

The Mount Dandy News

Top of the mountain, top results.



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News and Views...

Happy Mother's Day

I would like to thank and congratulate all of our mums, aunties, grandmas and other significant female role models for the excellent job they do providing love, care and opportunities for the students of Mt Dandy. You all do an excellent job and I hope you were thoroughly spoilt on Sunday.

Thank you to Nikki Kouris and her band of helpers for coordinating this year's Mother's Day stall. We raised \$600, but more importantly we gave the children an opportunity to use money for transactions and choose a gift on their own. Their smiling faces at the stall said it all!

Premier's Reading Challenge 2016

The PRC is back and students from Grade 1 to Grade 6 are encouraged to join. Each year we have many students enjoy the challenge which improves their reading and rewards their efforts. This year parent helper Adele Cotton will be coordinating the Challenge for us.

An entry form is in this newsletter and also can be collected from the office. Good luck boys and girls.

Walk to School with Fireman Ken - Friday 13th of May

Fireman Ken is encouraging our students to get active and join him for a walk to school. He will be meeting all those interested at the Tatra Hut car park at 8.25am for an 8.30 departure on Friday. He would like to see as many parents and students as possible joining him for a healthy walk.

House Athletics

It has been decided to postpone the House Athletics until Term 4.

Grade 2 Camp – This week.

Have a great time grade 2's. This week they are heading off for their first ever school camp. They will be staying overnight at Mount Morton in Belgrave. I will be joining them on Friday and am sure that will all have an excellent adventure.

Building closer links with Mt Dandenong Preschool.

We are proud to announce that starting in a few weeks' time the 4 Years olds from Mt Dandy Pre – school will be regularly visiting us to utilise our library. We are really looking forward to their visits and are planning on increasing our involvement with our wonderful local preschool.

QuickSmart Mathematics

Mrs Steinfort is training to become a QuickSmart facilitator over the next few weeks and will be soon delivering this excellent intervention program. The program is aimed at Grade 3 to 6 students who need further support with mathematics.

Please remember however that you can support your child by helping them learn their tables and automatic recollection of basic addition and subtraction. By the end of grade four we would like all students to be able to recall multiplication facts up to 10×10 and related division facts. We understand that this is more difficult for some students but your support and persistence will make a huge difference to their outcomes.

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Community Lottery

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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.

News and Views cont'd.....

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) involves students in Years 3 and 5 from all states and territories in Australia. NAPLAN testing will take place on **Tuesday 10th May, Wednesday 11th May and Thursday 12th May**. Students' skills in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and numeracy will be assessed. These national test results provide information on how your child is progressing and performing in the key areas of literacy and numeracy and also help to support improvements in teaching to benefit your child.

A principal colleague shared the following letter with me and I thought it was worth sharing this with you all.

Dear Year 3 and 5 Students

Soon, you will sit the NAPLAN test. Before you take this test there is something very **important** for you to know:

This test does not assess all of what makes each of you **exceptional and unique**.

The people who score these tests don't know that some of you love to **sing**, are good at **drawing** or can teach others how to use a **computer program**. They have not seen the way that some of you can **dance with grace** or **speak confidently** to a large group. They do not know that your friends **count** on you to be there for them when that are sad. They do not know that you **participate** in sports, help your Mum and Dad or that you play with your little brother, sister or cousins. They do not know that you are **caring, thoughtful** and that every day you **do your best**. Because these **attributes** cannot be tested.

The scores you get from this test will tell you how you did on that day, but they will not tell you everything. They can't tell you that you have improved on something you once found difficult. They can't tell you that you **brighten up your teacher's day**. They can't tell you how **amazingly special** you are.

So come to school **ready** to do your best for the NAPLAN test and remember there is no one way to 'test' all of the wonderful things that make you, **YOU!**

Kind regards

Thumbs Up To:

- 👍 Nikki and her Mother's Day Stall parent helpers;
- 👍 Karin Harris from Mountain Ash for her kind donations to our Mother's Day Stall;
- 👍 All our awesome mums;
- 👍 The Brammer family for keeping up our supplies of tissues (especially at this time of year)
- 👍 Our parent helpers doing the reading program; and
- 👍 Mika, Jene' and Sienna for their wonderful rendition of 'Hard Knock Life' at assembly.

Mike Leonard & Anni Smart

Can you Help?

Year 34A is looking to purchase a 3 seater couch for our reading corner.

Do you have a 3 seater couch in good condition you would like to get rid of?

I can collect and discuss \$\$\$.

Please contact Christen in 34A.



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We want your feedback

Please send your comments or suggestions on how the app service could be improved to the school office.

