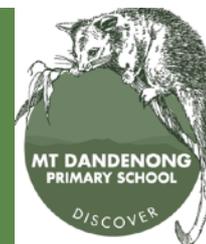


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Mt Dandy News

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Message from Sally...

Over the past two weeks a number of schools in the Dandenong Ranges Network were impacted by the bushfire in the Bunyip State Park through school closures, as well as 'watch and act' advice and smoke. Hearing about the how these schools were impacted and how they had to either enact their emergency management plan or closely monitor the situation, highlighted for me the importance of ensuring we have clear school and home communication and that we are aware of your family's fire plan. I would like to thank all the families who have returned their Fire Plan notices to school and request that those who have not yet done so please return this document right away. Please ask at the office if you require a new form.



School Council Annual General Meeting

Unfortunately due to illness we have had to reschedule our AGM to Monday the 25th of March at 7.15pm in the staff room. All welcome.

Professional Learning Communities Initiative (PLC)

Last Tuesday and Wednesday, Laura, Sarah, Christen and I attended the first 2 days of PLC training along with Kallista, Gembrook and Belgrave South Primary Schools from our network. You may wonder, what exactly is a PLC? Well following these first days of training I can explain that 'PLC' is a fancy term for teams working together to set goals for student learning, plan effective teaching programs, check how well students understood the concepts taught by analysing the assessment data together and then planning how to address underachievement. Actually, now that I write that down I do think that is pretty incredible work and so deserving of a fancy term!



The Department of Education is investing significant money into the PLC initiative by fully funding the costs of participation for schools. Our Instructional Leaders, Laura, Sarah and Christen, will be out of the classroom to attend the rest of the training modules over 6 more days between now and the end of Term 2. I will also be at most of these training days. While this is a big commitment from the school in terms of time, I believe strongly that the development of PLCs in our school will be a powerful tool for improving student learning outcomes. Thank you in advance for your understanding that teacher professional development is key to improving student outcomes.

House Sports & Crazy Hair Day

On Friday, we had a glorious day in the sunshine for our annual House Sports Day. Alison worked very hard to manage the organisation of the day and I would like to thank her for ensuring the events ran so smoothly. We had many parent helpers as well, and the day could not have been successful without their support. Our Fundraising Committee ran a sausage sizzle and Possum Café sold snacks, donating all proceeds to the school as well. Thank you all for supporting our school!

The Agjee family, who own Cinta Hair Products, kindly donated a box of coloured hair sprays so that we could raise some money for the Leukaemia Foundation as part of **The Greatest Shave**. A big thank you to Cinta Hair and to our Student Representative Council for running the event. We will still accept donations from the community until the end of the week.

What was most impressive about the day was the way in which the students encouraged and supported one another while still enjoying a bit of competitive fun. Our RICH values were in abundance; the students were a credit to themselves and their school. Congratulations to the Kookaburras who took out the title again this year. I wonder if our resident feathered friends were secretly cheering them on?

Little Fern Film Festival

Our fabulous Little Fern Film Makers made headlines this week with a sensational news article and fun photo in the Ranges Trader Mail. Our very own Media Leader, Rory M, is quoted throughout the article, clearly articulating his vision for making his own films and how his parents supported him to realise his dream of forming a Film Makers Club after school.

I can't wait to see the three original live action films and the ten stop motion animations that will be shown under the stars on the Mount D oval this Friday night from 6:30pm until 9pm. I hear there'll be a red carpet, yummy food from the Possum Café and popcorn to raise money for the EnviroKnights. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available from www.trybooking.com/BAYIW or can be purchased on the night.

Mountain Bush Dance

Did you see a cute cowgirl at our House Sports Day on Friday? She was getting her dancing boots ready for some heel and toe polka at our annual Mountain Bush Dance in partnership with Ferny Creek Primary School on Saturday night! This is a wonderful opportunity to have some fun and raise some money for the school at the same time. So if you fancy a fun family night out, grab your tickets, your partner and your kids, and I'll see you there with mine!

www.mountainbushdance.com.au

Warm regards,

Sally



TERM 1 & 2 CALENDAR

Thursday 21st March - Field Sports Day Year 3 - 6

Friday 22nd March - School Photos

Friday 22nd March - Little Ferns Filmmaker Festival

Saturday 23rd March - Mountain Bushdance

Monday 25th March - Mt Dandenong PS AGM & School Council meeting

Wednesday 27th March - Friday 29th March - Years 3/4 school camp to Forest Lodge Farm

Friday 5th April - Easter Hat Parade 9am - 11am

Friday 5th April - End of Term One. 2.30pm finish

Tuesday 23rd April - Start of Term Two.

Thursday 25th April - ANZAC Day holiday.

Thursday 2nd May - District Athletics (Years 3 - 6)

Friday 3rd May - Cross Country (Years 3-6)

Friday 10th May - Curriculum Day (no students at school)

Thursday 16th - Friday 17th May - Year 2 Camp at Mt Morton, Belgrave Heights.

