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.

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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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.
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 Etan 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 on the children’s 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.

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.

Here is our healthy lunch box idea for the week.

Berries and cream: This week we have a healthy breakfast packed with berries and cream. It is a way to get the children to eat their fruit and also to introduce new and exciting foods. The berries are cut into pieces and then added to a bowl of yoghurt with honey for a great breakfast.

Eitan made an amazing house out of Lego.

Elise and Ruby are practicing their netball skills.
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.ellinaturaleolinda.com.au
Open every day!
We now have available the services of a Naturopath and a Music and Art Therapist/counsellor

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Telephone—03 9751 1136 Fax—03 9751 2332 mount.dandenong.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

The Mount Dandy News

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 323 304 or info@bestmepsychology.com.au

Football Fun Day

The Olinda Ferry 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 10/11/14 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

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 adventurers. Join us at the canteen on Friday lunchtimes for your free taste!
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