

The Mount Dandy News

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News and Views...

Welcome Back

We'd like to welcome all of our staff, students and wider community members back from what was hopefully a restful opportunity to recharge for Term 3.

I (Mike) spent 4 days in Ballarat visiting Sovereign Hill with my family and we had a wonderful time. It is an amazing venue and an amazing place to learn about a time in Australian history that had a huge impact on who we are today. We also took time to just explore Ballarat and it was simply brilliant to spend some quality time with my family. I spent a few days rebuilding a deck at home. I know the tradies in our community are shuddering at the thought, but it turned out okay.

I (Anni) had a fabulous break. I spent time catching up with my daughter, Amelija planning her upcoming wedding and checking out a variety of wedding reception venues. I also spent several days visiting Adelaide which was quite exciting for me as it's been a long time since I last spent time there. It even snowed while I was enjoying lunch and a hot chocolate in a cosy café in Hahndorf!!

Now it's back to a super busy term 3 that will include our whole school review which is exciting and should prove to be an excellent process for aligning the school's direction for the next four years.

Goodbye and Thank You Mrs Becker

It is a sad week for Mt Dandy as we wish Mrs Trish Becker a fond farewell. Trish is heading into retirement and heading for a warmer climate. Trish has requested not to have a big farewell assembly however it would be great for as many community members as possible to drop into the SLU this week and wish her well before her last day on Friday. We'd like to thank Trish for her many contributions to our school and community. You will be sorely missed Trish and we wish you all the very best!

Welcome Alice Csabi

When one door closes another one opens. Welcome to Alice Csabi who is our new grade 5/6B teacher. Alice has been teaching at Hampton Park, is a Girl Guides leader and is passionate about the performing arts. We are sure that Alice will be an excellent replacement for Mrs Becker. Alice started today and will be attending the Grade 5/6B interviews to meet all of the parents. Please make her welcome.

Semester 1 Reports

All students will receive their Semester 1 reports this Friday. Those students in Grade 5/6B and 1/2P will have received a draft copy yesterday because they are interviewing this week. The reports have been generated on a new system called GradeXpert and will not be very different to what we have produced in the past. The marking system remains the same with a 'C' representing the expected outcome.

We have also decided to hand the reports out later than usual for two reasons. The first is that we believe the reporting will be more accurate if assessments take place later in term 2 allowing students more time to complete their semester outcomes. The second reason is that we have started using the new reporting program which is significantly different to the previous system and we wanted to be sure we had the time to learn how to use it and complete the reports in a thorough and professional manner.

The teachers have been encouraged to keep the reports concise and to ensure that they are an accurate reflection of each child's achievements. The reduced 'educational speak' should ensure that they are readily understood by all parties.

Please take the time to read them carefully, discuss your child's achievements with them, celebrate their successes and together with your child's class teacher you can set some great learning goals for Semester 2 at the three way interviews.

Grade 2 Camp

Our grade two students head off to Belgrave for their first school camping experience this Thursday. I am sure that they are going to have a great time and I am looking forward to meeting them there at some stage. Have fun Grade 2's!

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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Chess Club

We have had great response to our advertised Chess Club and as a result, a free trial will take place in the library on Wednesday at lunchtime for those interested.

New Outdoor Settings

Over the holidays we took delivery of four magnificent sets of outdoor table and chairs from the Montrose Men's Shed. They are located in the elevated open courtyard outside the central double doors (opposite the staffroom) which I am sure will become a favourite spot for all sorts of activities.

The timber sets are only undercoated and it would be greatly appreciated if a parent who is handy with a paintbrush could give them a couple of finishing coats.

School Review Update

Our school review report has been completed and has been submitted as a draft to School Council for ratification. Once this is completed it will be sent to all those who provided feedback and also uploaded to the school website for the wider community. The report will also be available on request from the office. Our review day will take place on August the 3rd and will involve our profession reviewer, two principal peers, School Council President Kirsten Vernon as well as Anni Smart and Michael Leonard

Following on from this we will receive a recommendation report from the reviewer and begin the process of writing a strategic plan for the next four years.

We are sure that thanks to the feedback from our entire community along with the important review process we will clearly be able to define an important and successful strategic direction for the future.

Thumbs Up to:

- 👍 Mrs Becker for an amazing contribution to MDPS!
- 👍 Montrose Men's Shed for building our wonderful new outdoor settings

Thank you, Mike Leonard and Anni Smart.



Earn and Learn is back!

Collect the stickers from woollies, fill your card and place them in the collection box in the school office.

All tokens raised will be used to purchase equipment for our Phys Ed program.

Thank you, Kathleen Kean, Physical Education Teacher



Calling all Families

It is hard to believe our annual Art Show is now in its fourth year! We have been fortunate enough to be able to engage with the local community through our Art program by inviting in friends and relatives of students who have a skill they would like to share. In Term 3 students create artworks based on these newly acquired skills and the pieces are exhibited at our Art Show in October.

The links to the broader community are priceless to the learning and engagement provided to students. Parents are always welcome to attend any of these sessions to see first-hand how students develop their work. Times will be advised in the upcoming Art Show newsletters.