Changes to School Office Opening Hours

After careful consideration of how to maximise our allocation of resources this year, it has been decided that the office will be closed on **Thursday and Friday afternoons from 12.15pm**. We kindly ask that you make payments or requests outside of these times and minimise interruptions to the office as much as possible.

If you are coming in early to pick up your child, or arriving late, please ensure that you sign in or out and let me know if needed so that I can assist. I will of course be available for any other urgent matters if needed.

Many thanks for your understanding, Sally.

WANTED!

Gardener & Handy Person

The school is currently looking for a gardener and handy person to carry out work around the school. If you are interested or know anyone directly who may be, please contact the office or speak to Sally directly.

Did you see us in this week's Ranges Trader Mail?!



By Derek Schlenstedt

A group of 20 Mount Dandenong Primary School students will be showcasing their original short films at the inaugural Little Fern Film Festival on Friday 22 March.

The Little Fern Filmmakers

was the dream of Grade 6 student, Rory McCluskey, who wanted to run a film making club at school.

“One of the first films I ever saw has a group of kids in it making their own movies, and I just wanted to do that myself,” the grade 6 student said.

“When I was in Prep I said that I wanted to be a filmmaker, but I knew I couldn’t do it by myself.

“So I asked my mum and dad for help, put in some good words with our Principal and a movie club was born.

“I was expecting about five kids but we now have 17.”

The club has met once a month for a year, developing scripts, characters and sets for three original live action short films.

Those three original live action films will now feature as part of the Little Fern festival, along with others.

The club has also produced over ten stop motion animations using plasticine and Lego.

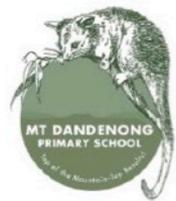
No expense has been spared in the set-up of the festival, and Rory said it will be just like the Cannes film festival – complete with red carpet.

“We will have a red carpet,” he said enthusiastically.

“We will show three short films made by students at Mt Dandenong Primary School and over ten mini animations.

“We will have food and drinks with the help of our Possum Café and our Enviroknights, who are supplying the popcorn, and between you and me there will be awards for our filmmakers, too.”

Little Fern Film Festival is screening on Friday 22 March from 6.30pm – 9pm at Mt Dandenong Primary. The films will be shown under the stars on the school oval, weather permitting.



featuring
original short films by MDPS students

Friday March 22 2019

6:30-9pm

Mt Dandenong Primary School

Tickets \$5

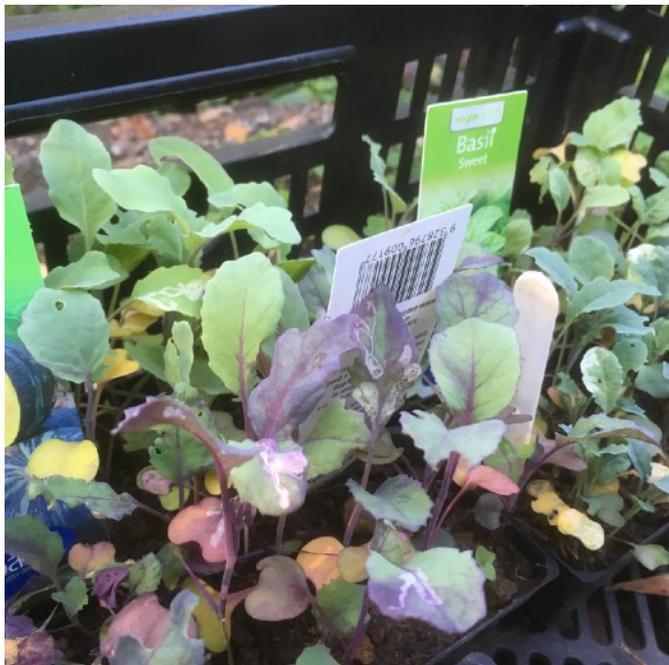
<https://www.trybooking.com/BAYIW>

or at the school office



GARDENS

This Thursday after school we will plant out some home grown Brassica seedlings in the Wominjeka veggie beds - it is time to get them established before the weather cools. Please join us for the pleasure of planting and the joy of watering them in with our newly donated worm tea. Thank you Annelid Angels!



YARRA VALLEY HARVEST BOX

We are super lucky to be a part of this wonderful incentive. Every week, our Possum Cafe has been receiving a bountiful fruit and veggie box full of the freshest seasonal produce to use in our lunch orders and window service. The students have also enjoyed a free fruit platter during lunch play!

How it works.... Yarra Valley Harvest Box gifts our school with 1 free box of fruit & veg a week for every 4 weekly orders placed by school families (so 8 family orders = 2 free boxes for our school). How fantastic is that?

To support this fantastic initiative, simply go to www.yarravalleyharvestbox.com.au and place an order for one of their sensational weekly fruit & veggie boxes which includes free deliver and advise that you are supporting Mt D PS. The more weekly home delivered orders, the more fresh produce for

Don't forget SCHOOL PHOTOS this Friday! Please remember to wear your correct school uniform and bring your envelopes with details of either your online order or cash payment on the day. Sibling photos must be ordered by Thursday - see Julie or Kerry in the office to collect a form.

