

Message from Jake...

## Behaviour expectations

Our students and staff are continuing our work around behaviour expectations at school, with the vast majority of students really buying into this and working / playing together in a way that is inclusive, safe and respectful. We really value our caring school culture and know that to maintain and continue to improve upon this, we need to be proactive. With this in mind, we have begun developing a 'matrix' of shared expectations. This is in the early stages of development, and will be simplified further for kids to easily read and understand.



The model below is looking at how we can be respectful in different parts of our playground. As a whole school, we are also developing an 'inside' matrix of expectations.

Routines Rules	Playgrounds	Garden Beds	Oval & Bball Courts	Sandpit	Wominjeka	Down the back	Peace Garden/Bee Garden	Bike Racks/Owl Gate
Be Respectful	We play in the right playground (Miss Bell for Prep — 2 and 3-6 playground).  We take turns on the play equipment.  We all use the play equipment safely and how it is supposed to be used.	We look at the flowers, trees, and wildlife.  We don't play on any garden beds. This includes next to the oval and 5/6 building.  We don't damage plants. This includes pulling branches, fern fronds or bamboo off.	We include friends in games.  We respect that different people play different games at different times.  Older students look out for younger students.  We don't dig on the oval.  We don't play with rocks or sticks on the oval.  When we play footy, we don't tackle to the ground.	We play with tools and trucks and play equipment in the sandpit.  We don't play with rocks or bricks in the sandpit.  We share the equipment and include others.  We don't put sand into the water troughs.	We can sit and play on the wooden platforms. We don't tread or run on the garden beds. We can plant seeds and harvest vegetables when we are with our teacher. We are careful not to touch the irrigation pipes. We leave the rocks where they are. We don't dig near the container. We don't break rocks on the hot plate or bench.	This is the only place we build cubbles at school. We only use the materials available here and do not damage plants and trees.  This is our school's only digging area. We dig here away from any trees.  We can climb trees that are not in garden beds and when the branch is wider than our arm.  We don't climb higher than twice our body height in the trees.  We play with sticks but do not use them as weapons.	We can play on the brick path and see if we can see insects in the insect homes.  We do not remove any of the insect's furniture.  We do not walk on the garden beds in the Bee Garden.  We play with water in the bamboo garden.	We use the bike racks for securing our bikes. We don't play around the bike racks including the 5/6 balcony. We don't climb on the Owl Gate fence or in the small tree at the Owl Gate.

Our agreed behaviour expectations are:

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Resilient

These work together with our overarching School Values of:

Community

Achievement

Respect

**Empathy** 

Embedding and living these values and expectations is a shared endeavor for our whole school community. No teacher, principal or parent can control the words or actions of individual students, but we can co-create the expectations, environments and systems around them to empower behaviour that is safe and inclusive.

Please continue this dialogue with your child, asking them about our behaviour expectations at school, and how they compare to your behaviour expectations at home.



## Early arrivals at school & out of school hours care

It is great that so many of students are so eager to be at school, however, we are getting a significant number of children arriving at school before 8.45am. Before this time, teachers are not on duty or supervising students – it is a busy time of the day as we prepare for lessons, and often have before school meetings. The duty of care starts at 8.45am.

However, if your family needs children at school earlier, we have a fantastic solution! Our out of school hours care program – CommunityOSH – is affordable and fun, and even provides breakfast. I've been reminding students to not come before 8.45am, and will now commence bringing early arrivals to Community OSH. The first visit is on us, but beyond that there will be a fee attached.

If you would like to get organized, you can register for CommunityOSh at their website: <a href="https://www.commosh.net.au/">https://www.commosh.net.au/</a>

## Riding to School

As the weather improves it is fantastic to see so many students riding their bikes to school. I really encourage this as a healthy and fun way to get to school. Please remind your child about road safety and footpath etiquette for their ride to and from school – particularly about riding at a sensible pace on footpaths, being aware of pedestrians and calling ahead to walkers that they are passing.

