2013 WHAT'S COMING UP

### DECEMBER

**Thurs**  5  **LAST CANTEEN DAY FOR 2013**
- School Council Dinner commencing at 7.00pm in the Grampians Cricket Clubrooms.

**Fri**  6  **P & F Dinner Meeting at Café 109 commencing at 7.00pm.**

**Sat**  7  **Grounds Maintenance team (Jason Linskens, Shelley Darroch, John Mirtschin) working at the school from 9.00am.**

**Mon**  9  **Active-After School break-up.**

**Tues**  10  **Orientation Day for Year 6 students going into Year 7 in 2014.**
- Kinder to Prep Transition Program - Orientation Day for Kinder students going into Prep in 2014. Kinder students attend school all day from 9.00am to 3.25pm.

**Wed**  11  **FINAL ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL session for Term 4.**

**Thurs**  12  **Final SAKG Kitchen Class for 2013 – a special Kitchen class will be held for the Year 6 students only.**
- Final SAKG Garden Class for 2013.

**Fri**  13  **Year 6 Graduation Dinner, Ceremony and Concert. Dinner will commence at 6.30pm sharp for Year 6 students and their parents along with staff and official guests. Family and friends are invited to attend the performance and presentation of awards at 7.45pm, which follow the Graduation Dinner.**
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Cleaning up and packing up in the Kitchen planned for Friday 13 December has been postponed to the beginning of the 2014 school year.

**Mon**  16  **CRE Concert commencing at 10.30am.**
- “Thank You” Morning Tea for school helpers and volunteers commencing at 11.00am.
- After recess students will walk to the Dunkeld Memorial Park for games and lunch followed by a swim at the Dunkeld Pool. **Students to bring their swimming gear and their own lunch.**

**Tues**  17  **Free ‘Sausage Sizzle’ lunch for students and staff provided by the P & F Association at 1.00pm.**

**Thurs**  19  **Clean up and tidy up in the SAKG Garden commencing at 10.00am – everyone welcome!**

**Fri**  20  **Students are encouraged to wear a “touch of Christmas cheer”.**
- **Mystery Gifts and Whole School End of Year Party (lunch will commence at 12.30pm).**
- **FINAL SPECIAL ASSEMBLY for 2013 commencing at 1.30pm.**
- **LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.**

**Sun**  22  **Dunkeld & District Community Carols – Saint Mary’s Anglican Church, Dunkeld commencing at 7.00pm.**

### JANUARY 2014

**Sat**  25  **Grounds Maintenance team (Shaun McIntyre, Jack Calvert, Mike Hanson) working at the school from 9.00am.**

**Sun**  26  **Australia Day Celebrations in the Dunkeld Memorial Park commencing at 8.00am. Egg and Bacon Brekkie.**

**Mon**  27  **AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**Tues**  28  **TEACHERS COMMENCE TERM 1 2014**

**Wed**  29  **FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 for students**

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**2013 SCHOOL COUNCIL, SUB-COMMITTEES AND P & F MEETING DATES**

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**FORMS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER**

SAKG Friends of the Kitchen Garden 2014 form – to be returned by Thursday 12 December 2013
FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

It has been 20 weeks since taking the position as Principal of Dunkeld Consolidated School and I continue to quietly go about this challenging and exciting role, learning something every single day. I would like to think I am a lot better at it now than I was back then.

I say to students that:
You don’t have to be the best at anything rather, your task is to get better at everything.
For me the most important task upon my arrival was to acquaint myself with every individual in our school. What an absolute pleasure it is to be able to engage with so many students, knowing a little bit about them as individuals, share some humour and at times offer what is hopefully sound advice. When students stop what they are doing in the playground (and it’s usually a fun thing) and elect to approach and begin conversations, I ask myself: ‘Why did he or she do that?’

I say to people that:
It’s all about trusting relationships and ‘oodles of appreciated feedback’.
This job can be really hard. Something which is difficult to manage occurs pretty much every day. Tasks planned can be placed at the bottom of a new list of tasks emerging as each day unfolds. I’m not totally sure yet, but I think this might be what makes being a principal worthwhile. Well, at least for now. I often find myself reciting a favourite quote which I think is one that takes a lot of thinking and interpreting. I used it often at assemblies in the past.

I say to 10, 11 and 12 year olds that:
All good is hard
All evil easy
Dying, losing, cheating and mediocrity are all easy
Stay away from easy

Something that is really hard, is to know the most important things to teach our children. Yes, we need them to be able to read, we need them to solve problems creatively and we need them to be respectful of others. With some exceptions, spelling does not get penalised in VCE exams. How important is spelling? Perfect word recognition in computers is just around the corner and so do we need handwriting or any form of writing? Is it all about the action of writing or is it the ideas represented in that writing? Do children need to memorise facts about history or geography or biology when, if they need it, it is available at the touch of a button.

When you were 10 years old, did you dream about owning a digital camera, an iPad, a mobile phone, a flat screen digital TV, reverse cameras on your car or self-parking cars for that matter. Did you cry out for ‘hot spot’ technology on the cricket, or You Tube, or a new e-mail address along with Facebook? The fact is that these are all things that we didn’t know until somebody created them. What will our world be like in 5 or 10 years? No-one knows but we do know that it will be significantly different to our world today; such is the exponential growth of knowledge and technology.

I say to people that:
We need to educate our children for their future, not our past. What a wonderfully complex thing to think about.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY AND AUSSIE OF THE MONTH AWARD
At our Special Assembly on Thursday 28 November, our special guest was Mr Joelan Jeffreys (Mr Jeffreys’ son). Joelan is currently in his fourth year of a five year double degree, Arts and Engineering, at Monash University. His love outside of studies is guitar and music.

The “Aussie of the Month” recipient for November was Year 1 student, Lucille Aarons for displaying all round qualities in all aspects of her life at school – respectful, good manners, humble, gives best effort, consistent in her actions and efforts, and a positive role model for peers. Joelan presented Lucille with her badge and certificate.

DUNKELD SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEWS
Interviews for the Year 6 Dunkeld Scholarship were conducted this week. All the Year 6 students were involved. The Dunkeld Scholarship and other award recipients will be announced at the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony on Friday 13 December.

REPORT WRITING
All teachers have been very busy assessing their students in preparation for report writing. Reports will be distributed in the last week of term.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER
Next Friday 13 December sees the Year 6 Graduation Dinner, performance and presentation of awards in the Dunkeld School Hall. The dinner for students and parents will commence at 6.30pm sharp. Family and friends are invited to attend the performance and presentation of awards at 7.45pm, which follow the Graduation Dinner. My thanks to the Year 5 parent organisers for the extensive preparations for a special evening for our graduands. Special thanks to Mrs Heather Macgugan for her tireless efforts in preparing the students for their graduation.

GROUND MAINTENANCE ROSTER 9.00am – 11.00am
Saturday 7 December Jason Linskens, Shelley Darroch, John Mirtschin
Saturday 25 January Shaun McIntyre, Jack Calvert, Mike Hanson

Thank you for your support to keep our school yard looking neat and tidy for our children to enjoy. Please arrange your own swap if you are unavailable to work on that month. If you have any queries please contact John Mirtschin on 0438 009 201.

STUDENT LEADERS 2014
The following outlines the School Leadership selection guidelines:
1. There will be two School Captains selected from Year 6, irrespective of house. A student may hold one senior leadership position.
2. Students aspiring to these positions must make a written application on the form provided. Parents are to sign their child’s application.
3. The School Captains will be selected by staff and informed prior to presentation of badge and certificate.
4. There will be two house captains for each house, nominees will be in Year 6; Year 5 students will be considered if there are not sufficient Year 6’s. Students in Years 2-5 will vote for nominated representatives in their house in the year preceding. The elected captains will be ratified by staff and they also will be informed prior to public presentation.
5. Staff will carefully supervise the program throughout the year and make any necessary adjustments.
6. Student Leaders are invited to provide comments and suggestions aimed at improving the leadership program in November.
7. Each classroom teacher will appoint a Class Captain each term.

