

DANDENONG PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 29 April 2022

COVIDSafe Measures for Term 2

The Victorian Government has announced some important changes to COVIDSafe measures for schools that will apply from the start of Term 2.

The COVIDSafe measures for Term 2 are summarised on Page 6 of this newsletter.

Dandy Pals Playgroup is Back!

Our Victorian Early Years Award winning 'Dandy Pals Playgroup' is back! Fridays from 9-10:45am in our school hall for children aged 0-5 years, with an accompanying parent or carer. We'd love to see you there!



**Dandy Pals
Playgroup**

Fridays 9-10:45am
at Dandenong Primary School

STORYTIME
PLAY
CRAFT
SONG & DANCE

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Term 2

Term 2 is always a busy term at Dandenong Primary School. This term there is much to look forward to including:

- Mum & Me celebrations
- After-school soccer clinics
- Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN Testing from 10 May
- Education Week celebrations
- Year 5 [Doxa Malmesbury Camp](#)
- Semester 1 Reports
- Student Led Learning Conferences

Mum & Me

We're holding a 'Mum & Me' Morning on Friday 6 May from 8:15 - 9am with tea/coffee and treats to eat to say a big thank you to our amazing mums and friends.

We'd love to see you there!



Join us for Dandenong Primary School's
'Mum & Me' Morning



Bring mum or a special someone to school for a **FREE** barista made tea or coffee and a special treat to eat to say thanks to the amazing mums and friends of Dandenong Primary School

8:15 - 9am
Friday 6 May 2022

Don't worry, Dad, we have something up our sleeves for you too so stay tuned!

NAPLAN Testing

The National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing for **Year 3 and Year 5 students** will take place over a two week period from Tuesday 10 May.

[NAPLAN](#) tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.

The schedule for NAPLAN testing at our school is as follows:

Day	Date	Test
Tues	10 May	Writing
Wed	11 May	Reading
Thurs	12 May	Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
Mon	16 May	Numeracy

New Child Safe Standards Coming Soon

The [Child Safe Standards](#) are changing with new Victorian Child Safe Standards and Ministerial Order 1359 begin on Friday 1 July 2022.

The standards include new requirements to keep students safe, covering:

- the involvement of families and students in child safety efforts
- schools' focus on safety for Aboriginal students
- better management of the risk of child abuse in online environments
- governance, systems and processes to keep students safe.

This will mean some updating of a number of our school [policies](#) which will take place in the coming weeks.

NEW Before & After School and Vacation Care Coming Soon!

After many years sharing a before and after school service with our friends at [St Mary's Primary School](#), we're excited to announce our partnering with [CommunityOsh Outside School Hours Care](#) to provide before and after school AND vacation care onsite at [Dandenong Primary School](#).

This service will launch in mid-June, just before the winter break. Ahead of the launch, **we're holding an information session for families on Thursday 19 May at 3pm** in the school hall.

COME & MEET YOUR NEW OSHC EDUCATORS

Parent Information Session
Dandenong Primary School
Before & After School Care

Thursday 19th May
3.00pm-3.30pm

Find out about:
Enrolment Process
How to manage your bookings
Activities & Menu
Fees & Child Care Subsidy

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Sunny the AFL NAB Mini Legend

Sunny's back on our TV screens again in 2022 as part of the NAB AFL Mini Legends campaign. Here's a clip from last year with Sunny and Richmond's Sabrina Frederick: <https://youtu.be/sp8UBdLqZSE>



Alison Rogers Announces Departure

It is with a mix of sadness and a huge amount of gratitude (for all that's been achieved) that we learn of Alison Rogers decision to leave Dandenong Primary School this term. This decision comes with Alison's recent move to rural Victoria with her husband, Neil.

Alison has done an extraordinary job over more than 7 years in her role as Dandenong Primary School Community Hub Leader.

Alison has given nothing short of her heart and soul to the role and has made an outstanding contribution to the Dandenong Primary School community.

Community Hubs Australia CEO, Sonja Hood, has sung Alison's praises throughout Alison's time leading the hub, recently affirming:

"not only does Alison run a great hub, but she has also been instrumental in helping us to understand what is and isn't possible in the hub environment".

