School Captains
After a very careful and thorough selection process we are proud to announce that Quin H and Maeve L are our School Captains for 2016. They will be supported by Oliver C and Sofia M who have successfully gained the positions of Vice-Captains. We are sure that all four students will be exceptional captains and also as role models for our community. It was a difficult decision as there were quite a number of worthy candidates. We would like to congratulate all of our students who applied for these roles. They took a risk in doing so and demonstrated good sportsmanship when they were unfortunately unsuccessful. We are proud of each and every student who took part in this process.

Library Borrowing closed for 2015
We have now closed our library for borrowing for 2015. Please return all books by this Friday so that we can complete our stock-take. We will send a note home with the names of any missing books to those families of students who have borrowed them last so that they can be accounted for. Thank you.

Premiers Reading Challenge Awards
Congratulations to the recipients of this year’s Premier’s Reading Challenge Awards. We were very pleased to see how many students (including Preps) who completed the challenge and gained the Award at Assembly on Monday. Congratulations to you all!

Wishing Tree
Anne Mitchell from STEPS Outreach program came to speak to all the students and community at Assembly today. Together with Nick R and Lilly M, she spoke about the Wishing Tree Project that we participate in every year and how important it is to be aware of the homeless and those less fortunate than ourselves especially at Christmas. MDPS have participated in the project every year for the past few years and have donated many gifts which have been distributed to children less fortunate than ourselves just in time for Christmas. We look forward to doing so again this year. If you wish to contribute a gift please take a tag from our Christmas tree at the entrance to the school and purchase a gift suitable for that child. The final day for gifts to be left will be Friday 11th December. Anne will then return to collect your kind contributions.

School Magazine
All the staff and students have been busily working hard to complete their magazine pages. It’s all done now and has been sent to the printers! The magazine is an excellent memento of the year and also makes an excellent gift for grandparents, aunties and uncles! As a limited number are ordered it is important that you get your order in early. The magazine orders can be placed with Julie at the office for a very reasonable price of $8 a copy.

Remember for the diary....
The end of the year of the year is fast approaching! Please make a note of the following dates for your diary...

Prep Orientation Day
Tuesday 8th December is a very important day in the lives of our new prep students for 2016. This is the Prep Orientation Day. The Prep Orientation Morning will be followed by a BBQ for the new 2016 Prep Families. We look forward to seeing you there.

Transition Day
Tuesday 8th December is also the day when students will find out who their new class, teacher and classmates will be for 2016. Teachers and the Leadership Team have been working very hard to place the students into their new grades for 2016 and on the transition process. The students will transition to their new class for the morning. The transition program supports the students through this process and will continue as part of the first two weeks of Term 1 2016 to ensure that students transition successfully into their new grade and year level for 2016.

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Wishing Tree

There is only 5 weeks until Christmas! Each year we set up our own Wishing Tree in the foyer. The tree will be in our foyer on Friday 20th November. The Wishing Tree provides an ideal way to teach our children to think of others, especially those less fortunate.

Simply choose a tag from the tree:

- **YELLOW** – for children in Grades Prep – 2
- **GREEN** – for children in Grades 3 and 4
- **RED** – for children in Grades 5 and 6

Purchase and wrap an appropriate gift, attach the tag and place it under the tree. Including your child in the choice and wrapping of the gift is a great idea!

The gifts will be collected on **Monday 14th December** and will be passed on to “Steps Outreach Service” ( Concern Australia) which provides support for young homeless people. Thank you for your support.

This is a list of suggestions if you are unsure what to buy for the Wishing Tree

Any **NEW** items that you think are suitable would be appreciated.

- **0-5 years:** a strong plastic toy, Duplo, cars, dolls, books, dinosaurs, Peppa Pig, Octanauts, In The Night Garden, Giggle and Hoot etc toys. Look in the pre-school section in any of the major stores.

- **5-12 years:**
  - **Girls** – Barbies, Lego, tea sets, books, Smiggle products, stationery
  - **Boys** – Lego, cars, football/soccer ball/basketball, books, torch

- **Teenagers:**
  - **Girls** – make-up or body lotion set (Body Shop gift set or Dove travelling set), nail polish, diary/journal, soap/bubble bath set, candles, perfume, backpack.
  - **Boys** – cap, sports equipment, wallet, drink bottle, backpack, Lynx travelling set, sports socks and art equipment.