At the end of the newsletter the leadership positions are listed and the duties required.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

Below are the awards for Weeks 7 and 8 of Term 4, beginning on Monday 18 November 2013:

- **Persistence** – Gemma Hill, Year 4/5/6: For your excellent attitude and your calm and dignified manner at all times. Well done with the sports too.
- **Getting Along** – Flynn Darroch, Year 1: For always being patient and thoughtful towards other children.
- **Resilience** – Olivia Mirtschin, Year 2/3: For returning to school this week and doing lots of catch up tests without any worries.
- **Confidence** – Amity Haley, Prep: For using great descriptive words to make her sentences more interesting.
- **Getting Along** – Anna Schurmann, Year 2/3: For being helpful and a caring friend to her classmates.
- **Confidence** – Lily Graham, Year 4/5/6: For the confidence and enthusiasm shown to tackle hard work that is new.
- **Confidence** – Rachel Hassett, Year 1: For doing some amazing descriptive writing. Well done!
- **Persistence** – Caleb Mirtschin, Prep: For working hard at home to learn his sight words. Great job!

**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER**

The final Special Assembly for Term 4 will be held on FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER commencing at 1.30pm.

The Aussie of the Month Award for December and Class Captain Reports will be presented at this assembly. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

**If building work is still in progress could you please enter the school hall through the doors near the Canteen, at the western end of the building.**

**HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS RESULTS**

Please find listed below the Age Champions for the recent House Athletics Sports:

- **6 Years & Under:**
  - **Girls:** Maddi Calvert
  - **Boys:** Lachie Phillips
- **7 Years:**
  - **Girls:** (India Ross)
  - **Boys:** Thomas Calvert
- **8 Years:**
  - **Girls:** Sarah Symes
  - **Boys:** Edward Williamson
- **9 Years:**
  - **Girls:** Miranda McIntyre
  - **Boys:** Vincent Huf
- **10 Years:**
  - **Girls:** Jessica Field
  - **Boys:** Iziiah Tuhakaraina

**11 Years:**
- **Girls:** Victoria Mawson
- **Boys:** Matthew Fry

**12/13 Years:**
- **Girls:** Anna Kelly
- **Boys:** Harry Wilkie

Listed below are the new records that were set at the House Athletics Sports:

- **Alexander Prentice, Wannon – 6 years & U Boys:**
  - Hurdles: 6.69 secs
- **Matthew Fry, Wannon - 11 years Boys:**
  - Shot Put: 10.25m
  - High Jump: 132cm

**FINAL RESULTS:**

- **Sturgeon:** 671
- **Wannon:** 650

One of the Sturgeon House Captains, Sam Riddle, accepted the House Athletics Sports trophy on behalf of the team.

**FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT …**

As another school year winds down inevitably we get caught up in the rush of Christmas get togethers, completion of tasks, buying presents etc and it feels like madness. Of course Christmas day usually allows for some reflection and most probably a good sleep for many of us who just need to say, ‘stop’. When will we take stock as a race and put a halt to the bedlam and regress that is bureaucracy and all the ridiculous red tape (in the guise of occupational health and safety) that we endure and actually allow us to once again enjoy the simple things that make life good. Luckily … our school still make our school and community such a great place, in particular your school councillors. With the Kitchen/Garden program, our school sporting teams, our parent working bees and P & F committee; we have a host of parents, grandparents and general community minded people. Our staff (including office staff) go way above their paid duties and have a special care for this place that makes you feel good. Back to the
councillors – they don’t as some probably think attend a meeting once a month and nod when the principal talks; they actually work tirelessly to ensure that the education standards we expect are met and the school continues to produce and maintain facilities in an environment second to none.

In saying that we do nod when the principal talks as I’m sure all those who have come across Paul have found he is a man who loves common sense, respects decency and acknowledges the worth of every pupil and person for that matter. Like Pat before him we have been blessed to have two men whose total resolve is to make the lot for our staff and students better and as School Council President watching one man depart and another arrive, I can say I have been very fortunate to experience just how much energy these two men have given and are giving to the future of our community.

When you bite into that Christmas pudding this year, maybe give a thought to being a volunteer, a school councillor, a School Council President or someone who just makes a positive difference in our school. As a former teacher of mine once said it is easy to be selfish and hide, it is even easier to criticise those having a go, but it takes courage and goodwill to be someone who does something for others. In the end your children’s future ambitions may just well depend on it.

Happy Christmas to all and a safe and healthy holiday period.

Stephen Field, School Council President

YEAR 6 GRADUATION
A reminder that the Year 6 Graduation will be held on Friday 13 December in the Dunkeld Consolidated School Hall. The dinner for students and parents will commence at 6.30pm sharp.

DRESS CODE: The Grade 6 graduates are to wear neat casual/good clothes to the dinner. Please do not purchase special dresses or clothing. No make-up, nail polish etc or thongs. The students need specific clothes for their performance. A note was sent home earlier this week with students. FULL school summer uniform, with black leather shoes, is required for the presentation of awards at the end of the evening.

TRANSITION PROGRAMS
As part of the Kinder to Prep Transition Program the Dunkeld Kindergarten students attended the Dunkeld Consolidated School on Thursday 28 November. The day concluded with a Special Assembly, including a special performance by the Kinder students.

We extend a warm welcome to the following new Preps to our school in 2014:

- Georgia Adams
- Myles Alderman
- Will Balkin
- Matthew Calvert
- Elise Cox
- Alisha Cross
- Hamish Darroch
- George Field
- Lucy Fraser
- Angus Frost
- Lillian Glazebrook
- Connor Gordon
- Taylor Haley
- Taj Hassett
- Angus Heazlewood
- James Heazlewood
- Bonnie Jackson
- Leah Morelli
- Hayden Phillips
- Grace Potter
- Jack Reynolds
- Jenima Ross
- Noah Watts

Please note that the state-wide Orientation Day will be held on Tuesday 10 December. The Kindergarten students and Year 6 students are to attend their respective 2014 School all day.

DUNKELD POSTER COMPETITION FIRES AGAIN
The students of Dunkeld Consolidated School have again participated in the annual poster competition sponsored by the Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade.

The competition, organised by Brigade Communications Officer Helena Flinn for the last 30 years, encourages students in all grades to produce a poster on a theme related to fire prevention. This year the theme was “Summer Beware, Time to Prepare”.

Prizes, in the form of book vouchers, were presented to the winners in each grade:

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Brigade Captain Michael Gordon and his daughter, Brigade member Felicity, presented prizes to the winners and consolation prizes to the runners-up.

The Brigade wishes to thank all those in the school community for supporting this worthwhile project, and Terrie Nicholson for taking the photo.

Peter Flinn

ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITIES (AASC)
The final AASC session will now be held on Wednesday 11 December instead of Monday 9 December. On Monday 9 December we will be having a small break-up to celebrate the end of another AASC year!

Karen Kent, AASC Co-ordinator
ACTIVITY WEEK – 16 to 20 December
The last week of school – Monday 16 to Friday 20 December is being planned as an Activity Week with all classes involved.

The students will be working in multi-age groups and will rotate through activities including art, Christmas craft, indoor and outdoor games, music and dance as well as a Tabloid Sport and a movie afternoon.

Monday 16 December:
9.30am Social Service Christmas Stall
10.30am CRE Concert

11.00am “Thank You Morning Tea” for all the helpers and volunteers who have helped us throughout the year.

11.30am Picnic Day – pool and picnic lunch.
Students will walk to the Memorial Park after recess for games and lunch. Students to bring their own lunch. Then weather permitting a swim before returning to school.

Tuesday 17 December:
1.00pm P & F Association will provide a FREE “Sausage Sizzle” for the students and staff.

