Chestnut Festival
A very big thank you to school community and the staff who willingly gave of their time and effort yesterday at The Chestnut Festival. There was a lot of coordination and organization that went on behind the scenes and on the day of the Festival as well as all the many willing hands helping out on the Lucky Jars, Cakes, Fairy Floss, BBQ, Corn on Cob and Devonshire Tea stalls. We were very fortunate to have had such a beautiful day weather wise which I’m sure helped to swell the crowds. We have raised almost $2,000 from our participation in the Festival, with some funds still to be included. Thank you again for your support and contributions. It is another example of why the school community at Mount Dandy PS is so special!

District Athletics
On Thursday, 30th April students from Grades 3-6 participated in the District Athletics event at Knox Athletics Centre. A fantastic effort from all the students who participated in events. Congratulations to the students who have made it through to the Divisional Event. More news on the District Athletics will follow.

Mothers’ Day Stall
There will be a Mothers’ Day Stall this Wednesday and Thursday morning. Students will have the opportunity to go ‘shopping’ with their grade, for a special something for Mum. A reminder to please BYO carry bag to take the special something home.

School Review - Parent Forums May 6th, 9.15am and 7pm
A reminder for the Parent Forum being held this Wednesday at 9.15am and 7pm in the Library. The Mount Dandy Primary School Council invites all parents to attend. We’re seeking feedback from our community about the strengths and the areas for improvement for our school. The more feedback we receive the better the outcomes for our next strategic plan will be. We encourage you to please take the time to attend one of our two planned forums. Thank you.

Fun Run
A big reminder about our school Fun Run being held this Friday, 8th May @ 2pm. All the students are very excited and I’m sure are ‘training’ hard! Please encourage the students by getting family and friends to sponsor them in this event. Last year we raised the fantastic amount of $4500 which is being used to install curtains in the multi-purpose room. This year our goal is to raise $5000. If each child is able to raise $30, we will easily achieve this amount. The class that raises the most will also receive a prize.

Schedule:
- Children at lunch and playtime 12.30pm-1.30pm
- ‘Fun Run’ 2pm-3pm
- Presentation of the House Cup 3.20pm

Parent support is most welcome on the day to cheer on the children (and even run a few laps themselves if they like!). We will also require a few helpers to stand on course checkpoints to supervise and encourage students. Sausages and cupcakes will be on sale for the day and we will need some volunteers to help. If you are able to assist in any of these areas, please contact Julie in the office.

Money and sponsorship booklets are to be returned to the school by Friday 22nd May.

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.

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Working Bee – 16th May 9-12pm
We are holding a school working bee from 9am to 12pm on the 16th of May. A notice was sent home with each child yesterday. Please save this date in your calendar.

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, 21st 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 newsletters for further information.

Thumbs Up To:
- All the parents, community, dedicated staff and students who helped and supported our school’s participation in the 2015 Kalorama Chestnut Festival (pictured right)
- All the students who participated in the District Athletics Events
- Erin W for your excellent effort in winning the one of the major prizes in the ‘Stories Up High Writers Festival’

Thank you, Mike Leonard and Anni Smart

MDPS ANNUAL FUN RUN
2—3pm
This Friday, 8th May, is the MDPS Annual Fun Run. Please come and cheer all the kids on and show your support with a donation.

We are also looking for some parents to help with the lunchtime sausage sizzle.

If you can help in the school canteen from 10am please text or call Megan Ferguson on 0418 331 743.
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

During last week we lived out all our Disney dreams. The children spent hours creating Disney plays with our fantastic dress ups, the final product was amazing. They even used their tiaras that we made for props. Along with this we decorated our princess biscuits. They look too pretty to eat!! And of course we used our recycled materials to make some stand our castles and dolls houses. The creativity was really engaged in this activity, and the children thoroughly enjoyed the design and technology process.

We also ran a curriculum day on Monday, it was great to see so many turn up. We had a ball with all our fantastic activities. The children really enjoyed themselves!! We made felt boards and characters, painted, cooked cupcakes, played the Wii, made castles out of recycled materials, played group games and even had time for a dress up competition. I know what you’re thinking.. how do they fit so much fun into one day? So please come along to the next one as we are endeavouring to get numbers up to ensure the days keep running. As it is a great and cheap alternative for a day of fun on curriculum days.

This week in OSH we will be celebrating mother’s day. Each day we will engage in a different activity that results in a present for Mum. From cards, to gift boxes, to trophies, to coupons and of course edible treats. The children will definitely spend the week spoiling the one they love! Along with this we always have our play areas set up for free and imaginative play for all the children, along with, cooking, Wii play and games outside.

