Barn Dance
We are considering renaming the Barn Dance the Rain Dance after heavy rain and storms once again washed out proceedings. Fortunately this time however, the storms arrived later and revellers were able to make the most of the festivities until 9pm. The band ‘Eat Ya Greens’ once again got everybody up participating and the food and beverages were popular and tasty.
We’d like to especially thank our wonderful fundraising committee for once again organising a magnificent evening. Hopefully next year we can score some dry weather.
Thank you also to Olinda Cellars and the Mt Dandenong Bakery who supported our event with generous donations.

House Athletics New Date – March 11th.
Please note that our House Athletics date has changed from Friday the 6th of March to Wednesday the 11th, March. We will once again compete at Kalorama Oval and we have invited Olinda Primary School to join us. We will have a sausage sizzle and drinks and icy poles available for purchase at lunch time.
We’d love many parent volunteers to come along and help out and enjoy the day. If you are able to help cook and sell sausages please contact the office and let Julie know.

Every Day Counts
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.
If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.
There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.
Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Easter Egg Raffle
Easter will soon be upon us and as is the tradition at Mount Dandy we will be holding our Easter Hat Parade on the last day of the term at 9.15 am. We will soon announce this year’s categories. In the meantime we are requesting each family to make a donation of Easter eggs so that our hugely popular Easter Egg Raffle can once again be a success. Please drop your donations in to our school office.

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.
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.

Two weeks ago 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. Many thanks to Alison Allison for assisting the children in the junior school to make their poppy.

I will be sending our poppies next week. 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

Our guest speaker this week in the SLU was Jim Asimokopoulos OAM. Jim was born with cerebral palsy. He came in and told us about his life and all the amazing things he can do. It was inspiring to see and realise how well he can play sport and do everything for himself during his daily life. It was incredible and we all realised that everyone is different and everyone can do amazing things. Respect our differences. Jim's website is www.jim.oam.com.au if you would like to know more about him. By Mahni Lowe and Emily Spratt
This week in OSH we said goodbye to a beautiful summer season! We did some great painting, fun outdoor games, delicious picnics and some amazing chalk drawings. These were definitely popular and looked amazing!

Thursday the 12th of March the school is having a 3 way interview day. As a result OSH will run a curriculum day program. OSH will be open from 7:00am to 6:15pm. Have a look at the front desk for more information and a list of activities for the day. If you would like to book your child in for a day of fun, adventure and learning opportunities please book in online, it is a cheap alternative for a day of fun.

This week in OSH we are celebrating the literacy world with book week

This Week’s Activities - Term 1, Week 6

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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
OSHCHead Office: 03 8564 9000
Coordinator: Samantha Clarke
Assistant: Kerrie Jones

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at 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.
**FUN ON WALK TO SCHOOL DAY**

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**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

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**Cost (per child, per day) from $11.00**

Full price $24.00. Full fees for OSHC will apply to families who do not apply for and are not eligible for CCB and the CCT (20% Tax Rebate). All fees are approximate only.

**How to book:** An OSHC 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 put up 1 week prior.

www.oshclub.com.au  Ph: 03 8564 9000
School Magazine 2014

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

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.

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.

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www.ellenatureolahinda.com.au
Open every day!

Join me for free meditation every Wednesday morning at 9.15am
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.

Michael the Balloon Man, Cakes, Jams, Devonshire Teas, BBQ, Books and White Elephant

St Matthew’s Church, Monash Avenue, Olinda.