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Mount Dandenong Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your school.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions: **Department** refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, **Person** refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

Privacy Protection

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual's name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information

If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child's first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:

Publish your child's name on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent

The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department's Information Privacy Policy located at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx>

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department's Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9637 3624.

Yes I consent to my child's name appearing on the online Honour roll

Name of child.....

Parent Signature.....

Uniform

We now have in stock a good variety of this year's black grade 6 uniform.

Please call in if you need extras.



Art News

We are in desperate need of newspaper to cover our art room tables.



Please leave the newspaper on the table outside the Art room.

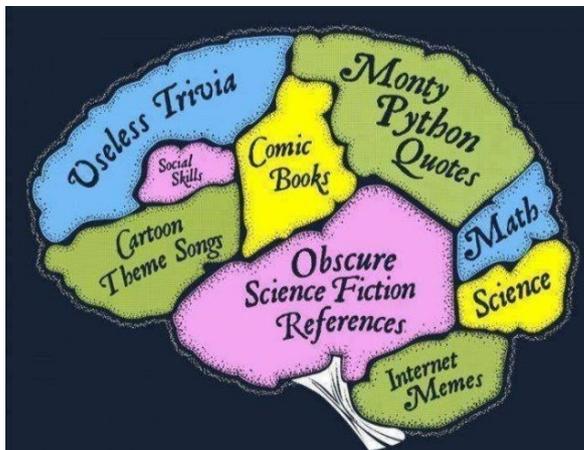
Thank you
Liz Kennedy

Mount Dandenong Primary School will be holding a Trivia Night in August 2016

As part of the night's activities, we will be holding a raffle, silent auction and a major auction. To maximise the funds we can raise, we would love to ask for your support. If you, or someone within your networks are able to help with prizes, it would be greatly appreciated (prize ideas – dinner vouchers, wine, spa treatments, accommodation, merchandise, beauty products, sports equipment, sport activities, adventure activities).

Our aim for the night is to raise \$5000. These important funds will be used to develop an outdoor shaded learning area in the place where the two portable classrooms have just been removed.

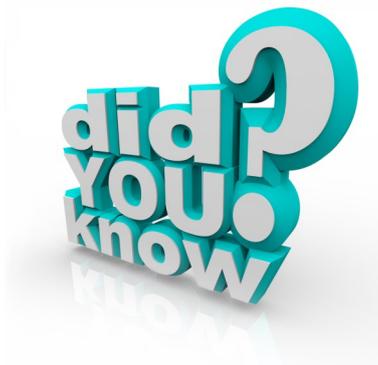
Please contact **Jackie Monteith 0403 861 558** or **Sharyn Johnston 0438 575 579** if you are able to assist. You can also hand any donations to the front office.



Keep them coming!!!!

I would like to thank the following people and organisations for their very generous donations:

- ⇒ Mangana, Olinda
- ⇒ Fletchers
- ⇒ David Kirby
- ⇒ Maxine McPeake
- ⇒ Elle Naturale
- ⇒ All the people who dropped donations at the school



Parent Helpers Course
As there were only 2 expressions of interest for our Parent Helpers Course, we have decided to postpone the event until next term.



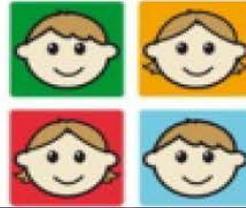
Fresh Eggs Available
If you'd like to receive half a dozen fresh eggs for the very reasonable price of \$2.50, see Julie in the office



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OSH Club

Before & After School Care



Outcome 5: children express ideas and make meaning using a range of media.

Rory, Sam, Eloise and Mika are creating a lego community.



Parent/Guardian Information:

OSHC Program Phone:
0419 915 649

Coordinator:
Samantha Clarke

Assistant:
Kerrie Jones

OSHClub 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 5 - newsletter

9/5/2016

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
BSC	4 square & playdough	Volley ball & Hama beads	Table tennis & lego	Downball & Colouring	bop bop & Hula hoops
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	Basketball hoops & Magic sand	<u>Get creative</u> 123 basketball & craft	<u>AASC</u> Basketball tricks & Game time	<u>Cooking Club</u> 2 on 2 & Basketball biscuits	<u>Friday fun day</u> Basketball jail & dancing
ASC TEA	Plate of veg, brown rice crackers and dip with a plate of watermelon, grapes and oranges.	Salad, ham and cheese wraps with a plate of watermelon, oranges and apple	Fresh jam, vegemite and honey sandwiches with a plate of watermelon, apple and kiwi.	Nachos and a plate of watermelon, oranges and apple	2 minute noodles and a plate of orange, watermelon and apple.

