# The Mount Dandy News

*Top of the mountain, top results.*

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Our Skipping Club on Tuesday lunchtimes is so popular that Janet would love an extra pair of hands to help turn ropes. Please come and join in the fun!

## News and Views...

**Bunning BBQ a Ripper!**
Congratulations and thank you to the team of volunteers who worked tirelessly at our Bunnings BBQ on Saturday. They managed to raise $2407.85 which will go a long way to supporting our student programs. A special thank you goes to Sacha Sullivan for coordinating the BBQ.
Well done team!

**Three Way Interview – Sausage Sizzle**
On Tuesday and Wednesday night we will have a sausage sizzle from 4 to 7pm. Students and parents are welcome to head to the canteen and purchase a sausage in bread for $2.50. The money raised will be used to buy a new dishwasher for our canteen facility.

**Our New Website is Live**
Thanks to the hard work of Bek Hutchins we now have a new website that went live on the weekend. Over the next month we will be aiming to populate it so that it contains relevant information and interesting content. Please take the time to visit it. Your feedback is welcome.
http://www.mtdandps.vic.edu.au/

**Parent Volunteers at Mt Dandy**
We are lucky enough to have a number of volunteers who support our school and make an amazing difference to our school community. Most people who returned volunteer forms have already been assigned roles or have already started. I have passed on the details of those who have asked to be parent helpers to the relevant classrooms and you can expect to be contacted by your child's teacher.
We are aiming to have a reading support group up and running early next term to support those students who require a little extra help. Please stay tuned for this development.
I encourage all parents to speak to your child's teacher about how you can support the classroom program.

**Intervention Programs @ Mount Dandenong Primary School**
At Mt Dandy we understand the importance of intervention programs to support students with extra learning needs and difficulties. We currently have a reading intervention program expertly run by Mr John Burgan that caters for some of our students with Literacy concerns. As well as this, each teacher presents their students with activities and learning experiences that are aimed at the individual student's point of need. We believe that the best intervention takes place directly in the classroom.
This said, we also understand that direct focus, in one on one or small group situations, is also conducive to supporting student learning. This is an area that the Quicksmart program catered for over the past three years. Unfortunately we have had some staff turnover and we are currently assessing our options for intervention programs to begin in term 2.

**Wanted – Newsletter Volunteer.**
We are searching for a volunteer to create our weekly newsletter. If you are skilled at using Publisher and have a couple of hours available on a Monday evening please contact our office.

**Wanted – Tech Savvy Volunteer**
If you are tech savvy and have a couple of hours to spare, we'd love you to have a careful look at our sound and lighting booth. We need someone to set it up and then coach some staff members and students on how to use it. The equipment is all there, we just need some expertise.

**House Athletics – March 8th**
Please remember to hand in permission slips and $5 for our upcoming House Sports Athletics day. All students are required to pay $5 regardless of whether or not they are catching the bus from school. We have to pay other fees including venue hire.

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**Fresh Eggs Available**
If you'd like to receive half a dozen fresh eggs for the very reasonable price of $2.50, see Julie in the office

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**Purpose Statement**
Mount Dandenong Primary School values our unique environment and close community. It is a place for creative opportunities and academic excellence, nurturing respect, happiness and independence.

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**Community Barn Dance – Save the Date – March 19th**
This year we have teamed up with Ferny Creek Primary School and have organised a Barn Dance that will be bigger and better than ever. It will be held indoors at the Ferny Creek Recreation Reserve and will feature a live band plus food and drinks. (see flyer below) Please save the date and come along to what promises to be an entertaining event.

**Thumbs Up to:**

- Our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle team
- The grade six leaders who were excellent ambassadors at the leadership conference last week
- Our Preps who attended their first assembly yesterday
- Elsa, Fodey and Steph for volunteering to clean up our school grounds.

**Thanks, Michael Leonard and Annie Smart.**

# OSHClub
Before & After School Care

## Mt Dandenong OSHClub: week 3 - Newsletter

19th of February 2016

**Parent/Guardian Information:**

**OSHC Program Phone:**
**0419 915 649**

**Coordinator:**
**Samantha Clarke**

**Assistant:**
**Kerrie Jones**

**OSHClub Head Office Oakleigh, Victoria - 03 8564 9000**

**All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!!**
**Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.**

**Happy Birthday to:**

Hayli – 23/02

Jada – 20/002

Eloise – 04/03

| | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| BSC | Talent show & China wall | Colouring & Giants treasure | Art and craft & Octopus | Show and tell & Line tag | connect 4 & Poison ball |
| BREKKY | Cereal, Milk, Toast, Muffins, Yoghurt and fresh fruit. | Cereal, Milk, Toast, Muffins, Yoghurt and fresh fruit. | Cereal, Milk, Toast, Muffins, Yoghurt and fresh fruit. | Cereal Milk, Toast, Muffins, Yoghurt and fresh fruit. | Cereal, Milk, Toast, Muffins, Yoghurt and fresh fruit. |
| ASC | Football & Hama beads | *Get creative* Basketball & Colouring | AASC Soccer '& 123 Basketball | *Cooking Club* Hoop Time & Cookies | Friday fun day Netball & Dancing |
| ASC TEA | Fresh jam, vegemite and honey sandwiches with a plate of watermelon, apple and kiwi. | Salad, ham and cheese wraps with a plate of watermelon, oranges and apple | 2 minuite noodles and a plate of orange, watermelon and apple. | Plate of veg, brown rice crackers and dip with a plate of watermelon, grapes and oranges. | Nachoes and a plate of watermelon, oranges and apple |

Here is our healthy lunch box idea for the week.