Friday 20 December: Students are also encouraged to wear a “touch of Christmas cheer” on this day:
Mystery Gifts and class activities
12.30pm Whole School End of Year Party (shared lunch)
1.30pm Special Assembly
2.30pm Dismissal (one hour early)

MYSTERY GIFTS
To help celebrate Christmas and the end of the school year, we are going to enjoy a Mystery Gift activity in each classroom.

Please send a wrapped Christmas gift to school worth no more than $5.00 and suitable for both boys and girls. Please keep it a secret from your own child!

On the last day of school these gifts will be opened and your child will receive a different gift to take home.

To receive a gift your child will need to bring one to put under the Christmas tree.

WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR PARTY
On Friday 20 December, we will be having an end-of-year party at lunchtime. It would be great to have a variety of savoury and sweet foods for the children to enjoy.

The children in Prep to Year 3 are to bring sweet food and the children in Years 4 to 6 are to bring savoury food. Each child is to bring a very small plate of food to share as this will cut down on wastage.

Savoury food ideas:
- Sandwiches
- Sausage Rolls
- Party Pies
- Cocktail savs
- Chips/Twisties
- Dips and biscuits/veggie sticks

Sweet food ideas:
- Fairy bread
- Chocolate balls
- Sweet biscuits
- Fruit platter

Could all food that needs to be hot please be delivered (already heated) to the school at 12.00noon.

PARENT PAYMENT CHARGES 2014
The 2014 Parent Payment charges as approved by School Council are as follows: Prep and Year 1: $170.00 per student, Year 2 – Year 6: $180.00 per student. PLEASE DO NOT FORWARD PAYMENT UNTIL THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 2014 SCHOOL YEAR. If you have any queries please contact the school office.

MISSING – SCHOOL RUGBY JUMPERS
A size 6 school rugby jumper belonging to Lucille Aarons (name marked on a white label) and a school rugby jumper belonging to Vincent Huf are missing. Could students please check their bags to make sure they haven’t taken one of these jumpers home by mistake.

From the Kitchen
- Many Thanks to Mr Rob Smith who donned the apron and with an expert team prepared and shared with our Year 5 and 6 students while I was unable to attend. Thanks Rob by all reports the curry was magnificent. (Thanks Sandy Roache, Melissa McIntyre and Kathy Young for sharing the load!)
- Our Leadership and Induction for 2014 was held last Thursday and we welcomed the Grade 2 students to the kitchen in preparation for 2014. I look forward to preparing and sharing with them.
- Congratulations to ALL Year 5 students. Your task at being mature, responsible and helpful was very evident with your ‘Year 2 buddies. I felt very proud of you all as I watched and listened as you showed the eager Year 2 children the ‘what, where and how’ of the kitchen class. You will make fine leaders of our school next year. Well done.
- Our menu: Gozleme – A Turkish dish - we harvested, spinach and parsley, made our own dough and pan fried them.
- Our leafy salad with a variety of leaves including beetroot and iceberg, with calendula petals for colour accompanied by 2 dressings: Thai Chilli dressing and honey mustard vinaigrette.
- Frittata made with our hen’s eggs mixed with silverbeet and cabbage.
- Frozen Rhubarb Yoghurt completed our meal together.
- Saturday 23 November Melissa McIntyre, Sandy Roache and I travelled to Landscape designer Paul Bangay’s ‘Stonefield’ property Open Garden - north of Daylesford with all proceeds donated to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation. We were lucky enough to meet both Paul and Stephanie. Stephanie asked how the Kitchen Garden program was going at Dunkeld and guessed that the garden would be flourishing with all the rain we have had. I have donated a book to the Kitchen and Stephanie has kindly signed it for the Dunkeld Consolidated School. A very enjoyable day.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

PLEASE NOTE: The cleaning up and packing up session in the Kitchen planned for Friday 13 December has been postponed to the beginning of the 2014 school year.
We were fortunate enough to be given an opportunity to raise funds of approximatley $500.00 for our program by preparing the Dunkeld Museum’s Annual Christmas Dinner on Monday evening. We thank the Dunkeld Museum for the opportunity for us to raise funds to go towards equipment purchases, gardening supplies and other resources so we can continue to offer the wonderful experiences the program has to offer.

Thank you to our ‘Friends’ of the Kitchen Garden program for your donations of funds, produce and time so as the evening could be a success. You are so very generous and we are very grateful.

Thank you from the SAKG Program.
Ann Howard, Lisa McIntyre and Clare Kennedy

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS
Marinated Olives from 2013 Harvest
Olive & Spice $5.00
Olive & Herbs $7.00
available at The Old Bakery &
Wild Plum Café
Dunkeld Authorised Newsagency
The Old Bakery & Wild Plum Café proudly supports the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.
All proceeds support the Dunkeld Consolidated School SAKG Program.
We thank Paul Sanders, Pauline Yule, Nikki & Colin Parker for their continued support.

From the Garden
It continues to be a fantastic growing season for our plants. The garden is growing like a jungle, and everything looks healthy and lush. Unfortunately though, the rain seems to fall mainly on Thursdays, (and we’re pretty sure it has nothing to do with Bev Hampton being there to help??!!) so our time outside has been quite limited. But we have put our inside time to good use, by investigating edible and poisonous plants, insect spotting and identification, and pollen movement. The children made pollen traps using white cards smeared with Vaseline, and then tied them up outside, to see what they could “catch”. A week later they collected them, and using magnifying glasses, described what they could see. Some Vaseline turned yellow, indicating a possible thick cloud of pollen, some had insects caught, grass flowers, dust and dirt, and we even found some eggs (we think) laid on a card. It has gone home, to watch and see what happens. We are waiting to hear the result!! We have also had two visits from the Dunkeld Kinder children – they were very busy sessions, with over 40 children! My sincere thanks go to our Friends who were able to help out for these two days, even though they weren’t rostered on. They made the class work so well, and the children really had a good chance to become engaged in the activities.

We have planted and sown corn, peas, capsicums, watermelons, and whatever we have left in the shade house! We’ve harvested lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower, parsley, rhubarb, silverbeet, spinach, peas, beans, potatoes, thyme, coriander, oregano, leeks, onions, flowers, beetroot and celery. We are waiting for a fine day to windrow our canola; now that should be interesting! We will dry it out, collect the seed and crush it, to show the children the full process.

We thank sincerely all the local farmers (Roger Napier, John McIntyre, Russell Macgugan/Footy Club, Kevin Peters, Craig Oliver and Rob Hartwich), for donating poly pipe and posts to help build guards around our fruit trees – we are looking forward to presenting you with a jar of jam (though p’raps not this year....!). Todd Burger is designing and building the frame for us, and again, we thank him so much for his efforts and time. It never fails to astound me how helpful and generous our local community is.

We must also thank the fantastic team that helped cater for the Museum dinner on Monday night, to raise money for the SAKG program. It was a great effort, and we are very grateful that you could help us do it, with your help; it was a very enjoyable task!

Lastly, we are asking again for help to water the garden and check the chooks over the summer holidays. We would greatly appreciate it if your family were able to help in any way, even if only for a day. It is a great job for the family, and we will make it as easy and convenient a job as possible. And of course, in return, any fruit or vegies, herbs or flowers (or eggs) that are ready to pick – are yours to take home. Please get in touch with me if you’d like to know more, or to offer help.

Thanks!
Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden Specialist

Watering and Chook Roster - Summer holidays 2013-2014
Dear School Family or Friend
We are drawing up a Watering and Chook Checking roster for our garden over the summer holidays, and hoping that you will be able to help. We’ll try to get as many families and friends as possible on the roster, to minimise the time each are required to water. Last year, the most anyone was rostered on for, was for 3 days, thanks to the great response we had.

