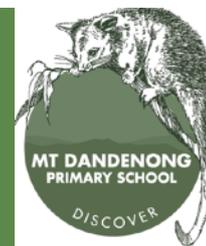


5TH FEBRUARY, 2019

Mt Dandy News

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Message from Sally...

WELCOME TO 2019

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of the students and families upon their return to school in 2019 as well as a big welcome to our new Foundation (Prep) families who are joining the Mount Dandenong Primary School community. I hope all families had an enjoyable holiday break with their children and are ready to embark on an adventure filled year of learning and fun.

What an exciting, busy start we have made at Mount Dandy with students from Year 1 to Year 6 returning to school last Wednesday. They were excited to be back, happy to meet up with their friends and looking forward to another challenging year in 2019. At Mount Dandy we have high expectations for student learning and behaviour and as such the school enjoys much success and excellent outcomes for students. I look forward to challenging students, staff and myself in 2019 to ensure that our school continues this tradition of excellence, as well as strives for continuous improvement so that we can grow and provide even greater opportunities for our students. This commitment to excellence was evident in the many hours of preparation and planning for the new school year our teachers put in over the school holidays and I would like to thank them for the effort and dedication they have put in to ensuring your children get off to a terrific start in 2019.

This week we will welcome 22 new Foundation students ready to begin their schooling at MDPS. The Foundation students start school one week after the other students to allow each one to take part in the mandatory assessment for all Foundation students across Victoria. After their intensive transition program at the end of last year, the new students will be well prepared for this exciting new direction in their lives. We welcome these children and their families and know that they will love their schooling at Mount Dandy. I look forward to catching up with our new families and to continue building the partnership with all of our current families at MDPS. I invite you to come and say hello – my door is always open and you are very welcome to pop by.

DEVELOPING A PARTNERSHIP WITH MOUNT DANDY FAMILIES

Our teaching and support staff are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure all children can reach their highest potential. We recognise that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for the children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that they:

- 1) Attend school daily and **arrive on time** ready for the day's learning program
- 2) Act in accordance with the school's RICH values (respect, independence, community and honesty)



3) Complete all tasks set by teachers and read daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills

4) Share experiences of their day with you so that you are in the loop with what is going on at school.

While I am always available to meet with you to discuss any concerns, your child's class teacher is your first port-of-call. Should the need arise to speak directly to a staff member you can contact us and we will organise an appointment at a mutually convenient time either before school or after school. Please allow us time to respond as during school hours we concentrate our efforts on teaching and learning.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019

All schools are required to conduct annual elections for school council during the February/March period. There are three different categories of members on School Council – Parents, Department (DET) employees and Community Members. At our 2019 election we will have a number of parent vacancies. The term of office for these vacancies is two years.



Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging. You do not need any special experience to be on School Council. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future. School Council meets about twice per term (i.e. 8 times over the course of the year) and School Councillors are also on a subcommittee of School Council – Finance, Buildings and Grounds or Education.

Parents who would like to be part of School Council are encouraged to nominate themselves. If you would like further information on becoming a member of our School Council, please take some time to review the fact sheet "School Council Elections – Information for Parents" that will be distributed via Flexibuzz and is available from the office.

Nominations open 9am Monday 18 February and close 4pm on Monday 25 February. Nomination Forms will be available at the Office from Monday 18 February.

I would like to personally thank the following parents whose term on School Council ends at this election and who have indicated they will not be returning: Sacha Sullivan, Lily Markovic, Janet Rowe and Rachel Hutchin.

CURRICULUM DAY

A reminder to our parents as we announced late last year that we have a pupil free day on **Wednesday February 27th**. Our staff will be in a whole day seminar with Leading Educator Glen Pearsall along with staff from The Patch Primary, Monbulk Primary School, Kallista Primary School, Sassafras Primary School, Olinda Primary School, Sherbrook Community School and Monbulk College.

Please make alternative arrangements with regard to your children attending school on that day.

SUNSMART TERM

Just a reminder that Term 1 is a SunSmart term. Students are expected to wear their school hat outside at all times. I would also encourage students to wear sunscreen and sunglasses to give added protection from the sun's harmful UV rays. Students who don't have a Sun Smart hat will be directed to play in a designated shade area.

If your child requires a new hat they are available for purchase from the Uniform shop. Please make sure all uniform items are clearly labelled. We have had much lost property collected throughout the end of 2018. Please speak to your



children about caring for their belongings as we don't want to see such a large collection of discarded items around the school again this year.

BELL TIMES

A reminder that our bell times have changed for 2019 and are as follows:

9.00: School Commences
10.40 – 11.10: Morning Recess
12.50 – 1.50: Lunch Eating and Play
3.30: Dismissal

PARENT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to all those families who have paid their parent financial contributions for 2019. Our essential education items contribution not only pays for your child's individual "pupil pack" items including pencils, textas, workbooks, glue sticks etc., but covers the cost of bulk items for the classroom including coloured cover paper, paints, laminating pouches, photocopying costs and some ICT infrastructure. Without this parent contribution we would not be able to provide the level of quality education on offer, so thank you for your support in purchasing the items through the school.



