



Term 3 - Week 4
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SCHOOL WEBSITE**
School Website: www.dandenong-south-ps.vic.edu.au
(Use this website to access SENTRAL's Parent Portal)

It has certainly been a busy week as we celebrated the Olympics with a range of activities at different year levels on Wednesday. The children had a wonderful time testing their skills in a variety of ways. Wearing red to celebrate Red Nose Day on Thursday made the school very colourful as well as raising money for such a good cause.

The annual Parent, Carer, Guardian Opinion Survey is underway and provides valuable information to schools across the state. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Next week all year levels will be involved in a range of activities to reinforce our school values and educate the children about ways to be a good friend and citizen as our school takes part in the National Week of Action against Bullying.

The final preparations for the swimming program, planned for later this term for the Years 3-6 students are well underway. This is a highlight of the year for many of our children.

It is certainly a very busy time at our school. I wish all families a wonderful 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

Dates to remember	Upcoming Events
Tuesday 13th August	Grade 5/6 Excursion to Dandenong Market
Friday 16th August	Grade 5/6 Excursion to Dandenong High School
Tuesday 13th August	Grades 3/4 E,F,G Prime Science Incursion
Friday 16th August	Grade 1 Supreme Science Incursion
Tuesday 20th August	Whole School Book Week Parade
Monday 26th August - 5th September	Grades 3-6 Swimming Program
Tuesday 27th August	Grade 2 Prime Science Incursion
Wednesday 28th August Friday 30th August	Father's Day Stall
Thursday 29th August	Foundation Excursion The Big Goose Farm
Friday 30th August	Grade 1 Father's Day Morning

2024 TERM DATES	School Holidays
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



Child safety and wellbeing at Dandenong South Primary School

Information for families and the school community

Dandenong South Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website. It includes our

- Child Safety Policy
- Child Safety Reporting and Responding Obligations Procedures, and
- Child Safety Code of Conduct, which outlines acceptable and unacceptable behaviours for all staff and volunteers at our school.

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective.

Our students and families are important partners in providing a child safe environment.

These regular newsletter reminders are one of the ways we ensure our school community is aware of:

- our commitment to child safety, and
- how to provide feedback or raise child safety concerns.

If you have any concerns about child safety at any time, please contact Deborah Handley on 9792 3727. Any child safety complaints or concerns are treated seriously. For more information about our school's complaints process, see our Complaints Policy.

We also welcome your ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact

Deborah Handley on 9792 3726 or at deborah.handley@education.vic.gov.au



PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS ANNUAL SURVEY

We want our parents, caregivers and guardians to tell us what they think. Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

A random sample of approximately 30 per cent of parents / caregivers / guardians has been selected to participate in this year's survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 29th July to Friday 30th August 2024.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

The survey results will be communicated to parents / caregivers / guardians through annual reporting. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.



Foundation News



To embrace the spirit of the Olympics and inspired by the outstanding efforts of the athletes, Foundation students and teachers celebrated our own mini-Olympics at school.

