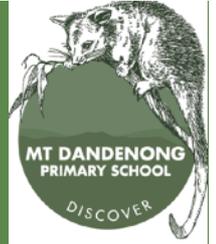


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Mt Dandy News

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Message from Sally...

Community Spirit Showcased

Over the last two weeks we have had many occasions to celebrate the community spirit of our lovely school. The Federal Election on 18 May saw a great turn out in voters at our polling station, resulting in a tidy profit of approximately \$1500 raised by our dedicated fundraising team. Well done to all involved as it took a lot of work to make it so successful.

Along with the cake stall and BBQ, Coco with her family and friends, showcased the enterprising spirit and independent drive to make a difference that sets Mount Dandy apart. Coco and her helpers hand squeezed the lemon juice for the tasty lemonade and sold out fairly early in the day. It was a tremendous effort from all involved and a fun family day out for many in our community, especially with the glorious weather we enjoyed.



Open Day

Another wonderful showcasing of our school was seen last week on Open Day. We had a fantastic turn out of prospective students and parents who enjoyed a special tour of the school led by our captains Lucy, Ethan, Fodey and Campbell. The kinder kids enjoyed special buddy library and art sessions with the Year 5 students as well as teachers Anne, Christen and Liz. Our wonderful parents put on a delicious spread of wood-fired pizza, BBQ sausages, cakes, cheese and homemade bread in the Wominjeka garden, which were enjoyed while listening to the talented musicians and performers from our school. Thank you to our students, staff and parents who helped to showcase our beautiful school to the community. You are why it is such a special place to learn and grow!



Year 2 Camp

Year 2 students had their first camping experience at Mount Morton in Belgrave. They enjoyed adventure activities such as the big swing and hut building, as well as sleeping overnight in cabins with their friends. The camp was a big hit with the kids and I'd like to thank Krista, Janet and Jody for the organisation and supervision and Derm Fennessy and Rebecca Gillard for their assistance as parent helpers.



Handy Help

Thanks to Noah's dad Matt for fixing our Chicken Coop gate. A bit of ingenuity and a length of rope has seen it live to see another day! Mary has been very hard at work as usual in the Wominjeka garden, as well as elsewhere around the school gardens. I have received many compliments lately on how attractive the school buildings and grounds are looking and it wouldn't be possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers.

The working bee planned for Saturday the 1st of June has been rescheduled to the 15th of June. Please put this date in your diary as we will need many hands on deck to get our jobs done. If you have handy or tradie skills, you are especially needed as the main work for this working bee will require some tools. We plan to:

- Brush cut sections of the vegetation along the back of the fence at rear of school where it is broken
- Repair broken fencing with spare panels and wire
- Remove and replace sleepers around the Year 3-6 playground
- Prepare area behind chook shed for composting bins – we need to make a new gate to create access



If you are able to attend, please write your name and which work you can help with on the list at the office so that we can start planning.

Indigenous Art Project Shines and a Zart Art Exhibition!

Our visiting indigenous artist, Nikki-Lee Browne, is continuing to inspire our students in their creation of indigenous inspired paintings for the whole-school art project. Liz and the students have thoroughly enjoyed having Nikki work in their classes, generously sharing her knowledge of country and culture. This work strengthens our students' cultural understanding and fosters a sense of community. A big thank you to Nikki, Liz, Gretel and all of our wonderful parent helpers for making this project happen!

Did you hear that our students' art works from last year's Art Show are going to be on exhibition at the Zart Gallery in Box Hill during Term 3? The Zart Student Gallery is a unique public space dedicated to the exhibition of primary and secondary student artwork. It provides an exciting and meaningful platform for children of all ages to celebrate their work and receive positive critical feedback and recognition. 43 students will have their work exhibited and are invited to attend the Grand Opening on Thursday, 27 June. Congratulations to our talented artists and thank you to Liz for making it happen!



