



Dandenong South Primary School



Term 3 - Week 8
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SCHOOL WEBSITE**

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

The children have been really enjoying the swimming program over the last two weeks. A big thank you to the parents who have assisted the children during the program. It is great to see the progress the children make over the course of the 9 days.

Other highlights this term have been student success across a range of sports.

On Monday 16th September 20 of our Year 3-6 students will be taking part in the Division Athletics at Ross Reserve.

Today members of the Springvale Rise Primary School Hub joined our own Hub members to take part in the Women's Forum held in our gym. It was a wonderful day enabling those attending to be involved in a number of health focused activities as well as socialize and enjoy a delicious lunch



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>
Monday 26th August - 5th September	Grades 3-6 Swimming Program
<i>Friday 20th September</i>	<i>Last day of Term3 School finishes at 2:30</i>
Friday 11th October	Grade 5/6 District Gala Day 3
Monday 14th October - Tuesday 15th October	Foundation-Grade2 Cyber Safety
Tuesday 22nd October	Grade 2 Excursion Twisted Science
Tuesday 22nd October	Foundation - Grade 1 Wildlife Xposure Incursion

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

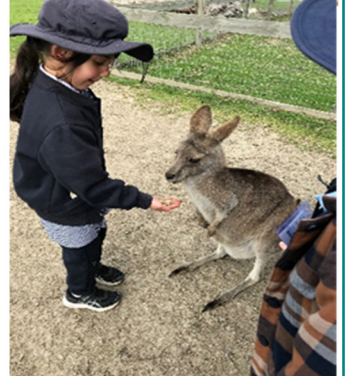


Last week, Foundation students went on an excursion to the Big Goose Farm. Students were provided with opportunities to learn about animals and their habitats as well as to identify the needs of the animals. Students were able to get close to the animals and learn how to feed and to handle them. They enjoyed the tractor ride around the farm and were able to see both farm and wild animals. We had an enjoyable day at the farm



Several dads attended our Father's Day celebrations at school last week.

Foundation students and their dads were thrilled to design and construct paper jets as part of the activities. They then went outside to test how far their jets could fly.





Grade 1 News

Last Friday, the Grade 1 students had a special morning to celebrate Father's Day. The children and their dads enthusiastically participated in the various activities, and everyone had lots of fun. The smiles on the children's faces said it all!





Grade 2 News

Following the Grade 3/4 students' recent science experiments, the Grade 2 students were thrilled to take part in our own PrimeSci incursion. During the session, we delved deeper into Earth-related topics such as weather and the water cycle. We even had the opportunity to create our very own 'Earth'.





Grade 3/4 News

We are almost at the end of two weeks of swimming. The students have loved learning different swimming styles, floating and survival skills. Back in the classroom, they have been focused on developing an understanding of capacity in Mathematics as well as practising their multiplication and division facts. In Literacy, they have been reading and writing procedures and scientific reports. This is to prepare them for creating, conducting and reporting their own experiments for their Inquiry projects.

Some of our students represented Dandenong South Primary School at the Dandenong District Athletics and achieved great results.





Grade 5/6 News

During the two week Swimming Program, the SSS students are split into six groups. Each group contains students from three different classes. This gives all of the senior students a chance to learn and socialise with a range of people. Mixing with new teachers and new friends helps with the transition process from primary school to high school.



Hungry for their snack after time in the pool.



Socialising with friends from other grades.





Specialist: SPORT

District Athletics

On Friday the 30th of August, Dandenong South Primary School sent 54 students to the Dandenong District Athletics Competition. They all competed very well. These were the most outstanding results for the day:

