



Term 2-Week 6
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Last week we celebrated Education Week. The students enjoyed the Spotlight on STEM theme as it highlighted the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, (STEM) in our everyday lives, in the classroom and beyond. The Cyber Safety information session for parents and carers on Wednesday 15th May was very well attended and very relevant as state governments are currently looking carefully at the use of social media by young people in our society. Many parents also attended the classrooms that were open between 10.00am and 11.00am.

On Wednesday 5th June we will be holding our Annual Report to the School Community Meeting in the staffroom at 9.10am. This meeting is held every year to inform our school community about the progress of the school in a range of areas. Further information is available in this newsletter.

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

| Dates to remember | Upcoming Events |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Friday 24th May | Division Cross Country |
| Monday 27th May-3rd June | Reconciliation Week |
| Thursday 30th May | Grade3/4 Excursion Coal Creek Community Park and Museum |
| Wednesday 5th June | Annual Report to the School Community |
| Friday 7th June | <i>Pupil Free day No school for students</i> |
| Monday 10th June | <i>Kings Birthday Public Holiday</i> |
| Wednesday 12th June | Region Cross Country |
| Thursday 27th June | Whole School Concert |

| 2024 TERM DATES | School Holidays |
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| Term 2 | Holidays |
| Monday 15th April To Friday 28th June | Saturday 29th June To Sunday 14th July |
| 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 |



New Foundation Enrolment Information for 2025

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 prioritised 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 29th July and Friday 9th August 2024 the 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 23rd 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 \(www.vic.gov.au\)](#)

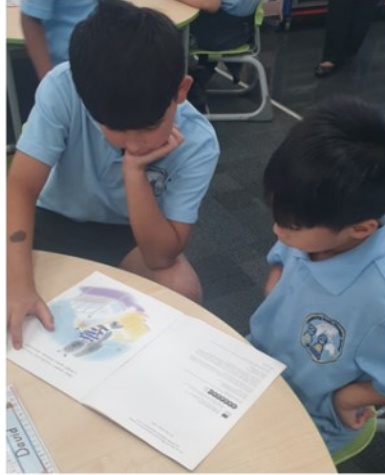
If you are seeking to enrol your child into Foundation next year, please contact our school office on 03 97923726 or email us at:

dandenong.south.ps@education.vic.gov.au to request an Enrolment Application form.



Foundation News

The Foundation students have had a wonderful time doing various activities with their Year 5 buddies. Their buddies have been helping them with reading and have been assisting them in the playground.





Grade 1 News

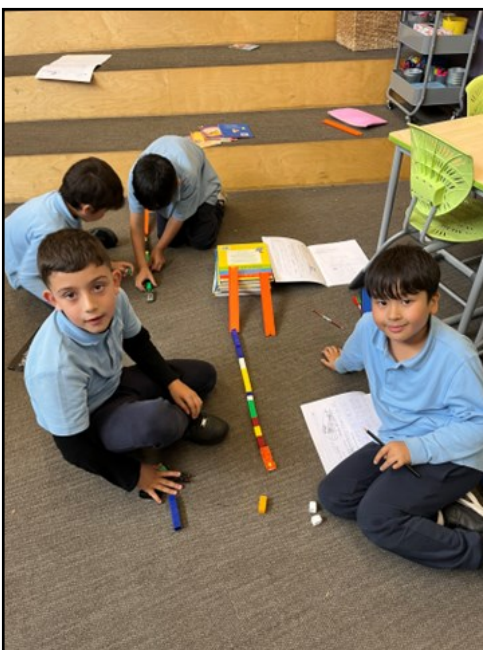
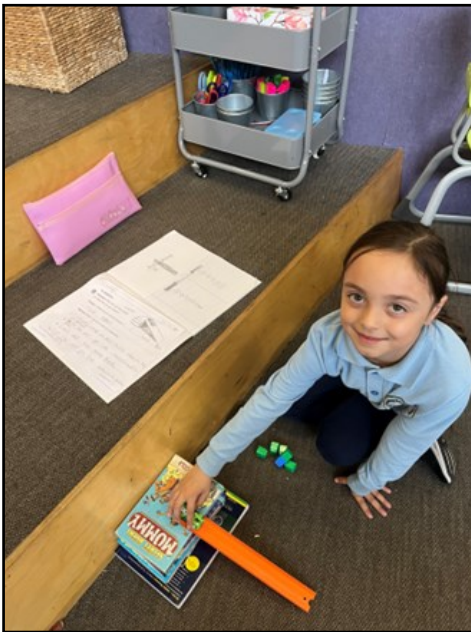
As part of the Grade One focus on History, students attended the Toys Through History incursion last week. The incursion provided an engaging, hands-on learning experience for students as they explored the history of different toys and how they have changed over time.





Grade2 News

During the past two weeks, Grade Two students have investigated the impact of various forces on object movement. They have constructed ramps and crafted paper helicopters. Throughout these activities, students have predicted results, experimented with their hypotheses, measured the distance traveled by cars and adjusted conditions accordingly.





Grade3/4 News

The Grade Three and Four students have been participating in some exciting incursions and activities over the past two weeks. These include the Cyber Safety incursion, the STEM Open Morning and a Reconciliation week Incursion. Students have all really enjoyed the activities and learned a great deal along the way.

Our focus in Reading and Writing has switched to information reports. The students are learning how to find important information in these texts and how to plan, draft and publish their own.

The focus for Mathematics continues to be addition and subtraction, however the students have also been investigating angles, length and perimeter.





