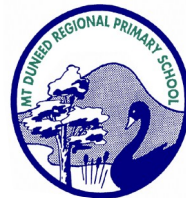


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MOUNT DUNEED NEWS

"YOU CAN DO IT" TERM FOCUS

"Confidence"

STUDENT BANKING

The school does student banking through the Commonwealth Bank each week. If you are a current student who wishes to open a Commonwealth Bank account please see the office or your local branch for a Youthsaver Account Opening Kit.

- **Bank books to be at the school office by Tuesday morning.**

STUDENT LEADERS

School Captains:- Georgia Warwick
Riley Anstee

School Vice Captains:- Naomi Bowden
Thomas O'Hanlon

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2012/2013

Parent Representatives:
Rick Werner Heather Felstead
Melinda McKenzie Joanne Hinch
Jo Anstee Duncan Mallord
Barry Castle **vacancy**

DEECD Representatives:
Carrie Rowe Adam Lavars Julie Makin

- ♦ **School Council meetings are scheduled on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.**

NOTES SENT HOME

Listed below are notes that will be or have been sent home over the last fortnight:

- End of year Life Skills Trip to Jirrahlinga— selected students.
 - Energy Incursion— all yr 3/4 students.
 - Personal Development program— all 5/6 students.
- Contact your child's teacher if you have not received the appropriate notes listed above.**

FWC BUS STOP CHANGES.

Parents please note the Grange Park Drive bus stops will not be available until further notice due to council works. Students who usually use these bus stops will now have to use either the bus stop at corner of Ghazeepore Rd & Hams Rd or the VLine bus stop on Ghazeepore Rd.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT
Friday 9th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition Session #2 Prep 2013, 9.30—11.00am, Prep room. • Remembrance Day Service, 2.50pm & Whole School assembly.
Mon 12th Nov	5/6 Personal Development Program.
Friday 16th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition Session #3 Pre-Prep Screen, Times to be advised • Pre Prep Screen parent Information session, 12.30pm staffroom.
Mon 19th Nov	5/6 Personal Development Program.
Wed 21st Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council Finance committee, 7pm. • School Council meeting, 7.30pm
Friday 23rd Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition Session #4 Prep 2013, 9.30—11.00am, Prep room • Prep 2013 parent morning tea with Principal, 10.00-11.00am, staffroom. • Life Skills excursion to Jirrahlinga • Whole school assembly, 3.00pm
Mon 26th Nov	5/6 Personal Development Program.
Wed 28th Nov	Energy incursion, @ MDRPS for yr 3 & 4 students.
Fri 30th Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSA Nipper Carnival @ Pt Roadknight, information to come. • Student Library borrowing ends for 2012. All books to be returned ASAP.
Mon 3rd Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRE school Christmas service, 11.40am in BER building. More info to come. • 5/6 Personal Development Program.
Tues 4th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AEU stopwork, 9.00am-12.30 (unsure as yet which classes will be affected) • 2013 Prep Parents Information Session, 7.00-8.00pm, prep room
Wed 5th Dec	Year 1/2 End of year excursion, information to come.
Fri 7th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Lunch Orders Day 2012 • Whole school assembly, 3.00pm • Reports sent home
Mon 10th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Helpers THANK YOU morning Tea, 11.00am • 5/6 Personal Development Program.
Tues 11th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition Session #5 Prep 2013, 9.30—12.00noon, Prep room. Children to have a snack & drink for recess. • Whole School One Up Day, 9.30-12.00
Wed 12th Dec	Open Classrooms
Fri 14th Dec	FAMILY PICNIC & DISCO, 6.00PM , information to come
Mon 17th Dec	Grade 6 Graduation, Connewarre Hall , information to come.
Fri 21st Dec	Last day of school for 2012. Whole school Assembly @ 1.00pm Dismissal @ 1.30pm.

Notes from Mrs Makin

2013 Class placements

If you have a specific concern about your child/children and have a request to consider when placing them in classes for 2013, please put your request in writing and have it delivered to the office by Friday November 16th. Requests will be considered, not guaranteed (verbal request will not be considered).

Music Concert

Mr Jared Smith worked with each class over the last four weeks learning Disney theme songs and actions in readiness for the whole school concert. On Monday they performed to a large audience of parents, grandparents and friends. It was a big effort for each child to stand up in front of everyone, look at the audience, sing and complete the dance. I enjoyed watching the students, knowing that for some it was a huge challenge to even join their peers out the front, for others it was a challenge to get dressed up and for others it required them to learn the songs and actions. Any opportunity for public speaking or performing in front of a crowd is a worthwhile experience, and all of the students are to be congratulated, as they met their own personal challenge.

A big thank you to Mr Smith for arranging such a delightful concert and working with our students this year. We hope to have him back next year for a short while.

Hands Off!

We have had signs displayed around the school for the last year that say "Hands Off". This is a short two word message to remind students that we want students to be safe and happy. We have a whole school behaviour management program for the classrooms and the school yard and students know that I expect them to not use their hands, legs etc to intentionally hurt anyone. Last Friday I again reinforced this message to the entire school. I would appreciate each family having a follow up conversation with your child/children so that they are aware of acceptable behaviour and that if they have any concerns, they should inform their teacher, the yard duty teachers or me so that we can help them to resolve the issue.