So come along and join in the fun, we love to see everyone at OSH

This Week’s Activities - Term 2, Week 4

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| **After Care Activities**   |                                |                               |                               |                            |
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| 4:15pm-5:15pm Mother’s Day cards & Hopscotch | ‘Get Creative’ Art/Craft Club! 4:15pm – 5:15pm Mother’s Day message jars & Superman tag | 4:15pm – 5:15pm Hearts and star cookies & Ship, shark, shore | ‘Cooking club’ 4:15pm – 5:15pm Mother’s Day links & Sharks and jellyfish | ‘Friday Fun Day’ 4:15pm – 5:30pm Mother’s Day photo frame & Drama |

| **Afternoon tea**           |                                |                               |                               |                            |
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| 2 minute noodles with a plate of watermelon, oranges and apple. | Pasta bake and a plate of oranges, watermelon and apple. | Wedges and a plate of oranges, watermelon and apple. | Fresh jam, vegimite and honey sandwiches with a plate of watermelon, apple and kiwi fruit. | Nachos and a plate of oranges, watermelon, apple and mango |

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
Co-ordinator: Samantha Clarke

OSHClub 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.
Earthquake in Nepal – helping rebuild 5 families’ homes.

I am raising money to help 5 individual families in Nepal who have been affected by the earthquake. I know these families through visiting Nepal and my work. There are also two other families known by a friend of mine.

In a country where people already struggled, the situation since the earthquake is now even more desperate. The Nepalese are some of the kindest and most generous people I have ever met. Their country and its people are truly beautiful. Our aim is to raise over $6000 if possible. This money will help these families rebuild homes and feed their families in the very difficult days ahead.

I know many of you donate to other causes or will have already donated to this cause but if you can spare another $5 that would be fantastic. A small amount will go a long way in Nepal. For example, $100 will feed a family for a month. Your children may even feel they would like to give a couple of dollars from their pocket money. Even a very small donation will help. Your money will go directly to these families and they will be so grateful. You can give anonymously online at the link below.

With love and thanks in advance.

The link to the online giving is:

http://www.gofundme.com/td6xvmw

Annie Angle (Spike and Sadie’s Mum)
CROSS COUNTRY OPEN DAY

Come and run with us at our inaugural Cross Country Open Day.
Fun run the same courses you will run at the EMR Championships in June 2015.
Events for all the family, including seniors and non-member entrants.

Where: Wandin Park, 305 Vincents Rd, Gumeracha, 30 mins from Mt Evelyn.
When: Saturday 23 May, 2015, first event 10am.

Event divisions:
- 500m / 1000m / 1500m / 2000m / 3000m Under Age races
- 3000m and 5000m Open Age races
- Married and Marshallled courses
- Excellent viewing of all races from the elevated position of Race Central.

Entry Fee & Online Entry:
- www.yarrarangethletics.org.au

Bookaburra Storytime for Mt Dandenong?

Reading from a very young age has a positive effect on a child’s emotional, social and language development. Bookaburra Storytime arranges trained volunteer storytellers running free, big weekly sessions in a range of community settings.

Are you interested in joining a local Bookaburra Storytime?
Are you a family or carer with young children under 5 years of age?
Are you interested in joining a free, free regular Storytime at Farndons Hall?
Tell us if you are interested in joining a Storytime session at Farndons Community Hall by sending an email to June Browne at june.browne@mt.dandenong.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or Tel 5728 6453

Weed Blitz
Free Environmental Weed Tipping Day

Shop will be available at
Kallista Community House, Kallista
Mt Evelyn Rec Reserve, York Rd, Mt Evelyn
Saturday 16th May 2015
9am – 3pm

- Agapanthus
- Arum Lily
- Astilbe Fern
- Banana Passionfruit
- Cotoneaster
- English Holly
- English Ivy
- Japanese Honeyuckle
- Karamu
- Mirror bush
- Monstera
- Red Calotro
- Sweet Pittospurum
- Wandering Trad
- Wild Tobacco Tree

When removing weeds please be aware of the potential that native animals may be sheltering in them. Always check woody weeds for nests before removing and where possible replace a weed with an indigenous native plant. Nest boxes are easy to make, inexpensive to buy and a great way of providing homes for native animals.

For information on weed removal techniques call Yarra Ranges Council on 9294 0215 or http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au

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WORKING BEE

SATURDAY 16TH MAY, 9 AM—12 PM

We need you!

Please come along and support us to provide a wonderful outdoor space for your children.

Equipment Required: Whipper snippers, hedging equipment, secateurs, blower vacs, spades, shovels, wheel burrows, rakes, brooms, buckets, gloves etc.

Jobs include: pruning, weeding, cleaning external drains, slashing grass, fertilising the vegetable gardens, preparing our embankments for planting and more

Yes, I/we ................................................................. will be attending the working bee at the following time:

☐ 9—10 am
☐ 10—11 am
☐ 11 am—12 pm

Signed ........................................................................