DECEMBER 2013
Fri 20 Mystery Gifts and Whole School End of Year Party (lunch will commence at 12.30pm). Students are encouraged to wear “a touch of Christmas cheer”.
FINAL SPECIAL ASSEMBLY for 2013 commencing at 1.30pm. December Aussie of the Month Award and Class Captain reports will be presented.
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) at the school from 9.00am.
Sun 26 Australia Day Celebrations in the Dunkeld Memorial Park – 8.00am. Egg and Bacon Breakfast.
Glenthompson Australia Day celebrations with roast lunch in the Glen Lions Park – 12.00noon
Mon 27 AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 28 Teachers commence Term 1 2014
Wed 29 FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 for students

FEBRUARY 2014
Mon 3 School Swimming Program commences
Wed 5 Prep students do not attend school
Wed 12 Prep students do not attend school
Fri 14 House Swimming Sports at the Dunkeld Memorial Swimming Pool
Wed 19 Prep students do not attend school
Fri 21 SGSSA Swimming Sports at Penshurst Swimming Pool
Wed 26 Prep students do not attend school

MARCH 2014
Mon 10 LABOUR DAY Public Holiday
Fri 21 SGSSA Athletics Sports at Pedrina Park, Hamilton

APRIL 2014
Fri 4 LAST DAY OF TERM 1 – early dismissal @ 2.30pm
Fri 18 GOOD FRIDAY
Mon 21 EASTER MONDAY
Tues 22 FIRST DAY OF TERM 2
Fri 25 ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

MAY 2014

JUNE 2014
Mon 9 QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

2013 TERM DATES
Term 4  Monday 7 October to Friday 20 December

2014 TERM DATES
Term 1  Wednesday 29 January to Friday 4 April
(Teachers commence on Tuesday 28 January)
Term 2  Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September
Term 4  Monday 6 October to Friday 19 December

2014 SCHOOL COUNCIL, SUB-COMMITTEES AND P & F MEETING DATES
Mon 17 Feb  P & F General Meeting – 7.30pm
Tues 25 Feb  School Council Meeting No 10 – 7.30pm
Mon 17 March  P & F Annual General Meeting - 7.30pm

FORM/S ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER
Revised SAKG Friends of the Kitchen Garden 2014 form – to be returned by Friday 20 December 2013

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!
FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

It is time to think about lazy summer days, family and friends over Christmas, the Boxing Day Test, and simply taking a breather from a seemingly continuing increase on the demands we face on a daily basis. Personally, I think email and messenger technology has much to answer for in regards to our hectic lives, but that’s for another time.

In this the final newsletter for 2013, I am drawn towards reflection surrounding the last 6 months of the life of Dunkeld Consolidated School. I think of a school community who have supported the learning and development of our children through direct and indirect means. I think of parents, grandparents and friends of the school helping in classrooms. I shake my head still, as I recall the most extraordinary working bee, on that slightly damp day, whereby a collection of big machinery, chainsaws and people-power rolled onto our property. I reflect on the mowing by the Cricket Club, and their play equipment installation. I think about urgent needs requiring hopeful phone calls followed by people instantly jumping to action. I think of teachers meeting demands and ‘Stephanie Alexander people’ calmly going about their work. I wonder about Gaylene and Terrie in our office and think how patient they have been with me. Oh the times that they could have rolled their eyes but didn’t.

Right now, I think of the people who so generously gave time to help us paint two classrooms during the final weeks of the year and even as I write this, at this very moment, the grandfather of Thomas Calvert who has travelled from Melton, is completing his second day of painting. I admire the extraordinary patience of our student support staff which is sometimes tested to the extreme. I remind myself of the people involved in the School Council who are determined and dedicated in their desire to see our school get better. The people involved in the Parents and Friends Association remind me in every instance of a strong commitment to improve the physical resources at our school while somehow, at the same time seem to take great joy from one another’s company. I think about all of our children and simply wonder how they have made me feel more than any, part of the school family in the way they accepted me. I am humbled by so many good people who have been supportive and patient with the new principal.

I say to each and every one of you; thank you with all my heart and soul.

I sincerely extend my best wishes to all of our community for a joyful and peaceful Christmas and look forward to the safe return of all in 2014.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

The Graduation Ceremony held on Friday 13 December was a tremendous celebration to recognise our Year 6 students completing their Primary School education. This success was due to the Year 5 families’ hard work in organising the meal and the decorations (Rock ‘n’ Roll theme) in the school library and hall.

Dinner was held in the library and a delicious meal was prepared and served to 47 guests. Thank you to all who assisted with preparation and on the evening ensuring that the 2013 graduating class had a very enjoyable evening.

Official guests for the evening included Mr John Prust, Mrs Maria Myers, Mr Stephen Field, Mrs Emma Gordon, Ms Sally Dawson, Mr and Mrs Tony Williams, Mr and Mrs Vic Lynch.

The Year 6 awards for 2013 were as follows:

Dux Award - Adam Symes
Citizenship Award - Sophie Paterson

STUDENT LEADERS 2014

The 2014 Student Leaders will be announced at this Friday’s Special Assembly.

AUSTRALIA DAY – 26 JANUARY 2014

Students are encouraged to participate in the Dunkeld Australia Day ceremony on Sunday 26 January 2013 commencing at 8.00am (with an Egg and Bacon Breakfast) at

MATHS OLYMPIADS 2013

The Grade 4/5/6 students participated in this International Competition. Each year all of the students attempt to answer five questions over five months. The maths problems are difficult and test the students’ mathematical thinking skills. After the tests are completed we discuss how the answers may be found. It is always interesting to find the various ways the same answer may be found.

This year our top performers of the Grade 6 students were Ben Cullinane and Adam Symes. Ben’s tests scored in the top 10% of results for this international competition, whilst Adam was in the top 25%. In Grade 5 Jemma White was top scorer and her result were also in the top 25%. Well done everyone.

GROUND MAINTENANCE ROSTER 9.00am – 11.00am

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.

Macgugan Family Diligence/Achievement Award - Gemma Hill
Glenthompson Community Association Award - Victoria Mawson
Leadership Award (Glenthompson Friends of the RSL) - Anna Kelly
Sports Scholarship - Anna Kelly
Dunkeld Scholarship - Sophie Schurmann

2013 Year 6 Graduates

Back Row (left to right): Sam Riddle, Isaac Hanson, Adam Symes, Matthew Fry, Ben Cullinane
Front Row (left to right): Sophie Schurmann, Anna Kelly, Evie Graham, Victoria Mawson, Sophie Paterson, Sharah Allen, Gemma Hill
Teachers: Mr Rob Smith and Mrs Heather Macgugan
the Dunkeld Memorial Park. School captains are to attend wearing full school uniform. Other students may wear neat, casual dress.

