

Mt Dandy News

Discover

Message from Sally...

Welcome back to school for Term 2. We have many wonderful opportunities in store for our students this term that aim to build and strengthen their academic, emotional, social, creative and physical skills through a range of experiences. As always, there will be plenty of opportunities for you to share in your child's learning journey and to support our school, so I encourage you to get involved in any way you can. The importance of the school-home partnership is paramount, having a positive impact on student outcomes when it is strong and effective. So if you can contribute in some way, we would love to see you here.

Anzac Day Commemorations

Yesterday the Year 6 students presented a very special school assembly to commemorate ANZAC day for our community. Students and their families contributed flowers which were woven into beautiful wreaths and tributes to commemorate those who have served our country. The Year 6 students spoke about the meaning of the ANZAC tradition, its origins and shared some poems and stories from times past. The choir sang and we observed a minute's silence to pay our respects to the servicemen and women of our country who did not return from conflicts.

I was very proud of the way all students showed our school value of respect throughout the assembly, listening carefully and fully taking in the service to learn about the ANZAC tradition. Thank you to the students, teachers and parents for your support of this important tradition that means a lot to the community.



Chestnut Festival

Will I see you at the Chestnut festival this Sunday May 5? Don't forget to make your Lucky Jars and bake a cake or two to support our school fundraising efforts. Our wonderful choir will also be performing at 11.40 on the main stage and would appreciate your support if you are there. The fundraising committee will set up a roster for you to help out if you are available. Please add your name at the office if you can spare some time.

Open Day and Foundation Enrolments 2020

On Wednesday the 22nd of May we will host an Open Day for prospective families. This day will be an opportunity for new families to meet me, the teachers and see our students engaged in their classroom learning. Our Year 6 Students will act as Tour Guides to share what makes school at Mount Dandy so special. We will have some hands-on activities for the kinder kids including a Library session with the Year 5s at 2.00pm, some art and craft and a treasure hunt. In the Wominjeka Garden there will be musical performances by student buskers while some of our



current parents will run the BBQ and pizza oven (weather permitting) and be around for a chat.

Please spread the word and encourage any friends or neighbours looking for a school to come along and *discover* what make Mount Dandy such a special place to learn and grow.

If you have a child who will start school in 2020, please enrol them as soon as possible. This allows us to begin our planning with sufficient time before the end of the year.

Please note as well that Foundation (Prep) transition sessions will begin in Term 3 with one session each month leading up to the Orientation Day on the 10 December. This allows our new students more time to get to know their new school environment and for us to get to know them.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. This year the tests take place on **May 14, 15 and 16 for all students in Year 3 and 5.**

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN tests are just one aspect of our school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular classroom activities. As such excessive preparation or coaching is not required. You can help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that the tests are just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply try their best. NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. See the [NAPLAN website](#) for examples of the test.

Wet Weather Gear for Outside Play

"Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, and snow is exhilarating; there is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather." John Ruskin

The importance of outside play for children's growth and development is well documented. Here at Mount Dandy we recognise that throughout the year, the outdoor environment and weather changes, however we strongly believe in the value of year-long outdoor experiences.

This year, on wet days, students will still be able to play outdoors. We believe this builds resilience in children as well as provides much needed time in the fresh air, allowing them to interact with nature and stay active. Active outdoor play at all times of the year is also an important part of obesity prevention and helps to establish life-long patterns of healthy physical exercise.

It is essential, however, that your child comes dressed appropriately for wet weather play with:



- A warm and waterproof coat or rain jacket
- Gum boots
- A beanie and gloves and a scarf if desired

If your child does not have the appropriate clothing and/or footwear for outside play in wet weather, they will be asked to remain in an undercover area.

We will not go outside when there is a storm in the area (particularly when lightning is nearby/overhead), when it is hailing, or when the rain is very heavy. If you have any concerns, please see me.

Earn and Learn

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back beginning on May 1 and running until 25 June 2019. For every \$10 you spend you will receive a sticker that our school can exchange for high quality teaching and learning products through Modern Teaching Aids.

We will have boxes set up in store at Monbulk and Kilsyth Woolworths so if you are shopping there you can place the stickers directly into the boxes, or you can return them to our school and place in the box in the office reception area.

We would love to purchase some technology equipment so get collecting and make sure that you spread the word to anyone you know who may be able to donate some extra stickers to support our school!

