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**What’s On**

**TERM ONE**

- **Thursday 7th February**
  - Prep students begin school
  - Prep parents morning tea, 9:15am

- **Monday 11th—Friday 15th February**
  - SLU Bendigo / Ballarat camp

- **Wednesday 20th February**
  - House Cross Country

- **Thursday 21st—28th February**
  - Life Education Victoria Van

- **Tuesday 26th February**
  - House Jumping Sports

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**News and Views...**

**Welcome Back**
Welcome back to all of our staff and returning families for 2013. I had a wonderful break with my family camping in Mallacoota. We had super weather and spent many days swimming and enjoying the many walks on offer. We also caught lots of fish.

Sue spent some delightful time with her granddaughters who visited from England and spent much of the Christmas break enjoying the good weather and great times with them.

We hope that you all had some wonderful family time and are glad to see everybody back fit and healthy.

**Monday Morning Assemblies Are Back**
After a year trialling Monday afternoon assemblies we have decided to return to our traditional Monday morning. By having them in the morning we are able to begin the week as a school community, share any important information pertaining to the week ahead and students find it far easier to sit and concentrate in the morning.

**SunSmart**
Please remember that at this time of year the Sun’s UV rays are extremely dangerous and as part of our SunSmart policy all students are required to wear broad brimmed or legionnaire style green hats. Students without the correct hats including those that are not school colours will be required to play in the undercover area.

Using puff paint to name your child’s hat, on the outside, is a great way of preventing other students from taking the wrong hat out to play.

**Start Up 2013**
All of our teachers have spent a great deal of time planning and preparing for this year. The classrooms are welcoming and the programs planned are engaging. As a school we are focusing on rigour and routine and setting high standards for the quality and quantity of student work.

**February Parent-Teacher Interviews**
We will soon be holding parent-teacher interviews which will provide the opportunity for parents to meet teachers, discuss the needs of their children and develop open and honest lines of communication to support student learning. It is expected that each family attends the interviews to ensure the best possible start to the year. Dates and times will be released later this week.

**Preps Starting Thursday**
Yesterday I had the great pleasure of taking my son Austin to school for his very first day of Prep. It was a very special moment for all of us and one that we will never forget. On Thursday our Preps start and I can’t wait to see them all arrive for their first day. Please be sure to make our new Prep students and their families feel very welcome.

We will be holding a special morning tea at 9.15 am on Thursday to welcome our new Prep parents, please see the attached information in this newsletter.

**Out of School Hours Care – Bigger and Better in 2013**
We would like to welcome Lina Corrone who is our new OSHC coordinator. Lina is new to Mt Dandy and we are sure that she will work extremely hard to provide a fun and engaging program for our students. To enrol in OSHC program please visit the Oshclub website or pick up an information pack from the school office.

**Life Ed Van Incursion**
This year we have employed the services of the Life ed. Van. All students in our school will have the opportunity to attend a learning session in the van and participate in follow up sessions in their classrooms with materials that are provided as part of the cost involved. The Life Education sessions focus on health and wellbeing, including developing positive relations and positive self-image and also focus on drug education. Junior students will discuss medicine and its use and dangers whilst older students will learn about the dangers of various drugs and how to employ strategies for good decision making.

The cost is $9.00 which is heavily subsidised by the school. We strongly encourage all students to be part of this fantastic program.

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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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Thank You
Over the holidays we had a committed group of families who regularly watered our newly landscaped embankment and kept it looking in great condition. Thank you to the Ide, Selby/Mason and Montcrith/Sullivan families for watering our recently transplanted plants.
I’d also like to thank Ken Stewart and Kylie Stewart who have worked tirelessly in the school grounds preparing them for the students return. Our grounds are really looking fantastic.

SLU Camp
Next week our SLU students will be going on their exciting Gold camp. They’ll be visiting Ballarat and Bendigo and participating in wonderful hands on experiences whilst learning about the important Gold Rush era of Australian history. The teachers attending have spent many hours planning a wonderful experience for the students. Trish Becker, Rosie Brehaut, John Burgan and Katharine King have decided that although they support the current AEU industrial action, they will attend the camp as its importance and value to student learning and experiences is a priority. I thank them for this decision. John Burgan will attend from Monday to Wednesday and I’ll attend from Wednesday to Friday.
Have a great time SLU students!

Industrial Action Feb 14th
Please note that there is an impending AEU stop work day planned for February the 14th. At this stage we believe that this will have a major impact on school programs and that many of our classes will not operate for the day. Further information will be supplied early next week when union deadlines arrive. Please note that stop work action will not affect the SLU camp

Best Wishes to Those Affected by Flood or Drought
Although we have had great weather here in Melbourne and along the Victorian coast over the past month, we would like to acknowledge the hardships and dangers faced by many Australians due to flood or drought. Our thoughts are with you.

Thank you, Michael Leonard and Sue Gibson.

