



# Dandenong South Primary School



**Term 2 - Week 8**  
**Issue 8 - 6th June 2024**

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Winter has brought some cold and rainy weather, but the children have been having fun at recess and lunchtime playing with the last of the autumn leaves.

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, we had our Annual Reporting Meeting to the School Community in the staffroom. This was an opportunity to share the achievements of our school with parents and community members.

The focus of the Pupil Free Day tomorrow 7<sup>th</sup> June will be the moderation of student work and report writing. A reminder that Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June is the King's Birthday Public Holiday.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June will be the last day of the student survey that children in Years 4-6 take part in each year. We will be receiving the results of this survey later in the year.

If you have a child starting in Foundation in 2025, please complete the enrolment application as soon as possible. Enrolment applications must be provided to the school by 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

I hope you enjoy the long weekend.



**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

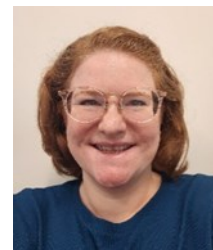
<b>Dates to remember</b>	<b>Upcoming Events</b>
<b>Friday 7th June</b>	<b>Pupil Free day No school for students</b>
<b>Monday 10th June</b>	<b>King's Birthday Public Holiday</b>
<b>Wednesday 12th June</b>	<b>Region Cross Country</b>
<b>Thursday 27th June</b>	<b>Whole School Concert</b>
<b>Monday 15th July</b>	<b>Term 3 starts</b>

<b>2024 TERM DATES</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Monday 15th April To Friday 28th June	Saturday 29th June To Sunday 14th July
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Monday 15th July To Friday 20th September	Saturday 21st September To Sunday 6th October
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
Monday 7th October To Friday 20th December	Saturday 21st December To Monday 27th January 2025



## Staffing News

Schools are important places for children to learn lots of different skills. The school environment can be challenging to navigate sometimes, and everyone learns at their own pace. At Dandenong South Primary School, we have employed an Occupational Therapist, Ms. Lucy Muller, to help children develop the skills they need to engage in everyday life. She will look at the different factors that might be getting in the way of a child's success.



Sometimes, students need a bit of extra help to find the best way to learn. Some of the learning areas that can be supported include:

- Staying focused in the classroom
- Managing emotions and mental wellbeing
- Play skills
- Social skills and making friends
- Fine motor skills, like handwriting, tying shoelaces or using scissors
- Gross motor skills like climbing, skipping, running
- Self-care tasks

If you have any concerns about your child's development in any of these areas, you can let their classroom teacher know. Ms Muller will be working across the whole school, from Foundation to Grade 6, with a focus on working with the teaching staff, and providing small group programs within the classroom.

## New Foundation Enrolment Information for 2025

**Enrolment application forms** are **NOW** available at Dandenong South Primary School.

Last day to submit the enrolment application form is

**Friday 26th July.**



## Concert tickets are on Sale Now!!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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

Date & time: **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 5.30pm**

Venue: **The Drum Theatre, Dandenong**

**Note: each family will only be allocated two tickets**



Please note tickets will need to be purchased by **Friday 21st 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. The school will contact all the families on the waiting list on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

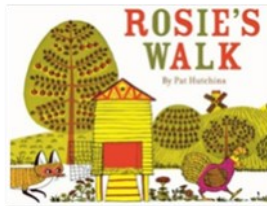
After this process, if any tickets are still available, they may be purchased at the school office on

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**, at two tickets per family on a first come first serve basis until sold out.



## Foundation News

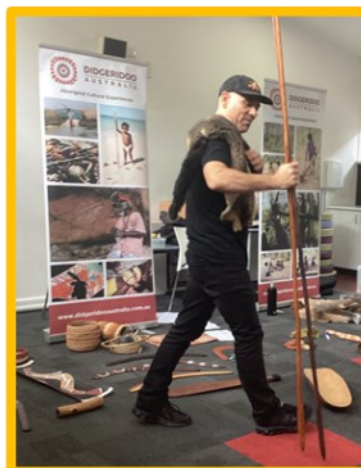
In Mathematics, Foundation Students have been busy learning about positional language! This included reading the text 'Rosie's Walk' and making our own 'Rosies'. Students put actions to the words from the book and used the iPads to take photos of their 'Rosies' in different positions.





