OCTOBER 12, 2022

MT DANDY NEWS

Discover

Message from Jake...

We are well into week 2 of what is shaping up to be a VERY busy term. I hope all families managed to get some nice family time during the holidays and started the term fresh and with a positive mindset. Some of our key events this term include: our house sports day, Japanese day, the art show, presentation night, grade 6 graduation and our prep transition program. Throw in a working bee and an election day sausage sizzle and we've got a bumper calendar!

COVID-19 Update

The Victorian Government has announced the end of the Pandemic Declaration and associated Pandemic Orders.
The following settings, based on advice from the Department of Health, will apply from 11.59pm Wednesday 12 October 2022.

It is strongly recommended that students:

• who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days
• should not attend school after 5 days if still symptomatic
• who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school
• advise the school of the COVID-19 positive test result

Where students become symptomatic at school they should:

• be collected by their parents/carers
• undergo testing for COVID-19

It is strongly recommended that staff:

• who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days
• should not attend after 5 days if still symptomatic
• who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school

Principal's will still log positive cases within the department's COVID Case Management Tool, however, will no longer be required to report each case to the community
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Face masks

Staff and students who wish to wear a face mask will be supported to do so, and our school will continue to make face masks available for staff, students and visitors.

The Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 when leaving home.

Additionally, the Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who has COVID-19, for at least 7 days after a positive test, when they need to leave home.

Trivia Night

We had a HUGE turn out for annual trivia night last weekend, finally making its long-awaited return after two years of covid cancellations. It was hilarious and LOUD, with lots of fun had by all parents and community members in attendance. The British themed costumes were outstanding! A massive thank-you needs to go out to our fundraising committee, led by Jaki Farrey. It is a big job coordinating prizes, tickets, decorations etc. A special mention for our MC Ros, trivia master Sasha, and band The Rad Dads – Dave, Jerome and Phil. Also a big thankyou and much gratitude for great turnout on Sunday for the clean-up and bump out. We raised approximately $8k to put towards our library renovation, which is a fantastic result!

Working Bee

This Saturday from 2-4pm we will be having our final working bee for the year. The plan is to move the books and furniture from our library into a temporary space in SLU. If you can make it, please bring along a trolley and some boxes if you have them.

Auskicker of the Year - Grace Fernando

Those who were tuning into the AFL grand final on the holidays may have recognised one of our own students, Grace Fernando in Grade 2C, presenting Geelong player Tyson Stengle with his premiership medallion. She was one of 22 kids chosen as “Auskicker of the Year”. What an amazing achievement! Congratulations Grace, and who knows, maybe one day you will be receiving the medallion yourself!

Japanese Day

Tomorrow (Thursday) is Japanese Day, and our amazing teacher Mariko has organise two incursions, a sushi lunch and a range of other Japanese themed activities. Remember to come dressed in something Japanese – this could be traditional dress, and Japanese character or t-shirt (e.g. Pokemon, hello kitty, Astro boy) or the national colours of red and white. Unfortunately, it looks like it may be too wet for having our sushi under the cherry blossom trees, but I’m sure it will still be lots of fun.

Respectful Relationships

Our staff working group has been hard at work developing an action plan for further embedding Respectful Relationships into our school program and culture. We are deeply committed to creating and improving an environment of gender equality, safety from family violence and celebration of diversity.

The evidence for Respectful Relationships
"Family violence is complex and multifaceted but research shows that gender inequality is a key driver" (VicHealth, 2007)
More than one in three Australian women aged over 18 has experienced violence since the age of 15 (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2012). A 2013 VicHealth study found that of Australian young people aged 16-24:
• Almost a quarter of believe that partner violence can be excused if the person is so angry they lose control
• Only half knew where to get help if they were faced with a problem about violence against women (VicHealth, 2013)

The evidence supporting Respectful Relationships is overwhelming and comes from respected institutions such as the World Health Organisation and The Royal Commission into Family Violence. Helping children develop an understanding of healthy relationships and respect is key to preventing family violence in the future.