The Glenthompson 2014 Australia Day ceremony and celebrations will be held at 12.00noon at the Glen Lions Park on Sunday 26 January, which will include a free roast lunch.

RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES
The first day for all students next year will be Wednesday 29 January. Staff will return officially on Tuesday 28 January after the Australia Day holiday on Monday 27 January. Prep children will have a four day week during summer, staying home each Wednesday during the month of February. Mrs Gilbert will contact Prep families to arrange times for one on one interviews during February.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
Below are the awards for Weeks 9 and 10 of Term 4, beginning on Monday 2 December 2013:

- **Persistence** – Jemma White, Year 4/5/6: For taking on the challenge of next year’s work in Maths as extra work having finished her set tasks.
- **Getting Along** – Luka Tuhakaraina, Prep: For always arriving at school with a smile on her face and being happy all day long!
- **Getting Along** – Julia Kelly, Year 2/3: For being such a co-operative and happy member of our class!
- **Organisation** - Tom Kent, Year 1: For always being super organised with his readers and homework book.
- **Resilience** – Ben Peace, Prep: For soldiering on at school yesterday despite two painful mishaps in the playground.
- **Getting Along** – Anna Kelly, Year 4/5/6: For being a fantastic helper with the Kinder kids on Orientation Day. Thanks, Anna!
- **Getting Along** – Sharah Allen, Year 4/5/6: For being a fantastic helper with the Kinder kids on Orientation Day. Thanks, Sharah!
- **Getting Along** – Jaxson Muir, Year 1: For working very hard in class and playing nicely in the playground with other students. We will miss you.
- **Persistence** – Jemma White, Year 4/5/6: For looking for extra work at the end of the year as a personal challenge.
- **Organisation** – Jaxson Muir, Year 1: For listening well and completing all his Christmas worksheets this week. Well done!
- **Persistence** – Jaxson Muir, Year 1: For being a fantastic audience member for the Year 6 Concert.
- **Persistence** – Andrew Allen, Year 2/3: For working hard and persisting when he comes across a challenge.

**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER**
The final Special Assembly for Term 4 will be held on FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER commencing at 1.30pm. Our special guest presenter will be Mrs Wendy Williams.

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.

_Could you please enter the school hall through the doors near the Canteen, at the western end of the building._

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION**
Thank you to the Year 6 students for a wonderful Graduation concert last Friday evening. Your hard work to learn lines and music was evident. It was harder for those students who went to Somers Camp, which this year was scheduled in the midst of our preparations. Best wishes to the entire class for a successful and happy future at Secondary school. I look forward to seeing you all perform actively in drama, musicals, choirs and instrumental ensembles at Baimbridge, Monivae and Hamilton College. Special congratulations to all the award winners. Well done! Thank you to all the Year 6 parents for their support of the Performing Arts over the last seven years, it is greatly appreciated.

_Heather Macgugan, Performing Arts_

**2013 SOMERS CAMP**
I went Somers Camp and I really enjoyed it. My favourite activity was abseiling it was really fun. I was in group three and hut four. I made lots of new friends. By Oscar Reynolds, Year 5

I went to Somers camp in November. Sharah Allen, Jemma White, Isaac Hanson, Dylan Ross, Hugh Roache, Oscar Reynolds, Bailey Dewan-Holmes and I went. When we got on the bus there were lots of other people already on. It was really fun. We went to the beach and there were dolphins. In a hut there were 20 other people with you. We went abseiling off the edge of a building. We went rock climbing. We did lots of other great activities. On the weekend your parents could come and visit you. Mine did. Somers Camp was really fun. By Anna Kelly, Year 6

Day one was very long because of the really long bus ride.

Day two I had Bike Ed. Group acts, ES (Educational Studies) and Library 1 and that night we had a night hike. It was great fun.

Day three my group had surfing and more ES and the LRC (Low Ropes Course). It was the best day ever.

Day four my group had Archery, Orienteering, HRC (High Ropes Course), F.Fox (Flying Fox).

Day five ES (x2), Rock climbing (x2) and the challenge swing.

Day six boating (x2), In. Acts, Orienteering 2.

Day seven Archery 2, Library 2, Art (x2), Drama.

Day eight Orienteering 3, ES, boating, scrapbooking and optional acts.

The night activities were night hike, bush dancing, tabloid sports, disco, concert, and campfire.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the camp.

By Sharah Allen, Year 6

**HAMILTON NETBALL ASSOCIATION**
At last Friday’s assembly the following students were presented with certificates of participation in the Under 10 Hamilton Netball Association competition: Miranda McIntyre, Jessica Field, Olivia Mirtschin, Lily Graham, Jemma White, Isabel Hanson, Ellen White, Sophie Darroch.
FACILITIES UPDATE
In the past few months the Facilities Sub-Committee has continued to work on a range of priorities around the school. Many parents will notice the tidying up of the fallen trees at the front of the school, the temporary fencing and the removal of the arbour which was beginning to show signs of significant wear and tear. Work has continued in relation to rectifying minor issues with the BER building and a range of general maintenance issues have been dealt with.

In that vein the School Council is interested in hearing from any parents or friends that may be able to volunteer time in the coming year to participate on a maintenance roster. If you can use a screwdriver and you might be available for some time (as little or as much as you can be available) during the coming year please register your interest for the “Volunteer Helpers’ Register” with Gaylene Raymond at the front office. It is hoped that volunteers will be able to be contacted throughout the year to undertake minor maintenance tasks such as moving furniture, tidying, minor painting, gluing, weeding etc.

If you have a particular skill we may be able to match this with an appropriate task that needs carrying out.

An expression of interest form will be sent out early next year regarding the school’s Volunteer Helpers’ Register.

DEECD House:
Following some queries that parents have made in relation to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) House on the front south corner of the school block we thought we might take a moment to clarify the current status of that house:
• The house is on school land.
• The Dunkeld Consolidated School is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the house and land, however, all costs are reimbursed by the DEECD.

James Haley, Chair, Facilities Sub-Committee

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 25 February 2014
The next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 February 2014 commencing at 7.30pm in the Dunkeld Consolidated School staffroom.

