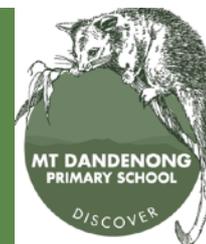


6TH AUGUST 2019

Mt Dandy News

Discover



Message from Sally...

At MDPS we believe that inquiry learning is key to student engagement and the development of core capabilities such as character development, critical and creative thinking, citizenship, collaboration and communication. It has been wonderful to see our students investigating many interesting topics across the curriculum so far this term. The Year 5/6 students are exploring concepts of social justice and some of the issues children from around the globe are facing, such as poverty. Our Year 3/4 students are exploring design and creativity through preparing for a performance, and I look forward to seeing their creative pieces later in the term. In Prep to 2, our youngest learners are celebrating cultural differences, embarking on a 'tour of the world' to learn about the traditions and customs of other people.

In STEM this term, students right across the school are investigating biological science by growing vegetables from seed. They are learning about what is needed to prepare the soil and nurture the seedling so it can thrive. They're also investigating different seeds and trees from our school grounds and learning more about our local biodiversity. I would like to thank Mary Tonkin for donating her time and expertise to support our wonderful teachers in this exciting work.

Wakakirri is fast approaching and students have been rehearsing and getting excited about the upcoming heat. Many parents have contributed much time and energy to support Jody in this endeavour, and I'd like to thank all involved for their efforts. The working bee last week was well attended and many chainsaws were constructed!

Participation in extra-curricular activities such as Wakakirri also serves to foster the kind of learning described above such as collaboration, citizenship and communication skills. I continue to be impressed by the breadth of opportunities offered to our students at Mount Dandy and truly appreciate the dedication and commitment on the part of staff and parents to make this happen.

Last week I received a letter from Brendon Watson (OAM), the Chief Commissioner of Scouts Victoria, advising me that Jonty from Year 2 has earned the Joey Scout Promise Challenge. Only a small percentage of Joey Scouts reach this level, and I would like to congratulate Jonty on his personal achievement in obtaining this award. Well done Jonty!



CAR PARK SAFETY PROCEDURES

I would like to thank you all for the support you have shown by following the school's safety rules in the carpark. As explained in the letter sent home last week, your children's safety is our number one priority and therefore it is essential that everyone continues to reverse park and walk their children to and from their cars at all times. Please also ensure that you cross at the school crossing and do not park in the no parking zone near the drop off area (kiss and go) in front of the school. Finally, no parking or walking through the staff carpark. Many thanks for your continued cooperation and support in following these procedures.

KISS & GO



PARENT OPINION SURVEY

FINAL CALL TO COMPLETE THE PARENT OPINION SURVEY!

The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.



Many families will have received an email invitation yesterday to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 22nd July** to **Sunday 11th August**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September. Results of the survey will be communicated to School Council and to the whole community via annual reporting.

If you received an email inviting you to participate, please take the time to complete the survey – we really value your input to ensure our school continues to improve. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.

STRATEGIC SCHOOL REVIEW

Our recent curriculum day was an opportunity to begin our preparation for the Term 4 School Review. Every four years, schools take some time to evaluate how they have progressed their strategic goals from the previous four year period through an analysis of achievement and opinion data. For Mount Dandy, our Review will take place in Term 4 and will culminate in our new School Strategic Plan (2020-2023). Our school will be allocated a reviewer by the DET, and this person will work with myself and the other panel members, including Kirsten Vernon our school council President, to evaluate our achievements and prioritise and set new goals.

Opportunities to have a say in what makes our school great, as well as areas for improvement, will be made available in a number of ways. Firstly, the School Council will host an open parent/community forum for you to share your ideas (date to come), and an online survey will also be circulated for you to have input prior to the start of the actual review in Term 4. This input will assist in the self-evaluation process leading up to the Review. Student and parent forums also form part of the formal review process facilitated by the Reviewer in Term 4, and there will be more information to come about this once we have dates confirmed.