Here is our healthy lunch box idea for the week.



Mika is playing go fish with Kerrie.



Charlotte and Tabatha are showing a play of people in our community.

Last week in OSH we looked at our Community, who was in our community and where to I go in my community. We created a community tree, acted out plays from our community and even challenged ourselves to make our community out of lego. The lego 'Mt Dandenong' looked marvellous!

Next week is Basketball week. If you love basketball, have hidden talents or want to learn some skills come along and join the fun!

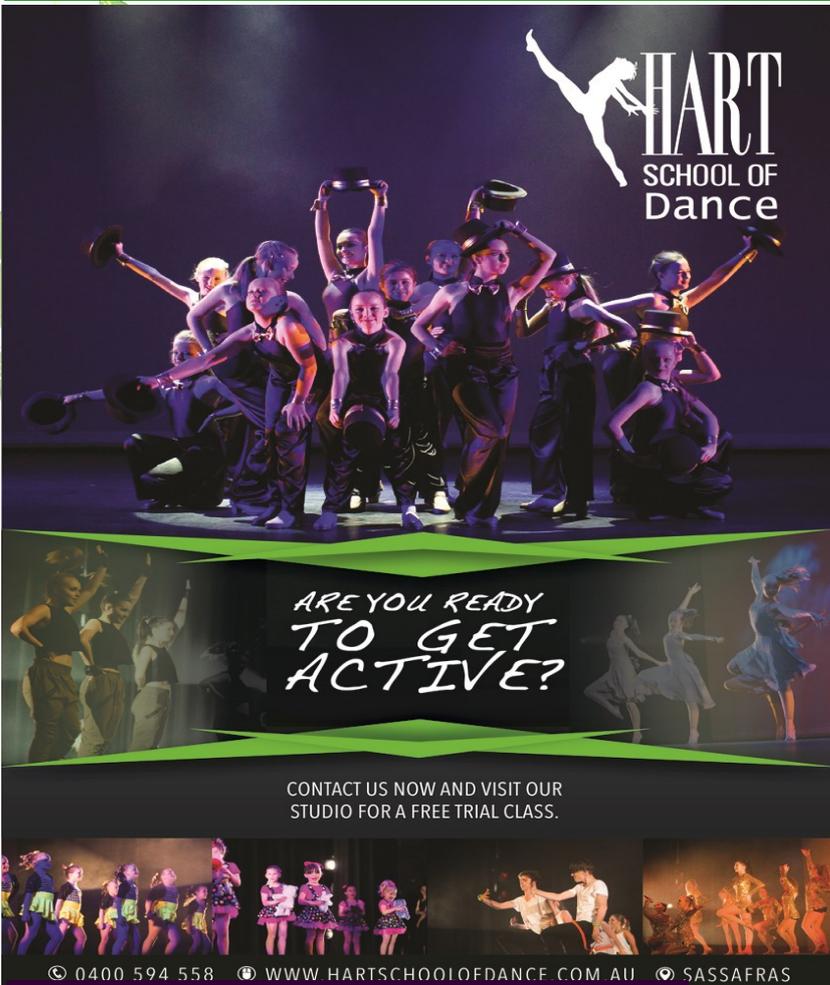
Thursdays we are still running our famous and popular cooking club. Each week we cook recipes based on childrens suggestions, ability and family recipes. Each week we try to learn new cooking skills and techniques. So if your child loves cooking Thursdays is a perfect day to come to OSHClub. It is also a very tasty day to come!

This Term Sam will be going on her 2nd round of placement and will be away from the program from May 16th to June 18th. Kerrie and Bianca will run the program during this time.

Have a lovely week, From OSH.

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.



