News and Views...

Congratulations Jody and Jonathon
Congratulations to Prep teacher Jody Howell and her husband Jonathon on the arrival of a beautiful baby girl last Wednesday. We would like to welcome Violet into the world. We are very excited for the Howell family and are looking forward to meeting Violet.

Bremen Musicians Tomorrow
Our incursion with the Bremen Musicians that was postponed last term due to the unexpected power outage will now take place tomorrow, in the Multi straight after lunch. It looks to be an enjoyable event.

Book Week Parade – Next Monday 9.am
Please remember that parents, grandparents and special friends are invited to attend our Book Week parade and stay on until recess to join in classroom activities and visit our annual book fair stall with their children. All students are encouraged to dress up as a favourite book character and participate in the parade. See you there!

Chicken Coop Update
On Saturday Sacha continued construction of our new Chicken Coop. It looks like it is going to be a very fancy home for our chickens. Come and visit the display in the main corridor to see the plans and photos. Our Prep class have 4 eggs currently in an incubator which are due to hatch next week. Once the chicks are big enough they will become the first residents in our new enclosure.

Garden Club – Join Now
Once our chicken pen is completed we will begin the design and construction of our vegetable gardens and enviromental learning environment. Looking ahead we would like to have an ongoing Garden Club for our students to be a part of one or two lunch plays per week. If you would like to be part of this exciting venture please leave your details and availability at the office.

Head Lice – Please act
We have had a few cases of head lice reported over the past few weeks. Please be vigilant and check your child’s hair each week and make sure that proper treatment is undertaken regularly to ensure that we limit the spread of lice at school. Please see the information contained in this newsletter for further information.

From last week’s newsletter
Curriculum Day Friday 29th of August
At the last minute we have been fortunate enough to secure the services of Cath Pearn who is a Mathematics specialist. Cath will be working closely with our teachers helping us to improve how we assess our students in Mathematics and then use the assessment results to plan a maths program that caters for each child at their point of need. This staff professional learning links directly to our School Strategic Plan and will help to further improve Numeracy outcomes for our students. However, this means that there is relatively short notice about the curriculum day for which I apologise. OSH-Club will run a program for the day. Bookings can be made on 8564 9000.
Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Thumbs Up To:
- The Grade 6 students who are working hard on their production ‘1000 Cranes’.
- Our school Orchestra who played beautifully at assembly yesterday.
- Mr and Mrs Howell who had a beautiful baby girl last week.
- Our JSC for organising last week’s Crazy Hair Day. We raised $190.00 to support Tilahun.

Thank you, Mike Leonard.
HELP WANTED PLEASE

A parent to film the School Production and produce high quality DVD's to sell to MDPS families.

The planning for this year’s Art Show on the 24th October is moving along at a rapid pace. We are very grateful to the parents who have shown interest in supporting the show. We understand that not all parents are able to help due to work commitments, so here is a way you can help without giving time.

This year we are asking parents if they can donate a “shopping trolley” item to add to the raffles which are drawn after the Art Show. The raffle prizes are typically items like pencils, paints, brushes, felt pens, canvases, craft goods or any other art related item you can come up with. These could be purchased from the supermarket, a $2 shop or an art supply shop.

Any donations will be appreciated, as a little from everyone means a lot when combined. Please leave your donations in the box at the office. If you would prefer to donate some time, we are always very happy to have you come along and help the artists on the day or assist with preparing the artwork for exhibition. Stay tuned for dates and times for your child’s class.

Many thanks in advance for your support.
Michelle Lawrence and Liz Kennedy

FRUITY FRIDAY—TERM 3
Pick up Fruit from Pelligrino’s Jackie Monteith 0403 861 558 or Tara Tonkin 0403 256 956

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Meet in the staff room at 9am (If you’re unable to attend please swap with someone)

* An extra pair of hands is ALWAYS welcome if anyone has a spare ½ hour on these days.
Thank you to all the people who have volunteered
This week we joined the OSHClub circus!! We played with hula hoops, danced, walked the tight rope, made juggling balls and wore great clown outfits. We had a ball learning how to juggle and had a fantastic hoola hoop competition!

Next week in OSH will be Sam’s first week away. However the show will go on, in the form of science!! This week we will explode lunch bags, create junk rockets have amazing detergent bubbles and other great experiments. So come along and unleash your inner scientist, and have some fun along the way!!

**This Week’s Activities - Term 3, Week 6**

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<td>‘Get Creative’ Art/Craft Club! 4:15pm – 5:15pm Build a fizz-inflator &amp; 123 Basketball</td>
<td>‘Active After school sports games’ 4:15pm – 5:15pm AASC- Table tennis &amp; Exploding Lunch bag</td>
<td>‘Cooking Club!’ 4:15 to 5:15pm Get the coin out dry &amp; Kickball</td>
<td>‘Friday Fun Day’ 4:15pm – 5:30pm GALAXY DISPLAY &amp; Drama circle</td>
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<td>Afternoon tea</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

**Coordination: 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](http://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.
A Thousand Cranes

Grade 6 Major Production

Performance Dates: 11 and 12 September 2014

Ticket Prices: $10 per adult
$5 per student (Primary & Sec)
No charge for MDPS students and their siblings.

Tickets now on sale at the School Office.

BOOK FAIR GARDEN

Catch the reading bug!

Come and join us in the Library at our Book Fair Garden ~ Where reading grows!

