



Term 4 - Week 2
Issue 14 - 17th October 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)

The children have been sharing stories of spending holidays with family and friends as Term 4 begins. It is great that the children are rested and enthusiastic after the holiday break. Term 4 is a time when much of the learning of the year comes together. Each year level has some important learning experiences ahead. In particular, the Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 students will be looking forward to the swimming program later in the term.

This is a good time to revisit the requirement for students to be in school uniform every day and a request for parents to continue to comply with all parking traffic requirements around the school. The safety of our students is the most important consideration and complying with these rules helps to provide the safest environment for our students.

Our Foundation Orientation sessions for 2024 are about to commence so all Foundation enrolments need to be completed as soon as possible. If you know of any families who are intending to send students to our school next year, please encourage them to enrol as soon as possible.

Any requests regarding grade placements for 2025 must also be discussed now with your child's current sub-school team leader. All requests must be documented on the appropriate form and signed. The final day for any requests is Friday 8th November.

Enjoy the rest of this 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>
Monday 21st October	Region Athletics Competition (for selected students)
Tuesday 22nd October	Grade 2 Excursion Twisted Science
Tuesday 22nd October	Foundation - Grade 1 Wildlife Xposure Incursion
Thursday 31st October	2025 Foundation Orientation Session
Thursday 6th December	2025 Foundation Orientation Session

2024 TERM DATES	School Holidays
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 have had a great start to Term Four. They enthusiastically explored the new learning areas set up for their Investigations learning on the basic needs and life cycles of living things.





Grade 1 News

During Investigations in Term four, Grade One students will participate in a variety of learning experiences that link to the Geography focus. They will identify and describe places they consider to be 'special' and will also learn about sustainability by identifying different ways they can help care for special places. These learning experiences are also based on the children's interests, and link to other areas of the curriculum, such as Literacy and Numeracy.





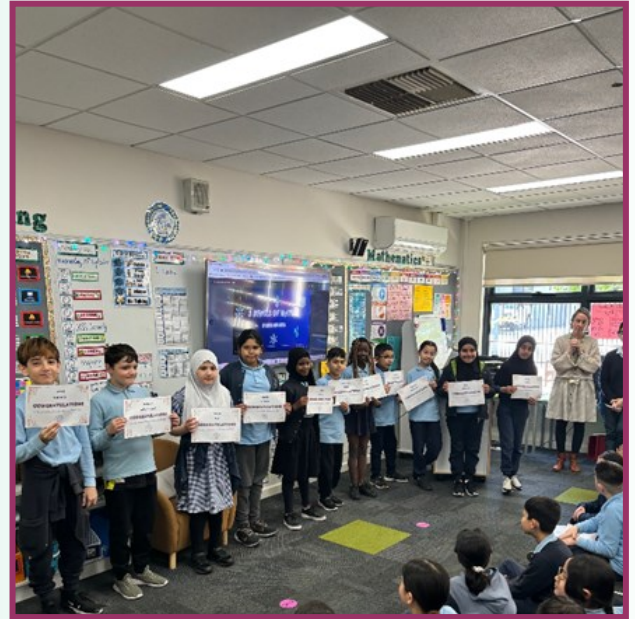
Grade 3/4 News

Welcome back to all our Middle Sub School students and families to Term 4. Our Inquiry focus this Term is Geography. The students will be learning about Australian landscapes, cities and the states/territories. They will also learn about our closest neighbours- Indonesia and New Zealand. In Week 8, we will be going on an excursion to Cranbourne Botanical Gardens to discover the diversity and adaptations of animals and plants living amongst the extremes of Australian landscapes.

In Reading, students are working on developing their understanding of descriptive texts. They are then using this understanding to create their own descriptive texts during Writing.

The focus for Mathematics in the next two weeks will be fractions and decimals. Students will learn to problem solve with fractions and decimals in varying contexts. Please help them at home by encouraging them to complete their MY Numeracy tasks on Essential Assessment.

Middle Sub School assembly award recipients from Term





Dandenong South Primary School



Grade 5/6 News

On Friday the 11th of October, the Senior Sub School students participated in their final Gala Day for 2024. The students had a fantastic time and showed great sportsmanship. Dandenong South Primary School achieved great results in all sports.



Way to go!





Specialist: SPORT

Gala Day 3

On Friday 11th October, the Senior Sub School Students competed at Gala Day 3. The sports were AFL Nines, Cricket Blast, Hot Shots Tennis and Soccer Sevens. All the students exhibited exemplary sportsmanship throughout the day. These were our most outstanding results:

- AFL Nines Mixed A – First
- AFL Nines Girls – First
- Cricket Blast Girls – Second
- Hot Shots Mixed A – Second
- Soccer Sevens Girls A - Second





Community hub

Connect. Share. Learn.





