



Term 3 - Week 6
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SCHOOL WEBSITE**

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

As always, Term 3 has been very eventful. Last week we celebrated Science Week with the students involved in a range of experiments and incursions. This week we celebrated Book Week with a wonderful parade on Tuesday 20th August.

Some of our families have been invited to take part in the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey. The results of this survey provide us with valuable information and I encourage families to complete the survey. If you require any assistance to complete the survey, please contact the office.

Everyone is now looking forward to the Swimming Program which will be starting next week on Monday 26th August.

Currently we are reviewing a number of policies in preparation for our 2025 School Review. We value any feedback that our families can provide. For your reference some of the links are below. They are also available on our school website.

Bullying Prevention Policy:

<http://www.dandenong-south-ps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/policies/Bullying-prevention-policy-July-2024.pdf>

Complaints Policy:

http://www.dandenong-south-ps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/policies/Complaints_policy_July_2024.pdf

Child Safety Reporting and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedures:

http://www.dandenong-south-ps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/policies/Child_Safety_Responding_and_Reporting_Obligations_Policy_and_Procedures_July_2024.pdf

Inclusion and Diversity Policy:

http://www.dandenong-south-ps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/policies/Inclusion_diversity_policy_july_2024.pdf

Student Wellbeing Policy:

http://www.dandenong-south-ps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/policies/Student_wellbeing_engagement_policy_July_2024.pdf

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
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
Friday 30th August	Grades 3-6 District Athletics

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



Foundation News

Foundation students and teachers enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters. They were so excited to parade in front of all students, teachers and parents at the Book Week Parade.





Grade 1 News

As part of the Grade 1 focus on Science, students participated in two incursions run by educators from Supreme Incursions. During the Chemical Science incursion, students investigated the observable properties of different materials by completing science experiments. As part of the Billycarts incursion, students explored push and pull forces to learn about the influence of gravity and friction on how things move.



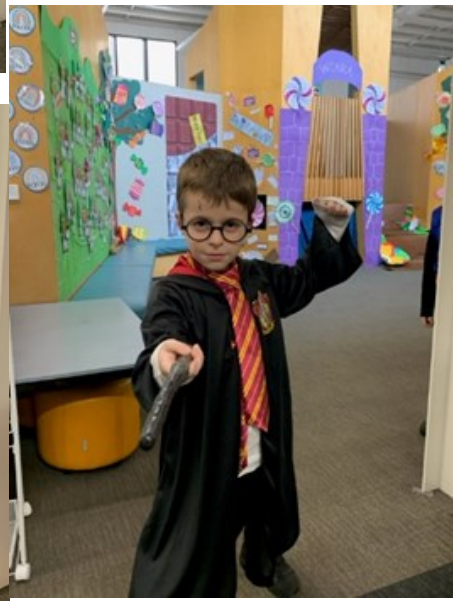
To celebrate Book Week, students dressed up as their favourite book character for the whole school Book Week parade. Well done to all the students for immersing themselves in the magic and enjoyment of books.





Grade 2 News

Creating our 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' display was a highlight in recent weeks. We enhanced our ICT abilities to bring it to life, and it was a joy to see everyone dressed up as their favorite story characters during our Book Week celebration parade.





Grade 3/4 News

In the Middle Sub School, we have had a busy couple of weeks. All the students participated in a Chemical Science incursion. They experimented with solids, liquids and gases. They also enjoyed Life Ed with Harold the giraffe, the DSPS Science Olympics, Red Nose Day, Book Week and watched a real-life theatre show called the Snow Queen. All these experiences have helped to develop their knowledge in Science, Health and Literacy.

DSPS Olympics



Science experiment



Book Week





Grade 5/6 News

In Inquiry, the SSS students are currently learning about Economics and Business. They are exploring the difference between items and resources that we need to survive-and those that we simply want.

We recently visited the Dandenong Market to gain information about the things that people spend their money on. The students were able to purchase one item that cost ten dollars or less. There were lots of happy children walking back to school with new toys!