## Grade 1 News

As part of National Reconciliation Week, students participated in a whole school incursion presented by Didgeridoo Australia. The incursion was educational and highly engaging. Students learnt about the culture and connection to Country of our First Nations people.





## Grade2 News

Students are currently immersed in the process of designing, constructing, testing, and refining cardboard car launchers. They are engaged and relishing the challenge. Additionally, many students are dedicated to perfecting the choreography for their concert performance, preparing to showcase their talents to parents in a few short weeks. They are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to demonstrate their skills.





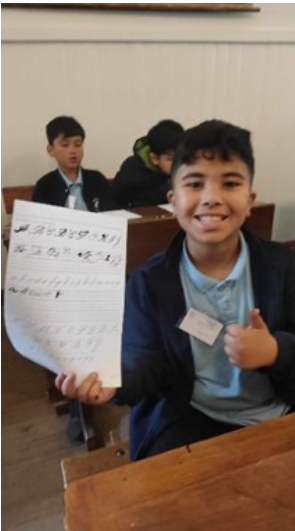
## Grade3/4 News

The Grade three and four students had a great time at Coal Creek Historical Village. They learned all about life back in the 1800s, including participating in a real-life class with quills and ink. Everyone had a fantastic experience.

In Reading, students are learning to research, paraphrase and summarise information texts to help them investigate their Inquiry projects. In Writing, they are using the information they have researched to create information reports.

The focus for Mathematics continues to be addition and subtraction. The students are learning to use the algorithm to add and subtract larger numbers and decimals.

### Grade 3/4 students at Coal Creek Historical Village





## Grade 5/6 News

### Teaching and Learning in the senior Sub School

Many students in the Senior Sub School say that Mathematics is their favourite subject. Below are some pictures of students learning to convert between 12 and 24 hour time, measure, calculate and compare elapsed time, and interpret a variety of everyday timetables.



As part of our Geography Inquiry Unit, the Grade 5/6 Students are creating presentations about Indonesia. These students are using digital devices to research information and write an information report about a country that they are keen to learn about.







## Specialist : Art

This term, students in Grades 1-6 have been exploring the colour element of Art. They have experimented by mixing colours and creatively used various combinations of primary, secondary, warm and cool colours to produce interesting effects in their artwork.

They also explored different techniques to create 3D artwork using yarn, paper and foil.





## Specialist : Music

To recognise Reconciliation Week, the students explored Aboriginal musical instruments in music room this week.





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## Challenges and Healthy Risks

Primary School • Essential Topics for Dads



# Challenges and Healthy Risks

Studies have found that dads tend to be more likely to engage their children in activities that involve competition, risk taking and challenges.

A *healthy risk* pushes a child to have-a-go at something outside of their comfort zone but, results in little harm if they are unsuccessful. By engaging with your child in fun activities that challenges them, you are also helping them to try new things at school. A healthy risk that your child might encounter at school could be trying a new sport, joining in the school play or making a speech at assembly. These risks help children to learn that they are capable of learning new things and pushing through difficult or uncomfortable situations. They also allow for the great reward of feelings of pride and accomplishment when a risk is overcome.

We want our children to believe for the future – **I can take on challenges, solve problems and adapt to new or difficult situations.**



### Top Tips for Dads

- Encourage your children to 'have-a go' to try new things. Make them feel safe by being there to support them or do it together.
- Start small and then gradually extend them outside their comfort zone as they develop.
- Support them to try different activities and explore what they are capable of.
- Encourage perseverance and not giving up. When there are setbacks help them to stay positive and not give up.
- Help them experience success. Ask your children to think of something they want to do and help them accomplish it.
- Make a bucket list for you and your kids to do together. Include new things that you could do with your child that would be new to you both.



### Wellbeing Check

Taking on new challenges or trying new things is great for Dad's wellbeing as well. If you find yourself in a rut or feeling down trying something new is beneficial for your mental health. Doing something outside of your comfort zone heightens your senses causing a release of adrenaline and rush of dopamine to your brain. This produces a natural high in the short term as well a sense of achievement and broadening of your outlook.



## Community hub



Connect. Share. Learn.