Music Program 2013—Classroom Music: Teacher Debbie Leticq-Cromb
All students receive a 1 hour classroom music lesson each week. They will learn over the course of their 7 years at school to read music, play a variety of instruments, create, sing, dance and join in drama activities. The aim of the program, whilst having fun, is to give all children the opportunity to participate in music making and develop musical skills. Each year, every child has the opportunity to perform in various concerts/assemblies throughout the year and to sing as a whole school choir during the year.

School Performance Groups: Please note that there is a requirement that any student selected for the following groups, must make a considerable effort to attend rehearsals and be available for performances for the entire year.

Vocal Ensemble is a group of talented singers from Grades 4-6. Children are selected by audition, as we have a limited number that can join each year due to its popularity. Rehearsals are Tuesdays before school at 8.30am.

Orchestra performs the National Anthem in Monday morning Assemblies, so they will need to be available to assist with setting up on stage at 8:45am. Any child who has been learning an instrument for at least a year is welcome to join. Rehearsals are Monday lunchtimes.

Jammin’ with the Juniors for Grade ½ children. This is a fun singing group which introduces students to singing in a choir. We meet in Terms 2 & 4 at lunchtime. This is open to any child who loves to sing!

Instrumental Music Program 2013
This year we have an exciting private instrumental music program at Mt Dandenong Primary School. If your child is interested in having a ½ hour private lesson during school time, please contact teachers directly to make an enquiry or a booking.

Piano, violin—contact Sarah Wilson 0408 823600
Cello, Viola—contact Fiona Mackay 0425 714105
Drum kit—contact Luke McVor 0415 705616
Guitar—contact Jed Rowe 0437 741851
Flute—Debbie Leticq-Cromb (see Julie in the office and leave your name & contact details)
Hi everyone! Hope you all had a wonderful holiday break.

My name is Lina Corrone and I am delighted to be appointed as the new OSHC Coordinator for Mt Dandenong Primary School! I enjoy art/crafts, cooking, travelling and spending time with my family and friends.

I look forward to introducing lots of exciting activities for Before school and After school care including art/crafts, sports, games, cooking and much more!

Last week, we spent time getting to know each other, whilst making Australia flag collages, learning about Australian animals, origami and making paper plate animal masks. We also played various games and sporting activities.

Next week we will be creating objects from Recycled materials. If anyone has any items such as bottle tops, bottles, small cardboard boxes, tissue boxes, cardboard cylinders etc, please leave these at the School office in the box provided. (Make sure all items are clean).

We are expecting to appoint a new permanent assistant and we hope to announce this soon!

This Week’s Activities

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OSHC program phone: 0478 155 285  Coordinator: Lina.  OSHClub Head Office: 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 at the program.

Student Banking is back …

Welcome back to another exciting year of school banking. This year is themed as the Savings Hunter Program which will take students on an adventure that will not only teach them smart money management skills, but also open their imaginations and reward them with fantastic treasures along the way.

To start up a savings account and be part of this valuable program, collect a banking kit from the office. To make deposits, make sure your deposit book is left at the office on a TUESDAY.

Mother’s / Father’s Day Stalls

For many years, we have been fortunate enough to have two very capable shoppers looking after the Mother’s and Father’s Day Stalls, ensuring a wonderful selection of gifts for students to buy here at school. Tricia Spratt and Rachele Ide are keen to hand over their considerable knowledge to someone who can continue the tradition and possibly bring in some fresh ideas.

If you feel you would like to know more, please let us know and Tricia will happily fill you in with any help she can give.
FRUITY FRIDAY P-2

Fruity Friday aims to promote eating fruit and vegetables for our students in Prep – Year 2 by providing them with a variety of high quality, seasonal produce. Fresh fruit and vegetables are a vital part of every child’s life. There are many reasons to enjoy a wide variety of fruit and vegetables, such as promoting healthy eating and active play, improved learning and concentration. The natural provision of important vitamins and the prevention of disease are also important factors to consider.

Fruity Friday program is now a parent funded program at Mt. Dandenong P.S. with selections of delicious fruit from our local fruit and vegetable supplier Pellegrinos Fresh Fruits.

Every week children will sit in small groups and will be encouraged to eat the fruit provided. They will be encouraged to try something new, as well as experience a variety of fruits and vegetables every week.

Brain Food will not be required on Fridays.

Can you spare some time on Friday mornings to prepare the fruit platters. It is a great way to get involved with our school and meet other community members. We need about 4 parents for about ½ hour to prepare the fruit platters every FRIDAY. If you are available to assist, please complete the form below or put your name on the fruit roster at the main office. Please return the reply form to Sue Gibson or Julie Francis at the school office.

Please support us for this healthy initiative.

The Junior School Team

Fruity Friday

Name ......................................................... Phone ..............................

I am available to assist with the preparation of fruit.

