

# The Mount Dandy News

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## News and Views...

### Art Show a Raging Success

Last Thursday and Friday's Annual Art show was an absolute belter! "Not a very artistic term to use", I hear you say. Well that may be so, but it really was spectacular. I never thought I'd see the Multi-purpose Room look so...so...you know...like a gallery. There was obviously a huge amount of thought put into the arrangement of the art works, and the lighting just finished the whole effect off perfectly. The canapés also added their own sense of importance and luxury to the evening.

Of course the main attraction was the work produced by the students. It was varied and quite stunning to look at. Kudos must go to the students for their part in the event.

It was wonderful to see the line drawings produced by the Preschool children and even better to see their parents mingling with the crowd. It was a wonderful way to extend the sense of community about the school and its local community.

Huge thanks go to Liz Kennedy for her long hours of work preparing the art work, organising the display and all of the other things that needed to be done to make the event a success. Liz had a lot of help from various people along the way, and I would like to thank all of those people, but she was the brains behind the show.

The sales of art works raised over \$1,300 for the Art program at the school. Once again, congratulations everyone!

### Prep Transition

The final meeting of new Prep parents occurred last Friday morning, when the specialist staff spoke about their programs. The program has covered just about every aspect of the school's operations over the past few weeks, providing new parents (and some existing parents) with a great deal of information.

The 2017 Preps themselves seem to be coping very well with the transition, thoroughly enjoying the program provided by Laura Blake.

The program will continue for the next few weeks with the parents actually leaving their children at school – there will be no more meetings for them to attend.

### Rotary Speech Competition

Congratulations to Eloise and Quin for their participation in the Montrose & District Rotary Club's Speech Competition on Thursday evening. Although I was unable to attend, my correspondents inform me that they both did a wonderful job of representing our school. I must say that it is no mean accomplishment to stand in front of an audience of people you don't know and deliver a speech of something like three minutes duration.

Well done to you both.

### School Beautification Program

After the arrival of the possum sculpture a couple of weeks ago, the work on the area outside of the SLU has continued apace. The curved wall and the stepping stones in the area outside of the Music Centre were completed on Friday and the entire area has been prepared for planting, which will take place this week. It looks fantastic now, but will be astonishing when the plants are in place.



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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...

### Lost Property

There seems to be an ever-increasing amount of lost clothing accumulating in the basket outside of the staff room. Much of it appears to be named, so please come and look through the jumpers, vests and hats to see if any belong to your children. We find these articles of clothing in the most unusual places, and sometimes they don't look too pretty (after a couple of days out in the rain) but they should wash up nicely.

### Parent Requests – Grade Placements for 2017

If you have any particular requests for the class placement of your child in 2017, please give them to me in written form by **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November**. There will be no guarantee that your request will be granted; as you will be aware, there are many aspects to consider in this process. All requests will be considered along with some student input and teacher recommendations.

### Language Survey

Thank you to all of you who took the opportunity to respond to the Language Survey that ended on Friday of last week. The Education Subcommittee of School Council will take the findings of this survey into consideration as discussions about language provision at Mt. Dandenong PS continue.

Have a good week.

**Rick Scott**



# Wishing Tree

There is only 6 weeks until Christmas! Each year we set up our own Wishing Tree in the foyer. The tree will be in our foyer on **Friday 18th November**.

The Wishing Tree provides an ideal way to teach children to think of others, especially those less fortunate. Simply choose a tag from the tree:

**BLUE** – 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 12th December** and will be passed on to “Steps Outreach Service” (Concern Australia) which provides support for young homeless people.



Thank you for your support. Liz Kennedy

**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.

***Our fifth annual Art Show was again another wonderful example of community as staff, parents, children and friends worked together to create a beautiful event for all to enjoy.***

- The following children received an Art prize for their interest, enthusiasm and contribution to the Art Show Prep - Mia Gr 1-Finn , Gr2- Indira, Gr3-Django ,Gr 4- Fresa ,Gr5 - Kye , Gr6- Tabatha.
- Raffle for the Art hampers were won by Henry (Prep), Alice (Prep), Erin (Grade 6), Ruby (Grade 5), Alexandra (Grade 4), Alex (Grade 4), Mary (Grade 4).
- The "Guess What's in the Jar" won by Sophie - Grade 1/2PG (there were 158 things).
- "Find the Hidden Paintings" – won by Max (Grade 5).
- The Art Show raised over \$1300 for the Art program.

### **THANK YOU...**

- Shauna for inspiring and assisting the children in Grades 1/2, Vanessa, Emma and Karina for machine sewing the cushions and the many parents who assisted the children with their sewing skills.
- Emma Ravensdale for making the beautiful bunting.
- Mrs Steinfort and Mrs Gibson for working with Prep and Grade 3/4 children to create their artwork and for setting up the display of artwork for the Art Show.
- Barb Morris and Kelly (aunty and cousin of Josie and Quinn) for sharing their knowledge and expertise in clay modelling with the 5/6 children.
- Michelle Lawrence for creating the invitations and posters.
- Arts Captains; Tabatha, Eloise, Lilly and Erin for their assistance.
- Natasha and Alexandra for playing music at the Art Show and donating the money they raised to the Art program.
- Farndon's Hall for allowing us to borrow their display boards and to Duncan Brown for collecting and returning them.
- OSHC for relocating for several days.
- To the hardworking fundraising committee for the delicious food, collecting and wrapping the donations for the art hampers, and assisting on the night.
- Dan Leonard and Michael Smedley for the fantastic lighting of the artwork.
- Staff, parents, friends and community members for their generous donations, purchasing artwork, raffle tickets, setting up and packing away the artwork for the show and for attending the Art Show.
- To the children from Mt Dandenong Pre-school and Mt Dandenong Primary School for their fantastic work and effort to create beautiful artworks for us all to appreciate and enjoy.

