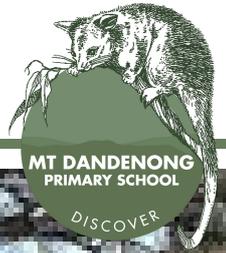


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MT DANDY NEWS

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Message from
Jake...

Our first semester of 2022 is drawing to a close, and it has gone so fast! We have had an action packed two terms with lots of highlights including camps, excursions, incursions, sports, open nights and lots of play and learning with friends. This Friday 24 June is the last day of term, and students will be dismissed early at 2.30pm. The first day of term 3 is Monday 11 July. All of us at Mt Dandy PS wish everyone a safe and happy mid-year break.

Reports

Teachers have been busily assessing students and writing their mid-year reports over the past few weeks, and these will be available to download from compass by the end of the week.

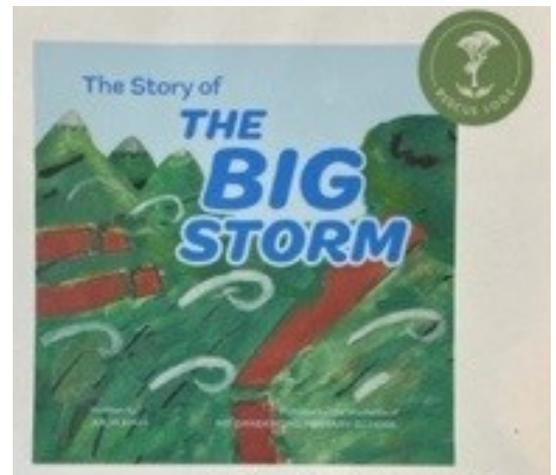
Storm Anniversary

On June 9 we marked the one-year anniversary of the storm which so heavily impacted our community. We welcomed the author of The Big Storm, Julia Hall, to share her experiences.



All of the students (above) who contributed artwork for the book were acknowledged and celebrated. Three of our Year 6 leaders, Mia, Eve and Nate, bravely shared their experiences of the storm. (see next page) It was lovely and moving assembly.

The SRC along with Year 5/6 student leaders have since planted our 'storm bush' to symbolise our community regeneration and resilience over the past year. The planted a native Austral Mulberry near our bottom basketball court.



"The Story of The Big Storm
is available at the office - \$25
All proceeds go to Rescue Log Inc.



Storm recovery reflection speeches

My retelling of the storm started with my family and I huddled around the fireplace. This may sound pretty calm, and that is because it was. We live in the mountains and the power is going to go out and there is going to be gentle storms sometimes. But as the wind and the thunder got louder and stronger, we worried. We kept reading, trying to get our mind off the howling outside. It was difficult and my brother and I often asked our parents if they thought it was serious. They didn't know. I slept in my Dad's room that night, with him and the cats it wasn't too cold.

When we woke up the next morning we found devastation. My brother and father checked out the street and made sure our neighbours were ok. But aside from doing that, we couldn't go anywhere because there was a giant tree blocking us. The power and internet were still out so we couldn't do online school.

It was hard to make dinner for a while. Even after the tree had been removed from the road, the shops didn't have generators so we had to travel to get food. Then we cooked it by candle light.

We had to go to a new school for about a week and everything was quite a kerfuffle.

Even a year from the storm, if you make a drive through the Dandenongs, you can still see the damage. EVE

The storm was a scary experience for us all. We all have our own stories, but they all start at the same place, the Ninth of June, 2021. Today marks a year since this tragic event, and here is my story.

The power went out just like that, when it hit at 6.30pm leaving my family huddling around the fire. The wind howled outside, the storm brewing up havoc. Stories of my parents childhood were told, but as the fire became cold, and the flames died down, big branches fell to the ground.

I went to bed worried, hearing the storm.

Waking up that morning was different to others. The world felt sad, no happiness around. I went on a walk with my family, what else was there to do? The surprise in my eyes when I saw it was shocking, yet true. Houses covered in leaves and roads smashed with trees. It was all I saw.

I still can't comprehend how scary that day was, but as a community we can heal together. MIA

The Mt Dandenong storm that reached Montrose and Mt Evelyn and a lot more, is a storm that took place on the 9th of June, 2021. It is also the 1 year anniversary today. Luckily no one got killed on that horrific night. But sadly, hundreds of houses got destroyed.