Exploring the history of Dandenong Market.



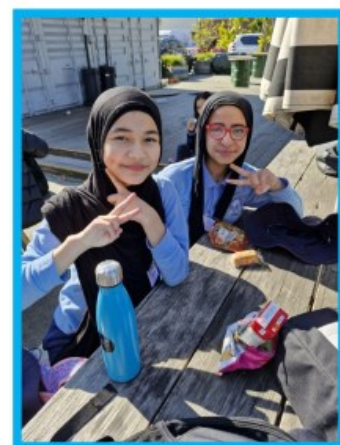
Keen to get inside the market and start shopping. .



Comparing prices



At the market, eating a snack with friends.



Ready for a snack.

Dandenong Market Excursion



Specialist: STEM

In Indonesian, students have been learning to name the different Olympic sports and the action words to describe them. With guidance, students are beginning to write more complex sentences to describe their daily routines. In the last few weeks, students have been using a variety of games and software to learn the names of daily objects, action words and names of different sports.





REGIONAL GIRLS SOCCER

MONDAY 19TH AUGUST 2024

On the 19th of August, our 5/6 girls' soccer team made us incredibly proud by participating in this years Regional Soccer Tournament. The team played well throughout the day, showcasing their skills, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Although they didn't progress beyond regionals this year, their determination and positive spirit were truly inspiring. The girls gave their all on the field and represented Dandenong South Primary School amazingly.

A big congratulations to the following girls on their fantastic achievement.

Sienna Korcari (*Captain*), Olivia Tutlys (*Vice Captain*), Rona Taniwal, Aliya Taniwal, Shifa Shifa, Deanna Alievski, Ilya Maqsudi, Ava Sulemani, Sihana Saitovski, Elayna Muedinovski & Sania Hussein.



CONGRATULATIONS



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.



Specialist Content

Dads Matter Too!



Dads Matter Too!

Dads help their children to develop better social and cognitive skills. They also provide balance to their lives and a better understanding of who they are in the world.

Being a good dad is as easy as catching a bus, or at least that's how we'd like it to be! Our BUS principle is a simple reminder of how to be engaged in your child's life.

B—Be there: Be available, be present and be engaged. Let your child know you are there for them. Minimise distractions, be an active participant in their lives, listen to them and value every moment.

U—Give unconditional love: Tell them you love them and do it often. Even when you don't approve of their behaviour, reinforce that you still love them. Make sure they know they can talk to you 24/7, do not withdraw from your child as they grow even though they appear to be pushing you away. Set a goal to remind your child of your love for them in word and/or actions.

S—Let them know they are special to you exactly as they are and nurture their unique inner quality. Be consistent. It's important for your child to know you still love them during disagreements. Remind them it's their behaviour you disapprove of, not them. Be patient.



Top Tips

- Find the things in your life you enjoy doing and make time to do them.
- Take time to care for yourself. Get enough sleep, eat regular meals, do physical exercise that you enjoy.
- It is also important to look after your emotional health. Accept your feelings and remember negative feelings won't stay forever. Over time you will recognise triggers like your child's birthday and be able to acknowledge how you are feeling and why.
- Take to do something for yourself each day, whether it is eating chocolate, or going for a walk, or watching your favourite television show.
- Give yourself a break. Seek out suitable childcare to give yourself time to for you.

Your Top 3 Challenges

Open Always be open with your child about the nature of their disability and the challenges it may place on them. When you're willing to talk openly about your child's extra needs, they are less likely to feel awkward about their disability.

Opportunities Focus on opportunities available to them and the things they can do. Make sure the way you behave towards your child matches what you say about their disability.

Optimistic Notice when your child needs a boost in self-esteem and focus on the positive. Let them know they are special and nurture their inner quality.

Brothers, sisters—keeping it real!

