

The Mount Dandy News

Top of the mountain, top results.



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News and Views...

CONGRATS!

Congratulations to Miss Tomlinson on her marriage over the holidays to her partner, Mr Dustin Carpenter. From everyone at MDPS, we wish you both the best for your future.

**Fresh Eggs
\$2.50 Per 1/2
Dozen - Our Girls
Are Laying**

If you would like your name added to the list for fresh eggs please drop into the office. We'll send home a half dozen eggs with your child and you return the carton with \$2.50.

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Welcome Back

We would like to welcome each and every community member back for 2016. We hope you all enjoyed a well-deserved break and had some quality family time. Once again my (Mike) family and I spent three weeks camping with extended family and friends and enjoyed our time swimming, fishing and relaxing.

I (Anni), had a busy time visiting family and friends in Queensland. Being an ex-Gold Coast girl I have many friends in Queensland, so I spent much of time driving between the Gold Coast, Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast having lots of lunches and dinners out. Fortunately for me I had fabulous weather whilst I was there. The rest of my time was put to good use ...I had a big cleanout of my garage for a hard rubbish collection.

Welcome Alison

This year we welcome Alison Allison who will be teaching Physical Education during term 1. We are sure that Alison is going to have a great time here and as a parent in our school she knows our community well.

Parent Helper – We Need You!

A government primary school, and in particular ours, is a community. Communities are made up of many people all contributing to its wellbeing and success. As such we rely heavily on parent helpers. Attached to this newsletter is a full page describing some of the support we require and how you can contribute. We would appreciate greatly if you could consider the various roles available and sign up to support our students.

Sustaining Our Future – Leading Healthier Lives and Reducing Waste at Mt Dandy

Last year we introduced a new initiative to reduce the amount of waste our school community contributes to landfill. We are encouraging all families to supply 'Nude Food' for their children. Nude food is food that has no packaging. Avoiding packaged food such as chips, muesli bars, chocolate bars and yoghurt and replacing them with fresh fruit and vegies is a good start. It saves on packaging, is healthier and is generally cheaper. Sandwiches and the like can be put into containers that can be washed and reused, rather than disposed of.

Buying products in bulk is also cheaper. If you must have potato chips, it is far cheaper to buy a bulk bag and put some in a container each day rather than purchase the multi packs that also have a much higher amount of packaging. The same goes for items such as dried fruit and cheeses.

Students will be expected to take any packaging from snack and lunch home with them at the end of each day. Hopefully if we all band together we can help support the needs of our environment.

Uniform Expectations

At Mount Dandenong we have high expectations and are proud of our culture and reputation. School uniform is an indicator of school pride and creates a sense of belonging. We ask that all students are in the correct uniform each day. Black or green long sleeve t shirts are permitted if worn under a green school shirt. Whilst we understand that from time to time a student is unable to wear a uniform, we do ask that you supply a note explaining the reason. Teachers will send a note home to the parents of students not in the correct uniform.

Car Park Reminders

Please remember to drive slowly around the school and surrounding roads. Parking can be difficult and we ask everybody to be patient and careful.

The parking area at the front of the school on Farndons Road is a 'drop and go' zone and parents are requested not to exit their cars. Thank you.

Student Requisite Payments

So far 96% of families have at the very least made an initial contribution with the majority choosing to pay the voluntary component as well. Our student programs depend on this money and we thank you for being so prompt.

Thumbs Up to our Holiday helpers:

During the break we had a number of families volunteer to help maintain and beautify our school. We would like to thank them all. Thank you to:

- 👍 Leigh Burgess who replaced the majority of our fluorescent bulbs with energy efficient LED lights.
- 👍 The Tunstall family who thoroughly cleaned the junior school toilet block from top to bottom.
- 👍 Liran Maldezi for sweeping and cleaning our paths including to entrance on Farndons Road.
- 👍 The King/Neish, Gilson and Sullivan families for caring for our chooks and gardens.

Thanks, Mike Leonard and Annie Smart.

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.

