**What’s On**

**TERM ONE**

**Thursday 28th March**
Easter Hat Parade and last day
Term 1, 2.30 pm dismissal

**Friday 29th March**
Good Friday

**TERM TWO**

**Monday 15th April**
First day of Term Two

**Friday 19th April**
Sock Disco

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**News and Views...**

**Mother’s Day Stall in Jeopardy – Volunteers Required Urgently**

Unfortunately we have not had any response to our search for two or three parents to organise and coordinate our Mother’s Day stall. This stall is a service to the community and a valuable experience for our students. It is an opportunity for them to choose a gift by themselves and handle money in a meaningful transaction. If we do not have at least two volunteers by Thursday we will have to cancel this year’s stall. The coordinators who have done such a wonderful job over the past number of years are happy to share their expertise and resources to support any volunteers.

**School Website**

Thank you to those parents who provided feedback on how to improve our fantastic website. We have now added a number of policies, our prep 2014 documents and are continuing to add calendar events. Soon we are hoping to create a link to the tipping competition and add photos from recent camps and school activities. Please send an email to the school address if you have suggestions or ideas on how we can continue to improve the website.

**Lucky Jars**

The Chestnut Festival is just around the corner and once again we are holding our traditional and popular Lucky Jar stall. We ask that each student donates at least one jar filled with appropriate goods to their class by 9am on May the 3rd. Jars could be filled with stationery items such as pencils, crayons, textas, ink stamps or toys such as action figures, cars, mini dolls and the like. Wrapped lollies are also popular. Please remember that all donated jars have to be suitable for children. The grade that collects the most jars per capita will receive a prize. Thank you in anticipation of your kind donations.

**Grade 3/4 Camp to Mt Martha**

Last week I had the great pleasure of attending the Grade 3/4 camp. Congratulations to all of the students, staff and parent helpers who participated in a wonderful camping program. Our students participated in a number of challenging activities that required them to step outside their comfort zones and they certainly rose to the occasion. The behaviour of the students was commendable and their support of one another was fantastic. Thanks to Mick Heron for driving a number of students to and from camp and for his support and also to Andrew Reardon, a student teacher, for his enthusiasm and hard work. In particular I would like to thank and acknowledge the staff who attended the camp. Whilst they all support the union actions and the current restrictions, they did not want the students to miss out on this valuable and memorable learning experience.

**Enjoy Your Trip Ms Boal**

We would like to wish Ms Anne Boal a fantastic time on her trip to Italy. Ms Boal who is being replaced by Mrs Tomlinson, has joined her daughter for four weeks of excitement. We are sure that they will have a fantastic time. Ms Boal returns on April the 22nd.

**Thank You Michelle Lawrence**

We would like to thank Ms Lawrence for the fantastic job she is doing replacing Mrs Wiersema while she is on long service leave. She has worked extremely hard to provide the Grade 1/2PW students with a fantastic program to start the year in conjunction with Mrs Press. We welcome back Mrs Wiersema at the start of Term 2.

**Reminder - Premier’s Reading Challenge**

We would love each student at our school to participate in the PRC. If you would like to participate in 2013, please visit the office for an entry form. Successful participants will have their name and photo displayed in the foyer, their name published in The Age newspaper and will receive a certificate from the Premier.

**Reminder - Easter Hat Parade**

Our annual Easter Hat Parade is back and will be celebrated on Thursday 28th of March at 9.15am. This year our categories are as follows: Book Inspired, Sustainability/Recycled, Moving Parts, Multicultural and Judges Choice. Every student who participates will receive a small Easter egg and has the potential to win a larger egg if their hat is judged one of the best. Please remember that although we encourage parents to support and help their children to create their hats we would like it to be predominantly student work. We will have a small parade for toddlers or non-school aged siblings who would like to join in.

**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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Easter Raffle
If you have baskets, soft toys, chocolates or anything else suitable for an Easter present, please give it to Julie at the office. Thank you.

