What’s in this issue

News and Views

Presentation Night
Congratulations to all of the students and staff involved in last Tuesday night’s Presentation Evening. Once again the calibre of the performances was extremely high and thoroughly enjoyed by both participants and viewers.

The feedback from the community was that it was great fun and very entertaining.

Congratulations to Claire and Ryan who are both very worthy winners of the Bendigo Bank Award and the CWA award. They have both displayed exemplary effort towards their schooling and are wonderful citizens. We are extremely proud of you both.

Grade 6 Graduation
On Thursday night we held our Grade 6 Graduation evening at the beautiful SkyHigh restaurant. The student speeches were memorable and really highlighted the growth and skills of this fantastic cohort. All of us at Mt Dandy are extremely proud of our graduating Grade 6 students. Good luck to you all and very best wishes for all of your future endeavours.

Mulch Movers
Last Thursday a band of volunteer parents helped spread mulch in some of our garden beds. Thank you to following families for their effort on what was a very hot day: Selby, Grundy, Sutton and Wynne.

Wanted – Plant waterers during the school holidays.
Our landscaping adjacent to the oval is almost completed and many rhododendrons and azaleas have been transplanted into the new embankment. Over the holidays these will need to be regularly watered to help them survive the transplant. If you are around during the Christmas break and are able to visit a couple of times a week to water our plants please contact the office. If we get a number of volunteers we will organise a roster.

Thank You Parent Helpers
Today we held a morning tea to thank all of our parent helpers. The role that parents play in our school is vital and often underestimated. Parent help comes in a variety of forms from classroom helpers, to working bee support, attendance on excursions and camps and support with fundraising activities. Without the support of parents we would not be able to provide all of the wonderful experiences and facilities that are synonymous with Mt Dandy PS. We thank all of those who volunteer and look forward to continuing the partnership in 2013.

Goodbye Miss Somers
We would like to thank Ms Amy Somers for her excellent contributions and effort this year at Mt Dandy. Ms Somers has worked extremely hard in the SLU providing our students with first rate educational experiences.

We wish her well next year at Ferntree Gully North Primary School.

Thank you Michael
Thank you to Michael Smedley who has operated our Out of School Hours Care program for a number of years. Michael has resigned from his OSHC role from the end of this week and we wish him well.

OSHClub are currently advertising for a new coordinator for 2013. See the advertisement in this week’s newsletter if you are interested in this role.

1.30 pm Finish on Friday.
This week our students will be dismissed at 1.30pm on Friday. This will be preceded by a 1.15 pm assembly to farewell our Grade 6 students.

There is no afternoon bus available on this day and parents are asked to work out alternate arrangements.

Monday Assembly Change of Time
From the beginning of next year we will be holding our Monday assemblies on Monday morning at 9am. We have found that we are having to rush assembly in the afternoon and that the student’s attention span is considerably longer at the start of the day.

Continued on page 2...
News and Views... Continued from page 1

Start Up Dates for 2013
Teachers resume 29/1
Whole School Curriculum Day 30/1
Grade 1 to 6 Students return 31/1
7/2 Prep students first day

Have a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Both Sue and I would like to thank all of our wonderful students, excellent staff and fantastic parents for their support and efforts this year. The Mount Dandenong Primary School community is close knit and extremely supportive and we are both very proud to be part of it and to work at this wonderful school. We wish each and every one of you a safe and happy holiday break and are looking forward to a fantastic 2013.

Thumbs up to:
❖ The graduating Grade 6 students
❖ Leroy Monkhorst, Phil Cuthbert and Julie Sanders for their assistance and encouragement at the Prep excursion
❖ The hardworking Extension Maths group who presented their work yesterday
❖ The mulch brigade

Thank you and Merry Christmas, Michael Leonard and Sue Gibson

FRUITY FRIDAY
A very big thank you to all our very special helpers, our pick up service and our new sponsors.

CULTURE DAY SUCCESS
On Friday the 14th of December we had a Culture Day. We raised $168.00 Thank you to everyone who donated money for our sponsor child Tilahun. We think that Tilahun and his family will be very happy.

Thank You!
Aeisha, Mahni and Tia

JUMBLE SALE TERM 1 2013
Please save items of you are cleaning up over the Summer holidays
A collection point will be nominated early next year.

