Student Requisite Contributions
At the time of writing this newsletter we have collected 70.7% of our annual student fees. This is displayed in our thermometer which is located on the left of this page. This year we charged a very reasonable $250 per student for 2015. Compare this to kinder fees which are a necessary $250 per term and I believe that our fees are very fairly priced.

The Student requisite fees are used to purchase support materials such as class reading books, mathematics hands on equipment, supplies for specialist classes, stationary, computers and electronic equipment, digital subscriptions and many other items that our annual funding budget does not cover.

We are currently $13,900 short of our expected $47,500 which is a lot of money that we do not have available to support our students. As community members it is an expectation that each family contributes to improve the outcomes for all. Unfortunately there are a number of families who choose not to pay the fees which is unfair to those who do.

We understand that you may be experiencing financial difficulty and have mechanisms for support if you require it. Please drop in to see me if this is the case. We encourage all of you who have not yet paid your fees to please do so as soon as possible as we desperately require the funding boost it provides.

Thank you very much to all of the families who have already paid.

Timely reminder
It is very important that student family contact details are always kept up to date. We have had a number of occasions recently when we have been unable to contact parents of sick or injured students as their details had changed. If you change your mobile phone number, address, work or emergency contact details, please remember to inform the school office.

Student Requisites Collections 2015

- Overall Total
- On Track Target
- 70.7%
- 2015

Book Week Parade and Special Friends Morning – Monday 24th August
Next Monday morning we will be holding our annual book character parade and we invite parents, grandparents and all other interested community members to come along and join in the fun. All students are encouraged to dress up as a favourite book character. The parade will begin at 9.10am and will take place in the multipurpose room. After the parade we encourage our visitors to visit the book fair in the library and the student classrooms. Our book fair is an opportunity to purchase some reasonably priced books and to do some early Christmas shopping. The school benefits from your purchases by earning credits from each sale which are put towards purchasing books for our Library.

Please refer to the information included in this newsletter about opening times for the book fair.

School Review Report
This week we are receiving the report of our 2012 – 2015 Strategic School Review which many of you have contributed to. Emma Richardson, our professional reviewer, will deliver the report to staff on Thursday after school and to the School Council on Thursday evening. Shortly after that we will deliver a copy to all of those families who participated in the school review forums. I have seen a draft copy and while we have been achieving good results there are certainly areas for improvement.

School Review Panel Overview- From Kirsten Vernon – School Council President
Participating in the school review panel has been a very informative experience for me as a parent and non-teacher. I am always taken aback at just how much planning, thought and consideration is put in by the school’s teaching staff into all the topics and activities which then occur in classrooms or across the School. The review has highlighted a number of learning areas where we are very successful but also a few aspects of student learning or wellbeing where, particularly the teaching staff could look in depth at ways to collectively improve outcomes. School Council will be meeting with the reviewer later this week and once the new four year plan is in place there will be opportunities for students and parents to participate in making changes over time.

Once again I thank you all for your contributions to this process.

Facebook – Mount Dandenong Primary School
We have now launched our official Mount Dandenong Primary School Facebook page. This will be another mechanism for staying informed about activities at school and will be used as a means of communicating school wide programs, messages etc. Those of you who have already joined our Friends of Fundraising page will be automatically transferred to this Facebook page. Be sure to look us up and ‘like’ us if you are not already connected.

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.
**Father's Day Community Breakfast 4th September - 8.15am.**
This year we are holding a special breakfast for our dad's and special male friends. All students are encouraged to invite their dad or significant male role model to come along to school and enjoy a special breakfast. Our special guests are then encouraged to walk their children to their classrooms to begin the school day. Invitations will be sent out this week.

**Traffic Request**
Remember that it is crucial that all drivers please drive slowly in the vicinity of our school. We have had a number of reports of parents who are driving too fast and making it unsafe for our pedestrians.

