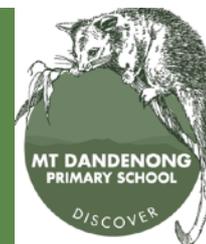


14TH MAY

Mt Dandy News

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Message from Sally...

It was lovely to experience my first Chestnut Festival as a member of the Mount Dandy school community last weekend. What a show of support you put on with many helping hands turning up throughout the day to help raise funds for our school. The lucky jars sure sold quickly, with many excited kids coming back to buy a second or third one throughout the day. Your lovely cakes, biscuits and slices were very popular too and the chai was simply delicious. A huge thank you to Jaki Farrey and the fabulous Fundraising Committee who put in so many hours to make the day such a tremendous success!



These wonderful fundraising friends of the school were still hard at work last week with the Mother's Day Stall. A big thank you to Nikki Kouris and her team of fundraising helpers who provided lots of lovely items for the students to purchase to make their Mums (or other special people) feel spoilt on the weekend.

The preparations for the Federal Election on 18 May are going full steam ahead. Make sure that you bake another delicious cake (or 2 or 3!) for the day and get down here to grab an egg and bacon roll, sausage in bread and some lemonade from Coco's stall before you cast your vote. There is a roster at the office to sign up to help out and a box to make donations towards Coco's lemonade stall.

Working Bee

On Friday 3 May the whole school rolled up their sleeves to get a bit of work done in the school grounds. Leaves were scooped, raked and swept by many small hands to tidy up the pathways and asphalt areas. The SLU students collected and spread mulch on some of our plantings and as a result they are looking much more loved. We relocated a number of small trees that needed to be moved to more shady areas of our grounds, and pruned bushes and swept paths to make everything look lovely. We achieved a lot in a short amount of time, so thank you to all involved and especially to Mary Tonkin who was instrumental in making this day a success.



We will have another Working Bee later this term on Saturday 1 June (time to be confirmed). Please save the date. We have a number of bigger jobs that need doing and will require some tools and equipment. We plan to repair the boundary fence at the back of the school, replace the sleepers on the Year 3-6 playground and make a gate to provide access to the area behind the chicken coop. If you have are able to help with these tasks, please get in touch so that we can start planning to make the most effective use of the time on the day.

Cross Country

When the Year 3 to 6 students took part in the School Cross Country event last week, I was yet again impressed by the way in which they encouraged and supported one another in line with our RICH values. All students participated and tried their best, which was tremendous in itself, but a number of our students who could have placed first on their own chose instead to cross the finish line together, hand-in-hand. This show of solidarity and unity was touching to watch. Well done to all the students for having a go and completing the tough course, as well as to those who have been successful in placing for the District competition.

SMART Spelling

While the students enjoyed a day off on Friday, the teachers were very hard at work learning about graphs, digraphs, trigraphs, morphemes and phonemes! It may sound complicated but the beauty of SMART Spelling is that it uses a simple, systematic, multi-sensory approach to teach spelling in a common-sense and effective way. By explicitly teaching spelling patterns, one at a time, using the SMART routine, teachers choose from a range of simple to complex words to help students build their spelling knowledge at their point of need.

Our teachers were very impressed by the SMART spelling approach and were engaged by Michelle Hutchison's (the presenter) ability to share her expertise with us in this area.

The SMART spelling approach will be built into our classroom program from Foundation to Year 6, ensuring consistency and a clear progression throughout the year levels.

If you would like any further information, please visit www.smartspelling.com.au or speak to your child's teacher.

Supervision before and after school

The playground is supervised from 8.45am and children should not be at school before this time unless prearranged by a teacher or due to a school event. In the afternoons the teachers are on duty until 3:45pm. At this time, if you have not yet collected your child she or he will be asked to wait inside at the office (with the exception of students taking the bus who will be walked to the stop). This is for your child's safety.

If you regularly collect your child after 3:45pm, you need to use our after school care service. OshClub provides excellent quality care for students before and after school each day, and I encourage you to make use of this service if you need to drop your child off early in the morning or will be returning later in the afternoon.

