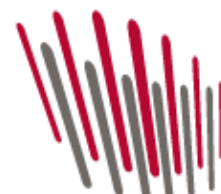
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## SCHOOL CONCERT TICKET SALES



Drum THEATRE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The **2024 School Concert** will be held as follows:

Date & time: **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm.**

Venue: **The Drum Theatre, Dandenong.**

Please note concert tickets will be on sale from the school office.

The cost will be \$15 per ticket.

Ticket sales will commence on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and **will be available for purchase at the following times:**

**8:30am – 9.30am and 3.00pm – 4.00pm**

As we do have a large number of children involved in the concert, and seating is limited, only families of children performing will be able to purchase tickets.

**Note: each family will only be allocated two tickets.**

Please note tickets will need to be purchased by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

A waiting list for two extra tickets per family, will be held at the office, and will be referred to, once all families have had the opportunity to purchase their allocated tickets. After this process, if any tickets are still available, they may be purchased on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, at two tickets per family, on a first come first serve basis, until sold out.

Kind Regards,

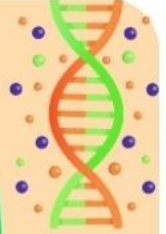
Mrs Leonie Fitzgerald

(Principal)





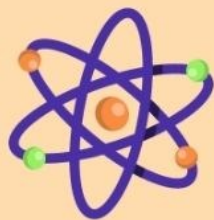
# EDUCATION WEEK SPOTLIGHT ON STEM



May 13-17, 2024

## What's on during Education Week:

- Wednesday 15th May @ 9:05am- Parent Cyber Safety Session in the staffroom, all parents welcome.
- Wednesday 15th May @ 10am - 11am - Parents are welcome to visit our Classrooms.
- Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th May- Student Cyber Safety sessions across the school.





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Encouraging a Growth Mindset

Primary School • Essential Topics for Dads



# Encouraging a Growth Mindset

## Understanding Mindsets

We all have beliefs about our own abilities and potential. These beliefs are part of our mindset which is a powerful tool that shapes our everyday lives.

**A growth mindset** is the belief that abilities can be developed through effort and practise. Children with a growth mindset believe that if they work hard, they can achieve improved results. They have a more positive attitude towards learning, are more willing to face challenges and see failure as part of the process of learning.

**A fixed mindset** is the belief that they are either good at something or they are not. When children have a fixed mindset, they tend to give up easily when they meet challenges, because they believe that they don't have what it takes to learn hard things. As a result, mistakes are often seen as failures rather than opportunities to grow and learn.

Research shows that praising the process — children's effort or strategies — creates an eagerness for challenges, persistence in the face of difficulty, and enhanced performance.



"I used to only focus on results as a dad, because that's what my dad did. I would ask my kids, "Did you win? Did you score? Did you get an A?" But what I've learned is that while results are important, they're not as important as the journey to get there. I now encourage my kids to have a positive mindset and to work hard to be the best they can be, and I try to model that to them as well in what I am try to achieve."



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### Top Tips for Dads

- Listen to what your kids say. Think about the messages you are sending about mindsets. For example: If they say, "I can't do this" you could encourage a change in mindset by saying "you can't do this yet, you are learning to do this".
- Tell them that making mistakes is part of learning. We all make mistakes and don't always get things right the first time round and that is okay, because we can learn from our mistakes and continue to improve.
- Tell them about some of your own mistakes, the consequences, and how you learned from them.
- Instead of focusing only on your children's intelligence or talent, notice and praise the processes they used. For example: "That homework was so long and difficult. You did such a good job of concentrating and finishing it."
- Children can learn resilience from challenges. So don't take this opportunity away from them by doing things for them if they are struggling. Support them and help them but let them go through the process. It will make their success so much more rewarding.



### Wellbeing Check



No dad starts off knowing everything and being perfect when their children are born. A growth mindset is all about the process of growing to be the best you can be, as a dad and a partner. It's about the progress you are making and the effort you are putting in. It allows you to see mistakes or failures as an opportunity for learning and not fall into the same mistakes or old patterns of behaviour again. Allow yourself the opportunity to learn and grow over time and to enjoy each small success along the way.



## **Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)**

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

year of schooling

category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional

level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools

consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools

develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy \(https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy\)](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal \(https://www.nccd.edu.au\)](https://www.nccd.edu.au).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.



# 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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## Community hub

Connect. Share. Learn.



## 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

### THURSDAY

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

# 2024

### FRIDAY

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

**Cooking and Gardening**  
**Friday 24th May**  
1pm - 2:30pm  
To register  
Call Regina 97923726  
or visit the hub



Address:  
52 Kirkham Rd,  
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Phone 97923726

### TERM DATES

**TERM 2**  
24TH APRIL – 28TH JUNE

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
29 JUNE - 14 JULY



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



97923726



Regina.moore@education.vic.gov.au





## Cooking and Gardening Day



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## Friday May 24



### 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



Community hub —Gym Foyer



Take home free seeds  
And eat a yummy meal



## Community hub Activities

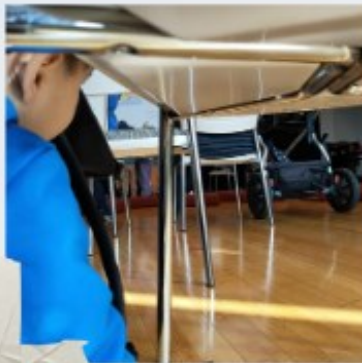
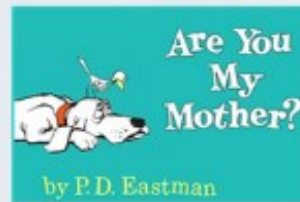


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### Reading time at The Drum Theatre

*(Walking Excursion)*

#### Mother's Day Activity



When children feel safe, secure and supported they grow in confidence to explore and learn.