ASSEMBLY

Assembly time for 2019 has not changed; we look forward to sharing news, performances and recognition of student achievements with you at these weekly gatherings at 9.05 am every Monday. Please come along if you can, as your child will love to see you there.



PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

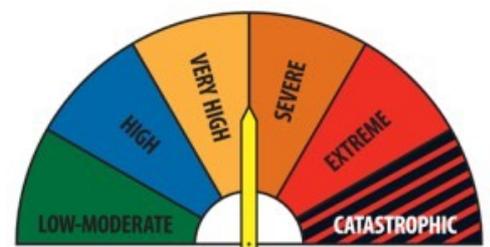
On Thursday 28th February we will host an Information Night to share information with you regarding your child's year ahead. More details to come in the next few weeks.

STUDENT SAFETY – BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES @ MOUNT DANDENONG PS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT DAYS OF EXTREME & CODE RED FIRE DANGER

In the interest of the safety of our students, families and staff, Mount Dandenong Primary School will:

- Be closed on days where the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme and will relocate to Gladesville Primary School, Kilsyth.
- Be closed on days when the Fire Danger Rating is Code Red, as per DET policy



****As our school is on DET's Bushfire At-Risk Register, Mount Dandenong Primary School WILL BE CLOSED on Code Red days****

Where possible, when a Code Red day is declared, you will be notified between 4-6 days beforehand BUT it may be as little as 3 days. Once confirmed (no later than 1pm the day before the anticipated closure), regardless of any late change in the expected weather, the school will be closed and this will not change.

Due to the elevated bushfire risk, there will be no staff at school on these days. Updates on school closures and information on Code Red days can be found on the DET Emergency Management web page.

****On days of Extreme Fire Danger, Mount Dandenong Primary School WILL BE CLOSED and RELOCATE to Gladesville Primary School – NO OSHC PROGRAM WILL BE AVAILABLE AT GLADESVILLE PS****

On days of Extreme Fire Danger there will again be no staff at school. If this occurs, families will be notified using SMS and email (no later than 1pm the day before the anticipated closure) so please be aware you may receive the same information more than once. We will also require a reply from you to be absolutely sure everyone is aware of this situation. Information about the current and expected Fire Danger Ratings can be found in weather forecasts on daily news programs, published on websites and in newspapers, broadcast on radio and on the CFA website.

Please note that it is the responsibility of every family to:

1. Know where to find and understand Fire Danger Rating information
2. Understand Mount Dandenong Primary School's procedure for days of EXTREME fire danger and CODE RED fire danger
3. You will shortly receive a notice outlining these procedures and asking you to acknowledge you have been informed and understand them. We also ask that you indicate whether you expect to send your child/ren to Gladesville PS on extreme days. We ask you complete this and return to the school by the due date.

Please note the following procedure for children who are relocating:

- *Your child will be expected to attend Gladesville PS – you are responsible for transporting them to the school
- *Students are to arrive at Gladesville PS by 9am, no earlier than 8:45am. No staff will be on duty.
- *All Parents are to park and sign their children in at the office/designated area for Mount Dandenong PS students. Please do not just drop your child off.
- *All students must be collected at 3:30pm from the designated area and signed out by their parent/guardian/emergency contact. **Please note that there is no afterschool care.**

Thank you for your support and co-operation with this important safety matter.

VISITING THE SCHOOL and CHILDREN COLLECTION AT THE END OF THE DAY:

A reminder to everyone that we have a policy which requires all visitors to report to the office first when entering the school. Should you need to see your child during school or are a helper at school, please report to the office first to sign the visitor's register and pick up your visitor's tag. This ensures that in an emergency we are able to account for all people at school.

If you are having someone collecting your children that is not on your emergency contact list or does not normally pick up your child, can you please send a note/email to your child's teacher. This is especially important for the junior children as we release them from their class for the day.

Warm regards,

Sally



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
JANUARY
BABIES!**

TERM 1 CALENDAR

Wednesday 6th February - First day for Foundation (Prep) students

Monday 11th - Friday 15th - Year 5/6 school camp to Ballarat

Friday 15th February - Possum Cafe opens for 2019

Monday 18th February - School council nominations open; School Council meeting

Wednesday 20th February - District swimming

Friday 22nd February - Little Fern Filmmakers Film Festival

Monday 25th February - School council nominations close

Wednesday 27th February - Curriculum Day (no students at school)

Thursday 28th February - Parent Information Night

Wednesday 6th March - Division swimming

Monday 11th March - Labor Day holiday

Wednesday 13th March - School photos

Friday 15th March - House sports

Thursday 21st March - Field sports day

Wednesday 27th - Friday 20th March - Years 3/4 school camp to Forest Lodge Farm

Wednesday 3rd April - SLU Market

Friday 5th April - End of term 1



The delightfully delicious, world famous Possum Cafe will be re-opening on Friday 15th February. Notices will be going home soon with details of this term's menu and ways in which you can become involved to help keep this wonderful school asset flourishing throughout 2019!

