Invitation to a “Farewell”
Afternoon Tea for Mr Pat Gleeson

Dear Dunkeld Community members

You are invited to attend an Afternoon Tea at the Grampians Golf Club, Victoria Valley Road, Dunkeld on Sunday 5 May commencing at 3.00pm to farewell our Principal, Mr Pat Gleeson. Formal presentations will commence at 4.00pm.

Could you please bring a shared plate of either sweet or savoury food to share for afternoon tea. Tea and coffee will be available at no charge. Cold drinks may be purchased at bar prices.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Kylie Schurmann (School Council) on 0428 733 312 or Mrs Angela Field (P & F Association) on 0407 273 927.

We hope you will be able to attend this enjoyable afternoon!
Canteen Roster – Term 2, 2013

Two persons will be rostered for Thursdays. A new volunteer is indicated by an asterisk (*). Please ensure that you are present on your rostered day or have arranged a swap with someone – please keep a copy of this roster for easy reference. Please advise the Canteen Roster Co-ordinator, Donna Mirtschin, of any changes to the roster so she has an updated list.

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Please arrange a swap with someone if the roster date does not suit and then advise Donna Mirtschin.

Roster Co-ordinator
Donna Mirtschin  5576 9276 or 0458 007 247

Thank you for volunteering your time and working in the canteen. Your time is appreciated, without your support our children wouldn’t be able to enjoy warm lunches throughout the year. ☺
**2013 WHAT’S COMING UP**

**MARCH**
- Fri 29 GOOD FRIDAY

**APRIL**
- Mon 1 EASTER MONDAY
- Mon 15 FIRST DAY OF TERM 2
  - P & F Meeting @ 7.00pm – an informative DVD on Headlice will be shown.
- Thurs 18 Kitchen Garden Committee Meeting in the Kitchen from 9.00am – 10.00am – interested people are welcome to attend.
  - NAB Auskick commences at 5.00pm at the Dunkeld Recreation Reserve.
- Sun 21 WORKING BEE at the school – 10.00am start – free BBQ lunch.
- Mon 22 FIRST ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL SESSION for Term 2.
- Tues 23 Zone Athletics Sports at Brauerander Park, Warrnambool
- Wed 24 ANZAC Day Service at school @ 10.30am
- Thurs 25 ANZAC DAY Public Holiday
- Fri 26 Baimbridge College Transition Program 2013 for Year 5 students.
  - Planting Day at the school – each student to bring a plant.
- Sat 27 P & F Cake Stall in Parker Street, Dunkeld
- Tues 30 SCHOOL PHOTOS

**MAY**
- Thurs 2 Caulfield Grammar School visit.
- Fri 3 SPECIAL ASSEMBLY @ 2.40pm – April ’Aussie of the Month’ Award and Class Captain reports.
- Sun 5 FAREWELL AFTERNOON TEA for Mr Pat Gleeson at the Grampians Golf Club – commencing at 3.00pm.
  - Please bring a plate of sweet or savoury food to share for afternoon tea.
- Tues 7 House Cross Country.
- Fri 10 Social Service Mothers Day Stall @ 10.00am.
  - SGSSA Cross Country at Tarrington.
- Tues 14 NAPLAN Writing Test for Year 3 and 5 students.
- Wed 15 NAPLAN Reading Test for Year 3 and 5 students.
- Thurs 16 NAPLAN Numeracy Test for Year 3 and 5 students.
- Thurs 23 Open Morning at the Dunkeld Consolidated School as part of Education Week celebrations.
- Thurs 30 Zone Cross Country Championships at Warrnambool.
- Fri 31 SPECIAL ASSEMBLY @ 2.40pm – May ‘Aussie of the Month’ Award and Class Captain reports.

**JUNE**
- Mon 10 QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Tues 11 PUPIL FREE DAY
- Mon 24 LAST ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL SESSION for Term 2.
- Fri 28 SPECIAL ASSEMBLY @ 1.50pm – June ‘Aussie of the Month’ Award and Class Captain reports presented.
  - LAST DAY OF TERM 2 – early dismissal @ 2.30pm.

_Wishing everyone a happy and safe Easter!_
FROM Mr Pat Gleeson, Principal...

STAFF
Mrs Karen Kent will be teaching in the Year 2/3 classroom in Term 2, while Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring is in the Acting Principal position.