House Sports Day

Next Friday 21 October is our House Sports Day. Children can come in dressed in their house colours, and families are invited to attend and cheer on our athletes! There will be a bbq on the day as well. Fingers crossed for some sunshine!

WORKING BEE
SAT 15 OCTOBER 2-4PM

Bring a trolley and help us relocate our library books ready for renovations!

ART NEWS

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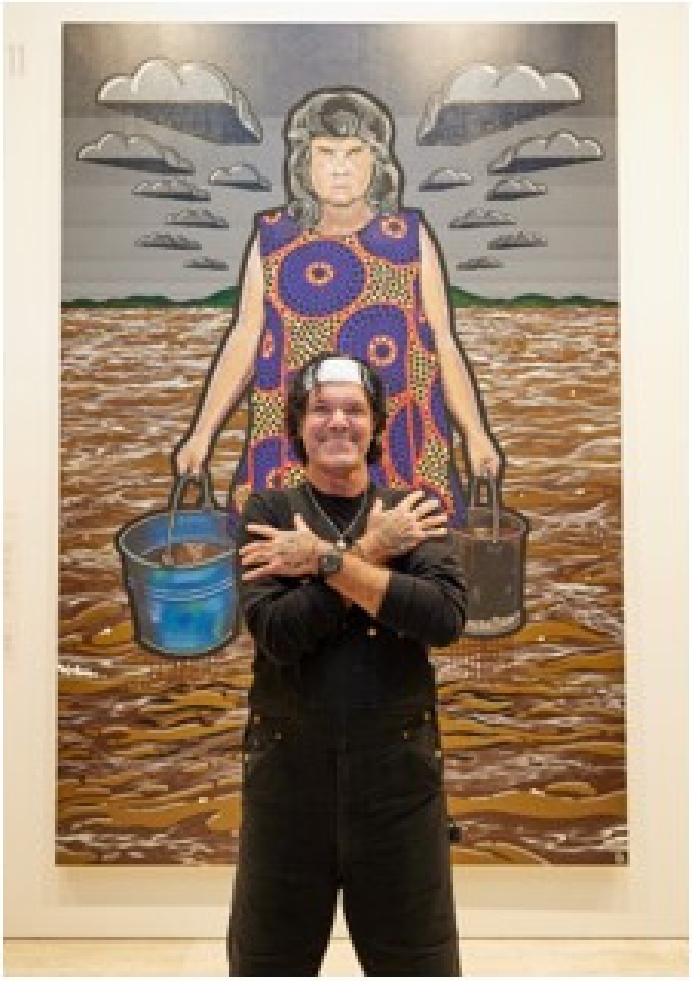
The **Archibald Prize** is an Australian portraiture art prize for painting, generally seen as the most prestigious portrait prize in Australia. It was first awarded in 1921 after the receipt of a bequest from J. F. Archibald, the editor of *The Bulletin* who died in 1919.

This year's Archibald prize exhibition is being held at Bunjil Place in Narre Warren until this **SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER** and is well worth a visit. The winner of the 2022 prize is Blak Douglas for his portrait of Karla Dickens.



Blak Douglas with his prize-winning portrait

The students at Mt Dandenong PS are working hard in the art room creating their own portrait to be entered in the "Mt Dandenong PS Young Archies". The work will be exhibited for viewing in a few weeks' time.

Liz Kennedy

Art teacher

SUNSMART – Term 4

It is that time of year, (commencing Term 4) where we need to **pack our school hats** into our bags and wear them during any outdoor play or outdoor lessons such as Physical Education. If your child has not brought their hat to school, they will be asked to play in the undercover area. Sun protection is required when the UV is at 3 or higher.

SunSmart and Mt Dandenong PS suggest 5 ways to protect you and your family from the Sun's UV rays:

Slip on a shirt - dress your child in clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.

Slop on SPF 30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen – your child is encouraged to apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day before school, then reapply sunscreen before going out to lunch play. When sending sunscreen to school, please write your child's name on the bottle.