Industrial Action Work Bans

The Australian Education Union (AEU) has been in enterprise bargaining discussions for over a year. As yet there has been no compromise or agreement between the Victorian State Education Department (DEECD) and the union. This year the AEU has initiated industrial action, including two Stop Work days and rolling half day Stop Works across the state. The rolling half day Stop Work which will affect the Geelong area is on December 4th. **More information regarding the classes it affects will be sent home closer to the date.**

As of November 5th the AEU has instructed members to reduce meeting times and to only provide progression points (achievement scores) for the end of year student reports. This means that our student reports, and those of most students across the state will have a grading of A – E for each curriculum area but will not have any teacher comments. I understand that this is a major change to the reporting practice so we will be offering an 'Open Classroom' afternoon on Wednesday December 12th between 3:45 – 5:45pm, where students can share their achievements with their parents and teachers will be available to answer questions about the student's progress and give an informal brief verbal report if parents wish.

This is our way of compromising and providing feedback to our families, whilst remaining true to our beliefs regarding workforce agreements. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Julie Makin - Principal

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Grade Prep BG

Meg Milburn- for her enthusiasm in all areas of her learning.

Sandra Felstead—for working hard on her writing goals.

Grade 1/2C

Taylah Webb— for doing excellent research and work on her Life Cycle mini project.

Indy Kos— for being a wonderful role model in our class and 1/2 community.

Grade 1/2G

Olivia O'Brien— for doing her best.

Max Crooks— for a great effort on your animal project.

Grade 1/2K

Olivia Grey—for using punctuation to help her read.

Blake McLure— for helping to keep a neat tidy classroom.

Grade 3/4L

Caleb O'Hanlon — for excellent and creative poetry writing.

Aidan Romeyn— for working hard at creating some terrific poems.

Grade 3/4M

Clayton Paull- for an amazing effort on Mathletics earning over 10,000 points in one week.

Grace Bull—for an amazing effort for the week earning over 8,000 Mathletics points.

Grade 5/6C

Tanika Trickey— for showing a great attitude to learning after her break.

Georgia Warwick—for always trying her hardest to improve at all areas of her learning.

LIBRARY NEWS

Parents please note that Library borrowing will stop at the end of November, **All** Library books **MUST** be returned by **Friday, 7th December** to allow time for stock take.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE- TERM 4

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ASC PARENTS

◆ Thanks to all for the overwhelming support of the After School Care Program. The Service has been operating to absolute capacity. In the spirit of fairness to all using the service we request that the policy of **Notification of Absences** be adhered to. Our policy states that **"all withdrawals from ASC bookings be made prior to 2.30 pm on the day of the booking or the booking charge will remain applicable"**.

It is tough on families missing out on places on a daily basis, when in fact, we end up with some very late, last minute vacancies.

Working parents and parents who are studying do have priority to vacancies, however, we endeavor to provide access to all who require the service.

◆ *A reminder to parents that children booked into A.A.S.C must be picked up by 4.45pm or they will be placed into A.S.C and the full fee will apply.*

◆ **ASC's mobile number is 0409 526 414, Trudie is available from 2.30pm to 6.00pm. Please contact the office or Trudie to make bookings or changes to ASC. Enrolment forms for A.S.C and A.A.S.C are also available from Trudie.**

Cinquain Poems - Some poems written by 3/4M.

Halloween

Scary, dark
Creepy, spooky, yelling
Happy, excited, frightening, gloomy
Brilliant.
By Makaylah Watts

Bunse

Chestnut horse
Cantering, trotting, hungry
Want to ride you
Apples.
By Ashleigh Seach

Pets

Cute, fluffy
Fast, sleepy, jumping
They are very joyful
Loving.
By Mercedes Armstrong

Bubbles

Colourful, wet
Floats, pops, blowing
Makes me very happy
Pop!
By Maiten Lloyd

Halloween

Dark, Scary
Noisy, Spooky, Screams
Creepy, Mischievous, fun, exciting
Halloween is pretty frightening always!
By Holly Lawn

Tika

Cute, soft
Playing, jumping, sleeping
She's cuddly and fun
Food.
By Elise Harrison.

Seals

Colourful, cute
Swimming, playing, saying
They are very soft.
Fish.
By Abby Bertoldi

Birthday

Candles, people
Blowing, singing, pulling
I feel so happy
Cake.
By Rose Thomas

Halloween

Dark, scary
Creep, scare, scream
Dark scary night
Freaky.
By Chloe Blunt

Haunted

Grey, spooky
shrieking, yelling
My heart is pounding
Scary.
By Aston Smith

Bubbles

Colourful, wet
Floats, pop's, blowing
Makes me very happy.
Fun!
By Tessa Artis

Lollies

Sweet, colourful
Chew, eat, suck
Eating all day long
Yum!
By Clayton Paul

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE

will be held

MONDAY, 3rd DECEMBER 2012

in the BER at 11.40 am.