WELCOME BACK
The Dunkeld School community would like to welcome back the Darroch family (parents Glen and Shelly) to our school community. Sophie is now in Year 3 and Flynn is in Year 1.

CROSS COUNTRY SEASON
April is an important training time for students to prepare for the cross country events during May. I encourage students to complete a few long distance runs over the holiday break.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
As advised last week, the School Council Election process has concluded and the following new school councillors were elected for a two year term:
- Parents – Dinah Gordon, Lucinda Peterson, Adrian Kelly and Glenn White.
- Staff – Anne Gilbert.

On Tuesday evening the new School Council met, with Todd Burger being co-opted to the Council. I congratulate the office bearers and wish them well.

Please find below an up to date list of all Councillors and the office positions they hold.

1. **Parent Members - to retire in March 2014**
   - Kylie Schurmann
   - Stephen Field **President**
   - Sarah Crawford

2. **DEECD members - to retire in March 2014**
   - Terrie Nicholson **Secretary**

3. **Community Member – to retire in March 2014**
   - Emma Gordon **Representing P & F Association**

4. **Parent Members – to retire in March 2015**
   - Dinah Gordon
   - Adrian Kelly **Treasurer**
   - Lucinda Peterson **Vice-President**
   - Glenn White

5. **DEECD members - to retire in March 2015**
   - Anne Gilbert

6. **Executive Officer**
   - Pat Gleeson

The School Council has reviewed our previous School Council Meeting Schedule. Meetings will continue to be on the fourth Tuesday of a month unless this date falls too close to a school holiday or other special occasion. The meetings are to commence at 7.30pm at the Dunkeld Consolidated School. It was also decided that the sub-committees of Policy, Community and School Promotions (CaSP), and Facilities would meet on the same night that being the first Tuesday of the month. The Finance meeting would be on third Tuesday of the month at 3.30pm (or time to be advised).

The Council has decided on the following structure of sub-committees:
- **Policy**
- **Community and School Promotions – including Canteen and Food Services and Uniform Working Parties**
- **Facilities**
- **Finance**

When all School Councillors have had the opportunity to confirm sub-committee membership the membership schedule and the sub-committee roles will be published in a future newsletter. There is also the opportunity for interested parents to join a group of their interest.

Members of the school community are reminded that if you have a particular interest in the work of any of these groups you could approach the school or a member of the sub-committee/working party and volunteer your services. Although some groups may already have a full membership please do not hesitate to offer assistance. You do not need to be a member of School Council to work on a sub-committee.

Your School Councillors are elected to represent you on Council and bring your views forward. Please feel free to talk to one of your Councillors about any issue concerning you. Some matters lie well outside the business of Council but if you do approach a Councillor this may lead to you receiving the assistance you require.

ZONE ATHLETICS SPORTS – 20 APRIL
Students that performed well at Monday’s SGSSA District Athletics Sports will have the opportunity to compete at the Zone Athletics Sports Day at Brauerander Park Athletics Track in Warrnambool on Tuesday 23 April.

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CAULFIELD GRAMMAR VISIT ON 2 MAY
Early in the afternoon of Thursday 2 May, Caulfield Grammar School Music students will be presenting two concerts in the School Hall. The P & F Association will be providing lunch for all the visitors on the Grampians Cricket Club deck using the Canteen kitchen. (There will be normal Kitchen/Garden classes on this day.)

STUDENT SUPERVISION – Before and After School
In schools, supervision is to be provided for ten minutes before the start of school. At Dunkeld Consolidated School yard duty commences at 8:45am. This is when students can enter the building. A reminder for parents also that all classes begin at 9:00am and students should be in their classroom at 9:00am ready to start their lessons. With the increased distance of the Woodhouse bus route these students only have time to unpack and store their bags and visit the toilet before the bell.

At the end of the day the duty teachers supervises the bus and departure of students. It is expected that students will have departed the school by 3:35pm. Parents are requested to always obey parking regulations, speed limits and other traffic controls. Adults dropping students at school in the morning are allowed to use the roundabout but need to be considerate of the buses and not impinge the buses’ progress.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN) FOR 2013
NAPLAN testing will involve all students in Years 3 and 5 only. Please try and ensure that your child is
Students and staff for this Day Stall will be held on Friday 22 March. The Mothers’ Day Stall will be held on Friday 10 May commencing at 10.00am at the Dunkeld Consolidated School. Please refer to more detailed information in this Newsletter.