Happy News from Jody Howell

The staff and I were very pleased to learn that Jody and her husband Jonathan are expecting baby number three in October. Jody and her family are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their little bundle of joy and we look forward to meeting him or her later in the year. At this stage, Jody is expected to work until the end of term 3. Information regarding Jody's replacement will be communicated to you later this year.

Warm regards,

Sally



TERM 2 CALENDAR

Tues 14th May - Thurs 16th May - NAPLAN testing (Years 3 & 5 only)

Wednesday 15th May - May School Council meeting

Thursday 16th - Friday 17th May - Year 2 Camp at Mt Morton, Belgrave Heights

Friday 17th May - Possum Cafe soup kitchen opens

Friday 17th May - Project Rokit Incursion (Year 5/6)

Saturday 18th May - Federal Election Fundraising Cake Stall and Sausage Sizzle

Wednesday 22nd May - Open Day, 1.30pm - 5pm

Friday 24th May - District Cross Country

Saturday 1st June - Working Bee

Monday 10th June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 19th June - June School Council meeting

Thursday 27th June - Reports emailed

Friday 28th June - End of Term 2 (2.30pm finish)

DISTRICT SPORTS UPDATE

District Sports



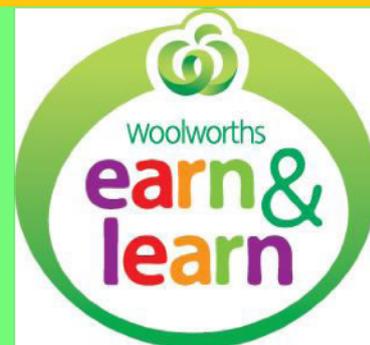
As you know, the Mountain District Athletics Day was postponed due to bad weather. The event has been rescheduled to Wednesday 31st July - more information to come closer to the time.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back beginning on May 1 and running until 25 June 2019. For every \$10 you spend you will receive a sticker that our school can exchange for high quality teaching and learning products through Modern Teaching Aids.

We have boxes set up in store at Monbulk, Kilsyth and Canterbury Road Woolworths, so if you are shopping there you can place the stickers directly into the boxes, or you can return them to our school and place in the box in the office reception area.

We would love to purchase some technology equipment so get collecting and make sure that you spread the word to anyone you know who may be able to donate some extra stickers to support our school!



WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

Students from Year 4 to 6 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 27 May to Friday 7 June. The survey only takes 20 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school before the end of Term 2. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

Our school survey results will be communicated to parents through annual reporting.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher or visit: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>

Foundation Enrolments for 2020

If you have a child who will start school in 2020, please enrol them as soon as possible. This allows us to begin our planning with sufficient time before the end of the year. If you have a friend or neighbour with a child due to start school next year, please tell them to visit us on Open Day or book in for a personalised tour. Foundation transition sessions will begin in Term 3.



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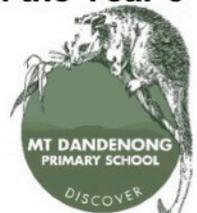
MT. DANDENONG PRIMARY SCHOOL



OPEN DAY

Wednesday 22nd May 1.30-5.00pm

- Meet our Principal, students and teachers while seeing for yourself our classrooms, programs and facilities
- Hear directly from our students about their experience of school life at Mt Dandy with our Year 6 Student Tour Guides
- Hands on activities for kinder kids including a Library session with the Year 5 buddies at 2.00pm, art and craft and a treasure hunt
- Meet some of our parents and enjoy a slice of wood-fired pizza or a sausage sizzle in our Wominjeka Garden
- Busking performances



Wet Days at Mount Dandy

"Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, and snow is exhilarating; there is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather." John Ruskin



On wet days, students will still be able to play outdoors. We believe this builds resilience in children as well as provides much needed time in the fresh air, allowing them to interact with nature and stay active. It is essential that your child comes dressed appropriately for wet weather play with:

- * **A warm and waterproof coat or rain jacket**
- * **Gum boots**
- * **A beanie and gloves and a scarf if desired**

If your child does not have the appropriate clothing and/or footwear for outside play in wet weather, they will be asked to remain in an undercover area.

