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Message
from Sally...

Welcome to Term 2! I hope that you enjoyed a restful but fun school holidays and Easter long weekend. Those of us who stayed home enjoyed some glorious Victorian weather. A reminder than now we are heading into the colder weather to ensure your child is dressed appropriately with a rain jacket, beanie and scarf if wanted. We do try to get outside even if there is a bit of drizzle about.

Many students are enjoying our high quality and smart new uniform items. The leisure and track pants provide excellent warmth, as do the bomber and polar fleece jackets. The winter girls tunic has arrived and is turning out to be popular. Please remember to check the dress code for specific info on what can be worn to school. Black skivvy/tops and tights are the only colours permitted with the tunic (or under other items) and the long sleeve school polo top can also be worn under the tunic. The [student dress code is available here](#) for you to familiarise yourselves with.

ANZAC DAY

On April 25th we commemorate ANZAC day and acknowledge the service of men and women serving their country and pursuing peace. On Sunday, Harley and Franki represented our school at the Anzac memorial at Five Ways, Kalorama. I would like to thank Harley, Franki and their family for their act of service to our community and our school. We really appreciate your contribution.

At school on Monday we all paid our respects to the service people of our country through attendance at a special assembly. The Grade 5 and 6 students planned and presented the assembly, informing us of the Anzac history and tradition and why this is such an important commemorative event in Australia. Thank you to all the students presenting and to the rest of the children attending who listened and participated very respectfully.





PLAYING OUR PART TO BUILD A NATIONAL PICTURE OF CHILD HEALTH

In early 2021, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fifth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).



The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families.

Children don't miss any class time, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children.

Some teachers have also noticed that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole and that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing class programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website: www.aedc.gov.au.

If you have any questions, you can contact Sally Alderton on 9751 1136 or email mount.dandenong.ps@education.vic.gov.au

SAFETY OUT THE FRONT OF SCHOOL

I would like to remind parents/carers and students that the rock walls out the front of the school are out of bounds. Children are not permitted to climb on these due to safety reasons. Similarly, the grassed area at the top of the rock walls and the staff carpark are out of bounds as well.

At times during the school day, teachers may take students to the rock walls to sit and work (e.g. sketching, reading). Under teacher supervision the students have permission to use the areas.

Many thanks for your support with ensuring your children do not climb on the walls before or after school.

RIDING BIKES TO SCHOOL



Many children enjoy riding their bikes to school, which is a fabulous way to stay active and experience some independence. It does, however, come with responsibility and requires a certain level of maturity to manage safely. I am concerned, however, by the number of young children riding to school without adult supervision.

Before the age of 12 years children should not ride a bicycle on the road without adult supervision. Even when riding on footpaths and bike paths there are points at which roads need to be crossed. The reality is that most children, until around the age of 12 years, are still developing the skills to be able to ride safely in or near traffic.

In their early years, children need lots of assistance from adults to manage the considerable risks associated with road use. They need particular help in detecting the presence of traffic and judging the speed and distance of oncoming traffic. As they grow and develop, and with the help of adults, children become increasingly aware of how they can manage their own safety, and become safer road and bicycle users.

Tips for supporting your child to ride safely:

- Talk together about signs and traffic lights. Identify and discuss places where it is safe to cross the road.
- Teach your child how to cross roads using the 'stop, look, listen and think' process – stop at the kerb, look and listen for traffic and then decide whether it is safe to cross. Take the trip to school together along the safest footpaths and use safe crossing places, such as pedestrian crossings and on straight sections of road.
- Supervise your child on the way to and from school if they are under 12 years old.
- Always be a good role model for your child by obeying road rules and crossing roads safely.
- Children under 12 years of age should not cycle on the road, and they should be accompanied by a competent adult when riding on a footpath or bike path.
- Make certain that your child wears an approved Australian Standards helmet when riding a bike.



For further information please visit <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/HealthyLiving/bicycle-safety-and-children> or download 'A Family Guide to Bike Ed.' By Vic Roads.