Students with Mobile Phones and Devices at School

While I understand that some parents want their child to have a mobile phone to call them in case of an emergency while travelling to or from school, it is preferred that students do not bring mobile phones to school. If your child does bring a mobile phone to school, it must remain switched off and in their bag at all times throughout the day. Students are not permitted to use their phone during the school day, including before and after school while in the school grounds. The only exception to this is those students whose parents have requested they inform them of their safe arrival at school in the morning. Any students who are required to contact their parents in this way must inform their child's teacher in writing.

While our Year 5 and 6 students require a mobile device for learning at school, it is not necessary or appropriate for these to be used before or after school in the school grounds. I kindly request that you talk to your child about this so everyone is clear. Students using their devices at these times will be asked to put them away. Students are responsible for their personal mobile device.

The school is currently in the process of developing a Mobile Device policy which will be shared with the School Council for consultation later in the year. If you have any concerns or questions, please see me.

Pick-Up and Drop-Off Procedures

Please remember that if you do not want to have to get out of your car to drop off or collect your child that you must use the drop off and pick up zone right in front of the school on Farndons Rd. **It is essential that other drivers do not park in this area so that it can be used solely for drop off and pick up – please do not leave your vehicle.**

Once again, I would like to remind parents to please respect our carpark rules which are in place for the safety of your children. Children walking unaccompanied through the carpark to get to your vehicle, or not crossing at the zebra crossing poses an unacceptable safety risk. Please take the time to park and walk your child to and from your car, or alternatively use the drop off zone. If traffic is your concern, try arriving at 8:45 for drop off or 3:40 for pick up. It is unlikely you will encounter much difficulty at these times. Please just remember that teachers' supervision of students before school is from 8:45 to 9:00 and after school from 3:30 to 3:45pm.

District Cross Country

Our talented runners braved unpleasant conditions last Friday to compete against other students in the Sherbrooke District Cross Country competition. Congratulations to all who competed, but especially to Rio, Will B, Aden, Ethan, Fodey and Celia who have progressed to the Division level competition.



Yarra Valley Harvest Veggie Boxes Weekly Donation

Thanks to the wonderful folk at Yarra Valley Harvest the school has one veggie/fruit box to be given to a lucky Mt. Dandy family each week. Each class will have a turn to award the box to a deserving student and their family. Students showing our Mt Dandy values of respect, independence, community spirit and honesty will be in the running to win the box when it is their class's turn. The winner will be announced at assembly on Monday mornings. This week's veggie box winner was Michael Healy from Prep. Well done Michael for being a kind and respectful member of the class. Next week will be 1/2J's turn.



Back to Earth Initiative – Please Vote for Us

Finally, just a reminder to please cast your vote (as many times as you can) for our chance to win \$5000 to set up a green waste recycling system at school. The worm farms and rotary composting bins will enable us to make compost and liquid teas for our gardens and fruit trees. Voting closes Sunday 9 June. Don't forget to spread the word! Follow this link to vote: <https://competitions.backtoearth.vic.gov.au/entries/turning-mt-dandenong-primary-green-waste-into-soil/>



Warm regards,

Sally

TERM 2 CALENDAR

Sunday 9th June - Back to Earth voting closes

Monday 10th June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Saturday 15th June - Bring a Tradie School Working Bee

Wednesday 19th June - June School Council meeting

Thursday 27th June - Reports emailed

Thursday 27th June - Zart Grand Opening

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

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.

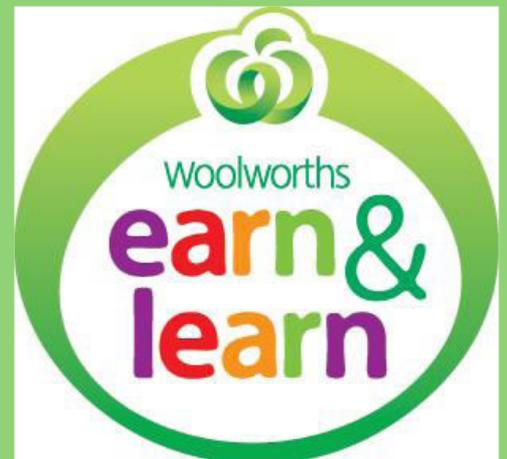


Woolworths Earn and Learn

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!



