

The Mount Dandy News

Top of the mountain, top results.



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What's On

TERM ONE

Tuesday 6th March
Close of School Council Election
Ballot

Wednesday 7th March
School Council Election Vote
Count

Monday 12th March
Labour Day

Wednesday 14th March
Nit nurse visit

Monday 19th March
First School Council meeting to
elect office bearers

Wednesday 21st March
House Athletic Sports

Friday 30th March
Last day Term 1

News and Views...

Planning Week

This week our teachers are all involved in planning curriculum and educational opportunities for our students. At MDPS we encourage an environment of collective responsibility amongst our staff. This means that teachers work in teams to plan, assess and prepare, ensuring that all students are catered for. In order to allow this to occur specialist timetables have been altered, meaning that students may have Art, Music or Physical Education at a time or day that is different to their usual program.

Thumbs up

- to Reading Café. This is being introduced through our school. It does not include tea, coffee or snack foods! It is a structure that utilises already known skills and programs for the teaching of Reading and allows students to learn and understand the reading process using a common language. 'Making connections' comparing 'text to text' and 'cross-checking' are some of the skills and language your children will be learning and you will no doubt begin to hear when you are reading with them at home. Stay tuned for further information about Reading Café.
- to extra curricula music activities. The sounds of music are wafting and, in some cases, beating their way through the school as students enjoy the many music opportunities on offer.
- to the beautiful Art displays. The school has never looked so colourful thanks to the wonderful work being produced in our Art Program.
- to the Canteen Volunteers who volunteered to help in the canteen this year.
- the new iPads supporting student learning in the P-2 classes. Already these are being used in innovative ways. As you can imagine, the students took to these like ducks to water.
- to Max, Lauren, Ashlynn, Emily and Greta who all won their swimming events last week and have qualified for the next stage of the interschool swimming championships. They are competing at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre in the near future. Good luck team!

Multipurpose Building News

As of today we are proud to announce that the Multi Purpose Building is completed and other than some minor works which, may interrupt its' availability on the odd occasion over the next few weeks, it is ready for use. We will combine the official opening of both the BER building and the Multi Purpose extension with a performance by Code One, the Police rock band, on May 2nd. Please mark this date in your diaries. In the meantime drop in and have a look.

Car Park

The rear car park is still not available for use. There are some minor issues being rectified with the entrance ramps. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Canteen 2012

Whilst more helpers are required we thank those who have already volunteered. We envisage that the canteen will open in Term 2. Prior to that we will consult with students, staff and parents about the menu on offer, the service and improving sustainable practices. Some of this important work will be completed by our Junior School Council. Thank you to Victoria Clarke who is, once again, managing this service.

Congratulations to the Muldoon family

Tomas Muldoon's name was drawn from the barrel of families who have paid their student requisite levies on time. The family will receive a refund of one of their children's fees.

Thank you, Mike Leonard and Sue Gibson

Purpose Statement

Mount Dandenong Primary School values our unique environment and close community.

It is a place for creative opportunities and academic excellence, nurturing respect, happiness and independence.

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The School Value we are currently learning about is

RESPECT

Respect has several meanings:

Having regard for others. That means accepting that other people are different but just as important as you feel you are. Some people may call this tolerance.

Having a proper respect for yourself. That means that you stand up for yourself and don't let yourself be talked into doing things that you know are wrong or make you feel uncomfortable.

Not interfering with others (or their property).

**Get caught being RESPECTFUL to
earn raffle tickets into our fantastic prize draw!!**

Dear parents,

The Senior Learning Unit are planning many fun and exciting activities this semester and would love any donations of the following that you may have lying around at home:

- * **Jewelry making supplies;** such as beads, findings, clasps, hat elastic, rhinestones, ribbons, sequins, chain, fishing line, glitter or even broken jewelry that you no longer want.
- * **Clean, empty, transparent plastic jars** (but not from peanut butter due to allergies)
- * **Books** that are suitable for grade 5/6 for our class library
- * **Old gardening tools** for student use
- * **Baskets and Umbrellas**

Anything that you could donate would be very much appreciated.

Kind Regards,

Trish, Ryan, Amy and the wonderful students of the S.L.U.

FREE FRUIT FRIDAY Years Prep—2

Volunteers for the week of
Friday, 9th March

Trisha Vaitkunas-Spratt, Skye
Blenkiron and Jackie Monteith.