CHESTNUT FESTIVAL



I am very excited to attend the Chestnut Festival this Sunday. We are thrilled to work more closely with the Mt Dandenong Preschool this year to run the festival together. Thank you to everyone for supporting us with lucky jars and chestnut picking over the holidays. Any help you can offer on the day will be most appreciated. Sign-up sheets are still at the office for you to put your name down.

2022 PREP ENROLMENTS

It is that time of year again already. If you have any children due to start school in 2022, or know of any families with young children, please know that you must enrol before the end of Term 2. Interest in our school is already strong and tours are being held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10am. Our Open Day is on Thursday 26 May with student-led tours and open classrooms from 9.15 to 11.00 am, and family activities to celebrate Education Week from 5.30 - 7.00 pm. More information on this to come!

CURRICULUM DAY

Please remember that tomorrow, Thursday 29 April, is a curriculum day and there will be no school for students.

WARM REGARDS,

Sally.



A message from Janet...

Dearest Everyone in our School Community!

Thank you so much first of all, for all your well wishes and messages over the last week or so – they are very much appreciated.

I would like to share my message from our School Assembly last Friday which I wrote to all of you past and present... I have been thinking over my many years here at Mount Dandenong Primary School which stretch back to 2001 – before any of our current students were born! A long time ago!

I started here as a parent, part of a family at our school, like all of you. I moved to Mount Dandenong with our family in 1997 when our son Karl was only one, and as we navigated changing from our inner city lives to our mountain lives, we began to hear about Mount Dandenong Primary School and what a special, inspiring and community minded place it was to go to school.

So a few years later in 2001, our daily journey to MDPS began when Karl, who I thank dearly for being at our assembly, started Prep here, in the same room where all of the Preps are now with Kelly. Rose also began in the same Prep room four years later. John, who I also thank dearly for being here, and I, quickly discovered that it was true – it was a very special place and continues to be twenty years later. So here I am having stayed on all that time, making the change from being a parent to being a teacher here.

Before all that I taught in two other wonderful schools as a young teacher – Footscray Primary in the Western suburbs from 1985 to 1990, then Preston West Primary in the Northern suburbs from 1991 to 1996. They were so, so different to our school here in the forest. They were on busy main roads and were much larger, situated in very builtup areas. I learnt a huge amount during those years and taught children from many, many different cultures and countries. As well as teaching grades of children, I also worked as the School Librarian and then English as a Second Language Teacher, each for a few years. All were very rewarding roles.

I then had our children, Karl in 1996 and Rose in 2000, and spent twelve years enjoying their beautiful company and working with John in his Environmental Consultancy. When Rose was in Grade One, I began CRT work here and then took on a classroom teacher position in 2008. And now twelve years and many wonderful students later, and working with lots of fabulous teachers over the years, I have decided to make a big change and formally retire. But I can't quite fully let go yet, and will still be around working as a CRT once again! Thank you to Sally for that opportunity.

Now come many thank yous...

Firstly John and I thank the school for Karl and Rose's Primary School education here, that nurtured in them a love of learning and such solid grounding in their skills and an understanding of the value of being decent, kind people above all. Karl has completed his tertiary degree and is working as a Graphic Designer, and Rose is in her third year of her Arts Degree at Melbourne University. I am so incredibly proud of both of them in all ways.

I then thank John, Karl and Rose for all their support and patience over the years when I spent many hours on schoolwork at home – they put up with many “simple dinners” when I was too busy to cook Masterchef type dinners!

Thank you to all of the wonderful children – you have been the heart of my work here and I have treasured teaching and working with you, and enjoyed being with you each and every day. Remember what I have said to each and every one of you who I have taught – that every single one of you are very special, and are very clever, and are talented at something unique to you, and to recognise and look after that talent and use it.

Thank you to all the Staff in the many roles here. You have been my dear, dear friends, as well as incredibly supportive and hardworking and dedicated. We have shared so many fabulous times and experiences. I could not have asked for more over the years. It has been so rewarding working with you all.