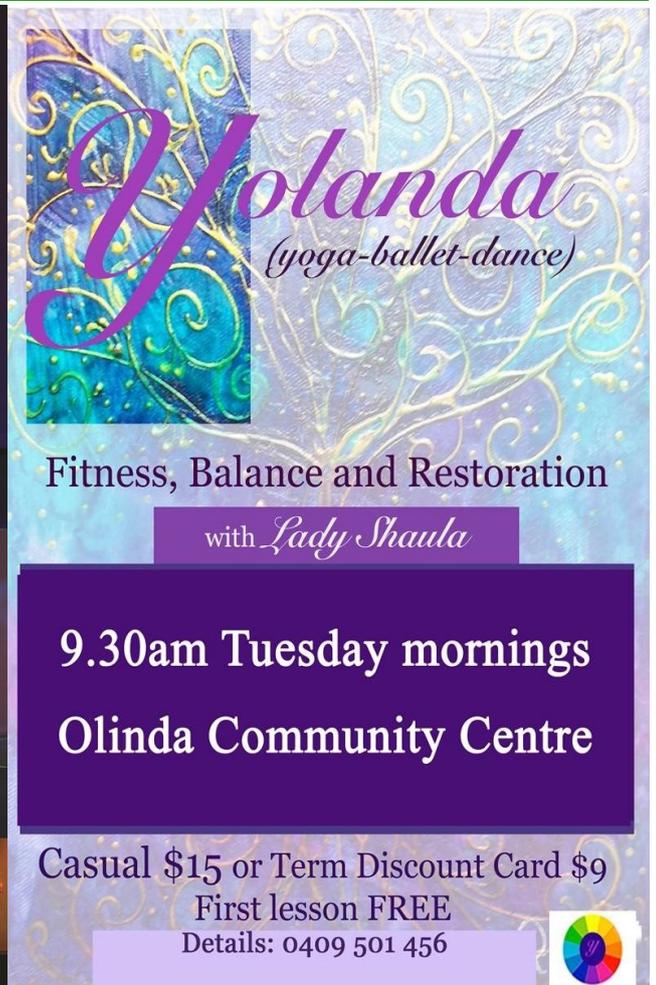


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To discuss please call Alison [0418 722 020](tel:0418722020)

*Enjoy a break with a
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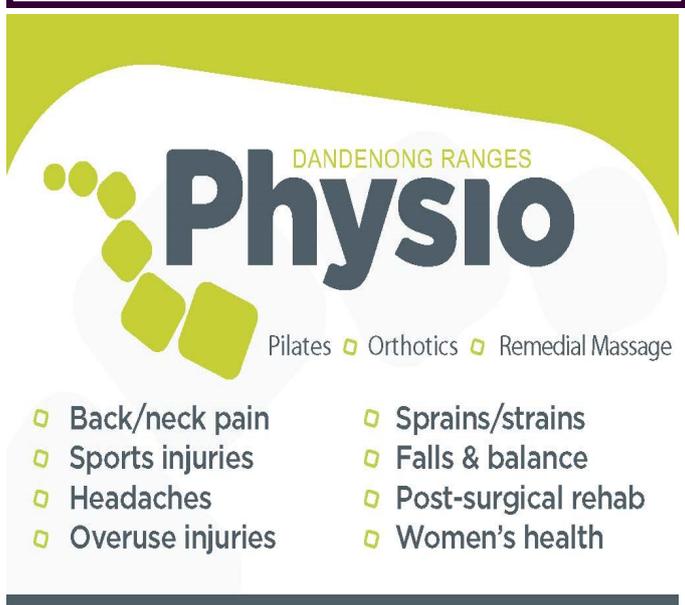
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Term 2 Canteen Roster 2016

Date	Names	Resident Baker
Friday 13th May	Melinda Salomons & Revis Fretz	Adele Cotton
Friday 20th May	Shauna King	Melinda Salomons
Friday 27th May		Gibson Family
Friday 3rd June	Sharyn Johnson	Adele Cotton
Friday 10th June	Shauna King	
Friday 17th June		Adele Cotton

CANTEEN TERM 2 2016

Possum Café is a fantastic school community initiative that functions only with the support of its students and their families. We are now building a great team of parents that are contributing their foodie skills, time and ideas to our café.

We are however still in need of a few more volunteers for the café service on Fridays at 12:30 – 2:00pm. Please see the office or email Shauna at solorganic@hotmail.com



Lunch order menu

WEEK 5 FRIDAY 13 May

- Pumpkin soup and roll \$4
- Pasta bake with roast veggies, tomato and cheese (v) \$5
- Toasted croissant with ham and swiss cheese \$4
- Homemade lamb burger \$5

Add a fresh side salad \$2 or fruit salad \$3

Canteen snacks available:

- Frozen Fruit icecream \$2
- Choc bliss balls \$1 • Savoury Muffin \$2
- Corn on the cob \$1

Each week there will be new food to taste for the adventurous. Join us at the canteen on Friday lunchtimes for your free taste!

May 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 Chestnut Festival
2	3	4	5 Mother's Day Stall	6 Mother's Day Stall	7	8
9	10 NAPLAN Testing Grade 3-6 Cross Country	11 NAPLAN Testing	12 NAPLAN Testing Grade 2 Camp	13 Walk to School with Fireman Ken Grade 2 Camp	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Community Lottery tickets due	28	29
30	31					

June 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Public Holiday Queen's Birthday	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 School Finishes 2:30 pm	25	26
27	28	29	30			