### TERM FOUR

**October**
- 23**th**—Art Show
- 23**th**—Book Club due
- 24**th**—Prep transition 1
- 27**th**—School Council Meeting
- 31**st**—Prep transition 2

**November**
- 4**th**—Cup day - Student free day
- 7**th**—Prep transition 3
- 7**th**—House Sports Fun Run
- 9**th**—Bunnings BBQ
- 13**th**—Soirée Concert
- 14**th**—Prep transition 4
- 25**th**—Billy Slater Shield – 5/6 Girls team
- 26**th**—Remembering at Christmas Service
- 28**th**—SLU Market
- 29**th**—State Election/Jumble Sale

**December**
- 2**nd**—Prep Information Evening
- 8**th**—School Council
- 8**th**—Scienceworks—3/4
- 9**th**—Whole School Orientation Day
- 11**th**—Nativity Play
- 12**th**—Presentation Night
- 16**th**—Grade 6 Graduation
- 16**th**—P-2 Christmas concert & Carols—9.30-11am

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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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### ART SHOW NEWS

Our annual Art Show is this Thursday 23**rd** October from 6pm – 8:30pm in the multi-purpose room. All the artwork exhibited at the show has been created by the students working with artists from our school and the wider community along with the assistance from a dedicated group of parents.

Enjoy the live music and finger food while viewing the variety of amazing artworks on display. All artwork will be on sale with the buyer nominating the price. This year we have some fun Art competitions to enter and a raffle with several hampers to be won. Raffle tickets were sent home yesterday to each family. There are more available at the office and on the night of the Art Show. We hope to see you all this Thursday however if you are unable to attend on the night you can view the artwork on Friday from 9am-11am.

### News and Views...

#### Staffing 2015

It is unfortunate for MDPS that we are saying goodbye to two excellent teachers at the end of the year. Mrs Wiersema has accepted a full time position at the Basin Primary School, which is the school her children attend and Mr Harris has accepted a full time PE position at Livingstone Primary School. I wish them both well and we have until the end of the year to enjoy their company.

Please remember that the teachers allocated to next year’s classrooms will not be determined until the second last week of the school year, with the exception of next year’s Prep teachers who will be announced considerably earlier. Please note that we are not deliberately trying to withhold information from you and that it places staff in a difficult situation when they are asked (even quite politely) for information on staffing and grade placements for next year. The reality is that we do not know who will be teaching grades next year and several factors will determine how this is finally decided. For me or any member of staff to tell you one thing will make it very difficult to explain if or when this changes.

#### School Safety Zone possibility

After several years of lobbying by myself and School Council, I am delighted to advise the school community that the local MP, James Merlino, recently visited and announced that if Labor wins the November election a school safety zone will be created on the Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd to improve student safety, particularly when walking to and from school. A 40km zone will be created with flashing signs to alert drivers to the school’s crossing on the Tourist Road.

#### Extra Curricula Activities

**Rotary Club Speech Competition Results**

Well done to both Peri and Callum who were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Each of them presented their speech at the Rotary Club and by all accounts they did a superb job. Peri was particularly outstanding and was the winner on the evening. I am extremely proud of both students. A fantastic effort indeed!

**Art Show**

Our annual Art Show is on this Thursday between 6-8:30pm. Our Art teacher Liz Kennedy has spent many hours putting together a fine array of art work from each child. We are very much looking forward to viewing the art work, which will be on sale. RAFFLE tickets went home yesterday—tickets are $1 each and 10 tickets were sent home to each family. The Art Show is a really great night where we celebrate the successes of our children, enjoy some finger food and come together as a community.

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Prep Transition
This Friday we welcome our 2015 Prep students for the first time. Please welcome our new students and their families to the school.

Reminders from Last Week
Families leaving the school
Please assist us with planning for 2015 by providing written notification if, due to moving out of the area or changed family circumstances, your child will not be attending our school next year.

Presentation Night – Tickets on sale Monday November 3rd.
Due to the increased cost of hiring the venue for our presentation night, parents and family members will have to purchase tickets for this year’s presentation evening. Tickets are a very reasonable $5 each for all spectators. There is no charge for Mt Dandy students. Tickets can be purchased from the office or at the venue on the evening. Seating is not allocated except in the case of special requirements.

MDPS Environmental Action Group Meeting – Thursday 23rd of October, 1.40pm
Parents and students are invited to attend our EAG meeting at 1.40pm on Thursday 23rd of October. Our aim for this term is to plan our vegetable garden area near the Chicken Pen. If you would like to be part of this exciting project please come along. Other opportunities to participate will also be available at a later date for those unable to attend this meeting.

