

The Mount Dandy News

Top of the mountain, top results.



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What's On

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**Fri 26th, 30th, 31st July,
1st and 2nd August**
Grades 3-6 Swimming at Kilsyth

Saturday 3rd August
Working Bee

Mon 12th—Fri 23rd August
Prep-2 swimming at Croydon

Monday 12th August
ICAS Maths Exam

Tuesday 13th August
**Wakairri heat at
Frankston Arts
Centre**

News and Views...

Swimming News

Our Grade 3 to 6 swimmers headed off to the Kilsyth Pool this morning to begin day two of their program. Unfortunately the swimming pool has had some issues after recent works and it took longer than expected to reheat the pool again. The program will continue until this Friday. Junior swimming starts on Monday the 12th of August. Payments for this are due now. Please remember that swimming is an important life skill and we strongly urge all students to participate in this program. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please let us know and we may be able to help.

Working Bee

A notice will be sent home to all families today advertising our working bee that is taking place this weekend. The Buildings and Grounds Committee require the support of as many families as possible to help keep our grounds in excellent condition. It is a great chance to support the school, meet others and enjoy a sausage sizzle afterwards. For catering purposes please return the slip attached to the notice.

Out of School Hours Care

At Mount Dandenong we are exceptionally fortunate to have such a high quality OSHC program. Lina and Samantha do a fantastic job providing our students with an engaging and enjoyable program. They provide a caring and safe atmosphere for the students attending. At this stage we are averaging about 9 students per session but require around 13 students per session to break even. If you are in need of afterschool or before school care please consider our wonderful program and help us to make this a sustainable and cost effective program for the long term.

NSW Maths Test

Entries for the NSW maths test have now closed. Those students who have entered will sit the test on Monday August the 12th.

Why walk, ride or scoot to school.

We have noticed a spike in the number of families choosing to come to school via methods other than the car. The installation of the new path along the Tourist Road has seen the options for travel to and from school greatly increased. This is fantastic to see and we would like to encourage even more families to consider how they get to school.

Here are some reasons to support walking, bicycling and scooting to school:

It's Fun!

Walking, scooting and bicycling bring a sense of joy and independence.

Healthier Habits

The trip to school is a chance for children (and adults!) to get the physical activity they need.

Cleaner Environment

Replacing car trips to school with walking or bicycling can reduce congestion and air-polluting emissions.

Promoting Safety

Walking, cycling and scooting to school with responsible adults is an opportunity for students to learn how to be safe when using shared pathways and crossing roads.

Community Benefits

Reducing traffic congestion, boosting a sense of community, and improving neighborhood connections benefit the community.

Thumbs Up To:

The Wakairri team of staff and parents who have created wonderful sets and costumes
The Maths committee for organising a fantastic professional learning day for our staff
OSHClub for an excellent curriculum day program

Thank you, Michael Leonard and Sue Gibson.

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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.



Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Education Maintenance Allowance 2013: Instalment Two

Instalment Two

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid from mid-August onwards for parents/guardians who chose the 'direct deposit' or 'pay direct to school' payment option on their application form. Parents/guardians who chose the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment. If you have an eligible card as of the 15th July, but did not qualify at the beginning of the year, you may be eligible to receive the second instalment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2013 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on **2 August 2013**.

Eligibility information can be obtained from: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm

Contact: School Office for an application form and further information.

School Sub Committee Meeting Times

School Council Meeting	Monday night	Monday 19th August	7:15pm
Educational Sub Committee	Thursday prior to Council	Thursday 15th August	4:00 pm
Buildings and Grounds Committee	Monday, 1 week prior to Council	Monday 12th August	4:00 pm
Finance Sub Committee	Prior to Council	Monday 19th August	6.30 pm
Fundraising Committee	As informed by Kylie Gilson	Monday 12th August	8:00pm

Mind and Maths Matters

Quizze

Last week's....



Answer: 3D

This week's...



Answer in the newsletter next week!

Fun Fact

Every day you spend 390 minutes at school. Every minute counts!

Maths Game

Place Value Pyramid

Take a deck of cards and remove all picture cards and 10s. You can keep the jokers in and they represent zero.

Lay 9 cards out in the shape of a pyramid. One card in the top row, 2 cards in the second row and so on. Players begin turning over the top card. It is important to say your number aloud. The player with the highest number wins a point. If there is a tie, both players get a point.

Continue to turn over each row and determine who has the highest value.

