News and Views...

Chestnut Festival - Kalorama Oval. Sunday 5th May.
Only 5 more sleeps until the Mt. Dandenong Chestnut Festival. This is an annual event organised by the Mt. Dandenong Pre-School. This year we have the opportunity to fundraise and promote our school to the wider community. Kylie Gilson, parent organiser of the Fundraising Committee is busy behind the scenes organising and preparing our contributions to make this a most successful day for our school. How can you help?
- Offer your time to assist us on the stall
- Send along jars full of wonderful bits & pieces that would delight any young child. We are counting our jars daily and at the moment Preps are leading the tally with about 20 jars.
- Bake a cake/cakes, biscuits or muffins, slices or tarts. List the ingredients and send to school on the plate provided or present to the stall early on Sunday morning.
- Come to the Kalorama Oval at 12.00noon to watch performances from our recorder groups and Vocal ensemble. They are sure to draw a crowd!

ANZAC Day Ceremony
All students, staff and families witnessed a very moving ANZAC ceremony at assembly last Friday. Senior students shared many thought-provoking poems they had written to illustrate thoughts of our soldiers’ family and friends together with stories written to demonstrate hardship and suffering experienced by the ANZACs. All Classes prepared wreaths and floral tributes were presented to the assembly and displayed across the front stage area. Congratulations and well done to Trish Becker and Rosie Brehaut and senior students for this very special presentation.

Bendigo Bank
Yesterday at assembly, Luan Hanlen from the Bendigo Bank presented our school with new sports equipment for our students. Our students were very excited to be presented with a range of new equipment to enhance their appearance at sporting venues and to assist them acquire new skills during Phys. Ed and sport sessions. A big thank-you to the Bendigo Bank for their on-going support for our community.

Power Outage
On Wednesday 1st May we advise that we have a power outage planned in the area which will impact on our day at school. Please ensure that your child/children wear extra layers of clothing should we experience a change to cooler weather.

Mother’s Day Stall.
Nikki Kouris and her team are putting special touches together to complete our range of gifts for sale at the Mother’s Day stall next week. Both Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th mornings have been set aside for the sales of gifts to take place. Mark these dates on your calendar and check our newsletter for more details.

Traffic Reminder
Please remember that Farndons Rd, adjacent to the crossing is a drop off area only. In the afternoon we ask all parents to remain in their car and depart as soon as your children are safely inside the car. If you need to exit the car to meet your child at the classroom or to have a chat please park elsewhere. The drop off and pick up system only works if all community members use it appropriately.

Gifted and Talented Students
Last week all staff attended a Professional Learning session about identifying and catering for gifted children. On average about 10% of our population is gifted with about 2% in the highly gifted range. There are a number of indicators that staff look for when identifying these students. With the support of Penny Wiloughby, an expert in gifted education, we have begun compiling a list of students who might fit this category. Further work with Penny over the next year will see us learn how to test for giftedness and most importantly learn how we can cater effectively and differentiate our curriculum to ensure that the needs of these students is being met.

In the coming weeks we will place a questionnaire in the newsletter for parents to consider if they think that their child may be gifted.

Thank you, Michael Leonard and Sue Gibson.
Students from MDPS were represented at three different ANZAC day commemoration ceremonies. The school captains attended the school service at the Ferntree Gully National Park (see picture below), Taylin, Noah, Stephanie, Natasha and Lola laid a wreath on behalf of the school at the Kalorama memorial (see pictures above and right), while the SLU students organised and coordinated a wonderful service at school on Friday.

A reminder that the canteen is open for business on Thursday with the following menu

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<td>- Hawaiian (tomato, ham, cheese &amp; pine)</td>
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<td>- Vegetable</td>
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<td>Fruit salad yoghurt</td>
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<td>Apple juice</td>
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<td>Chocolate milk</td>
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<td>Icy poles available at lunchtime</td>
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We would love to be able to offer ‘Surprise Cakes’ again and would welcome offers from parents who are able to supply a batch once in a while.

Thank you to this week’s volunteers Sarah, Kate and Tara.
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

We would like to welcome Madison who is helping us every Wednesday afternoon for the next 6 months. Madison was a past student at Mt Dandenong and is currently attending Year 9 at Ringwood Secondary College. She is participating in the Duke of Edinburgh community service program through her school and chose to volunteer at OSHClub. She has a vibrant and bubbly personality and enjoys engaging with the children and participating in all the activities and games.

This week is Dinosaur week! We will be learning about different dinosaurs and creating our own dinosaur using recycled materials. We will also be starting our Drama club, where children will be starting to create their own production as a group.