Warm regards, Sally

TERM 3 CALENDAR

Monday 29th July - Friday 9th August - Prep - Grade 2 Swimming Program

Monday 12th August - Wakakirri Performance

Monday 19th August - 9.30am - 10.30am 1st Foundation Transition Session

Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st August - Book Fair

Tuesday 20th August - 9.15am Book Week Parade

Monday 19th August - Friday 23rd August - Book Week

2020 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS

This is a final call for any siblings or families you know with children beginning school in 2020 to please enrol their child before our first transition session on Monday the 19th of August. Interest in our school has been very strong this year and we look forward to getting to know our new students over the course of the transition sessions throughout Terms 3 and 4. We hope that this earlier start contributes to a smooth move into primary school for our young friends.



POSSUM CAFÉ

Sadly due to unforeseen circumstances, our wonderful canteen operator, Liz, is unable to continue providing lunches via Possum Café for the rest of this year. I am in the process of investigating alternative arrangements to provide lunch orders to students but no lunch orders will be available until further notice. Thank you for your understanding.

I would like to thank Liz for her outstanding contribution to the school over the past few years, and wish her all the best for the future.



District Athletics

On Wednesday 31st July, 54 students from our school participated in District Athletics at Knox Athletics track. It was a beautiful, sunny day and our school participated in a variety of track and field events. The behaviour and sportsmanship of our students was fantastic and many students received ribbons on the day for their outstanding performance. Many thanks to Caz and Brad Bates and Geordie Ferguson who offered their assistance and expertise to run the triple jump event, Alanna Ford for ensuring our students were at the right event at the right time and to the many parent helpers who supported our students throughout the day. The day ran smoothly thanks to support from Michelle and Christen and the excellent preparation and organisation by Alison.

A great community effort Mt D. Well done!

Liz Kennedy



HAPPY PRINCIPAL'S DAY, SALLY

Friday 2nd August was Principal's Day, a day where a school community showed appreciation for our wonderful Principal, Sally Alderton, with staff hosting a morning tea and presenting Sally with some flowers.

Sally's leadership is essential in making our school such a special place to learn and grow. In a school of our size, there isn't funding for an Assistant Principal which means all roads lead back to Sally [- a believe us, there are LOTS of roads on any given day!

It is a huge job with never ending demands but one that Sally manages with great skill, energy, positivity and vision.

Thank you Sally, we hope you had a Happy Principal's Day and thanks for all that you do for our school.





Waka News

That wonderful Waka Buzz is definitely here with just six sleeps to go until showtime! You should have received a green notice with all arrangements/costume requirements for next Monday but a few other Waka reminders:

- **Can you please make sure the permission form attached to the green notice is returned today/tomorrow at the latest?**
- **Each child is allocated two tickets. If you won't be using all of your allocated tickets (say you have 3 children in the performance but only need 4 tickets so therefore have 2 spare) please let the office know ASAP as we have others interested in coming along.**
- **T-shirts will go home with students by the end of the week. These will need to be worn on Waka Day in lieu of uniform.**
- **Thank you so much to those families who helped out at our Waka Working Bee last Tuesday night - it was fabulous to have so many crafty helpers on hand!**
- **Although the Waka Express doesn't leave school until midday on Monday, we will require students at school by 9am as per usual. This gives us time for another rehearsal and to eat brain food/snack.**
- **A reminder to pack brain food, snack, lunch and dinner - and more! It is a long day and there aren't any canteen facilities plus students tend to get hungry so best to pack extra. Feel free to bring colouring, small games, books etc to play quietly with whilst waiting back stage.**
- **A reminder that the show starts at 7.15pm sharp and runs for approximately 2 hours. We will be given a designated area from where you can collect students at the conclusion of the show - this will be announced on the night.**