The winds got up to around 110 to 120 km per hour. Like I think most of you did, I walked into my parents room and slept with them. The whole night was scary. All I could hear was Boom Bam Bang, but finally I got to sleep. In the morning I woke up and packed my bags. WOW I stuttered, I haven't seen that much bark and branches in my backyard. We got into the car and were heading down to my grandfather's house but there was a problem. All of the roads were blocked so we had to wait and wait and wait until, finally, we got the notification. We got to our grandfather's house and rested. And then 2 weeks later the power came on. Finally back to normal. NATE

Forest Re-generation

Our senior students have been involved in a revegetation and regeneration project for the storm impacted forest directly across from our school. Annette Muir, an ecologist from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning worked with the students to plant mountain ash saplings to replace those that were broken and uprooted in the storm. This was such a beautiful gesture, to ensure future generations continue to live in the beautiful forest environment that we cherish so much.





Forest Re-generation cont.....



Library Upgrade

After discussions with our Student Representative Council (SRC), staff and our parent representatives on School Council, we have collectively decided to spend our hard earned fundraising money on a significant makeover of our library. It is a beautiful light filled space that is loved by all, but it is definitely looking and feeling a bit tired. Money raised from events such as the chestnut festival, mothers day stall, trivia nights and sausage sizzles will be put towards this much needed project. The pictures below show an initial concept design.



Hollywood is coming to Mt Dandy!

Our school was recently approached by a production company who are working with the Walt Disney Company Australia to create an drama series called The Clearing. Their location managers presented to our school council about using our beautiful school grounds as a filming location. In return they have offered to contribute a large amount of money towards our library refurbishment, and our school councilors agreed to the arrangement.

The Clearing is an 'event series' adapted for the screen, based on the novel by JP Pomare and inspired by the real-life Australian cult "The Family" and its founder Anne Hamilton-Byrne, one of the rare female cult leaders in history. In this fictional adaptation, a woman is forced to confront the nightmares of her past in order to stop a secret cult intent on gathering children to fulfil its master plan. The series is written by Matt Cameron ('Jack Irish', 'Safe Harbour') and Elise McCredie ('Jack Irish', 'Ride Like A Girl'), directed by Jeffry Walker ('Jack Irish', "Modern Family") and stars Miranda Otto as cult leader Adrienne, Guy Pearce as founding member Bryce and Teresa Palmer as the adult Freya. Here's a link to the press release: <https://www.theage.com.au/culture/tv-and-radio/disney-gives-family-a-whole-new-meaning-with-new-tv-series-on-famous-australian-cult-20220516-p5alr0.html>

Though inspired by real-life events, it is important to emphasise that the series is a fictional adaptation. They will be filming scenes in several locations around the Dandenong Ranges, including Olinda, Eltham and the Black Spur. At several times throughout the series we see a fictitious the Primary School that Freya's son Billy attends. The scenes include drop-offs, pick-ups and several scenes on the school grounds.

We understand the potential sensitivities of the subject matter for our community, and it is important to note that our school will be completely de-identified and no staff or students will be filmed. This has been approved by the DET Media Unit. They film at our school for two days, one of which will be in the holidays. How exciting!

ART SHOW

Calling all Families, Friends and Community members.

Our annual Art Show is held each year in November and for the past two years we have been unable to hold this fabulous event. This year we hope to showcase the artworks of our talented student artists but we need your assistance.

We have been fortunate to be able to engage with the local community through our Art program, by inviting artists from our local area to deliver a lesson. The children create artworks based on these lessons and the pieces are exhibited at our Art Show. The links to the broader community are valuable to the learning and engagement of our children.

This year we would like to invite the creative, artistic and talented members in our local school community who would be willing to volunteer some time to share their skills. We would particularly like to encourage men to share their talents in the art room as we have only had a few men involved in the process in the past. If you know of anyone who has a particular creative passion or a skill they might like to share, then we would love to hear from them. In past years we have had artists in our community, parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours sharing skills in painting, drawing, photography, sewing, pottery, woodwork, 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 Wednesday (Grades 5/6 and Grade 2) and Thursday (Grades Prep, 1 and 3/4) in Term 3 ready to be exhibited at our Art Show in early Term 4.

If you have any questions and for further information please email me Elizabeth.Kennedy@education.vic.gov.au or visit me in the Art room on a Wednesday and Thursday.

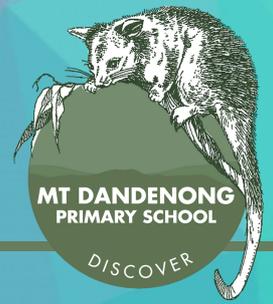
Thank you
Liz Kennedy
Art teacher

Our Kindness Captains Lior and Maita along with our Empathy Captain Alice, have been doing a wonderful job of promoting kindness throughout the school.