Keep bringing your recipes for our OSHClub recipe book.
Come and join in all the fun! We look forward to seeing you at OSHClub!
From Lina and Samantha.

This Week’s Activities - Week 2

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<td>Dinosaur Colouring</td>
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<td>Create a mini dinosaur</td>
<td>Movable paper dinosaurs</td>
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<td>Playdoh- making dinosaur creatures</td>
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<td>After Care Activities</td>
<td>Hand print dinosaurs</td>
<td>Create a Recycled Dinosaur</td>
<td>Paint your Recycled Dinosaur</td>
<td>Cooking Club! Pancakes</td>
<td>Drama Club! Create &amp; act your own play</td>
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<td>Afternoon tea</td>
<td>Sandwiches &amp; fresh Fruit</td>
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<td>Salada biscuits, cheese, tomato, vegemite &amp; fresh fruit</td>
<td>Rice crackers, dip, carrots, and fresh fruit</td>
<td>Nachos, avacado, cheese, salsa and fresh fruit</td>
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Parent Information

Make sure your child/ren 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
Coordinator: Lina Corrone

OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000
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.
CHESTNUT FESTIVAL—Sunday 5th May
Are you able to help out?

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<td>8-10 am</td>
<td>KYLIE GILSON</td>
<td>ANNY ANGLE</td>
<td>KATRINA GARDINER</td>
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<td>10-12 pm</td>
<td>SPRATT FAMILY</td>
<td>MICHELLE LAWRENCE</td>
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<td>12-2 pm</td>
<td>MICHELLE LAWRENCE</td>
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<td>JENNY LUTZ</td>
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Many thanks to those who have volunteered. If you would like to change your time slot or category (e.g. fairy floss) then please email me at kylieandsimongilson@bigpond.com or text on 0439 553 371.

Lucky Jars

As you are aware, we are asking for donations from the school community to fill our Cake Stall and Lucky Jar Stall at the Chestnut Festival on Sunday.

We need as many lucky jars as we can possibly get and the grade who gets the most jars wins a prize! Some ideas for filling them are small toys, stationery items, wrapped lollies, beads, marbles, hair ties, etc. Be creative and come up with something new! No unwrapped or out of date food items please.

We also need lots of cakes, biscuits, slices, loaves or whatever you like to bake. Paper plates will be distributed to each student later in the week, so please start thinking about your contribution.

Cake Stall

Woolies Earn and Learn is back!

We are excited to be taking part again in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive an Earn & Learn Point. Put them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school. Sheets are now available at the office for you to fill with stickers. The more we collect, the more we can redeem.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.
Visual & Performing Arts Celebration

Thursday 23rd May: Education Week

5.30-7.30pm

Individual & group performances at “Busking Stations” around the school anytime between 5.30-7.00 pm. A list of names and busking stations will be given out prior to the night and also published in the newsletter. Busking locations include the library, music room, entrance foyer and the multi.

Quick and easy hands on art activities for children and parents in the classrooms to participate in from 5.30 to 7pm. Enjoy viewing the wonderful art work on display around the school.

A short, casual Mini concert at 7pm in the multi-purpose room featuring performances by “Jamming with the Juniors”, Orchestra & Vocal Ensemble.

A great way to celebrate the wonderful Arts program at our school, so don’t forget to put the date in your diary now!!


Knitting Club 2013

The cooler weather has brought out our knitting needles again! Mt Dandenong PS Knitting Club will start again on Wednesday, April 24th at 1.40 pm in the SLU. Come along and learn how to knit or bring your needles and wool along and knit along with other keen knitters.

Everyone welcome!

Gardening team

For Parents and friends of Mt Dandy PS
9.00 to 11.00 fortnightly starting 30th April.

Sessions may include weeding, mulching, pruning etc. Discussion of garden management plans, community based gardening ideas for gardens and play areas.

Meet outside staffroom, bring gloves and have a cuppa afterwards.
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RANGES BASKETBALL CLUB will be running Mini Ranges on the following dates: (all Tuesday’s) 23rd, 30th April from 4pm – 4.30pm and 7, 14, 21st May 4pm – 5pm
Time: 4pm – 5pm
Where: Monbulk College sports stadium.
For further information or to book a place ring Carey on 0417 398 834 or Information can be sought from Gill Wilson (Ferny Creek PS) or Rachel Scott (Sassy PS), Megan Ford (The Patch PS), Danny Leonard (Mt D PS), Simone Hall (Kallista)
If you are 7–22 and would like to play the Winter season starting in June ring or email Carey ct3103@bigpond.com

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