Dates for the Watering and Chook Checking Roster:

| Week 1 | Monday 23 December – Sunday 29 December |
| Week 2 | Monday 30 December - Sunday 5 January |
| Week 3 | Monday 6 January – Sunday 12 January |
| Week 4 | Monday 13 January – Sunday 19 January |
| Week 5 | Monday 20 January - Sunday 26 January |
| Week 6 | Monday 27 January – Tuesday 28 January |

We hope you can help us!
Please contact me with any dates that suit you:
Lisa McIntyre
5574 9235  0428 749 235  advancel@bigpond.com

COMMUNITY CAROLS
Students from Grades Prep to 6 are invited to participate in the Community Carols on:

Sunday 22 December at Saint Mary’s Anglican Church, Wills Street, Dunkeld at 7.00pm followed by supper (please bring a plate of food to share). Children can wear casual clothes, Christmas hats, Santa hats, reindeer antlers, tinsel in girls’ hair etc.

Dunkeld Museum Annual Dinner
Thank you from the SAKG Program.

Fundraising - Preparing and Sharing
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EASTERN QUOLLS
Ms Cecilia Myers and Ms Hayley Glover from Dunkeld Pastoral Company have advised that the following names have been chosen for the Eastern Quoll young born this year:

- Ingalo
- Indiana
- Indexia
- Ida
- Importurtle
- Incisor
- Index
- Isadora
- Millie
- Inke
- Imogen
- Ivy
- Ironman
- Intro
- Inzo
- Idalia
- Iggy
- Impi
- Igor
- Ira
- Indigo
- Icy

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
What an amazing response we have had to our major Christmas Raffle from school families and the wider community. It is fantastic to see so many people get behind this fundraising initiative, with scores of families making an OUTSTANDING effort in selling numerous books. We may be a small school but collectively we have a big heart.

A friendly reminder to everyone to get their books (and monies) in quickly, as all books need to be in ahead of the last Special Assembly on Friday 20 December when the raffle will be drawn. There are still some books available at the front office that we would love to see sold, so please keep up the momentum and grab another book or two and get selling!

The School Camps and Excursions Program is the beneficiary of the funds raised and we’re sure everyone agrees that this is a fantastic learning opportunity for our children.

Please contact Emma Gordon if you are interested in any via email: catman22@bigpond.net.au or mobile: 0427 823 363.

- **Chuppa Chups** - Frisbee triangle, 10 individual Chuppa Chups and a packet of 8 Chuppa Chups.
- **Freddo Frog** - a packet of playing cards with Freddo on them and 10 assorted Freddo Frogs.
- **Rock Star** - bubble microphone, clip on coloured hair, fingerless glove, stickers, mobile phone stickers, inflatable guitar, and a tinsel wig.
- **Total girl** - little elastic hair ties, 2 best friend plastic bracelets, star wand and star hair band, colour skin for mobile, diamond tattoos, hair extensions (clip on hair), stickers, stationery set and flower lei.

Next Meeting: The next P & F meeting will be held in February 2014. This will be a general meeting that will see us reviewing the past year and beginning the groundwork for the year to come. The P & F’s AGM will be in March. All positions will be declared open for nominations for those who are interested in taking on a role in the P & F.

- **President**: Chairs the meetings, assists secretary (when required) and works with school council and the Principal to open lines of communication to have a productive working relationship.
- **Vice President**: Assists the President in their duties if required and chairs meetings if needed.
- **Treasurer**: Liaises with the office staff to keep track of P & F funds and gives monthly reports
- **Secretary**: Prepares meeting agendas, takes the minutes of meetings, reports these minutes back to members, works with office staff to have notices printed in newsletter about upcoming events, rosters and meetings.
- **School Council Co-opted Member**: Represents the P & F at School Council meetings. The representative reports to P & F about school council meetings and puts to School Council motions put forward by the P & F.

If you have any questions about the P & F roles, please feel free to contact Emma Gordon on 5577 2660 or via email catman22@bigpond.com.au for more details.

The P & F Association is for the school community and aims to benefit our students and school. The P & F Committee very much appreciate the support we receive from our school families.

Emma Gordon, President and Kellie White, Secretary

CHRISTMAS STALL on Monday 16 December

The Social Service Christmas Stall will be held on Monday morning 16 December from approximately 9.30am. This stall is a general family stall and this makes the choice of donated gifts much easier! Christmas decorations and children’s gifts have proven popular in the past.

Here are a few suggestions for gifts for the stall: soap, make-up, perfume, nails, screws, baby toys, toy cars, marbles, notebooks, pens, pencils, diaries, photo frames, chocolates, jewellery, handkerchiefs, photo albums, home baking, plants, mugs, cards, Christmas decorations, craft items, etc.

If possible, could gifts please be wrapped in coloured or clear cellophane so the children can see what they are purchasing.

The students can bring in donations and leave at the front office from now onwards.

Please remember that we count the total gifts donated and divide by the number of children. This is to see how many gifts each child may purchase on the day. The more gifts that are donated, the more gifts that can be purchased by each

SALE SALE SALE

The P & F have some showbags left over from our stall at the Discover Dunkeld weekend that we would like to sell.

- For sale for $5 are the Freddo Frog and the Chuppa Chup showbags.
- For sale for $6 are the Total Girls and Rock Star showbags.

These bags were very popular with the children and would make great stocking fillers or gifts! **Numbers are limited so it will be first in first served.**
child. All money raised is donated to charities chosen by the senior students.

We sell the gifts in a price range from $1.00 to $3.00. A raffle is also held, at the cost of 50 cents a ticket, with the larger donated gifts making up the prize list. The helpers choose the prizes from the donated gifts.

For this morning to run smoothly we need help from parents.

We will need six to eight helpers on the Monday morning, from 9.00am to collect the donations as the children arrive, price them, lay them out in the hall and help to serve on the stall. Please consider offering to help, it is a very rewarding experience and good fun. Thanking you in advance for your time and donations, they are greatly appreciated. Younger children are welcome and names can be left with Emma Gordon on 5577 2660 or via email: catman22@bigpond.net.au

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School Captains will:
- Represent the school and contribute to a range of school activities including performing arts activities and special observances such as Australia Day, Anzac Day and Remembrance Day.
- Thank official guests and make other short speeches.
- Mentor other school leaders.
- Prepare and conduct school activities such as Friday Assembly (with staff support and guidance as required).
- Participate in and lead others in the “Buddy System” designed to support the school’s Prep children.
- Assist staff to maintain a safe and happy school environment.
- Assist in the development of other students by delegating responsibilities and encouraging all students to act as leaders within the school.

DUTIES OF A HOUSE CAPTAIN
House Captains will:
- Be responsible for sports teams before and after major sports events.
- Assist staff to organize sporting events at other times.
- Encourage sportsmanlike behaviour in their team and the highest levels of participation by all team members.
- Make sure that all students have the opportunity to participate in all competitions.
- Assist with the maintenance of sporting equipment and make sure that it is packed away properly after sport.
- Organize sports equipment for use by grades.
- Assist in the development of other students by delegating responsibilities and encouraging all students to act as leaders within the school.

DUTIES OF A SENIOR STUDENT
Senior Students will:
- Be deputized by the Principal for a School Captain or House Captain who is absent.
- Assist in conducting school assemblies on a rostered basis.
- Assist staff to maintain the school environment, especially in relation to health and safety issues – this could include co-ordinating the regular tidying of the school grounds.
- Assist or lead in such areas as library co-ordination, the flying of the school flag, retrieval and lining of bins, wet weather timetable-table library monitoring and the ringing of the school bell in accordance with designated times as posted outside the main office under the official time clock or under specific instructions from the principal or staff.
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DUTIES OF A BUS CAPTAIN
Bus Captains will:
- Assist in the marking of daily bus rolls.
- Report to the Principal any problems which have arisen on the bus.
- Be a role model to other students in the correct manner of being a bus passenger.

DUTIES OF A PERFORMING ARTS CAPTAIN
Performing Arts Captains will:
- Assist the performing arts teacher with loading and unloading of equipment.
- Be an active participant in performing arts activities (concert performances, eisteddfod, ceremonies).
- Act as M.C. and make other short speeches as required.
- Assist the replacement performing arts teacher.