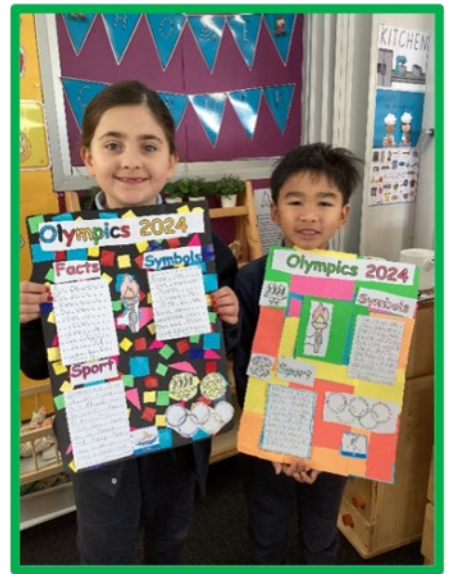
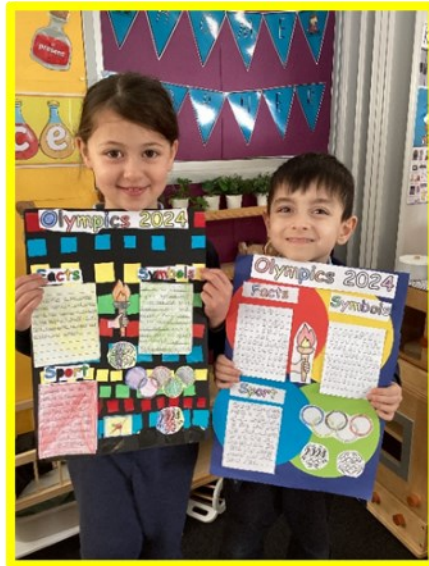
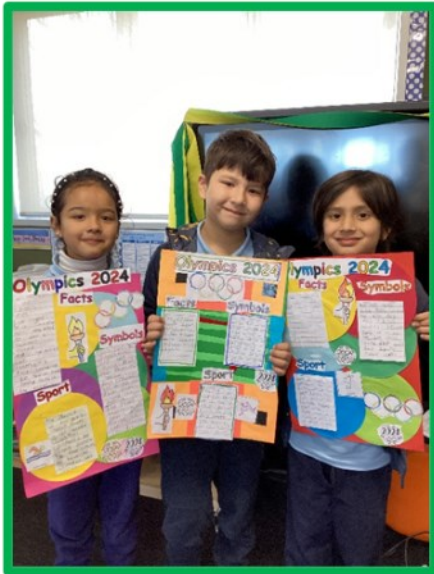
Everyone had a great morning in their green and gold colours competing in a range of different Olympic activities.





Grade 1 News

Over the last two weeks, the Grade One students have been learning about the Olympic Games. Students have completed projects and learnt interesting facts about different sports and countries. Everyone enjoyed the special Dandenong South Primary School Olympics morning and showed their support for the Australian athletes by wearing green and gold.





Grade 2 News

We have been enhancing our comprehension of narratives over the last couple of weeks. This involved participating in an engaging incursion presented by The Flying Bookworm company. Additionally, everyone had a great time and enjoyed lots of excitement during our Olympic activity morning.





Grade 3/4 News

In the Middle Sub School, the students have been learning about Physical and Chemical Science. As a part of this, they have been investigating forces and states of matter.

They will continue to explore by watching and creating their own experiments. We were lucky enough to have an incursion from Prime Science.

Students gained knowledge from observing mini explosions, dancing colors, making links to the water cycle and discovering a peculiar substance called Oobleck.

Students learn through experiments.

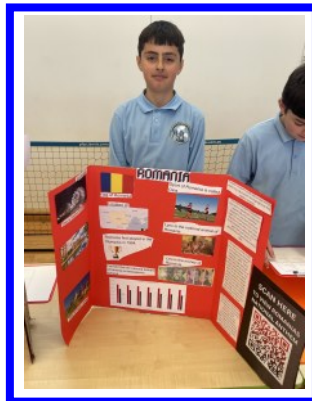
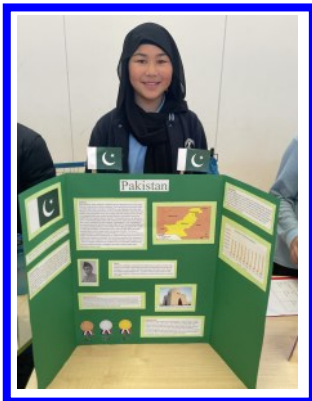




Grade 5/6 News

The SSS students have been learning about Geography for several weeks. This was a very popular topic with the students. They found it fascinating to learn about other cultures' food, population, landmarks and celebrations.

Last week the SSS students shared their Inquiry Project with their peers. As you can see from the photos, they did an excellent job of presenting their work





Specialist: STEM

This week the foundation students have been investigating the constellations and how they are formed. Students used playdough and toothpicks, to create their own constellations and name them.





Winter Division Team Finals

On Wednesday the 31st of July, the school football team and the girls soccer team competed at the Winter Division Team Finals. Both teams were successful and won their competition. They will now compete at the Region Finals. Go Dandy South!