When: From Thursday August 21st - Wednesday August 27th
Open hours: 8:30am til 9am
9:30pm til 4pm daily
Extra Special open time:
Directly after the Students parade as their favourite book character 9am-11am
on our “Special person’s day”, Monday August 25th

FATHERS DAY STALL

Wed 3rd Sept
Thurs 4th Sept

Priced at $1, $2, $3, $4, $5

kids, please bring your own enviro friendly bags
Learning to Listen presents

Jump Start – A program to enhance your child’s learning

Give your children the boost they need to learn faster, improve self-esteem and strengthen the body and brain with 50-minute classes incorporating Move to Learn techniques, Brain Gym and yoga.

Join Katharine King, Mt Dandenong Primary School’s resident auditory processing consultant and Brain Gym instructor, as she teaches your children exercises that will strengthen their body to brain connection, helping them to listen and learn more effectively.

Classes
Venue: Mt Dandenong Primary School in the Forest room
Time: 3:40pm - 4.30pm
Cost: $20 ($160 for 8 sessions)

FREE Individual Assessments
Are you concerned about your child’s listening and learning skills? Katharine will be conducting FREE 20-minute personal sessions to outline your child’s needs at Mt Dandenong Primary School

Places are limited, so book your FREE assessment with Katharine on Ph: 9728 1724 M: 0410 402 487 learning.to.listen@bigpond.com

Helping children learn through simple, easy exercises
Information sessions for parents and educators

Tuesday 19th August
2.15pm - 3.15pm and 3.45pm - 4.45pm

Mt Dandenong Primary School
Farndons Road, Mt Dandenong

$10 per head

The talk will cover:

• How movement affects learning
• What reflexes are and why they are so important for the developing child/adolescent
• How Brain Gym and Move to Learn developmental exercises help with reading, writing, spelling, focus, concentration, sport and social skills.

Learning to Listen
Katharine King
Educational Kinesiologist
0410 402 487 Booking a must
Music therapist
learning.to.listen@bigpond.com
The Importance of Reading with your Children

This week is Book Week and it is a good time to remember the importance of reading in the lives of us all but especially our children. It is a crucial life skill and is one that can be developed at home through shared reading. Reading together is a wonderful way to create a family culture of enjoying books and stories and also develop literacy skills in children. Reading to and with children is important throughout Primary school and I encourage you to read each day with your children right through their graduation from grade six and beyond. Below is some advice from Australian author Mem Fox on how to support your children through reading aloud.

Mem Fox's Ten read-aloud commandments

1. Spend at least ten wildly happy minutes every single day reading aloud.
2. Read at least three stories a day: it may be the same story three times. Children need to hear a thousand stories before they can begin to learn to read.
3. Read aloud with animation. Listen to your own voice and don't be dull, or flat, or boring. Hang loose and be loud, have fun and laugh a lot.
4. Read with joy and enjoyment: real enjoyment for yourself and great joy for the listeners.
5. Read the stories that the kids love, over and over and over again, and always read in the same 'tune' for each book: i.e. with the same intonations on each page, each time.
6. Let children hear lots of language by talking to them constantly about the pictures, or anything else connected to the book; or sing any old song that you can remember; or say nursery rhymes in a bouncy way; or be noisy together doing clapping games.
7. Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books for young children, and make sure the books are really short.
8. Play games with the things that you and the child can see on the page, such as letting kids finish rhymes, and finding the letters that start the child's name and yours, remembering that it's never work, it's always a fabulous game.
9. Never ever teach reading, or get tense around books.
10. Read aloud every day because you just love being with your child, not because it's the right thing to do. This is as important for fathers as it is for mothers!
Treating and controlling headlice

While children are at school many families will have contact with head lice. The information contained here will help you treat and control head lice.

Catching head lice

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice.

Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head they die very quickly (usually within 24 hours).

People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. This can happen when people play, cuddle or work closely together.

Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.

Finding head lice

Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them.

Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firm and attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can’t be brushed off.

Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

Step 1 Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.

Step 2 Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.

Step 3 Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

Step 4 Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

Step 5 Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.

If lice or eggs are found, the hair should be treated.

If the person has been treated recently and you only find empty hatched eggs, you may not have to treat, as the empty eggs could be from a previous episode.

Treating head lice

Treating head lice involves removing lice and eggs from the hair. There are two ways you can do this:

1. Buying and using a head lice lotion or shampoo, following the instructions on the product
2. Using the conditioner and comb method (described under ‘finding head lice’) every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

If you choose to use a head lice product always read and follow the instructions provided with the product carefully. The following points may also be helpful:

- Head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair and scalp.
- No treatment kills all of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications, seven days apart. The first treatment kills all lice; the second treatment kills the lice that may have hatched from eggs not killed by the first treatment.
- Cover the person’s eyes while the treatment is being applied. A towel is a good way to do this.
- If you are using a lotion, apply the product to dry hair.
- If you are using a shampoo, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible.
- Apply the treatment near the scalp, using an ordinary comb to cover the hair from root to tip. Repeat this several times until all the hair is covered.

There is no need to treat the whole family - unless they also have head lice.

Concentrate on the head - there is no need to clean the house or the classroom.

Only the pillowcase requires washing - either wash it in hot water (at least 60°C) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.
brunch
CAFÉ • RESTAURANT

OPEN EVERY DAY  8AM – 5PM

1365 Mt Dandenong Tourist Road 9751 1100 (next to school)

Thanks to all you Mums, Dads and kids who have
visited brunch already.....and the great feedback!

playground now open – rabbits always eager to be fed

full brunch menu served until 3.30pm – afternoon tea until 430pm

kids: milkshake 2.5 - cupcake 1 - hot choc 1.5