ACTIVITY WEEK – 16 to 20 December
Students have been participating in many different activities this week.

On Friday 20 December students are encouraged to wear a “touch of Christmas cheer” on this day. The timetable will be as follows:

Morning Mystery Gifts and class activities
12.30pm Whole School End-of-Year Party
1.30pm Special Assembly
2.30pm Dismissal (one hour early)

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 cuts 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.

From the Kitchen

News for Kitchen Garden Schools - December 2013
Message from the SAKG Foundation: “We know schools are busy wrapping up for the end of the year, and December is always a bit of a whirlwind for teachers, students and parents. We hope you have just a few minutes to share in the wonderful news the Kitchen Garden School community creates, and the wonderful work you are all doing to bring the joys of real food to a whole generation of Australian children. Happy holidays, and congratulations to all on another incredible year in the Kitchen Garden Program - we’re looking forward to hearing all your stories in 2014”. (December 2013)

Last Thursday we held our last Kitchen session for the year of 2013. The Year 6 students invited all staff to lunch and prepared a lovely meal for them. This special occasion was to say ‘thank you’ to the staff for all they have done for them over their primary schooling years.

It was wonderful to see the growth in the ‘Magnificent 12’ Year 6 students since first beginning in the kitchen in 2011; they tackled this task with great maturity. They set the menu, wrote invitations, arranged flowers, set the tables and created a feast to behold.

Fettuccine Carbonara – Ben Cullinan and Isaac Hanson rolled the pasta dough and through the machine created long strands of golden egg pasta. Evie Graham and Sophie...
Paterson chopped bacon and fresh parsley and crushed garlic in the mortar and pestle for the Carbonara sauce. Anna Kelly, Victoria Mawson and Sophie Schurmann, made beautiful pizza dough with parsley and cheddar and brushed with garlic butter for our garlic pizza. Sharah Allen and Gemma Hill whisked the ingredients for the ice-cream machines to make delicious vanilla bean ice-cream and helped with the mixing of the chocolate brownie as a special treat for this special occasion. Adam Symes harvested and washed the leafy greens for our harvest salad with lemon vinaigrette and Sam Riddle and Matthew Fry sliced and diced for the Mango and Strawberry punch. Great team work!

Dear Friends of the Kitchen Garden

It has been wonderful to meet with you over the year and I thank you for joining the SAKG Family. Thank you for supporting the staff and myself in providing an experience that provides fun, enjoyable and culinary learning opportunities.

Thank you for supporting our Olive Sales by purchasing from Dunkeld Consolidated School, the Dunkeld Newsagency and the Old Bakery and Wild Plum Café. ALMOST SOLD OUT! Yeeahah!! Gross amount raised to date from olive sales is $466.00.

Thank you to Paul Sanders and Pauline Yule and staff from ‘The Old Bakery’ for their ongoing support to the SAKG Program by donating a percentage of bread sales and holding raffles and selling our marinated olives. Please support their business so they can help to support us.

Thank you to Keith and Karen Arnold at the Dunkeld Post Office for supporting the SAKG program when needed.

Thank you to the students who embrace what is put in front of them and try their very best. I am very proud of you for ‘having a go’.

Thank you to the kindness of so many people, those who prepare on a Thursday and at special events, those who share from home gardens, hen houses, book shelves and newspapers, those who wash the aprons, those who sew oven mitts, those who offer suggestions and advice, those who print and photocopy and type, one word comes to mind - Gratitude - to and for all the givers.

Happy preparing and sharing with friends and family over the holidays. Christmas blessings to you. Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

From the Garden

The end of the school year comes way too fast, and at the peak harvest time too! Never mind, those that are volunteering their time to look after the garden over the holidays, will be able to harvest and keep all they like, as our way of saying “Thank You” for helping us.

Last week we got to work outside – the first day in a month! We harvested the canola – much of it had dried off and shattered, so our yield will be very dismal. The broad beans were also all picked over, and frozen for later use; they have been a great crop. We planted out some capsicums and kohlrabi and did some general maintenance – weeded, fertilized and mulched. We also reminded ourselves of a very important lesson in the garden – take the time to slow down, look around and appreciate what we’ve achieved and grown, then share this with others, and remember to say “thank you” to those that have helped us. Flowers, herbs and foliage “posies” were picked by the students, and given to their Garden and Kitchen Friends, their teachers and staff, and bus drivers, as their way of saying “thank you”. The children have been encouraged to do likewise at home - hopefully you will now all get a bunch of hand-picked flowers too!

The last newsletter of the year is a good time to say thank you to everyone that has helped us in so many different ways. We have had many diverse donations from many people, such as strawberry runners, poly pipe, straw, wood, chooks, trees, garden beds, animal manures, plants, pots, Hopkins River compost, scarecrow clothes and steel posts, just to name a few. The P & F Association has also supported us magnificently, as we would not have our Chook Palace without their donations. Indeed, no Chook Palace without designer and builder Mike Hanson! Our Facilities Sub-Committee built the Sensory Garden fence for us. Elaine Schurmann and her husband, Fred, donated their olive harvest to the Program, which injected much need funds into the program. The garden mowers weave around amongst the garden beds, making the place look fantastic. Gaylene Raymond and Terrie Nicholson look after the financial and administrative details. Robyn Fry has so happily and competently produced our newsletters. Todd Burger has been busy designing and building bird proof frames for the fruit trees.

Many school and community people helped so ably and enthusiastically at working bees, and many have also taken time over their holiday breaks to keep an eye on everything, keeping the garden and chooks alive for us. To anyone, that has given us anything, or helped in any way, we thank you very much. The most valued donation however, comes from the Friends, who come to help us learn, share, experience and enjoy the garden and our outdoor environment. This program would not work without them. We really value their support and interest, and love sharing our garden and time with them.

Finally, I’d like to thank and recognise a few more people personally. Firstly, Ann Howard, our SAKG Co-ordinator. Ann has such unwavering enthusiasm and dedication to this program, that it’s infectious, we are so lucky to have her leading us. Next, Clare Kennedy, our Kitchen specialist, whose ideas, knowledge and ability seem endless, matched only by her work ethic (and her ability to stay up late working!). Then, Sophie Paterson, who has been the first SAKG Captain, she has done a terrific job. We always knew that we could rely on Sophie, if something needed doing, or watering or checking through the week. And finally, our two Principals, Pat Gleeson (who had the vision to introduce the program) and now Paul Jeffreys, for his interest and support in continuing. We are a very lucky school.