Prep – Grade Concert

Students from Prep – Grade 2 will be presenting their own musical concert on Wednesday 16th December. The concert will be followed by the Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea at 11am.

Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea – Wednesday 16th December @ 11am.

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Thumbs up

- All the staff for helping to organize and create the contributions to the School magazine
- All the parents who responding promptly to the trial SMS Emergency Message.

Michael Leonard & Anni Smart

Presentation Night Tickets $5 available at the office

Our students have been practising madly in preparation for our annual presentation night. Please remember that Presentation Night is coming up on Friday the 11th December at 7pm. Tickets are available at $5 each. Mt. Dandy students do not require a ticket. Please see your class teacher if your child is not sure of any costume requirements for their item. Not to be missed!

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This past week in OSHClub we celebrated all things cricket! With Australia’s finest out planning tests against New Zealand we decided to do the same! All week we will learnt about the famous game and how to play! We will also get creative making signs, banners and t-shirts.

Next week will start of our Christmas celebrations! Until the end of term we will be creating, inventing, cooking, playing and enjoying the magic season that is Christmas. We will construct Christmas ornaments, decorate presents and cards, post our letters to Santa and of course we will be putting up the annual OSHClub Christmas tree. So come along and join the fun!

As it is coming to the end of the year here at OSH we are trying to update our materials and equipment in the program. If anyone has any unused books, board games, furniture or pillows/blankets, we would love to take them off your hands.

**FRIENDLY REMINDERS:** To cancel an ASC sessions please do so on the internet by 3pm on the day before, send us an 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.
Mount Dandy School Magazine

2015

Don’t miss out on your copy of the annual Mt Dandy School Magazine for 2015. This professionally printed magazine is only available on order, so to guarantee a copy of this great keepsake complete the order form below and return with $8 per copy. The magazine contains an entry from every student, photos and great memories of the special events and happenings throughout the year.

Orders must be received before by Friday 11th December

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2015 Mt Dandy Magazine. Enclosed $8 per copy.

Presentation Night 2015

Friday 11th December, 7.30 pm

Our end of year spectacular will be held at the ‘George Woods Performing Arts Centre’ at Yarra Valley Grammar, Kalinda Road, Ringwood. This evening of entertainment is an end of year celebration when every grade performs their own unique musical item and we have the chance to farewell our graduating grade 6 students.

Award winners are announced and next year’s house and school captains introduced to the school community.

The ticket cost of $5.00 will provide you with a first rate view of this fabulous event. Tickets are now available from the office. (No reserved seating)
URGENT REMINDER

‘VOCAL ENSEMBLE’ performance at Sky High on Friday the 4th. Permission slips need to be returned this Wednesday the 2nd December.

Prep—2 Christmas Concert is to be held in the Multi on Wednesday 16th December from 9.30-11. All parents and friends welcome.

WANTED - Grounds Keeper

We are looking for a local person to mow the school grounds and slash grass areas on a casual basis.

Must have:
- Full insurance
- Own equipment
- Working with children’s check

Please submit a price to the MDPS Buildings and Grounds Committee by Friday the 4th of December.

Contact Mike Leonard for further information.

It’s almost Christmas Time....

And that means it’s Library Stocktake Time!

So... search on your shelves and under your bed, check your school bag and the couch and bring back ALL the books that belong to school!

Mrs. Sinclair needs them all back by Friday, December 4th.

Thank you for helping make this very big job a lot easier.
Enjoy a break with a **Massage or Natural Facial**

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- Naturopathy with Deb

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**Mount Dandenong Preschool**

A **limited amount of places are still available for 2016**

Surrounded by cool temperate rainforest and lyrebird song is our happy kinder community.

We offer both a three year old ‘Waratah’ program (2 x 3 hour sessions per week) and four year old ‘Lyrebird’ program (3 x 5 hour sessions per week).

Both programs offer a positive and play based approach to learning, guided by the children’s interests.

A limited amount of places are still available for the 2016 4 year old program. Please contact Enrolment Officer Nikki Kouris for more information on 9751 0555 or at enrolments@mtdandenongpreschool.com.au
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