Also, on the area of crown land next to our school (below the main carpark) a number of mountain bike jumps and tracks have been built. These are not on school land and outside of our jurisdiction, however, a number of our kids are riding these during the busy before and afterschool pickup times. Please remind your child that riding through and within our busy carpark at these times is not safe – we have had a number of near misses!

## Book Clubs in 3/4

The grade 3 and 4 students have been working really hard in their english lessons, and clearly have a passion for books! We are really proud of their effort and improvement in all areas of literacy. They really displayed their growing love of literature with a 'Book Club' session at school, with cheese, crackers and drinks included! Students shared a favourite book of theirs with friends in this mini-festival of reading.

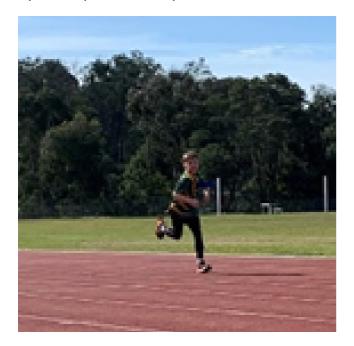




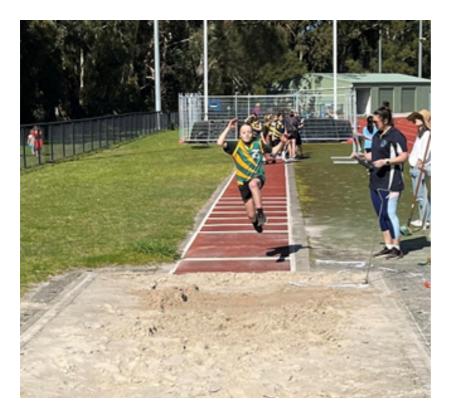


## Division Athletics

We recently had a large number of students qualify for and attend our District Athletics meet at the Mt Evelyn athletics track. We had many athletes successful in their events, but even more impressive than this was our amazing team spirit and sports-personship that was on show. And overall our school placed second!









## Trivia Night

Let's get ready for the biggest night of the year on the mountain! Our annual trivia night be held on Saturday October 21, in the Multi-purpose room. This is an adults only event, and tickets will go on sale at the office next week – stay tuned for a specific compass reminder about this!

The Rad Dads have once again been booked as our live entertainment, and our theme is Welcome to the USA! Dress ups definitely required!

## Working Bee Thankyou

It was a couple of weeks ago now, but a huge thank you needs to go out to the brave souls who took on atrocious weather conditions and got some jobs done around our school. We managed to fill two skips with garden waste and detritus from the shed (which is now organised, clean and spacious), as well as filling the sandpit and having a general tidy up. Stay tuned for the next one, I'll try and order a sunny day!









## Book Week

What an amazing time we had for book week, it was jam packed! There were amazing costumes from all of the classic books on display at our annual parade, before we filled the library with our whole school to officially celebrate its opening after the renovations.





We got to unveil the beautiful new sculpture, created by local artist Anton McMurray courtesy of a storm recovery grant from Yarra Ranges Council.

And, to top it off, we had an inspiring and entertaining author visit from Bernard Caleo. What a week!





## Hilltop Music Festival

Our friends from Monbulk College are holding the first ever music festival in Olinda this weekend. Grab some tickets and head down for what is sure to be a great day of entertainment!





## Respectful Relationships

At the heart of our Respectful Relationships program is learning how to respect ourselves, others and the environment. This is aligned both to our school values and to our new behavioural expectations of:

Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Resilient

All staff and students are investigating and creating behavioural expectations for our indoor and outdoor learning environments. This week each class has been on a learning walk outside, looking at areas that are ideal for digging and building cubbies and areas of our school that need some rest and recuperation. Learning how to interact positively with our beautiful environment is an important part of children's education as future environmental advocates and co-protectors of First Nations land.