MSP Photography is excited to be photographing Mount Dandenong Primary School on Friday 22nd March 2019.



As school photo day is fast approaching, school photo order envelopes have been handed out to every student! It is important to follow the order instructions on your personalised envelopes.

We offer a variety of pack choices starting from just \$20. Jump online at www.msp.com.au to view these packages, alternatively they are all pictured & listed on your personalised photo order envelope. *Please follow the below steps for a smooth ordering process and photo day experience.*

Ordering:

Payment Options include Cash or Online

TO ORDER WITH CASH

- On your envelope please select which package you would like to purchase & enclose CORRECT MONEY in your child's envelope
- Please include correct money as there is NO CHANGE AVAILABLE on or after photo day

TO ORDER ONLINE

- Using your child's SHOOTKEY logon to www.msp.com.au and click ORDER ONLINE. Following the on screen prompts you may select your chosen package and make payment
- You will receive an email once the order is complete. Please record your child's Reference Number on their envelope
- The online ordering system closes at midnight of photo day

Sibling Photos:

FAMILY PHOTO SLIPS ARE ATTACHED TO YOUR ELDEST CHILD'S PHOTO ENVELOPE

- Please leave the slip attached to your envelope and follow listed instructions
 - Pay online using the family SHOOTKEY
 - Spare Family Slips are available at the school office if you did not receive one
- **PLEASE NOTE FAMILY ORDERS MUST BE MADE ONLINE & MUST BE MADE BEFORE 11.59PM THE NIGHT BEFORE PHOTO DAY.****

All students will need to hand their envelope to the photographer on photo day regardless of payment method as all students have their photo taken on the day whether or not an order has been placed. Please do not seal envelopes inside of each other. If you have any further queries or questions please contact us.



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Mt Dandenong Primarys annual
easter raffle is under way!

Hop to it and start hunting for an Easter treat to donate to this years raffle, not necessarily an egg but anything related to Easter.

Donations can be left at the office.

The more donations the more our children can win and the more money we raise for our school.

The Easter raffle is traditionally drawn just after the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 5th April.

This year raffle tickets are \$2.

Join the
eggcitement!



POSSUM Café



TERM 1 FRIDAYS starting 15 Feb
\$6 lunch orders

Crispy Chicken Wraps: Panko crumbed chicken strips with lettuce, tomato and homemade herbed lemon mayo in a soft wholegrain wrap (Falafel option for V) (G.F wraps available) Dairy Free

Turkish Toastie: Ham, tomato and cheese toasted on soft Turkish bread (Avocado option for V and D.F) G.F wraps available as substitute for Turkish bread.

Napoli Pasta: Homemade Napoli sauce served on wholemeal pasta with a fresh side salad (V, D.F) G.F Pasta available

Meatball Subs: Possum cafes famous meatball subs are back! A warm crunchy roll with 3 delicious meatballs topped with Napoli sauce and melted mozzarella.

Seasonal Bento Box: Packed with fresh seasonal produce with a small wrap triangle (GF/V avail)

Canteen: Fruit 50c
Homemade Cookies & slices \$1
Popcorn \$1 / Bliss balls \$1
Homemade fruit sorbet in a cone \$2
& Fruit juice icy poles \$1

V: Vegetarian, GF: Gluten Free, #: Gluten Free available upon request.
All meals can be adjusted to specific dietary requirements, please chat with Liz in the café prior to the day of service. If you can't make it to the café and wish to order for your child leave your request with a name & contact number at the office and Liz will call you to discuss your requirements.

OSH Club 
Before & After School Care

Last week at OSHCLUB we looked at how we can utilise and reuse recycled materials. We looked at different food packaging and how to recognise if we can recycle something or not. We also looked at not only the way we can use recyclable things for playing, but how we can repurpose things we can't recycled for other uses. The kids were very creative - come down to the OSH room to see some of their work!

This week we will be going around the world – looking at the different games children play in a variety of different cultures and corners of the globe. With the lovely weather this week, we'll be sure to slip, slop, slap whilst we're outside, learning all about our friends across the world!

If you're interested in your child attending the service, please contact us on 0419915649!



MERIT AWARDS



Sam B – For being incredibly hard working and laser-focused during our unit on Area and Perimeter.

Jack F – For being an outstanding friend and demonstrating our school value of Community Spirit. You're a star.

Eve B – For her high quality work that shows care and effort.

Lucille Q – For always showing kindness and respect at school and working so hard on her tasks.

Jake B – For showing our school value of Respect towards teachers, friends and belongings. Well done Jake!

Jada H – For consistently applying incredible effort to her work and always listening and staying focused and on task.

Connor L – For being such an enthusiastic learner, very responsible in the classroom and a great friend to everyone. What a star!

Solomon S – For being a responsible class member, always offering to help and for his excellent contributions during end of day clean ups!

Rory McC – For your sensational “lead” into your personal narrative. Your sizzling start has hooked all of us into wanting to read more.

Ashley W – For research skills during her Gold Project. Congratulations on a successful unit of work Ash.



twilight **Open Night**

Wednesday 27th March 2019 6-7.30 pm

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