HEAD LICE
As previously advised in a note sent home with students on 19 March, it has come to my attention that some students in the school may have head lice and I seek your cooperation in checking your child’s hair this week. Please refer to the pamphlet which was attached to the note, Treating and Controlling Head Lice, from the Department of Human Services, for further information.

Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases – they are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. You may be reassured to know that head lice are commonly found in places other than at the Dunkeld Consolidated School. Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years!

If head lice or eggs are found on your child’s hair you need to inform:
- the school and advise when the treatment has started, via the attached Action Taken Form.
- parents or carers of your child’s friends so they too have the opportunity to detect and treat their children if necessary.

When can my child return to school?
Health regulations requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. Please note, this refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to head lice eggs.

The Dunkeld Consolidated School is aware that head lice can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining your confidentiality.

MOTHERS DAY STALL - FRIDAY 10 MAY
The Mothers’ Day Stall will be held on Friday 10 May commencing at 10.00am at the Dunkeld Consolidated School. Please refer to more detailed information in this Newsletter.

FUNKY HAIR DAY - FRIDAY 22 MARCH
Thank you to families, students and staff for wholeheartedly supporting the recent Funky Hair Day on Friday 22 March. This was a part of school councillor, Sarah Crawford’s Relay for Life fundraising. A total of $120.00 was raised.

Students and staff arrived at school displaying various funky hairstyles – crazy, spiky, rainbow-coloured hair and brightly coloured wigs and ribbons.

The following awards were made at the afternoon assembly:
- Prettiest hair – Miranda McIntyre
- Most Colourful hair – Jonah Morganti
- Craziest hair – Sophie Schurmann
- Most Creative hair – Shayana Tuhakaraina
- Weirdest hair – Vincent Huf

Staff member, Mrs Heather Macgugan, also participated in the Relay for Life with the Hamilton Uniting Church team.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 3 MAY
Our first Special Assembly for Term 2 will be held on Friday 3 May, commencing at 2.40pm in the school hall. Class Captain reports and the Aussie of the Month Award for April will be presented by our special guest presenter, our ‘retired’ Principal, Mr Pat Gleeson. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

2013 SCHOOL CAMP DATES
Prep/Year 1 Sleepover Term 4 - date to be advised
Year 2/3 Camp Wed 4 to Fri 6 September
Year 4/5/6 Camp Tues 3 to Fri 6 September

SCHOOL PHOTOS ON TUESDAY 30 APRIL
Could parents please note on their calendars that the 2013 School Photos will be held on Tuesday 30 April.

THEMES
TERM 1: How do I look after myself and others?
TERM 2: How do people move from place to place?
TERM 3: What is beyond my backyard?
TERM 4: To be advised.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
Below are the awards for Weeks 7 and 8 of Term 1, beginning on Monday 11 March 2013:

Organisation: Brodie Reynolds Year 1 (two awards), Jessica Field Year 4/5/6, Rachel Hassett Year 1.

Getting Along: George McMullen Prep (two awards).

Confidence: Jonah Morganti Prep, Sam Cullinane Year 2/3, Sam Riddle Year 4/5/6, Merielle Encabo Patullo Year 4/5/6.

Persistence: Merielle Encabo Patullo Year 4/5/6, Lucy Calvert Year 2/3, Thomas Gordon Prep.

SGSSA ATHLETICS SPORTS ON 25 MARCH
Many thanks to the band of helpful parents who willingly put in on Monday to assist with the running of our event (discus) as well as assistance with setting up our marquee and banner. Also thanks again where parents helped other schools run
their respective events. The sports was a most enjoyable and exciting day.

Dunkeld scored 4th overall according to our adjusted score. This means our total points score is divided by the number of athletes in our squad to make a "level playing field" for each school. The winning school on the day was Tarrington, who had several individual champions on the day. Of note was the acceptance speech by the Tarrington students which was a credit to them and their school indeed.

Vincent Huf and Matthew Fry were individual champions on the day. All athletes gave their best and displayed sportsmanship. The day got off to a slower than expected start which put the program behind schedule all day. This unfortunately led to the relays having to be abandoned due to lack of time.

