Welcome Preps
Our newest cohort of students started last Friday and have already settled in very well. It was fun watching how excited they were to be at school. Thank you to our staff and families who have worked hard to prepare them so well for their transition into primary school. Welcome to our new prep students.

Three Way Interviews – March 12th 12pm to 8pm
This year we will be again conducting three way goal setting interviews early in the year. Parents are required to attend an interview with their child to discuss the year ahead and set some goals that can be supported both at home and at school. Having goals is critical to enhancing performance as they allow a link between past performance and future performance, they indicate what success is, and if they are appropriately challenging they can motivate students to exert extra effort in order to succeed.

Regular classes will not occur on this day and those families unable to make alternate arrangements can utilise the OSHClub program which will operate on the day.
Information regarding the interview times will be sent home soon.

Congratulations Mrs Algie
We were all extremely excited to find out that Simone and her husband Matt are expecting their first child. Good luck and best wishes Simone and Matt.

Camp News
As you can imagine it is very quiet here at school with all students from 3-6 away on camp. Our Grade 2 students are very excited to be the oldest kids in the school. The news from both camps is that everybody is having a great time in beautiful weather.

Student Safety, Illness and Accidents
At this time early in the school year it is a good idea to remind parents about the necessity to keep us up to date with phone numbers and emergency contact details. If your child is ill at school, or suffers an accident, then staff will give immediate care and appropriate first aid. However, it is necessary on occasions to contact parents and we are often frustrated by out of date information that delays this process. Please make sure you notify the office of any changes to yours or your emergency contact details. Obviously, in extreme cases we may also deem it necessary to call an ambulance before consulting parents and you need to be aware of this. Please also keep the Office informed of any change in medical issues faced by your children as this helps us to make the best choices for their welfare.

Parents and guardians should also be aware that they are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any ambulance transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund. The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students. Is other Insurance available? Yes – there are commercial providers of insurance for students and they can be found online or your insurance broker. We also have some leaflets available in the office.

Car Parking
As you are no doubt well aware car parking space at morning drop off and afternoon pick up is limited. It is for this reason the area at the front of the school is a drop off and pick up zone only.
We request that parents do not exit their cars in this location. For those who are parking for a longer period, please be respectful of our neighbours and do not drive across or park on their front lawns.

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.
Riding to School
Many of our students are very keen to ride to school and we encourage each of them to do so as it is a great way of getting some exercise and is good for the environment as well. We ask that parents of students in grades P-4 accompany their children when they are riding as they lack the peripheral vision and awareness to be completely safe. Parents of students in Grades 5 and 6 should ensure that they have coached their children appropriately to be safe whilst riding to school. All students are required to wear helmets and walk their bikes in the school grounds. We ask all students to supply bike locks to ensure that the bikes are protected from theft.

Duty of Care Before School
Please ensure that you do not drop your children off at school prior to 8.45 am unless they are attending OSHClub. Students dropped off before this time will be instructed to attend the BSC program at the expense of the parents. Teachers are not on duty prior to 8.45 am.

After School Bus
Once again our teachers are on duty after school and supervising those students who catch the bus after school. The only suitable bus is the 4 pm bus heading up to Mount Dandenong and beyond. Unfortunately the bus heading down the hill arrives too late. Students requiring that bus will have to organise other transport or make use of the OSHClub program. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Bayswater Bucks—Good Guys
Please remember to ask for ‘Bayswater Bucks’ if you purchase items at the Good Guys in Bayswater. We have collected these for a few years now and in the past have purchased equipment at no cost to the school!

Thumbs Up To:
- Our new Preps and their families
- Ex-student Michael Wynne for donating a box of excellent books to our library

Thank you, Mike Leonard and Anni Smart.

Music Lover’s Parent Support Group
I am searching for a small but enthusiastic group of parents at this school that would be interested in forming a group to support your child’s music development as well as myself, in the role as Music Teacher.

