What’s On

TERM ONE

February
28th—MDPS Barn Dance—6-9pm

March
6th—House Athletic Sports
12th—Three Way Interviews
18th—School Photos
20th—House Jumping Sports (Yrs 3-6)
27th—Last Day Term 1
28th—Bunnings BBQ

April
13th—First Day Term 2

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News and Views...

Barn Dance
Remember to mark on your calendar our upcoming Barn Dance this Saturday, 28th February @ 6pm. Tickets are still available and can be purchased at the office. The weather forecast is looking great for what will be fun and enjoyable evening. The Bush Dance is a great way to welcome new prep families to our school community. Delicious food and drinks will be available to purchase on the evening. The bush band ‘Eat Ya Greens’ will teach us all the moves! Our fundraising committee is aiming to raise approximately $300 for each class to purchase materials for their class.

3 Way Interviews
3 way interviews will be held on Thursday 12th March. This will be a student free day. The Parent/Student/Teacher interviews allow you the opportunity to meet your child’s teacher, discuss any needs or concerns you might have and to learn about classroom expectations and routines. It is important that your child also attends the interview. A positive relationship between home and school results in a happier school experience for your child. A notice will be going home this week detailing the process for making an interview appointment with your child’s teacher/s. Please complete the reply slip and return as soon as possible so that we can best accommodate your preferred time. If you are unable to attend, please work closely with your child’s teacher/s to find an alternative time.

Fresh Eggs
$2.50 Per 1/2 Dozen - Our Girls Are Laying
If you would like your name added to the list for fresh eggs please fill your name in at our office. When your turn comes we’ll send home a 1/2 dozen eggs with your child and you return the carton with $2.50 the next day. This money will be used to keep our chooks well feed and our garden beds flourishing.

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.
alternative time. A Curriculum Day Program will be operating, subject to sufficient enrolments, in the OSH Club. Please see the newsletters for further details.

**Junior School Incursions**

The students in the Junior School have enjoyed participating in Incursions that have direct relevance to their everyday lives.

**Responsible Pet Ownership.** The students in the Junior School were visited by Eva and her dog, Noah, who was very docile and well behaved. Students in the Prep-Grade 2 classes learnt about the responsibilities of owning and looking after a pet as well as strategies to use if they approach or are approached by an unfamiliar dog, who may not be as well behaved as Noah. The experiences whilst fun and highly interactive also contained an important message for the students.

**Smart Start**

Learning how to look after the cents and become a good saver can never be started too early in life as the students in the Grade 1 and 2 classes found out. Katie from ‘Smart Start’ involved the students in a variety of ‘superpower’ activities that focused on the theme of saving. She encouraged the students to, ‘Race to your needs and wait for your wants’. So we will have lots of enthusiastic savers in the Junior School being ‘Superpower Savers’!

**Hats**

Don’t forget that all students need to wear the school hat as part of the ‘Sun Smart’ policy. These can be purchased from the Uniform Shop.

**Nude Food**

A reminder to all families that we are encouraging healthy food options and to also be caring towards our environment. We are encouraging students to bring their food to school in plastic containers and to avoid using plastic wrapping. Any plastic wrapping that is brought to school needs to be removed from the item before students go out to play. Already we have seen a dramatic reduction in plastic wrappers in the playground which is also our contribution to being kind to the environment. Thank you for your support.

**Student Requisites**

Each family has received an invoice from the school for their Student Requisite costs for 2015. Early settlement of your account would be greatly appreciated, or take advantage of the payment plan offered.

**Thumbs Up To:**

To the McPeake family for their very welcome and kind donation.

Thank you, Mike Leonard and Anni Smart

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**Can you please help out at the Barn Dance?**

**We aim to raise money towards**

$300 for each classroom teacher

**Saturday 28th Feb 2015**

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.

THANKYOU!!!

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**OSHCNews**

**Before School / After School Care Program**

This week in OSH we become culinary experts. We make 3 amazing meals, which we are very proud of. We started off with sweet, creating cupcakes suggested by Lucy. Followed up by amazing fried rice from Darcy. Finally we created a delicious fruit smoothie thanks to Kerrie. OSHClub’s cooking club runs at least once a week. If your child is interested in cooking and learning the skills, have a look at our planned and come along on our cooking days. It is incredible fun and the students love to eat the results J

Next week in OSH we are celebrating the end of our beautiful summer season. We will make the most of being outside for picnics, games, nature walks and of course outdoor water play. So if you want to come along and join the club full of fun, we would love to have you!!

*Have a fantastic week from everyone at OSH!*

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**This Week’s Activities - Term 1, Week 5**

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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.

