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MT DANDY NEWS

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Message from Jake...

Happy Easter to all of our wonderful families. Hopefully everyone is able to enjoy some family time this long weekend and take stock of how lucky we are to live within such a caring community and stunning natural environment.

Term 1 has been so successful at our school, with students working hard, making huge leaps in their learning and having so much fun. Some highlights have been our World of Maths day, House Sports day, 5/6 Camp, Pancake day and the District Swimming Carnival.

The last couple of weeks I've missed being at school with a health issue that landed me in hospital for a few days. Whilst feeling terrible that I couldn't be at work getting things done for our kids, it was good to be reminded of what an incredible team of teachers and support staff we have at Mount Dandy PS. Everyone stepped up in so many ways and our school continued to work and thrive in my absence.

School Holidays

Thursday 6 April (tomorrow) is the last day of Term 1, with Good Friday being a public holiday. Please note that school will finish at the usual time of 3.30pm. In the past we have finished an hour early on the last day of terms 1, 2 & 3, and two hours early on the last day of term 4. This adds up to a whole day's instruction time across the year. With this in mind, in 2023 we will finish each last day of term at 3.30pm and have the official "last day" of the year before Christmas as a student free day. Students will still have the same amount of teaching and learning time across the year.

Term 2 will begin on Monday 24 April. Please note that Tuesday 25 April is the ANZAC day public holiday, thus a student free day.

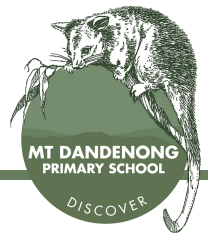
Easter Hat Parade

There has been a lot of crafting across the mountain this week, creating spectacular head pieces for our annual Easter Hat Parade. This will be happening from 9am on Thursday morning, with parents welcome to come and enjoy the fun. There will be prizes for hats across a range of categories. We will also draw our Easter raffle later in the day. What a great way to end the term!

Library Update

A huge thanks to those parents that recently helped us empty the remaining items from our library. The whole library has now been freshly painted and is looking super fresh, bright and clean. In the first week of Term 2 we are having the new carpet being laid. We are so grateful for one of our school's super Dads, Jamie Scott, for donating his time and skills to put the carpet down. The new furniture has been ordered and will hopefully be delivered early next term. It's been a long haul of fixing leaks and structural issues, but we are almost there!

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Chestnut Picking

The Chestnut Festival is fast approaching, and the time has come for us to collect the key ingredient – CHESTNUTS! This festival is the biggest annual fundraiser for our school and needs a big community effort to pull off. The funds raised last year have directly paid for our library renovation. Below are details for this year's picking days. These are always fun community days where you can bring along the kids, chat with friends and enjoy some beautiful local properties. Please remember that we enter these properties at our own risk and parental supervision is paramount AT ALL TIMES.

Please bring along your gardening gloves, a bucket, closed shoes, snacks & water

* Extreme diligence around the new dam at the Olinda property please

* Parental supervision is necessary when children are using the trampoline. There is to be only one child at a time, and it is requirement that shoes are to be removed when jumping.

Week 1 (second week of school holidays)

SUN 16th APR 10am-1pm Olinda

MON 17th APR 10am-1pm Olinda

TUE 18th APR 10am-2pm Emerald

WED 19th APR 9am-12pm Olinda

THUR 20th APR 9am-12pm Olinda

FRI 21st APR 9am-12pm Olinda

SAT 22nd APR 10am-2pm Emerald

SUN 23rd APR 10am-1pm Olinda

Week 2

MON 24th APR 10am-1pm Olinda

TUE 25th APR 10am-2pm ANZAC Day Emerald

SAT 29th APR 9.30am - 1pm Olinda

SUN 30th APR 9.30am - 1pm Olinda

Week 3

TUE 2nd MAY 9.30am-12.30pm Olinda

WED 3rd MAY 9.30am-12.30pm Olinda

Please contact the following parents for location details:

Jo 0400 618 691

Sophie 0413 724 538

Fiona 0425 750 772

Jody 0430 051 888

HARMONY DAY



Harmony Day on March 21 is a uniquely Australian celebration which promotes harmony and unity among all cultures.

