

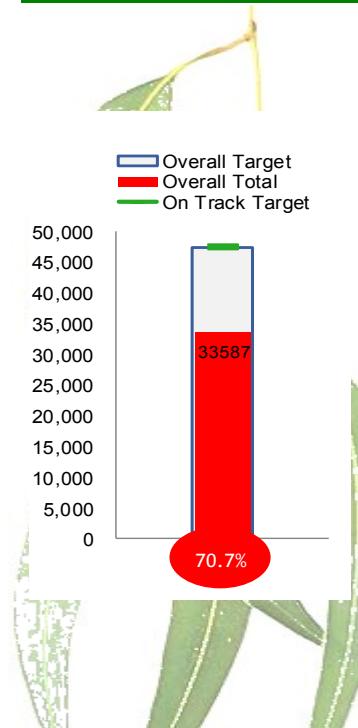
The Mount Dandy News

Top of the mountain, top results.



Issue 259

4th August 2015



Wakakirri tickets that have not been collected will be sent home with students today. We are asking parents to help us fill our ticket allocation by purchasing the **remaining 20 tickets**. Please come to the office if you have friends or family who would like to join us at the performance tomorrow night.

News and Views...

Dandenong Ranges and Knox Principal Network Conference A Success

Last week's Knox and Dandenong Ranges Principals' Conference was a huge success. With 115 school leaders the conference started with our local member and Education Minister, James Merlino sharing his vision for Victorian Government schools. With Victoria's number plates moving to *Victoria the Education State*, James told us that there is a great deal of accountability with this. His passion and desire to improve facilities, teaching practices and ultimately student outcomes was obvious to all. There are going to be some further funding announcements prior to the end of this term but it is very pleasing that there are many aspects of education currently being reviewed and consulted upon.

Some of the other highlights;

- Hearing from Tom Brunzell (Berry Street) about the importance of routines, structure, predictability and consistency. Tom talked about a simple phrase that he started utilising at Berry Street Institute, 'Work hard. Be Nice'. Tom challenged us to reflect on whether our school's approach to student wellbeing and education is a poker machine type approach education or a vending machine approach where you know exactly what you are going to get and that all students are going to have the best possible learning opportunities.
- Glen Pearsell (Teacher Learning Network) talking about precise teaching practice. Many of the schools which were represented are 'good' schools and our challenge is to move to 'great' schools- the only way that we can do this is to focus more on the teaching that takes place in the classroom and to increase consistency so that every classroom is operating at its capacity. Precise teaching skills such as wait time, pause time, specific questioning techniques were focussed on and tools shared. Our Peer Observation Program will be further enhanced as a result of some of Glen's strategies and ideas. Glen will be working with staff in the Dandenong Ranges Network over the next year as we continue on this journey.
- Lawrie Drysdale from the University of Melbourne presented some of the findings of the International Successful School Principal Project which has involved more than 20 countries and 100 schools. Lawrie challenged us to reflect on our own values and beliefs and whether or not our actions do in fact reflect our values. Lawrie also challenged us to set goals and review the directions of our school.

There are many more great ideas and strategies our school will be undertaking as a result of this conference.

Strategic Review Day

Upon writing this we have just completed our review panel day. This was an opportunity for us as a school to reflect on our achievements over the past four years and begin to set directions for the next four. We spent a great deal of the day analysing our achievements in both academic and social domains over the past four years and thanks to the in-depth review conducted prior to the panel day and with the expert assistance of our panel members we were able to ascertain that we are a good school and have achieved good results. However the theme of the day was 'going from good to great'.

Further researching and embedding whole school teaching practices, instructional models and a wellbeing model are areas for us to consider when going forward to creating our new strategic plan. We will be given a full report on findings in approximately two weeks. This will be shared with staff and the school council and soon afterwards disseminated to the wider community. I would especially like to thank Principals Steve Richardson from Highvale PS and Marg Uren from Monbulk College as well as our School Council President, Kirsten Vernon for taking the time to support our school through this important process.