CANTEEN 2016

Dear Mt Dandenong Primary School community,

Last year saw the successful implementation of a once weekly canteen service that provided our children with the opportunity to purchase local, seasonal, nutritious lunches that were lovingly prepared for our community from Brunch Café, Mt Dandenong. Alongside these menu provisions, was also the opportunity for children to indulge in purchasing one of our healthy snacks with a gold coin from the canteen every Friday lunch time.

*Mt. D PS will continue this service commencing next **Friday, 12th February** for as long as we have the community support to do so. We require parent volunteers who can give an hour and a half once a month (or less with more volunteers) to facilitate the canteen from 12:30-2:00pm on Friday afternoons. If you are available please check out the roster at the office and place your details in the available dates.*

There will be a canteen working group meeting next Wednesday morning at 9am in the teaching staff room to collaborate ideas, menus and rosters.

*Our new menu will be available next week, keep an eye out. Orders are strictly placed **Thursday mornings** at 9am via the classroom. The **correct change** is required, in an envelope or sealed bag clearly labelled with the child's name, class and order specifics. If change is an issue please see the office for assistance.*

Thank you for your support and we really hope your children enjoy this service, one that will inevitably build into bigger and grander learning experiences.

Excitedly

Your Canteen Worker Bees!



MOUNT DANDY'S BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The team at Bunnings has presented us with a fantastic opportunity to start our fundraising for 2016 with a BBQ at Bunnings Bayswater on **Saturday, 20th February**. So we are looking for helpers please.

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

Set up 8 am – 10 am	10 am – 12 noon	12 noon – 2 pm	2 pm – pick up

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.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef



**Application
 Forms available
 from the Office**



Parent/Guardian Information:

OSHC Program Phone:
0419 915 649

Coordinator:
Samantha Clarke

Assistant:
Kerrie Jones

OSHC Club 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:



Mt Dandenong OSHClub: week 1 - newsletter

29th of January 2016

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
BSC	Poison ball & colouring	Hama Beads & Group game	Magic Sand & Wink murder	Show and tell & Go fish	Go Fish & Show and tell
BREKKY	Cereal, Milk, Toast, Muffins, Yoghurt and fresh fruit.	Cereal, Milk, Toast, Muffins, Yoghurt and fresh fruit.	Cereal, Milk, Toast, Muffins, Yoghurt and fresh fruit.	Cereal Milk, Toast, Muffins, Yoghurt and fresh fruit.	Cereal, Milk, Toast, Muffins, Yoghurt and fresh fruit.
ASC	Make a cricket bat & Lego mask	<u>Get creative</u> Engage all game & Hama beads	<u>AASC</u> Cricket & Magic sand	<u>Cooking Club</u> Marshmallow players & Recycled craft	<u>Friday fun day</u> Cricket skills & Continuous cricket
ASC TEA	Nachos and a plate of watermelon, oranges and apple	Plate of veg, brown rice crackers and dip with a plate of watermelon, grapes and oranges.	Nachos and a plate of grapes, pineapple, and watermelon.	Fresh Jam, vegemite and honey sandwiches with a plate	Yoghurt and a plate of watermelon grapes and apple.

Here is our healthy lunch box idea for the week.



It is good to be back at OSHClub for 2016. This Friday we spent the week reminiscing about our holidays and all the adventures we went on. The children, who attended OSHClub, seemed excited about starting their new year and were quick to challenge Kerrie to a game of fish. We also had some introductions, this term Sam will be on placement for the first two weeks so we have a familiar face in Bianca, helping out until her much anticipated return. Bianca has been at OSHClub Mt Dandenong before when she helped out in term three of 2015, when Kerrie had some time off. Which means a lot of the children from OSHClub have meet her before. Working at OSHClub for the past twelve months, Bianca is studying to be a teacher and is particularly passionate about Science education. Although, Bianca remembers a lot of the faces at Mt Dandenong, if you are around during OSHClub hours please feel free to come and introduce yourself. Next week we look forward to seeing more familiar and new faces, as well as hear about how our first week of school and our new classroom went.



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.