We made a whole school display - each child making their own unique smile to decorate.

We ALL smile in the same language at Mount Dandenong.





Library News



Because of the storm damage that closed our library last year we haven't been able to proceed with our library refurbishment, UNTIL NOW!!!

After many months of drying, rebuilding, and replastering we are now back on track for the new and improved library learning space. Thanks to the incredible fundraising efforts of last year and your generous support we will be ready to reopen the library in term 2 this year. In the meantime, students have been making good use of the temporary library set up in the Senior Learning Unit (SLU). Please help your children get the most from their library time by helping them keep track of their loans and get overdue books returned promptly.

A special thanks to the many parents who answered the call at the last minute to help empty out the space after assembly last week. What a fantastic community we have! Painting began this week and we expect recarpetting to take place early next term. Stay tuned for further updates.

Happy reading,

Olivia Steinfort





CAKE STALL

As we all know, our beloved Chestnut Festival will be going ahead on Sunday 7 May and it's time to start to think about baking for the cake stall. After several requests from the last Chestnut festival for gluten free cakes and vegan cakes, I thought it would be best to send some recipes for these for those of you who are willing to take these on. Otherwise a conventional cake, cupcakes, cookies, honey joys or whatever can create would be wonderful. Below are links to some great recipes for vegan and gluten free cakes to give you some inspiration:

<https://www.taste.com.au/recipes/collections/vegan-cake-recipes>

<https://www.taste.com.au/baking/galleries/15-simply-stunning-gluten-free-cakes/s91IFqal>

A paper plate will be sent home with your child with a checklist of ingredients a week before the festival. We would be appreciative if you could bake a cake or two and either bring them to school in the afternoon on Friday 5 May or just bring them along to the cake stall Sunday 7 May at the festival.

We will also be placing a roster for the cake stall at the front office at the start of next term and would love you to donate your time to this. The cake stall is super easy and fun to be on. Here's to a fabulous Chestnut festival!

Many thanks,
Ros Mackay
Cake stall co-ordinator.

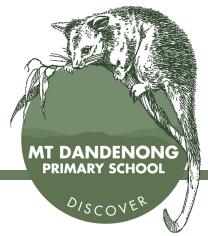


Lucky Jars

One of our most popular fundraising activities for the year is the Lucky Jars stall at the Chestnut Festival. This year, we are again asking our Wonder Community to donate as many Lucky Jars as you can!

To create a Lucky Jar, simply recycle an empty jar from home (making sure it is clean, dry and doesn't smell!) Next, fill it with fun inexpensive goodies such as small toys, marbles, wrapped sweet treats, pencils, ribbons, craft items, balloons, footy cards, nail polish - anything teeny tiny and fun that can fit into a jar. It is great to see kids creating these jars at home, can we just ask that parents do a bit of 'quality control' on these before returning to school (eg. please no half-used rubbers or scrunched up pieces of paper, think things your child would like to receive).

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Art NEWS

The following event is well worth attending and many students from our school have enjoyed viewing the open studios and participating in some of the activities over the weekend with their family.

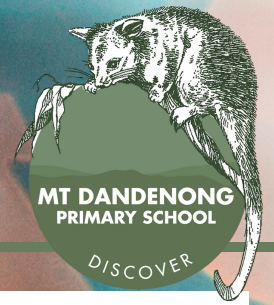
Please check the website <https://openstudios.org.au/> for further information.



Immerse yourself in the beauty of the Dandenong Ranges, explore your passion for art and learn from the makers hidden in the hills. Celebrate 20 years of Dandenong Ranges Open Studios.

You will find an amazing array of workshops, demonstrations and events held over the weekend in the artist studios. Some fees may apply, and bookings are essential, head to the events page to book.