Basically it would mean that you may be available occasionally to support an event, concert or music excursion. Examples of assistance might be handing out Vocal Ensemble T-shirts, assisting with setting up Orchestra before Monday Assembly, helping with transportation to and from an event, being a parent helper at a music excursion, working on a music t-shirt design for performance groups, promoting an event in the newsletter or just lending a hand with the physical aspect of setting up or putting away for a concert, being a stage hand, interval assistance etc, etc!!

Please email me your preferred contact details and if you are interested and I would be very grateful for your help. There will be an increasing number of events, especially in Term 2 & 4.

Many thanks.
Debbie Leticq-Cromb (Mrs LC)
Music Teacher
Email leticqcromb.deborah.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or leave your name with details at the office.

Can you help out at the Barn Dance?
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or email me at kylieandsimongilson@bigpond.com or text Kylie on 0439 553 371.
THANKYOU!!!
The Mount Dandy News

Student Banking 2015

We are ready for another big year in student saving and are continuing to encourage good saving habits by making available the school banking program offered by the Commonwealth Bank which provides incentives for regular savers. Parent, Siobhan Grant, is kindly co-ordinating the program at present and has requested that bank day, when students leave their deposit books and savings at the office to be taken to the bank, be changed to MONDAY.

Anyone wanting information on the program can pick up an application from the office.

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Art News

THE 5000 POPPIES PROJECT

Between 2014 and 2018 Australia will commemorate the Anzac Centenary, marking 100 years since Australia’s involvement in the First World War. This year, there will be a large number of activities commemorating 100 years since the Anzac Gallipoli landing.

From its association with poppies flowering in the spring of 1915 on the battlefields of Belgium, France and Gallipoli, the poppy has become a symbol of both great loss in war and hope for those left behind.

As a crafting community contribution to the Anzac Commemoration, “The 5000 Poppies Project” will be “planting” a field of over 100,000 poppies in Federation Square Melbourne as a stunning visual tribute to Australian servicemen and women for more than a century of service in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

Contributors are asked to hand make one or more poppies. They can be crocheted, knitted, felted or sewn from any materials. Any shade of red can be used and poppies should be no more than 15 cm in diameter.

Next week in Art, the students will be making a poppy from pieces of felt cut and sewn together with a black button for the centre of the poppy.

We would appreciate support from parents for this project to assist with cutting the felt, threading a needle and sewing a button. You are welcome to come to any Art class on Tuesday 17th February from 9am-11am, 11:30am –12:30pm and Wednesday 18th February 10am-11am, 11:30am – 1:30pm and 2:30pm-3:30pm.

You are welcome to make poppies at home to add to our contribution from the school. The due date for the poppies to be included in the display is Tuesday 10th March.

Further information on this project is available on the website www.5000poppies.wordpress.com

Liz Kennedy – Art teacher

NEW STRING TEACHER AT MDPS. DISCOUNTED INTRODUCTORY SPECIAL!

Keryn has many year's experience teaching beginners through to advanced students. She teaches 'cello at a couple of schools and has taught violin, viola, 'cello & 'bass to Degree students at Box Hill TAFE. She performs on 'cello with the Melbourne Opera Orchestra, the Nicholas Chamber Orchestra and other groups, small classical ensembles and as a session musician.

She enjoys teaching and easily builds up a positive rapport with students, encouraging them to discover the joys that playing a musical instrument can bring, and for each student to develop their natural ability the best they can.

Keryn can help students prepare for AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board) exams, with past students having gone on to complete VCE 'cello and further study at university.

She has a Diploma of Arts in Music (Victorian College of the Arts), an Associate Diploma of Music (AMEB), a Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary: Monash) and has completed the Kodály Primary Teacher Training course Level 1.

She is a member of the Victorian Music Teachers' Association, the Victorian Institute of Teaching and the Australian String Teachers’ Association.

Keryn can assist with purchasing/hiring instruments.

For further information please email: dandenong.ranges.strings@gmail.com
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