Parent Volunteer Roles 2016

This year we require a number of volunteers to support our programs and facilities at Mt Dandy. Please tick the box/boxes of the roles that you are able to help with and indicate your availability and return the form to the office. We'll then pass on your details to the relevant person to contact you.

- Classroom helper** – This may mean supporting the literacy/numeracy programs, classroom displays etc.
- Gardening Club** – A group of people are required to do some regular gardening to keep our grounds looking beautiful.
- Reading Support** – We are trying to implement a reading support program to support some of our students with extra needs. Volunteers for this will be trained in the requirements of the program.
- Newsletter** – We require a volunteer who has a sound knowledge of Microsoft Publisher to edit and collate the weekly newsletter.
- Merits** – a volunteer is required to upload the weekly merit awards and produce the certificates and parent notification slips.
- Working Bees** – These are periodically held to beautify and maintain our grounds and buildings
- Sausage sizzles and Chestnut festival** – Volunteers are required to prepare food and sell to the public
- Library** – Volunteers would be much appreciated to help with filing, cataloguing and tidying the library on a regular basis
- After School Basketball Co-ordinator** – After many years of service, our fantastic After School Basketball organiser has retired and for this extra curricular activity to commence we need a replacement

I am available to help!

Contact no

Mt Dandenong Primary School Music Program

Classroom Music: Teacher Claire Somerville

All students receive a one hour classroom music lesson each week. They will learn over the course of their 7 years at school to read music, play a variety of instruments, create, sing, dance and join in drama activities. The aim of the program, whilst having fun, is to give all children the opportunity to participate in music making and develop musical skills. Each year, every child has the opportunity to perform in various concerts/assemblies throughout the year and to sing as a whole school choir during the year as part of 'Music Count Us In'.

School Performance Groups

Vocal Ensemble is a group of talented singers from Grades 4-6. Children are selected by audition, as we have a limited number that can join each year due to its popularity. Rehearsals are Wednesdays before school at 8.30am.

Orchestra performs the National Anthem in Monday morning Assemblies, so they will need to be available to assist with setting up on stage at 8.45 am. Any child who has been learning an instrument for at least a year is welcome to join. Rehearsals are Monday lunchtimes. Students also perform at the annual Soiree Concert and Busking Night.

Jammin' with the Juniors for Grade 1—3 children. This is a fun, casual singing group which introduces children to a singing choir. They meet occasionally during lunchtime.

Instrumental Music Program

We have an exciting private instrumental music program at Mt Dandenong Primary School which is currently in place. If your child is interested in having a private/group lesson during school time, please contact teachers directly to make an enquiry or a booking.

- Drum kit-contact Luke Mclvor 0415 705 616 email ljmcivor@gmail.com
- Guitar for Gr 2-6-contact Jed Rowe 0437 741 851 email jedrowe@gmail.com
- Piano and/or singing-contact Sarah-Rose Mclvor 0402 413 169 email sarah.rosey@gmail.com
- Violin, cello-contact Keryn Lientschnig-0408 566 423 email keryn_ml@yahoo.com.au



Don't forget we are registered at The Good Guys for their "Bayswater Bucks" program. Make sure you mention Mt Dandenong Primary School at the check-out before you make your purchase. For every purchase of \$50 or more the school is entitled to receive 2.5% of the value in rewards. Over the years we have been able to purchase much needed equipment.

Part time work from home

Really interesting part time job available, very flexible hours. In a nutshell it involves researching to find particular contact details within local government councils throughout Australia. You would need to have an exceptional phone manner, excellent record keeping, and ability to think laterally. Hourly rate, all expenses covered.

The job will run for around 10-12 weeks with possibility of similar projects after this.

**Call David Sleightholme
0414 642800**

**anytime except school drop off/
pickup!!**

February 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5 Preps start 1.30 pm finish	6	7
8	9 Pancake Day	10	11 Canteen orders	12 Canteen com- mences	13	14
15	16	17 GRIP Student Leaders	18	19	20 Bunnings BBQ	21
22	23	24	25 Start Smart Prog	26	27	28
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