MERIT AWARDS

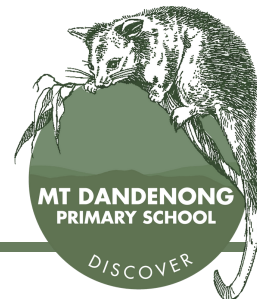


Prep K	Ida
1/2C	Frankie
1/2J	Rosie
3/4A	James
3/4S	Ryan
5/6A	Jack
5/6M	Harry
Art	Harry
Japane	Flynn
se	Bailey
Music	Jack





DATES TO REMEMBER



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 10	3	4 Footy Clinic P-4	5 Summer Sports 5/6	6 Easter Hat Parade	7 Good Friday
WEEK 11	10	11 School Holidays	12 School Holidays	13	14
WEEK 12	17 Chestnut Picking Olinda 10-1	18 Chestnut Picking Emerald 10-2	19 Chestnut Picking Olinda 9-12	20 Chestnut Picking Olinda 9-12	22 Chestnut Picking Olinda 9-12
WEEK 13	24 First day Term 2 Chestnut Picking Olinda 10-1	25 Anzac Day Chestnut Picking Emerald 10-2	26 Anzac Service School Captains	27	28
WEEK 14	1 Bunjil Place Ex. P-2 Chestnut Picking Olinda 9.30-12.30	2 Chestnut Picking Olinda 9.30-12.30	3 Cross country 3-6	4	5 SLU Market ----- CHESTNUT FESTIVAL SUN MAY 7

WEEK EIGHT TERM ONE 2023

COMMUNITYOSH NEWSLETTER MT DANDENONG PS



Hello Families and thank you for a great week at Mount Dandenong Community OSH, here is a glimpse of what we got up to last week..

Last week we engaged in Sand Art, Animal Mask Making, Book Club & heaps of Outdoor Activities such as Scavenger Hunts and Games!

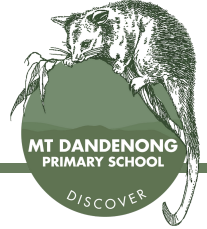
This week we are focusing on Animals & next week we will be engaging in heaps of Easter fun! See you all then.

Thank you, Jasmine & Spencer.



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FREE

Bookaburra Story Time

*Excludes public and school holidays.



**Join the Bookaburra Volunteer story tellers
and enjoy some favourite stories, songs and craft.**

Suitable for children 0-6 years - No booking required!

Mondays 9:15am

**Mt Dandenong Primary School
13-15 Fardons Rd, Mt Dandenong**



For enquiries contact: Mt Dandenong
Primary School on 9751 1136
or Yarra Ranges Council at
earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au



Yarra Ranges Council is a Child Safe Organisation

Open Week School Tours 2023

Monday 3rd April
Tuesday 4th April
Wednesday 5th April

Book on our website
www.monbulkcolvic.edu.au
Call us during school hours
(03) 9751 9000



Principal Tours are available year round.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Become a foster carer

The greatest gift you can give is your care.
Begin your journey with Anglicare Victoria by learning more at our next information session.

Wednesday 5 April @ 7.30pm
Online via Zoom. Register [HERE](#)

www.anglicarevic.org.au/fostering

BETTER TOMORROWS

Kids & Families

The Fish That Wanted to Fly

Mt Evelyn Public Hall | Thu 13 Apr
Yarra Glen Memorial Hall | Fri 14 Apr
Japara House, Kilsyth | Sat 15 Apr
Performance 10am | Workshop 11am
\$15 performance | \$15 workshop

THE MAGICAL JOURNEY OF A BOLD LITTLE FISH WHO HAD A DREAM

Chamber Waves
Presented by Royal Australian Navy Band Melbourne

Montrose Town Centre
Sun 16 Apr 2pm
\$15

THREE CHAMBER ENSEMBLES IN ONE PERFORMANCE!

Djirri Djirri
Interactive Dance Performance

Arts Centre Warburton
Wed 19 Apr 11am
\$15

MURUNDJERI SONGS, STORIES AND DANCE!

