

# DANDENONG PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Monday 9 May 2022

## NAPLAN

This year's [NAPLAN](#) is like no other. It follows 2-years of COVID-19 interruptions with students, families and staff working in ways they would never have imagined and, on top of that, this year is our first year of completing NAPLAN online.

The schedule for NAPLAN testing this week and next is as follows:

This Week:

- Tuesday - Writing
- Wednesday - Reading
- Thursday - Language Conventions

Next Week:

- Monday - Numeracy

## Thank You Slavica ❤️

Our school wishes to extend a huge thank you to Slavica (mother of Angelina and Milena) for her extraordinary work in more or less single handedly putting together our Mother's Day gift fundraiser over the last several weeks.

Slavica goes above and beyond at every opportunity for our school and we are so very grateful! Slavica is already turning her attention to Father's Day in Term 3 so **if you would like to volunteer your time to assist Slavica with this and in any future endeavours, we would love to hear from you.**

Slavica, we think you are amazing and we are so grateful to have you as a central part of our community.

## Are You Safe at Home? Day

Tomorrow is [Are You Safe at Home? Day](#). It's an opportunity to ask someone in your life, 'are you safe at home?'— start a conversation to end family violence.

Asking such an important question can be tough, so the *Are You Safe at Home?* website

features lots of helpful tips, conversation starters and information to help you start your potentially lifesaving chat with a friend, family member or colleague.



## New Child Safe Standards

The new Victorian Child Safe Standards and Ministerial Order 1359 begin on Friday 1 July 2022.

# PROTECT

Protecting children & young people from abuse is our responsibility



In preparing to meet the new standards, we will work to build on our existing child safety strategies, policies and practices to strengthen our culture of child safety and protect children from abuse.

A number of *draft* policy updates have been made available for students, staff, parents and carers on our school website here:

<https://www.dandenongps.vic.edu.au/policies>

### Child Safety Policies Parent Forum - Thursday 12 May at 2:30pm

As part of the next step in updating our policies, procedures and practices, the school is inviting any interested parents and carers to attend a Parent Forum on Thursday 12 May at 2:30pm in the Dandenong Primary School staff room.

This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to provide feedback and ask any questions around the draft policies.

والدین و مراقبان به تالار گفتگوی توسعه سیاست  
ایمنی کودک مدرسه ما در روز پنجشنبه، 12 می  
ساعت 2:30 بعد از ظهر در اتاق کارکنان دعوت  
شده اند.

### 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.

یک برنامه مراقبت خارج از مدرسه در اواسط ژوئن در مدرسه  
ما آغاز خواهد شد. ما در روز پنجشنبه 19 اردیبهشت ساعت 3  
بعد از ظهر یک جلسه اطلاع رسانی برای والدین و مراقبان در  
سالن بدنسازی خود برگزار خواهیم کرد.

### Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS) 2022

From around 20 May 2022, students in Year 4 to Year 6 are scheduled to complete the annual Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS). Further details about this survey are available below in a letter from the Department of Education & Training (DET) about the Attitudes to School Survey.

**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

**GET IN TOUCH**  
Bella Cooke  
0413544966  
bella.c@commosh.edu.au  
www.commosh.edu.au

AIDA  
BELLA

If parents and carers of students in Year 4 to Year 6 do not wish for their child to complete the survey, please notify the school by email at [dandenong.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:dandenong.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

اواخر این ماه، دانش آموزان کلاس های 4، 5 و 6 در  
نظرسنجی سالانه نگرش مدرسه شرکت خواهند کرد. پاسخ  
ها محرمانه می ماند. اگر نمی خواهید فرزندتان نظرسنجی  
را تکمیل کند، لطفا در اسرع وقت به مدرسه اطلاع دهید.

Dear Parent / Caregiver / Guardian,

*This letter is to inform you about the 2022 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), that your child is invited to participate in.*

*About the survey*

*We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of your school.*

*The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist your child's school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked*



about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer and family relationships, resilience, bullying, mental health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted at your school over the period 20 May to 10 June.

### **What are the benefits?**

In our experience, young people enjoy having their say. We have been running this survey for nearly 20 years and it has been invaluable in helping schools understand student views. Your school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

### **What are the risks?**

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions too personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable.

The survey been approved by a Human Research Ethics Committee. The questions are selected from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

### **What will my child be asked to do?**

Your child will be invited to complete the survey online during class time using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child.

