**What’s On**

**TERM ONE**

**March**
- 18th—School Photos
- 20th-Jumping Sports Yrs 3-6
- 27th — Last Day Term 1, Easter Hat Parade and Raffle
- 28th—Bunnings BBQ

**April**
- 13th—First Day Term 2

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**School Photo Day**

**TOMORROW**

Individual named envelopes have been sent home and are to be returned to your child’s class on photo day, Wednesday 18th March.

Please don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope.

However, each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.

Family envelopes are available from the school office.

Please make sure you enclose correct money – no change can be given. Cash, cheques, credit card only.

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**News and Views...**

**Easter Hat Parade – 27th March**

It’s hard to believe that the school holidays are only two weeks away. This means that our annual Easter Hat Parade is coming soon. It will be held on Friday the 27th of March at 9.15 am. This year’s categories are: Book Inspired, Sustainability, Maths Inspired, Favourite TV Show/Movie and Judges Choice. Whilst we do have prizes for the category winners, each participant gets a mini egg for having a go. Parents are encouraged to come along and join in the fun.

Please remember that we ask each family to donate an Easter egg for our huge Easter Raffle. Please hand them in at the office by 9am, Thursday 26th March.

See you there.

**School Fees**

We implore parents who have not paid their student fees to do so as soon as possible. It is ironic that while Mount Dandenong PS receives less government funding for rating so highly on the SFO (Student Family Occupation) scale, we have a comparatively very poor collection rate. Amongst these are a number of families who have chosen not to pay for many years.

Mount Dandenong PS prides itself on the well rounded curriculum offered, but a large part of that curriculum is locally funded which is why school fees are so very important.

**Get Well Anne**

Grade 3/4 teacher Ms Anne Boal underwent urgent surgery yesterday and on behalf of our school community we’d like to wish her a full and speedy recovery. Mrs Margaret Bloom will be teaching grade 3/4B for the remainder of this term.

**Bunnings BBQ March 28th – Volunteers Required**

We have scored a great date for this year’s Bunnings BBQ which is coming up soon. Our fundraising aim is to provide each classroom with $300 for purchasing reading material. If you are available for an hour to help cook and sell sausages please contact Julie in the office.

**House Athletics Day a Ripper!**

Congratulations to the Kingfishers who were victorious at our House Athletics Day last Wednesday. In beautiful conditions all students from prep to grade 6 had a wonderful time competing for their house. The great sportsmanship and community spirit was evident and we are very proud of our students and community. Thank you very much to the parent helpers who helped at events, scoring tables, on the BBQ etc. Our appreciation also goes to all staff but especially Liz Kennedy, Michael Smedley and John Burgan who helped with the set up and/or pack up.

We’d especially like to thank Kathleen Kean our new Physical Education teacher. She worked tirelessly to organise and prepare for this event and did a fantastic job. It is a very involved activity and especially difficult the first time you do it.

**Slow Down Please!**

We can’t stress enough how important it is that all parents drive slowly around our school. Last week a concerned parent informed me that he and his son were almost hit by a speeding car on Old Coach Road. We do not want a tragedy in our community and the welfare of our students is our main priority. It’s easy to slow down, so please do so.

**Student Safety - Supervision**

During the school day, all teachers take their “duty of care” very seriously and work closely together to ensure students are supervised whilst in classrooms and also out in the playgrounds. Our staff are assigned to duty from 8:45am before school, through each recess and lunchtime, as well as after school until 3:45pm. To ensure that students are appropriately supervised, we ask that students arrive at school after 8:45am each morning and are collected no later than 3:45pm. Our teachers and office staff are busy after school with meetings and administrative tasks and are not able to provide supervision after 3:45pm. Parents are able to book children into the OSH-Club school care program by contacting the number provided in this newsletter.

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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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Fruity Friday

Fruity Friday has been a great part of our school for many years but has been unable to return so far this year due to the unavailability of sponsorship.

Pellegrino’s Fresh Fruits in Mount Dandenong have now generously offered to donate half the cost. If you would like to support the return of Fruity Friday please contact Tara Tonkin on 0403 256 956 for further details.

We are also in need of a roster co-ordinator and a volunteer to collect the fruit on Thursday afternoons.

Three Way Interviews

We’d like to thank the staff, students and parents for their involvement in the three way interviews last week. After speaking to a number of students we were proud that each of them could clearly articulate their goals and how they were going to achieve them. A partnership between school and home is vital for student success and this interview process is a great way to foster and strengthen that partnership.

Reporting Timeline

We have altered our reporting timeline this term to ensure that our reports are as up to date and reflective of student learning as possible. By pushing them back a little students have more time to work towards achieving their goals as well as further academic and social progress. Reports will be handed out on Friday the 17th of July and three way interviews to set goals for Semester 2 will take place soon after.