Alison's time with us at Dandenong Primary School will formally come to an end towards the end of May. In the coming weeks our community will work to organise a celebration of Alison's incredible contribution to all of our lives over a significant period of time.



NEW School Website

Say hello to our new website! The new site has been made on the Squarespace platform which means we can keep it up-to-date with ease and hopefully provide a practical site for our community.

You can find the new site at the same old location here:

<http://www.dandenongps.vic.edu.au/>

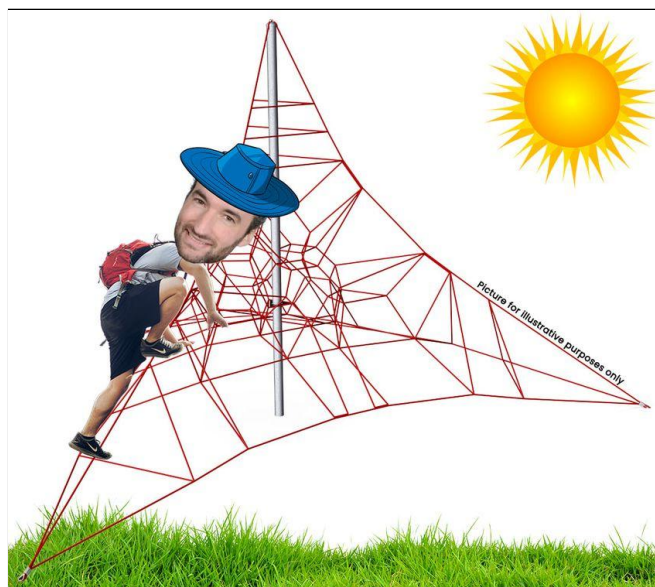
Please check it out and let us know what you think by using the 'contact' page.



Albanese Labor Government to Invest \$30,000 Towards a Spacenet Climbing Structure

Member for Bruce, [Julian Hill MP](#) has let us know that an Albanese Labor Government will invest \$30,000 towards a 'spacenet' climbing structure at [Dandenong Primary School](#). Having good climbing skills is important for all children as this allows them to be physically active and interact socially around the playground.

Mr W (pictured) is very excited and champing at the bit to get climbing!



Introducing Keery

It is with great delight that we introduce Keery Gibson as the incoming Dandenong Primary School Community Hub leader.

Keery has big shoes to fill following Alison's departure but with the wealth of knowledge and experience that Keery brings to the role, we're excited for the next chapter of our Community Hub.

Keery (right) is pictured with three of our fabulous students in Mitesh, Hasti and Ayen.



Other Staffing News

This year we have had an increase in the number of newly arrived refugee families and to support our new students, we have a number of new casual Education Support staff including Lelya, Zakia and Tayyebah.

Donna, in our administration office, will be taking some long service leave for part of Term 2 and so we welcome Fatima and Anushadi who will be filling in during this time.

Welcome to our new members of staff!

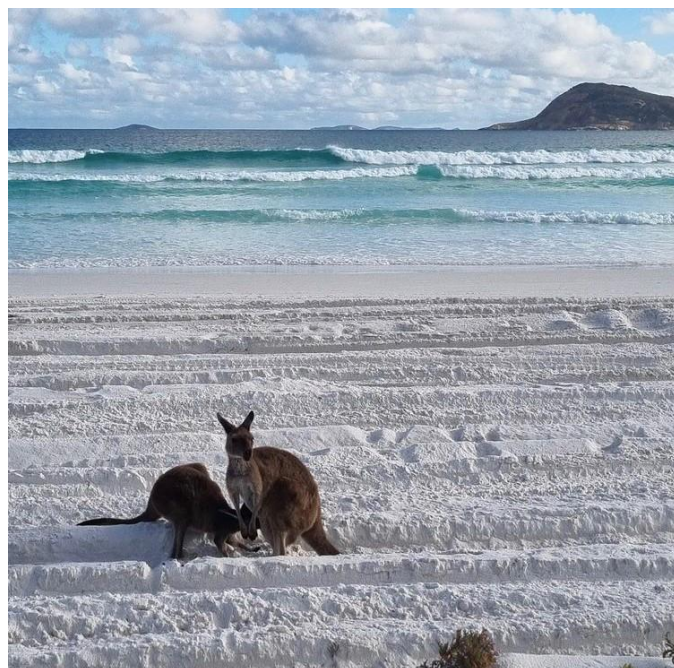
Mrs Truscott's Australian Adventure

Our Leading Teacher for Numeracy Improvement, Mrs Truscott, has taken some very well earned 'long service leave' to enjoy some time travelling around Australia with her husband, Phil.