When a child has a disability, they can easily become the centre of a parents' world. Explain to your children you care for them just as much! Set goals on how you can pull together in unity for caring for each other. Let them understand the challenges you all face!



For more information: thefatheringproject.org



Dandenong South Primary School

Community hub

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TIMETABLE

TUESDAY

English Class
Beginners

9:30am - 12:30pm



WEDNESDAY

English Class
Intermediate/
Advanced

9:30am - 12:30pm



THURSDAY

Everyday 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 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



97923726



Regina.moore@education.vic.gov.au

PLAYGROUP



CHILDMINDING PROGRAM LEARNING THROUGH PLAYDOUGH





Community hub

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Dandenong South PS Community Hub & Springvale Rise PS Community Hub
Invites you to our Annual



WOMEN'S HEALTH FORUM



9:45 AM
to
2:00 PM

**5th
September
2024**

**Dandenong South PS
Community Hub
52 Kirkham Rd,
Dandenong South.**

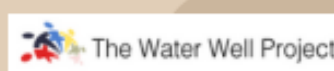


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Safe Around Schools



Driving safely around schools

Observe signs when driving around schools – they help traffic flow better and keep everyone safe.

 Watch video


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PyACBb9x7_U

School crossings



Using school crossings

School crossings are the safest place for children and adults to cross the road.

 Watch video

<https://youtu.be/LbIrWbtVTyg?si=wsIHJmdQBhuatXCt>



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OSHClub

Dandenong south OSHCLUB

What's been happening at OSHCLUB...

OSHClub Newsletter - Promoting Inclusivity & Cultural Appreciation

The arts and Crafts Club every Thursdays rolled out the children loved as we created cool crafts still in progress like 3D tree and ice cream cone made of paper cup.



The Sports Club every day is always something the children love, we play basketball, dodgeball, soft mat houses, soccer, tag and more! This club encourages fitness, teamwork, and fun through diverse sports experiences.

Cooking Club running every Tuesdays where we will discover the joy of cooking with hands-on activities that teach basic cooking skills and explore cuisines from different cultures. This week children suggested making cookies and next week as per children's suggestions we will be making vegan dumplings.



Every Wednesday we run our soccer incursions with our soccer coach Abdul from Football Australia.

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



Enrol your child today at OSHCLUB via the website below
<https://www.oshclub.com.au/parent-support/how-to-enrol/>

OR

come by to OSHCLUB building from 9:00am to 10:00pm
Monday - Fridays if you have any questions about the clubs, feedback 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
1300 395 735





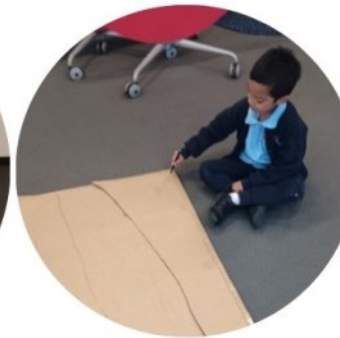
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JUNE 2024



Dandenong south OSHCLUB

Highlights of the fortnight!



Coming up

4-5
SEP

Before School and After school care session held at the breakfast club NOT the oshclub building.

30
AUG

fathers day special invite!





OSHClub

SOCCER INCURSION

TERM 3 AT OSHCLUB



AT OSHCLUB

AFTER SCHOOL

FOR 4 WEEKS



WEDNESDAY 4-5PM

- 14TH AUGUST
- 21ST AUGUST
- 28TH AUGUST
- 4TH SEPT





OSHClub

ARTS & CRAFT CLUB



EVERY THURSDAY 4:00PM

Enrol your child at OSHCLUB to book for arts & crafts club by scanning the QR code

*standard fees & CCS apply



CONTACT MAHDIA ON 0461 335 586 FOR MORE INFORMATION



OSHClub

COOKING CLUB



EVERY TUESDAYS 3:30PM

Enrol your child at OSHCLUB to book for the cooking club by scanning the QR code

*standard fees & CCS apply



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