Please note:

- Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.
- The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

### **How is my child's confidentiality protected?**

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only.


Personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that

the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

### **How will results be reported?**

The survey results will be reported back to the school in an aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

Your school may share the results of the survey with parents, in documents such as the School Annual Report.




**Dandy Pals Playgroup**


Fridays 9-10:45am  
at Dandenong Primary School

**STORYTIME  
PLAY  
CRAFT  
SONG & DANCE**

**PLAY, LEARN & GROW TOGETHER**  
AWARD WINNING • MULTILINGUAL STAFF • WARM & WELCOMING

 Community hubs  
Connect. Share. Learn.

**Dandenong Primary School**  
174-182 Foster Street, Dandenong 3175  
tel. 03 9792 2743  
email. dandenong.ps@education.vic.gov.au  
www.dandenongps.vic.edu.au



Dandenong Primary School  
will be **closed** for the following:

مدرسه ما در تاریخ های زیر تعطیل خواهد بود

**Friday 10 June**

جمعه 10 خرداد

Professional Practice Day

**Monday 13 June**

دوشنبه 10 خرداد

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday



## Year 5 Doxa Malsbury Camp

On Wednesday 25 May, our Year 5 students and staff will depart for the [Doxa Malsbury Camp](#).

The residential Malsbury Camp is located in central Victoria on the land of the Dja Dja Wurrung people. It offers students the opportunity to be immersed in the Australian bushland and to learn and have fun in the outdoors.

Programs are co-designed with each school specific to the year level of students attending. Malsbury has a range of outdoor activities which are supervised by qualified outdoor education instructors to high safety standards.

They include, but are not limited to:

- Climbing tower
- Giant swing
- River ecology
- Bush walking
- Archery
- Cooking
- Initiative activities

Students and parents have been provided with a list of clothing and other items to pack for the camp. If you need any assistance with understanding what is required for the camp, please let the school know.

دانش آموزان ما در کلاس پنجم از چهارشنبه 25 لغایت جمعه 27 اردیبهشت در اردویی شرکت خواهند کرد.

به دانش آموزان و والدین لیستی از لباس ها و سایر اقلام برای کمپینگ ارائه می شود. اگر برای فهمیدن اینکه چه چیزهایی باید بسته بندی کنید به کمک نیاز دارید، لطفاً به مدرسه اطلاع دهید.

## Whole School Professional Practice Day

We will be closed on Friday 10 June for a whole school [Professional Practice Day](#) for teachers.

Teacher Professional Practice Days are normally held on an individual basis, with a casual replacement teacher (CRT) covering each teacher's class for the day. However, CRTs are currently in scarce supply and the Department of Education & Training (DET) has therefore suggested schools hold their Term 2

Professional Practice Days as a whole school (much like a curriculum day).

This day will lead into the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

مدرسه ما در روزهای جمعه 10 خرداد و دوشنبه 13 خرداد تعطیل خواهد بود.

دوشنبه 13 ژوئن، تعطیلات عمومی تولد ملکه است.

## Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

The [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#) provides payments for eligible students to attend school camps, excursions, and sports and outdoor education programs.

This fund is worth \$125 per year for eligible primary school students.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. A Special Consideration category also exists. Schools can receive applications from families over terms one and two.

If you have not applied, please get in contact with our school office for an application form.

خانواده شما ممکن است واجد شرایط دریافت بودجه دولتی برای پوشش هزینه های مدرسه و کمپینگ باشند. اگر برای این طرح درخواست نداده اید، لطفاً برای دریافت فرم درخواست به دفتر مدرسه ما مراجعه کنید.

## Enrolments Open for 2023

If you have a child turning 5 before 30 April 2023, you can now enrol for our Foundation 'Class of 2023'. [Enrol online here](#) or visit the school office for a hard copy enrolment form.

اگر فرزندى دارید که قبل از 30 آوریل 2023 به سن 5 سالگی رسیده است، اکنون می توانید او را در سال آینده در مدرسه ثبت نام کنید.

برای دریافت فرم می توانید به صورت آنلاین ثبت نام کنید یا به دفتر مدرسه مراجعه کنید.

Dandenong Primary School's *Victorian Early Years Awards 2018* Winning

# Community Hub

A welcoming place where migrant and refugee families, particularly mothers with young children, come to connect, share, and learn.