Thumbs Up:
- Peri and Callum
- 3/4K for kicking off the “Chook feeding” roster!
- The Art Show team for the effort they have put into ensuring Thursday night is a great success.
- Our fundraising committee for all that they are doing for the Fun Run, Bunnings BBQ and Art Show.
- To the parents who have put their names on the Bunnings BBQ roster for November 9th.

Thanks, Mike Leonard.

Sport News

Sausage Sizzle, Sports Colours Day & Teachers and Students Netball Game:
A big thank you goes to Stuart and Maree Hamilton from Bills of Belgrave who kindly donated the sausages for our barbeque on the last day of Term 3. Thank you to the parents and staff as well who helped out with the barbeque, we raised a total of $346 which will go towards the PE program. Thank you also to all of the staff and students who dressed in their favourite sports team colours and to those who participated in the fun game on Netball. It was a great way to end Term 3!

Division Athletics & Region Athletics:
Well done to all of the Grade 3-6 students who have competed at the Division and Region Athletics over the last couple of Thursdays. Out of the 21 students who competed at the Division stage the following 6 students qualified for and competed in the Region stage: Percy, Hailey, Phoebe, Josh.Y, Max.R and Hannah.B. While no one managed to qualify for the State Athletics, it was a huge achievement making it this far and all students competed really well against the best performers in the Eastern Region.

A huge thank you also goes to all of the parents who have helped at the track and driven students to and from the venues of our athletic events. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Ryan Harris
Sport Coordinator

Adidas School Fun-Run

We will be holding an Adidas School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year.
The event will be held on Friday 7th November within the school grounds.

The adidas School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form and prize booklet to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase theatre drapes for the multi.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

Students wanting to track their progress, and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and creating a Student Profile Page.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the adidas School Fun-Run event day at the school to help cheer on the students. Also, some helpers would be appreciated to help with the sausage sizzle on the day or bake cupcakes for the lunchtime stall. Details on how to help are included in this newsletter.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Ryan Harris
Sport Coordinator
ART SHOW

Thursday 23rd October - Open 6:00-8:30pm.
Finger food and beverages served
All art for sale - buyer nominates price.
Enter an art competition on the night to win a prize!

Also open 9-11am Friday 24th October for those unable to attend the opening.
Your assistance would be much appreciated for the

**Mt Dandy FUN RUN**

Are you able to help with...

**Sausage sizzle** (cooking and distributing orders to classrooms)
from 10.30, meet in canteen

**Baking cakes** (to be dropped off in canteen on the day)

**Friday 7th Nov 2014**

Money raised will go towards a new stage curtain for the Multi-purpose room

If you are available please let Julie know at the office
or email Megan.Ferguson@colmarbrunton.com
or text Megan on 0418 331 743.

THANK YOU!!!

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Your assistance would be much appreciated for a couple of hours at the

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

Our goal for the stall is to raise $2000 towards a new stage curtain
for the Multi-purpose room

**Sunday 9th Nov 2014**

If you are available please let Julie know at the office
or email me at kylieandsimongilson@bigpond.com or text Kylie on 0439 553 371.

THANK YOU!!!

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Mt Dandenong Primary School
Annual Musical Soiree Evening!

A concert for all Grade 2/3 to Grade 6 children

Thursday November 13th
7pm-8.30pm in the Multi.

Starring...
All children from Grades 2/3, 3/4 and Gr 5/6!

Plus
Vocal Ensemble, Orchestra, Soloists

Gold coin donation upon entry. Put this in your diary now!

30 Day Training Experience
Passes available at the Office For $20
All proceeds go to MDPS.

B&B in Mt Dandenong is looking for a CLEANER or couple
Saturdays /Sundays /Mondays,
from 11am to 2.30pm
Fixed wages for guaranteed weekly work.
Serious offers for long term partnership required.
Contact: 9751 2712 or 0420 282 410
HALLOWEEN

Friday October 31st
Spooky themed À la carte
Prizes for the best dressed
adult & child
Bookings required
03 9755 1466
Flippin Pancakes, Sassafras

Save the Olinda Pool Group

It’s crunch time for the Olinda Pool. The local council is meeting at the Council Chambers in Lilydale on
Tuesday 28th October at 7 pm
and
Tuesday 11th November at 7 pm
These two dates are critical for the future of the pool. The Save the Olinda Pool Group is asking local residents to attend to show council the community is serious about saving the Olinda Pool.