MOUNT DANDENONG PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

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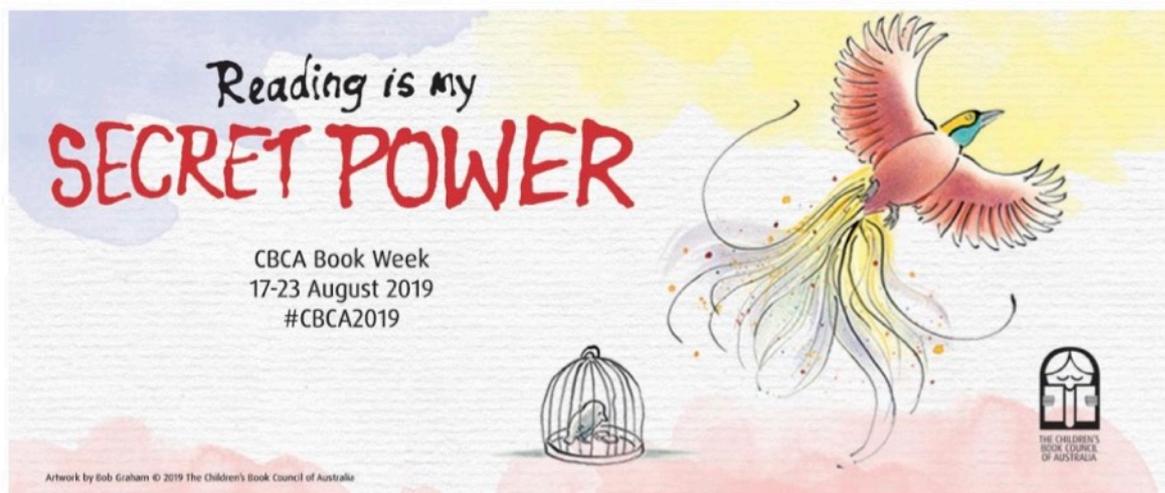
Trivia Night

Saturday 31st August 6.30pm

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*The theme for this year's book week is...
"Reading is my Secret Power"*

What's your "secret power"?

How does reading make you *feel*?

What *special skills* can you imagine having because of a book you have read?

Book Week activities at Mt. Dandenong P.S this year include

COSTUME PARADE Tuesday 20th

The costume parade will be held on Tuesday 20 August at 9:15 in the hall. All students that come dressed in a book inspired costume enter a draw to win a gift voucher to spend at the Book Fair (1 prize per class).

BOOK FAIR Mon 19th - Wed 21st

The book fair will be in the Library from Friday 16 August, when students will have the opportunity to preview the fair and write their "wish-list" of books.

Books will be available to purchase **before and after school Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st**.

This is a huge opportunity to support our library! The funds raised go towards new books and improved facilities.

AWARDS DISPLAY

A stunning collection of *CBCA Book of the Year Awards* short-listed titles will be on display outside the library, and for teachers to use in the classroom leading up to book week. These will be available for student loan at the end of book week.

LIBRARY & ART PROGRAMS

Throughout term 3 the library and art programs will celebrate the important relationship between illustrations and text. Student works will be inspired by many of this year's short-listed books, and be displayed throughout the school.



Calling all Families, Friends and Community members.

Our Art Show will be held in November this year and we will need to begin creating our artworks soon.

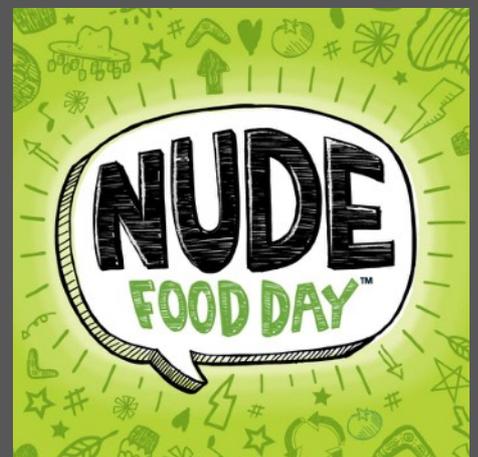
Thank you to the wonderful parents who have offered to work with the students to create an artwork however we are still **needing someone to work with our junior school students**. (Note: If you are keen to work with students in the middle/upper school you are most welcome)

In past years we have had artists in our community, parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours sharing skills in painting, drawing, photography, sewing, pottery, printing, paper making and more! All ideas and levels of skill are most welcome and we encourage parents to come and assist the children create and make the artwork.

