

# The Mount Dandy News

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## What's On

### TERM ONE

#### March

27th—Last Day Term 1, Easter Hat Parade and Raffle, Gr 3 to 6 Jumping Sports  
28th—Bunnings BBQ

#### April

13th—First Day Term 2

## News and Views...

### 2.30pm Finish this Friday

This Friday marks the end of term 1. Please remember that we finish at 2.30pm. Those students who catch the bus will be escorted to catch the 2.21pm bus towards Olinda. Our excellent OSHClub program will operate from 2.30pm. We'd like to wish everyone a very happy Easter and are looking forward to your return on April the 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Grade 3 to 6 Jumping Sports – Friday 11.30am

Unfortunately, due to staff illness, we had to postpone last week's Jumping Sports. However they will be on this Friday from 11.30am. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours and parents are welcome to come along and help out. See you there.

### Free Eggs!

We are looking for two families to volunteer to care for our chickens during the school holidays. If you are not planning to go away and would like to do this please let Julie know as soon as possible. Payment is in the form of the eggs you collect. Thank you.

### Bunnings BBQ this Saturday - Please Help

We are desperately seeking parent volunteers to help out at our Bayswater Bunnings BBQ. This has traditionally been a great fundraiser for our school and this year the money will be utilised to purchase more reading material for each class. Please fill in the attached form and return it to your child's teacher.

### School Review 2015

This year we are undergoing a review of the school's progress over the past four years and will use this as a basis for developing a plan for the next four years. Our review will include a professional reviewer, two peers (most likely principals), a school council representative, school leadership and some nominated staff. However the most vital component of the review is to get high quality information and feedback from our students, staff and parents. We will be asking for your input next term on the strengths of our school as well as areas where you would like to see improvement or further development.

We will hold a parent forum and will be sending questionnaires home.

We are looking forward to this exciting process and we see it as an opportunity to celebrate our magnificent school while also firmly focussing on further improvement over the next four years.

### Premiers Reading Challenge 2015 – Join Now!

The PRC is back and this year we are hoping to have even more students than last year achieve the Premier's challenge. Entry forms are located outside the principal's office. Good luck and happy reading to all those who sign up. Thanks to Adele Cotton who is going to coordinate the PRC this year.

### Reminders

#### Easter Hat Parade and Raffle – This Friday

It will be held on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> March. Easter raffle tickets are due back on Thursday as well please.

#### Thumbs Up To:

- 👍 The Gates family for connecting our water tank to the newly installed tap in our Sustainability Hub
- 👍 This term's Art Achievement winners

Thank you, Michael Leonard and Anni Smart.

## Art News

At the end of each term one boy and girl from Grades Prep to Grade 6 will receive an Art Certificate and prize for their interest, enthusiasm and creativity in Art.

Congratulations to the following students who have received an award today:

Amy, Curtis, Jada, Django, Lilly, Kade, Sienna, Mattias, Tomas, Kinley, Aeisha, Jordan.

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**NO CANTEN THIS FRIDAY (LAST WEEK OF TERM)**

### 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.

## The trolls inside—*Michael Grose - 18 March*

Trolls are part of ancient Nordic culture. They inhabit the world of folk and fairy tales. Trolls lived under bridges and in dark places. Short, hairy and ugly trolls were rarely seen however just the thought of them was enough to send shivers down the spine. As a kid you had to be wary of trolls.

Now the worst trolls live inside children's heads. The voice of insecurity, self-doubt and fear is the worst troll of all. This is the troll that kids have to be most vigilant about.

It's the job of parents to help kids defeat trolls. Kids need to face them to defeat them. That's not easy.

Don't let them feed the troll with doubt and negative self-talk.

Don't let them be trapped by the troll. Inaction through fear is what a troll loves.

Help kids be brave and tackle their fears rather than be held back by the troll inside their heads.

Action is the troll's worst enemy. It hates kids tackling their fears.

Help them be brave. Help them feign confidence. Help them do.

That's how they will defeat the troll inside their heads.

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](mailto:kylieandsimongilson@bigpond.com) or text Kylie on 0439 553 371.

**THANKYOU!!!**

	Cashier/Drinks	BBQ	Food Preparation	Floating
8am - 10am	Sacha Sullivan	Spratt	Jenny Lutz	
10am - 12noon				
12noon - 2pm	Brad Forward	Dailan	Colleen Forward	
2pm - 4pm	Sacha Sullivan			

# OSHClub News

## Before School / After School Care Program



This week in OSH we travelled to 5 different countries, to taste their best food dishes. We started in America worked our way to Africa, china and Japan, finally ending in France. It was great to see the students try so many new flavours, foods and textures. We even extended on our cooking club and used the 5/6 ipads to research into why the foods we cooked were rejoiced in their country.

