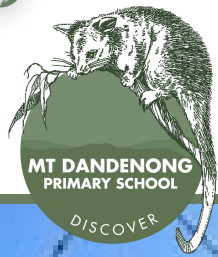


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# MT DANDY NEWS

## Discover



Message from  
Jake...

### Student Free Day on Monday & Cup Day

Next Monday 6 November is a student free curriculum day. Staff will all be working on writing their end-of-year reports. This is followed by the Melbourne Cup public holiday on Tuesday 7 November.

This means that all students get a four day weekend! This comes at a good time in the middle of what is always a really busy term 4. Hopefully everyone is able to have a rest and reset, ready for the final push of school to finish the year!

## Class Structure & Parent Requests for 2024

Soon our staff will begin the process of allocating students to their classes for 2024. This is an involved and complicated process that we do with the utmost care and consideration. Each year we strive to create class groups that have a balance of genders, friendships, academic needs, and social/emotional needs. We welcome a parent voice in this – if you have a specific request for the placement of your child, please send me an email outlining this.

My email is: [jake.laurie@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:jake.laurie@education.vic.gov.au)

We try to accommodate parent requests where possible, however in a school our size, with generally only two class options to choose between, there are always compromises. With this in mind, parent requests are not guaranteed. Students will of course also have a voice in this process and will be asked to nominate up to five friends they would like to be placed with. It is probably a good idea to start having this conversation with your child at home.

We will have 7 classes in 2024 comprising of:

Prep, 1/2, 1/2, 3/4, 3/4, 5/6, 5/6

Our staffing profile for next year is still yet to be finalized, with only Kelly Watson confirmed as the Prep teacher.

## Micah is going to the state championships!

Our incredible para-athlete, Micah Friend is competing today at the State Primary School Track and Field Championships in three different events: Shotput, 100m and 800m. It has been a huge effort to get this far, and no matter where he places today, we are all so proud of him! Check out the photo below of him laden with medals at the recent Regional Finals!



Also congratulations to our other athletes Lili D, Sol, Billy, Finlay P and Miranda who did an amazing job at Regionals and came away with some new PB's!



## Art Show

Preparations are in full swing for next week's art show, scheduled for the evening of Thursday 9 October. This is always a beautiful community event in which our students get to showcase their incredible talents through a range of works completed over the year. There will also be some accompanying live music performances. The show runs from 5.00 – 7.30pm.

We are still seeking further donations of art supplies for the raffle. We have a drop-off point at the office. I'm looking forward to a super fun night!

## Treasuring our Trees

Treasuring our Trees are a local organisation who received funding to create a variety of community-focused projects from fallen timber that rescued from the big storm in 2021. We are fortunate to be one of the schools to have partnered with Treasuring our Trees, and last week received delivery of stunning new pieces of furniture. Check out our new "yarning circle", currently located in the library, and our stunning new boardroom table located in our staffroom. We also received a stunningly crafted 'waterfall table' from local artist Ryan Vanderhorst. I'm sure that these pieces will be loved for decades to come.





## Groove Foundations Concert

Last Wednesday our brave and talented student musicians graced the stage for an exceptional night of entertainment. There was such a variety of genres and musical instruments, and such a warm feeling of support amongst the audience. We have students from Prep through to Grade 6 performing. If your child would like to learn an instrument and take individual lessons at school next year, contact Jordan at the following email: [groovefoundations@gmail.com](mailto:groovefoundations@gmail.com)





## *Invitation*

Our annual Art Show will be held this year on **THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER from 5:30pm – 7:30pm** at Mt Dandenong Primary school.

The children have been working hard during Art and Japanese to create artworks to be exhibited throughout the school.

This year we welcome the children from Mount Dandenong Pre School who will be exhibiting their artwork.

Enjoy the music by our talented musicians from 6pm in the multi-purpose room. We will have some fun Art competitions to enter and a raffle with many prizes of art materials to be won.

We warmly invite all students, parents, family, and friends of our school community to our Art Show.

We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you  
Liz Kennedy  
Art teacher



## *Donations*

Our annual Art Show will be held on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**.

We would appreciate donations of art and craft equipment and materials. They will be offered as prizes in a raffle and the children are always keen to win one of these!

The raffle prizes are typically items like pencils, paints, brushes, felt pens, canvases, craft goods or any other art item you can come up with. These could be purchased from the supermarket, a \$2 shop, or an art supply shop.

***Any donations will be appreciated, as a little from everyone means a lot when combined. Please leave your donations in the box at the office.***

Thank you for your support

Liz Kennedy

## *Raffle*

Each family has received a notice about our Art Show raffle with 5 raffle tickets attached. The prizes are art and craft materials and equipment. The tickets are **\$2 each**. If you wish to purchase more tickets, they are available at the office and also at the **Art show on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**.