DUTIES OF THE STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN AND GARDEN CAPTAIN:
Kitchen and Garden Captains will:
- Assist staff with the watering and feeding roster for the chickens.
- Assist staff with the egg collection roster.
- Regularly inspect and report on the condition of the garden.
- Report on the Kitchen and Garden happenings at Special Assemblies.
- Liaise with the SAKG Specialists and staff.

DUTIES OF A CLASS CAPTAIN
Class Captains will:
- Assist the class teacher, specialist teacher and any replacement teacher with “day to day” classroom activities.
- Prepare and deliver a class report at the Special Assemblies.
- Be a role model for classmates- wear school uniform, use manners, be considerate.
- Thank official guests and make other short speeches.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES FOR THE BUSHFIRE SEASON
The way schools in Victoria respond to bushfires is being constantly revised. Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools – and children’s services – identified as being at highest bushfire risk have been included on the Bushfire-At Risk Register (BARR) and will be closed on days determined by fire authorities to be Code Red. Our school has been identified as a school at highest bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to three days’ notice of a planned closure following the issue of a Code Red warning by the CFA. We will contact you directly with advice on planned closures and will confirm the decision to close by 12 noon the day before the planned closure.
Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child.

- No staff will be on site on days when the school is closed by the risk of fire.
- Active After-School Communities (AASC) sessions will be cancelled on these days.
- School camps will be cancelled if the area where the camp is taking place is at risk.
- There may also be changes to school bus routes. Depending on routes, this may also occur on days when the school is not closed.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days, children should never be left at home unattended or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire-prone area, the safest option when a Code Red day is declared may be to leave the night before, or early in the morning of the Code Red day.

**What can parents do?**

- Make sure your family’s Bushfire Survival Plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements for your children in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au, and by talking to your child’s teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency plans.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s Bushfire Survival Plan.

For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season and Bushfire Survival Planning, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program 2014

We need volunteers – Friends of the Kitchen Garden. It is essential for the success of the Program. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends we cannot do it without you! The Kitchen Garden Program relies on many people for it to work to its full potential. We need ‘Friends’ for our Kitchen Garden Program.

The Kitchen Garden Program aims to introduce young children to the wonderful world of good food through developing, growing and harvesting a productive food garden and a kitchen environment that includes a nurturing place to prepare and share food, as an integral part of the school curriculum.

In order to achieve our aim we need people who are enthusiastic about making a difference. You can volunteer in the kitchen or the garden or both.

The Specialist provides instruction and guidance at the beginning of class to volunteers, teachers and students. Relax; you don’t need to be an expert!

A training evening will be held early in the first term of 2014 for All ‘Friends’ & Staff of the Kitchen Garden Program new and experienced.

SAKG 2014

If you would like to be part of this well established program please fill in and return this form to the Dunkeld School Office by Thursday 12 December 2013

2014 Garden Sessions will be held on a Thursday each week for all grades. Kitchen Sessions are for Grade 3 – 6 students.

Name______________________________________________  Contact Phone No__________________________

Email________________________________________________________________________________________

THURSDAY – Grade 3/4 and 5/6 sessions on alternate weeks

Friend of the Garden (You are welcome to stay for one or more sessions)
11.15 – 12.00am  (Grade 1)  Weekly
12.15 – 1.00pm  (Grade Prep)  Fortnightly
1.35pm – 2.35pm  (Grade 2/3)  Monthly
2.35pm – 3.20pm  (Grade 4/5/6)

Friend of the Kitchen
11.00pm - 1.00pm  Weekly  Fortnightly  Monthly
MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

Dunkeld Public Lands Committee Sawmill BBQ  
Friday 6 December 6.00pm

Dunkeld Public Lands Committee Salt Creek Working Bee  
Sunday 8 December 9.00am

SES training  
Wednesday 11 December

Dunkeld Arboretum Christmas Barbeque  
Friday 13 December 6.00pm

Dunkeld & District CWA Meeting  
Wednesday 18 December

Dunkeld Santa Competition Entries Close  
Sunday 22 December

Dunkeld & District Community Carols – Saint Mary’s Anglican Church  
Sunday 22 December 7.00pm

Dunkeld Christmas Eve Town Santa Run  
Tuesday 24 December 7.00pm

Dunkeld Museum Committee Meeting  
Monday 20 January 8.00pm

COMMUNITY NEWS & MEETINGS

DUNKELD ARBORETUM CHRISTMAS BARBEQUE

Members are reminded that our Christmas Barbeque will be held in the Arboretum on Friday December 13 from 6.00pm. Meat will be supplied but please bring a salad to share, your own drinks and a chair. We look forward to seeing you there.

MIRRANATWA UNITING CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The Mirranatwa Uniting Church will open on Sunday 22 December at 2.00pm, for an ecumenical Christmas Service, with Rev Peter Cook. We invite people of all denominations and non-church goers as well, to join us for this service and for afternoon tea afterwards. Enquiries: Margo Dark 55740 222, Iris Field 5574 0202

PANYYABYR UNITING CHURCH

You are invited to join with us at our Annual Christmas Eve Service at 7.30pm. Our Service this year will be conducted by Mrs Elaine Edwards. We will have a light supper at the conclusion of the Service.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Please refer to the attached class lists. Thank you.
Jen McArthur 5573 3265

DUNKELD CHRISTMAS EVE TOWN SANTA RUN

Santa will visit the streets of Dunkeld on Christmas Eve (which will be Tuesday 24 December), commencing at 7:00pm. Out of town children are welcome to wait at the Post Office end of the Memorial Park.

Many thanks to the Dunkeld & District Lions Club; Colin and Nikki Parker, Dunkeld Newsagency; Alan and Kerri Jones; the Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade and the Victorian State Emergency Service, Dunkeld Unit – who make this community event possible.

Any enquiries please ring Heather Hampton on 5577 2240. Thank you.

DUNKELD AND DISTRICT CWA

Dunkeld and District CWA would like to thank the wider community for the generous donations that helped us to complete 20 birthing kits at our November meeting!

These basic kits will help to provide donations to women in less fortunate countries with essential items to provide a hygienic childbirth. We will be producing more of these kits next year to continue our support to these women.

December meeting of the Dunkeld and District Country Women's Association will be held at Café 109 on Wednesday 18 December at 7.30pm. Attendees are asked to bring a
wrapped Kris Kringle gift to the value of $5 - $10. Meeting open to members, friends and interested women. Please RSVP by Friday the 13th.

Louise Patterson, President - 5574 0248
Katie Adams, Secretary – 0417 470 712

SERRA TERROR - June long weekend 2014
Registrations are now open for the 2014 Serra Terror. The Dunkeld Adventure team invite teams to take advantage of early bird discount entry, available until 31 December 2013.

Team Challenge: 4 members @ $200 each (normally $250)
Relay Challenge: 5-8 members. Early bird $1000 (normally $1200)

www.dunkeldadventure.com.au
The 5th in the series will be the 'Three Ranges Traverse', travelling from the west, across the Victoria, Serra and Mt William Ranges. Another unique experience, not to be missed.

DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE
Caravan Park: The footings are now ready for the unit. The men from Workskills completed them on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you to Gary Wall and Brian Matthews for helping. We expect the unit to arrive later this week.
I mentioned last week the need to have an assistant caretaker when Gary goes away. It may be a way to earn a few extra dollars. Talk to Prustie or me if you want more information.

Conservation Volunteers: Katherine is having her ankle operation this week and will be away for up to 8 weeks. When she returns we will be looking for projects. So far 10,000 trees have been planted on 4 farms – a good start. We wish Katherine the best with her ankle.

Sawmill: Don't forget the breakup on Friday 6 December at 6.00pm. We supply the meat for our sawmill group and partners. Please bring a chair and your drinks. A salad or sweet would be appreciated.