I know, unfortunately, that I will have forgotten someone, or something that I should have mentioned! If so, please accept my sincere apologies, and make sure you remind me!! Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and relaxing summer holiday. Cheers Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden Specialist
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.

CRE PRESENTATION
Students participated in a CRE presentation at the
Dunkeld Consolidated School on Monday of this week. Prep students
presented a Nativity play, Year 1 students
decorated a Jesse Tree and gave a Christmas blessing;
Year 2/3 students
made a bunting banner of messages and recited the Lord’s Prayer and the Year 4/5/6 students presented Christmas raps
with messages of love and peace. A sincere thank you to the
volunteer CRE teachers for their work and efforts this year:
Annette Huf – Prep, Terrie Nicholson – Year 1, Corinne Smith
– Year 2/3 and Heather Macgugan – Year 4/5/6.

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.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – PLEASE RETURN YOUR RAFFLE BOOKS
A friendly reminder to everyone to please return their books (and monies) BY TOMORROW, as all books need to be in ahead of the last Special Assembly on Friday 20 December when the raffle will be drawn.
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.

P & F NEWS
P & F Event Calendar 2014:
General P & F Meeting Mon 17 February
P & F Annual General Meeting Mon 17 March
Thank You: On behalf of the P & F Committee I would like to thank parents and staff for their help and support over 2013. Without everyone working together and lending a hand when needed, P & F would not be to cover costs of the whole school excursion or promote our school as we cater for events such as the Serra Terror. Every contribution helps. When needed our school community comes to together to help. I cannot thank each one of you enough for that.
At our December meeting the following funds were allocated:
• $2,350 towards the school budget which includes blinds, books and resources.
• $500.00 towards the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.
The P & F Association would like to wish the graduating students of 2013, all the best with their future education. To the ‘graduating’ families, we hope that you have all enjoyed your time at the Dunkeld Consolidated School.
Thank you for a fantastic 2013! I hope you all have a safe and Merry Christmas and we all make 2014 another successful year for the Parents and Friends Association of the Dunkeld Consolidated School.
Emma Gordon
P & F President

Next Meeting: The next P & F meeting will be held on
Monday 17 February 2014 at 7.30pm in the school staffroom.
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 on 17 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. Please consider a position, as being part of the P & F is very rewarding and you are able to play a part in your child’s school life and education.
The P & F is for the school community and aims to benefit our students and school. The P & F committee very much appreciate all the support we receive from our school families.
Emma Gordon, President and Kellie White, Secretary

CONDOLENCES
Our sincere condolences are extended to Mrs Gaylene Raymond, Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring and families on the passing of their mother/grandmother.
Our sincere condolences are also extended to Mrs Jane Higgins, and family, on the recent passing of her father.

SOCIAL SERVICE
The students (with their families amazing support) have raised over $2,100.00 through the Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal, School Disco and the Fathers’ Day, Mothers’ Day and Christmas Stalls. Monday’s Christmas Stall and raffle raised $561.55.
This is a fantastic result, from a small school. But even more special is that the senior students decide which charities/organisations to donate to, and why. They have demonstrated a great deal of knowledge and compassion, and we are very proud of them. Thank you all for your support of this very worthwhile activity.

The students recently held a meeting to discuss the allocation of the funds they have raised under their Social Service Program and approximately $1,450.00 will be allocated between the following groups:

- Peter’s Project
- Salvation Army
- McGrath Foundation
- Guide Dogs Australia
- Make A Wish Foundation
- Pam Turner, Wildwood Wildlife Shelter
- Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade
- Hamilton Spectator Appeal
- Dunkeld Community Centre

The following amounts were allocated or raised earlier this year:

- Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal $358.45
- Cancer Council of Victoria (Disco) $161.40
- Relay for Life (Funky Hair Day) $120.00
- Dunkeld Red Cross $101.20

Please find listed below the first twenty prize winners in the Christmas Raffle:

1st Jesse Symes The Silver Brumby DVD
2nd Lachie Phillips Painted vase
3rd Joshua Gordon Four baby wraps
4th Monet Graham Pomegranate gift set
5th Will Kent Peace gift set
6th Ashleigh McNaughton Miss Marple DVD
7th Sam Cullinane Family photo frame
8th Rachelle Hassett Sailor Moon DVD
9th Adam Symes Pomegranate gift set
10th Matthew Fry Reindeer oven mitts
11th Bailey Dewan-Holmes Vintage print note cards
12th Ben Peace Walker chocolates
13th Natalie Featherston Set of two books
14th Issac Hanson Photo frame memory
15th Charlie Adams Over the door hook
16th Liam Fenwick Water globes
17th Maddi Calvert Mac’s tulip tin
18th Tom Kent Angry birds box
19th Edward Williamson Ho Ho Ho mug
20th Brodie Reynolds Ho Ho Ho mug

TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT

Adam and I participated in the Taekwondo Tournament on 24 November. Adam went in three events: breaking boards where he came fourth, Olympic style sparring where he went in three rounds for the bronze medal, he won two rounds but not the last one. Then he participated in the Forms and he came third and got a bronze medal. I went in two events: Breaking and Forms. I won every round in Forms and came to the gold medal round and received the silver medal. By Jasmine Crawford, Prep

MOTOR SPORTS

Congratulations to Hugh Roache for receiving the following awards this year for his participation in motor sports:

- Overall Club Champion 2013 – Hamilton Motorcycle Club
- 65cc Club Champion 2013 – Hamilton Motorcycle Club
- Junior Club Champion 2013 – Hamilton Motorcycle Club
- 2013 Aggregate Points 65cc A Grade – Warrnambool Motorcycle Club – second place.
- 2013 Devils Gully Pony Express 65cc – Warrnambool Motorcycle Club – first place.
- 2013 Hamilton Pony Express 65cc – Hamilton Motorcycle Club – first place.

2014 NEWSLETTER DATES

Please note that in 2014 the Dunkeld Consolidated School and Community Newsletter will be distributed fortnightly on MONDAY (except during the school holidays).

School Newsletter items only to Terrie Nicholson. Due in by 3.00pm as per the fortnightly WEDNESDAY as indicated. Could you please email items to: nicholson.terrie.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

Community Newsletter items are due in by 3.00pm as per the fortnightly WEDNESDAY as indicated. Please email items to Robyn Fry: forty@iinet.net

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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.

