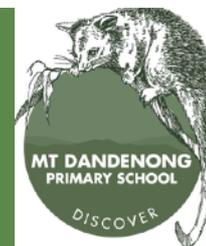


15TH OCTOBER 2019

Mt Dandy News

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Message from Sally...

Welcome back to school for Term 4. We have had a smooth start to the term and are pleased to see everyone back after the school holiday break.

Thank you to the parents who lent a hand at the Bunnings BBQ fundraiser on the first weekend of the holidays. Despite the poor weather we raised over \$2000. Your support of these events is much appreciated

As always, Term 4 is shaping up to be very busy. Be sure to have a good look at the calendar and note down the dates for all of our exciting events that are coming up including the Music Soiree, Working Bee, Hanami Japanese Cultural Day, Art Show, Life Education, Presentation Night and Year 6 Graduation.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

We are privileged to have such talented students at Mount Dandenong Primary School. We are so proud of Eve B who was a winner in the Threatened Species Children's Art Competition. Eve was the winner of the "Best Local Species" for her original and beautiful work "White Water". Well done Eve, what a gift you have!

More congratulations go to Emma G who recently competed in the regional gymnastics competition placing 1st overall with both her team and individually (out of all the levels and ages!) Emma is set to progress to the State Finals in November and we wish her all the very best of luck. What a sensational achievement Emma! Everyone at Mt. Dandy is so proud and will be barracking for you.

SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER (CUP DAY EVE)

Monday the 4th of November is a school day, however, we will run an alternate program that allows us to release classroom teachers to complete assessment and planning. This means that the school will be open as normal for students but we will have mixed-aged groupings with casual relief teachers rather than the normal classroom program. In order to ensure sufficient staffing on the day, I ask that you please complete the return slip of the notice that will be coming home this week to indicate if your child will attend school. I know that many families take advantage of the Cup Day holiday to enjoy an extended weekend, and ask that you please inform us if this is your intention.

BABY NEWS

Jody and her family welcomed new bub Teddy on 1st October. Mum and baby are doing well and we all look forward to meeting Teddy at school sometime soon. Congratulations!

Also congratulations to Krista and Sarah who are both expecting new arrivals in 2020! We are thrilled for them both.



PLANNING FOR 2020 – FAMILIES LEAVING

School planning for 2020 is well underway and therefore it is very important that you inform us if you are planning to leave the school at the end of the year. This information is required so that we can plan class groupings. Please let the office know asap if this is the case.



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STUDENT CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2020 – PARENT REQUESTS

In accordance with the school's Student Placement Policy, I would like to ask that **any request for special consideration of class placement for students be made to me in writing by no later than Tuesday the 29th of October**. Special requests for placement may be due to a special learning need, friendship issues or family status. Even if you have made a request in the past, it is essential that you inform us of this again. Please note that we do not take requests for particular teachers. All requests will be considered individually, but please be mindful that in a small school it may not be possible to accommodate all requests.

I would like to reassure you that the placement of students in classes is taken very seriously by teachers and many factors are considered, including your child's academic achievement level, independent working habits, friendships, challenging behaviours and the need to ensure a gender balance. All relevant staff have input into the class placement process and class lists are sent to the myself for final approval. **Once class lists are finalised, no changes will be made based on parent request, so be sure to let me know of any issues within the next 2 weeks.**

STUDENT SAFETY – BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES @ MOUNT DANDENONG PS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT DAYS OF EXTREME & CODE RED FIRE DANGER

Just a reminder that as we are coming into the fire season it is important that your contact numbers are up-to-date and that you are aware of our bushfire procedures.

In the interest of the safety of our students, families and staff, Mount Dandenong Primary School will:

- Be closed on days where the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme and will relocate to Gladesville Primary School, Kilsyth.
- Be closed on days when the Fire Danger Rating is Code Red, as per DET policy



Please note that it is the responsibility of every family to:

1. Know where to find and understand Fire Danger Rating information
2. Understand Mount Dandenong Primary School's procedure for days of EXTREME fire danger and CODE RED fire danger

Information about the current and expected Fire Danger Ratings can be found in weather forecasts on daily news programs, published on websites and in newspapers, broadcast on radio and on the CFA website. Updates on school closures and information on Code Red days can be found on the DET Emergency Management web page: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/closures.aspx>

Soon we will conduct another SMS test to ensure that we can contact every family. Please follow the instructions in the text message to reply.

Thank you for your support and co-operation with this important safety matter.



THE PHILANTHROPIC COLLECTIVE – FREE FOOD PROGRAM

I am excited to announce that the school will shortly begin participating in the Free Food Program that is run by The Philanthropic Collective. The Free Food Program already provides for around 1000 families per week in and around our mountain which directly or indirectly benefits people every day. Ros Mackay has taken on the task of coordinating this initiative and will work with other parent volunteers to collect the free food and distribute it to our students and families on Tuesdays. Kevin Mulvogue (“Mr Mully”) has offered to volunteer his time to run some cooking classes with students this term and so will make use of some of this produce each week to plan what can be made with students and prepare something for lunch. Students throughout the school will be able to enjoy fruit and parents will be able to take home the remaining produce.

Warm regards, Sally

TERM 4 CALENDAR

Weds 16th Oct - School Council

Mon 21st Oct - Foundation Transition Session Number 3

Mon 21st Oct - Tree Planting Ceremony for John Burgan

Weds 23rd Oct - Music Soiree Night

Thurs 24th Oct - Hanami and Japanese Cultural Day

Fri 25th Oct - Weds 30th Oct - Life Education Visit

Sat 26th Oct - Spring Working Bee

Tues 5th Nov - Cup Day Public Holiday

Weds 6th Nov - Fri 8th Nov - Art Show (Opening Night Weds 6th Nov - 6pm - 8pm)

Mon 11th Nov - Foundation Transition Session Number 4

Weds 20th Nov - School Council

Fri 22nd Nov - Junior School Excursion to Melbourne Zoo

Tues 10th Dec - 2020 Orientation Day and Foundation Teddy Bear Picnic

Thurs 12th Dec - Presentation Night, Yarra Valley Grammar

Mon 16h Dec - Grade 6 Graduation

Fri 20th Dec - End of Term 4 and the school year! 1.30pm finish

Soiree Evening

2019

Wednesday 23rd October
6pm



Come and enjoy an evening of musically talented students from Grades 3-6!

Performances include:

- 3/4 class performances
- 5/6 class performances
- School Choir
- Individual/Small group performances
- Instrumental music performances



All is welcome. Gold coin donation please.



PREP TRANSITION SESSION # 3

Monday 21st October

9.30am - 10.30am

Discover the magic of the Art Room and have a ton of fun in the Music Room! Meanwhile, parents and guardians will have a Prep Information session with Laura Blake.

See you then!



HANAMI 2019 - JAPANESE DAY

On Thursday the 24th of October, students from

Mt Dandenong Primary School will be celebrating our beautiful cherry blossoms blooming (Hanami – Flower Viewing Festival), by having a fun day to celebrate a fabulous year of learning about Japan.

Students will be doing a variety of Japanese activities throughout the day, across the school in different classes.

They will be involved in anime drawing, calligraphy, Japanese traditional games and a chopstick challenge race!

Students are encouraged to dress up in something related to Japan. They could dress up in red and white, as an anime character, ninja, sumo wrestler, wear a kimono, or even sushi if you are creative!! Students are able to order sushi for lunch, and we will all sit together under the cherry blossoms to eat.

Please bring a gold coin donation for the day please. Money raised will go directly towards our Japanese program.

What dress up will you wear to represent something from Japan?

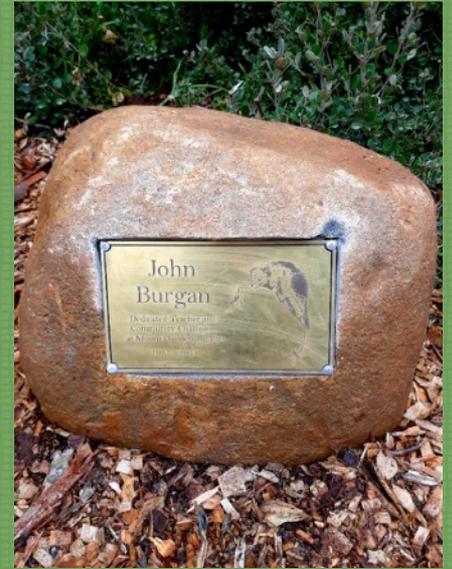
Sushi lunch order forms will be sent home this week.



AN INVITATION



To celebrate the indelible mark John Burgan has made on Mt Dandenong Primary in his 37 years with the school, we will be unveiling a special plaque and planting a tree in his honour next Monday 21st October at 4pm.



We invite the community to join us for this special occasion and to enjoy an afternoon tea following the ceremony. We are hoping John himself will be able to join us, together with his family.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
SEPTEMBER
BABIES!**



ART SHOW

The opening night of our annual Art Show will be on Wednesday 6th November from 6pm – 8:00pm in the multi-purpose room.

The exhibition can also be viewed on Thursday 8th November from 9am-6pm and Friday 9th November from 9am-1:30pm.

All the artwork exhibited at the show has been created by the students working with artists, parents and friends from our school community. This year we will be exhibiting artwork from the children who will be beginning school at Mt Dandenong PS next year and Heather Bradbury from Kapi Art Space – Studio Gallery in Kalorama will be in attendance.

Enjoy the music and finger food while viewing the variety of amazing artworks on display. All artwork will be for sale with the buyer nominating the price and all money raised will be going to support our Art program.

This year we have some fun Art competitions to enter and a raffle with several hampers to be won. (raffle tickets will be sent home with your child in the next few weeks).

We invite all students, parents, family and friends of our school community to our Art Show. We look forward to seeing you.

Liz Kennedy
Art teacher

The opening night for this year's Art Show is **Wednesday 6th November**.

We would appreciate donations of items to add to Art hampers of art and craft equipment and materials. They will be offered as prizes in a raffle and the children are always keen to win one of these hampers!

The raffle prizes are typically items like pencils, paints, brushes, felt pens, canvases, craft goods or any other art item you can come up with. These could be purchased from the supermarket, a \$2 shop or an art supply shop.

Any donations will be appreciated, as a little from everyone means a lot when combined. Please leave your donations in the box at the office.

Thank you for your support,
Liz Kennedy



EXCITING NEWS FOR MT D - Introducing Project Ribbit!

FROG FACTS

- * Australia has over 240 species of frogs, almost all of which are found nowhere else in the world.
- * Many species have been in dramatic decline since the 1980s with four sadly becoming extinct.
- * Frogs are an important indicator of a healthy environment.

We are literally **hopping out of our skins** to share the great news that we are the **lucky recipients** of a **Victorian Landcare and Biodiversity Grant!** This grant will go towards the construction of a **Frog Bog** in the area along the fence line behind the SLU near the amphitheatre. We will be creating a new **home for frogs** in our area to help them continue to flourish in numbers and **support the ecosystems** that depend on them.

The Frog Bog will transform this eroded area and use indigenous plants to catch and **clean water** to **support plant and animal biodiversity.**

In March 2020, students will be lucky enough to have an Environmental Specialist from **Swinburne University** (EEK PProgram) come to school to provide **two incursions** looking at what is biodiversity, what role do frogs play in the half of waterways and their ecosystems and what can we do to make a difference to caring for our waterways.

Specific to our project, students will also be educated on how to use the **Melbourne Frog Census App** to **monitor the arrival of frogs** to their new home and surrounding areas. The App also helps **students to identify what species they have found.**

Students will be involved in using Water Health testing kits to **monitor the health of our local creek** and assist local authorities in monitoring changes to our waterway health. Students are also going to be actively involved in all of the **design, planting and maintenance** phases and will have ongoing responsibility to care for our new friends and the home in which they live.

Our enormous gratitude to **Kate Rae** for all her incredible work in making this such a compelling project and ultimately securing the grant, and to **Richard Bellemo** for the magical landscaping plans he created to help get this over the line. It is going to be another **wonderful addition to our grounds** and would not have been possible without both their talents and efforts. Stay tuned for updates as Project Ribbit comes to life in 2020...



Proud recipient of a 2019
Victorian Landcare and Biodiversity Grant



MERIT AWARDS



Miki McM – for working hard to solve a variety of worded problems in Mathematics. You are using a good variety of strategies.

Oscar L – for always showing enthusiasm in all his learning, being a kind and considerate friend and creating beautiful, thoughtful pieces of work. What a star!

Felix F – for a wonderful project on “France” which was informative and well presented. Fantastic work Felix.

Maeve L – for working very hard to improve her spelling and for excellent writing describing the setting and plot of a story. Congratulations!

Ava B – for making a wonderful start to school life at My Dandenong P.S. A big welcome to you!



MT DANDY WORKKING BEE

Saturday 26th October

10am - 1pm

Weeding, mulching, general garden tidying.

Please bring along gardening gloves, tools and your enthusiasm!

Looking forward to seeing you there.

SLU TOASTIE TUESDAY

WHEN

**Every Tuesday
Orders to be placed
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Friday 30th for
toasties on the
following
Tuesday.**

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**Toastie Tuesday is an
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raise funds for the
Year 6 graduation
dinner at the end of
the year. Your support
is greatly
appreciated.**

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In 2019/20 there's a team for you in:

- ▶ Females (excitingly for first time)
- ▶ Juniors
- ▶ Seniors
- ▶ Veterans

We are seeking:

- ▶ Players of all abilities
- ▶ Volunteers
- ▶ All people inc. females, kids, families, parents, grandparents and retirees. We'd love to have you involved in your community-based club of the mountain.

Contacts:

- ▶ Secretary: Colin Giddens (0429 333 946)
- ▶ Female cricket: Pete Spink (0406 567 829)
- ▶ Juniors: Glenn Meyer (0434 093 737)
- ▶ Seniors/veterans: Karim Langer (0437 370 050)
- ▶ Email: president.occ@gmail.com



Our captain/coach is Tafadzwa Kamungozi,
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