

NOVEMBER 30, 2023

MT DANDY NEWS

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Message from Jake...

There are only 2 and a bit weeks to go for the school year!

Tuesday 19 December will be the final day at school for students, with a normal 3.30pm knock off time. It is ALMOST time to move into celebration mode, with a slew of events and excursions coming up.

Presentation Night

Next Tuesday 5 December we will be holding our Presentation Picnic at school. This is a night to celebrate our achievements for the year, hear the final speeches from our school captains and present the incoming student leaders, farewell our Grade 6s and hear some wonderful Christmas themed performances from each class.

Currently, the weather forecast is for a sunny 27 degrees!

Event details:

- 5.30pm arrival for a 6pm start (students to be seated with their class for the performances)
- Venue is our school oval
- Bring picnic rugs, food and drinks and a camp chair if you can't sit on the ground
- This is an ALCOHOL FREE event
- Extended family are welcome to attend

Staffing for 2024

We are excited to announce who will be teaching in each year level for 2024!

Prep: Kelly Watson
1/2: Christen Anderson
1/2: Jody Howell and Simone Algie
3/4: Alison Allison
3/4: TBC (we are currently recruiting for this position)
5/6: Anna Francis
5/6: Michelle Lawrence and Heather Dent
Art: Liz Kennedy
Japanese: Mairko Hioki-Walker
Music: TBC
PE: TBC

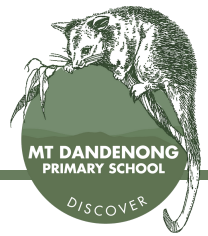
Our current Music and PE teacher, Matt Brown, has resigned from his position at Mount Dandenong PS. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours and thank him for his work here over a number of years.

Sarah Lawson will continue to be on leave until further notice.

Statewide Transition Day

On Tuesday 12 December, all students across the state will get to meet their teachers and classmates for 2024 and spend some time with them as part of the transition process. This means that our Year 6 students will visit their secondary schools as new year 7s, and the kinder kids will have their final transition into school as new preps. All other students will step-up into their new classrooms.

We are still finalising class lists in preparation for this day – this is a hugely challenging task, particularly in a school of our size, with only two options per year level. We really appreciate the parent requests that have been submitted. We are doing our best to accommodate these, but we ask for your understanding that it will not be possible to make all of them happen. We do our absolute best to create thriving, balanced and productive classes.



Graduation Pen Presentation for Year 6 Students

Our friends from local community group, Treasuring our Trees, have been funded to create handmade timber pens to present to the local year 6 students as a graduation gift. The are absolutely beautiful. These will be presented to each grade 6 student at our assembly next week, Friday 8 December. There will be a Treasuring our Trees representative, as well as some local politicians in attendance.

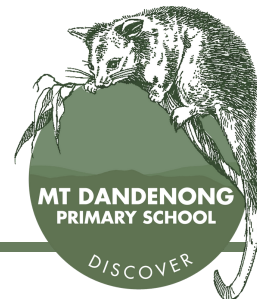
Kinder Build

The temporary fencing is up across our oval, meaning that for now and for the duration of the building project, students will not have access to the bottom basketball court and playground.

Ground works are beginning which is super exciting. We are looking forward to not only having the Mount Dandenong Kindergarten onsite, but also enjoying our brand-new basketball court and playground sometime around the middle of next year.



DATES TO REMEMBER



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 9	27	28	29 Prep 2024 Transition 9:15 - 10am	30	1 Grade 3/4 Pool Party - Payment and Consent Due - Today via Compass Melbourne Zoo Excursion and Rush HQ Payment and Consent Due Sunday 3 December - via Compass
WEEK 10	4	5 Presentation Picnic 5:30 - 7:30pm	6	7	8 Junior School Zoo Excursion Grade 5/6 Pool Day Consent Due - Sunday 10 December - via Compass
WEEK 11	11 Grade 5/6 Rush HQ Excursion	12 Whole School Transition Day Prep 2024 Transition 9:15am - 12noon	13 Grade 6 Graduation 6:30 - 8:30pm	14 Water Fight and Colour Run	15 Grade 5/6 Pool Day Grade 6 Farewell Assembly 2:30pm
WEEK 12	18 Grade 3/4 Pool Party Excursion	19 Final Day of 2024 for Students 3:30pm Finish	20 Last Day of Term 4 Curriculum Day - No School for Students		

Art is created to express and communicate an idea. It can make our surroundings beautiful and is to be viewed and enjoyed.

The talented and creative artists at our school have got your Christmas gift giving sorted. They have been working hard to create amazing artworks which would make a lovely personal gift for someone special. See the picture below for examples of artworks from our recent Art Show. A piece from this selection could be coming home to your place soon!



You may have some frames at home that you could reuse to mount and frame the work or if it is a piece of pottery it could be wrapped in a special box. Painted and printed papers could be used as the wrapping paper or cut and made into cards.

Choose a piece of your child's artwork to keep and display somewhere in the home. Frame a piece of artwork and if it's a piece of pottery find a use for it or sit it proudly on a special shelf.

Enjoy!