Grade 3 to 6 Jumping Sports this Friday – Parent Helpers Required

This Friday we are holding our Grade 3-6 Jumping Sports. Those students are encouraged to wear their house colours for the day. Parents are welcome to come along and get involved as helpers. The events start at 11.30am.

Thumbs Up To:

- Cheryl Sinclair who turned 50 yesterday!
- All the helpers and volunteers at our Athletics day
- The Kingfishers for winning House Athletics
- The huge amount of students who have completed their reading goals

Thank you, Mike Leonard and Anni Smart

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

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

Our goal for the stall is to continue to work towards providing $300 to each classroom teacher.

Saturday 28th March 2015 (Bayswater Bunnings)

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!!!
**OSHClub News**  
**Before School / After School Care Program**

Here at OSH we had a fabulous week!! The best part as our curriculum day program held on Thursday. We so pleased so many children came along to join in the fun! The day went so fast, but as they say time flies when you’re having fun!

We played some crazy outdoor games with our giant parachute. Danced and performed in our dress up/drama hour, became innovative architects, making all kinds of robots and dolls houses. And of course got our aprons dirty in the kitchen cooking a delicious zucchini slice.

Next week we are celebrating cultural diversity week. What’s the best way to explore the world’s culture you ask? Well OSH is delving into the cultural diversity in the culinary world!

Each day we will explore a different country and literally take a bite into their culture.

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**This Week’s Activities - Term 1, Week 8**

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<td><strong>Afternoon tea</strong></td>
<td>Nachos and a plate of oranges, watermelon, apple and mango</td>
<td>fresh jam, vegemite and cheese sandwiches and a plate of watermelon, Apple and kiwi fruit</td>
<td>Cheese pasta and a plate of watermelon, apple and orange</td>
<td>A plate of cherry tomatoes, carrot and cucumber with savoys and dip, along with a plate of Watermelon, apple and orange.</td>
<td>Cheese and crackers and a plate of oranges, pineapple, watermelon and apple.</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

**OSHC Coordinator:** Samantha Clarke

**OSHCHead Office:** 03 8564 9000

**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.
Request for Book Donations for Class Libraries

Mt. Dandenong Primary School is recognised as having an exemplary whole school approach to Literacy teaching and learning. Our Literacy block encompasses all aspects of Literacy, including Reading, Writing, Spelling, Speaking and Listening. All staff have undertaken professional learning to implement the innovative Literacy program called CAFÉ. Teachers work closely with every student during the week using the CAFÉ reading approaches and explicit teaching strategies in every classroom.

A fundamental component of the CAFÉ program is setting up a classroom library. Each grade has created a library within their classroom of books that were specifically chosen by each student from the school library. Research suggests having access to a variety of literature genres that children enjoy approach to Literacy teaching and learning.

If you have any children’s books that are in good condition that you no longer need, or you would like to donate new books, we would appreciate your donations to supplement the classroom resources we currently have.

Please insert the Book Plate (below) inside the cover of the book as an acknowledgement of your kind donation. All donations are gratefully received and can be left either with your child’s classroom teacher or in the donation box at the office.

Anni Smart

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for the reading pleasure of the students of Mount Dandenong Primary School.

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Hoffy's Community Burpee Challenge

Marnock / Surridge Family Fundraiser

Friday 27th March

Cameo Belgrave

@ 6PM

Adults $30

Kids $25

The SpongeBob Movie

Sponge Out of Water

Purchase Tickets:

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Free Family Fun Day
National Rhododendron Gardens
The Georgian Road, Olinda
Tuesday 31st March, 10am-3pm

Enjoy this magnificent garden in all its autumn splendour and join in the FUN activities:

- Andy's Antics
- Stax the Didgeman workshops
- Paul Jamieson - The Music Man
- CFA Fire Tanker & activities
- Book Swap
- Rhododendron Walk Challenge
- BirdLife Australia display
- Yarra Ranges Council Early Years Activities
- Eastern Regional Libraries
- Jackie Kerin, Storytelling Australia
- Interactive activities and games for children
- Pot and take home your own plant
- Food available from Olinda Primary School and Café Vireya

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TUESDAY APRIL 7 2015
TO SUNDAY APRIL 12 2015

Scaredy Cat is a show the whole family will enjoy. A great way to entertain both children and adults this school holidays!

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PERFORMANCE DATES AND TICKETS...

Venue: Famous Spiegeltent, Arts Centre
Show Times: 11.00am, 4.00pm
Dates: April 7 2015 to April 12 2015
Tickets: Child & Concession $13 / Adults $16
Running Time: 60 minutes

Adult guidance recommended for very young viewers. Contains low level scary scenes

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