They have given students across the whole school, an opportunity to create an art piece about how “kindness makes you feel.” These masterpieces are on display in the corridor outside the staff room for all to enjoy. Thank you Lior, Maita and Alice for promoting kindness throughout our school, the display is lovely! ☺



MERIT AWARDS



WEEK 8

Prep K - Sienna

1M - Emmy

2JS - Alaric

2C - Thomas

3/4A - Coco

3/4S - Harley and Sid

5/6A - Lior, Tahlia, Eve and Mia

5/6M - Pasha and Maeve

Art - Phoebe and Gwen





DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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Grade 3 - 6 Swimming



**Last Day
Term 2**

Toastie
Tuesday

Reports sent
home

Downball
Tournament 3/6

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1
JULY

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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**First day
Term 3**

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WEEK 9

WEEK

WEEK

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

Junior Adventures Group continues to pioneer the OSHC sector, building stronger communities and brighter futures for more than 70,000 children, 50,000 families and more than 450 schools across Australia.

Our Values

- Considerate - Be there for others
- Passionate - Bring energy and determination
- Courageous - Challenge ourselves

The values we share guide our behaviour as we work towards our vision to **build brighter futures together.**



What we offer

- A healthy, safe, respectful and engaging environment
- Caring, enthusiastic, fun and friendly team
- New and popular excursions, incursions and theme days
- Stimulating experiences tailored to children's interests, abilities and current trends
- OSHClub endeavour to link each fun experience to key learning outcomes



We are a child safe organisation



What Does My Child Bring?

Please bring breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a refillable drink bottle. If bringing food please make sure it's nutritious and doesn't require heating or cooking.

Please be mindful of the planned incursion/excursion and ensure your children are dressed appropriately. Don't forget your sun smart hat, comfortable clothes, closed shoes and a drink bottle.

To avoid loss or disappointment, please leave your valuables, money and electronic toys (including tablets and smartphones) at home.



Healthy Eating

OSHClub follows the Australian dietary guidelines which can be found at <https://www.eatforhealth.gov.au>

Activity Changes

If an excursion or incursion (due to unforeseen circumstances) is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.



Before making your booking & cancellations

All children must be enrolled with OSHClub prior to booking via oshclub.com.au. Bookings made within 5 days for a Holiday Program session will incur an extra charge of \$4.00 per day per child. 7 days notice is required for cancellation of a Holiday Program booking to ensure you will not incur out of pocket costs. Please note that bookings cannot be made online within 5 days of the session commencing. In order to book within this period, you will need to contact the service directly, the Customer Service and Billing Team on 1300 395 735 or by emailing oshaccounts@junioradventuresgroup.com.au

Child care subsidy

Our services are registered with Centrelink, so you will be able to claim Child Care Subsidy on your fees. For further information please visit www.education.gov.au/childcare-FAQ

Children with additional needs

We support all children including children with additional needs. If you would like to provide additional information about your child and his/her needs or require inclusion support funding, please contact us 6 weeks prior to program commencement on 0428 162 718 for staffing purposes.

NOTICE - ALLERGY - Please ensure all food is nut free

EXCURSION

INCURSION

Monday 27 June

AUSSIE ART ATTACK!

IN-SERVICE

Get your paintbrush and canvas ready! Discover the talents of Aussie Artists and learn incredible new skills
Take your pick from landscape art, abstract paintings and Indigenous art using fibre and rocks



Monday 04 July

SPACE CADETS

IN-SERVICE

Houston, we have a problem! Let's get ready to launch and see how close we can get to the stars!
Enjoy yummy astronaut smoothies, create astronaut helmets, UFO flying contest and bottle rocket experiment.



Tuesday 28 June

EXCURSION + \$37.00

MOVIE MANIA

EXCURSION - HOYTS CINEMA EASTLAND
Today we're off to the movies to see the latest children's release, popcorn and drink included. (Movie time to be confirmed, please see coordinator)



Arrive by 8.30am

Tuesday 05 July

INCURSION + \$24.00

FURRY AND SCALY FRIENDS

INCURSION - AUSTRALIAN REPTILES: FROGS, LIZARDS & FIERCE PREDATORS
Today you will get to meet and touch insects, frogs, lizards, snakes and even a Saltwater Crocodile! What is your favourite reptile?



