



**Term 2 - Week 11**  
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SCHOOL WEBSITE**  
School Website: [www.dandenong-south-ps.vic.edu.au](http://www.dandenong-south-ps.vic.edu.au)  
(Use this website to access SENTRAL's Parent Portal)

Term 2 has been a very busy period of time in the school year.

A great way to finish this busy term was the concert held at the Drum Theatre last night.

The children were very excited and it was wonderful to see them perform so well after all of the extensive practice that has taken place over the term. A big thank you must go to the staff, students and parents who all contributed to make this a highlight of our school year.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday break and the children come back to school on 15<sup>th</sup> July ready for another exciting term ahead of them.

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.



**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>
<b>Monday 15th July</b>	<b>Term 3 starts</b>
<b>Friday 19th July</b>	<b>Grade 5/6 Gala Day2</b>
<b>Friday 26th July</b>	<b>Grade 2 Incursion The Flying Bookworm</b>
<b>Wednesday 31st July</b>	<b>Winter Division Finals</b>
<b>Tuesday 20th August</b>	<b>Whole School Book Week Parade</b>

<b>2024 TERM DATES</b>	<b>School Holidays</b>
<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





## **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.

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 this process. We welcome your feedback or 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](mailto:Deborah.handley@education.vic.gov.au)**



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## BLAST *From the Past*





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## English Language Program

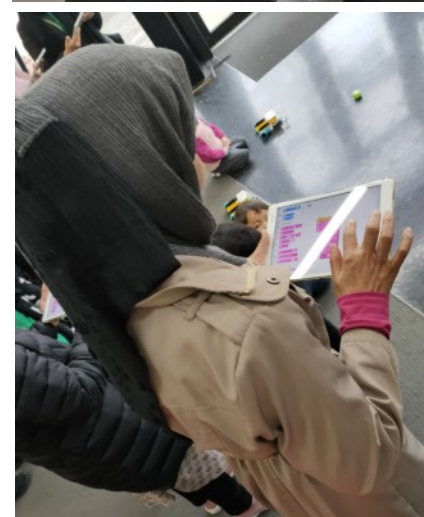


Connect. Share. Learn.

### LESSON IN ROBOTICS

(THURDAY CLASS)

The Community hub is grateful to Keysborough Learning Centre for this amazing opportunity.



#### **Learning more about.....**

- Basic programming concepts
- Logical thinking and problem solving
- Creativity and innovation
- Technical skills



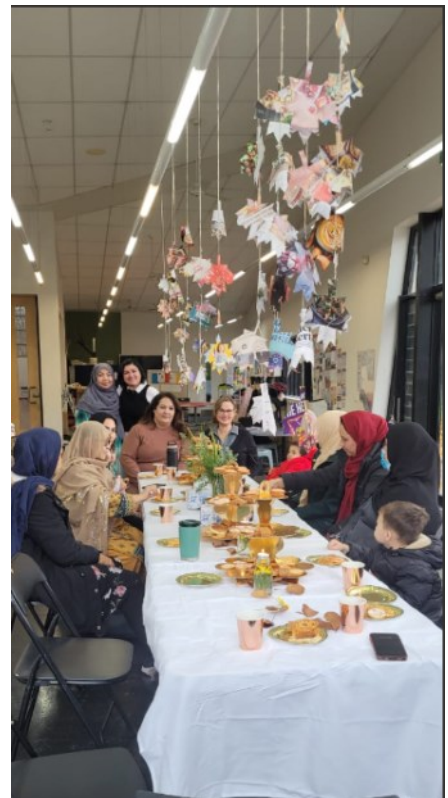


## Engagement



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### Celebrating Refugee Week







## Road Safety

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### Keeping children Safe when crossing the road Road Safety Video



**WATCH VIDEO**

[Use the link below or QR code to view the video](#)

[How To Cross The Road Safely With Ozzie | Stop, Look, Listen, Think | Road Safety For Kids \(youtube.com\)](#)



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Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing

Primary School • Essential Topics for Dads



# Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing

Everyone's resilience has been tested with the challenges of COVID, so it is not surprising that there are concerns around the mental health and wellbeing of our children and young people. The good news is that there is strong evidence to show that fathers who are supportive, involved and engaged, provide significant protective factors and positive impacts on their children's mental health throughout the course of their development.

The first step to supporting your child's mental health and wellbeing is to be in touch with how they are feeling. Learning to recognise the signs of when your child is struggling emotionally because they are over tired,

not feeling well, frustrated, scared or overwhelmed will help you to better understanding of their needs and behaviours.