ART NEWS

Welcome to 2019 and another fun and creative year in the Art room.

Please remember to bring your washed and **clearly named** art smock to school.

Alison sent me this great photo of Jack's and Chelsea's artworks which she has framed. These were given as Christmas gifts. Please consider displaying your child's artworks at home or sharing them with family and friends.

Please view the artworks on display throughout the school. The 2019 self portraits drawn by each child in the school will be on display soon!

Liz Kennedy



Q: What is 4,000 years old and yet to be conquered by humans or machine?

A: Chess!

Chess Club resumes Wednesday 6th February and will be held each Wednesday lunchtime for the rest of term. Enrol via the office and enjoy learning the art of this ancient game whilst having fun playing against your friends.

Mt Dandenong Primary School

Instrumental Music Program

We have an exciting private instrumental music program at Mt Dandenong Primary School. If your child is interested in having a private/group lesson during school time, please contact teachers directly to make an enquiry or a booking.



- Drum kit—contact Brendan Doyle 0433 188 896; email thedrumpracticemelbourne@gmail.com
- Guitar for Gr 2-6—contact Jed Rowe 0437 741 851; email jedrowe@gmail.com
- Piano and/or singing—contact Sarah-Rose McIvor 0402 413 169; email sarah.rose@gmail.com
- Violin, cello—contact Keryn Lientschnig 0408 566 423; email dandenong.ranges.strings@gmail.com

Also a note that Penny will be offering violin lessons on Mondays at school. 30 min lessons available. Please email Penny for further information Penny Somerville – somerville.penelope.p@edumail.vic.gov.au



Welcome back to Term 1, 2019! We hope everyone has had a well-rested break and are ready to get back into it. This term we will be focusing on healthy minds and bodies, and the importance of a healthy mind. We will be focusing on moving our bodies by enjoying lots of different outdoor activities and sports, as well as fueling our bodies with healthy nutritious foods.

During Week 3 of Term 1, We will be celebrating some new faces arriving to the service, and we will be hosting an OSHClub welcome party. We will have lots of games, crafts, yummy nutritious treats and fun activities to help welcome the new Preps and students.

This party has been initiated and organized through the help of some of the children that attend the service.

Monday

BSC: Mindfulness activities and crafts

ASC: Reflection of our holidays and redecorating the OSH Club room

Tuesday

BSC: Mini games including Futsal, secret agent and poison ball

ASC: Outdoor round robin sports games

Wednesday

BSC: Crafting for our wall of art & redecorating our room for a new year

ASC: Indoor yoga

Thursday

BSC: Stretching and child initiated games

ASC: Dodge ball training with Steph who has represented Australia!

Friday

BSC: Baking healthy treats for little play and afternoon snacks

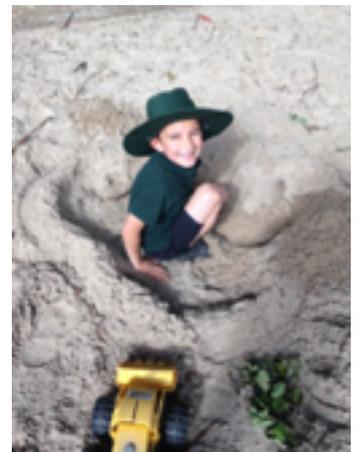
ASC: Baking and athletics games

Both Steph and I are looking forward to a very exciting term filled with surprises, excitement and learning. We can't wait to get to know new students, as well as see familiar faces in the service.

For all enrolments and bookings please visit: www.oshclub.com.au

For any program queries you can contact Alexa: 0419 915 649.

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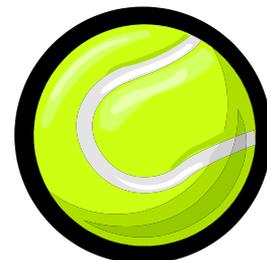
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2019 COACHING VENUES & DAYS:

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World Challenge



Olinda Cellars Wine Fundraiser & Babysitting!

Former Mt Dandy student, Josie Forward, is working towards her goal to raise enough money to go to Madagascar as part of the World Challenge. Josie has organised a fundraiser through Olinda Cellars, whereby you purchase 12 bottles of wine (you choose your mix of reds, white and bubbles) for \$180. For every 24 mixed dozens sold, Josie receives \$1000 towards her trip. For more information please contact Colleen on 0418 327 225. Josie is also available for babysitting - again just call Colleen to coordinate.



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