The children absolutely loved cooking, especially every day. However, like always they loved eating their creations more.

Next week is the last week of Term, so what else would we be celebrating.. Easter!!



Come along for hat and basket construction, food dye eggs and our famous and (delicious) Easter egg hunt.  
OSH will run from 2:30pm on the last day of Term, being Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of March.

### This Week's Activities - Term 1, Week 9

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Before Care Activities</b>	Easter egg prints	Pencil toppers	Hat construction	Hat parade	Easter bookmrks
<b>Brekky</b>	Cereal & Milk, Juice (No sugar), Toast (White/ Wholemeal) & Spreads, yoghurt	Cereal & Milk, Juice (No sugar), Toast (White/ Wholemeal), Spreads & Milk & Milo	Cereal & Milk, Juice (No sugar), Toast (White/ Wholemeal), Spreads & Raisin Toast	Cereal & Milk, Juice (No sugar), Toast (White/ Wholemeal), Spreads & Raisin Toast	Cereal & Milk, Juice (No sugar), Toast (White/ Wholemeal) & Spreads, Milk & milo
<b>After Care Activities</b>	<b>'Construction Day'</b> 4:15 – 5:15pm Easter basket & 123 Basketball	<b>'Get Creative' Art/Craft Club!</b> 4:15pm – 5:15pm Easter egg hunt & Indoor cricket	4:15pm – 5:15pm Food dye Easter eggs & Parachute games	4:15pm – 5:15pm Easter craft & Line Tiggly	<b>'Friday Fun Day'</b> 4:15pm – 5:30pm Egg and spoon race & 40/40
<b>Afternoon tea</b>	fresh jam, vegemite and cheese sandwiches and a plate of watermelon, Apple and kiwi fruit	Nachos and a plate of oranges, watermelon, apple and mango	Wedges and a plate of oranges, watermelon and apple.	A plate of cherry tomatoes, carrot and cucumber with savoy and dip, along with a plate of Watermelon, apple and orange.	Cheese and crackers and a plate of oranges, pine-apple, watermelon and apple.

### 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**

**OSHClub Head 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](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.



#### 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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Premier of Victoria

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Dear Parent/Guardian

It is with great pleasure that I invite your children to participate in the annual Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge.

This is the eleventh year of this Challenge and since 2005 it has helped inspire nearly two million students to read an incredible 34 million books. In addition the Challenge has encouraged families and parents to support children's literacy development.

For children from birth to Prep the challenge is to read or 'experience' at least 40 books with their family, guardian or teacher. For students from Prep to Year 2 the challenge is to read or 'experience' 30 books, and for students in Years 3 to 10 the challenge is to read 15 books.

For those parents who are new to the Challenge, you will find that it is a great way to motivate your children to read more books and discover new and exciting titles.

Children who reach their reading goals will be rewarded with a certificate of achievement signed by me and former Premiers John Cain, Joan Kirner, Jeff Kennett, Steve Bracks, John Brumby, Ted Baillieu and Denis Napthine, who all support the program. They will also have the opportunity to see their name on an online honour roll, and view a special video to congratulate participants.

Our Challenge ambassadors, who include well-known authors, illustrators and children's entertainers, will provide support and encouragement throughout the program. You can also keep up to date on the Challenge, share stories and recommend books on the Challenge Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com.au/Vicprc](http://www.Facebook.com.au/Vicprc).

The extensive Challenge booklist has something for everyone with much-loved classics as well as new releases. There are thousands of books to choose from, with fiction, non-fiction, plays, poetry, short stories and graphic novels all available. Reading books in other languages is also encouraged and counts towards the Challenge.

Along with the former Premiers, the Minister for Education and the Minister for Children and Families, I wish your children the best of luck with their reading adventures.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Daniel Andrews MP  
Premier