Slap on a hat – one that protects the face, neck and ears such as a broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat. Peak caps do not offer enough protection and are not recommended by SunSmart. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved sun hat to school, which is a broad brimmed hat.

Seek shade – choose shady spots for play whenever possible.

Slide on some sunglasses – if your child brings sunglasses to school, please ensure they are clearly marked with your child's name. It is a recommendation that Sunglasses are labelled AS 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

Sun protection times - Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be. Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available on the free SunSmart app or widget, in the weather section of the newspaper and on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.

For further information contact SunSmart:

W: www.sunsmart.com.au

MERIT AWARDS

WEEK 10

Prep K - Lucy
1S - ALL of 1S
2JS - Tyler
2C - ALL of 2C

3/4A- Izzy
3/4S - Roxy
5/6A - Finlay
5/6M - Ayla

WEEK 1

Prep K - Caleb, Rosie
1K - Magnus
2JS - Finn
2C - Ivy
3/4A Sydney, Tully

3/4S - Hojun, Maya, Bailey
5/6A - Lior
5/6M - Aston
Art - Rafael B
Music - Lexi
Japanese - Jack

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

MT DANDENONG PRIMARY SCHOOL
DISCOVER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 2	10	11	12	13 Japanese Day	14 5/6 Expo **Working Bee Saturday 15th 2-4pm**
WEEK 3	17	18	19 5/6 Millie Incursion	20	21 House Sports
WEEK 4	24 Basketball Senior Champs	25	26	27 Prep 23 Transition	28 5/6 Project Rockit Incursion
WEEK 5	31	1 Cup Day	2	3	4
WEEK 6	7	8	9	10 Prep 23 Transition	11

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CLUB NEWS

Throughout Term 4, 2022 Mount Dandenong OSHClub will be taking part in several clubs running by our very own OSHClub children.

These clubs are the following:

SCIENCE SQUIT (Hannah Wednesday)

SPORTS/FITCLUB (LILI & CONNOR Monday)

COOKING/BAKING (JASMINE Thursday)

ARTS AND CRAFT (LUCILLE Tuesday/Friday)

On 7th of December families and teachers are encouraged to attend our very own dance party competition. We will be offering fun activities and delicious snacks.

FAMILY COMMUNICATIONS

- Friendly reminder that if you no longer need your bookings, please remember to cancel them as we do have a missing child procedure and any unnotified changes will incur the late cancellation fee.
- If need last minute bookings, please call, or send us a text message.
- Please provide us with updated medical action plans and meds.
- If you have any blankets, cushions, kids' furniture, storage containers, cardboard boxes, toys and old clothes please feel free to donate to us.
- For term 4 please bring a spare hat & sunscreen for those with sensitive skin. We do have no hat no outside play policy.

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HALLOWEEN DRAWING COMPETITION

Due to our last years success, we decided to bring back our theme-based drawing competition. Everyone is welcome to join! The theme is 'Halloween' and needs to demonstrate creativity. The competition is based on grade level, for example:

PREPS
GRADE 1 & 2
GRADE 3 & 4
GRADE 5 & 6

End Date: 28/10
Winner to be announced: 31/10

How to enter:

Email us a photo at mtdandenongoshclub.com.au

Drop it off at the multipurpose room (labeled box with your name & grade level).

Kids' Creative Publishing Project

For 8-12 year olds who live in the Dandenong Ranges

FREE

4 Workshops + Book Launch

When & Where

Saturday 15 October 3-5pm
at Olinda Community House

Saturday 22 October 3-5pm
at Olinda Hall

Saturday 5 November 3-5pm
at Olinda Community House

Saturday 12 November 3-5pm
at Olinda Hall

Book launch date TBC

Collaborate with local kids, Kids' Own Publishing artists Sofia Sabbagh (sofiajsabbagh.com) and Jess Measor (jessmeasorart.com.au) to create and publish a beautiful collaborative book.

You will experiment with different visual art mediums, explore themes for the shared book, create illustrations and text, and contribute to the design of the publication.