Salt Creek: The grass growth has been rapid and the creek banks are overgrown. For safety reasons we will hold a working bee on Sunday 8 December at 9.00 am. Brush cutters would be ideal. Some mowing could be attempted. Please try to attend.

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Dunkeld & District Community Bank®
Branch is proud to say that we have officially givenback to our communities over $70,000 in sponsorship and grants all in less than 3 years of operation. In fact, $35,000 of the total amount has been returned to the Dunkeld community alone!
The only way this has been possible is because people just like you have made the decision to support their communities by banking with us.

As of November 2013 Dunkeld & District Community Bank® Branch recorded 685 different customer relationships that bank with us. From everyday transaction accounts and term deposits, loans to insurances and business accounts to piggy passbooks, this shows how a small number of people can make a huge difference. So 685 people have created 70,000 reasons to bank with us. Are you one of them?

DUNKELD POSTER COMPETITION FIRES AGAIN
The students of Dunkeld Consolidated School have again participated in the annual poster competition sponsored by Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade.

The competition, organised by Brigade Communications Officer Helena Flinn for the last 30 years, encourages students in all grades to produce a poster on a theme related to fire prevention. This year the theme was "Summer Beware, Time to Prepare".

Prizes, in the form of book vouchers, are presented to the winners in each grade.

Brigade Captain Michael Gordon and his daughter, Brigade member Felicity, presented prizes to the winners and consolation prizes to the runners-up.

The Brigade wishes to thank all those in the school community for supporting this worthwhile project, and Terrie Nicholson for taking the photo.

Peter Flinn

Back Row (left to right): Jemma White, Jessica Field, Amelia Jackson, Sophie Darroch, Isaac Hanson, Dylan Ross
Front Row (left to right): Evie Graham, Dunkeld Fire Brigade Captain Michael Gordon, Alexander Prentice, Xanthe Huf, Ben Potter, and Edward Williamson

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DUNKELD SANTA COMPETITION
Santa Claus is nearly here Bringing lots of Christmas cheer So let's all get very busy And build a Santa Claus There are lots and lots of clever ways ... What about a rubbish bin? Or sitting in a tree? He could be hanging in a tree Or clinging to the roof And best of all you win $100.00 Just complete an entry form at the Dunkeld Post Office Entries close Sunday 22 December.

From the Kitchen Garden...
From the Kitchen

- Many Thanks to Mr Rob Smith who donned the apron and with an expert team prepared and shared with our Year 5 and 6 students while I was unable to attend. Thanks Rob by all reports the curry was magnificent. (Thanks Sandy Roache, Melissa McIntyre and Kathy Young for sharing the load!)
- Our Leadership and Induction for 2014 was held last Thursday and we welcomed the Grade 2 students to the kitchen in preparation for 2014. I look forward to preparing and sharing with them.
- Congratulations to ALL Year 5 students. Your task at being mature, responsible and helpful was very evident with your 'Year 2 buddies. I felt very proud of you all as I watched and listened as you showed the eager Year 2 children the 'what, where and how' of the kitchen class. You will make fine leaders of our school next year. Well done.
- Our menu: Gozleme – A Turkish dish - we harvested, spinach and parsley, made our own dough and pan fried them. Our leafy salad with a variety of leaves including beetroot and iceberg, with calendula petals for colour accompanied by 2 dressings: Thai Chilli dressing and honey mustard vinaigrette. Frittata made with our hen’s eggs mixed with silverbeet and cabbage. Frozen Rhubarb Yoghurt completed our meal together.
- Saturday 23 November Melissa McIntyre, Sandy Roache and I travelled to Landscape designer Paul Bangay’s ‘Stonefield’ property Open Garden - north of Daylesford with all proceeds donated to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation. We were lucky enough to meet both Paul and Stephanie. Stephanie asked how the Kitchen Garden program was going at Dunkeld and guessed that the garden would be flourishing with all the rain we have had. I have donated a book to the Kitchen and Stephanie has kindly signed it for the Dunkeld Consolidated School. A very enjoyable day.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

PLEASE NOTE: The cleaning up and packing up session in the Kitchen planned for Friday 13 December has been postponed to the beginning of the 2014 school year.

Fundraising - Preparing and Sharing
Dunkeld Museum Annual Dinner
We were fortunate enough to be given an opportunity to raise funds of approximately $500.00 for our program by preparing the Dunkeld Museum’s Annual Christmas Dinner on Monday evening. We thank the Dunkeld Museum for the opportunity for us to raise funds to go towards equipment purchases, gardening supplies and other resources so we can continue to offer the wonderful experiences the program has to offer. Thank you to our ‘Friends’ of the Kitchen Garden program for your donations of funds, produce and time so as the evening could be a success. You are so very generous and we are very grateful.

Thank you from the SAKG Program.
Ann Howard, Lisa McIntyre and Clare Kennedy

From the Garden
It continues to be a fantastic growing season for our plants. The garden is growing like a jungle, and everything looks healthy and lush. Unfortunately though, the rain seems to fall mainly on Thursdays, (and we’re pretty sure it has nothing to do with Bev Linskens being there to help?!?) so our time outside has been quite limited. But we have put our inside time to good use, by investigating edible and poisonous plants, insect spotting and identification, and pollen movement. The children made pollen traps using white cards smeared with Vaseline, and then tied them up outside, to see what they could “catch”. A week later they collected them, and using magnifying glasses, described what they could see. Some Vaseline turned yellow, indicating a possible thick cloud of pollen, some had insects caught, grass flowers, dust and dirt, and we even found some eggs (we think) laid on a card. It has gone home, to watch and see what happens. We are waiting to hear the result!!! We have also had two visits from the Dunkeld Kinder children – they were very busy sessions, with over 40 children! My sincere thanks go to our Friends who were able to help out for these two days, even though they weren’t rostered on. They made the class work so well, and the children really had a good chance to become engaged in the activities.

We have planted and sown corn, peas, capsicums, watermelons, and whatever we have left in the shade house! We’ve harvested lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower, parsley, rhubarb, silverbeet, spinach, peas, beans, potatoes, thyme, coriander, oregano, leeks, onions, flowers, beetroot and celery. We are waiting for a fine day to windrow our canola; now that should be interesting! We will dry it out, collect the seed and crush it, to show the children the full process.

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Watering and Chook Roster - Summer holidays 2013-2014
Dear School Family or Friend
We are drawing up a Watering and Chook Checking roster for our garden over the summer holidays, and hoping that you will be able to help. We'll try to get as many families and friends as possible on the roster, to minimise the time each are required to water. Last year, the most anyone was rostered on for, was for 3 days, thanks to the great response we had.

Dates for the Watering and Chook Checking Roster:
- Week 1 Monday 23 December – Sunday 29 December
- Week 2 Monday 30 December - Sunday 5 January
- Week 3 Monday 6 January – Sunday 12 January
- Week 4 Monday 13 January – Sunday 19 January
- Week 5 Monday 20 January - Sunday 26 January
- Week 6 Monday 27 January – Tuesday 28 January

We hope you can help us!
Please contact me with any dates that suit you.
Lisa McIntyre
5574 9235  0428 749 235  advancel@bigpond.com

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council has organised a major raffle to raise funds for the School Camps and Excursion Program.
FOUR FANTASTIC prizes are on offer:
1st Prize:  Asus Vivo Tablet
2nd Prize:  Luggage Set
3rd Prize:  Olympus Digital Camera
4th Prize:  Portable Barbecue and trolley

Tickets are $2.00 each and are available from students, the school and several local businesses - Dunkeld Post Office, Izzy’s Mountain View Café, Dunkeld Newsagency, Café 109 and Robco Convenience Store.

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 20 December.

There is an incentive prize of a $100.00 TOYWORLD voucher for the school family that sells the most books of tickets! Thank you for your support!