TIMETABLE

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>English Class Beginners 9:30am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>English Class Intermediate/ Advanced 9:30am - 12:30pm</p>	<p>Everyday English Beginners Multicultural Class 11:30am - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Mothers Group & Playgroup <i>Parents & grandparents</i> 10:00am - 12:00pm</p>
<p>Parent Support Program 12:30am - 2:00pm <i>Farida Bezhan</i></p> <p> Australian Muslim Women's Centre for Human Rights</p>			<p style="text-align: center;"> A World of Learning</p> <p>Address: 52 Kirkham Rd, Dandenong VIC 3175</p> <p>Phone 97923726</p> <p>TERM DATES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TERM 4 OCTOBER 7TH TO DECEMBER 20TH</p> <p>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS DECEMBER 21ST TO JANUARY 26TH</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>



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

 97923726

 Regina.moore@education.vic.gov.au

Around the hub





Newsletter

OSHClub

Dandenong south OSHCLUB

What's been happening at OSHCLUB...

OSHClub Newsletter - SUSTAINABILITY HEALTHY & ACTIVE LIVING

Welcome back to Term 4 at OSHClub!

We're excited to start another fun-filled and educational term with all our families, children, and teachers. This term, we will be focusing on three key goals:

1. Sustainability and Recycling – We'll be learning about how to care for our planet by practicing recycling, reducing waste, and making sustainable choices.
2. Active Living and Healthy Eating – We'll continue promoting a healthy lifestyle through physical activities and making nutritious food choices.
3. Exploring Diverse Cultures – We'll explore a variety of cultures to broaden our understanding and appreciation of the world's diversity.

NEW CLUBS RUNNING IN TERM 4:

We're also excited to announce the introduction of two new clubs this term

- the Drama Club
- the Gardening Club

Through the Gardening Club, children will gain hands-on experience with sustainability by growing plants and learning how to care for the environment. The Drama Club will allow children to express themselves through performance and storytelling, fostering creativity and confidence.

It was also wonderful to see so many Dandenong South students attending the [holiday program at Dandenong North OSHClub](#)! Find the pictures of the fun moments!

Additionally, we'll be practicing [SunSmart](#) habits to keep everyone safe during outdoor activities.

We can't wait to see the children engaged in these new opportunities!



🕒 Mon-Fri 7:00-9:00am and 3:00-6:00pm

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Oshclub.com.au
1300 395 735





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Highlights of the fortnight and holiday program at Dandenong north!



Coming up

22 OCT Pasta Palooza event

23 OCT SOCCER INCURSION WILL BE BACK!





OSHClub



GARDENING CLUB



WEDNESDAYS ONLY AT OSHCLUB

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

*standard fees & CCS apply



CONTACT US ON 0461 335 586 FOR MORE INFORMATION



OSHClub



DRAMA CLUB



EVERY MONDAY ONLY AT OSHCLUB

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

*standard fees & CCS apply



CONTACT US ON 0461 335 586 FOR MORE INFORMATION





OSHClub

SOCCER INCURSION

TERM 4 AT OSHCLUB



AT OSHCLUB

AFTER SCHOOL

FOR 4 WEEKS

WEDNESDAY 4-5PM

- 23RD OCTOBER
- 30TH OCTOBER
- 6TH NOVEMBER
- 13TH NOVEMBER





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.



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

levelcrossings.vic.gov.au

1800 105 105 (call anytime)

contact@levelcrossing.vic.gov.au



For languages other than English, please call 9209 0147.



Please contact us if you would like this information in an accessible format. If you need assistance due to a hearing or speech impairment, visit relayservice.gov.au



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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廣東話 – Cantonese	9209 0147	普通话 – Mandarin	9209 0147
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





Dandenong South Primary School



BASKETBALL



SOCCER

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS



CRICKET

Kids Parties

- Space jump
- Sports & jump
- Dodgem cars
- Nerf wars
- Bubble soccer
- Laser tag



FREE TRIAL SESSION

5:30pm-6:30pm

Mondays & Wednesdays

5-11 year olds

Tel: 9547 2555

\$15/sessions

springvaleindoorsports.com.au/junior-sports/



Dandenong South Primary School 'A World of Learning' School

FOUNDATION 2025 PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

**Helping your child prepare for
school**



WHEN: Thursday 17th October – in English
Thursday 31st October – in Dari

TIME: 9:15 am to 10.15am

VENUE: Performing Arts Room



Principal: Leonie Fitzgerald

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Dandenong South Primary School
'A World of Learning'



2025 FOUNDATION ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Meet your
2024
classmates
and see your
new school

WHEN:

Thursday 17th October 2024

Thursday 31st October 2024

Thursday 6th December 2024

TIME: 9.10am to 10.20am

Come and
join us for a
morning of
fun activities



**All 2025
Foundation
students are
encouraged to
attend the
Orientation
Program on
these days.**

*If you require further information or a school tour – please contact the school on **9792 3726**.*