**Liz Kennedy, Art teacher**

## **Soiree Night**



The Soiree Night is coming up on the  
Wednesday 23rd of November from 7-8.30 pm

This is an opportunity for all students in grade 3 - 6 to perform.

Entry is by gold coin donation.

Delicious snacks and drinks will be sold at interval.

Everyone is welcome, mark the date in your diary now.

***Claire Somerville, Music Teacher.***



# Mount Dandy School Magazine 2016

Don't miss out on your copy of the fantastic 2016 Mt Dandy School Magazine. We will only have a limited number of copies available, so to guarantee you don't miss out, please complete the order form below and return with \$8 per copy.

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## Possum Cafe

Get your orders in Thursday morning for Fridays Possum Café Service.

Please ensure orders are clearly labelled with name and class on the front of an envelope with the **correct change enclosed**.

The Possum Café Friday service is run by parent volunteers during 12:30 - 2:15 pm and is always up for more community members.

Please check out our roster and email [solorganic@hotmail.com](mailto:solorganic@hotmail.com) with your availability and willingness to contribute.

A big thanks to our keen and savvy wholefood bakers last week Adele Cotton, Melinda Saloman, Alix Common and Jackie Monteith.

Bring your gold coins so you can sample our awesome snacks and keep an eye out for our free tasters!!!

Happy Eating!

### Possum Cafe Working Roster

Date	Name 1
<b>Friday 11th November</b>	1. Revis Agjee 2. Melanie Hailstone
<b>Resident Baker</b>	Adele Cotton
<b>Friday 18th November</b>	1. Skye Blenkirion 2. Bianca Robertson
<b>Resident Baker</b>	Jackie Monteith
<b>Friday 25th November</b>	1. Shauna King 2. Melanie Hailstone
<b>Resident Baker</b>	Amanda Fallon
<b>Friday 2nd December</b>	1. Bianca Robertson 2.
<b>Resident Baker</b>	Adele Cotton
<b>Friday 9th December</b>	1. 2.
<b>Resident Baker</b>	

## Term 4 Lunch order menu

- Fresh Vietnamese rice paper rolls with prawn **\$4.50**
- Homemade chicken & vegetable pastries **\$5.50**
  - Beef balls with penne **\$5.00**
- Greek salad with or without chicken **\$5.00**
  - Vege fried noodles **\$4.50**
- Sundried tomato, pumpkin and baby spinach Frittata **\$4.50**
  - Side garden salad **\$3.00**
    - Fruit salad **\$3.00**
- Couverture Choc mousse **\$3.50**

*Orders need to be in on Thursday*  
*Menu from WildOak Restaurant*

## Olinda Golf Course Draft Plan open for comment

Attention all sport and recreational users on the Hill. The third and final opportunity to voice your opinion on local sport and recreational use within the proposed Olinda Golf course redevelopment **closes on 14 November**.

Hilltop Recreation Association [www.hilltop.org.au](http://www.hilltop.org.au) is representing its sports and rec members for an additional mixed use netball court, a training oval with lights for football & cricket and an upgrade of cricket nets.

View the DRAFT PLAN by:

- Logging onto <http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/olinda-golf-course/plans-and-projects/olinda-precinct-plan>

Please support us by providing comments by email to: [olindaplan@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:olindaplan@parks.vic.gov.au) to secure improvement of our sporting facilities for local families.

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Sun 27th Nov 11-3pm  
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**What else is on?**

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**Community Meeting "Personal Bunkers"**  
Wed 16th Nov 7-9pm  
Olinda Community House

**Open Day**  
Sun 4th Dec 1-3 pm  
Ferry Creek Refuge

**Community Bushfire Planning Workshop**  
Sun 4th Dec 10.30am  
Olinda Fire Station

**Sassafras Santa Run**  
Sat 24th Dec  
**Sassafras Carols**  
Sat 10th Dec 6pm

**Santa Run**  
Sat 10th Dec 1- 4pm Kalorama & Mt Dandenong Area  
Sun 18th Dec 10- 1pm Olinda Area

**Community Meeting "What Can I Do?"**  
Sun 15th Jan 10.30am  
Olinda Fire Station

**Community Meeting "Are You Bushfire Ready?"**  
Wed 18th Jan 7:30pm  
Sassafras Fire Station

**Community Meeting "Are You Bushfire Ready?"**  
Sat 21st Jan 2pm  
Sassafras Fire Station

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# November 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	2	3	4 Prep transition	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Prep transition	12	13
14	15 P - 2 Zoo Excursion Prep Parent Info Night 7:30 pm	16	17	18	19	20
21 School Council	22 1/2 GP Penpal Picnic	23 Soiree Night 7—8.30 pm	24	25	26	27
28	29 <b>Student Free Day</b>	30 House Athletics				



Somehow our two female guinea pigs have multiplied into thirteen (we suspect Rosie is in fact the lusty 'Rosario')... As such, we have lots of cute little fluff balls free to a good home. If you are interested, please contact Alanna on 9751 0139 or at [alannaford@hotmail.com](mailto:alannaford@hotmail.com)

# December 2016

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5 School Council	6 Prep Parent BBQ	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Grade 6 Graduation	15 Presentation Night	16	17	18
19	20 Last Day Term 1:30 pm Finish	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31	