Warm regards,

Sally



TERM 2 CALENDAR

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

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

Friday 3rd May - Whole school working bee, 2.15pm - 4.30pm

Sunday 5th May - Kalorama Chestnut Festival

Tues 7th & Weds 8th May - Mother's Day Stall (9.00am-10.30am & 9.00am-9.45am respectively)

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

Tues 14th May - Thurs 16th May - NAPLAN testing (Years 3 & 5 only)

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

Saturday 18th May - Federal Election Fundraising Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle

Wednesday 22nd May - Open Day, 1.30pm - 5pm



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Mt Dandenong Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6 September 2019.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

SCHOOL SPORTS UPDATE



District Sports

The Mountain District Athletics Day will be on Thursday 2nd May at Know Athletic Track for Grades 3-6. Permission slips have gone home with students participating - please make sure your forms are returned ASAP and we would dearly love some parents to join us on the bus to and from Knox or help out with Triple Jump judging on the day. Please let Alison or the office know if you are available.

Cross Country

Grade 3-6 students will be competing in our annual Cross Country event on Friday 3rd May after recess (11.15am) at school. Students in Grade 3 will run 2 laps around the outside of the school, Grade 4 will be running 3 laps and Grades 5-6 will be running 4 laps. We will hold the event even if it rains but will postpone if windy so please come to school with a change of clothes and towel if it looks like rain. Students can wear house colours on this day and parents are welcome to attend and cheer runners on.

Swimming Program

The swimming program for Grade 3-6 will again be running the last week of Term 2 at Kilsyth Centenary Pool. The lessons are one hour long and the cost last year was \$75 so we anticipate the costs to be about the same if we have the same level of anticipation. More to come closer to the time...

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

As part of the continuation of our "Connecting with Culture and Country" program from 2018, we have an opportunity to work with indigenous artist, Nikki Browne, to create a whole school art installation.

The photo is a scaled down sample of the artwork we will be creating.



We will begin the work on **Monday 6th May and Wednesday 8th** May during each grade's usual art class.

Monday - 9:50-10:40 Gr 5/6M **11:10-12:00** 5/6C **12:00-12:50** Prep

Wednesday - 9:00-9:50 3/4A **9:50-10:40** 3/4S **11:10-12:00** 1/2J **12:00-12:50** 1/2K

We would appreciate assistance from parents to help the children with;

- Making the wooden frame
- Painting the calico
- Cutting the calico into A4 sized pieces
- Attaching the calico to the frame

If you are unable to come to an art class some of the work can be done at other times.

If you are able to help, please leave a message at the office. Your help will be most appreciated!

ALSO... Zart Art is a supplier of art and craft materials, stationery & educational products to schools. At their store in Box Hill North and on-line they have a student gallery which provides an exciting and meaningful platform for children of all ages to celebrate their visual art practice.

Each term Zart Art exhibit a wide variety of artworks from both primary and secondary schools throughout Victoria and we have an opportunity to exhibit some of the artwork that were created for our Art Show last year.

In particular,

Prep papier mache animal masks (and the black display stands)

Grade 1/2 framed bug or bird collages

Grade 5/6 needle felting (hanging from the sticks if possible) If you are able to collect work from the Grade 6 students from last year it would be appreciated.

If you have the artwork and would be happy for it to be exhibited please send it to school as soon as possible. **I have to deliver the work to Zart by Saturday 11th May.**

The work will be returned after the exhibition.

Thanks, Liz

FUNDRAISING NEWS

It's a busy month for fundraising with three events on the May calendar, but we are buoyed by all your wonderful assistance to date and know we can again rally the troops to help with the following:

Kalorama Chestnut Festival – Sunday 5th May

Please bring your Lucky Jar donations to and any Cake Stall donations to school by this Friday 3rd May or at the latest, to the Chestival itself. We have a roster in the office and are looking for helpers throughout the day to work on our Lucky Jars, Cake and Chai stalls. Each shift will be 2 hours so take your pick whether it be set up (8am - 10am), the morning shift (10am - 12pm), afternoon shifts of 12pm - 2pm or 2pm - 4pm and of course, the all important pack down from 4pm - 5pm. Please leave your name with the office if you can help out - thanks in advance.

Federal Election Fundraising – Saturday 11th May

As our school is again a polling station, we will be serving the hungry voters egg & bacon rolls and a sausage sizzle. We will also be running another cake stall (sorry to bombard you twice in a month but you are such excellent bakers that our Cake Stalls really do make us a substantial amount of money!) A notice and plates will be going home closer to the time but just wanted to give you a bit of notice.

Open Day Pizza in the Wominjeka Garden – Wednesday 22nd May

To welcome prospective families to our beautiful school, we will be firing up the wood fired pizza oven in the Wominjeka Garden between 1.30pm - 5pm. We may need a few helpers to chip in during that time but more on that to follow.