9/10 year old girls			Event 1	Event 2	Event 3
First name	Surname	Grade			
Ella	SULEMANOVSKI	34B	800m - First		
Sihana	SAITOVSKI	56C	Hurdles - First		
12/13 year old girls					
First name	Surname	Grade			
Ilya	MAQSUDI	56B	Long jump - Second		
12/13 year old girls					
First name	Surname	Grade			
Sienna	KORCARI	56A	200m - First		
Zoha	REZAEI	56F	Long jump - Second		
9/10 year old boys					
First name	Surname	Grade			
Osman	NAZARI	34B	High jump - Second		
Muhammed	SLEIMAN	34C	800m - Second		Relay - Second
Rahmatullah	DARWISHI	34C	Relay - Second		
Irfan	HAIDER	34E	Relay - Second		
Ayaan	MUSA	34F	Long jump - Second		
Faraz	NAZARI	56C	Hurdles - First		Relay - Second
11 year old boys					
First name	Surname	Grade			
Ajdin	RUSANOVSKI	56A	High jump - Second		
Zakria	NEKMAL	56C	Triple jump - Second		
Bilal	SLEIMAN	56E	200m - Second		
Danish	AZIZI	56E	Shot put - First		
12/13 year old boys					
First name	Surname	Grade			
Noah	LABROOY	56B	Long jump - Second		Shot put - Second
Ardi	SHABANI	56B	Shot put - Second		
Adel	MANGAL	56C	Relay - First		
Arben	BANUSEVSKI	56D	Hurdles - First		Triple jump -
Gazmend	SULEMANI	56D	High jump - Second		Relay - First
Nuzayh	HUSSAIN	56D	Relay - First		
Ahmad	MASSOUD	56E	1500m - Second		



District Athletics





School Saving Bonus

Dear parents and carers,

In Term 4 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18th October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

Complete enrolment: If your child, or children are changing government schools for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

Check your contact information: Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

in October, to verify your email address

in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus and access to an online system.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#)

[Information sheet for parents and carers \(DOCX, 106KB\)](#)

or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.



Prep Bags 2024 Survey

Have your say about this year's Prep bags in a short survey, closing Sunday 29 September

Each year, the Department of Education gives every Prep student attending a Victorian government school a bag full of goodies to celebrate this milestone in their education journey.

The information and educational resources in the bags are designed to help Prep students and their families thrive from the start of Term 1.

The department is inviting parents and carers of current Prep students to complete a short survey about the 2024 Prep bags, by 5 pm on Sunday 29 September 2024.

Your feedback will help the department learn what families liked about the Prep bags and what can be improved in 2025.

You can have your say at [Prep bags 2024 evaluation survey](#).

The survey takes 5 to 10 minutes to complete, [and responses are anonymous](#).

For more information on this year's Prep bags, refer to [Prep bags](#).



Webster Street, Dandenong, August 2024

Works notification



Upcoming site investigations – mid-September to early-December

We're removing the level crossing by closing Webster Street at the level crossing and building a new road under the rail line, connecting Princes Highway-Lonsdale Street to Cheltenham and Hammond roads.

We're undertaking investigations to help us understand local conditions and infrastructure, from mid-September to early-December, to inform how we'll build the new road underpass.

APA will also conduct investigations on the gas pipeline under Thomas Street and Woodcock Reserve.

What we're doing

- Investigating road and ground conditions
- Locating underground services
- Investigating rail conditions

We'll work from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and from 7am to 3pm, Saturdays. We'll also work some Sundays and at night to minimise traffic disruptions.

Access to businesses and homes will be maintained at all times.

Traffic management will be in place to assist drivers, pedestrians and bike riders.

Upcoming works

Location	Time	What to expect
Cheltenham Road	Overnight from 9pm to 5am, Wednesday 11 September Monday 23 September to Wednesday 25 September Tuesday 1 October to Friday 4 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lane closures • Pedestrian detours • Machinery and crews in the area
Lonsdale Street-Service Road and Princes Highway-Lonsdale Street between Foster Street and Webster Street	Overnight from 9pm to 5am, Thursday 12 September Tuesday 1 October to Friday 4 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lane closures • Machinery and crews in the area

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1800 105 105 (call anytime)

contact@levelcrossing.vic.gov.au



For languages other than English, please call 9209 0147.