S AKG 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 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

Bushfire Information Meeting
Wednesday 22 January 7.30pm

Australia Day Celebrations
Sunday 26 January 8.00am

Dunkeld Progress Association
Monday 27 January 8.00pm

Bushfire Planning Workshop
Sunday 2 February 2.30pm

Dunkeld Museum Guest Speaker Meeting
Monday 3 February 8.00pm

COMMUNITY NEWS & MEETINGS

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.

SAINT MARY’S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Christmas Service time: Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve Holy Communion 7.00pm. No Service on Christmas Day.

SAINT PATRICK’S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve (Tuesday 24 December) commencing at 8.00pm.

MIRRANATWA UNITYING 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 5574 0222, Iris Field 5574 0202

PANYYABYR UNITYING 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.

DUNKELD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
Dunkeld Progress Association will be meeting on MONDAY 27 JANUARY 2014 at 8.00pm in the Dunkeld Visitor Information Centre.

DUNKELD SWIMMING LESSONS 2014
A revised roster has been placed at the Dunkeld Post Office, Dunkeld Newsagency and Café 109, and Lea will contact the parents involved in the changes. The roster can also be viewed online by accessing the electronic copy of the Dunkeld Consolidated School and Community Newsletter located at
If you have any enquiries please ring Lea McArthur on 5577 2307.

**COMMUNITY CAROLS**
The Dunkeld and District Community Carols will be held 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 are encouraged to wear casual clothes, Christmas hats, Santa hats, reindeer antlers, tinsel in girls’ hair etc.

**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:** We are still waiting for the new unit to arrive. Transport has been organised by Workskills. It should be dry enough for the crane now. We will have to furnish it and get it ready for occupancy as soon as possible. The electricity, water and sewer are at the site, so connection should not be a problem.

**Sawmill:** The breakup was very successful with 25 attending. No activity is planned until autumn. We will do some log collecting. Please keep your eye out for suitable logs.

**Salt Creek:** Thank you to Herman Jansen, David Hampton, John and Wendy Prust for cleaning up some of Salt Creek. Limbs were trimmed and long grass cut. We hope to start major improvements in autumn.

**European Wasps:** I have already killed a nest this year, found by Barbara Dohle. It is very early in the season to find a large nest. I presume that the nest did not die out over winter. Please keep your eye out for wasp activity.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable festive season. Special thanks to Robyn Fort, Terrie Nicholson and Gaylene Raymond for processing our articles and the printers at the school.

**John Smith, President**

**DUNKELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE**
As the year draws to a close, and Christmas is almost upon us, it seems that we are in for our first really hot spell for the summer. Some may regard this as overdue. We have indeed had an excellent spring, with good rain, and the grass is still unusually green. However, that could all change before long.

Please note that the official fire danger period, when fire restrictions come into force, will commence at 1.00am next Monday 23 December 2013.

That means any private burns need to be done - and completely extinguished - by next Sunday evening. There is not much time, as at least some of the intervening days will not be suitable due to expected very high temperatures. Also, such private burns need to be notified to VicFire (1800 668 511), and also to Serra Group Base (5577 2216). Once the fire restrictions are in, NO burning off is possible without a permit.

We have been advised that the CFA will be conducting two community safety events in Dunkeld in the New Year:

**Bushfire Information Meeting - Wednesday 22 January 2014 - 7.30pm**

**Bushfire Planning Workshop - Sunday 2 February 2014 - 2.30pm**

Both events will be held in the meeting room at the Dunkeld Emergency Services Complex. Further information can be obtained from CFA District 5, Hamilton, on 5551 1500.

Landowners are asked to keep a close watch on haystacks this season. The recent damp weather has been frustrating for haymakers, and stacked hay with higher than normal moisture content is at risk of spontaneous combustion if the stack gets too hot. Haystack fires are particularly difficult to extinguish as well as resulting in a serious loss of feed.

With the grain harvest yet to get underway in this district, croppers are also asked to take particular care to avoid header fires. There have been several already up north this season, and again they present a major headache for both grain producers and fire-fighters.

The Brigade urges everyone to be vigilant regarding fire over the summer months. Memories of last season’s Grampians fires are still fresh, and we certainly hope for a quieter season this year.

**Captain Mike Gordon and all Brigade members wish the Dunkeld and district community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe!**

**Peter Flinn**

Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas
We are proud to say that we have had a fantastic year at the bank, meeting new faces and being able to better help those that have loyal banking with us throughout the year. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and of course a happy and prosperous new year. We look forward to being able to help more people from Dunkeld with their banking needs in the New Year.

Thank you for choosing to bank local.

DUNKELD KINDERGARTEN
This year has been very busy at Dunkeld Kinder with 21 four year olds and 22 three year olds.

We saw the introduction of our very successful Bush Kindergarten program. We celebrated our last Bush Kinder day for 2013 on Wednesday 11 December and had a great festive day. Chef Jo Frost made fruit scones with us and we cooked them in the bush. We also had a sausage sizzle lunch. Our Kinder families were invited to the bush for lunch and to see the program in operation. It was fantastic to see so many parents and grandparents join us for the session. This program will continue in 2014, commencing in Term 2 and will be held every two weeks. Thanks to Bruce Herrmann for not only driving the bus for us, but for his involvement in the program. If you also have an interest in the outdoors and would like to contribute to our Bush Kinder program, please contact Debbie.

Our Christmas party was held in the Dunkeld Park on Thursday night. The Kindergarten children performed to an audience of well over 200 people. Joey children performed Fuzzy Wuzzy caterpillar, and Kangaroo children performed Wombat Stew. After our Christmas carols we were joined by Santa and his assistant Ethan. Thank you to Santa and Ethan for entertaining us and for their patience giving out gifts to 110 children!

2014 will be another exciting year for Dunkeld Kinder.

- We are in the process of enhancing our outdoor area at Kinder. We are receiving some professional advice with this project and we will also be applying for some financial assistance through grants etc.
- Our Kinder has been chosen to be part of a pilot for sustainability in early childhood.
- In May Kim and I are travelling to study school in Denmark to learn more about forest schools. We have received a partial grant from Warrawong professional learning association.

Debbie Millard, Dunkeld Kindergarten

DUNDELD SCHOOL REUNION
Class of 1954-1960
I would like to ask if anyone knows the whereabouts of the following people as I have no contact details for them: Jeanette Hyde, John Thompson, John Williams and James Ayres.

The reunion is to be held in October next year so hopefully, plenty of time to track them down. I have been able to track down 33 past students from all over Australia and one in Scotland.
Len Quinlivan 0417 471 720

From the Kitchen Garden...

