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News and Views...

8 School Days Left
As you read this edition of Mount Dandy Newsletter, there will likely be only 8 school days left in the year. Staff have discussed the importance of teaching structured content right up until the end of the school year and you can expect your child to be kept on task. Of course, there will be themed activities and end of year celebrations, but our main focus is to ensure the gap between this year and the next doesn't begin early! Your child's attendance is just as important at this stage of the year as it has been all throughout the year.

Grade Structures for 2016
Today we announced our 2016 class structure and all of our students spent from 9.30 until 1.00pm transitioning into their 2016 class. It was fantastic to see so many excited children enthusiastically participating in get to know you activities.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea
11.00am Wednesday 16th
The staff of MT Dandy would like to invite all of our super parent helpers to enjoy a morning tea provided by the staff. We’d appreciate the opportunity to thank those parents who have volunteered their time in one way or another to benefit our school. It will take place in the staffroom straight after the Junior Christmas concert. Hopefully we will have many parents come along and enjoy this opportunity.

Presentation Night – This Friday at 7.30pm.
Our students have been eagerly rehearsing for our presentation night. This is our opportunity as a community to celebrate our Grade 6 students that are graduating and to enjoy a school event featuring every child. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased from the office.

Staff Farewells
At the end of the year we are farewelling 5 valued staff members, who have taken opportunities at other schools.

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.
The Mount Dandy News

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, Octonauts, 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.
Mt Dandenong OSHClub: week 10 - newsletter
7th of December 2015

Outcome S: children express ideas and make meaning using a range of media.

Sam, Tash, Maeva, Jone, Steph and Heleena are decorating the OSHClub Christmas tree.

Parent/Guardian Information:
OSHC Program Phone: 0419 915 649
Coordinator: Samantha Clarke
Assistant: Kerrie Jones
OSHCClub Head Office Oakleigh, Victoria - 03 8564 9000

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.

Happy Birthday to:
Heleena, S – 11/12
Mattias, S – 11/12

Here is our healthy lunch box idea for the week.

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ASC TEA Healthy pizza and a plate of watermelon, mandarin and grapes.

Lunch
Crusty Lettuce, Beef & Avocado Tortilla Wrap
Wrap is up cardboard in a card plate great for on the go. Served with a choice sauce like chilli, sour or enchilada sauce. Add fresh salsa, shredded cheese, sour cream, guacamole and salsa. Paired with a choice of rice, coleslaw or pasta salad.

This past week in OSHClub we started our Christmas celebrations! Until the end of term we will be creating, inventing, cooking, playing and enjoying the magic season that is Christmas. Last week we put up our beautiful OSHClub Christmas tree. Thank-you to all the children who helped decorate our beautiful tree. We also constructed Christmas ornaments, decorated presents and cards, posted our letters to Santa.

Next week the festive spirit continues with so many more Christmas games, arts and craft activities and holiday cooking.

We would also like inform the community about our assessment from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. We are thrilled to announce Mt Dandenong’s OSHClub has received and exceeding in all 7 areas of the National Quality Framework. This means your children are receiving exceeding care and education while at OSHClub.

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 session please do so on the internet by 3pm on the day before, send 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 8:15pm. Please book children in online. This is important as we need to staff appropriately for children attending.

Eve and Charlotte made beautiful angle ornaments for the Christmas tree.

Steph is mailing her letter to Santa Clause in time for Christmas!
**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**

Please provide .................................................................

of grade ........................ with ............ copies of the

2015 Mt Dandy Magazine. Enclosed $8 per copy.
Art News

At the end of each term one boy and girl from Grades Prep to Grade 6 will receive an Art certificate and prize for their interest, enthusiasm and creativity in Art.

Congratulations to the following students who have received an award for Term 4:

Arrowne, Maeve G., Chelsea, Lachlan T., Celia, Ethan B, Hannah, Chase, Percy, Ruby G., Eloise, Thurston, Liam L., Mahni

Congratulations to…

Arts Captains 2016 - Performing and Visual Arts:

Lilly McCheyne, Eloise Vernon, Tabatha Bott, Erin McPeake
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!
Now offering:
Fertility massage with Carol Day
Music/Art therapy/Counselling with Sarah Strachan
Naturopathy with Deb

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**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.

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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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- **11** Staff return
- **12** Curriculum Day—No students at school
- **28** Grade 1 – 6 students return to school
- **29**