# MERIT AWARDS



## WEEK 3



**Prep**

Albert

**3/4S**

Finn

**1/2C**

Hannah

**5/6A**

Syd & Emma

**1/2J**

Rosie & Sophia

**5/6M**

Levi & Lennox

**3/4A**

Harley

**Art**

Felix

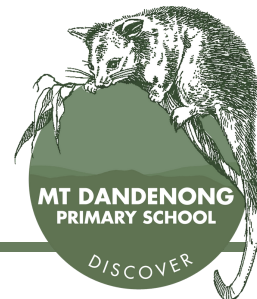
## WEEK 4



**ALL OUR WONDERFUL TEACHERS!!**

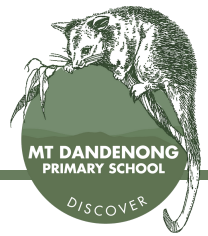


# DATES TO REMEMBER



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 3	30	31	1	3	4
WEEK 4	6 CURRIC DAY	7 CUP DAY	8 Prep Transition 9.15am	9 ART SHOW 5.30-7.30	10
WEEK 5	13	14	15	16	17
WEEK 6	20	21	22	23	24
WEEK 7	27	28	29 Prep Transition 9.15am	30	1

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# Monbulk College

## Arts & Technology Exhibition

Artwork by James Padgett, Yr 9



**Thursday, November 2nd, 5-7pm**

T-9751 9000 David Hill Rd Monbulk

[www.monbulkcol.vic.edu.au](http://www.monbulkcol.vic.edu.au)



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## After Hours Mental Health Nursing Service



**Mental health support is now available in the hours when services are limited.**

Sometimes stress, anxiety, depression or grief can be overwhelming. Our Mental Health Nurses provide a chance to talk with someone over the phone, video call, or face-to-face to get on top of things early.

The After Hours Mental Health Nursing Service can help people experiencing mild mental health issues like anxiety, stress, depression and grief.

### We provide:

- Support when a mental health helpline may not be sufficient
- Advice on next steps and recommendations for ongoing support services
- A follow up review to see how things are going

### This service is ideal for people needing:

- Assessment
- Brief intervention
- Navigation of mental health services
- Medication review

**This service is free of charge and no appointment is needed.**



**Phone:** (03) 9430 9100 | **Email:** [contact@healthability.org.au](mailto:contact@healthability.org.au)  
**Box Hill:** 43 Carrington Road, Box Hill, VIC 3128  
**Eltham:** 917 Main Road, Eltham, VIC 3095

This is not a crisis support or emergency service and we will **not** be able to meet the needs of people who present:

- As actively experiencing psychosis
- As actively suicidal
- Has high risk of being aggressive or violent
- Intoxicated or substance affected

*Clients with these issues need a more urgent service and should contact 000 or visit a hospital Emergency Department.*

### Speak to a Mental Health Nurse

**Over the phone:** 1300 003 509 (freecall)

**In person:** 36 Wellington Road, Box Hill, Victoria

#### Available between:

6pm - 11pm Monday to Friday  
 2pm - 7pm Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays

### For more information

Contact our friendly team at [ahmhns@healthability.org.au](mailto:ahmhns@healthability.org.au), call or text 0450 628 870 or go to our website by scanning the QR code.



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## Check Me Out!

### A MAJOR WOMEN'S HEALTH PROMOTION INITIATIVE

The Check Me Out roadshows will allow women, AFAB and non-binary people across the region to assess their own personal health and wellbeing needs. Roadshows will also contribute to our understanding of the impact of disaster events on women.



#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- Free child minding
- Healthcare professionals on hand for general support\*
- Time to individually go through your health check needs
- Refreshments, tea/coffee
- Health 'cheat sheets' to reduce search times

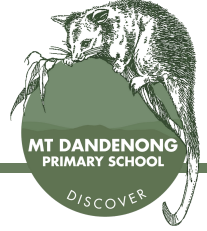
**Price: \$10 (Full) | \$5 Healthcare card concession**

*No private consultations with professionals will occur and no personal medical details or history will be shared at this event.*

#### BOOK HERE



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# **ST. MICHAEL'S CUP DAY FAIR**



**1331 MT DANDENONG TOURIST RD,  
KALORAMA**

**TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER  
9AM – 2PM**

**JOIN US FOR A FUN DAY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**



**ANGLICAN PARISH OF MT DANDENONG  
WWW.LIGHTINTHEHILLS.ORG.AU  
9755 3050**





Have you ever wanted to learn a musical instrument or singing?  
Mt. Dandy Primary's instrumental teachers engage with the music  
you love, new styles, creativity and the foundations of music reading.



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](mailto:groovefoundations@gmail.com)

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](mailto:earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au)



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/kfrwbp>