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/





MERIT AWARDS



Khevin C – for being a curious learner with a reflective mindset. You provide many fascinating insights.

Alice S – for her enthusiastic approach to learning and her caring and thoughtful disposition towards others.

Mackenzie K – for her interest and participation in all classroom activities and her willingness to help others.

Malia R – for being a great listener, following instructions and working hard to do her best.

Tahlia H – for your hard work and dedication. You always put 100% into everything you do.

Steele P – for demonstrating our school's RICH values, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Cami H – for your excellent understanding of complementary and supplementary angles. You are a maths whizz!

Campbell H – for outstanding initiative during our persuasive writing unit. I was so impressed you wrote your own piece of writing at home! Thanks for sharing this with us Campbell.

Ethan B – for bringing a positive attitude to Maths extension and working really hard.

Fodey H - for bringing a positive attitude to Maths extension and working really hard.

Axel B - for bringing a positive attitude to Maths extension and working really hard.

Django L - for bringing a positive attitude to Maths extension and working really hard.

Eitan D - for bringing a positive attitude to Maths extension and working really hard.

Lucas B - for bringing a positive attitude to Maths extension and working really hard.

Ethan C – for being a great team member in the Grade 2 camp – cooperative, respectful, enthusiastic and well mannered. What a star!

Macy H – for her wonderful attitude towards her learning and for showing such enthusiasm in everything she does. Your energy is infectious Macy!

Sam B – for being a kind and considerate member of the SLU by putting others before himself.

Sarah M – for working hard throughout our unit on angles and producing some pleasing results.

Boaz M – for his outstanding efforts when mapping locations on a map of Australia. Your efforts were outstanding!!

Nicholas S – for his positive approach to learning experiences. Thank you for all your hard work and efforts.

Aston F – for all your hard work and putting in 100%! Keep it up!



MERIT AWARDS ctd...



Oliver H - for putting on an incredible effort this week. Keep up the good work!

Arlo M – for making an effort in all his tasks especially in English. Arlo, you are becoming a writing superstar!

Miranda H – for being such a helpful and kind member of prep and always working so hard.

Maeve L – for being such a great team member on the Grade 2 camp – well mannered, cooperative, enthusiastic and independent. Congratulations!

Jonty F - for being such a great team member on the Grade 2 camp – enthusiastic, cooperative, well mannered and thoughtful. What a star!

Ginger L – for being an incredibly responsible guinea pig monitor for Higgins. I like how you treat Higgins as if he was the king of the SLU!!!

Sophie R – for enthusiasm towards all school activities. Your infectious enthusiasm is delightful.

IT'S WAKA TIME!!

For the uninitiated, Wakakirri is one of Mt Dandy's most loved traditions. Every second year, Jody Howell leads our little school to the big stage where we compete in Australia's largest performing arts event for schools, telling stories through dance. And just between us, we have a reputation for delivering a spectacular show!

Jody has again cooked up a fantastic performance and students have begun immersing themselves in the narrative. To again help bring this year's Waka to life, we are looking into every corner of our Wonder Community to draw on your abundant talents as it is the magic Mt D touch which really helps us stand out at Waka.

The sorts of roles we are looking to fill include:
Costume makers (no sewing required, just cutting and gluing), t-shirt design, make up, hair, prop builders, general team members to support back stage etc.
Donations - paint, hair products, make up, tissue boxes.

If you are able to help our 2019 Waka Team in any way, please leave your name at the office and stay tuned for more over the coming months!



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

THE BACK TO EARTH INITIATIVE EASTERN GARDEN COMPETITION



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To vote for our project log on to:

<https://competitions.backtoearth.vic.gov.au/entries/turning-mt-dandenong-primary-green-waste-into-soil/> and vote for us.

Find this link on our Facebook page

You can vote once every 24 hours so get voting today (and tomorrow!)

Voting closes on Sunday 9 June

HOW TO KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE ONLINE

Free Event

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