We anticipate that the artworks will be created during Art lessons on a Monday (Prep and Grades 5/6) and Wednesday (Grades 1/2 and 3/4) **in Term 3** ready to be exhibited at our Art Show in early Term 4.

For further information please email me kennedy.elizabeth.t@edumail.vic.gov.au or visit me in the Art room on a Monday and Wednesday.

Our Enviro Knights are again on a mission to reduce unnecessary waste in our school community and have brought back 'Nude Food Tuesday'. We are encouraging students to bring their lunches with little to no packaging each Tuesday. The Enviro Knights will be visiting classrooms and keeping a tally of the class with the littlest amount of waste, with that class being awarded the coveted weekly Nude Food Tuesday award. Stay tuned for all weekly winners and thank you so much for your support!





MERIT AWARDS



Rubie S – for her terrific work, especially in English and her endless cheerful attitude. What a star!

Iris Y – for her model behaviour in the classroom and for her super attempts when sounding out unknown words in her writing.

Jarrah B – for consistently striving to do his best work in all areas of the curriculum. Your work samples are beautifully presented! Well done Jarrah.

Arrowne H – for his outstanding understanding of place value concepts. I love that you challenge yourself to achieve your full potential. Well done!

Sid C – for working very hard, being a great reader, and listening very well. What a star!

Charlie M – for your excellent focus during class time, listening attentively and working hard complete your work well.



PREP TRANSITION - SESSION ONE

'Celebrate Book Week'

Monday 19th August 9.30am - 10.30am

To celebrate Book Week, 2020 Preps are invited to come and listen to a story in our school library. This will be followed with an activity focused on the story book. Parents can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee in the staff room. This is an opportunity to learn more about Mt Dandenong Primary, ask any questions you have and meet with other parents.

The Upwey Archies

Inspired by the Archibald Prize and 'Not The Archies', the Upwey Archies is a community portrait project.

This is your chance to create an original artwork celebrating someone special to you or to the hills, and be in the running for six awards with mystery prizes like theatre tickets and meals in Upwey.

The Upwey Township Group, in partnership with Burrinja, are thrilled to present The Upwey Archies 2019.

How it works...

1. Head to Burrinja between August 9 -17 to pay the registration fee, collect a canvas and registration form. Burrinja is open Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 2pm. Cost : Adult \$10 (includes board)
14 & Under \$5 (includes board)
2. Create a portrait of a person that is important to you on the canvas provided.
3. Complete your Artwork Description on line by following the link in your confirmation of registration email.
4. Complete the information on the back of your canvas.
5. Drop off your finished and dry artwork at Burrinja between September 28 and October 5 (Burrinja will not accept wet or damp artwork).
6. Attend the launch and award presentation ceremony, 11am Saturday October 12 at the Upwey Village Green (near the playground).
7. Bring your friends and family to Upwey to see your artwork on display from October 12 and November 12.
8. Collect your artwork from Burrinja between November 15 – 23. (No responsibility will be taken for works not collected by this date)

The Upwey Archies is an exhibition of portraits featured in the windows of Upwey Traders until 12 November.

Dates

Registration 9 -17 Aug

Launch event 11am Sat 12 Oct

Exhibition Oct 12 – Nov 12

Artwork collection Nov 15 – 23

Cost : Adult \$10 (includes board)

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