LIBRARY BOOKS
Please look carefully at home for school library books and return before Friday!
The Mount Dandy News

Come and Ride
The Yarra Valley Railway
These School Holidays!
Enjoy a ride on our Walker Railmotor through the historic tunnel.
We operate Wednesday and Sunday throughout the school holidays.
Rides depart Healesville station hourly 10am to 4pm.
For more information visit our website at www.yvr.com.au

Table Tennis
Who: Primary School students to Year 8
When: Tuesday 16th Jan.
10:00 – 12:00
Where: Farndons Hall
42 Falls Rd. Kalorama
$2 per person - Bring a Friend!
Beginners and first timers
WELCOME
Contact: Joan and Ian 9728 4431 OR jiblenn@westnet.com.au
Organized by Lacky Harris and Farndons Hall Committee of Management and Friends Inc.

Kalorama Community Carols
Monday December 24th
8pm – 9.30pm
St. Michael’s Kalorama Church Grounds,
Cnr Falls Rd and Mount Dandenong
Tourist Rd. Kalorama
Featuring talented local artists.
Carols will be in the church hall if the weather is wet.

Como Cottages
Having friends visit over the school holidays but don’t want them under your roof?
Think of Como Cottages right in the heart of Olinda. Self contained 1, 2 and 3 bedroom cottages.
Mention this ad for a 5% discount.
Call 9751 2264
Looking for a job in Outside School Hours Care?

Come and join us at OSHClub

We are Australia’s leading provider of high quality Outside School Hours Care programs for kindergarten and primary aged children. We currently run programs at over 350 schools across Australia.

Why should you join OSHClub?

- Join over 700 employees
- Become part of a professional organization that is growing by the day
- Training
  - Study for your Certificate IV or Diploma - paid for by us on successful completion
  - Internal training including Coordinator, Assistant Training, First Aid, Food Handling, Management of Anaphylaxis and Management of Asthma
- Career development
  - Opportunities for promotion
  - Achieve your career aspirations
  - Have you considered an abolitionist career?
- Positions — Permanent, Part-time or Casual
  - Work only in the school term or all year (permanent roles)
  - Tell us your availability and we will find you the right position
  - Monday to Friday
  - Before School Care — around 7am—9am
  - After School Care — around 3pm—6pm
  - Holiday Program — around 7am—6pm

www.oshclub.com.au  Phone: 1800 469 870

KILSYTH COBRAS SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM JANUARY 2013

| MON 21st January | Infantry/Defense |
| TUES 22nd January | Ball Handling |
| WED 23rd January | Shooting |

COSTS:  
$15.00 per day (incl GST)
$20.00 each day (non-GST)
$65.00 for 5 days (inc GST)
*Full camp discount applies to those received on or before Day 1

TIMES:  
10am—3pm

KIOSK:  
Enrolment will be on a first in, first served basis. A Kiosk will be available from the front of both Kilsyth and Lilydale Stadiums, or by placing the phone on 9783 1818 during business hours. All forms are to be filled in at the Kilsyth Stadium. Children are picked up at Kilsyth basketball with their parents. Parents are required to attend Kilsyth basketball with their children. A Kiosk will be available from the front of both Kilsyth and Lilydale Stadiums, or by placing the phone on 9783 1818 during business hours. All forms are to be filled in at the Kilsyth Stadium. Children are picked up at Kilsyth basketball with their parents. Parents are required to attend Kilsyth basketball with their children.

These headings are a guide only. Each day has a variety of skills mixed in.

KILSYTH COBRAS SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM JANUARY 2013 ENROLMENT FORM

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAME</th>
<th>N/F</th>
<th>AGE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

| MONDAY 21ST | INFANTRY/DEFENSE |
| TUESDAY 22ND | BALL HANDLING |
| WEDNESDAY 23RD | SHOOTING |

ALL 3 DAYS ($50.00 or $55.00)

Please note: These prices are subject to change.

Kilsyth Cobras Basketball

Mount Dandenong Primary School
Farndons Road, Mount Dandenong 3767  www.mtdandps.vic.edu.au
Telephone—03 9751 1136  Fax—03 9751 2332  mount.dandenong.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au