From the Kitchen

News for Kitchen Garden Schools - December 2013
Message from the SAKG Foundation: “We know schools are busy wrapping up for the end of the year, and December is always a bit of a whirlwind for teachers, students and parents. We hope you have just a few minutes to share in the wonderful news the Kitchen Garden School community creates, and the wonderful work you are all doing to bring the joys of real food to a whole generation of Australian children. Happy holidays, and congratulations to all on another incredible year in the Kitchen Garden Program - we’re looking forward to hearing all your stories in 2014”. (December 2013)

Last Thursday we held our last Kitchen session for the year of 2013. The Year 6 students invited all staff to lunch and prepared and shared a lovely meal for them. This special occasion was to say ‘thank you’ to the staff for all they have done for them over their primary schooling years.
It was wonderful to see the growth in the ‘Magnificent 12’ Year 6 students since first beginning in the kitchen in 2011; they tackled this task with great maturity. They set the menu, wrote invitations, arranged flowers, set the tables and created a feast to behold.

**Fettuccine Carbonara** – Ben Cullinane and Isaac Hanson rolled the pasta dough and through the machine created long strands of golden egg pasta. Evie Graham and Sophie Paterson chopped bacon and fresh parsley and crushed garlic in the mortar and pestle for the Carbonara sauce. Anna Kelly, Victoria Mawson and Sophie Schurmann, made beautiful pizza dough with parsley and cheddar and brushed with garlic butter for our garlic pizza. Sharah Allen and Gemma Hill whisked the ingredients for the ice-cream machines to make delicious vanilla bean ice-cream and helped with the mixing of the chocolate brownie as a special treat for this special occasion. Adam Symes harvested and washed the leafy greens for our harvest salad with lemon vinaigrette and Sam Riddle and Matthew Fry sliced and diced for the Mango and Strawberry punch. Great team work!

**Dear Friends of the Kitchen Garden**

It has been wonderful to meet with you over the year and I thank you for joining the SAKG Family. Thank you for supporting the staff and myself in providing an experience that provides fun, enjoyable and culinary learning opportunities.

Thank you for supporting our Olive Sales by purchasing from Dunkeld Consolidated School, the Dunkeld Newsagency and the Old Bakery and Wild Plum Café. ALMOST SOLD OUT! Yeeyah!! Gross amount raised to date from olive sales is $466.00.

Thank you to Paul Sanders and Pauline Yule and staff from *The Old Bakery* for their ongoing support to the SAKG Program by donating a percentage of bread sales and holding raffles and selling our marinated olives. Please support their business so they can help to support us.

Thank you to Keith and Karen Arnold at the Dunkeld Post Office for supporting the SAKG program when needed.

Thank you to the students who embrace what is put in front of them and try their very best. I am very proud of you for ‘having a go’.

Thank you to the kindness of so many people, those who prepare on a Thursday and at special events, those who share from home gardens, hen houses, book shelves and newspapers, those who wash the aprons, those who sew oven mitts, those who offer suggestions and advice, those who print and photocopy and type, one word comes to mind - Gratitude - to and for all the givers.

Happy preparing and sharing with friends and family over the holidays. Christmas blessings to you.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

**From the Garden**

The end of the school year comes way too fast, and at the peak harvest time too! Never mind, those that are volunteering their time to look after the garden over the holidays, will be able to harvest and keep all they like, as our way of saying “Thank You” for helping us.

Last week we got to work outside – the first day in a month! We harvested the canola – much of it had dried off and shattered, so our yield will be very dismal. The broad beans were also all picked over, and frozen for later use; they have been a great crop. We planted out some capsicums and kohlrabi and did some general maintenance – weeded, fertilized and mulched. We also reminded ourselves of a very important lesson in the garden – take the time to slow down, look around and appreciate what we’ve achieved and grown, then share this with others, and remember to say “thank you” to those that have helped us. Flowers, herbs and foliage “posies” were picked by the students, and given to their Garden and Kitchen Friends, their teachers and staff, and bus drivers as their way of saying “thank you”. The children have been encouraged to do likewise at home - hopefully you will now all get a bunch of hand-picked flowers too!

The last newsletter of the year is a good time to say thank you to everyone that has helped us in so many different ways. We have had many diverse donations from many people, such as strawberry runners, poly pipe, straw, wood, choокs, trees, garden beds, animal manures, plants, pots, Hopkins River compost, scarecrow clothes and steel posts, just to name a few. The P & F Association has also supported us magnificently, as we would not have our Chook Palace without their donations. Indeed, no Chook Palace without designer and builder Mike Hanson! Our Facilities Sub-Committee built the Sensory Garden fence for us. Elaine Schurmann and her husband, Fred, donated their olive harvest to the Program, which injected much need funds into the program. The garden mowers weave around amongst the garden beds, making the place look fantastic. Gaylene Raymond and Terrie Nicholson look after the financial and administrative details. Robyn Fry has so happily and competently produced our newsletters. Todd Burger has been busy designing and building bird proof frames for the fruit trees.

Many school and community people helped so ably and enthusiastically at working bees, and many have also taken time over their holiday breaks to keep an eye on everything, keeping the garden and chooks alive for us. To anyone, that has given us anything, or helped in any way, we thank you very much. The most valued donation however, comes from the Friends, who come to help us learn, share, experience and enjoy the garden and our outdoor environment. This program would not work without them. We really value their support and interest, and love sharing our garden and time with them.

Finally, I’d like to thank and recognise a few more people personally. Firstly, Ann Howard, our SAKG Co-ordinator. Ann has such unwavering enthusiasm and dedication to this program, that it’s infectious, we are so lucky to have her leading us. Next, Clare Kennedy, our Kitchen Specialist, whose ideas, knowledge and ability seem endless, matched only by her work ethic (and her ability to stay up late working!). Then, Sophie Paterson, who has been the first SAKG Captain, she has done a terrific job. We always knew that we could rely on Sophie, if something needed doing, or watering or checking through the week. And finally, our two Principals, Pat Gleeson (who had the vision to introduce the program) and now Paul Jeffreys, for his interest and support in continuing. We are a very lucky school.
I know, unfortunately, that I will have forgotten someone, or something that I should have mentioned! If so, please accept my sincere apologies, and make sure you remind me!!
Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and relaxing summer holiday. Cheers Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden Specialist

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.