Liz

MERIT AWARDS



WEEK 8



Prep

Frankie & Ida

1/2C

Sebastian

1/2J

Ruby & Lexi

3/4A

Taylor & Ruby

3/4S

5/6A

5/6M

Art

Japanese

Bella & Stella

Felix

Kara

Harlow

Lucille



Will Deany (5/6A) had his first race last Saturday in Silvan. He missed out on the podium by 0.1seconds and came fourth out of 35 participants in his age group. He rode up the hill 9 times to complete his runs and needed a good rest on Sunday.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Guess who's visiting?
Sassafras & Olinda

**Saturday
2nd December
3pm - 7pm**

the Villages
of mount dandenong

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT

Saturday 2nd December 3pm - 7pm

Enjoy the festive atmosphere of Christmas in Sassafras and Olinda villages with street entertainers, community stalls and music. Shop for thoughtful and unique Christmas gifts with lots of special offers and win fabulous prizes.

Bring your little ones to meet the one and only Santa! Let them whisper their wishes in Santa's ear and capture this precious moment with a photo to cherish forever.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Plan your visit here: www.thevillages.com.au

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Music School

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



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

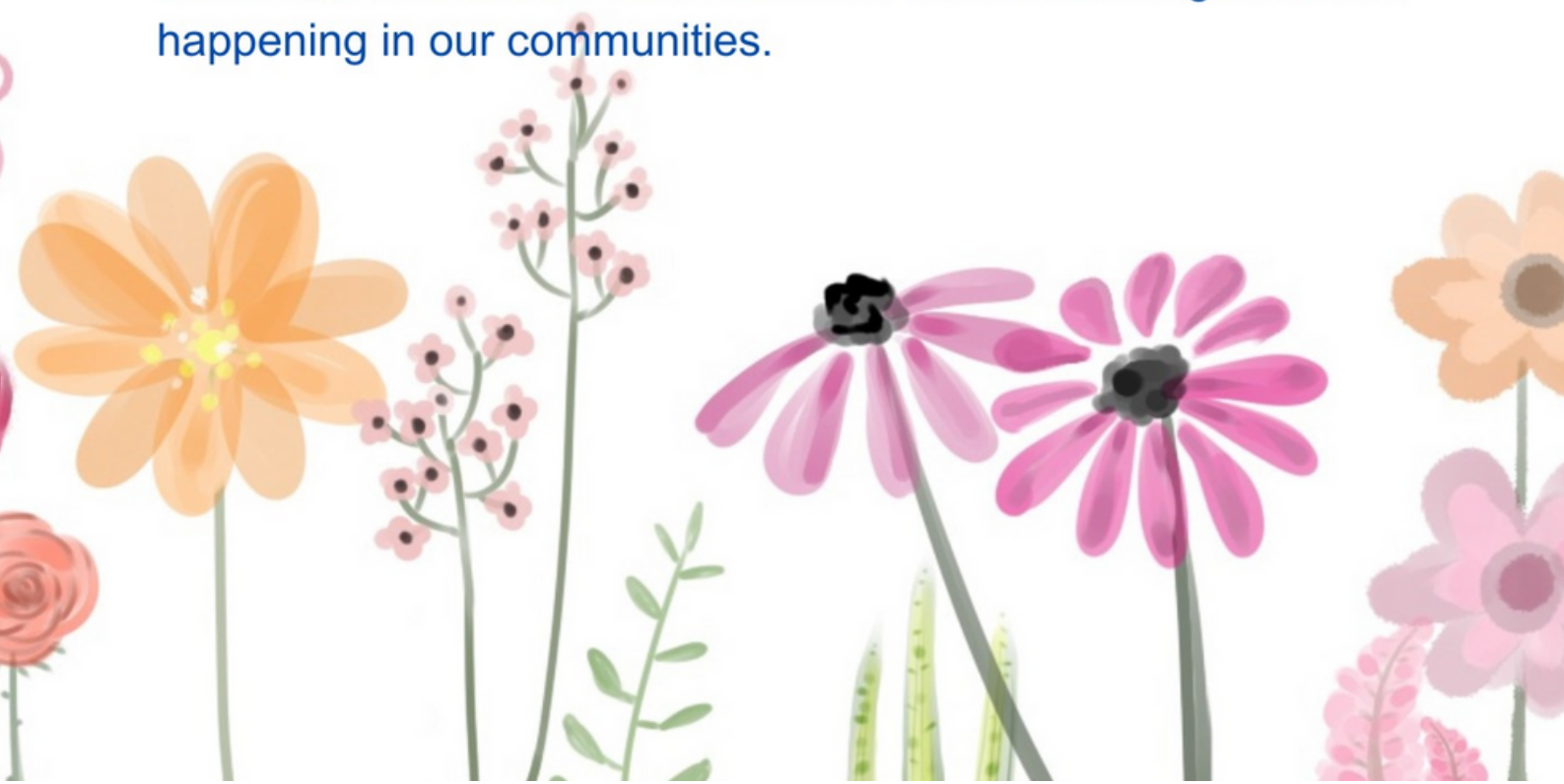
Calling all local Hills children!

We'd love you to send in a photo of your artwork so we can publish it in one of our upcoming magazines!

Ask an adult to take a picture of your art and send it as a jpeg file to hillscommunityfocus@gmail.com - include your name, title of your art and suburb (and your age if you want to).

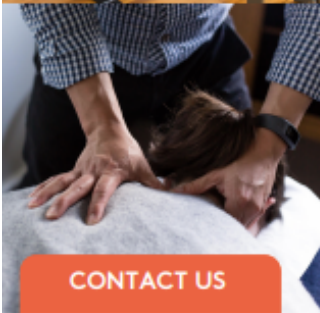
The closing dates for submissions are the 4th February, May, August and November. The magazine is distributed the following month around your town.

The Hills Community Focus magazine is a free quarterly magazine that provides information and articles of local interest; and showcases some of the wonderful things that are happening in our communities.



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