Wednesday 29 June

FIDGET FRENZY

IN-SERVICE

Do you like to pop, spin, twist, and fidget?! It's a Fidget Frenzy at OSHC!
Get creative and make stress balls, salt dough fossils, fidget key rings, spinner craft and lots more!



Wednesday 06 July

WACKY WEDNESDAY

IN-SERVICE

Be prepared for a day where everything get's a little wacky... wonderfully wacky! It will be a day like no other
Make a wacky sack, paint your own bread and take part in our eating challenge - how wacky are your taste buds?



Thursday 30 June

INCURSION + \$19.00

CELEBRATING EMERGENCY WORKERS

INCURSION - HEAT FOR KIDS FIREFIGHTER CHALLENGES
Grab your friends as we join the HEAT team in firefighting-based obstacles and challenges. Acknowledge your new skills with your very own Firefighter certificate!



Thursday 07 July

EXCURSION + \$45.00

GAME ON

EXCURSION - ZONE BOWLING BORONIA
Challenge your friends as we head to Zone Bowling for a some ten pin bowling fun. Please ensure you are wearing socks and enclosed shoes. Let's roll, bow! Game on!



Arrive by 8:30am, don't forget your socks.

Friday 01 July

FANTASY ISLAND

IN-SERVICE

Let's visit Fantasy Island today where everything can be anything. What's real and what isn't. That's for you to decide!
Plant your own shoe, create your own clay unicorns and dragons and play Elves, Wizards and Giants.



Friday 08 July

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

IN-SERVICE

Santa gets bored in July, so he has asked to visit OSHC! Look forward to everything Christmassy and get that warm and fuzzy feeling.
Join our elves as we create the biggest gingerbread house, along with a sackful of Christmas games!



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The Patch

Monday, 27th June to Friday, 08th July 2022

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EXCURSION

INCURSION

Monday 27 June

ECO WARRIORS

IN-SERVICE

Calling all Eco Warriors, we need you! Let's go on a nature Scavenger Hunt! Decorate and plan mini planter pots and make a wiggle worm pudding.



Tuesday 28 June

AUSSIE ART ATTACK!

IN-SERVICE

Get your paintbrush and canvas ready! Discover the talents of Aussie Artists and learn incredible new skills. Take your pick from landscape art, abstract painting and Indigenous art using fibre and rocks!



Wednesday 29 June

EXCURSION + \$19.00

A BLAST OF FUN

INCURSION - HURRICANE

Learn the fundamentals of punching, kicking, ducking and weaving while participating in Thai Bo style activities and fun Hurricane games.



Thursday 30 June

EXCURSION + \$37.00

A WORLD OF IMAGINATION

EXCURSION - VILLAGE FOUNTAIN GATE MOVIE AND POPCORN

Today we're off to the movies to see the latest children's release, popcorn and drink included. (Movie time to be confirmed, please see coordinator)



Arrive by 8.30am

Friday 01 July

COLOUR FUN RUN

IN-SERVICE

Be sure to wear old clothes and a white t-shirt as you emerge from our colourful day full of rainbow happiness. Participate in the OSHClub Colour Run! Explore the world of colour through rainbow experiments and splat art!



Monday 04 July

INCURSION + \$15.00

UPCYCLE - CREATE AND LEARN

INCURSION - CRAFTPOWER: BUILD YOUR OWN MINI BILLY CART

Get creative while learning to use wood work tools safely and build a mini push-pull billy cart to keep.



Tuesday 05 July

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

IN-SERVICE

Santa gets bored in July, so he has asked to visit OSHC! Look forward to everything Christmassy and get that warm and fuzzy feeling.

We're having a Christmas party! Come along in your favourite Christmas attire, ready for some Christmas fun!



Wednesday 06 July

EXCURSION + \$40.00

THE CHALLENGE IS SET

EXCURSION - CLIPNCLIMB & GAME WALL

An epic adventure with double the fun. Challenge your friends as you race up the walls of clipNclimb and maneuver through the game wall



Arrive by 8.30am

Thursday 07 July

AROUND THE WORLD

IN-SERVICE

The world is a big place. Become an explorer today as we explore the world and learn about many different cultures. Where will our passports take us?

Chinese chopstick challenge, Egypt for Mummy science, England for high tea and Greece to dance the Zorba!



Friday 08 July

STEALTHY NINJAS!

IN-SERVICE

Are you the ultimate ancient warrior? We will train you up today to become the most stealthy Ninjas!

Take part in our ultimate Ninja Warrior course, create flexible ninjas and learn what a Ninja eats!



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