

Friday 11 February 2022

Introducing Our School Captains for 2022 We are very excited to introduce to you our school captains and vice captains for 2022...

Pictured below, from left to right are:

Talha - School Captain Gaatha - School Captain Sahar - Vice Captain Nidhi - Vice Captain



In addition to our school captains and vice captains, we have a number of other official Year 6 captain or leadership roles carried out by our impressive student leaders. We will let you know more about these in the coming weeks.

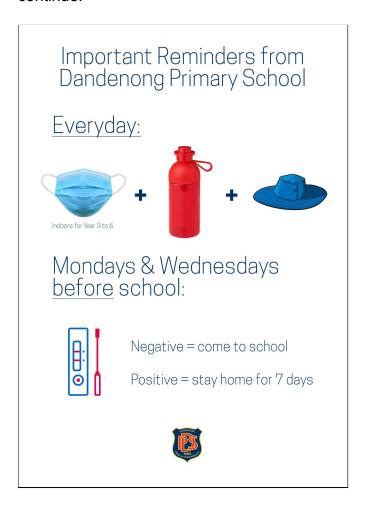
Our school captains carry out a range of leadership responsibilities across the school and community, including roles the captains develop themselves based on their interests and skills. We are looking forward to the contribution Talha, Gaatha, Sahar and Nidhi will make across the school in 2022.

COVID-19 in Our Community

We are now two full weeks into the year and, so far, we have a handful of COVID-19 positive cases in the Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 parts of the school.

We are very appreciative of the fact that families are remaining vigilant and have been reporting positive cases to the school. However, we cannot be sure if there are other cases going undetected or unreported so it is very important to continue to test with a RAT every Monday and Wednesday before school.

It is wonderful to be open and to be learning and teaching onsite again. Long may this continue!



Facebook & Instagram Pages

If you're on Facebook and/or Instagram, stay up-to-date with our latest news here:

www.facebook.com/dandenongprimaryschool www.instagram.com/dandenongps

On our Instagram page, you can check out some very impressive student art work from Week 1 & 2 of this term.

Lunch Order Service

Meals by Mums are excited to be able to continue providing a delicious and healthy lunch service for the Dandenong Primary School community from Monday 7 February 2022!

Meals by Mums have kept their menus simple, wholesome and delicious. Their aim is to continue offering tasty meals that are affordable for families. The small hot meal is still only \$5 and large is \$6.50 and there's a variety of sandwiches, rolls and homemade pastries available daily.

Ordering is simple. You just need to:

- 1. Clearly write your order on an envelope with your child's full name and class
- 2. Include payment inside the envelope.
- Get your order in by 10am and meals will be delivered by lunchtime to your child's classroom. (Any change will be returned in your child's envelope).

Families are welcome to provide any feedback about the service to the school or to Meals by Mums directly at mealsbymums@gmail.com

Check out the menu below for Term 1



- **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.



School Council 2021

We would love for you to nominate for our School Council for 2021. Nominations are now open. If you would like to nominate, please get in contact with our school office. Our School Council is currently made up of 6 parents and 5 school staff members who meet together approximately 8 times per year (or twice per term).

Functions of School Council

The key functions of school council with regard to the school are to work together:

- to establish the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community
- to arrange for the supply of:
 - o goods
 - services
 - Facilities
 - Materials
 - equipment
 - other things or matters required for the conduct of the school, including the provision of preschool programs
- to raise funds for school related purposes to regulate and facilitate the after-hours use of the school premises and grounds
- to exercise a general oversight of the school buildings and grounds and
- ensure they are kept in good order and condition
- to provide for the cleaning and sanitary services that are necessary for the school
- to ensure that all money coming into the hands of the council is expended for proper purposes relating to the school
- to provide meals and refreshments for the staff and students of the school and make charges for those meals or refreshments
- to inform itself and take into account any views of the school community for the purpose of making decisions in regard to the school and the students at the school to generally stimulate interest in the school in the wider community
- to prepare the School Strategic Plan and the Annual Implementation Plan to be signed by the president and the principal
- to report annually (the Annual Report) to the school community and to the Department on:
 - o the school's financial activities

- the School Strategic Plan, and
- any other matters that are determined by the Minister
- to manage the hire, licence and shared use of school facilities to determine the dates for the school's student-free days
 - in accordance with the number of student-free days each calendar year specified by the Secretary of the Department
- to perform any other function or duty, or to exercise any power conferred or imposed on the council by or under:
 - the Education and Training Reform Act 2006, or
 - any regulations made under that Act o a Ministerial Order made, or direction issued, by the Minister under the Education and Training Reform Act

For more information, please visit: https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/school-c ouncil-powers-and-functions/policy

Dandenong Primary School Council Election Process & Timeline 2022

Notice of election & call for nominations	Tues 8 Feb
Nominations deadline	Mon 21 Feb
List of candidates & nominators postsed	Tues 22 Feb
Ballot papers prepared & distributed	Wed 23 Feb
Close of ballot & vote count	Wed 2 March
Declaration of poll	Thurs 3 March
First council meeting to elect office bearers for 2022	Thurs 24 March

Anaphylaxis, Asthma & Other Medical Conditions

All students with a diagnosed medical condition such as <u>anaphylaxis</u>, <u>asthma</u>, <u>epilepsy</u> or <u>allergy</u> must provide the school with a formalised management or action plan.