## Top Tips for Dads

- **Check in one-on-one with each of your children every day.** Check in for a chat about what they have been doing, how they are feeling and any news they have. Soon it will become an integral part of your day and theirs. As your children grow, the nature of these routines will evolve but, this habit will strengthen your relationships and keep communication open.
- **Learn to read your child's signals.** Children respond in different ways to stress or emotional difficulties. Some may become withdrawn, while others may misbehave, have tantrums or meltdowns. By being in touch with your child each day you can learn to read your child's emotions and responses.
- **Schedule emotional check-ins during times of change and stress.** You could try having days of the week on the fridge and getting the kids to draw an emoji for how they are feeling.

This is good way to monitor how they are coping, especially when they are older and less likely to let you know.

- **Create opportunities to have a conversation.** You never know when your child will open up to talk about something really important to them or something they have been worrying about.
- **Listen to and get to know your child.** Learn about their thoughts, their feelings, likes and dislikes, their friends and their dreams. As they grow and develop these things will grow and change as well, so stay in touch.
- **Talk to your child's teachers,** if they are stressed or emotional about or at school. Teachers can be a great source of information and support for you and your child. You can also get more information about what is troubling your child by comparing your insights and experiences with what is happening at school.



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### Wellbeing Check

As fathers, you play an important role in helping your children develop their emotional skills and understandings and their resilience to cope during difficult times. They watch you and how you respond during these times and the strategies you use. When you are aware of your own emotional wellbeing, you naturally become a positive role model the kinds of skills, attitudes, and behaviours your children need to master.



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### OSHClub

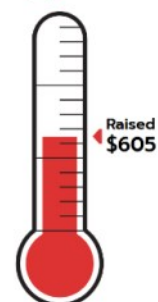
Dandenong south OSHCLUB

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

OSHCLUB Fundraising progress

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

\$1,320



#### Fundraiser updates:

#### **Bake Sale Success – A Sweet Achievement!**

On the day of our bake sale, we set up our table outside with an array of delicious treats. Thanks to the enthusiastic participation of Dandenong South Primary School students, parents, and staff, we raised an impressive \$155. Later in the afternoon, during our OSHClub session, our OSHClub families came together and contributed another \$126, with additional donations from our dedicated OSHClub staff, bringing our total to \$302!

#### **Double the Impact – Thanks to Kennards Hire Foundation**

We are ecstatic to announce that all the funds raised through The Dream Run donations was matched by the Kennards Hire Foundation. This means that our combined efforts have effectively doubled, resulting in a total donation of \$605!

#### **Continue the Support – How to Donate**

The support doesn't have to end with the bake sale. If you missed the event or wish to contribute further, donations can still be made directly to The Dream Run initiative. Simply scan QR code or click on the link:

<https://www.thedreamrun.com.au/fundraisers/dandenongsouthoshclub/the-dream-run-2024>

Additionally, we are excited to announce another opportunity to support this wonderful cause. Join us for our Toy Stall this Friday, 21 June. Our creative OSHKids have been hard at work crafting adorable pom-pom balls, colorful melty bead charms, bracelets & more.

#### **A Heartfelt Thank You**

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who participated in the bake sale – from students, staff and families who purchased and contributed to this cause. Your support has made a significant impact and will greatly benefit the Smith Family DREAM RUN initiative.



🕒 Mon-Fri 7:00-9:00am and 3:00-6:00pm

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### OSHClub

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### Highlights of our adventures



### Coming up

- 21 JUN** toy stall fundraiser
- 19 JUN** RESCHUDLED MARATHON
- 28 JUN** Early finish OSHCLUB open for bookings
- 1 JUL** Holiday program 1st Jul - Fri 12th Jul at Dandenong North OSHclub





**FUNDRAISING ENDS AT THE END OF THE MONTH**



Dandenong south OSHCLUB

## OSHCLUB Fundraising progress

# \$1,320



**Raised \$605**

## Please support our challenge!

Here's the link and QR code to our fundraising page:

<https://www.thedreamrun.com.au/fundraisers/junioradventuresgroup2024401>



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# Term 2 School Holidays Winter

## Cricket Clinic

### 12th July 2024

### 10am - 3pm

## Make new friends

For  
Boy & Girls  
Ages 5 to 12



## Cricket helps promote confidence.

Sports can help kids perform  
better at school

Learn the foundation skills to Cricket  
in a fun, game based learning  
environment.



*\*Lunch Not Provided*



**Kosta Drak**  
Coach to

Aspiring YoungAthletes

## For More Info

To Be Held Indoors at:

**Gloria Pyke Netball Complex**  
**Greaves Reserve**  
**Bennet St. Dandenong**

Neil Coutts 0417 559 646  
Peter Lindsay 0477 745 464

## Cost:

### \$19.95

## Per Child

Visit Our Website



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[www.dandenongwestcricketclub.com](http://www.dandenongwestcricketclub.com)