“Grampians Ark” and “Grampians to Grasslands”
FOX CONTROL PROGRAMS
Participants, residents, landholders and visitors please be advised that the latest Fox Baiting Pulse begins Monday 7 October and will run to Sunday 8 December 2013. Baits can be picked up at Kelly and Henson, you will need to provide your ACUP and note which program you’re involved in. Please also fill the bait data form provided. We need to provide some data and evidence of bait take as part of the program requirements. We are also very interested in hearing of other fox control methods, if you have numbers of foxes caught spotlighting or on day shoots etc, we’d be very interested to hear of them. Every bit counts! If you are interested in joining this program, please contact me.
Lisa McIntyre 5574 9235

DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH
RSL Membership
We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.

If you join or renew your 2014 membership during 1 November 2013 and 31 December 2013, you will automatically be eligible to win a trip for two travelling Gold Service on the Indian Pacific from Perth to Sydney.

FROM THE LIONS DEN
Since the last newsletter we have hosted a dinner at Café 109 Parker Street for the District Governor and also the Cavendish and Penshurst clubs. The night was a great success, good food, good wine and good company (around 50 people). The highlight for the night was the induction into the Penshurst club of six new members. The following week Liz and I went to Macarthur to help them celebrate 40 years of service to the community. One can only imagine how many hours of service and how many dollars were raised for projects and charities by the Macarthur Lions in that time. Congratulations to the new members of Penshurst and to Macarthur for the years of service they have given their community.

While I was at Macarthur I was talking to some older generation men and the conversation came onto computers and ‘new Age’ gadgets, and how we were behind the times. I told them about how far behind the times I was but I think I met my match. One of the men told the story about how he decided to do the dishes at his daughter’s place when they were having a family party. He diligently washed all the dishes on the sink and from the bench, including a small chopping board. You guessed it, the chopping board was his grandsons iPod, nicely immersed into the water and the outside scrubbed with steel wool. Sometimes it is nice to be beaten in to second place.

Peter Hinchey

DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE
Committee Meeting: Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 20 January 2014 commencing at 8:00pm at the Dunkeld Museum.

Annual Christmas Dinner and Guest Speaker: The Dunkeld Museum Annual Christmas Dinner was held at the Dunkeld Consolidated School and was catered for by the SAKG program. We enjoyed a wonderful and delicious meal in comfortable surroundings, and we were looked after extremely well by the volunteer waiters. We highly recommend the SAKG catering team to other community groups!

Thank you to everyone involved in ‘growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing’ – it was a most enjoyable meal and evening!

Our dinner was followed by a very interesting and informative presentation by Sergeant Kelly McNaughton, which covered a variety of topics, included policing in Dunkeld many years ago and current policing issues and tactics.
Museum Duty: The following volunteers are on Museum duty from 1.00pm – 5.00pm on:
Sunday 8 Dec Geoff Hinchliffe & Erin O’Neil
Sunday 15 Dec Bill & Fay Gordon
Sunday 22 Dec Beryl Gordon & Joyce Gordon

If you are unable to carry out your duty on your rostered day could you please contact one of the other volunteers to arrange a swap.

Terrie Nicholson, Publicity Officer, Dunkeld Museum

CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS AND APRONS

The Dunkeld Museum has some exquisite homemade Christmas Stockings for sale at $15.00 each and reversible Christmas aprons with double pockets at $20.00 each – perfect stocking fillers or Kris Kringle gifts. Please contact Terrie on 5573 3353.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE 2014

A draft timetable is attached and available for comment. Please give us your feedback about the proposed times and schedule for our service in Dunkeld in 2014.
Copies of the proposed timetable and suggestion forms are available in our library branches and on the Council website. You can also provide your comments by on phone (5573 0470) or via email: library@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au

SPORTS REPORTS

GRAMPIANS CRICKET CLUB

Another massive weekend of cricket, with all but our women’s team enjoying a win and by all reports the women’s match a lot of fun regardless.

U12: Another stirring performance from our very young team, with the girls Jess Field, Victoria Mawson and Miranda McIntyre taking charge as captains for the night and doing a sensational job. Each week our parent numbers grow and I know how much the kids love having mum and dad there. We are into our final week of cricket now and I must thank Darren Gordon as co-coach for his great contribution over the season and the other dads and mums who have assisted with coaching, drinks, food and general support. Each year we start it feels like the skill development required might be a mountain too big and each year that mountain is scaled and conquered as the improvement in our future stars become evident. Last Wednesday against Southern Grampians was extremely rewarding when you saw the team working together, supporting each other and really trying to implement the skills they have gained. For the statisticians we lost only two wickets for the night with Vincent Huf and Josh Gordon top scoring, Brendon Patterson hitting big and Jessica Field belting a boundary. With the ball Josh Gordon spun his way to two wickets and young Will Mooney 3 wickets as all bowlers improved on their accuracy. Thank you kids once again for making cricket fun and always trying to be better people on and off field.

U14: A comprehensive victory for this tea against St Marys, with one wicket stopping an outright victory. All our bowlers had success, from Ryan (bowling heat) and Zac Burgess to Lachie Field, Josh Mawson, Dylan Mooney, Sam Lambevski and Jack Kruger. With the bat Field made 50 retired, Ryan Burgess 43, Daniel Kerber 30 not out and the team posted well in excess of 200.

U16: A narrow one run loss despite a last ball four from James Cullinane was disappointing, but the team continues to gel under coach Greg Millard and can look forward to a big run home in the New Year.

A Grade: Captain Kane Uebergang (80) effectively destroyed the St Andrew’s line up on his own as the Pumas moved to second spot on the ladder. Stephen Field 48 and Carl Joyce 22 were also part of the onslaught after Duncan Cameron 3-12, Rhys Crowe 2-30 and Carl Joyce had put the brakes on a strong St Andrews line up.

B Grade: Spectators must have wondered what was going on as the B Graders smashed through the much vaunted Coleraine batting line up for 49 and were shortly after that 8 for 20 in reply. Thankfully the wise old captain Chris Barry (23 *) managed to show how to handle a tricky turf and the team was bowled out for 51.

D Grade: Another stunning win for our young D graders, with Daniel Kerber making his first senior 50 and crunching some big runs towards the end to get the team over the line against St Andrew’s in a thriller. Wickets to debutant Dylan Mooney and James Cullinane helped, but it was Kerber and batting partners Paul Kerber 25 and Lachie Field 39 who helped the team to a hard fought win.
Saint Patrick’s Catholic Church
Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161  E-mail: hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au
1st Week  Sunday  December  1  9.00am  Mass
2nd Week  Sunday  December  8  9.00am  Assembly of Word and Communion
3rd Week  Sunday  December 15 11.00am  Mass followed by CWL Christmas lunch
4th Week  Sunday  December 22 9.00am  Assembly of Word and Communion
Christmas Eve  Tuesday  December 24  6.00pm  Vigil Mass
5th Week  Sunday  December 29  9.00am  Mass

1st Week  Sunday  January  5  9.00am  Mass
2nd Week  Sunday  January 12  9.00am  Assembly of Word and Communion
3rd Week  Sunday  January 19  9.00am  Mass
4th Week  Sunday  January 26  9.00am  Assembly of Word and Communion

Saint Mary’s Anglican Church
Rector Father Adrian Stephens  Rectory Phone: 5571 1317
E-mail: rector.hamilton@bigpond.com  Pastoral Mobile: 0429 303 990
1st Sunday of the month  9.00am  Parish Mass
2nd Sunday of the month  11.00am  Lay led service
3rd Sunday of the month  No service
4th Sunday of the month  11.00am  Communion Service
5th Sunday of the month  No service in Dunkeld - Service in Hamilton – 10.30am

Judeo Christian Church
Cnr Adams and Fairbairn Streets, Dunkeld  Pastor Greg Gardner  Mobile: 0403 960 900
2nd and last Sunday of each month  10.30am

Uniting Church - Services all at St Mary’s Anglican Church

NEWSLETTER DATES
School Newsletter items only to Terrie Nicholson. Due in by 3.00pm as per the fortnightly Monday as indicated. Could you please email items to: nicholson.terrie.t@edumail.vic.gov.au
Community Newsletter items are due in by 3.00pm as per the fortnightly Monday as indicated. Please email items to Robyn Fry: forty@iinet.net
The School and Community Newsletter is distributed fortnightly on Thursday (except during the school holidays):

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COMMUNITY ADVERTISEMENTS
PHILLIPS LIVESTOCK BULK CARTAGE
LIME / FERTILISER / GRAIN
2 DECK LIVESTOCK TRAILER
Paul Phillips  0418 340 856
minyara1@gmail.com
GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

Marinated Olives from 2013 Harvest

Olive & Spice $5.00
Olive & Herbs $7.00
available at
The Old Bakery &
Wild Plum Café
&
Dunkeld Authorised Newsagency

Olive & Spice and Olive & Herbs are available at The Old Bakery & Wild Plum Café and Dunkeld Authorised Newsagency.