These management plans ideally should be provided to the school on enrolment. Each year we require that existing management plans be updated and provided to the school by 28 February.

If you require support with this process, please contact the school <u>as soon as possible.</u>



School Toilet Upgrade in the Pipeline

The students at <u>Dandenong Primary School</u> have told me that the school's toilet block is pretty tired and in need of a serious upgrade.

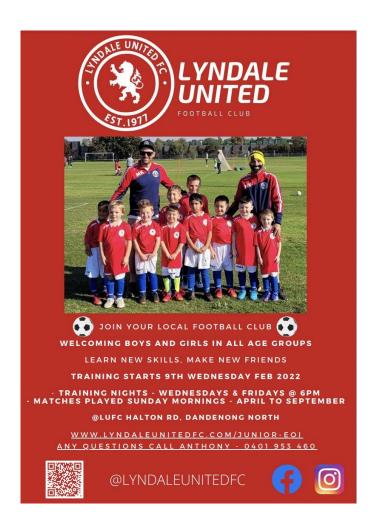
After seeing it for myself, I have to agree. So we are going to do something about it.

The Andrews Government has allocated \$458,127 to improve amenity, cleanliness and hygiene, as well as roof repairs.

Whether it's fixing toilet blocks or rebuilding local schools, Dandenong's Big Build is delivering local kids the modern facilities they deserve.

Gabrielle Williams MP State Member for Dandenong









Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

Families are encouraged to test each child before school on the following dates:

- Wednesday 9 February
- Monday 14 February
- Wednesday 16 February
- Monday 21 February
- Wednesday 23 February

If your child returns a positive result, please:

- 1. Inform the school, and
- 2. Ensure your child isolates at home for 7-days.

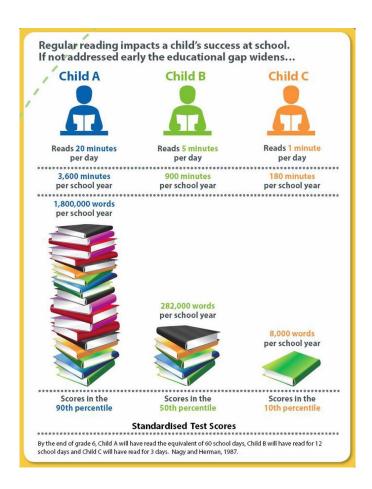
Department of Education & Training (DET) Privacy Collection Notice

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of our school's collection notice, which can be found on page 187 of our Policies & Procedures Handbook <u>here</u>.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in nine community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Gujarati
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese.



Friday Lunchtime Icy Poles \$1

Icy poles are back on sale for \$1 every Friday lunchtime starting this week. Money raised from the sales goes towards our Year 6 Graduation.





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



New-Beginnings
Community Welcome Celebration

DANDENONG BASKETBALL'S

GIRLS-ONLY INTRO PROGRAM!

LEARN MORE AT: BITLY.COM/DBASTARTHER

WHO: BEGINNGER GIRLS, AGED 5-12

WHEN: TUESDAY'S 4:30-5:30PMS STARTING FEBRUARY 15TH

WHERE: DANDENONG STADIUM COST: \$70 PER PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

Taqi Khan

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MEASURES TO LIMIT VIRUS TRANSMISSION:



Face masks compulsory when indoors for students in Year 3 to 6 and all staff (exemptions apply in limited circumstances)



Free twice-weekly voluntary testing at home



Physical distancing & limits to indoor cohort mixing apply (e.g. staff and students to maintain year level 'bubbles')



Air purifiers, open windows & doors, outdoor learning (where practicable)



No entry to classrooms for parents & carers for the time being (exeptions apply). Students and staff must stay home if unwell

RESPONDING TO CONFIRMED CASES:



If a student tests positive, parents & carers must notify the school as soon as possible



Students who report a positive result must isolate for 7-days and must not attend school during that 7-day period.

Where a student is a household contact of a positive case (that is, they have spent more than 4 hours with someone who has COVID-19 inside a house) they must inform the school and isolate for 7-days and not attend school during that 7-day period



The school will keep students, families and staff up-to-date with any relevant information when a student or staff member that had attended school has returned a positive COVID-19 test result

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
- Welcome to Country Ceremony TBC
- 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
- <u>Labour Day</u> Monday 14/3 <u>School</u> <u>Closed</u>
- National Day of Action Against Bullying 19/3
- Harmony Day Monday 21/3
- Meet & Greet To be confirmed

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
- Orthidox Easter Sunday 24/4
- ANZAC Day Sunday 25/4
- Term 2 Begins Tuesday 26/4
- Mother Earth Day Friday 22/4
- 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
- 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
- <u>CSEF</u> 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
- Year 6 <u>City Camp</u> 22-24/8
- 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 5 Malmsbury 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

This list was updated 2 February 2022.

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