Students have also been busy growing seedlings thanks to the Diggers Club's generous donation of seeds and are now starting to plant these out in our Wominjeka garden. Soon, decorated wooden spoons will appear to show where these are planted out so everyone can be respectful of our green babies growing.

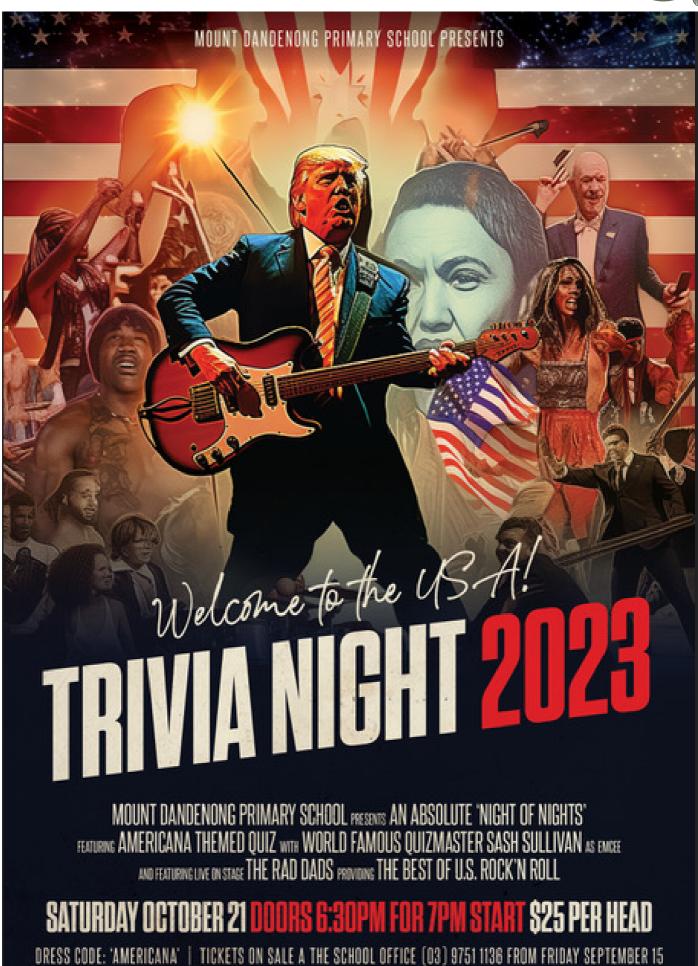
If you have any questions or would like to help out in our Wominjeka garden, we would really appreciate your time, please see me in the SLU or send me an email/message.

## Many thanks, Anna

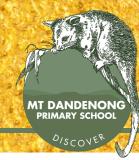








# MERIT AWARDS



# WEEK 6



Prep K Bailee

1/2C Max & Florence

1/2J Sophie

3/4A Kitty

3/4S

5/6A

5/6M

Japanese

Evelyn

Malia

Te-Hana

Arlo & Romy

# WEEK 7



Prep K Arlo & All of Prep K

1/2C Frankie

**1/2J** Wyatt

3/4A Thomas

Art

Tully & Finlay

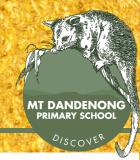
**Japanese** 

Jake

Music

Magnus

# MERIT AWARDS



# WEEK 8



Prep K Ahilan & Arlo

1/2C Emmy & Caleb

1/2J Emeryk

3/4A Tully

**3/4S** Cody & Violet

5/6A Jack & Bailey

**5/6M** Lia

Performing Arts - Ruby

PE Albert



**Art** All Grade 5/6M

**Japanese** Coco, Lia, Lennox Lili, Gracie, Charlie







	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
WEEK 8	4 P-2 Sw	<sup>5</sup> /imming	Drama Night	7	8		
WEEK 9	11	12	Div Aths	14	15 Pie & Footy Day End Term 3		
WEEK 10	18	19 <b>H</b> (	OLIDAY	21 'S	22		
WEEK	25	26 H	<sup>27</sup> OLIDAY	28 <b>′S</b>	29		
WEEK	2	3	4	5	6		