**Thank you to all our
volunteers.**



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to 6
for the inaugural annual
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Prizes for individual winners
A new annual perpetual trophy awarded to the winner's school
Be the first to win

How far and accurately can a piece of paper fly?

Do your students understand the basics of flight?

Flying paper planes is an ideal way to learn
Use it as a science project.



When and where.

Sunday 18th March 2pm
Community Centre
Kelso Street Coldstream

Gold Coin Entry

Sponsored by the Yarra Ranges Council
Mt Evelyn Montrose Community Bendigo Bank
In conjunction with the Lilydale Squadron
Australian Air League Inc.



Wilson's Prom SLU Camp 2012

By Alannah McPeake

At Wilson's Prom we had to sleep in tents. I didn't really like sleeping in a tent on the ground because it was pitch black and the ground was all bumpy. At the start of camp we learnt how to put up our own tent. After we had put up our own tents we had to help put up the teachers' and parents' tents as well.

Every morning after breakfast we had a tent inspection so we had to keep our tents really clean. Every morning we also had to sweep out our tents so that they stayed really clean. At the end of camp Rex came out and showed us how to take down our tents. We had to help take down the parents' and teachers' tents too.

We were lucky because we had a chef come down with us to cook for us, her name was Di. For breakfast we had cereal then for second course we had something on toast like eggs or baked beans. For lunch we had sandwiches or rolls or hamburgers. We got to choose what to put in them. For dinner we had 3 course meals. First we had soup then we had something like roast beef with vegetables then we had a dessert. The meals were really good.

On camp we did lots of activities about the wildlife and some were just for fun like swimming in Tidal River and going to the shop. One wildlife activity that I really enjoyed was "Tracks and Traces". We learnt how to see if an animal had come by and which animal it was. I also liked doing Red Faces on the last evening of camp. Most of the acts were really funny but a few weren't funny. The group I was in was called "Romeo and Juliette". We came second but we got dinged before we finished our act.

In the middle of the week we got to go to the outdoor cinema and watched a movie called Tin Tin. It was a very good movie and I would recommend it.

Overall I thought it was a great camp.



CANTEEN 2012

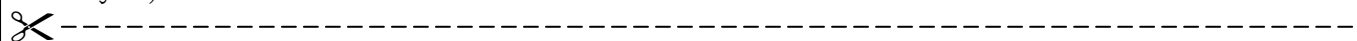


Our new super multi purpose room will soon be available which means our fantastic new kitchen will also be able to cater for a scrumptious new canteen menu!!!! We are asking students for their suggestions and would like yours too.

Many thanks to the parents who have already offered to be part of the canteen roster – there is room for more! Please consider giving up a couple of hours once or twice a term on a Thursday; the children will be very grateful and you will discover just how friendly parents of Mt Dandenong PS are.

To show your interest and availability, please complete the tear off slip below and leave it with Julie in the office

Thank you, Victoria Clarke



I am able to help in the canteen

- Each week
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- Once a term

Name Contact no

Auditory Processing and Learning

What could your child's behaviour be trying to tell you?

Information session & question forum with Laila from Blue Horizon

INFORMATION SESSION

Understanding Auditory Processing
Cost \$20

Tuesday 13th March 2012 7:00pm – 8:30pm

At: The Remedy Group 1st Floor, 172 Main Street, Lilydale

We help children with:

Concentration and short attention span
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Learning and reading difficulties
ADD, ADHD, Autism, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia,
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Using art, movement and music, we can help transform hindrances that will enable your child to discover their true potential.

Bookings essential
Please contact Blue Horizon on 5967 2335

Vermont South Special School Fair
24th March 2012
11am – 4pm

Put the date in your diary

Bring all your family and friends

Toy Raffle
Crown and Balloons
Slot Car Racing
FARM ANIMALS
Lucky Jars
NACHOS

PLANT STALL
Baked Potatoes
SOUVLAKIS
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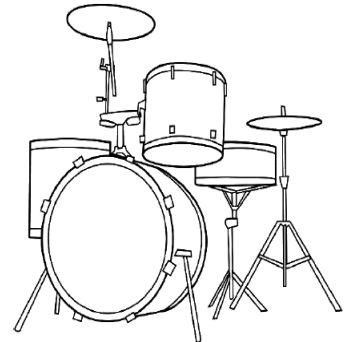
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Choir Victoria Inc is a performing choir employing professional music staff to give your child excellent musical tuition in an atmosphere of great fun and friendship.

For an affordable musical and wonderful lifetime experience for your child, please contact Ros or Sam to arrange a booking for your child's audition.

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