**What An Awesome Community.**

I’d (Mike) like to thank the Mt Dandy community for their overwhelming support while I was on sick leave for the past fortnight. Upon return, I received a number of communications wishing me well and I truly appreciate it. Our value of community spirit was clearly demonstrated and I am back and ready for an exciting last 8 weeks of the year. Thank you also to Anni Smart and all of the staff for doing such a great job looking after this magnificent school.

**Traffic Concern – Please Slow Down**

Please remember that it is crucial that all drivers proceed slowly around our school. Children can be unpredictable and driving slowly allows us to more readily respond to any incident. We encourage everybody to slow down and be patient. The last thing we want is a community member injured or killed because of poor driving choices.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

**Cup Day Monday**

Historically, the day prior to Cup Day is often included in any long weekend family plans and attendance numbers at school are extremely low. We are expecting a similar pattern this year and to make the most of this opportunity, we will be combining the students at school into class size groups and providing an alternative educational program. This will permit time for level meetings, leadership meetings, curriculum planning, etc.

If your plans are for your children NOT to attend school on the Monday prior to Cup Day, that is Monday 2nd November, would you please complete and return the slip that was provided yesterday, by Thursday, 29th October. This will also prevent us from assuming any unapproved absences and making contact with you.

**Art Show - Anni**

Wow, what a night! The multi room was a hive of activity all day Thursday with Mrs Kennedy and her band of merry helpers…from which I was banned from having any little sneaky peeks! I had been told that I would be amazed by the final transformation that would enfold. There are no words that can describe what I thought when I was finally allowed into the Multi except … wow! The art work by the students was spectacular, covering many different mediums. Special touches such as the String Quartet, flute playing by Ms Csabi, and the excellent service by the students who unobtrusively passed around hors oeuvres. The evening and following morning’s viewing was very well attended.

Thank you to the talented artists who gave so generously of their time to teach the students the different skills, the staff and school community who also helped to bring it all together and most of all to Mrs Liz Kennedy who had the ‘vision’. It certainly was an example of what sets Mount Dandenong Primary apart from all the other schools with our strong sense of community.

**Prep Transition - Anni**

I’m not sure who was more nervous, excited or apprehensive on Friday morning…the new 2016 Preps, mums, dads or the teachers when we welcomed the new Prep students for 2016 to their first transition session. During the morning the students were involved with a variety of activities with the teachers, making new friends and having a great time whilst the parents were welcomed to the school by Anni Smart and enjoyed getting to know one another or having a catch-up with a coffee and a chat in the Library for the morning. The time went so fast and was over far too soon I gathered, as I witnessed one new Prep student loudly protesting that he didn’t want to leave!

During transition this Friday, the specialists will be introducing their programs with a presentation, which will commence in the Library at 9.30.

Mike Leonard and Anni Smart
Thank you’s and the lucky winners...

♦ The following children received an Art prize for their interest, enthusiasm and contribution to the Art Show Prep - Wyatt, Gr 1; Charlie, Gr 2; Claudia, Gr 3; Quinn, Gr 4; Vivienne, Gr 5; Thurston, Gr 6; Angus

♦ Derwent Fine Art pencils - won by Mary 3/4L

♦ Raffle for the Art hampers were won by Thomas C., Wyatt T., Ella D., Sienna & Indi R., Jack F., Max and James T., Indira M., Sam D., Erin W. and Alexandra D.

♦ The “Guess What’s in the Jar” won by Amelie - Grade P/1B (there were 101 things)

♦ "Find the Hidden Paintings" won by Zamara N.

♦ The Art Show raised just over $1000 for the Art program

♦ Thank you to the artists Cadi-Lee DeMarco, Shauna King, Colleen Bourke, Adrienne Strevens, Marg Rae and Georgie Clark for giving their time and materials to share their knowledge and skills with our students.

♦ Thank you to Kylie Gilson, Megan Ferguson and the hardworking fund-raising committee for the delicious food, collecting and wrapping the donations for the art hampers, framing all the artwork and assisting on the night.