## 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.

# Spot on dance company

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## Children's Festival



Monday 30th March - Sunday 12th April 2015

**Monday 30th** - Bouncy Castle from 10am to 3pm

- Nine hole Mini Golf 10am to 5pm

- Igor the giant's treasure hunt from 11am-5pm

**Tuesday 31st** - Face painting from 11am to 1pm

- Games & Music with our fairy 2pm to 4pm

- Nine hole Mini Golf 10am to 5pm

**Wednesday 1st** - Nine hole Mini Golf 10am to 5pm

- Activities with Michelle from Parks Victoria 12.30pm & 1.30pm

- Igor the giant's treasure hunt from 11am-5pm

**Thursday 2nd** - Mini pets (Rabbits, guinea pigs and chickens) 10am to 12pm

- Nine hole Mini Golf 10am to 5pm

- Igor the giant's treasure hunt from 11am-5pm

**Friday 3rd** - Half price maze entry from 11am-5pm

- Nine hole Mini Golf 10am to 5pm

- Igor the giant's treasure hunt from 11am-5pm

**Saturday 4th** - 8 horse carousel from 11am to 4pm

- Black snake productions - Reptile display & handling 3pm to 5pm

**Sunday 5th** - Easter Egg Hunt at 10.00am with the Easter Bunny

- Farmyard friends! Come visit our farmyard zoo from 2pm to 4pm

**Monday 6th** - Didgeridoo Lessons with "Stax" from 12pm to 2pm

- Igor the giant's treasure hunt from 11am-5pm

**Tuesday 7th** - Sand Art—Creative magical fun 1pm to 4pm

- Pony rides from 10.30am to 12.30pm

**Wednesday 8th** - Balloon twisting from 3pm to 5pm

- Activities with Tim the gardener from 1pm to 3pm

**Thursday 9th** - Half price maze entry from 11.00am to 5.00pm

- Formula one racing cars 11.00am to 4.00pm

**Friday 10th** - Magician 2.00pm to 4.00pm

- Badge Making from 10am to 3pm

**Saturday 11th** - Train rides around the car park from 11am to 4pm

- Black snake productions - Reptile display & handling 3.00pm to 5.00pm

**Sunday 12th** - CFA display & badge making 10am to 3pm

- Igor the giant's treasure hunt from 11am-5pm

**Fairy floss machines and snow cones are available every day but extra charges apply.**

\*Activities are free of charge - Gate fees do apply



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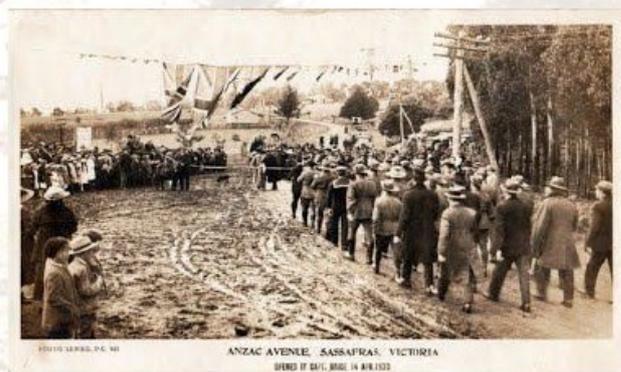
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U3A Mount Dandenong and District, offers a number of learning, social and recreational activities for semi-retired and retired people. Membership \$35.00 per year entitles you to join as many groups as you wish.

Our 20 different classes begin from April 13<sup>th</sup> but you are welcome to join any time during the year. Spanish, Recorder, Beginner's French, Inter. French, Creative card making, Band, Craft, Table tennis, Computer skills for beginners, ipad show and tell, Mosaics, ebay, Daytime Book group, Card games, Night time Book group, Walking group, Poetry appreciation, Writer's Workshop, Theatre group and Bush dance

For our newsletter, containing the Term 2 timetable and application form contact Jean and Ian Blencowe 97284431; [jblenx@westnet.com.au](mailto:jblenx@westnet.com.au) OR check our website [www.mountdandenongu3a.org](http://www.mountdandenongu3a.org).



The President and members of the Dandenong Ranges RSL Club invite you to attend the official re-opening of the "ANZAC Avenue of Honour" Memorial, Ferny Creek at 10.00 AM on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The re-opening ceremony will be officiated by the Federal Minister for Veterans Affairs.

On 14 April 1920, Captain Stanley Melbourne Bruce MHR opened the ANZAC Avenue of Honour at Ferny Creek. This ceremony was the culmination of work that commenced in mid 1916 by Sassafra - Ferny Creek residents to remember local veterans who served in World War 1 with the planting of an avenue of honour on a newly constructed section of road into Sassafra. Unfortunately, little evidence of the Avenue of Honour has survived to the present day. The remaining memorial to those from the Sassafra - Ferny Creek district who served in World War 1 takes the form of a solid stone shelter in the Sherbrooke Forest at the corner of Sherbrooke and Mt. Dandenong Tourist Roads.

The "ANZAC Avenue of Honour" Memorial has been refurbished with the support of the Federal Government's ANZAC Centenary Local Grants program.

Location: Corner of Sherbrooke and Mt Dandenong Tourist Roads, Ferny Creek. Parking is available at the Ferny Creek Reserve.



**Free Family Fun Day**  
National Rhododendron Gardens  
The Georgian Road, Olinda  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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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AWAKEN YOUR INNER CREATIVE - Tuesdays ~ 1.30 - 3pm  
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**TABLE**



**TENNIS**

**Who:** Primary School students to Year 8  
**When :** Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 1.00 - 3.00 pm  
**Where :** Farndons Hall 42 Falls Rd. Kalorama

**\$2 per person - Bring a Friend!**  
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**WELCOME**



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