Literacy and Book Week Celebration

Literacy and Book Week will be celebrated at Dandenong South Primary School on Tuesday 20th August 2024. This year's theme is '[Reading is Magic.](#)' During the week, teachers and students will decorate their classroom doorways representative of their favourite storybook.

As part of our Literacy and Book Week celebrations, we will be having a **special parade** on **Tuesday, 20th August 2024** highlighting many interesting book characters.

Students are encouraged to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. The parade will begin at **9:15am** and finish at approximately 10:30am in the school gymnasium.

Family members are most welcome to come and join in the celebrations.

After recess, all students will be involved in Literacy Week activities.





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Positive Discipline

Primary School • Essential Topics for Dads



Positive Discipline

Reinforcing Positive Discipline at Home and at School

Every child, no matter what age, is on a journey towards learning to manage their own behaviours, emotions and relationships with others. When your child goes to Primary School, they will be expected to begin to take on more responsibility for themselves and their behaviours. However, as with all learning, some will need more time and support, some will be better at it this than others and all children will all make mistakes sometimes.

Discipline is about helping your child to learn what is acceptable and what is not acceptable at home, at school and in society, and to make good choices about their own behaviours. However, when discipline is carried out using fear or negativity, children don't learn the good behaviours and the social and emotional skills that they need, they just comply with the demands because they are afraid of what will happen if they don't.

Positive discipline focusses on teaching and reinforcing the positive behaviours, while supporting your children to learn which behaviours to avoid or change. When you use positive discipline and are consistent with the rules in a warm and caring way, your children will learn you are there to support them and to guide them to make positive choices about their behaviour. It is also very important for your children to know that even if they have made a mistake, misbehaved or broken a rule, you will still love them. For example, "I really love you, but I don't like this behaviour. What can we do to make this better?"





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Top Tips for Dads

- **Be warm, calm and firm, when talking about behaviour.** Children feel more at ease and secure when they know who is in charge. Fathers who are warm and firm have been found to have the most positive impact on their children's behaviour.
- **Decide on family rules and consequences together.** Family rules and consequences that are agreed upon in discussion with your children are more likely to be effective and seen as fair. Plus, if they don't follow the rules, you can calmly say "Well, we all agreed on the consequences" and there are no surprises.
- **Be consistent.** Try to keep consistent boundaries to help your children know where the limits are and when they are crossing the line. For example: "You are being a little bit too rough playing with your friends. Remember, we can still have fun whilst being respectful and nice to others".
- **Catch them doing good things.** Watch out for your kids doing the right thing by following the rules and heap on the praise and reward for your kids when they are doing the right thing.
- **Get in early for potential slip ups.** When your child might be going to test a rule, calmly remind them of the possible consequences. For example: "You are taking a while to get ready for bed, remember, if you don't go to bed on time tonight, you will miss out on your screen time tomorrow and that wouldn't be great".
- **Focus on the behaviour you want.** If your child misbehaves or breaks a rule let them know what they have done wrong, then focus more on the positive behaviour that you want them to do instead. "You know the rule about speaking politely and using manners. What might have been a better way to ask for that?"





Bullying No Way National week of action

12-16 August 2024

Bullying – important conversations to have with your child

Dandenong South Primary School is participating in the Bullying No Way: National week of action – 12 to 16 August 2024.

By working collaboratively within our community, we can collectively help reduce bullying.

Parents and carers play an important role in helping your child understand bullying, and know how to respond to it.

If your child tells you about things at school, or you observe something in public that involves conflict or bullying, take the opportunity to talk about what bullying is. You can learn more about what defines bullying at bullyingnoway.gov.au.

Questions you could ask:

- What do you think bullying is?
- Have you seen it? How did you feel?
- Have you ever felt scared at school because of bullying?
- As well as me, who are the other adults you would talk to when it comes to things like bullying?
- Have you or your friends left other kids out on purpose? Do you think that was bullying? Why or why not?
- Have you ever tried to help someone who is being bullied? What happened? What would you do if it happens again?

Remind your child that bullying is never okay and discuss how they can respond safely if they experience or witness it.

Encourage them to seek help from a trusted adult and keep seeking support if needed.