**Thumbs Up To:**
- Kinley and Charlotte Y for helping out at Skipping Club
- Cheryl for decorating the library so beautifully
- Our orchestra who keep on improving each week

Thank you, Mike Leonard and Anni Smart.

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**Music News**

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the busking night, we raised $430 for the music program which is an amazing effort. The night was a real credit to the students, many of whom put in hours of practice!

If anyone has some photos they would be able to send to school I would love to include them on the school website.

**Prep - Paper Making**

Over the next few weeks on **Wednesday from 9am – 10am** the Preps will be working on paper making. We will require assistance from parents and the following materials for this activity. If you are able to assist please see Liz Kennedy, leave a message at the office or with your child’s teacher.

Donated materials can be left outside the Art room.
- TISSUE paper (any colour)
- Wool (not acrylic please)
- Silk thread

We would like to borrow soup ladles and A4 Paper Making frames (please label with your name).

Many thanks for your support.

_Liz Kennedy_

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**FATHERS DAY STALL**

**Thurs 3rd Sept**

**Fri 4th Sept for kids who missed out**

**Priced at $1, $2, $3, $4, $5**

**kids,**

**please bring your own enviro friendly bags**

I am looking for 4 helpers for Thurs 3rd Sept. I'll be away so I need 3 people to help on the stall, and someone to arrive at 8.30 to set up and then run the stall. I will have everything ordered and boxed up ready to go.

Thanks, Nikki
This week we became competitors, opponents, team mates, players and sports fanatics in our ever popular GAMES WEEK!

Each day we spent the afternoon inside and outside; playing all kinds of collaborative group games that encourage team building.

From capture the flag to hand ball we had so much fun being active and learning to play as a group!

Next week we are taking the games to the floors and tables; with our board games week. Due to overwhelming suggestions we have dedicated a whole week to all the board games we love to play!

So come along and join the fun!!

This Week’s Activities - Term 3, Week 6

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**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.

OSHClubs program phone: 0419915649

Coordinator: Samantha Clarke

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.

OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000

Assistant: Kerrie Jones
Mt Dandenong Primary School Book Fair

From Friday August 21st - Wednesday August 26th
in our Library

Sale times are: 8:30am -9am & 3:30pm-4pm daily
(Except after school Friday 21st)

Extra Special Open Time: 9am-11am Monday August 24th
directly after the students parade as their favourite book character
Grade 6 Major Production 2015
“Worry Warts”

Parents, friends and family of all Mount Dandenong PS students are warmly invited to come and see our wonderful Grade 6 Major Production - an adaptation of Morris Gleitzman’s book “Worry Warts”.

Worry Warts follows the story of 11 year old Keith Shipley and his attempts to cheer up his “misery guts” parents. Keith is sure that if only he can solve his parents’ money problems he will be able to give them everlasting happiness.

Keith runs away to make a fortune for his parents, meeting a cast of colourful characters along the way. Come with Keith as he learns that there is only so much he can do about his parents’ happiness and that sometimes change is inevitable.

A fun night guaranteed for everyone!

Tickets are selling fast at the school office! Seating in the multi-purpose room is limited, so get in quickly to purchase your tickets.

Venue:
Multi-Purpose Room,
Mt Dandenong Primary School

Dates:
7:30 pm - Thursday, 10th September
7:30 pm - Friday, 11th September

Cost: Only $10 for adults, high school students $5.00
Mt Dandenong students and children under 12 free
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
0434 517 636

Would you be interested in an annual DVD of school memories?

The school’s fundraising committee are exploring the idea of putting together an annual DVD of memories that parents can purchase. It might include footage of assemblies, productions, concerts and other special events. A wonderful memento capturing the past year.

Our first step is to work out the feasibility and costs that might be involved. So we are reaching out to the school community to ask if anyone knows of a videographer or someone with a keen interest in filming, that might be interested in helping us with this idea.

If you know of anyone… please ask them to contact Megan on 0418 331 743. No obligation, we just want to start the conversation and see if this idea has value!

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
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
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