

5TH MARCH

Mt Dandy News



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Message from Sally...

What a busy few weeks we've had with District Swimming, a Curriculum Day, Information Night, the Start Smart Incursion, a Fire Truck Visit from Fireman Ken, Clean-Up Australia Day and the annual Picnic at the Pool! There is still so much more excitement to come, however, with the upcoming House Sports & Crazy Hair Day, Little Fern Film Festival, Bush Dance and the Year 3/4 camp. Make sure you get plenty of sleep to see you through the rest of the term!



Curriculum Day Learning

Last Wednesday for the Curriculum Day, the teaching staff and I went to Monbulk College to see a presentation by Glen Pearsall on 'Fast and Effective Feedback.' Glen has many years' experience as both a primary and secondary school teacher as well as a researcher. He provided us with many ideas on effective strategies to ensure that the feedback we provide to students is acted upon - obviously this is the true test of whether it is effective or not!

The teachers were excited to try out some of his ideas once we returned to school, with many of them sensibly explaining how they would focus on implementing just one or two of these techniques to ensure they are used consistently and are effective. On Thursday I was delighted to hear Alison exclaim that the 'talking tokens' were working a treat to encourage the chatty Year 3 and 4 students to listen more respectfully during instructional time! I look forward to working with the teachers to embed more of Glen's great teaching practice ideas into the classrooms at Mount Dandy.



School Councillors

Congratulations and thank you to our newly elected School Councillors for 2019. We are very privileged to have such a talented and committed group of parents and staff who will be working together for the benefit of the students. I am thrilled to announce the following Mount Dandenong School Council for 2019:

Parent Members: Kirsten Vernon, Simon Gilson, Diarmaid Fennessy, Alanna Deering, Melanie Hailstone, Kate Rae, John Standish and Jaki Farrey.

DET Members: Sally Alderton, Liz Kennedy, Laura Blake and Julie Francis.

Many thanks to Karina Gowan, Janet Rowe and the other outgoing councillors for their service to the school community over the past few years or more.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 18th March at 7.15pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM in which we will present the 2018 Annual Report to the School Community. Our first general meeting of the new 2019 School Council will follow straight after.

Information Night

Last Thursday we welcomed many parents and carers to our 2019 Information Night. Thank you to the teachers for all the hard work and preparation that went into the night. The information provided by teachers ensures that our families have the information they require to get their children off to a great start on their learning journey for 2019. The information booklets were emailed to you, but if you did not receive one please contact the office and we will re-send it.

Clean-Up Australia Day

Last Friday the 1st of March Mount Dandy students took some action for Clean-Up Australia Day. We started the day by clearing the grounds and nearby area of litter. While the grounds didn't appear too littered, the students managed to find lots of pieces of rubbish, especially along the school boundaries. We also found a number of doggy poo bags so please remember to dispose of these if you bring your dog for a walk at school! Students really enjoyed taking part in this clean up with a number of them groaning that it was over too fast.

Following the clean-up, the students attended an informative session presented by a local community member, teacher and Healesville Sanctuary educator, Anna Francis. Anna is passionate about community engagement for sustainability and conservation and kindly volunteered her time to come and speak to the students about the impact of plastic waste on our environment. During the sessions the students clearly enjoyed extending their thinking about alternatives to commonly-used plastic items such as balloons, straws, glad wrap and drink bottles. Anna commented that the students were very engaged and already very knowledgeable on this topic. It was terrific to see the ideas bouncing off one student to another in the classroom.

A huge thanks to Anna for sharing her expertise and time with us, and thank you to the Mount Dandy students who did an excellent job of cleaning up our school yard and embracing their learning!

Wominjeka Veggie Garden

Speaking of beautiful grounds, have you seen our amazing veggie garden in the Wominjeka space lately? Mary Tonkin has been hard at work weeding, watering, pruning and picking to ensure that this beautiful garden thrives and abounds with ripe produce. You are welcome to come and purchase something to take home for the weekend on Fridays after school.

In addition to the work on the Wominjeka veggies, Mary has started a gardening group on Thursday after school. This is really needed and much appreciated, as our grounds are extensive and require ongoing maintenance work to keep them in order for the students. I want to acknowledge and thank Mary for her tireless work for the school in the pursuit of lovely gardens and encourage others to join her in her campaign to get you gardening at Mount Dandy!

