What's On

TERM TWO

May
1st—Lucky Jars and Cakes due to school
3rd—Chestnut Festival
6th—Mothers Day Stall
6th—Parent Forum
12th-14th—NAPLAN
16th—Working Bee
18th-22nd—Education Week

News and Views...

ANZAC Day Service
Congratulations to our grade 6 school leaders who organised and coordinated a very touching and poignant commemoration service. These students researched, planned and regularly met to ensure that the schools ANZAC Day service was successful. I am very proud of the community spirit they displayed and was very impressed with the high calibre service. I thank them for an excellent experience for our community. Some photos are contained in this newsletter.

Lucky Jars and Cakes - Chestnut Festival This Weekend
We are calling on all of our families to display our school value of community and donate lucky jars, cakes and time working on a stall for the Chestnut festival. It is only a week away and we need your support. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

Student Survey
Next week we will conduct a survey to find out what the Yr 5 & 6 children think of our school. The ‘Attitudes to School Survey’ is an annual student questionnaire for Year 5 to Year 12 students offered by DET (the Department of Education and Training) to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students’ perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child’s schooling experience. The results also help us to judge the effectiveness of the programs and initiatives that we have implemented. Given that we are entering into our school review cycle, this year’s survey will be particularly important, as it will help us to plan for the next four years as we complete the school self-evaluation and a new 4 year strategic plan.

In 2015, NAPLAN tests will be held on 12-14 May.
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.
As NAPLAN tests skills are essential for every child to progress through school and life, it is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, but there are no consequences for individual students for poor or good performance. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

NAPLAN 2015 Tests Timetable

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School Review - Parent Forum May 6th 9.15am and 7pm
The Mt Dandy Primary School Council invites all parents to attend our upcoming parent forums. We are seeking feedback from our community about the strengths of our school and the areas for improvement for our school. The more feedback we receive the more effective our school review is and the better the outcomes for our next strategic plan will be. Please take the time to attend one of our two planned forums.
Thank you

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Education Week 18th to 22nd of May
This year our school focus for education week is Health and Wellbeing. To celebrate we will be holding a Health and Wellbeing event here at school on Thursday the 21st of May from 5 to 7pm. We encourage all families to come along and join in yoga, Zumba, meditation, eat and drink healthy snacks and have a great time. Keep an eye on future newsletter for further information.

Working Bee – 16th May 9-12pm
We are holding a school working bee from 9am to 12pm on the 16th of May. A notice will go home shortly. Please save this date in your calendar.

Fundraising Page – Facebook
Thanks to Lilly M we now have a Facebook page dedicated to our fundraising activities and events. Please join up to keep abreast of all of the wonderful events and activities planned and to provide ideas and suggestions. Search for Mount Dandenong Primary School - Friends of Fundraising

Traffic Safety
We have noticed an increase in the number of families crossing at the T intersection of Farndons road and Old Coach road. We ask parents to be good role models and walk the extra 30 metres and use the school crossing.

Curriculum Day – Spelling Focus
Our teachers spent yesterday working closely in teams to identify the strengths and areas for improvement in our spelling program. Staff planned carefully and contributed towards updating our spelling program documentation. They spent the afternoon collating and sharing resources.

Thumbs Up To:
- Sarah G and Peta C of 3/4B for being such responsible and very respectful bookshelf monitors
- The Grade 6 Leaders for their ANZAC service
- The Mt D staff for their professionalism and dedication displayed yesterday
- The parent volunteers at our school for making a huge difference

Thank you, Mike Leonard and Anni Smart

Art News
On Anzac Day (and again on Sunday!) I had the pleasure of viewing the display of thousands of handmade poppies at Federation Square. The display was amazing and well worth the trip to the city. Photos of the display are on the website, 5000poppies.wordpress.com

If you look carefully you can see some of the 210 poppies we contributed to this art installation. A photo of our four school captains and an article about our poppy contribution was published in last week’s Leader Free Press newspaper.

The photo and article is on display at the office.

Liz Kennedy, Art teacher

FRUITY FRIDAY
Due to generous donations from families, we are now able to financially support the return of Fruity Friday. We do however still need a volunteer to be the co-ordinator so we are able to get it up and running. The role is quite simple and involves arranging a roster of volunteers to cut up the fruit on a Friday morning between 9-10am and organising collection of the fruit from Pellegrinos. If anyone is interested, please contact Tara Tonkin on 0403. 256 956.
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

This week in OSH we celebrated the centenary of ANZAC day. Each day we participate in a different activity, allowing the students to fully immerse themselves in the ANZAC spirit. We made booklets, created marvellous poems, constructed wreaths, made traditional ANZAC biscuits and spend Thursday and Fridays practicing our ANZAC speeches. It was a fantastic week full of remembrance and activities designed to pay respect for the brave men who sacrificed their life to allow us the freedom we have today. The children did a fantastic job paying tribute in their own way.

By popular demand, next week will be full of DISNEY, for our first ever Disney week. We will be making costumes and tiaras, colouring and constructing some amazing castles that are fit for a Disney princess. So come along and join the fun.

Have a great week, from everyone at OSH.

This Week’s Activities - Term 2, Week 3

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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.

OSHClp program phone: 0419915649  
Coordinator: Samantha Clarke

OSHC program phone: 03 8564 9000  
OSHCClub Head 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.
Your assistance would be much appreciated for a couple of hours on the Chestnut Festival Stall—Sunday 3rd May 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.

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ANZAC SERVICE AT 1000 STEPS

Last Tuesday we went to an ANZAC ceremony at the 1000 steps. We learned a lot about the ANZACs and the Gallipoli landing. We watched carefully at the order of events to help organise and re-arrange last Friday's school ANZAC ceremony. On the way we bought a bunch of flowers that Mahni and Max laid in front of the memorial at the service.

We listened to songs and poems about the past and present soldiers, and how they served our country. We all had a great experience at the ANZAC ceremony and learned lots of new things.

Thank you to Mr Leonard, who took us to this amazing service, and to the Legacy Foundation for organising the ceremony.

SLU Colonial Dress Up and Cooking Day

Last week on Wednesday the SLU had a cooking and dress up day. We got to dress up in colonial clothes. We also made vegetable stew and soda bread. Everyone helped with something. The lunch turned out great and everyone had a great time.

By Eloise V and Josh L
MDPS ANZAC SERVICE
CFA Junior Members Wanted

We need you!

Are you between 11 and 15?
Are you looking for a fun way to spend your time?
Do you want to become part of an amazing group of people in your local community?
Do you want to learn new things, challenge yourself, make some great new friends all for free?

Your local brigades are looking for new junior members.

Please give us a call and come and join in the fun.

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