Music News & Dates to put in your diary now!

Chestnut Festival: Sunday 5th May at 12 noon.
Vocal Ensemble to perform as well as some soloists from our school.

Orchestra City Excursion: Friday 10th May.
Our school Orchestra will visit the City to listen to the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra perform. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our School Orchestra to witness the sounds and sights of the MSO and to celebrate being a part of the Mt Dandenong School Orchestra. It is also a wonderful way to say thank you to these dedicated children who practise every Monday.

Annual Soiree Concert for all of Grades 3-6: Thursday 14th November at 7pm.

Montrose Soccer Club
is looking for players to join its Under 14 team. Beginners very welcome, if you are interested please contact Matty Hine (coach) on 0477870795
**OSHClub News**

**Before School / After School Care Program**

It's nearly end of term and what a term it has been! Last week we were busy making Leprechaun hats for St Patrick's Day, beaded pasta bracelets, Pom Pom chicks and Easter baskets.

This week we will be painting & decorating Easter eggs, making bunny ears hats and icing Easter biscuits.

Come and join in all the fun! We look forward to seeing you at OSHClub! From Lina and Samantha.

P.S. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter & relaxing holiday break!

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**Parent Information**

Make sure your children bring their hat as: No Hat = No outside play.

Ensure all enrolments are to be signed in and out when your child arrives and is collected at the end of the day.

OSH program phone: 0419915649
OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000
Coordinator: Lina Corrone
Assistant: Samantha Clarke

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.

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SOCK DISCO

On Friday the 19th April Miss Tomlinson and the Junior School Council have organised a sock disco in the Multi Purpose room. Come wearing your craziest, coolest or prettiest socks and get ready to dance, dance, dance until you drop.

Entry - $2 with all proceeds going to support local charity Windermere Youth and Family Services.

Grade Prep, 1 & 2 (Junior School) - 4.30 – 6.00pm
Grade 3,4,5 & 6 – (Middle/Upper School) - 6.30 – 8.00pm

There will be sausages in bread, icy poles and primas on sale too.

Sausages – $2.50
Primas - $1.00
Icy Poles - $1.00

SEE YOU THERE FOR A NIGHT OF DANCING FUN!!!
Art News

The 5/6 students were given an exciting opportunity to visit Burrinja Cultural Centre in Upwey last Tuesday. A group of Arlpwe Artists from Ali Curang (located south of Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory) visited the centre to exhibit and demonstrate their art work and artefacts and speak about their country. Further information can be found at www.australianaboriginalartgallery.com.au

Thank you to Lisa Sargeant for her assistance on the excursion.
Liz Kennedy

Burrinja Excursion

On Tuesday the 19th March we went to the Burrinja Cultural Centre and looked at Aboriginal art work and symbols. At the centre there were some Aboriginal people who came all the way down from the middle of Australia. They showed us a slide show about where they came from and what art and things they did at their art gallery up in the heart of Australia. They brought in a knife made from grass and quartz, a wooden plate which was used for holding a baby and eating off and a range of hunting boomerangs. They taught us about bush bananas, bush coconuts and lots of other food they ate. After that we were all allowed to look around the art gallery. It was so much fun.

Charlotte Whyte 5/6

One lady showed us a massive painting about collecting bush tucker. I learnt that this symbol, IU, means women. They also showed us different boomerangs such as fighting and hunting boomerangs. We also saw a payback spear and different types of bowls used for collecting bush tucker. After that we looked around the gallery and saw all different types of paintings. Most of them were made up of dots but a few were made of lines. Most of the paintings were really earthy colours because that used to be all the colours they had as they only had the environment to make their colours but there were a few blues and greens thrown in. We went into a room and saw some of the ladies creating the art. It was amazing to see the magic happen and Lester got a shot at painting a flower. After that we had lunch before heading home.

William Spratt 5/6
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