♦ Thank you to Michael Smedley for the fantastic lighting of the artwork

♦ Thank you to staff, parents, friends and community members for their generous donations, purchasing artwork, raffle tickets, setting up and packing away the artwork for the show and for attending the Art Show

♦ Thank you to the students for their fantastic work and effort to create beautiful artworks for us all to appreciate and enjoy.
The Mount Dandy News

Mt Dandenong OSHClub: week 3 - newsletter
26th October 2015

This week we celebrated all things creepy and spooky for our Halloween week! We played our famous BUCKET OF GUTS and lots of fun games such as mummy wrap and spooky tiggy. Finally, we created jack-o-lanterns and creepy crawly cupcakes.

We would like to say congratulations to all the staff, families and children involved in the art show. It looked fantastic and was great to see so many families come along. Well done to the children and their beautiful art work.

Next week we are celebrating the childrens love of gymnastics in our Gym week. We will be using mats, ribbons and music to create beautiful dance routines, gymnastic tricks and acrobatics.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS: To cancel an ASC sessions please do so on the internet by 3pm 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.
We have been chosen from a long list of hopefuls by the team at Bunnings to fill an unexpected vacancy in their BBQ roster on Sunday, 15th November. This is a great opportunity to add to our fundraising target and take advantage of the thousands of Christmas shoppers who flock to Bunnings.

So we are looking for helpers please on

**Sunday, 15th November**

at the Bayswater store.

If you are able to help on the day and fill in the roster below, please see Julie in the office.

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If you are unable to be there on the day but would still like to help, we also need donations of the following:

Food handling gloves, hand soap, tomato sauce, BBQ sauce, mustard, serviettes, foil trays, paper towel, rubbish bags, alfoil and washing up detergent.
New lunch order menu!
WEEK 4 FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER

Minestrone soup and roll $4
Mini homemade beef burgers (lean free range beef) $5
Carbonara pasta $5
Bacon and egg roll $5
Couscous salad with mint, dates and roast veggies $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
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**Mountains of Books**

**Book Fair**

Reading Corner!
- Kids can hang out with our friendly literacy dogs in a relaxed, happy environment.
- Story time, demonstrations, fun and games.

Melbourne Cup Weekend
- Saturday 5th October & Sunday 1st November
- Ferny Creek Recreation Reserve Hall
- Tilson Road, Ferny Creek

Come and see Dog Assisted Literacy in action!
- We will be there from 11am - 3pm Saturday & Sunday

- 0421 490 188
- Rainy Day Books 9762 0862

**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

Don’t forget when you purchase from The Good Guys in Canterbury Road, Bayswater to ask for your “Bayswater Bucks”. You only have to mention Mt Dandenong Primary School at the checkout and the store will give you a Reward Voucher to pass onto the school equalling $1 for every $25 spent at the store. Over the years we have been able to purchase much needed equipment using this generous offer.

**Physio**

DANDENONG RANGES

- Pilates
- Orthotics
- Remedial Massage

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

**Dandenong Ranges Action Groups**

Kalorama & Mt Dandenong Action Groups are investigating ways to improve our local Telecommunications Services. We need your help to complete our online survey on the standard of service you currently have. You’ll find the survey on our website.

www.kamdags.wordpress.com

**KAMDAGs**

**Deborah J Weber CA**

Chartered Accountant
CA SMSF Specialist
Registered Tax Agent

Are you looking for a more personal service from your accountant?

Deb is a sole practitioner situated in the Dandenong Ranges, with more than twenty years experience in taxation, self-managed superannuation compliance and small business compliance. If more convenient, she is happy to see you in your own surroundings at a time that suits you.

If this sounds like the service you’ve been looking for, why not give Deb a call?

Phone: 9751 0275  Mobile: 0407 667 636
www.dweber.com.au  Email: debweber@bigpond.com

First Appointment Free

**Do You Want Better**

**Telecommunication Services?**

- Can you use your mobile on the mountain?
- Do you have problems with your landline?
- Does your internet drop out?

If you answered yes to any of these questions – jump online and do our survey to register your issues:

www.kamdags.wordpress.com

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- **Orientation Day and Prep BBQ** on Thursday, 7th December
- **Grade 6 Graduation** on Wednesday, 16th December
- **Last day of Term 4** on Friday, 19th December