We will not go outside when there is a storm in the area (particularly when lightning is nearby/

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Federal Election Fundraising - Saturday 11th May

Our school will again be a polling station for this Saturday's Federal Election. To feed the hungry voters, we will be serving bacon & egg rolls and a sausage sizzle. We will also be running another cake stall (sorry to bombard you twice in a month but you are such excellent bakers that our Cake Stalls really do make us a substantial amount of money!) A notice and plates will be going home this week. If you could please bring all baked goods to school by Friday or on Election Day itself, that would be fabulous.

Open Day Pizza in the Wominjeka Garden - Wednesday 22nd May

To welcome prospective families to our beautiful school, we will be firing up the wood fired pizza oven in the Wominjeka Garden between 1.30pm - 5pm. If you are able to assist with pizza making or sausage sizzling that day, please leave your name with the office.

*Mount Dandenong
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BAKE SALE

MDPS Fundraising committee

Federal Election Cake Stall

Saturday May 18th

8am - 3pm

We know it was only last week we asked you to bake for our Chestnut Festival cake stall, but as luck would have it, we also have a Federal Election Fundraiser this month! If possible, we would love for families to again bake a cake, sweet treat or slice for our fundraiser this Saturday. If you love baking, please feel free to bring more than one as they do sell like the proverbial hot cakes!

Please bring any baked goods to school on Friday May 17th or directly to the stall on Saturday.

thanks for your support

POSSUM CAFE SOUP DAY!

Every Friday throughout Term 2, Possum Cafe will be serving up delicious homemade soup and freshly baked damper to warm away the mountain chills.

Each week, a tasty new 'soup of the day' will be created from delicious fresh seasonal produce donated by the amazing team at Yarra Valley Harvest Box. Their generous gift of super fresh veggies helps keep the Possum Cafe menu costs down, allowing us to pass this on to our school community.



Possum Cafe Soup Day Term 2 Menu

Friday 17th May - Creamy Potato & Broccoli

Friday 24th May - Pumpkin & Pear

Friday 31st May - Carrot & Sweet Potato

Friday 7th June - Autumn Vegetable

Friday 14th June - Roasted Cauliflower

Friday 21st June - Minestrone

Cost - \$4 for homemade soup and cheese & herb damper



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
APRIL
BABIES!



MERIT AWARDS



Cass H

Indira McL

Ethan B

Amelia G

Roxy P

Nathaniel J

Boaz M

James T

Henry S

Chelsea R

Bailey S

Mt Dandenong OSHClub Newsletter

Before School Care: 7:00 am – 9:00 am
 After School Care: 3:30 pm – 6:15 pm



This week at OSHClub we have been busy doing.....



Next Week's Activities (06/05/2019 – 10/05/2019)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BSC	Giants Treasure Chatterbox	Silent Ball Lego Challenge	Tiggy 3 Color Drawing	Red Letter Uno	Ship Shark Shore Scrapbooking
ASC	Scavenger Hunt Creative Drawing	Musical Statues Finger Painting	Gymnastics Drawing Contest	Musical Chairs Comic Books	Obstacle Courses Finger Knitting

Program Phone Number: 0419 915 649

Permanent Educator: Stephanie Vernon-Curtis

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Email: mtdandenong@oshclub.com.au

Accounts email:
oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au

Accounts Phone Number: 1300 395 735

What's New at OSHClub?

This week we have focused our attention on setting some structure within the program. We have established routines and added in educational based experiences to allow for a fun and inviting program. We will continue to work with the children to make this program a more engaged environment that tailors to needs of all children that attend.

We have busily been making Mother's Day crafts for the children to take home. It has been really interesting to hear the stories about why everyone's mum is so amazing to them.

We have also been gathering information about what new equipment / resources the program needs, so if you or family know of anything please let us know so we can endeavor to provide it.

DANDENONG RANGES
Physio

Pilates ◻ Orthotics ◻ Remedial Massage

- ◻ Back/neck pain
- ◻ Sports injuries
- ◻ Headaches
- ◻ Overuse injuries
- ◻ Sprains/strains
- ◻ Falls & balance
- ◻ Post-surgical rehab
- ◻ Women's health

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Mount **D**andenong BAKERY & PATISSERIE



We have some good news for you! These popular donuts weren't just a Chestnut Festival special, they are part of our freshly baked sweets range and are available in store. Don't miss out - get in quick while they last.'