Thank you to all of the parents. It has been a privilege to both live and teach in our wonderful and closeknit community, and a highlight to see you and your families both here at school, or when going for a walk in the forest, or gardens, or around at the shops. I treasure all the chats that we have and the stories we share as part of the education of your children, whether formal or informal, or as parents and friends, at the classroom door or in the courtyard.

So... farewell, but not goodbye...

Janet Geertsakis





MOUNT DANDENONG
PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRESENTS

OPEN DAY

EDUCATION WEEK EVENTS

Discover our wonderful school for yourself!

Wednesday May 26, 2021
13-15 Farndons Rd, Mt. Dandenong

Open Morning

9.15 - 11.00 am

School at Work Tour

- Student-led tours at 9.30 and 10:15
- Open classrooms
- Have a cuppa and a chat with the principal from 10 to 11.

Open Night

5.30 - 7.00 pm

Family Activities

- Join current students and families for fun activities and food.
- Meet Mt Dandy staff and parents.

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MERIT AWARDS

WEEK 1



PREP Magnus

1/2 K Zoie & Arlo

1/2 C All of wonderful 1/2C

1/2 JS Izzy

3/4 S Harrison

3/4 L Sid

5/6 AM Mia

5/6 A Khevin

ART M.J

JAPANESE Phoebe B

P.E. Blake S



IN THE
CLASSROOM
WITH

3/4L



ANZAC DAY

To commemorate ANZAC Day, 3/4L made wreaths, felt poppies and designed their own medals. The children used their own symbols such as the white dove, rosemary, poppies and stars to symbolise a hope for peace.



Many of us have personal connections to ANZAC Day and some children have written some notes about ANZAC Day to share:



At dusk, I go to the end of the driveway and build a little fire and listen to the last post and we have 1 minute of silence. Willow-Rose





ANZAC Day is a day to commemorate the Australian and New Zealand soldiers. Our family visit an ANZAC service in Sassafra. Some people bring wreaths of flowers to remember those who gave their lives. Ayla



ANZAC Day commemorates the soldiers who fought and died in the war. There were a few different places that they fought, such as Gallipoli and Egypt.

I had three Grandpas who fought in wars. Two in WW1 and one in WW2 so I made my medal with some symbols to remind me of them. Levi





DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
26	27	28	29 Curriculum Day	30 Sunday 2nd May Chestnut Festival (including MDPS Cake Stall)
3 <i>May</i>	4 Mother's Day Stall	5 District Athletics	6	7
10	11 NAPLAN	12 NAPLAN	13 NAPLAN	14 Grade 5/6 Art Excursion
17 Grade 2 Camp	18 Grade 2 Camp	19 School Council Meeting	20	21
24	25	26 Open Night	27	28

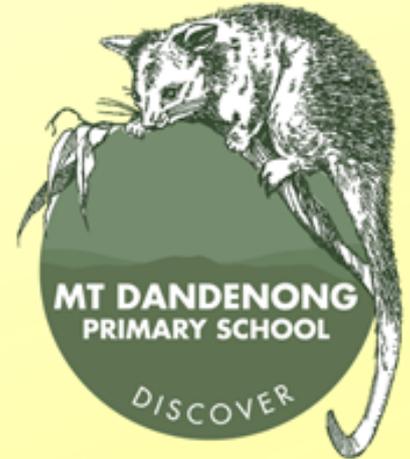
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PREP 2022

MOUNT DANDENONG
PRIMARY SCHOOL



We are currently giving tours and taking enrolments for 2022. Please contact the school to arrange a visit and **discover** for yourself what makes our school such a special place to learn.

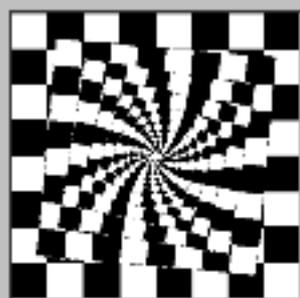


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Mount Dandenong Primary School

Term 2, 2021

Chess starts on Wednesday 21st April



Dates: 21/4 – 23/6: 10 weeks
Time: Wednesday 1.30 – 2.30
Cost: \$13.00 per lesson \$130.00 for the term.

