## News and Views...

### 1.30 Finish on Friday

Dear parents, please remember that school finishes at 1.30pm this Friday. There will be no bus available and families are requested to find alternate travel arrangements for their children. OSHClub will be available from 1.30pm.

### Grade 6 Graduation

We would like to wish our Grade 6 students the very best for their graduation ceremony tomorrow night. We know that each of them will make a great speech and have an excellent time.

### Presentation Night

Congratulations to all of our students for their excellent performances on Presentation Night last Friday. I'd like to thank the staff and parents who help organise and coordinate a fantastic evening. Our congratulations go to Erin and Tia who won the Bendigo Bank award and the CWA award respectively. It was a fantastic evening.

### Return to School Dates 2016

Next year grade 1 to 6 students return to school on Friday the 29th of January. Staff will be in attendance on the previous two days planning and preparing for the year. Our prep students start on Friday February the 5th.

### Book Pack Collection Dates

Student book packs for those families who have paid their 2016 school fees can be collected from 3.30pm tomorrow afternoon. They can then be collected at any time on Thursday and until 1.30pm on Friday. They can also be collected from the school on January 27th and 28th, 2016. We encourage families to take the books home and label items and cover books.

### Enviro Hub Family Roster – Free Eggs!

We are in search of some families to visit the school in the holidays and feed our chickens, collect eggs and water the vegetable gardens. In return all the eggs and produce collected can be taken home. If you would like to help us out please let Julie know of your availability.

### Prep to 2 Christmas Concert – Wednesday 9.30- to 11am

All families are invited to come to our P-2 Christmas concert. It will be a low key fun sing along with some performances from our Junior school students.

### Parent Helpers Morning Tea – Wednesday 11.00 to 11.30am

All volunteers are invited to enjoy our parent helper’s morning tea in the staffroom at 11am straight after the P-2 Christmas concert. We’d love lots of our parent/family volunteers to come along. See you there.

### Happy Holidays

Both Anni and I would like to thank our community for their excellent support and contributions during 2015. We have had a marvellous year and are looking forward to 2016. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please stay safe and we’ll see you next year.

### Thumbs Up To:

- Our Prep parents who provided lunch for the 2016 Prep families
- Erin and Tia for achieving their awards
- Santa, who has a big job ahead of him!
- The many volunteers who support our fine school
- The awesome staff and students of MDPS

Thank you, Mike Leonard and Anni Smart

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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.
The Wishing Tree

Thank you

Many families have generously donated gifts this year to our Wishing Tree. It is evident that a lot of thought and effort has gone into choosing and wrapping a gift.

The gifts have been collected and will be distributed through the Steps Outreach Service.

As a result, many children who would otherwise have not received a gift will now have a happier Christmas.

Well done and thank-you!

Community Lottery Success

Thanks to the efforts of our community and the fundraising committee we raised $1180 from the tickets sold earlier this year. This money has been used to support programs within our school especially ICT infrastructure.

There was even a prize winner from our school.

Prize winning ticket numbers are on the Website www.communitylottery.com.au and were also published in the Adelaide Sunday Mail on 25th October. All Winners have been notified by mail by 23 October 2015.

Well done to one and all.
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.

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Shop 1 / 1606 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd Olinda
www.ellenaturaleolinda.com.au
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Naturopathy with Deb
December 2015

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- **Friday, January 28:** Curriculum Day—No students at school
- **Monday, January 30:** Grade 1–6 students return to school