Warm regards,

Sally



TERM 1 CALENDAR

Wednesday 6th March - Division swimming

Friday 8th March - Responsible Pet Ownership incursion

Monday 11th March - Labor Day holiday

Friday 15th March - House sports & Crazy Hair Day

Monday 18th March - Mt D PS AGM & School Council meeting 7.15pm

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

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

Friday 5th April - End of term 1. 2.30pm finish

WANTED!

Gardener and Handy Person Needed

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 who may be, please contact the office to speak to Sally directly.

A reminder that we are still collecting for School Book Rescue. If you have any spare/old school books, calculators, art materials, iPads etc please bring to school and School Book Rescue will redistribute these to families in need all the while reducing landfill and educating about recycling.

Collection tubs are in the office where you can leave your donations of good quality books and materials. Visit www.schoolbookrescue.com.au and thanks for your support, Mt D!



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GARDENS

Casual gardening continues of a Thursday evening, just briefly 3.30-4.00. We're still working on tidying up and mulching the Possum beds around the music room.

There will be delicious dirty EnviroKnights potatoes for sale beginning this week. We need to begin to harvest them to make way for some winter crops like Broad Beans and Brassicas (Kale, Cauliflower, Broccoli, Sprouts).



In addition our little brief market (3.25- 3.40 Fridays) will be selling herbs (including our own Parsley seed), Beans, Silver beet and hopefully the first of our Tomatoes. The glorious Carrots and Beetroots that are left mostly need to fatten up a little.



Some pre-used fertiliser bags will be left under a cream paver to the left of the car park entrance gate for those who need a bag or two to assist in emptying their compost bin.

Tomatoes can be saved easily on paper towel, scooped out and left to dry in a well lit spot out of direct sunlight. These are just a few jewels from a mixed punnet.



Have you bought your tickets to the Little Fern Film Festival yet? Organised by our Media Captain, Rory Mc, the LFFF promises to be a wonderful night of watching films under the stars on our school oval. And even better, the films have been made by our very own students!



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

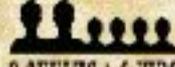


Grab your partner and dose doe your way to the Mountain Bushdance - a toe tapping, thigh slapping night of good ol' bush dancing with our friends at Ferny Creek Primary. Tickets are now on sale - please note pre-purchased tickets are discounted so get in early folks and see y'all there!



**MOUNTAIN
BUSH
DANCE**

~ **INDOORS @ FERNY CREEK REC RESERVE** ~

TICKETS ONLINE \$5 KIDS • \$15 ADULT • \$40 FAMILY  2 ADULTS + 4 KIDS

• TICKETS AT THE DOOR • \$5 KIDS • \$20 ADULT • \$50 FAMILY •

www.mountainbushdance.com.au

 **SATURDAY** 

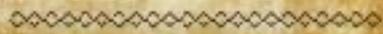
23rd MARCH 6PM
TILL
10PM

• DINNER & DRINKS FOR SALE • NO BYO •

LIVE BAND 'EAT YA GREENS'
WITH CALLER

FAMILY FUN FUNDRAISER

• PROCEEDS TO MT DANDENONG & FERNY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOLS •



HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Friday 15th March

The Mt D House Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 15th March at school (weather permitting). The day will start at 9.30am and finish at approximately 1.30pm.

All students from Prep-Year 6 will compete in one of four houses **Lyrebirds**, **Eagles**, **Kingfishers** or **Kookaburras** for the coveted Mt D PS House Athletics Shield.

All parents are encouraged to come along and enjoy what is always a fantastic day - either bring a picnic or enjoy the sausage sizzle fundraiser.

All students will be in a sprint, hurdle and at least one relay with Year 3-6 also competing in a 200m & 800m.

The Junior School Council will also be running **CRAZY HAIR DAY!** For a gold coin donation, come with your craziest hair and for an extra gold coin, visit the Crazy Hair Salon at school where the JSC will spray some more colours! All money raised will be donated towards the Leukaemia Foundation.

