The Mount Dandy News
Top of the mountain, top results.

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News and Views...

Divisional Athletics
What a fabulous day we had at the Divisional Athletics last week at the Knox Athletic Track in Knoxfield. Seventeen students made it through to the Divisional finals of the Knox-Dandenong Ranges Division. The weather was perfect, especially given the previous few days of hot weather. We had participants in a variety of events including discus, triple jump, high jump, shot put, relay races, 100m, 800m and even 1500m races! I was very proud of all our MDPS competitors who gave it their absolute best and displayed great sportsmanship. Well done to each and every one of you. It was a fantastic effort to be selected for the Division Finals. Even more fantastic was that five of our wonderful athletes also made it through to the Regional Finals which were held at Bill Sewart Athletics Track, Burwood East. Well done to all of you.

Building Works
Work is commencing on the building of the house on the property opposite the school. The contractors, SJD Homes, are very keen to work in with the school to ensure student safety at all times. Therefore they will restrict the movement of their trucks and equipment to times outside of the critical student movement times of 8-9.00am and 3-4.00pm. They have asked that where possible that the school community be aware of the construction area and not park in that vicinity or use the fire track as an access to the main road.

Art Show
It’s the time of year we have all been waiting for! Liz Kennedy, Michelle Lawrence and their faithful band of volunteers have been working tirelessly organizing and arranging the displays for our very popular Art Show which is in its fourth year. As I venture into the Art Room it is a hive of excitement as students are busy putting the final touches to their work. The Art Show is an event not to be missed so put it in your calendar now: Thursday 22nd October 6pm-8pm and Friday 23rd October 9am-11am.

A reminder also that we still need Art donations (doesn’t matter how small) for the Art hampers. Donations can be left at the office.

Prep Transition Program
We are having the first of our Prep Transition sessions commencing this Friday 23rd October at 9am. Information about the Prep Transitions is available in the Prep Information Pack. May of the new 2016 Preps have already been up to visit the school and are very excited. The teachers are excited also and have been busy meeting and planning lots of fun activities and experiences for our new Preps over the coming weeks. We have planned a coffee and a chat session each week in the Library, with presentations from our staff and also Anita Volumbello who is our visiting Speech Therapist.

This is also an interesting time for Mums and Dads as we sometimes forget that it’s a big step for them too. At this time I am reflecting on the transition to school of my youngest who is finishing school and commencing his VCE exams this week. It doesn’t seem that all that long ago that I was experiencing what the excitement and trepidation that our ‘transition parents’ are. Where does the time go?

Walk to School Day, this Friday
Fireman Ken has kindly offered to once again lead a group of students, families and friends on Friday 23rd October, leaving from Tatra at 8.30 am sharp and walking along the tourist road to school. All welcome!

RICH Values
Respect, Independence, Community and Honesty are the values that drive the Mount Dandy school community – staff, students and parents. They are values that are inherent in both our interactions and communications with one another. As teachers we encourage excellence and independence in our young students as we nurture them to be the best that they can be in any of their endeavours. However, we are also encouraging our students to grow into happy, respectful and caring individuals. In delivering this message so we are cognizant that it is valued partnership between home and school. I am always happy to see examples of the students displaying our RICH values in the classroom or in the playground. Sometimes we can even learn these important lessons from the littlest of our students. This week while on yard duty I was delighted to observe two grade one students discussing the rules to a game they wanted to play and stressing that they needed to be ‘respectful’ and let everyone have a turn! Well done.

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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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Mike’s absence
Mike Leonard is currently on leave for two weeks as he is unwell. I am sure that you all join me in wishing him a speedy recovery and we look forward to having him back on deck next Monday. Anni Smart is Acting Principal in Mike’s absence.

Thumbs Up
- Athletes who competed in the Divisional and Regional Athletics Finals
- Richard Bellamo for supporting the Grade 5/6 to complete the planting in the garden project
- Canteen staff for providing us with such a popular yummy menu for Friday canteen.

Thank you, Anni Smart.

DIVISIONAL AND REGIONAL ATHLETIC FINALISTS


A fantastic effort by all of you. We are very proud of you at Mount D!

Ms Smart

“On Wednesday, 7th October, we had 17 students go to compete at the Division Championships for Athletics. Everyone gave their best effort. A few students got through to Region. Ziggy got through in the 1500 metres, Aaron got through in The 800 metres, Josh Leonard also got through in the 800 metres. Maeve got through in the 100 metres sprint and Percy got through in his event too.