Keep a record of the points you earn. When you reach the end of your pyramid, shuffle the cards and start again.

The winner is the player to reach 25 points first.

Variations: add more rows and practise saying numbers in the hundreds of thousands! Add a decimal point and practise your fractions! Have fun playing!

It's the pre-Spring Working Bee

Parents and students are invited to our pre-Spring Working Bee and bbq on **Saturday 3rd August, 9.00 am til 12.00 pm**
 We would love to see you there helping to tidy up our gardens and school grounds for spring.

Please bring along gardening tools and a high pressure hose if available.

Working bees are a great way to contribute to your school community. We will share a sausage sizzle after the work is done. For catering purposes, please let us know if you are going to join us by completing and returning the slip below. Hoping you can keep some time free to join us.

Regards, **Building & Grounds Committee.**



Working Bee Saturday, 3rd August 2013

I / we

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 will be attending the working bee on Saturday, 3rd August and will be / will not be at the sausage sizzle.

CANTEEN Open Thursday

Homemade sausage roll	\$3.50
Pizza—Margarita, Hawaiian	\$3.50
Sushi—Chicken, California, Veg, Tuna	\$2.50
100% apple/orange juice	\$2.00
Chocolate milk	\$2.00

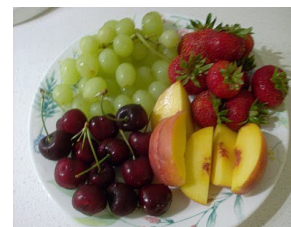
Thank you to this week's volunteers
 Donna, Zahra, Emma and Annie



Fruity Friday Parent Roster

Can you spare some time on Friday morning s to join our team of parents who prepare the fruit platters? Com and join us in the staffroom and meet other parents for a coffee and chat while you chop. It is a great way to get involved with our school and meet other community members. We would like some new parents to add to our roster for about half an hour to prepare the platters on FRIDAY mornings.

Are you free? If you are available, please give your name to Sue Gibson or Julie Francis in the office.



The key to a successful transition from Primary to Secondary school includes positive support from parents, carers, teachers and school communities



**Wednesday
August 21**

7:00pm-8:30pm

**Karralyka Centre
Mines Rd
Ringwood**

Outer Eastern LLEN
10 Croydon Rd
PO Box 1069
Croydon 3136

Tel: (03) 9723 2717
Fax: (03) 9723 4516

Booking Essential

Outer Eastern LLEN
invites Grade 5/6 parents to a FREE workshop

**S U C C E S S F U L T R A N S I T I O N
F R O M P R I M A R Y T O
S E C O N D A R Y S C H O O L**

with

A N G I E W I L C O C K

author of

*'The Transition Tightrope - Supporting students in
transition to secondary school'*

Angie Wilcock takes a down to earth, friendly, enthusiastic and engaging approach to providing parents, families and carers with a powerful message of the important role they play in their child's successful transition from Primary to Secondary school.

Angie has appeared on 'Mornings with Kerrie-Anne', and presents with experts such as Dr Michael Carr-Gregg and Dr Andrew Fuller on the 'Generation Next' team presenting to parents of adolescents Australia-wide on issues of mental health and well-being...her topic is the impact of transition on our young people.

Topics covered in this interactive workshop include:

- How is secondary school different?
- The 'Middle Years' development - who IS this child?
- A transition for parents. Time to step up...or step back?
- Life skills parents can teach their children - are they transferable to school?
- Teens with 'attitude' - it's hard to be positive when you're drowning in work! Tips to help

Balance, Organisational skills, Attitude and Time management strategies

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Fun and Rewarding Instructional Drawing Sessions Using Oil Pastels

*All of the materials are included in the price!
All classes are run by a qualified Primary Teacher*

When: Classes begin on Friday, 3rd of August and will run for 5 consecutive weeks

Where: Burrinja Cultural Centre
crn Glenfern Road and Matson Drive, Upwey, VIC

Cost: \$50 for 5 sessions (parents are welcome)

Bookings: To confirm enrolment please call Pereena on **0405 235 406**



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HOUSE FOR RENT.

A Mount Dandenong Primary School family has their 4 bedroom home available to rent in Olinda for the 2014 calendar year.

- Warm spacious four bedroom family friendly home on a sunny 5 acres.
- All pets and animals welcome.
- In slab hydronic heating, two bathrooms and plenty of car parking.
- Walking distance to the Mount Dandenong Shops.



Price Neg. Contact Ben 0419 622 213

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