What's in this issue?	
News and Views	1&2
Interview and Reporting Survey	2
Art News	2
OSHClub News	3

Good Luck on Wednesday to Our Wakakirri Team

We would like to wish this year's Wakakirri team the very best of luck on Wednesday night. After all of their rehearsing and enthusiasm we are sure that they will make us very proud. There have been a number of staff and parent volunteers who have contributed to ensuring this opportunity was made available to our students and we will acknowledge them next week in our wrap up of our 'hopefully' successful performance. Go Mt Dandy!

Continued on page 2...

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.

News and Views... Continued from page 1

Energy Efficiency Grant – show your support.

Our school has applied for a \$1000 grant to fund the first stage of the Mount Dandenong Primary School Energy Reduction Initiative. Through the installation of localised monitoring equipment, the project aims to involve every student at the school into the concept of efficient use of electricity. Incorporating a friendly web based platform, the project will draw information from the monitoring equipment and provide regular feedback to students on the performance of their particular part of the school in conserving energy. The results of the program will be reported on regularly through school assemblies and newsletters.

This is the first stage of a three phase project which aims to deliver an 80% reduction in electricity use by 2017. A copy of the project scoping report will be on display and available in the coming weeks outside Michael Leonard's office in the foyer. All you have to do is click on the link below to register and vote. Voting commenced today and will close on the 14th August. Every vote counts! If we don't get enough votes, we don't get the funding. Please tell as many of your friends and relatives to join and support us in this project by emailing the link or sharing it on Facebook. Thanks for your support and please vote NOW!

<http://www.leaderlocalgrants.com.au/idea/mount-dandenong-primary-school-energy-reduction-initiative>

WE NEED YOUR VOTES!!!!

Would you like to see the school run its own canteen again?



If you are interested in becoming involved, please come along to a meeting tomorrow morning at 9 am in the library or leave your name and email address at the office. We need parent support to make this possible.

Dear Parents,

We are aiming to improve our reporting procedures and would love your feedback about our reporting and interview process for mid-year 2015. Please access the following link and complete the survey. It will only take a few minutes.

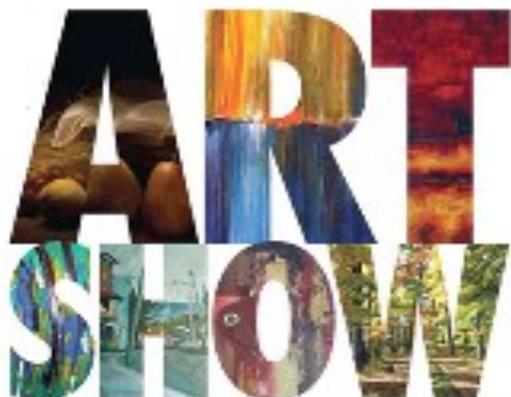
Thank you in anticipation.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CCD88YT>

Michael Leonard, Principal

Uniform News

Long sleeved polos now available in all sizes



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

OSHClub News

Before School / After School Care Program



This week in OSH we focused on 'all about me'! We had lots of fun learning about each other and what makes us special. We had art and craft activities, where students created fabulous self-portraits along with 'all about me' posters. We had a lot of fun with the hot glue gun, creating little me dolls. The girls especially loved making clothes for their 'mini me'! Along with our theme we also had a challenge afternoon. The theme was dominoes. The children spend hours coming up with the most inventive, complex and hilarious domino creations!

It was so great to

see everyone work together and it looked just spectacular!

Next week we are going 'somewhere over the rainbow'! Each day we will splash OSH full of colour; with our chalk drawings, painting, colour chars and rainbow tows. We are even giving our cooking club some colour with disco cupcakes!! So come along and join the fun!!

We will see you at the club!!