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Location	Time	What to expect
Rail corridor between Cheltenham Road and Webster Street	Around the clock from Friday 20 September to Sunday 22 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased lighting Machinery and crews in the rail corridor
Thomas Street	Monday 23 September to Friday 25 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lane closure Temporary closure of up to 30 on street car parks Machinery and crews in the area
Webster Street at the level crossing	Tuesday 24 September to Thursday 26 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lane closures Pedestrian detours Crews in the area
Woodcock Reserve	Friday 22 November to Friday 6 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary closure of up to 3 on street car parks on Webster Street, west of level crossing Machinery and crews in the area

We'll make every effort to complete works on schedule, however dates are subject to change.

More information

If you have any questions or would like more information, call us on **1800 105 105** or email contact@levelcrossings.vic.gov.au 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For information regarding the APA works on the gas pipeline please call APA on **1800 669 560** or email maintenanceprojects@apa.com.au

Kind regards,

Webster Street level crossing removal project



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Việt Ngữ – Vietnamese	9209 0147	ਪੰਜਾਬੀ – Punjabi	9209 0147
Español – Spanish	9209 0147	عربي – Arabic	9209 0147



We are SunSmart - a note for families

Too much of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia. It is also one of the most preventable cancers.

You can't see or feel the sun's UV. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!*

Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.

Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.



SunSmart membership

Our school is a registered member of Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Schools Program. We aim to protect children and staff from too much UV.

Sun protection and skin cancer prevention is a shared responsibility. Please help support our SunSmart membership and sun protection efforts by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy at school and at home.

During the daily local sun protection times (usually from mid-August to the end of April), **use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it's cool and cloudy.**

1. **SLIP** on covering clothing

For free dress days, ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.



2. **SLOP** on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen

Apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to reapply throughout the day. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours. Please ensure children get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they'll be all set when they are at school. Under supervision, ask children to put a dot of sunscreen on each cheek, nose and chin and rub it in (avoiding the eye area) and sunscreen squiggles or dots on the back of the neck, arms and legs to cover these areas.

3. **SLAP** on a hat that protects the face, neck and ears

Choose a wide-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat. Peak caps and visors do not offer enough UV protection so please leave them at home. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved **school hat**. Please keep this at school so they will always be ready for outdoor activities, outdoor learning and play during school days. For the walk to and from school and weekends, please have an extra **home hat** to help keep children protected at home.

4. **SEEK** shade

Choose shady spots for learning and play whenever possible.

5. **SLIDE** on wrap-around AS1067 sunglasses

When appropriate and practical, help protect the eyes with sunglasses.

Need information in another language? Call 13 14 50 and ask to be connected to Cancer Council Victoria in your language



SunSmart

Slap! on your **hat** and Slop! on **sunscreen**, when the UV is 3 or above.



Even on cool and cloudy days.

In Victoria, UV is 3 and above generally from mid-August to the end of April.

sunsmart.com.au

Use all five forms of sun protection



Slip



Slop



Slap



Seek



Slide





Community hub

Connect. Share. Learn.



Today the Community Hub has had the pleasure of hosting the annual Women's Health Forum, a co-production between ourselves and Springvale Rise Primary School.

We were fortunate to host many providers who have facilitated information sessions on a range of topics with the aim of empowering our participants.

We were very grateful to have the attendance of both Gabrielle Williams Minister for Government Services, Consumer Affairs and Public and Active transport, as well as a Lana Formoso, the Mayor of Greater Dandenong Council. Both of our guests spoke generously about their personal commitments to the women's health sector.

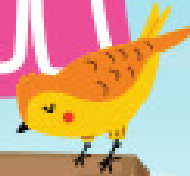




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Free Entry

Greater Dandenong Little Day Out



Sunday 22 September
11am - 4pm

Ross Reserve, Noble Park

Rides, animal farm,
art and crafts, live entertainment,
sports, fun workshops
and much more!



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Free Entry

Greater Dandenong Children's Festival



Enjoy our free family-friendly movies.
Bring your own chairs, rugs and picnic.
All movies start at 6pm.



Location & dates:

Springvale Community Hub
5 Hillcrest Grove, Springvale
30 September
2,4,7 and 11 October

Harmony Square
225 Lonsdale Street,
Dandenong
23 and 25 September
and 9 October



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Children's Festival

The Great Outdoors

21 September - 11 October 2024

For children aged 0-12 years



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