## Lost property

There are many items in the lost property cupboard in the Uniform Shop including unnamed uniform items, drink bottles, lunch boxes, gloves, and hats as well as the following: Pink runners (size 2)

Khaki "Miss Understood" coat (size 10)

Blue "Cotton On" coat (size 6)

Black Kathmandu Puffer jacket (size L)

Black "Mini Mango" puffer jacket (size 12)



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



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





**Grand Lego Challenge** DESIGN YOUR OWN LEGO MASTERPIECE OR JOIN IN A BUILDING CHALLENGE

WORK TOGETHER TO GET YOUR FAMILY TO THE END.

Treasure Hunt

Fabric Mache Bowls CREATE YOUR OWN FABRIC BOWLI



More info & tickets yarraranges.vic.gov.au Search school holidays 1300 368 333

Whilst we endeavour to cater for children of all abilities, we welcome ideas on how to meet your child's individual needs. Please contact us at earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au or call 1300 368 333 to speak with an early years









# Anglicare Victoria

### **Making Milestones - Focus on Developmental Areas** FREE Six-week group program that explores art therapy techniques

## Duration:

The program will consist of 1-hour sessions run over six weeks, with each week dedicated to one milestone category.

#### **Key Focus Areas:**

- Emotions Physical
- · Cognitive · Language
- Social

Families with children aged 5 FOR: to 8 years

WHERE: 75 Army Road, Pakenham ParentZone Hub, Anglicare WHEN: 11th September 2023 - 16th

October 2023 TIME:

More information: CfCCardinia@anglicare vic.org.au

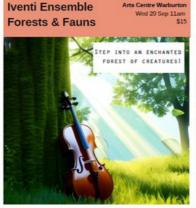
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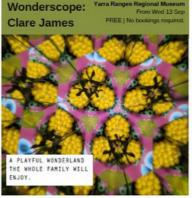
## **Kids & Families**

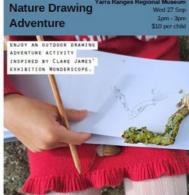






Stringmania Presents:









for more info and to book!



## Mondays 9:15am

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











The Rotary Club of Emerald & District yearly hold an event called "The Kids Fun Run with Puffing Billy". This event allows for kids between 3 years old and 12 (split into 6 age groups) to run with Puffing Billy and help to raise funds to support sick children – in the last three events have seen donations of \$146,000 to Monash Children's Hospital and again this year the money collected will go to Monash Children's Hospital – Cancer Centre. Since it commenced in 2002, \$721,250 has been donated to aid children.



Registrations now open!
Kids Fun Run with Puffing Billy
26 November 2023
@ Gembrook Station
All funds raised support the
Monash Children's Hospital
Childhood Cancer Research Teams





Go to link below or scan QR code for registration details https://www.emeraldrotary.org.au/page/kfrwpb





## EASTWOOD SCHOOL HOLIDAY GOLF!

Bring the kids along for some golf, under the supervision of our PGA Professionals

- Tuesday the 26th of September from 10:30am-11:30am
- For kids of all ability levels, aged 5+.
- \$20 (Free for Eastwood Junior/Cadet Members)
- Hot chips in the clubhouse afterwards.
- Equipment provided if needed.
- 332 Liverpool Road, Kilsyth South







For non-members, please use the above QR Code to register.
For Eastwood Cadet/Junior Members, please book in with Alex via
email at: golfproeeastwoodgolf.com.au



- On every Saturday during Term 4 Start Date: October 7th
- Register via our Golf Australia Page through the QR code
- Term payment includes 10 coaching sessions and Cadet membership of Eastwood Golf Club.
- Equipment provided if required



Learn the basics of golf in a fun & engaging environment with our PGA Professional, Peter Vassiliadis