PLEASE NOTE: If chess lessons coincide with swimming or school camp, please deduct the cost of these lessons from the total amount. Otherwise students will not receive a refund for classes missed but students commencing *after* the first week *do not pay* for the earlier lessons.

PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE ONLINE AT:

www.chessideas.com.au -

Go to Pay Fees – Click on Term Fees

Enter the amount from your Registration form - no \$ sign

Add to cart

Next page enter all details for your child as asked:

Chess username or ID please put N/A Click to pay:

You go to PayPal where you can pay with a PayPal account or click credit card payment at the bottom of page, no American Express or Diners card

All Payments need to be made by the second week of Chess

If your child has a *medical condition* we should know about please ring our office with details.

Go to www.chessideas.com.au for our home page, to see upcoming tournaments and events.

CHESS REGISTRATION TERM 2, 2021 (Mount Dandenong Primary School)

If you cannot pay online this form can be completed and handed to our Chess Tutor at the first lesson

NAME OF CHILD: _____ GRADE: _____

CONTACT PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ Ph. #: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

Credit Card Details:

NAME ON CARD: _____ CARD TYPE: _____

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXPIRY DATE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
Amount \$130.00

Groove FOUNDATIONS



Music School

Have you ever wanted to learn a musical instrument or singing? Mt Dandenong Primary has a new team of instrumental teachers starting in Term 1. We are all passionate teachers and musicians who engage with the music you love, new musical styles, the foundations of music reading, and theory.



Drums

Singing

Piano

Guitar

Ukulele

Bass

To book your free trial lesson, contact Jordan at Groove Foundations.

Jordan Scotney - 0408 881 395 - groovefoundations@gmail.com



IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!

OLINDA AUSKICK

For girls and boys of all abilities @ Olinda (two great ovals)

Starts: Sunday 18 April, 10-11am (last day of school holidays)

Afterwards, usually Saturdays 10-11am in Terms 2 & 3

More info: Olinda Auskick Facebook; Sven 0416 456 272; &

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MINI RANGES

The Mini Ranges Basketball Program is specifically designed for primary school aged children for both boys and girls from Prep to Grade 6.

Developed to help children of all abilities to learn the fundamental skills of basketball in a fun and supportive atmosphere, this program will prepare children for junior domestic competition with Ranges Basketball Club. Ranges domestic Basketball Club have teams from U8 – U23 so if you are ages 6-22 Ranges have a team for you!

To book a place for Mini Ranges please contact: Carey on 0417 398 834 or careyw1958@gmail.com. Please note that parents are expected to stay and all participants are expected to behave in an orderly manner.

DATES: All Wednesday's:
28 April
5, 12, 19, 26 May

TIME: 4pm - 5pm

WHERE: Monbulk College Sports Stadium

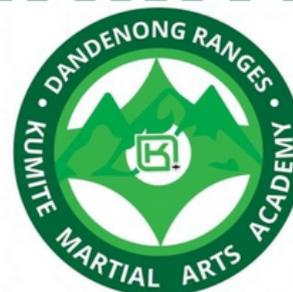
HOW MUCH: FREE

WHAT TO BRING: Runners and a basketball (ball not compulsory)

Or to register for U8-U23 Winter 2021 season starting 5 June 2021 use this link: <https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/bbbd70> registration is now open.

Club training session Monday 26 April at Monbulk. U8 & U10 4-5pm. U12 5-6pm. U14 6-7pm. U16 7-8pm. Open to all current and new prospective players

KARATE



FREE KARATE UNIFORM FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS

OLINDA COMMUNITY HOUSE

Tuesdays during school term

4:10-4:50 Kids Karate

5-5:50pm Teens Karate

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in all age groups

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