We welcome Parents, Grandparents and
Friends to join with us.

CRE Teachers, Dianne Armstrong, Grant
Bridson & Loris Jackson.

**A gold coin donation for Mission work will be
appreciated**



GRADE 6 GRADUATION FUNDRAISING

A reminder that we are selling tickets for the gr 5/6 hamper. They will be on sale before and after school every day but Thursday morning. Some of the things that will be in the hamper are: *Adventure Park Tickets, Brumby's Voucher, Bubba pizza voucher, some gifts and donations from gr 6 families and more.* We would love for you to have a chance in winning this wonderful prize. **Tickets will be 1 for \$1.00 or 3 for \$2.00.** The School Captains.

TERM 4 2012 IS A SUNSMART TERM

All students must have a sunsmart approved wide brimmed, navy hat to wear when outside.

NO HAT, NO PLAY.



Protect, Nurture, Grow.

SCHOOL HELPERS MORNING TEA

To all of our wonderful helpers, you are invited to a **"THANK YOU"** morning tea from all the staff at Mt Duneed Regional Primary School on **Monday, 10th December at 11.00am till 11.30am.** If you have helped in any way here at school, in the classroom, library, on excursions, fundraising events, Working Bee's, school council/sub committee's etc, please come along. We would love to see as many of our helpers as possible. If you are able to come please return the reply slip to the office by Thursday, 6th December.



SCHOOL HELPERS MORNING TEA

I _____ am able / not able to
attend the School Helpers morning tea on Monday, 10th December at 11.00am - 11.30am.

Number attending _____





You are invited to come and hear

CELIA LASHLIE LIVE

"Growing Gorgeous Boys Into Good Men"

Celia, who has a degree in anthropology and Maori, is the mother of two adult children. She now works on a number of projects, all of which are linked to improving the lives of at-risk children and empowering families to find their own solutions to the challenges they face.

In September 2004, she completed the "Good Man" project. The project, which facilitated discussion within and between 25 boys' schools throughout New Zealand, aimed to create a working definition of what makes a good man in the 21st century.

What arose from the project was a significant insight into the minds of teenage boys, and what they are feeling at this period in their lives.

Celia has some challenging suggestions for parents and for women in particular to rethink the way they interact with the men in their lives - their sons and their husbands - if they want to see their sons become the good men they want them to be.

For more information visit www.celialashlie.co.nz

A researcher and social commentator, Celia Lashlie worked for 15 years within the Prison Service, starting in December 1985 as the first woman to work as a prison officer in a male prison in New Zealand. Her final role within the Service was a manager of Christchurch Women's Prison, a position she left in September 1999.

COMMUNITY FORUM

DATE: Thursday, 22 Nov, 2012
 TIME: 7pm
 VENUE: St Joseph's College
 Queens Rd, Newtown
 Geelong
 (enter via Gate 6)
 COST: Free
 BOOK: populationhealth@barwonhealth.org.au

For more info, phone Claire:
5202 8647



Twilight Market

**Stall holders required—
 Friday, 14th December
 6 – 9pm**

This market is being held in conjunction with the JSC Disco & Family Picnic

Stalls are only available to Mt Duneed R.P.S.

Families

\$15.00 per stall, includes a trestle table

Any questions contact Delia 0422 940 663

If you would like to book a stall, please complete the form below & return with payment to office.



Twilight Market

Please book me a stall for the twilight market.

Name: _____

Products: _____

Phone number: _____

Table required: Yes / No

Comments: _____

FROM MT DUNEED REGIONAL SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Re: Teachers Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA):

As most of you are well aware, Victorian teachers are locked in a battle with the state government over a new EBA. This process has stretched over 2 years with no resolution in sight.

The teachers have engaged in rolling industrial action to push their point and get the state government to negotiate. This industrial action has affected our school and continues to affect our children with stop work action, rallies, protests and now no comments to be written on our children's school reports. As the dispute wears on the teacher's action will continue to interrupt our school and children's education.

We have a fantastic and dedicated group of teachers and staff at our school who provide a quality education for our children. We all want them in the classroom teaching our children, not battling the state government over an EBA.

Regardless of what political bent you have, there is something you can do. I would encourage you to email the local member of parliament Andrew Katos, the Education Minister Martin Dixon, the Premier Ted Baillieu and the education union President Mary Bluett and urge them to negotiate an outcome ASAP. The government has a majority of only 1 seat in the parliament and the local member is in a very marginal seat so exercise your power and pressure them with an email or letter.

We all want the best education for our children and while the two parties are in conflict we are not getting that.

Australian Education Union Mary Bluett - melbourne@aeuvic.asn.au

The Hon. Martin Dixon, Education Minister - martin.dixon@parliament.vic.gov.au

The Hon. Ted Baillieu, Premier of Victoria - ted.baillieu@parliament.vic.gov.au

Mr Andrew Katos, MP, Member for South Barwon - andrew.katos@parliament.vic.gov.au

Rick Werner

School Council President