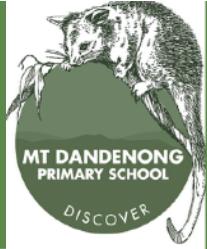


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Message from Sally...

Getting to Back to School

It has truly been delightful to see our Prep to Year 2 students return to on-site learning last week. While some students had some first day back jitters, I am thrilled to say that for the vast majority transition back to on-site learning has been very positive. Students are happy, relaxed and very well settled, thriving on a return to their regular routine and reconnection with friends and teachers. Our teachers have been impressed with the learning they have made during their time at home, which is a credit to all our parents, carers, teachers, support staff and of course our wonderful students.

Tuesday, 9 June will see the return of our Year 3 to 6 students for the final three weeks of Term 2. While our students and teachers have managed remote learning exceptionally well, we are looking forward to everyone returning to school so we can get into the routine of our 'new normal'.

If your child continues to feel some anxiety about their return to school, in the first instance please contact their teacher to make a plan for assisting the transition.

Student Voice during Remote Learning

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) has worked hard under the leadership of Michelle Lawrence and Simone Algie to plan and implement a number of student-led initiatives for the benefit of our whole student community. We have enjoyed artistic expression through the SRC Art Competition, learnt about aboriginal issues and celebrated indigenous culture as part of Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week (lots of work done in the classrooms on this too) and are trying to collectively walk to Uluru! There are more events planned so thank you to the SRC, Michelle and Simone and all of our community for getting behind these terrific student-led initiatives.

Feedback on Remote Learning

Thank you for completing the survey on Remote Learning and the transition back to on-site schooling. It has assisted us in ensuring we provide the desired information and support to your children. The wider implications of how we have delivered our Remote Learning Program will be considered by the staff and used to inform any future delivery of our curriculum as needed.

Parents have commented on enjoying being more closely involved with their



child's learning as a result of learning from home. This school and parent partnership is something we highly value as a learning community and we will be looking at how we can continue to meaningfully involve parents in their child's education into the future.

Safety at School & Return to Onsite for Grade 3-6

Detailed information concerning the strategies we are using to minimize any potential transmission of Covid-19 within the school community were shared via Compass on 21 May in the post called, 'Return to School Guidance for Families'. Please note that these measures will remain in place until the DET declares otherwise. Some important points to note include:



- Hand hygiene remains our number one defence against the spread of Covid-19 in schools. We are frequently washing and sanitising our hands throughout the day.
- Students are not required to socially distance from one another at school, but we encourage non-contact greetings and to keep a safe distance whenever possible.
- Adults must socially distance from one another at schools and non-essential adults must not attend on-site (including parents).
- Where possible, students will not mix with those from other year levels or classes to limit the possibility of potentially spreading the virus further than close contacts from a class group. We will be implementing zoned playground areas to assist with this.
- No drinking from the drink fountains – please bring a water bottle.
- The playgrounds are being cleaned daily and there is an additional cleaner working on-site throughout the day.
- All camps and excursions are not allowed to proceed until further notice.
- No assemblies or events can take place.
- Please do not send any home-made food to share for birthday celebrations.

Further information regarding what this will look like into Term 3 will be provided in due course. As much as possible, we want to continue with our special events and fun programs, but these safety measures will be front of mind in our planning moving forward.

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

One way in which we are working to ensure that our community remains safe is by promoting the physical distancing of adults through the use of our drop-off and pick-up procedures. Thank you to everyone for respecting this process and not parking and coming on-site to collect your children. I know there is a little bit of extra time taken with this process, but all in all it is not likely to take you much longer than 10 to 15 minutes in total. Take the opportunity to listen to something you enjoy on the radio or a podcast!

This process has worked very well during our first week of remote learning and we will continue to refine it this week. At this stage, we plan on including the Year 3 to 6 children in the same way.



Further information will be forwarded to you via Compass later this week.

Please ensure your children have appropriate raincoats in case of rain at pick-up time.

Prep Enrolments 2021

It's hard to believe that it is already that time to enrol next year's youngest students, but it is! If you have a child who will start school in 2021, 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 look at our website to gain an insight into our wonderful school. Unfortunately, we cannot run tours at this time, but I am very happy to talk to parents over the phone and answer any questions they may have about our school.

This year the schools in the Outer East Region are part of a pilot to trial a consistent kinder-prep transition process. This includes provision of a DET parent handbook for families delivered via the kindergartens and early childhood services, a consistent enrolment timeline and a final enrolment cut-off date. We will also be running our transition sessions to a close timeline in Term 4.

All new enrolments must be received by no later than **August 7, 2020**. Families from outside of our zone will be notified of their acceptance of a place by August 21, 2020.