Please circle and specify special dates ( if monthly or once a term )

Weekly, Fortnightly Monthly Once a term

Coles Sports For Schools Equipment

The Coles Sports For Schools equipment has arrived!!! A huge thank you goes to all of the parents and students who helped collect the vouchers for our school last year. Your hard work has again paid off and has earned the school lots of new sports equipment that will mainly be used for equipment kits for each class to have for the students to borrow at recess and lunch each day. The following is a list of the equipment that the school received from the vouchers collected:

Basketballs x 10  Footballs x 10  Netballs x 10  Rugby balls x 10
Soccer balls x 10  Cricket bats x 10  A flip scoreboard

Parent helpers for sporting events

From time to time parents are required to help with transportation and supervision for certain sporting events during the year. If you are one of these parents who does help or plans on helping in the future, you are required to obtain a working with children’s check. These forms are located at the front office and it would be much appreciated if parent helpers for these events fill out one of these forms ASAP in order to help with upcoming sporting events. The help of parents during these events is highly valued and is a crucial part in the running of a lot of these events.
Art News—Liz Kennedy

We are all looking forward to another exciting year in the art room.

- Please bring a CLEARLY NAMED art smock to school.
- Do you have a special skill, talent or hobby you would like to share with us in the art room or do you know an artist who would be willing to share their expertise with our students? For example: sewing, drawing, paper making, mosaic, painting and ceramics.
- Would you like to assist in the art room with the preparation of materials or put on an art smock and help children during an art class?

Please see Liz in the art room on a Tuesday and Wednesday or leave a message at the office or with your child’s teacher. You will be most welcome!

- Donations of materials are always appreciated. Some suggestions include: corks, plastic bottle caps, wool, threads, beads, costume jewellery, gumnuts and pine cones.
- I am also looking for 9 large, plastic, stackable bread crates (used for the delivery of bread) to store art work.

Thank – you for your support.

An Invitation…

Mt. Dandenong Primary School invites parents to join Prep parents for Morning Tea after they have settled their child into the Prep classroom.

When: Thursday 7th February.
Where: at school.
Time: from 9.15 am onwards

Come and chat with other school families and Mike Leonard, Principal.

We hope you can come.

Jody Howell, Janet Gertsakis & Sue Gibson
(Tissues supplied)

** Morning Tea Request—Thursday 7th February

If any parents are available and would like to assist with setting up our Morning Tea from about 8.50am, please leave your name with Julie or Sue or return the reply slip below.

I can assist with set-up.

I/We will be attending and can assist with preparation for the morning Tea on Thursday 7th February

Name ………………………………………………………………………………………………
Contact……………………………………………………………………………………………

After School Basketball

Notices regarding this year’s After School Basketball competition were sent home to Years 2—6 last week. If you are interested in joining a team, please return the completed slip to the office as soon as possible, or if you missed out on getting a notice, there are plenty available at the office. For further information, please ring co-ordinator, Ali Wynne, on 0425 757 476
Life Education Victoria
2013 Parent Information Session
2013 Co-ordinator Pack

Dear Parents

As part of our drug and health education this term we are offering you the opportunity to visit our Life Education mobile classroom, while it’s here at our school.

Have you ever considered the following?
What is my child learning in Life Education?
Have you seen inside the Life Education mobile classroom, or know of Harold?
What drug education is appropriate for primary school students?
Why do we have health and drug education?
How is health and drug education integrated into your school’s curriculum?

Want to know more?
NOW IS YOUR CHANCE.

The Life Education mobile classroom will be at our school:

Thursday 21st February @ 9.00am - 9.30am

Please return the slip to the office if attending.

Life Education Victoria – 2013 Parent Information Session Attendance Slip

I/ We will be attending the Life Education Parent Session.  Thursday 21st February 9-9.30am

Names:

We would like to welcome the Mount Dandenong Primary School families to the new school year and to Mary’s Coffee and Photographic Cafe (formerly Lady Hawke Cafe).

Under new management our cozy unique cafe is as you may know set amongst a beautiful garden with a variety of bird life, including Kevin our resident Kea kakaburra, who is known to steal the occasional piece of bacon!

We have a seasonal menu for breakfast and lunch and afternoon tea, open Wednesday through to Friday from 9am until 7pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 9.30 till 4.30pm.

Bring the kids, or just yourself if you have some free time after morning drop off, or before pick up, for a *Back to school buy 1 coffee/tea, and receive 1 free special offer*

Visit us on Facebook for updates and menu specials.

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Bev, Bruce and of course Mary

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The Mount Dandy News

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My name is Luke McIlvor and this year I will be teaching drums/percussion at Mt Dandenong Primary School. As an experienced teacher and performer I aim to inspire and encourage students, making learning a fun and rewarding experience. Lessons with me will be tailored to a student’s ability and interests in music. I also enjoy teaching and encouraging my students to learn all theoretical aspects of drumming including notation and technique.

I have a Bachelor of Music (performance) from Box Hill Institute, majoring in Drums/Percussion. With 10 years’ professional experience I have played across a range of styles and situations including (but not limited to) live playing, touring, and recording in some of Melbourne’s top studios. Drawing on these experiences allows me to give students a more complete musical education.

Should your children be interested in learning the drums, or if you require more information please feel free to contact me.

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