And book those babysitters as we have a firm date for the Trivia Night!

Mt D's Night of Nights will be held on Saturday 31st August - know those babysitters are in hot demand that night so we wanted to give you as much notice as possible. More to come on this year's extravaganza in the coming months...

Lucky Jars

Bring to school by Fri 3rd May or straight to the Chestnut Festival



MOUNT DANDENONG PRIMARY SCHOOL

ANNUAL CAKE STALL AT THE KALORAMA CHESTNUT FESTIVAL

Please bake a cake or tray or cupcakes to donate to our annual fundraising event at the Chestnut Festival!

HERES WHAT TO DO:

- Bake anything you like- cupcakes sell well!
- Put on a plate, pop in a plastic bag, and make it pretty with ribbon and fill out the label
- Bring it to the school canteen on Friday 3rd May or to the Festival on Sunday 5th May
- If you love baking and would like to do it all over again- please do, that would be fantastic!

Happy baking and thank you for your support!

MT DANDY PS

**WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING
BEE**

FRIDAY 3 MAY

2:15 – 4:30pm



Come and join your children in tidying up our beautiful school. We have lots of leaves to rake, weeds to pull and some planting to do. Let's get the school looking great for our Open Day.

Students will participate with their classes and we ask that you spare us another hour after school to help out if you can.

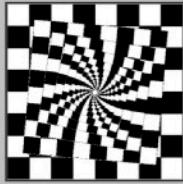
Gardening gloves, tools and enthusiasm will also be helpful!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Possum Café: Currently under Construction!

Our wonderful Possum Café is undergoing a revamp at the moment. Stay tuned for further details later in the term. In the meantime, we will be selling soup and bread rolls for lunch starting in Week 4. To keep this sustainable, please supply your own container. More details to come soon.

Chess Ideas



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Mount Dandenong Primary School

Term 2, 2019



Classes will start on Wednesday 1st May

Dates: 1/5 – 26/6: 9 weeks

Time: Wednesday 12.50 – 1.50

Cost: \$12.50 per lesson \$112.50 for the term.

PLEASE NOTE: If chess lessons coincide with swimming or school camp, please deduct the cost of these lessons from the total amount. Otherwise students will not receive a refund for classes missed but students commencing *after* the first week *do not pay* for the earlier lessons.

Cheques should be made payable to "Chess Ideas (Australia) Pty. Ltd or we take payment via Visa and Mastercard, this can be phoned into our offices or posted. PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT: www.chessideas.com.au

PLEASE ADVISE Sally Alderton YOUR NAME AND DETAILS THAT YOU HAVE REGISTERED
ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY THE SECOND WEEK OF CHESS

If your child has a *medical condition* we should know about please ring our office with details.

Go to www.chessideas.com.au for our home page, to see upcoming tournaments and events.

CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 2, 2019 (Mount Dandenong Primary School)

NAME OF CHILD: _____ GRADE: _____

CONTACT PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ Ph. #: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

Credit Card Details:

NAME ON CARD: _____ CARD TYPE: _____

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXPIRY DATE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS:

Please enclose \$112.50 and send to:- 'Chess Ideas (Australia) Pty. Ltd.' PO Box 3158, Ripponlea Vic 3185, or phone 9532 - 8370 or fax 9532 - 8360 with credit card details between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.



Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th May

Nikki Kouris has again created a wonderful Mother's Day stall brimming with delightful gifts for all the special women in our lives. Gifts will be priced reasonably between \$1 - \$6 so don't forget to bring some money on those days and also please bring your own reusable bag to smuggle the treasures home in so they won't be seen! We are also looking for some volunteers to help out at the stall - please leave your name at the office if you can spare an hour or two (9am - 10.30am Tues and 9.00am - 9.45am Weds)

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ART • MUSIC • PHYSICAL
EDUCATION • JAPANESE

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MT. DANDENONG PRIMARY SCHOOL



OPEN DAY

Wednesday 22nd May 1.30-5.00pm

- Meet our Principal, students and teachers while seeing for yourself our classrooms, programs and facilities
- Hear directly from our students about their experience of school life at Mt Dandy with our Year 6 Student Tour Guides
- Hands on activities for kinder kids including a Library session with the Year 5 buddies at 2.00pm, art and craft and a treasure hunt
- Meet some of our parents and enjoy a slice of wood-fired pizza or a sausage sizzle in our Wominjeka Garden
- Busking performances





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soup - a crunchy baguette or
dense sourdough is the perfect
accompaniment!