Goodbye Julie Francis

Many of you have probably guessed that our wonderful business manager, Julie Francis, has decided to retire. Julie has been the face of the office since the year 2000. I'm sure you'll all agree that 20 years in the one work place is quite the achievement! Julie will be terribly missed by all but we know that she will thoroughly enjoy her time in retirement with her wonderful husband, David, and many children and grandchildren to visit. Here is a short farewell message from Julie:

Current circumstances and my extended period of leave have combined to make my decision not to return to the front desk at Mt Dandenong Primary a little easier. I feel enormously grateful to have made an incredibly enjoyable, varied, enlivening and long career from helping out at my kids' school. Thank you to the brilliant staff, students, their families and the wider Mt Dandenong community.



Adieu Julie! On behalf of the Mt D. community I want to thank you for your exceptional service to our students, staff and parents over the last 20 years. Best wishes and good luck from us all.

End of Term

The end of term is fast approaching. We will finish school at 2:30 on Friday 26 June and reopen for Term 3 on Monday 13 July.

Warm regards,

Sally

TERM 1 CALENDAR

Monday 1st - Friday 5th June - World Environment Week

Wednesday 3rd June - All 'Walk to Uluru' steps to be submitted

Monday 8th June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th June - Grade 3-6 return to school

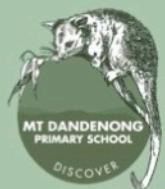
Wednesday 10th June - Welcome Back to School lunchtime dancing (SRC initiative)

Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th June - World Refugee Week

Friday 26th June - Last day of Term 2. School finishes at 2.30pm.

Monday 13th July - Start of Term 3

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ENROLMENT INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

**Mount Dandenong Primary School
Enrol Now for Prep 2021**

www.mtdandps.vic.edu.au

mount.dandenong.ps@education.vic.gov.au

13-15 Farndons Road, Mount Dandenong 3767

Ph: 9751 1136



National Sorry Day From the 25th-29th of May

MDPS students are invited to be part of the
WALK TO ULURU WEEK

As a whole school will be walking, riding, running or scootering the distance from Mount Dandenong to Uluru in the Northern Territory

A distance of 2,415 km is what we need to achieve.

If we share the load this means each student will have to walk at least 14km over the course of a week.

Wear your house colours; this could be socks,T-shirt or a ribbon. Take a photo of yourself walking, riding etc and write how many kms you did and email it to Neve, along with a photo of yourself in action.

wal0004@mtdandps.vic.edu.au

There will be a winner from each class for the person who gets the most kms over the week. So get your running/walking shoes and let's go to Uluru!

**Thank you and good luck
From S.R.C**



SRC

VIRTUAL ART SHOW

The SRC would love you to share in some of the beautiful artwork that has been created by students throughout their remote learning time. Artistic expression is vital to the processing of emotions and the students at our school have been gifted with the skills to be able to do this through our incredible art program. The SRC welcomes you to enjoy this Virtual Art Show and enjoy the abundance of creativity that was able to thrive in adversity. Remember, you will need to log in as a mtdandps student to access the site as it is private.

Enjoy!

<https://sites.google.com/mtdandps.vic.edu.au/learnathome/src-art>



BIN NIGHT FANCY DRESS HIGHLIGHTS!



Yarra Ranges Council
invites parents, carers and professionals of children
to a series of FREE webinars presented by
Building Better Brains Australia.



Reconnecting After Trauma

Thursday 4th June 2020, 7:00- 8:30pm

Learn how stress and trauma impact brain and behaviour.

Practical ideas that can help restore calm, safety and connection to your family.

To register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJRPO>

Connection Based Parenting

Wednesday 10th June 2020, 7:00- 8:30pm

How to build better brains and relationships for all ages.

Learn what connections are essential for building resilient, confident and emotionally intelligent brains and how to use games, play and connection to help regulate your child's stress responses. Participants will find new ways to support challenging behaviour and increase family fun.

To register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJRPX>

Mindful Parents

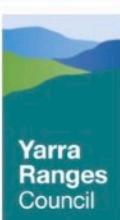
Tuesday 16th June 2020, 7:00 - 8:30pm

Practice mindful moments in your daily life. Train the brain for a sense of calm, self compassion and kindness. Participants explore how mindfulness physically changes our brain, behaviour & transforms our relationships.

To register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BJRPY>

Yarra Ranges Council is a
Child Safe Organisation

Further enquiries please contact:
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Enrolments NOW OPEN for 2021

Belgrave - Chirnside Park
Colchester Park - Coldstream - Fernhill
Hansen Park - Joy Ave - Lancaster
Launching Place - Montrose - Millgrove
Mt Dandenong - Sarah Court - Sassafras
Upwey - Upwey Sth - Warburton
Woori Yallock

Enrolments closing 30th June 2020

enrol@yrkinders.com

YRKI

Yarra Ranges Kindergartens Inc
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www.yrkinders.com



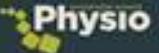
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