Everyman’s Welfare Service: It is indeed our privilege to continue to serve together the welfare needs of our Defence Force. We do acknowledge the great work of RSL’s throughout the country as we look to serving the needs of the men and women in uniform throughout the nation. As philanthropic organisations it is my hope that we can continue to work alongside one another in the hope that our ADF can know and feel how valued they are by Everyman’s Welfare Service and the RSL’s around the nation.

This year our Everyman’s representative up at Shoalwater Bay was again able to touch base with many soldiers with a friendly chat and a brew. A bit of writing material here, and the promise to get in touch with a loved one there, have been the hallmarks of our time on exercises in recent years. Each of these events helps our soldiers, sailors, airmen and women, function better because we are able to affirm their great value to us and our nation. Next year Exercise Hamel will be much bigger not to mention the many other exercises happening across the country on regular occasions.

I would like to invite you to support ‘Brew Truck 15’. Our fleet of vehicles are now showing their age in terms of greater expense in maintenance. ‘Brew Truck 15’ aims to raise $30,000 for a new Brew Tuck devoted exclusively to supporting our Defence Force in the field in Australia or even overseas. It is our goal and steadfast hope to meet this target by January 2015.

Please consider investing with us in this project which will speak value and encouragement to those serving their country. Donations (cheques and money orders payable to Everyman’s Welfare Service) can be made to Everyman’s Welfare Service, P.O. Box 8, Bandiana Milpo VIC 3694 For further information please visit www.everymans.org.au

Ken Matthews, Chief Commissioner, Everyman’s Welfare Service

Darwin Defenders Commemoration Ceremony: The Darwin Defenders 1942-1945 Commemoration Ceremony will be held at the Shrine of Remembrance on 19 February 2014. This is the 72nd anniversary of the day on which Darwin was bombed and war came to Australia. The ceremony will honour those who served and those who died during the attacks on Darwin from 1942 to 1945. It is an opportunity for veterans, their families, dignitaries and school students from across Melbourne to participate in a moving ceremony that aims to remind us all of the cost of preserving peace in Australia.

We welcome you to join us on this important occasion. If you would like to be included on the invitation list please send your contact details to Bernadette Lightfoot of Ryebuck Media – email: bern@ryebuck.com.au For more information about the activities of the Darwin Defenders Association Melbourne Chapter please visit our website: www.darwindefenders.com

The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

FROM THE LIONS DEN

We had our last dinner meeting for the year so we went to the Willaura Lions as guests and enjoyed a good night. It is always good to see how another small club operates and what work they are doing. The Lions would like to thank everyone that has supported us during the year and our next big event will be the Australia Day celebrations. We will put around some fliers regarding this and would appreciate the usual support that the town gives its recipient and our club. The Lions would like to wish everyone a good, safe Christmas and New Year.

RETIRED LIFE

I met an old workmate from my Richmond days and as we are both retired I asked him, “How’s retired life?” He said, “My father died, my mother is in hospital, my brother is in gaol, my sister has four children and her partner abuses her but she won’t leave him, how about you?” I said, “Great, the family is healthy, I live in the best part of the world and I just got a new job selling lucky charms, and our local man (policeman) is so overworked that to get a booking he booked a bloke for littering because his dog had just given birth to some puppies on the roadside.”

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.

Guest Speaker Meeting on Monday 3 February: Our first Guest Speaker Meeting for 2014 will be held on Monday 3 February.

Visit to the Dunkeld Consolidated School: The Term 4 theme at the Dunkeld Consolidated School has been “Why did people settle in Victoria?” Our Secretary, Wendy Williams, recently visited the school to speak with the Year 1 students about old fashioned toys and games. It was an engaging session with students asking many interesting questions. They were fascinated with a toy crane that Wendy had brought along.

Walk from Robe to Ballarat: Charles and Oscar Zhang from the Ballarat Chinese Australia Cultural Society are following the route that the Chinese took from Robe to Ballarat during the Gold rush. They will commence their walk in Robe on Sunday 15 December and will be arriving in Dunkeld from Cavendish on Sunday 22 December at approximately 2.00pm.
They would like as many people as possible to meet them at the Lions Park (at the western entrance to Dunkeld) between 1.30pm and 1.45pm and for people to walk with them into Dunkeld via the highway then turning left into Dunlop Street and then right into Adams Street before turning right into Sterling Street and proceeding to the Dunkeld Museum. A Chinese Market Garden was located on the corner of Adams and Sterling Streets (where Mrs Barbara Dohle now resides).

The next morning they will walk on to Willaura and arrive in Ballarat on Saturday 28 December at Sovereign Hill. They have arranged for coverage via the internet, press and radio for the period of their walk and therefore would like the support of towns along the way to allow their journey to reach as many people as possible.

You can find daily details, stories and photos on the Chinese Australian Cultural Society of Ballarat website: www.chineseballarat.org.au (click on Activities and then Historical Trek), Ballarat Community Radio Station 99.9 and Voice FM: www.voicefm.com.au

Condolences: The Dunkeld Museum Committee was saddened to hear of one of our esteemed member’s passing, Mr Geoff Downes. The committee expresses their deepest sympathy to Val Downes and family.

Museum Duty: The following volunteers are on Museum duty from 1.00pm – 5.00pm on:

Sunday 22 Dec Beryl Gordon & Joyce Gordon
Sunday 29 Dec Noel Orval & Tony Williams
Wednesday 1 Jan John Kay & John Cuming
Sunday 5 Jan Brian & Julie Hermann
Sunday 12 Jan Jeff Nagorcka & Rex Beveridge
Sunday 19 Jan Terrie Nicholson & Barbara Dohle
Sunday 26 Jan Helena Flinn & Trevor Flinn
Monday 27 Jan Wendy Williams & David 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.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all our volunteers and the general community for their assistance and support throughout 2013 and we wish you all a joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with good health, prosperity and happiness.

Terrie Nicholson, Publicity Officer, Dunkeld Museum

SPORTS REPORTS
GRAMPIANS CRICKET CLUB

- This Saturday night is the Christmas Party with the tennis club at the rooms after the game.
- Ros Thatcher joined the 100 club last weekend and Tim McGregor and Thomas Millard both racked up 50 games.
- Several young Grampians players will be involved in country week squads over the summer break. Under 13 Josh Mawson, Dylan Mooney, Lachie Field, Ben Cullinane, Sam Lambevski. Under 15 Isaac Povey, Thomas Millard, James Cullinane, Daniel Kerber, Angus McIntyre, Ryan Burgess. Under 17 Lachie McIntyre, James Povey.
- Several players will also represent the Western Waves at state championships in January, Daniel Kerber (captain) and Lachie Field U14 and James Povey U16.
- Grampians qualified as the best club in the Western Waves region and won through to the state-wide cup finals in Warracknabeal on Sunday. A thrilling match against Mallee Murray winner Wandella resulted in a 10 run win with captain Heinrich Joyce 38 top performer. In the quarter finals the club came up against East Belmont from Geelong and the opposition were far too strong eventually winning by 48 runs.