The Old Bakery & Wild Plum Café proudly supports the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

All proceeds support the Dunkeld Consolidated School SAKG Program.

We thank Paul Sanders, Pauline Yule, Nikki & Colin Parker for their continued support.

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For all your building needs

New homes
Extensions
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Please call Andrew on Mobile 0418 858 549

CHICKENS FOR SALE

Pekins, Frizzles and Silkies as seen in the Dunkeld Consolidated Chook Palace.
Aged around 5 weeks. All $15.00

Contact Sarah Crawford on 5577 8272 or 0421 707 498

Lillybees

Flowers for your hair Hair Clips, Hair Ties.
Headbands etc.
Priced between $3 - $8 great Christmas gifts.
All handmade, assortment of colours, if I don't have what you would like I am able to make to suit.

Contact Sarah Crawford on 5577 8272 or 0421 707 498

HOUSE FOR RENT

3 bedroom house available for rent from January 2014, on Parker Street, Dunkeld. $250 per week.
Please call Ben Kelly on 0419 355 933 for further information.
Relaxation & Remedial Massage
Where: Dunkeld old Maternal & Child Health Centre
With: Kylie McCrae – Monday & Wednesday
Phone: 0428 508 995 anytime
55741 240 evenings
Or 5577 2382 Monday or Wednesday
New Clients Always Welcome
Gift Vouchers Available

MAW’S MOWING AND GARDENING
- Slashing
- Fire Breaks
- Large grassed areas
- Six foot deck (largest in town)
Quality:
- Gardening
- Pruning
- Chainsaw Work
- Broad leaf spraying
- Landscaping
- Irrigation
Phone Brad Mawson
0407 864 525

BOBCAT AND TIPPING SERVICE
- Soil Rake
- Trenching
- Post Holes
- Tip Truck
- Clean Yards
- Site Preparation
Call Andrew on 0407 496 863

McDONALD PLUMBING & GASFITTING
*New Homes – Renovations – Gas fitting
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*El Gas Bottle Sales and Appliance Sales
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Mobile: 0407 504 162 AH 5577 2498
Lic No. 25274
bradleyjmawson.com.au
PHOTOGRAPHY

COLLECTIONS:
LIGHTNING – LANDSCAPES – MOON
COMETS – NED ON TOUR
OTHERS

Gallery of some framed photographs are located at 
Cafe 109 Dunkeld

LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHS
LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER
Ph: Brad on 0407 864 525
or go online
bradleyjmawson.com.au

St MARYS 21st CHRISTMAS
EXPO 2013
The expo will be held Saturday 7 December in the 
Hamilton PAC from 9.30am - 3.30pm.

Parade along Gray Street from 10.30am.

Pre purchase ride wristbands from St Mary's Primary School.
1=$15
2=$25
3=$40
Or $20 each on the day.

Lots of new and exciting traders this year including 
many local traders, petting zoo and Santa’s Fun land.

The MOBILE LIBRARY is a free service
On board we have a collection of just 
over 3,000 items including picture books, 
audio books, DVDs and a great range of 
fiction and special interest book.
There is also access to the internet and 
printing. Items can be returned and borrowed between the 
Mobile and Hamilton Library.
It currently visits Dunkeld every Thursday fortnight 1.00pm 
- 2.00pm outside the Visitor Information Centre

Southern Grampians Shire Council
Community Bus Service
The community bus is available to all seniors (male/female) 
travelling to Hamilton on a Tuesday fortnightly basis from 
Glenthompson and Dunkeld.

If you would like to use this service, please contact the HACC 
Office on 5551 8480 for assessment. Pick up is from your 
home. Seats are available.

To our regular bus users, if you are unable to use the bus on 
the designated date please ring the Bus Driver, Reg, on 0466 
839 135 by 8:30am
The Festive Season is fast approaching – what a great excuse to drop in for a drink or feed!

Now selling Christmas Treats

Take-away available & Fully Licensed

Ph (03) 5577 2288

109 Parker Street, Dunkeld, VIC 3294

Bookings Welcome

DOING IT COUNTRY STYLE.
Izzys Mountain View Cafe
90 Parker St Dunkeld  5577 2256
Try One Of Our Grab & Go Meals
NOW SUPPLYING BREAD FRESH DAILY

We now have available, home cooked meals individually packed.
Variety of stews, pasta, risotto, including
   Beef Stroganoff
   Sweet & Sour Chicken
   Honey Mustard Chicken
   Pasta ...Risotto
   Tuna Mornay
   ....plus many more, menu changing weekly. All$9.50.

Take it home and heat up later or we can heat it up for you.
Revamp your driveway without adding more material

- No potholes
- No washaways
- No wheel ruts
- No need to add more material

BEFORE

- Improves appearance
- Affordable
- Greater property value

AFTER

Wayne Dennett 0400 542 419
**Mobile Library Timetable 2014**

**Schedule:**
- **Green week:**
  - **Coleraine:**
    - Friday 1.30-5.00 pm
  - **Balmoral:**
    - Friday 10.00am-12 noon
  - **Cavendish:**
    - Thursday 9.30-10.30am
  - **Dunkeld:**
    - Thursday 11.30am - 1.00 pm
  - **Penshurst:**
    - Thursday 3.00 - 4.30 pm
- **White week:**
  - **Coleraine:**
    - Friday 1.30-5.00 pm
  - **Balmoral:**
    - Friday 10.00am-12.00 noon
  - **Glentopson:**
    - Thursday 2.00-3.00 pm
  - **Mirranatwa:**
    - Thursday 4.00-5.00 pm

*Mobile Library will not operate on Public Holidays*

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# DUNKELD SWIMMING LESSONS 2014

## Week 1 Class List

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**Please note there may be some changes in Levels on Day 1 once we are able to see individual abilities**

We are fortunate to have Sarah Noske join our teaching team. Sarah is a qualified Austswim Teacher who is currently studying at Ballarat Uni. We know Sarah is very keen to get involved and help us continue our program.
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**Please note this is a draft timetable for WEEK 2 as there may be some movement through levels after WEEK 1**

**ANY CHANGES MADE TO TIMETABLE PRIOR TO THE START OF LESSONS, WE WILL CONTACT YOU UPDATED TIMETABLES WILL BE POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING VENUES THE WEEKEND PRIOR TO LESSON COMMENCEMENT:**
- DUNKELD NEWSAGENCY
- POST OFFICE
- CAFÉ 109
Dunkeld Santa Competition

Santa Claus is nearly here.
Bringing lots of Christmas cheer.
So let's all get very busy.

And build a Santa Claus
There are lots and lots of clever ways.....
What about a rubbish bin?

Or sitting in a ute
He could be hanging in a tree.
Or clinging to the roof.

And best of all you could win $100
Just complete an Entry Form at the Post Office.
Entries Close 22 December.