Registrations Essential
Link: bit.ly/3DmYfr3

Limited places.

This project is coordinated by Yarra Ranges Council and a community steering group of local mums and facilitated by Kids Own Publishing.

For further information please contact Jess Adams at Yarra Ranges Council,
j.adams@yarraranges.vic.gov.au
or 0475 085 164

Supported by the Victorian Government.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 27 - All Children have the right to a standard of living that supports their wellbeing and healthy development.

celebrating Children's Week 2022

22nd – 30th October

Sunday 23rd October
Games on the Grass
4:30pm-7pm
Seville Water Park
Monbulk-Seville Rd, Seville
Bring along the whole family and a picnic and enjoy games, music and children's activities.

No booking required

Monday 24th October
Movers and Groovers
10-30am-11.15am
Mt Evelyn Community House
50 Wray Cres, Mt Evelyn
Join Fairy Mary for a magical morning of music, movement, and rhymes.
For children aged 2-5 years.
Booking required

Tuesday 25th October
Teddy Bears Picnic
10am-12pm
Yarra Junction Recreational Reserve, Yarra Junction
Enjoy a morning of activities, music and Teddies! Don't forget to bring along your own teddy.

No booking required

Wednesday 26th October
Where is the green sheep?
9:30am-10:15am
Yarra Glen Reading Room
45 Bell St, Yarra Glen
Help find a green sheep and meet cheeky monkeys at this interactive story time.
For children aged 0-6 years.
Booking required

Thursday 27th October
It's All About Reptile's
10am-11am
Lilydale Library
Jarlo Drive, Lilydale
Enjoy story time and meet some of the animals that make up the diversity of Australian wildlife.
For children 0-6 years
Booking required

Friday 28th October
Giant Bubble Workshop
4pm-5pm
ECOSS
711 Old Warburton Hwy, Wesburn
Jimmy J will make your eyes pop with giant and clever bubbles as he creates a mini workshop just for us!
For children aged 5 -12 years
Booking required

Little Garden Growers
10am-11:30am
Yarra Glen District Living and Learning Centre,
12-14 Anzac Rd, Yarra Glen
Join the Community Garden team to decorate your own pot and plant a seedling. BYO apron and gloves.
For children aged 3-6 years.
Booking required

Fairies and Pirates
10am-12pm
Japara Neighbourhood House
54-58 Durham Rd, Kilsyth
Fairies and pirates are invited to dress up and join Fairy Mary as we explore emotions through singing and dancing! All children receive a free showbag.
For children 0-6 years
Booking required

Teddy Bears Picnic
10am-12pm
Chirnside Park Community Hub, 33 Kimberly Drive, Chirnside Park
Enjoy a morning of activities, music and Teddies! Don't forget to bring along your own teddy.
No booking required

Woori Fest
3pm-6pm
Woori Community House
Shop 5/1385 Healesville Koo Wee Rup Rd. Woori Yallock & behind shops on WYTAG Reserve
Circus Workshops, market stalls, sausage sizzle, art activities, performers and raffle prizes
No booking required

For more information about Children's Week events or to book for an event visit:
www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Community/Family
or if you require support to book an event contact us at Yarra Ranges Council Early Years on 1300 368 333

Yarra Ranges Council supports Children's Week in partnership with the Department of Education and Training and Family, Children's and Community organisations across Yarra Ranges.

All events are FREE
Events are suitable for children aged 0-12 years unless otherwise stated.