This Week's Activities - Term 3, Week 4

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before Care Activities	Design a colour in	Homework club	Downball	Lego	Build a town
Brekky	Cereal & Milk, Juice (No sugar), Toast (White/Wholemeal) & Spreads, yoghurt	Cereal & Milk, Juice (No sugar), Toast (White/Wholemeal), Spreads & Milk & Milo	Cereal & Milk, Juice (No sugar), Toast (White/Wholemeal), Spreads & Raisin Toast	Cereal & Milk, Juice (No sugar), Toast (White/Wholemeal), Spreads & Raisin Toast	Cereal & Milk, Juice (No sugar), Toast (White/Wholemeal) & Spreads, Milk & milo
After Care Activities	4:15pm-5:15pm Marble painting & 123 basketball	'Get Creative' Art/Craft Club! 4:15pm – 5:15pm Making colours & Line Tag	'Active after school' 4:15pm – 5:15pm Softball & Round the sheep	'Cooking club' 4:15pm – 5:15pm Disco cupcake & Parachute games	'Friday Fun Day' 4:15pm – 5:30pm Rainbow creation & Peg tag
Afternoon tea	2 minute noodles with a plate of watermelon, oranges and apple	Wedges with sour cream and a plate of watermelon, apple and grapes	Fresh jam, vegimite and honey sandwiches with a plate of watermelon, apple and grapes.	Nachos and a plate of oranges, watermelon, apple and mandarin	English muffins and a plate of watermelon apple and orange

Parent Information

Ensure all enrolments are to be signed in and out when your child arrives and is collected at the end of the day.

OSHC program phone: 0419915649

Coordinator: 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.

costumes.com.au

Book Week Costumes

Order your Book Week costume from Australia's leading online costume store.

- 1,000s of children's costumes available
- Overnight delivery or free pick up from Kilsyth
- Costumes start from \$20

Visit Costumes.com.au/bookweek and save 10% off your purchase.
Use promotional code: BW-W5VY
Offer expires 31 August 2015

Book Week | Halloween | Birthday Parties | Imaginative Play

IRISH DANCING CLASSES



Children and Adult Classes,
New Beginners Welcome
Tecoma—Mondays & Thursdays
Costs: \$10/lesson (pay as you
go for new beginners)
Family discounts,
No joining fees

Please contact Kate for more information
[Kate_bilton@hotmail.com](mailto:kate_bilton@hotmail.com)
0434 517 636

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

Player Registration for Spring 2015

Sassafras Ferny Creek Netball Club is open for registration for our Spring Competition and welcomes any new players. You don't need to have any experience, just the will to join in and become part of a team!

Registration: closes August 8th, 2015

Season: Spring season runs from September 2015 to early December (no finals for 11 & Under)

Age: 8 years old to open.

Training: Teams train at the netball court in Olinda

Matches: All matches are on Saturdays

Venue: Mountain District Netball Complex, Femtree Gully for all matches.



ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Give us a call and we will get you started!

Questions? Contact Ann-Marie Baker on 0418 395 070 or Deb Andrich 0407 514 103



Players Wanted



Is your child interested in playing basketball? Then we want you. We are currently recruiting players for the next SUMMER season beginning in October 2015

- Boys & Girls Age 5 and up, any level of experience or none at all, new players welcome
- Boys play on Saturdays
- Girls Under 10 and below play Tuesdays
- Girls Under 12 to U21's play Wednesdays

Training will commence on Tuesdays at 4.45pm to 5.30pm at Yarra Hills Secondary College Reay Road Mooroolbark starting 4th August to 8th September. Just come down and bring a basketball if you have one. This is an open training to boys and girls of all ages. Contact: Natalie Johnson Mobile 0400 882 273 montrosevikings.org.au

Dandenong Ranges Physio

- Pilates □ Orthotics □ Remedial Massage
- Back/neck pain
 - Sports injuries
 - Headaches
 - Overuse injuries
 - Sprains/strains
 - Falls & balance
 - Post-surgical rehab
 - Women's health

OLINDA - 9751 0400 - Opposite Mt Dandenong Hotel www.drphysio.com.au

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

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 Canteen helpers meeting 9 am 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 Father's Day Stall 3/4 excursion to Mont de Lancey	4 Father's Day Stall	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 of Term 3	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

October 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5 First day of Term 4	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Curriculum Day— Student Free Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	