The Rainbow Tree
by Fat Fruit

The Memo, Healesville
Sat 22 Apr 11am & 2pm
\$17 - \$21

LIVE MUSIC & STORIES ABOUT WHAT IT'S LIKE LIVING IN A RAINBOW FAMILY!

Kids & Families

Mind Drawing Children's Stories
Workshop & exhibition
By Jenni Ivins

Workshop:
The Memo, Healesville
Wed 12 Apr, 1pm - 2:30pm
\$30 per Adult + Child
Exhibition dates:
Thu 2 Mar - Sun 16 Apr
FREE | No bookings required

ENGAGING DRAWING WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN TO DO TOGETHER

Plight of our Faunal Emblems

Yarra Ranges Regional Museum
Sat 4 Mar - Sun 28 May
FREE
No bookings required

Exhibition by Friends of the Helmeted Honeyeater and Friends of the Leadbeater's Possum

Bookaburra story time
SONGS, STORIES, AND CRAFT

Mt Evelyn Community House
Tue 11 Apr | 9.30 - 10.15am
Recommended for children under 5

Kelly Sports - Soccer
LEARN TO KICK, PASS & DRIBBLE

Yarra Glen Memorial Hall
Wed 12 Apr
1yr - 2.5 yrs: 9.30 - 10.15am
2.5yrs - 5yrs: 11am - 11.45am

DIY Dragon Puppets
MAKE YOUR OWN SOCK PUPPET
ALL RESOURCES PROVIDED

Lilydale Library
Fri 14 Apr & Thu 20 Apr | 11am - 12pm
Suitable for children 4yrs and up

The Grand Hunt
SOLVE CLUES, FIND HIDDEN SECRETS
SAUSAGE SIZZLE & COLD DRINK

Lilydale Lake
Mon 17 Apr | 10am - 11.30am
3yrs and up / Intergenerational

The Fruit Fly Facts
CREATE YOUR OWN FRUIT FLY TRAP
LEARN HOW TO PREVENT & TREAT ECOS

711 Old Warburton Hwy, Wesburn
Tue 18 Apr | 10 - 11am
Suitable for children 4yrs and up

Dad and Me - Reptiles
BRING DAD OR GRANDPA TO GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH REPTILES

Montrose Town Centre
Wed 19 Apr | 7pm - 8pm
Suitable for children 3yrs and up

Movies
A SELECTION OF FAMILY FILMS, COMEDY, DRAMA & DOCOS

The Memo Healesville
Arts Centre Warburton
Check the website for details

More info
yarraranges.vic.gov.au
search school holidays
1300 368 333

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FUN at the hub

**NOW
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The Easter holidays are just around the corner. Reward your child with fun and excitement by attending one of our affordable workshops at the hub these school holidays. From games to exploring with science, there is something for everyone. Book your child in today!



Cire Kids Club - 6+ yrs

Come join in on the fun and hang out with other local kids to play video games, board games, LEGO, learn some basic kitchen skills, get crafty, and even create some music. Lunch provided.

Friday 14th April from 11am to 2pm

Cost: \$15 pp



Level Up - Swim Day Excursion 8 to 13 yrs

Join us for a fun day of swimming. Level up is proudly supported by the Yarra Ranges Council RCRC grant, whose generous financial contribution has made it possible for us to offer you an unbeatable discounted ticket price of just \$5. This includes the swimming session, lunch, and a drink.
Wednesday 19th April from 12pm to 3pm at the Yarra Centre - Yarra Junction



Is it magic or Science? - 5 to 12 yrs

Be amazed and entertained by our science educators who know how to keep kids engaged. Find out how the world around them works. Participants will play with bubbles, test gravity, make some (controlled) explosions and be encouraged to ask as many questions as they can!

Tuesday 18th April from 10am to 10.45am

Cost: \$18 pp



Robotics - 5 to 12 yrs

Use Sphero robots to play games and complete tasks. Catering to all levels of experience, learn to program and drive the robot. Limited devices available, so please bring an iPad, or mobile. Sphero Edu is a free app to download.