By promoting open communication, we empower children to stand up against bullying and create a safer environment where everyone can feel that they belong.

For more information, visit bullyingnoway.gov.au.



Dandenong South Primary School

Community hub

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TIMETABLE

TUESDAY

English Class

Starting August 20th

9:30am - 12:00pm



WEDNESDAY

English Class

Enrolments August 14th

9:30am - 12:30pm



THURSDAY

Everyday English Beginners

Multicultural Class

11:30am - 1:30pm

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FRIDAY

Playgroup
Parents & grandparents

10:00am - 12:00pm



Address:
52 Kirkham Rd,
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TERM DATES

TERM 3
JULY 16TH TO
SEPTEMBER 20TH

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
SEPTEMBER 21ST TO
OCTOBER 5TH



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



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Regina.moore@education.vic.gov.au

Children's activities





Community hub



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FREE
TO
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Wellsprings for Women

MULTICULTURAL
HOMEWORK CLUB

EVERY SATURDAY
10AM-2PM

All students in
grades 2-grade 6
welcome!

Remember to bring
your child's
lunch!!!

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Fun activities at the Hub

Connect. Share. Learn.



Some of the mothers from the Thursday English language Program engaged in another Robotics Workshop session. To aid understanding part of the session was delivered in Urdu. So much fun!



Beaty and The Beast Ballet— presented By The Victoria Stat

Sponsored by The Drum Theatre

A group of community hub volunteers and some mothers had the pleasure to attend morning session of this wonderful production. An spectacular show I hear.





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OSHClub

Dandenong south OSHCLUB

What's been happening at OSHCLUB...

OSHClub Newsletter - Promoting Inclusivity & Cultural Appreciation

We are thrilled to introduce a variety of new clubs designed to engage and inspire your children while promoting inclusivity and cultural appreciation.

New Clubs for Term 3

Arts and Crafts Club will be bustling with activities as children explore different art techniques and craft projects from around the world. This club aims to inspire artistic expression and appreciation for diverse cultural art forms.

Mindfulness Club, children will learn yoga and meditation basics to promote physical and mental well-being. These guided sessions will focus on relaxation, breathing exercises, and mindfulness techniques to help children manage stress and emotions.

Sports Club, where children will participate in various sports and physical activities. From soccer to basketball, this club encourages fitness, teamwork, and fun through diverse sports experiences.

Cooking Club, where we will discover the joy of cooking with hands-on activities that teach basic cooking skills and explore cuisines from different cultures. This club fosters an appreciation for diverse culinary traditions and healthy eating habits.

Eco Explorers Club, to promote environmental awareness and sustainability. Activities will include recycling crafts, gardening, and learning about conservation, instilling a sense of responsibility for the environment.

All clubs are exclusive to OSH kids booked in for the sessions correlating to the day each club is running.

Enrol your child/ren today at OSHCLUB via the website below <https://www.oshclub.com.au/parent-support/how-to-enrol/> or come by to OSHCLUB building at 9:00am to 10:00pm mon-fri if you have any questions or assistance with enrolments.



 Mon-Fri 7:00-9:00am and 3:00-6:00pm

 0461 335 586

 Dandenongsouth@oshclub.com.au

[Oshclub.com.au](https://www.oshclub.com.au)
1300 395 735





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Dandenong south OSHCLUB

Highlights of the fortnight!



Coming up

16 AUG fun friday

30 AUG fathers day special invite!





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Survey Highlights

We are delighted to share some positive feedback from our recent family survey. Here's what some of our osh families had to say about Dandenong South OSHClub:

"Through OSHClub, my child is developing social skills, physical abilities, STEM knowledge, and independence."

"OSHClub has helped my child gain more confidence."

"It helped us a lot with environmental and social adjustment since we are new migrants here, especially for our child. He is always excited to come to OSHClub every day."

"My child is making friends at OSHClub and continues to play with them at school."

Parents have also expressed high satisfaction with our educators, with all ratings at 5/5. We are committed to maintaining a safe and enjoyable environment for all children, and we appreciate the valuable suggestions from parents on how we can continue to improve.

 Mon-Fri 7:00-9:00am and 3:00-6:00pm

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