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 13th.

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 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. Easter raffle tickets are due back on Thursday as well please.

Thumbs Up To:
Θ The Gates family for connecting our water tank to the newly installed tap in our Sustainability Hub
Θ This term’s Art Achievement winners

Thank you, Michael Leonard and Anni Smart.

NO CANTEEN THIS FRIDAY (LAST WEEK OF TERM)
**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.

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**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!!!

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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 27th of March.

This Week’s Activities - Term 1, Week 9

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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
OSHCClub 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 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

This book was donated by the family of
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for the reading pleasure of the students of Mount Dandenong Primary School.

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Dear Parent/Guardian

It is with great pleasure that I invite your children to participate in the annual Victorian Premiers’ 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/VicPrem.

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.
**The Mount Dandy News**

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**Spot on dance company**

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**MONTROSE PUBLIC HALL**

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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 3pm
- 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
- Activities with Michelle from Parka Victoria 12.30pm & 1.30pm
- Igor the giant’s treasure hunt from 11am-5pm

**Wednesday 1st** - Nine hole Mini Golf 10am to 5pm
- Activities with Michelle from Parka 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** - Bouncy 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** - GFA display & badge making 10am to 3pm
- Igor the giant’s treasure hunt from 11am-5pm

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

*Activities are free of charge - Gate fees do apply*
Enjoy a break with a **Massage or Natural Facial**
It’s a fast & effective way to relax and unwind
Call or text Melinda 0411 622 445
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Shop 1 / 1606 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd Olinda
www.ellenaturaleolinda.com.au
Open every day!
Join me for free meditation every Wednesday morning at 9.15am
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 Artics
- Site the Dairyman workshop
- Paul Jelzin - The Music Man
- CFA Pine Tanker & activities
- Back Shops
- Rhododendron Walk Challenge
- Birdlife Australia display
- Yarra Ranges Council Early Years Activities
- Eastern Region Libraries
- Jackie Kinn - Storytelling Australia
- Interactive activities and games for children
- Pot and Take Home your own plant

Food available from Olinda Primary School and Café Vue

For further information contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au

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