مکانی دلپذیر برای خانواده های مهاجر و پناهنده، به ویژه مادران دارای فرزندان خردسال، برای اشتراک گذاری و یادگیری.

## Mondays • دوشنبه ها

English Class • کلاس انگلیسی



Time: 9am - 11:30am

Audience: Adults (Childminding Available)

Provided by: Keysborough Learning Centre

## Thursdays • پنجشنبه ها

Bush Kinder • پیش دبستانی

Time: 9am - 11:00am

Audience: Parents & 2-4 Year Old Children

Supported by: Keery & Tania

## Tuesdays • سه شنبه ها

English Class • کلاس انگلیسی



Time: 9am - 10:30am

Audience: Adults (Children Welcome)

Supported by: Keery & Tania

## Fridays • جمعه ها

Dandy Pals Playgroup • مهد کودک

Time: 9am - 10:45am

Audience: Parents & 0-4 Year Olds

Supported by: Dandenong Primary School Staff

## Wednesdays • چهارشنبه ها

Computer Class • کلاس رایانه



Time: 9am - 12pm

Audience: Adults (Children Welcome)

Provided by: Keysborough Learning Centre

Toy Library • کتابخانه اسباب بازی

Time: 9am - 10:45am

Audience: Parents & 0-4 Year Olds

Supported by: Toy Libraries Australia

Our programs are free and everyone is welcome!

برنامه های ما رایگان است و همه پذیرفته می شوند



Dandenong Primary School  
174-182 Foster Street • Dandenong  
[www.dandenongps.vic.edu.au](http://www.dandenongps.vic.edu.au)  
tel. 03 9792 2743 • 0402 599 358



## 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

استفاده از ماسک برای کودکان دارای یکی از اعضای خانواده مبتلا به COVID-19 اجباری است. در غیر این صورت، ماسک اختیاری است اما توصیه می شود.



## Testing

- Students & staff should test Monday and Wednesday before school

دانش آموزان و کارکنان باید هر دوشنبه و چهارشنبه قبل از مدرسه امتحان بدهند



## 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

اگر کودکی در خانه یکی از اعضای خانواده اش دارد که مبتلا به کووید-19 مثبت است، خانواده باید به مدرسه اطلاع دهد.



## COVID Positive Cases

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

در صورت مثبت بودن آزمایش، ۷ روز در خانه بمانید

# 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](http://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



# 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

### May

- [NAPLAN](#) 10-20/5
- [International Day of Families](#) Sunday 15/5
- [Education Week](#) 22-28/5
- Year 5 [Malmsbury Camp](#) 25-27/5
- [Australia's Biggest Morning Tea](#) 26/5
- [National Reconciliation Week](#) 27/5 - 3/6
- Welcome to Country Ceremony TBC

### June

- Professional Practice Day 10/6 - **School Closed**
- 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

- [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
- Victorian State Election 26/11

### December

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

## Important Dates for 2023

### January

- Lunar New Year - Year of the Rabbit 22/1
- School Office Opens 23/1
- Delivery of Supplies
- [Australia Day](#) 26/1
- **Term 1 Starts 9am Tuesday 31/1**

### February

- Welcome to Country Ceremony
- [Pancake Day/Shrove Tuesday](#) 21/2
- Mother Language Day 21/2
- Meet & Greet 5pm Thursday 23/2
- Updated **Asthma & Anaphylaxis Plans Due 28/2**
- Enrolment Census 28/2

### March

- International Women's Day 8/3
- [Holi](#) 8/3
- [Labour Day](#) Monday 13/3 - **School Closed**
- [National Day of Action Against Bullying](#)
- [NAPLAN](#) 15-27/3
- [Nowruz](#) 21/3
- [Harmony Day](#) Tuesday 21/3
- [Ramadan](#) Begins Evening 22/3

### April

- [Autism Awareness Day](#) Sunday 2/4
- **Term 1 Ends 2:30pm Thursday 6/4**
- [Good Friday](#) 7/4
- [Easter Sunday](#) 9/4
- [Ramadan](#) Ends Evening 20/4
- Orthodox Easter Sunday 16/4
- **Term 2 Begins Monday 24/4**
- [ANZAC Day](#) Tuesday 25/4
- [Mother Earth Day](#) Saturday 22/4

### May

- [NAPLAN](#)
- Mum & Me Friday 12/5
- Mother's Day Sunday 14/5