For a list of your child's events please check the list outside the staffroom or in classroom windows. We also welcome parent helpers on the day so please let us know if you can assist with line judging, marshalling, photography or sausage sizzling.

Thanks all, and let's see if the **KOOKABURRAS** can hold onto the trophy for another year...



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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MERIT AWARDS



Josie D – for such an excellent start to Grade One, listening carefully to instructions and displaying all our school values. Congratulations!

Jason H – for his positive attitude towards school and for trying his best in everything he does.

James C-J – for his sensational start to Year 6. I am so proud to watch you display our school RICH values and act as a role-model to others. Keep up the great work.

Ginger L – for her enthusiasm towards all school activities. Your enthusiasm is infectious to others. Keep up the great work Ginger!

Fodey H – for excellent focus during maths lessons and asking question that extend her understanding.

Lucas B – for attentive listening and sharing his insights with the class.

Will B – for successfully creating a memoir that was a ‘snap shot’ of exciting cricket game.

Rahni N – for successfully creating a memoir that was a ‘snap shot’ of her trip to France.

Mia B – for being an absolute star in the classroom. Your work is of outstanding quality and you are always helpful to others who need assistance.

Alice S – for her outstanding approach to our data collection unit of work. Your pie chart of favourite trees reflected your outstanding knowledge. Well done!

Willow G – for her wonderful memoir writing about her favourite place in the world. I loved your detailed descriptions Willow!

Juniper O – for excellent listening, great writing and always displaying our School Values.

Taylor H – for her fabulous Memoir writing. Your revision of your writing as outstanding and gave your work greater impact.

Alistair D – for your enthusiastic participation at our Clean Up Australia Day.

Fletcher B – for your enthusiastic participation at our Clean Up Australia Day.

Miki McM – for her enthusiastic approach to Clean Up Australia Day. You picked up an outstanding quantity of rubbish. You’re Amazing!

Oskar C – for coming to school with a positive attitude and working hard to achieve his best results.

Sarah M – for working consistently hard on her Gold time line during our inquiry unit. Well done Sarah!

Zoe H – for showing the school value of independence, being a kind friend to others and always working hard!

River B – for an excellent transition to the Senior Learning Unit. You are enthusiastic towards all activities we do, and I am really happy that you’re here!

Chelsea A – for enthusiastic attitude towards all learning activities. I really like how you ask clarifying questions to extend your thinking!



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 Mt D students to enjoy whilst at school!

POSSUM Café

TERM 1 FRIDAYS starting 15 Feb
\$6 lunch orders



Crispy Chicken Wraps: Panko crumbed chicken strips with lettuce, tomato and homemade herb & 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 (G.F/V avail)

Canteen: Fruit sorbet
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

This week at OSHClub Mt. Dandenong!

Students will be learning all about mindfulness. What is it and how can it help us? We'll be doing a whole range of activities, from mindfulness colouring and relaxation techniques to walking in nature! By the end of the week, our students should have an idea about mindfulness and how they can use it to help them feel better when they are faced with challenges.

If you're interested in enrolling your child or even coming down to say hello, feel free to come down to the OSHC room after school, or call OSHClub Mt. Dandenong on 0419 915 649.

Have a happy and safe week, from OSHC Mt. Dandenong!



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MINI RANGES

The Mini Ranges Basketball Program is specifically designed for primary school aged children for both boys and girls from Prep to Grade 6.

Developed to help children of all abilities to learn the fundamental skills of basketball in a fun and supportive atmosphere, this program will prepare children for junior domestic competition with Ranges Basketball Club. Ranges domestic Basketball Club have teams from U8 – U23 so if you are ages 6-22 we have a team for you!

To book a place for Mini Ranges or register for the upcoming Winter 2019 season commencing on 6 March 2019 please contact:

Carey on 0417 398 834 or cs103@bigpond.com. Please note that parents are expected to stay and all participants are expected to behave in an orderly manner.

DATES: All Wednesday's:
6, 13, 20, 27 March
3, 24 April
(school holidays - NO CLINICS)
1, 8 & 15 May

TIME: 4.30pm - 5.30pm
WHERE: Monbulk College Sports Stadium
HOW MUCH: FREE
WHAT TO BRING: Runners and a basketball (ball net compulsory)



RANGES TREE WORKS



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