This week we welcomed Back Sam to OSHClub! We would just like to thank Bianca for all her hard work and dedication to the children and the program while Sam was away.

Last week we had a week full of activities that challenged all the children to try something new or further refine one of their skills. We played netball and had some of the older girls teach some skills. We had a Lego building competition that Eitan won. We made our own colouring in sheets and had our friends colour them in and we also had a fabulous concert put on where Hayli and Jene' showed of their singing skills.

Next week in OSH we are elaborating of the childrens love of all sports. We will learn and play all different sports from Netball to Basketball to Footy. So if you have a hidden talent with sport come along and teach us how to be awesome like you!

Look forward to seeing you at OSH.

The OSH team.

Eitan made an amazing house out of Lego.

Eloise and Ruby are practicing their netball skills

**FRIENDLY REMINDERS:** To cancel an ASC sessions please do so on the internet by 3pm on the day before, send us a text on: 0419 915 649 or let an educator know you are collecting your child. There is a **$2 a minute fee for each child that is picked up after 6:15pm** .Please book children in online. This is important as we need to staff appropriately for children attending.

*Enjoy a break with a*

***Massage or Natural Facial***

*It's a fast & effective way to relax and unwind*

*Call or text Melinda 0411 622 445*

*at* ***Elle Naturale*** *Olinda*

*Shop 1 | 1606 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd Olinda*

*www.ellenaturaleolinda.com.au*

***Open every day!***

*We now have available the services of a Naturopath and a Music and Art Therapist/counsellor*

OFCJFC
Olinda Ferny Creek JFC

good SPORTS

## Football Fun Day

The Olinda Ferny Creek Junior Football Club (OFCJFC) is holding a Fun Day for all kids to come down and enjoy the club atmosphere!

Season 2016 is shaping up as an exciting year for the "young bloods". Not only will we be fielding teams in the under 10/12/14 age groups but for the very first time we will be fielding a stand-alone GIRLS UNDER 12 side which will be fantastic. This is a great opportunity for all existing and prospective players to get together to launch the 2016 season...

We are putting on a sausage sizzle for all the kids and there will be inflatables to play on and clinics will be run by AFL Victoria staff.

**Fun Day:** 6th March, 12.30pm – 3pm
**Location:** Olinda Reserve, 71-73 Olinda-Monbulk Rd Olinda
**Contact:** Jamie Brown 0408 734 585

SECRET agent SOCIETY — SOLVING the MYSTERY of SOCIAL ENCOUNTERS®

**World's best social skills program for all children 8-12 years old!**

**Beginning - Tuesday 12th April at 4-6pm**
**at Best Me I Can Be Psychology in Sassafras**

Enrolments are now being taken for the world's best social skills program for children with social and emotional difficulties. The program has shown to be highly effective in improving social development of children with Autism but even more effective for non-Autism children!

The SAS program uses animated technology, spy gadgets and games to teach new social and emotional skills to children who struggle with friendships and feelings. SAS gives children step-by-step examples of how to make and keep friends, cope with bullying and deal with emotions such as anxiety and anger. It also uses a highly interactive spy-themed computer game with different levels of challenges and adventures so the sessions feel like fun, not therapy.

The program will operate for 9 weekly sessions with a follow up session in September 2016. Parents will also attend 9 weekly sessions. Teacher tip sheets, home missions, and a system to reward and monitor progress at home and school are required components of the program.

Small group sizes will be offered with a maximum of five children in a group with three children limited to ASD specific groups (subject to enrolment numbers).

**COST: $2400.00** (including SAS Family Kit with computer game)
(A Medicare rebate of $1604.00 can apply)

**Contact Jenny Farrell on PH: 0419 323 384**
**or info@bestmepsychology.com.au**

## Lunch order menu

### WEEK 4 FRIDAY 26 FEBRUARY

- Pumpkin soup and roll (v) **$4**
- Homemade pasta bake with roast veggies, tomato and cheese (v) **$5**
- Carbonara pasta **$5**
- Sushi roll with chicken (GF) **$3**
- Toasted French brioche roll with ham cheese and tomato **$4**

***Add a fresh side salad $2 or fruit salad $3***

### Canteen snacks available:

- Frozen Fruit icecream **$2**
- Choc bliss balls **$1** • Savoury Muffin **$2**
- Corn on the cob **$1**

***Each week there will be new food to taste for the adventurous. Join us at the canteen on Friday lunchtimes for your free taste!***

# February 2016

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| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17<br><br>GRIP Student Leadership | 18 | 19 | 20<br><br>Bunnings BBQ | 21 |
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# March 2016

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| 7 | 8<br><br>House Athletics at Kalorama oval | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14<br><br>Labour Day Holiday | 15 | 16<br><br>School Photos | 17<br><br>Responsible Pet Program | 18 | 19<br><br>Bush Dance at Ferny Creek Hall | 20 |
| 21<br><br>Life Ed.<br><br>School Council AGM | 22<br><br>Life Ed. | 23<br><br>Life Ed. | 24<br><br>Easter Hat Parade<br>***Last Day Term 1*** | 25<br><br>Good Friday | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |