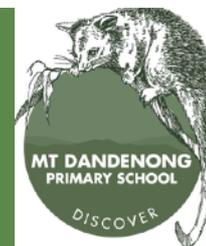


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Message from Sally...

YEAR 6 STUDENT LEADERS for 2020

One of the highlights of the year for me is hearing from our future student leaders as they present a case to be selected for school captain positions. This year it was extremely difficult for us to choose, as the competition was very high. All students who put themselves forward for this role would have made excellent student leaders, but we could only select four. I would like to thank all students who nominated themselves and worked hard to write a speech and answer questions at interview. This year we increased student voice in the process by inviting our current school captains to sit in on the interviews. Lucy, Ethan, Fodey and Campbell showed what responsible, mature and thoughtful student leaders they are through their participation in this process, and I would like to thank them for their valuable contribution.



It is my pleasure to announce that **our School Captains for 2020 are Ginger and Aden, and our Vice School Captains are Will M. and Sophie.** I know that these wonderful students will be excellent student leaders and ambassadors for our school. Well-deserved and well done! Our captains and other student leaders will be presented with their badges at an assembly in the new year.

SCHOOL REVIEW

Last week it was my pleasure to work as part of the School Review Panel on what was our final school review day. Our reviewer, Branko, was very impressed with our delightful students, dedicated staff and committed parents who all shared their views on what is working well and what could be improved at our school. Along with Branko and the rest of the panel, I would like to thank everyone who gave up their time to contribute to the process and provide feedback. A special thank you to Kirsten Vernon, our school council president, who took time out of a busy work schedule to be involved. Also to John Chiswell from Macclesfield PS and Glenda Harry from Orchard Grove PS who both took time out of their schools to support ours.



The report and new strategic plan will be available in the new year. I look forward to sharing our new strategic direction with you then.

2020 GRADE STRUCTURE AND NEW STAFFING APPOINTMENT

After much consideration, the staff and I have decided on the following grade structure for 2020:

2 x Foundation (Prep) classes

2 x 1/2 classes

1 x 3/4 class

1 x 4/5 class

1 x 5/6 class

The teaching staff and I have been working on the placement of students in classes. On Tuesday the 10th of December, your child will visit their new teacher and meet the other students in their class.

I am pleased to announce that Anna Francis has been successful in obtaining a teaching position at our school for next year. Anna is already known to many of the children through her work as an environmental educator with Healesville Sanctuary, having run some volunteer sessions this year at our school. I know that Anna will make a wonderful addition to our staff.

ESSENTIAL STUDENT SUPPLIES & VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS 2020

The information regarding essential student items for 2020 was sent home with students last week. If you have not received the blue notice, please check with your child's teacher. Our essential student supplies include all items required for education at our school such as pencils, pens, workbooks, paper, textbooks, specialist equipment and the cost of student licences for reading programs and assessment and reporting etc. It includes the bulk purchase of items and programs that will be provided by the school throughout the year, as well as items received in the book pack bags. Please contact our school office or make a time to see me if you have any questions or if I can assist with options for payment.



WORKING BEE

It was a lovely, mild day on Saturday for our Term 4 Working Bee. We were able to clean up the chicken coop to prepare it for our new composting system (details to come!), deliver fresh sand to the sandpit, weed and mulch garden beds, mow and cut grass and tidy up concreted areas. A big thank you to the following families and staff members who gave up their time and made the day a huge success: Mary, Alice & Henry; Alanna & Josie; Richard, Jarrah & Raf; Haydn, Jonty & Micah; Maggie & Ava; Kate Rae; Matt Hine; Simon Gilson; Liz Kennedy and Laura Blake.

Warm regards,

Sally



TERM 4 CALENDAR

Mon 9th Dec - Junior School Christmas Concert, 9.30am - 10am

Mon 9th Dec - Parent Helper and Volunteer Morning Tea, 10am

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

Thurs 12th Dec - Wishing Tree gifts collected

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

WANTED: REFRIGERATION PLUMBER

We are looking for a friend of Mt.D.P.S. who would be happy to help us out by checking out a couple of air-conditioners we have in storage. If you, or someone you know, could help out please let the office know. Thanks!



SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Students are encouraged to bring a ball or piece of sports equipment from home to play with at recess and lunch times. Please ensure that all equipment brought to school is clearly labelled with your child's name.





Steps Outreach Service Christmas Wishing Tree

Since 1985, a team of "Steps" workers and volunteers have been meeting at the steps of Flinders St Station at night time, meeting with homeless young people and helping them to 'get off the street'.

As "Steps" provides long-term support, we also work with many disadvantaged young families with children. "Steps" supports over 150 children and young people each year.

Your gift at Christmas time helps to bring joy into the lives of these children and may be the only gift they receive.

The **Wishing Tree** provides an ideal way to teach our children to think of others, especially those less fortunate.

Simply choose a tag from the tree:

YELLOW – for children in Grades Prep – 2 (eg.

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 **Thursday 12th December**.

Thank you for your support, Liz Kennedy.

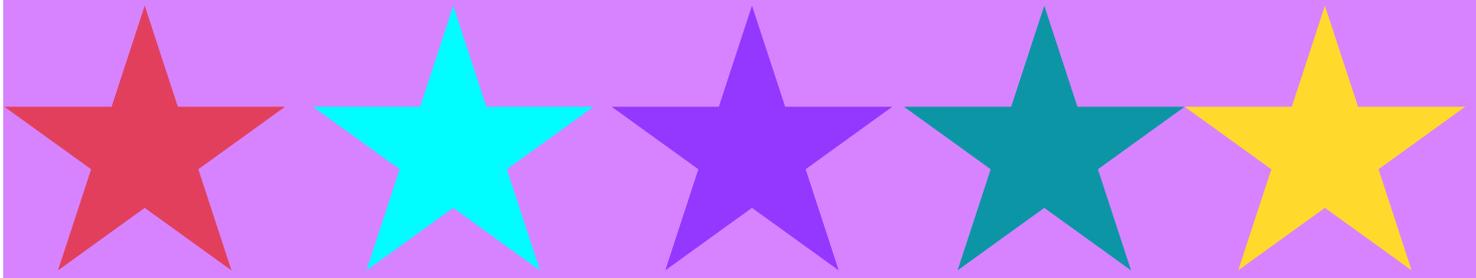


Below is a list of suggestions if you are unsure what to buy for the Wishing Tree Any NEW items that you think are suitable would be appreciated.

•**0-5 years:** strong plastic toy, Duplo, cars, dolls, books, dinosaurs, Bluey, My Little Pony, Frozen, Paw Patrol, look in the pre-school section in any of the major stores.

•**5-12 years:** Imaginext, Barbies, Lego, tea sets, books, Smiggle products, stationery, squishies, Hot Wheels, downball /football/soccer ball/basketball, torch.

•**Teenagers:** 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, cap, sports equipment, wallet, drink bottle, backpack, Lynx travelling set, sports socks, art equipment.



2019 Presentation Night Concert

Thursday 12th December, 7 pm

At 'George Woods Performing Arts Centre'

Yarra Valley Grammar, Kalinda Road, Ringwood

This evening of entertainment is an end of year celebration when **every grade** performs their own unique musical item and we have a chance to farewell our graduating grade six students. We will also be treated to a performance of our award winning Wakakirri routine. Award winners and next year's school captains and house captains are also introduced.

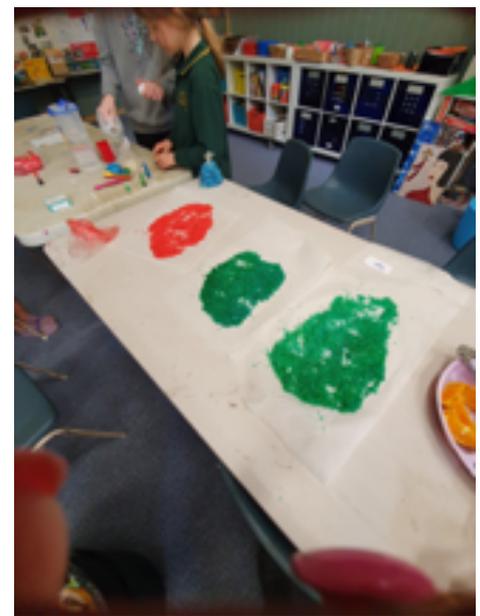
Tickets for this fabulous event can be purchased through the booking agency

Eventtixx at <https://www.eventtixx.com.au/mdps>

Ticket cost is \$15 for adults and \$5.50 for children
(no charge for Mt Dandy students or pre-schoolers)



At OSHClub we are always trying to improve our service and offer the best possible experiences for your children. As part of this process we are currently focusing on two areas. These are our menu and cooking experiences, as well as getting more community involvement in the program. We would love to invite you into the program if you have anything you would like to share with the children, any skills or talents that you think would be of interest. Please come and see me if this is of interest to you. Our cooking club on a Thursday afternoon continues to be very successful, we had a group of children make zucchini slice, one child didn't know what a zucchini was, and he ended up commenting 'this is so good'. I have placed a binder of the new recipes I will be incorporating into the service on the parent table. I would love you to take a look and provide feedback. Have a great fortnight. I am always available if you require any information, Charla



We made fake snow and then had a snowman building competition with all of the children putting in a great deal of effort whilst also learning about the chemical reactions that can occur when substances are combined. I think getting messy is always a fun way to learn.

We made coloured rice which the children enjoyed doing and now we have a bucket of coloured rice which is great for sensory experiences and can be used as a calming tool for the children to self-regulate their emotions.

Program Phone Number: 0419 915 649; **Co Ordinator:** Charla Goltz; **Permanent educator:** Steph Vernon-Curtis; **Casual Educators:** Kirralee Clough

Email: mtdandenong@oshclub.com.au; **Accounts email:** oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au; **Accounts Phone Number:** [1300 395 735](tel:1300395735)



MERIT AWARDS



Jarrah B – for his absolutely magnificent information report writing on salt water crocodiles. You produced many fantastic descriptive paragraphs.

Ellie B – for working so hard throughout the year, having lovely manners and being a wonderful friend and helper in our classroom. What a star!

Juniper O – for doing her best in everything she undertakes and being a star Grade One student in every way. Congratulations!

Celia C – for always giving 100% and demonstrating the schools R.I.C.H values daily.

James C-J – for his caring attitude towards a fellow student and for showing great empathy.

Cass H – for his caring towards a fellow student and for showing great empathy.



Mount Dandenong P.S

Christmas Concert

Monday 9th December
9.30am-10.00am in the Multi

Performances from: Preps, 1/2J and 1/2K



OLINDA COMMUNITY POOL

Season 2019/20 Opening Party including launch of new Splash Zone and Toddler Pool
Saturday 30th November
12pm - 7pm

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2020 SEASON LAUNCH CHRISTMAS PARTY



Sunday 8 December 3pm - 5pm

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- Registration
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