Under 12’s: The season finished with a pool party for the kids and parents (thankfully as it was hot). Many thanks to all the parents who assisted during the season, in particular Darren Gordon who acted as co-coach. Trish Symes has a big lot of photos from the season and I will try and get them to school Friday for anyone to copy should they wish. Well done to all the kids who were well mannered, team orientated and a pleasure to coach.

Under 14’s: Another massive win for the young Pumas against Hamilton. Ryan Burgess making his first club 50 and batting beautifully. Lachie Field 46 not out and Daniel Kerber 22 other good scores.

Under 16’s: A blistering performance from James Cullinane, Angus McIntyre and Lachie McIntyre all 50 retired helped this team smash St Marys and record a massive score.

A Grade: Captain Kane Uebergang 156 not out and 4/4 shattered all records as the Puma’s demolished Southern Grampians on the Dunkeld Turf 270 to 57. Uebergang and Stephen Field 46 combined for a record 161 run second wicket partnership.

B Grade: Openers Greg Millard and Andrew Povey scored half centuries as the Puma’s belted St Marys, nearly recording an outright victory. Wayne Dennert 90 not out and 2 wickets joined the party and with Thomas Millard 4 wickets and Alec McIntyre 2 it was a very convincing performance.

D Grade: Adrian and his young stars continued on their merry way with Daniel Kerber 55 not out, Lachie Field 52 teaming with a rampant James Cullinane 6 wickets and Lachie McIntyre 3 wickets to blow St Marys away on the small school oval.

Women: Despite losing their semi-final against eventual premier Portland the women’s team finished a great season, with a mostly local side running out each week. Stacey Haley 23 not out and Sarah Byron 20 were the best performers in the last game. Well done girls!
DUNKELD CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick’s Catholic Church
Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161 E-mail: hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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 – Please note that in 2014 the School and Community Newsletter will be distributed fortnightly on Monday

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The Miller family have approximately 3 to 12 months to create a lifetime of memories with Alex!!

We are providing account details below, because as a Friend or Family Member, if you are able to help out our family with a donation no matter how small, we know it will be appreciated and well spent towards her treatment, day to day living and providing some happy moments in the short time left.

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Thank you for your consideration.

GSA – Alexandra Miller
ISSN: 983 622
ACC: 10740654
Or:
PayPal: Alexandra Miller miller530@gmail.com

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Summer Competition @ Pedrina Park

Competition Details:
- The competition commences on Saturday 15 February 2014 and concludes on Saturday 29 March 2014.
- We welcome all local schools to enter teams in the following age groups:
  - Under 10
  - Under 12
  - Under 14
  - Under 16
  - Open
- We would like to extend an invitation to any women who would like to play in our OPEN section. You can enter as a team or an individual and we will happily find a team for you to play in. It is a great way to improve your fitness and meet new people.
- We encourage girls from local Football Netball Leagues: Hampden, Southwest and Mininera Leagues to enter teams. This would be a great opportunity to develop the skills and tactics of your younger players whilst allowing senior players to have some match pratique for their respective competitions.
- Team sheets need to be submitted by Friday 7 February 2014.
- For more information please contact Nicole Smyth (Junior Netball Co-ordinator) nicoleandmick1@bigpond.com OR Shauna Beattie (Women’s Netball Co-ordinator) sbbeattie@monivae.vic.edu.au

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**Week 1**

**Tuesday 14 January 2014**
**Learn to Surf Port Fairy**
10.00am - 5.00pm
What’s included: Lunch, Surfing lesson, Beach swim
What to bring: Water bottle, Sunscreen, Hat, Towel, Bathers

**Wednesday 15 January 2014**
**Australian Tennis Open**
8.00am - 9.00pm
What’s included: Lunch, Tea, Ground pass into the Aus Open
What to bring: Water bottle, Sunscreen, Hat, Snack food

**Week 2**

**Tuesday 21 January**
**Adventure Park Geelong**
8.00am - 9.30pm
What’s included: BBQ lunch, Tea, unlimited rides pass
What to bring: Water bottle, Towel, Bathers, Sunscreen, Hat

**Wednesday 22 January**
**Paintballing Mt Gambier**
8.00am - 5.00pm
What’s included: BBQ lunch, 200 paintballs, (waiver to be completed)
What to bring: Covered shoes, Water bottle, 100 paintballs $22 (optional, pay on the day)

**Thursday 23 January**
**Galactic Circus and Laser Skirmish Melbourne**
8.00am - 9.00pm
What’s included: Lunch, Tea, $30 Games/ride pass
What to bring: Water bottle, Snack food, Spending money (optional)

**Gastro and diseases**
Communicable diseases include: gastro, chicken pox, conjunctivitis, influenza, measles and shingles. If your child has any communicable diseases they should not attend any activity delivered by WDHS. If your child is identified with a potential communicable disease a parent or guardian will be required to pick your child up from activity location, or arrangements will be made at your cost.

**Behaviour and conduct**
Participants demonstrating unsuitable behaviour will be removed from the program and may be denied future access. Nominated parent or guardian will be notified to collect child, or arrangements will be made at your cost. Unsuitable behaviour includes:
- Refusing to follow instruction about conduct;
- Disrupting or affecting the enjoyment and participation of other participants;
- Affecting the health, safety and/or welfare of other participants or staff;
- Causing or likely to cause damage of property;
- Likely to bring the program into disrepute;
- Bullying and harassment of other participants or staff;
- Use of drugs or alcohol;
- Personal hygiene is essential.

**Spending money**
Spending money is optional. It is up to the individual child to be responsible for their money.

**Sun Smart policy**
WDHS supports Cancer Council Sun Smart Policy; children are required to have sunscreen and hat.

**Supervision**
WDHS staff, minimum of 2 staff per activity or ratio 1:10.
Program Coordinator: 0407 040 632
# 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**

**PAYMENT REQUIRED ON DAY 1 OF LESSONS - $35 PER CHILD PER WEEK**

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;
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