Tuesday 18th April from 11am to 12pm

Cost: \$18 pp

HOW TO BOOK:

Scan the QR code or follow the instructions to book your child into any of the programs, or if you would like further information visit www.cire.org.au, call 1300 835 235 or email communityhubs@cire.org.au.



Cire Community Hub
2463 Warburton Hwy, Yarra Junction



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Friday 21st April from 11am to 2pm

Cost: \$15 pp



Fizz Fizz Bang! - 3 to 8 years

Use science to make cool stuff! Bath bombs (which are yours to keep and take home), exploding potions, gooey soap and many more fun things! Lab coats provided.

Thursday 13th April from 10am to 10.45am

Cost: \$18 pp



Potions, wizards and magic - 5 to 12 years

Join in the fun making potions. Grow some magical creatures, decorate your own wands and much more!

Thursday 13th April from 11am to 12pm

Cost: \$18 pp



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Chirside Park Community Hub
33 Kimberley Drive, Chirside Park



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FREE YOUTH PROGRAM

LEVEL UP

A weekly hangout in Yarra Glen, Yarra Junction & Chirside Park

Level Up is a unique hub for young people to socialise and meet new people in an environment that provides a relaxed social atmosphere. Level Up connects young people with similar interests and gives opportunities to get involved in regular competitions and events and celebrate the fun of pop culture.

What's on at Level Up

- Video & Tabletop games
- Arts and crafts
- Movies
- Special events
- Free snacks & more!

No bookings required

Who should attend?

Young people aged 8-17 years old looking for some fun after school.

This program is split in two age groups. 8-13 years and 13-17 years (only running at Chirside Park Community Hub)

DAY	LOCATION	TIME	AGE GROUP
MONDAY	Cire Community Hub 2463 Warburton Hwy, Yarra Junction	3:40pm to 5:00pm	8 - 13 years old
TUESDAY	The Yarra Glen & District Living and Learning Centre 12/14 Anzac Ave, Yarra Glen	3:40pm to 5:00pm	8 - 13 years old
THURSDAY	Chirside Park Community Hub, 33 Kimberley Drive, Chirside Park	3:40pm to 5:00pm	8 - 13 years old
THURSDAY	Chirside Park Community Hub, 33 Kimberley Drive, Chirside Park	5:00pm to 6:30pm	13 - 17 years old

Why attend Level-up

- Loads of fun playing video and board games, getting involved in group activities and exploring creativity.
- Connecting through conversations with like-minded peers.
- Free snacks for those after school cravings.
- Incorporated wellbeing based activities around self-care, bullying, healthy relationships, appropriate behaviour and stress/anxiety management.
- A space where young people can discuss any challenges they may be having with a qualified Youth Worker.
- Encouragement for young people to connect with other school students and make long-lasting friendships.

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Janelle 0400 852 959**

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Ed 0437 505 764**

<http://lilydalemontrose.football>



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- Writing, handwriting and spelling
- Mathematics
- Homework

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MORE INFORMATION:
For more information, contact me at the email or phone number below. Please provide your name, phone number, and day/time you can be contacted.

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Net Set Go: Non-game players aged 5-10 or 5-7 year olds who would like to try playing Net Set Go Minis on a Saturday. Short games with teams made up of players from many clubs with a lot of support on court. Program runs on Mondays from 4:30-5:30pm



Under 11 modified teams: Boys and girls aged 7-10 years old. Both teams will train on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm. Games on Saturdays at Knox Regional Netball Centre.

Under 11s team: Girls and Boys aged 9-10 years old with experience of netball or 10-11 years old new players. Training will be on Mondays from 5:30-6:30pm. Games on Saturdays at Knox Regional Netball Centre.



Under 13s team: Girls and Boys aged 10-13 years old. Training will be on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30pm. Games on Saturdays at Knox Regional Netball Centre.



Under 18s: Girls aged 14-18 year olds. Training on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30pm. Games on Saturdays at Knox Regional Netball Centre.



Any questions, email Janet at president@sfcnc.org.au or call 0404 958 619

