



North Dandy News



Term1 - Week 2

10th February 2025

From the Principal

WE'RE BACK!

Welcome back to all our families, including our new families that have joined us for the first time this year. We have a number of new students and a few returning students, it has been great to see our school community show how welcoming we are here at North Dandalup. Our first week certainly was a warm one – well done to our teachers and students for the resilience they showed to ensure our first week was still enjoyable. Some of our classes even tackled broken air conditioners, we formulated plans to ensure our students kept cool and I was very impressed with the 'can do' attitude from our students through this.

This morning I had the pleasure of addressing our students at our first assembly – at the new time of Monday morning – before we headed out for our Environment rotations. I praised our students for the focused and positive start they have made to the 2025 school year, it really was impressive to see. Mrs Maddern has worked hard as the new coordinator of our Environment program to re-jig a few things as our school continues to grow. Today ran like clockwork, I'd like to acknowledge Mrs Maddern's hard work, along with all our staff, to make this happen.

PARENT MEETINGS

Parent information meetings will be held during Week 3 to allow parents to fully understand how each individual classroom will run. These will be run by the classroom teachers, in the classes, and times will be communicated soon. Please keep an eye out for further information on this.

NEW STAFF

I'd like to officially welcome our new staff that have come aboard this year. In Quenda Cove we have Tina Warren who has joined us from Serpentine PS. Tina has a wealth of experience and has already used that to make a fantastic start in the Year 1 class. We also have Ella Webster who is teaching alongside Mrs Brabyn in Scarlet Robin, Ella joins us from Halls Head PS, and also brings a new skill set to our school. Mrs Gabby Page will be working in our Kindy class and a few other roles around the school for at least the first half of the year also. I'd like to thank all our new staff for their efforts and wish them all the best at North Dandy.

NAPLAN

Later this term, our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in NAPLAN testing. An information sheet went home last week, but if you have any queries about this, please contact your child's teacher.

Rise and Shine, North Dandy! ☺

Todd Clark
Principal

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ASSEMBLIES

Our first little assembly for 2025 was held today.

Regular student assemblies will now take place every Monday morning from 8.50am – 9.20am.

Special assemblies will be held fortnightly with little assemblies (Values) to be held in Week 3 and Week 7. Big assemblies (Honours) will be held on Week 5 (on Tuesday after the long weekend) and also on Monday Week 10 (changed due to swimming in Week 9).

ENVIRONMENT - MONDAY MORNINGS

We will now be holding the environment programme on Monday mornings at 9.20am, immediately after assembly. We are always looking for volunteers and would love it if you could stay for the hour to help. If you can assist us on these days, please let Mrs Maddern or the ladies in the office know.

IN TERM SWIMMING - 2025

In Term Swimming will be held at the Murray Aquatic and Leisure Centre in Pinjarra during Week 9, Term 1, 31st March to 4th April 2025.

This is just a heads up so that families can plan for the cost of swimming. The cost for each student is \$40 which covers entry into the pool and hire of the bus.

More information and permission forms will go home with students in Week 7.

KINDERGARTEN & PRE-PRIMARY

A reminder that kindergarten is held 5 days per fortnight, every 2nd Monday on odd weeks (1, 3, 5, 7, 9) and every Tuesday and Wednesday of Term.

Pre-primary is full time - every day.

Please also be reminded that kindergarten and pre-primary students are to be dropped off and picked up at class by an adult.

BREAKFAST CLUB IS BACK!



Re-starting next week, Breakfast club will run from 8.00am to 8.30am every Monday and Wednesday of term.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a yummy and healthy breakfast to fuel their bodies and brains with energy to start the school day.

We would love it if anyone has a few hours to spare each week to help us on these days.

Celine Shadlow - School Chaplain



NEWSLETTERS

A newsletter will go home via e-mail on even weeks (2, 4, 6, 8 and 10).

TERM PLANNER

The latest term planner is currently under construction. We will endeavour to get it out to parents by the end of this week.

START AND FINISH TIMES

The start and finish times for 2025 remain unchanged.

8.40am – Classes open

8.50am – Start

11.00am – 11.20am Recess

1.10pm – 1.50pm Lunch

3.00pm – Finish

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

We would like to remind students that when they arrive at school, if their classroom door is not opened yet, they need to remain on the basketball court or the grass next to it.

The same goes for after school while waiting for the bus. This helps us to supervise adequately and keep all our kids safe.

Just a reminder that we ask our students who do not travel to school by bus to arrive from 8.30am.