Grade 2 to 6 Chess Club Starts on Wednesday
Over 20 grade 2 to 6 students attended our free trial session last Wednesday and really enjoyed learning from Chess Grand Master Darryl Johansen. After the initial teaching component, the students paired off and enjoyed applying their skills while Darryl roamed and supported those who needed it. Each of the students reported that they had a great time. It is not too late for your child to participate in our brand new chess club. An enrolment form is included in this edition of the newsletter.

Three Way Interviews This Week
Our Parent/Student/Teacher interviews start today and by now you should have received your interview time confirmation notice. These interviews are a great way to develop a close and supportive approach between home and school to support your child’s learning and ensure that an individual and personal approach.

Long Service Leave - Anni Smart
Our Student Welfare coordinator, Anni Smart, is on long service leave until Wednesday next week. If you have any student welfare concerns during this time please approach your child’s teacher. If this is not appropriate then do not hesitate to contact me.

Grade 2 Students Brave the Weather at Camp
Well done to our Grade 2 campers who braved wet and cold conditions to have a great time on camp. From my short visit on Thursday afternoon, I could see them all enjoying the various activities. I am told that the rest of the camp went well with our students representing our school magnificently by demonstrating great manners, enthusiasm and having a go. Well done to you all. I’d also like to thank parent volunteers David Sleightholme and Justine Ryan for taking the time to go on camp and support the teachers and students.

Lastly, I’d like to show my appreciation to Krista Tomlinson and Anni Smart who attended the camp and gave up a considerable amount of their personal time to allow our students to participate in this wonderful experience.

Busking Night
Our annual Busking Night is taking place on Wednesday the 29th of July. We have many students presenting all manner of performances, including playing an instrument, singing, dancing and acting. We encourage you to come along and see our talented students in action. Bring along a few coins to support our buskers. All proceeds will be used to purchase more equipment for our excellent Performing Arts program.

Junior School Swimming Program – 27th July to 8th August
Our Junior School swimming program begins next week and we’d love to see all students involved. Even though your child may already participate in lessons, every hour spent swimming under the guidance of professional swimming teachers is an opportunity to further refine the very important skills of water safety and improve swimming ability.

If you have not yet signed up for the program please do so at the office immediately.

MDPS School Canteen Meeting - Tomorrow at 3.40pm
Parent volunteer, Shauna King is leading a group of interested volunteers to potentially get our onsite school canteen back up and running. If you have ideas, enthusiasm or experience to share then we’d like to invite you to a meeting which will take place on Wednesday 22nd, at 3.40pm in the staffroom. We hope to see you there.

Thumbs Up To:
* Our Grade 2 campers
* The staff and parents who attended camp
* Rachael Hutchin and her workplace for donating some great furniture to our school

Thank you, Mike Leonard.
2015 Parent Opinion Survey

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey of 40 parents from the school community. Parents are randomly selected to participate and we use the information to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement.

The survey is designed to take no more than 20 minutes to complete and your feedback and opinions play an important role in making our school the best it can possibly be.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible. Your comments in the final, open-ended question will be scanned and provided back to the school.

If you are selected, I ask you to take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school. For example, feedback from parents has encouraged us to trial an extra curricula Chess Club.

Please return your completed survey to school by Friday, 31st July 2015.

Once again, if chosen, I thank you for taking the time to participate; your assistance is greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries about the survey.

Yours sincerely,
Michael Leonard
Principal

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
WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3 FROM EVERYONE AT OSH!!
We hope everyone enjoyed their holidays!! It is so great to see everyone’s bright smiles to commence a new term at OSH.

Update to staffing for OSH this term:
You may have heard, Kerrie will not be with us for the next four weeks. During the holidays she was involved in a minor car accident. She is well and in good spirits, just taking some time to fully recover. In the mean time we have two new staff members Hannah and Jack and a on and off coordinator Justine. Please say hello next time you pop in they would love to meet you.

This week in OSH we had our circus week. The children who come in to OSH absolutely love gymnastics and circus skills, so why not create a week to celebrate these skills!!

Next week is construction wee, so come along and join in the creativity and FUN!!!
It's almost Waka Time!

In 2 weeks our 80 students are going to be at Frankston Arts Centre to compete in their heat.

Our performance is called Cirque Du Brute. It is a story we have based within a circus but it indicates what happens in the wider community. Our theme is bullying. Bullying in the world takes many forms and our story tries to highlight these and reinforce that 'this is not okay'.

Practise is well under way; costumes have been measured and stitched; costumes are being bagged, individually labeled, and packed; props have been designed and are being built and students are keen and excited.

We are asking you to support our team.
We are having a fundraising day....

A pyjama day.... Next Friday, July 25th

Gold coin donation will help cover the costs of our make up. So... come to school in comfort and join in the fun!
Music News
Busking night, Wednesday 29th July

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

CONGRATULATIONS
to the following students who have already completed the
Premiers Reading Challenge:

Lucy D  Jack G  Cami H
Maeve H  Laura M  Erin M
Joshua R  Mary S  Eloise V

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 paste $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

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
at Elle Naturale Olinda
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
Chess Ideas

Mount Dandenong Primary School
Term 3, 2015
FREE PROMOTION WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY

Classes will start on Wednesday 22nd July

Dates: 22/7 – 16/9: 9 weeks
Time: Wednesday 1.30 – 2.30
Cost: $11.00 per lesson $99.00 for the term.

PLEASE NOTE: If chess lessons coincide with swimming or school camp, please deduct the cost of these lessons from the total amount. Otherwise students will not receive a refund for classes missed but students commencing after the first week do not pay for the earlier lessons.

Cheques should be made payable to “Chess Ideas (Australia) Pty. Ltd or we take payment via Visa and Mastercard, this can be phoned into our offices or posted. PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT: www.chessideas.com.au

PLEASE ADVISE MICHAEL LEONARD YOUR NAME AND DETAILS THAT YOU HAVE REGISTERED

If your child has a medical condition we should know about please ring our office with details.

Play Chess at home against the computer.
Click on “play chess”. It’s fun!

CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 3, 2015
(Mount Dandenong Primary School)

NAME OF CHILD: ______________________________ GRADE: ______________

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: ______________________________

Credit Card Details:

NAME ON CARD: ______________________________ CARD TYPE: ______________

CARD NUMBER: ______________________________ EXPIRY DATE: ______________

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Please enclose $99.00 and send to: ‘Chess Ideas (Australia) Pty. Ltd.’ PO Box 3158, Ripponlea Vic 3185 or phone 9532 – 8370 or fax 9532 – 8360 with credit card details between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
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