Mrs Truscott has been instrumental in our numeracy learning and teaching achievements over the last several years at Dandenong Primary School and was also an outstanding leader and member of the team, more generally, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

We will miss Mrs Truscott the most excellent of adventures around this fascinating land of ours in Australia!

Here's a recent photo from Mrs Truscott's travels across the [Nullarbor Plain](#) along the southern coast of Australia...



Education Week 22 - 28 May

This year's Education Week theme is [150 Years of Public Education](#), to coincide with this milestone anniversary for Victoria. Stay tuned for more news around Education Week!

Year 5 Camp

In late May, our Year 5 students will be heading to the [Doxa Malmesbury Camp](#) for 2-nights/3-days of outdoor adventure. This will be our first school camp since before the arrival of COVID-19 pandemic. Our students are very excited to be finally venturing out!

Semester 1 Reports

Schools are required to formally report student achievement and progress to parents/carers at least twice per school year for each student enrolled at the school.

We are aiming to publish and distribute Semester 1 reports by 20 June 2022. We are hoping that we will be able to hold face-to-face parent/teacher interviews (or "Student Led Learning Conferences") in the final week of this term.

Year 1 and 2 Heading to the Zoo

Our Year 1 and 2 students are heading to the Melbourne Zoo on Friday 13 May. Keep your eyes peeled on our [Instagram page](#) for photos throughout the day



Happy Eid!

Happy Eid to many of our families and friends who will be celebrating early next week.



Congratulations Mr and Mrs Rajaratnam

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Rajaratnam who were married over the school holidays.



Year 6 to Year 7 Transition


Our Year 6 students have taken home a copy of the [Year 6 to Year 7 Placement Information Pack for 2022-23](#).

Families need to complete the Application for Year 7 Placement Form 2023 and return the completed form back to Dandenong Primary School by **Friday 13 May 2022**.

COVID-19 Cases

COVID-19 continues to impact our students and staff with a handful of individuals currently isolating at home.

Students and staff should continue to test every Monday and Wednesday before school.



UNITE
FOOTBALL ACADEMY

**THE BEGINNING FOR ALL
FUTURE SUPER STARS**

Boys and girls aged 4 – 12 years old will learn to improve their soccer skills and technique in a fun and enjoyable environment.

- ★ Skills development in dribbling, passing, ball control and team work.
- ★ Improving confidence and overall fitness
- ★ Teaching kids from beginners through to experienced
- ★ Friendly games with local clubs
- ★ Having fun and making new friends
- ★ Providing a pathway into local clubs

**REGISTER YOUR CHILD
ONLINE TODAY**

For more information about locations and session times please contact us:
W: www.unitefootballacademy.com.au
E: Info@unitefootballacademy.com.au
P: Greg - 0401 069 959

Acknowledgement of Country

Dandenong Primary School acknowledges that our school is on Country of the [Bunurong people of the South-Eastern Kulin Nation](#).

We honour their sovereignty and connection to Country as traditional custodians of the land on which we learn and teach.

We pay our respects to their Elders, past present and emerging and extend this respect to all First Nations people.



Dandenong Primary School's COVIDSafe Measures for Term 2 of 2022



Masks

- No longer required but are still recommended
- Can still be worn by anyone who chooses

However

- Household contacts (formerly 'close contacts') aged 8 and above must wear a mask when indoors

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Testing

- Students & staff should test Monday and Wednesday before school

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Household Contacts

- Must notify the school that they are a household contact
- Are NOT required to quarantine
- May return to school as long as they undertake rapid antigen tests (RAT) 5 times during their 7-day period

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COVID Positive Cases

- Must notify the school by telephone or email
- Must isolate for 7-days

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BULLYING. NO WAY!