## TIMETABLE

### TUESDAY

English Intermediate  
9:30am - 12:00pm



### WEDNESDAY

English Intermediate & Advanced  
9:30am - 12:30pm

Parenting and Wellbeing Session  
**Last Session**  
June 12  
12:30pm - 1:30 pm

### THURSDAY

English Beginners  
**Multicultural Class**  
11:30am - 1:30pm

2024

### FRIDAY

Playgroup  
*Parents & grandparents*  
10:00am - 12:00pm



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#### TERM DATES

**TERM 2**  
24TH APRIL – 28TH JUNE

**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**  
29 JUNE - 14 JULY



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

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## Cooking and Gardening Day



Connect. Share. Learn.

## Workshop Highlights



Friday, May 24



Community hub —Gym Foyer



Take home free seeds



## English Class Program

Connect. Share. Learn.



### EXCURSION TO MARMARA SUPERMARKET EVERYDAY ENGLISH





## OSHClub Fundraiser Bake Sale

**Event:** OSHCLUB Bake Sale Fundraiser

**Date:** 12 June

**Time:** After School

**Location:** we will have a table decorated with displays and baked goods outside the front office where parents drop and pick up kids

**Who:** I request if the students that booked in for OSHClub that day be able to leave class 10 minutes earlier just to help setting up the table.

### What to Expect:

- A variety of delicious halal baked goods bought and prepared by OSHCLUB staff and students. (includes halal, vegan options) the baked goods will have ingredient list on display too.
- Informational displays about The Smith Family and their impactful work.

### Expected Outcomes:

- Increased awareness among students and parents about the challenges faced by disadvantaged children and the importance of educational support.
- Active participation from the OSHC and school community in a meaningful cause.
- Significant funds raised to aid children in achieving their dreams through better educational opportunities.

This bake sale will not only be a fun and enjoyable event for our students to learn about how to run a bake good fundraiser for a good cause but also an impactful way to give back to the community.

JOIN US FOR A

# BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY  
JULY 12  
3:30 pm  
outside the front office

TO SUPPORT THE SMITH FAMILY IN THE DREAM RUN

Halal cupcakes, cookies, croissants and muffins!

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Learn today, change tomorrow.

Come enjoy some delicious treats and make a difference!

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### Your impact

- Last year, more than 82,000 young Australians in need were supported as Learning AirLife programs - which provides a combination of financial, personal and practical support.
- More than 162,000 children and young people participated in The Smith Family's programs.
- The Smith family operated in 91 communities across Australia, and we partnered with almost 800 schools.

And much of this is thanks to our incredible supporters and fundraisers - just like you.

By taking part in The Dream Run, you can help provide more children with the essentials they need for school, like uniforms, books, and access to life-changing learning support - so they can fit in, keep up at school and thrive into the future.

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## Newsletter

MAY 2024

## OSHClub

Dandenong south OSHCLUB

### What's been happening at OSHCLUB...

#### OSHClub Newsletter - Celebrating Families and Community Spirit!

##### Successful Celebration of National Families Week

We recently celebrated National Families Week, and it was a resounding success! A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and families who joined us and participated in the activities. From creating beautiful family portraits to mapping out our diverse backgrounds, it was a fantastic time for bonding and connecting with one another. The week was a testament to the strength and unity of our community, and we are grateful for your enthusiastic involvement.

##### Upcoming Event: Smith Family DREAM RUN Fundraiser

We are excited to announce our participation in the Smith Family DREAM RUN fundraising event this June. Starting next week, from June 3 until June 30, we will be raising funds to support this wonderful cause.

##### Bake Sale for a Cause

To kick off our fundraising efforts, we will be hosting a bake sale from Tuesday, June 4 to Wednesday, June 5. Delicious cookies, muffins, cupcakes, and croissants will be available for purchase, with all proceeds going towards the Smith Family DREAM RUN fundraiser. This is a fantastic opportunity for families, teachers, and community members to contribute to a great cause while enjoying some tasty treats.

We encourage everyone to join us in this effort and support our fundraising activities. Your participation and generosity will make a significant difference and help us achieve our fundraising goals.



🕒 Mon-Fri 7:00-9:00am and 3:00-6:00pm

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# SCHOOL HOLIDAY

**8:30-4:30**



- **Multi-sports**  
soccer, cricket, tennis, dodgeball, basketball...
- **Inflatables**
- **Bumper cars**
- **Arts n' Crafts**
- **Face painting**
- **Science**
- **Laser tag**
- **Bubble soccer**



**age 5-11**

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