Grade 5/6 News

Last Friday, our Year 5 students (and our newly arrived EAL students in the MSS and SSS), experienced a VERY LOUD live performance at the Arts Centre in Melbourne. This amazing 'urban circus' featured world class athletes and world record holders dancing and performing tricks. The students absolutely loved watching these talented artists.





Specialist : STEM

This term in the Music room we have been joined by the Kinder for some of our sessions. Each week, we have been practising the concert dance and playing different instruments including the keyboards. Some Grade 1 & 2 classes played the cup game to music.





District Cross Country

On Friday the 10th of May, 47 students ran at the District Cross Country. They all did extremely well by completing the 2km or 3km course. Below are the best results of the day:

| | | | Position |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------|----------|
| 12 & 13 year old girls | | | |
| Olivia | TUTLYS | 5/6A | 9th |
| 12 & 13 year old boys | | | |
| Ahmad | MASSOUD | 5/6E | 3rd |
| Arben | BANUSEVSKI | 5/6D | 8th |
| Rydvi | SADIKOVSKI | 5/6B | 10th |
| 9 & 10 year old boys | | | |
| Faraz | NAZARI | 5/6C | 1st |
| Muhammed | SLEIMAN | 3/4C | 6th |
| Rahmatullah | DARWISHI | 3/4C | 8th |

These students will be competing at the Division Cross Country on Friday the 24th of May. Good Luck!



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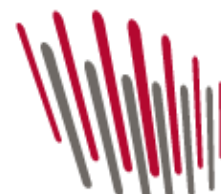
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SCHOOL CONCERT TICKET SALES



Drum THEATRE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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

Date & time: **Thursday 27th 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 3rd 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 17th 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 18th June and Wednesday 18th June, at two tickets per family, on a first come first serve basis, until sold out.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Leonie Fitzgerald
(Principal)





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PARENT MEETING

*Annual Report to the
School Community*

Wednesday 5th June

9:15am

Staffroom



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Dandenong south OSHCLUB

What's been happening at OSHCLUB...

This term is all about **FUN THEMED ADVENTURES**

Dear Parents and Guardians,
We are thrilled to share some exciting news and updates for Term 2 at OSHClub in Dandenong South. Our focus this term is on fostering creativity and sparking curiosity through innovative and engaging activities. Here's what we have in store:

**Introducing Science and STEM Incursions:
Wednesdays from May 15 to June 5**

We are excited to announce our new Science and STEM Incursions, brought to you by the dynamic team at Bop It Till You Drop. These sessions will be held on Wednesday afternoons, from May 15 to June 5, and are offered at no cost!

What to Expect:

Join our extraordinary science experts as they lead high-energy STEM activities designed to captivate and educate. Each session breaks down complex concepts into manageable steps, incorporates interactive games, and includes a variety of fun activities. Our afternoons will feature an array of STEM group projects, all complemented with educational explanations and rationales to enhance understanding and engagement. These sessions are a fantastic opportunity for children to explore the wonders of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in an exciting and hands-on way.

Stay tuned for more updates and highlights from our programs. We are dedicated to creating a vibrant community where every child feels inspired and empowered.

BOP IT TILL YOU DROP SNAPS!



🕒 Mon-Fri 7:00-9:00am and 3:00-6:00pm

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Dandenong south OSHCLUB

Highlights of our adventures



Coming up

May 22

Incursion Rainbow explosions

May 29

Incursion Science & STEM

May 17

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Jun 5

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Building Your Child's Resilience

Primary School • Essential Topics for Dads



Building Your Child's Resilience

Children who are resilient are better able to cope with difficulties they encounter in their lives. Some children are naturally more resilient than others, their temperament allows them to deal with problems, difficulties or disappointments and recover without too much fuss or stress. However, not every child will have this natural resilience and will need your support to help build skills and confidence to deal with life's challenges and recover to move forward. To help you to support your child to continue to become more resilient, here are some important understandings and tips to support their journey.

Resilience is our ability to cope with challenges and recover from difficult times.

Three important areas of resilience:

Ideally we would want our children to grow to have strong beliefs in the following areas.

Support – 'I have' strong caring relationships and support from people around me who I trust and who are good role models for me.

Self-esteem – 'I am' capable and confident in myself and my ability to take on challenges and try new things.

Skills to cope – 'I can' manage, think positively; solve problems and adapt to new or difficult situations.

The most common factor among children who demonstrate resilience is a strong relationship with a supportive parent, caregiver, or other adult. A father is often seen as a solid foundation for safety and security. Because of this, children often look to their fathers as a role model of how to react in different or difficult situations.





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Primary School • Essential Topics for Dads



Top Tips for Dads

- **Demonstrate a positive attitude** towards challenges yourself. Talk about them as opportunities to learn and improve.
- **Support their positive sense of self.** Help them to develop a positive sense of who they are, how they feel about themselves and what they can do.
- **Build coping skills.** Talk to your child about how to develop strategies for dealing with difficult situations.
- **Help them to find solutions to problems.** Ask questions like, "What could you do?" and "What do you think?" "What would you do if that happened to you?" Try not to always solve the problems for them.
- **Allow them to take on healthy challenges and risks.** Provide opportunities for them to build confidence by taking on challenges and encourage them to work through problems and dilemmas.



Wellbeing Check

It's important for you as a father to periodically check on your own resilience and coping strategies. To do this you can ask yourself: Do I have strategies to help reduce stress in times of difficulties? These may include: stepping away, refreshing and relooking at the problem; identifying things you can control and act on those; knowing your limits and being realistic about when you need help.



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