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.

Frequently arriving late and/or missing more than 6 days per term

Missing between 4 and 6 days per term

Arriving on time everyday & not missing more than 3 days per term



IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE 15 MINUTES IN A ROW.

You don't have to finish the book.

You don't have to read all the words.

Talk about the pictures instead.

Exclaim as you turn the pages.

Just engage, do it every day, and for at least **15 minutes**.

21 DAY
CHALLENGE

"A little spark of **KINDNESS** can put a colossal burst of **SUNSHINE** into someone's life."

inspire
kindness

RACISM. IT STOPS WITH ME



The Lion Bushido Karate Academy is located at **Dandenong Primary School**, providing weekend karate instruction, every Saturday morning, for ages 7 and above.

For more information, visit the [Lion Bushido website](#) or tel. 0412 163 324

Important Dates for 2022

January

- Curriculum Day 28/1 (Induction)
- Curriculum Day 31/1 (First Aid Training)

February

- ~~Term 1 Starts 9am Tuesday 1/2~~
- Lunar New Year - Year of the Tiger 1/2
- Mother Language Day Sunday 21/2
- Updated **Asthma & Anaphylaxis Plans Due 28/2**
- Enrolment Census 28/2

March

- Pancake Day/Shrove Tuesday 1/3
- International Women's Day Tuesday 8/3
- Labour Day Monday 14/3 **School Closed**
- National Day of Action Against Bullying 19/3
- Harmony Day Monday 21/3

April

- Ramadan Begins Evening 1/4
- Autism Awareness Day Saturday 2/4
- ~~Term 1 Ends 2:30pm Friday 8/4~~
- Good Friday 15/4
- Easter Sunday 17/4
- Mother Earth Day Friday 22/4
- Orthodox Easter Sunday 24/4
- ANZAC Day Sunday 25/4
- **Term 2 Begins Tuesday 26/4**
- Ramadan Ends Evening 30/4

May

- Mum & Me Friday 6/5
- Mother's Day Sunday 8/5
- NAPLAN 10-20/5
- International Day of Families Sunday 15/5
- Education Week
- Year 5 Malmsbury Camp 25-27/5
- Australia's Biggest Morning Tea 26/5
- National Reconciliation Week 27/5 - 3/6

June

- Queen's Birthday Holiday 13/6 - **School Closed**
- Refugee Week 19-25/6
- World Refugee Day 20/6
- Semester 1 Reports Published 20/6
- Learning Conferences 22/6
- CSEF applications close (TBC)
- **Term 2 Ends 2:30pm Friday 24/6**

July

- Welcome to Country Ceremony - TBC
- NAIDOC Week 3-10/7
- Eid al-Adha Begins Evening 9/7
- **Term 3 Begins Monday 11/7**
- Eid al-Adha Ends Evening 13/7
- Schools Tree Day Friday 29/7
- International Day of Friendship 30/7
- Schools Tree Day Friday 31/7

August

- National Science Week 13-21/8
- CBCA Book Week 20-26/8
- Daffodil Day
- Teacher Aide Appreciation Week 30/8 - 3/9

September

- Indigenous Literacy Day
- Father's Day Sunday 4/9
- International Literacy Day 8/9
- R U OK Day 8/9
- Year 6 City Camp 12-14/9
- **Term 3 Ends 2:30pm Friday 16/9**

October

- **Term 4 Begins Monday 3/10**
- Swimming Program Begins (TBC)
- World Mental Health Day 10/10
- Dad & Family Night Thursday 13/10
- Diwali Thursday 24/10
- Walk Safely to School Day (TBC)
- Birth of the Báb 25-26/10
- Prep 2022 Enrolments Due 28/10
- Teachers Day Friday 28/10
- Halloween 31/10

November

- Melbourne Cup Tuesday 1/11 - **School Closed**
- Coach Approach 3/11 (TBC)
- Remembrance Day 11/11

December

- Community Picnic 5/12
- Year 6 Graduation 15/12
- Semester 2 Reports 16/12
- **School Year Ends 1:30pm Tuesday 20/12**

If you have an important community date to add to our calendar, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your suggestion.