If you have a Mum, Dad, Aunty, Grandpa or anyone in your family who has a particular creative passion or a skill they might like to share, then we would love to hear from them.

Please email lawrence.michelle.m@edumail.vic.gov.au or speak with Liz Kennedy in the Art room. We look forward to lots of making, creating and sharing with those you know and love. Hope to see you in the Art room.

Michelle Lawrence and Liz Kennedy

Help needed – do you enjoy sewing?

If you are able to help with student costumes for our fast approaching Wakakirri performance, Tricia Spratt would love to meet with you in the library on Thursday morning at 9 am.



Music News



Busking night, Wednesday 29th July

Instrumental performers
Singing, dancing and theatre
Orchestra and Vocal Ensemble
Mark this date in your calendar now!

Canteen Menu Term 2 2015

Hot food	Price
Sausage roll	\$3.00
Plain pie	\$3.80
Hot dog in roll	\$3.00
Party pie	80c
Party sausage roll	80c
Vegetable pastie	\$3.60
Sauce	20c
Sandwiches (white or w'meal) or rolls	
Roll add	20c
Ham, cheese and tomato	\$4.20
Chicken, lettuce and mayonnaise	\$4.50
Salad	\$4.00
Vegemite	\$2.50
Pizza roll	\$2.50
Cheese and bacon roll	\$2.20
Plain croissants	\$2.20
Treats	
Cinnamon donut	70c
Iced donut	80c
Chocolate cookie	\$1.80
Cornflake cookie	\$1.80
Gluten free cookie	\$1.90
Cup Cake	\$2.00
Drinks	
Apple or Orange Juice	\$2.50

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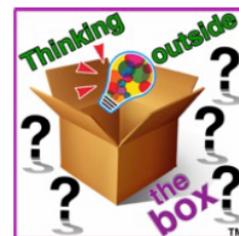
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9.15am

Thinking Outside The Box Programs

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Free Parent Information Evening

Is your child seeking more challenge?

Thinking Outside The Box and the **Gifted Support Network** are delighted to invite parents to an evening of information and discussion about gifted and talented children. Parents are welcome from all schools and whether or not your child is attending a *Thinking Outside The Box* program. Teachers are also welcome.

The keynote speaker is **Penny Willoughby**, Founder and Teacher of *Thinking Outside The Box* Programs. The evening will include a presentation, hands-on session, as well as time for questions and discussion. A light supper will be available.

What is Giftedness?

~45 mins

- What do the educational terms, 'highly able', 'gifted' and 'talented', mean?
- How are gifted children identified? How do I know if my child is gifted?
- What can I do to help my child's educational needs be met?
- How do I approach our school to talk about my child's education?
- What are the *Thinking Outside the Box* programs about and how will they benefit my child?

Hands-on maths and logic problems

~45 mins

Are you keen to find great activities for children with lively young minds? Do you enjoy challenging yourself to solve tricky maths and logic problems? Have fun exploring a range of maths and logic problems that you can take home to share with your children. Levels to select from will include easy problems – for younger children (Kinder, Prep etc) or beginners - through to hard problems – for adolescents and adults keen for a challenge. Penny will commence this session with a short talk about the benefits of problem solving and some ideas for developing your children's strategies and persistence. Penny will also be available to help parents solve tricky problems and chat throughout the session.

Date: **Thursday, 23 July, 2015**

Time: **7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Venue: **Tecoma Primary School ***

1536 Burwood Highway, Tecoma (Opposite shopping strip)

Principal: Rohan Thompson

Bookings are essential by Tuesday, 21 July 2015 and can be made by contacting Barbara Vegh at: admin@thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au or calling/texting on **0429 522 903**.

* Parking is available in the school car park; enter from Burwood Highway.

July 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 First Day of Term 3	14	15	16 Grade 2 Camp	17 Grade 2 Camp Student Reports go home	18	19
20 School Council	21 <u>Date Change:</u> Three-way Inter- views—1:30- 6:00pm	22	23 <u>Date Change:</u> Three-way Inter- views—4:00- 8:00pm	24	25	26
27 Prep—2 Swimming	28 Prep—2 Swimming	29 Prep—2 Swimming Busking Night	30 Prep—2 Swimming	31 Prep—2 Swimming		

August 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
31					1	2
3 Prep—2 Swimming School Review	4 Prep—2 Swimming	5 Prep—2 Swimming Wakarri	6 Prep—2 Swimming	7 Prep—2 Swimming	8	9
10	11 University of NSW Maths Competition	12 Kilsyth Basketball Workshop	13	14 Kilsyth Basketball Workshop	15	16
17 School Council	18	19 Kilsyth Basketball Workshop	20 Book Fair	21 Kilsyth Basketball Workshop Book Fair	22	23
24 Book Week <u>Date Change:</u> Book Fair: Special Friends Day and Book Character Parade	25 Book Week Book Fair	26 Book Week Book Fair	27 Book Week Book Fair	28 Book Week Eggs Incursion— Prep-6	29	30

September 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2 5/6 Rugby Gala	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Grade 6 Production	10 Grade 6 Production	11 Grade 6 Production	12	13
14	15	16 Jump Rope for Heart	17	18 Last day Term 3	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				