Everyone did very well and showed exceptional community spirit. Thank you to Ms Smart for taking us and also to all the parents that helped out.”

Max and Ziggy

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER, LEAVING TATRA AT 8.30 AM SHARP!

The Objectives of National Walk Safely to School Day are:

- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children
- To promote the health benefits of walking and create regular walking habits
- To help children develop vital road crossing skills and ensure children up to the age of 10 years hold an adult's hand when crossing roads
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce car dependency and traffic congestion
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles
- To promote the use of public transport
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Last week in OSHClub we ran our curriculum day program. We would like to thank all the families who participated and helped to raise our numbers. We had a fantastic day full of fun activities. The children put on entertaining puppet shows, we cooked chocolate mouse and played lots of games outside.

Next week we are celebrating all things creepy and spooky on our Halloween week! We will be playing our famous BUCKET OF GUTS and lots of fun games such as mummy wrap and spooky tiggy. Finally we will be creating jack-o-lanterns and creepy crawly cupcakes.

So come along and join the fun!!

FRIENDLY REMINDERS: To cancel an ASC sessions please do so on the internet by 1pm on the day before, send us a text on: 0419 915 649 or let an educator know you are collecting your child. There is a $2 a minute fee for each child that is picked up after 6:15pm. Please book children in online. This is important as we need to staff appropriately for children attending.
**CAFE Reading Instructional Model**

Mount Dandenong Primary School is recognised as having an exemplary whole school approach to Literacy teaching and learning. Our Literacy block encompasses all aspects of Literacy, including Reading, Writing, Spelling, Speaking and Listening. This year all staff have undertaken significant professional learning to implement the innovative Literacy program called CAFE. Teachers work closely with every student during the week using the CAFE reading approaches and explicit teaching strategies in every classroom. Each teacher undertakes ongoing assessment and provides continuous monitoring, support and extension opportunities.

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**CAFE The Mount Dandenong Primary School Way**

During Literacy blocks CAFE is implemented in the following manner -

- Teachers conduct mini lessons where reading strategies are taught, modelled and reinforced. As these strategies are introduced they are added to the CAFE Menu board.
- Students then undertake oral language activities and sustained reading sessions where they focus on modelled strategies to practise and reinforce. ‘Sustained reading’ consists of Read to Self, Read to Someone and Listen to Reading.
- After sustained reading students undertake academic discussions where they share reading connections and experiences to further deepen understanding.
- During ‘sustained reading’ sessions teachers conference with students to monitor, observe and set goals that directly link with the CAFE menu.

**Read to Self**

During ‘Read to Self’ students choose ‘Just Right’ books from either their own collection or from a class chosen library to read. Students then read these independently.

**Read to Someone**

During ‘Read to Someone’ students sit beside each other ‘elbow to elbow, knee to knee’ and read to each other. Students are given guidance on how to choose a partner and how to be a coach to their partner when reading. Students learn how to stop and check for understanding as they listen to their partner read.

**Listen to Reading**

During ‘Listen to Reading’ students can listen to different texts either on the computers, netbooks, iPads or listening posts. ‘Listening to Reading’ extends vocabulary, fluency and expression. As a result students have access to texts that match their understanding and comprehension ability.

A fundamental component of the CAFE program is setting up a classroom library. Each grade has created a library within their classroom of books that were specifically chosen by each student from the school library. This has also been supplemented by books donated by the school community. Research suggests having access to a variety of literature genres that children enjoy helps fosters a love of reading.
New lunch order menu!
WEEK 3 FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER

Pumpkin soup and roll $4
Fried basmati rice with veggies, prawns and chicken (GF) $5
Homemade lasagne with extra veggies $5
Filled pitta bread pockets with falafels, hummous & salad (half or whole $3/$5)
Homemade chicken and leek pie or beef pie $4
A small side salad can be added to any items for an extra $1.50

Don’t forget the weekly surprise snacks!
Available to purchase from the canteen on Fridays. Bring your coins, all items $1 and $2
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

Jazz & Beginner Piano Lessons
Craig Smith 0419 144 455
Trumpet and trombone lessons also available
www.craigsmithjazz.com

Tue 3rd November, 9am - 2pm
St. Michael’s Annual Cup Day Fair
Cnr. Mt. Dand Tourist & Falls Roads,
Kalorama, (Melway: 52H11)
Join us for a fun day for the whole family at St. Michael’s Cup Day Fair.
See our website for details or call 0413 009 413.
www.lightinthehills.org.au

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