**OSHC program phone:** 0419915649  
**Coordinator:** Samantha Clarke  
**Assistant:** Kerrie Jones

OSHCClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000

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.
Upwey High School Festival Day 2015

The Upwey High School Festival will take place on Saturday 14 March. The day begins with a free Volleyball Coaching Clinic for all Primary school students from 11am to Midday in the Upwey High School Stadium. Featuring elite level coaches, this clinic caters for all levels of participants, from those new to the sport or just trying it out, all the way to regular players. There will also be exhibition games with local high schools, a sausage sizzle and refreshments available. Following the Volleyball, a Market featuring local traders with products from new and second hand clothes to art and crafts will be held at the school. A range of food vendors and coffee will also be available for visitors. At the same time the Streeton Art Show and a Music concert will be held at the school. The music concert will feature a number of bands from Upwey High School, Dandenong Ranges’ ‘New Horizons Band’, bands and groups from local primary schools as well as bands from the local community. It is also not too late to be a performer at the concert, so if interested, check out the website at www.upweyartsfestival.com.

The Streeton Art Show

Thanks to the wonderful sponsorship of the Yarra Ranges Council, the Upwey Arts Festival Art show returns for 2015. This year’s Art show has been renamed the Streeton Art Show and prize money has increased. Again this year there is no set theme or medium for the entries. The categories and prizes are:

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For more information, or to make an individual entry, check out [www.upweyartsfestival.com](http://www.upweyartsfestival.com).

Entries into the art show can be made by individual students of the school, or a bulk entry from the school will be taken.

Upwey High Festival Day Market Stalls

If you are interested in running a market stall on Saturday 14 March at Upwey High School, please contact Andrew McNeil at mcn@upweyhs.vic.edu.au

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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**Autumn Fair**

Monday March 9th, 10am-2pm

**PAPER PLANE COMPETITION**

Paper available on day, or make and bring your own along, Categories include furthest flight and best decorated.

**SPONGE THROWING**

Throw wet sponges at volunteers from our Sunday School and church.

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- Cakes and Jams
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Art News
The following information has been taken from the blog at www.5000poppies.wordpress.com

Good morning poppy friends …. there has been much happening at Poppy HQ this week.

Firstly … our official total stands at 120,803 … but … we have had at least another 7,000 plus delivered this week so now pushing 130,000. That is incredible … who knew?

Our volunteer group has been working overtime, and work has been completed on 5,000 gorgeous stemmed poppies … plus … our nets have finally arrived …. at least some of them … so we have been able to start work on the the first of the 80 x 10m panels we are making for the display. #1 is coming together nicely … and it’s been a bit of a test for our attaching mechanisms … pleased to say that it is all working well!!! We have been offered temporary space at the Melbourne Town Hall for a few weeks to work on the panels, and will let you all know when we are up and running so that you can come and join us for an hour or two or more.

Last week every child from Grades 1 to 6 made a poppy. They are very excited to be given the opportunity to contribute to such a large community art installation. There have been a few parents too who have collected materials to make poppies at home. Many thanks to Alison Allison for assisting the children in the junior school to make their poppy.

I will be sending our poppies in two weeks. If you would like to make poppies at home the materials are available on the table outside the Art room. Alternatively you could knit or crochet a poppy or use the many poppy pattern ideas available on the website. Please leave your completed poppy at the office.

Thank you
Liz Kennedy

If you missed out on ordering a 2014 Mt Dandy School Magazine, don’t despair.
We have copies available at $6 from the office.
Curriculum Day Program

Due to the school 3 way interview day OSH will be running a curriculum day program with lots of fun activities.

Date Thursday 12th of March 2015
Times 7:00am – 6:15pm

Cost (per child, per day) from $11.00

Full price $46.00. Full fees for OSHC will apply to families who do not apply for and are not eligible for CCB and the CCTR (50% Tax Rebate). All fees are approximate only.

How to book: An OSHClub online enrolment form must be completed (if not already done). Enrol online at www.oshclub.com.au. Once enrolled with OSHClub, log in to your account and choose the Pupil Free Day option.

What happens: Loads of fun for all ages including art/craft, games, sports, drama, board games and fun with friends.

What to bring: Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Also wear or bring appropriate clothing including a hat.

Please remember: Unfortunately Once you have enrolled into this day there are no refunds for cancellations unless we decide not to run the program due to lack of enrolments.

Activities: A detailed program of the daily activities will be but up 1 week prior.

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Are you a budding netballer?

Places are still available with Sassafras Kenny Creek Netball Club for the Winter 2015 season.

Come play with a team that supports development, teamwork and love of sport.

Games are held Saturday morning at the Knox Regional Netball Centre and training is in Olinda.

If you are between 8 and turning 11 we would love to see you in Under 11s or if you are between 13 and turning 15 then there are places in the U13s.

Please give Ann-Maree Baker a call on 0418 195 070

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**SOCIAL TENNIS**

**KALORAMA TENNIS COURTS**

Friday 20th Feb and Friday 20th March

5pm – 7pm

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