Yarra Ranges Council is a Child Safe Organisation

ST. MICHAEL'S CUP DAY FAIR

1331 MT DANDENONG TOURIST RD, KALORAMA

TUESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

9AM – 2PM

JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

ANGLICAN PARISH OF MT DANDENONG
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BLASTERS, SUPER 7S & JUNIORS

This season we will be fielding Cricket Blasters, Super 7s, Under 12s and Under 14s in the juniors.
Super 7s play Wednesdays
Cricket Blasters & U12 & U14s play Friday nights
Register now at playcricket.com.au

Contacts: Glenn Meyer 0434 093 737 / glennemeyer@gmail.com
Gary Boxell 0433 243 339 / gnu@iinet.net.au

play cricket

Register now at play.cricket.com.au

ParentZone Term 4 2022

Parenting programs * Free of Charge * Bookings Essential

Dads Matter

Dates: Tuesdays (6 evening sessions)
8th November - 13th December 2022
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm
A program for dads to better understand the importance of their role in the lives of their children
Click here to register (limited places)
Enquiries: julia.russell@anglicarevic.org.au

Surviving Separation

Dates: Mondays - October 10th - December 5th inclusive (eight evening sessions, no session on October 31)
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Learn how to support your children through separation, deal with conflict, and better manage your parenting arrangements
Click here to register (limited places)
Enquiries: julia.russell@anglicarevic.org.au

Strengthening Parents Support Program

Strengthening Parents Support Program provides monthly peer support groups for parents who have a child with a disability or developmental delay.
Contact: Michelle at StrengtheningParentSupport@anglicarevic.org.au

Talking Tweens

Dates: Monday afternoons (6 sessions)
Mon 10th Oct to Mon 14th Nov 2022
Time: 12.00pm to 2.00pm
Come along to discuss how to improve communication with your child, deal with anger and anxiety and establish boundaries with your child around screen use and other challenging behaviors
Click here to register (limited places)
Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

Parenting from Preschool to Prep

Dates: Tuesdays (6-afternoon sessions)
Tues 11th October to 22nd November
Excludes Melbourne Cup public holiday
Time: 1:00 to 3:00pm
Venue: Box Hill South Family Centre
Come together to discover how to prepare your child to start school in 2023, Develop your child's resilience to cope with change, and understand why children behave the way they do.
Click here to register (limited places)
Enquiries: sharon.muir@anglicarevic.org.au

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Surviving Separation

Are you in conflict with the other parent?

Would you like to:
Manage your parenting arrangements with less conflict?
Learn how to best support your children through separation?

- Learn better ways to deal with your emotions and theirs?
- Build communication skills for the future, for yourself and your children?

Come along, learn some skills to resolve conflict and connect with other parents about the best ways to co-parent, always putting your child's needs first.

When: Mondays - October 10th - December 5th inclusive (eight evening sessions, no session on October 31)
Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Where: **Online via Zoom**
Who: Separated parents
Cost: Free (Bookings are essential)
Bookings: **Click here to register**
Questions: Julia at Parentzone 9721 3629 or 0400 866 495

PARENTZONE

Anglicare Victoria

Dads Matter

Dad's at their best - helping children to thrive

Are you a dad who would like to:

- Better understand your importance in your child's life?
- Have agreements that work?
- Further develop your relationship with your young people?
- Get your head around what they need from you?

Come along to these 6 online sessions. Share strategies, strengths and stories. Take some time out for you and celebrate the importance of being a Dad!

When: Tuesdays (6 evening sessions) 8th November - 13th December 2022
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm
Where: Online - Via Zoom
Who: Dads
Cost: Free (Bookings are essential)
Bookings: **Click here to book**
Questions:
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Mooroolbark Soccer Club in collaboration with Just For Kicks's own Yan Christoforou brings to Esther Park, Barkers Clinic for kids Term 4 program.
Junior Program: Great for beginners & intermediate kids
Age: 5 – 12 Years
Time: Thursdays 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Duration: 60 minutes
Start Date: Thursday 20th October – Thursday 15th December
Location: Esther Park, Esther Crescent, Mooroolbark
Football Clinic Description: This exciting football clinic builds on the skills that your child has already learnt. Our experienced coaches will develop your child's football motor skills in a fun and safe learning environment.
Key Focus: Dynamic warm up games, Passing, Ball Control, Dribbling, Shooting, Small-sided games, Football tennis, Penalty shoot-outs and Interactive games
$180 per child discount for siblings
Registration: https://sportsplus.app/public/5276/registration

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