This year we decided to only take those students who had already experienced an athletics day, so Grade Prep remained at school. Students selected in long distance, high jump and relays came from the results of last year’s House Athletics.

Considerations for the future of the SGSSA Athletics is a proposal to only involve the older students (9 yrs and above) as is done at the District Level Swimming Sports and Cross Country. Presently a decision has not arrived as to whether this will be adopted. If such a change were to be made it would mean less students and so less waiting. This also means that there would be less staff at the sports day. In the distant past each school’s assigned events were actually run by a band of parents with the teachers involved more with the supervision of the children on the day. Food for thought!

Rob Smith

ZONe ATHLETICS IN WARRANTMOoUL
The following students have qualified for the following events at Zone and are invited to attend. Names have had to be sent in with their choices on Wednesday 27 March. A student may participate in three individual events and one relay.

Vincent Huf: 200m, High Jump, Discus, Relay
Sam Riddle: 400m
Matthew Fry: 400m, High Jump, Discus
Hugh Roache: Sprint, 200m, Long Jump, Relay
Jessica Field: 400m, High Jump
Jemma White: Relay
Zac Burgess: Relay
Liam Fenwick: Relay

The following students may qualify for the following events depending on the choices made by other athletes at other schools:

Zac Burgess: 200m, 400m, Discus
Sam Riddle: High Jump
Miranda McIntyre: High Jump
Jessica Field: 200m
If this is not suitable, please let the school know as soon as possible.

Rob Smith

ART ROOM
Please note that NO further items are required by the Art Room at this point in time e.g. egg cartons, plastic containers, trays, magazines, cardboard boxes and tubes etc.

FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT
At the recent Annual School Council meeting I was humbled to be elected as President for this year. I wish to acknowledge the tremendous work of the previous council led by Kylie Schuurman who is our new President and congratulate this year’s councillors on their decision to be involved in the future of our magnificent school. Of particular note we have three new members in Lucinda Peterson, Dinah Gordon and Todd Burger (co-opted) and they all bring new skills and great enthusiasm for growing our position in the community.

The School Council has many and varied roles and each member is required to take an active role in at least one formal sub-committee and encouraged to participate in a wide range of projects. These committees are Finance, Facilities, Policy and CaSP (Community and School Promotions). We are also well supported with the Parents and Friends Association (President Emma Gordon as a co-opted member) and the amazing amount of work they do to bring in extra resources for our students and teachers.

As most of the community realise Pat Gleeson, our highly respected School Principal is about to retire, and one of the functions of the new School Council and its elected representatives is to assist the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) in selecting his replacement. Pat’s departure will be felt by all those associated with the school as his energy and desire to grow the school has resulted in an incredible array of initiatives and developments. No doubt the students will feel a great sense of loss as well and we are indeed fortunate to have another experienced staff member in Dee-Anne Gerring taking over as interim principal until the appointment.

All parents will have found that the school is a very open, inviting place and as school community members we can all contribute to the education of our children, by assisting with activities such as the school yard blitz, assisting with ideas and resourcing of various projects and annual commitments such as our School Camp subsidy ($3,500 each year) and the future funding of the very successful Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program (approximately $12,000 required annually).

Finally as President my intention is to try and get to know all parents and students over the year and to invite any communications from the entire school community that might advance our school.

Stephen Field, School Council President

LOST AND FOUND
LOST at the SGSSA Athletics Sports: Julia Kelly has misplaced her school rugby jumper, size 8 at the SGSSA Athletics Sports at Pedrina Park on Monday. It is clearly named. Could parents please check if it has accidently gone home in your child’s bag. If found, please return to the school.

FOUND at the SGSSA Athletics Sports: A green shopping bag with lots of little trucks and also a blue Thomas the Tank Engine backpack, with small boy’s clothing inside. Please collect from the school if they are yours.

ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITIES (AASC) – TERM 2
The first AASC session for Term 2 will be held on Monday 22 April and continues each Monday and
Wednesday concluding on Monday 24 June. A reminder that the sessions run from 3:30pm to 4:50pm and afternoon tea is provided and the sessions are FREE. Please contact Karen Kent on 5577 2502 if you have any queries.

PERCEPTUAL MOTOR PROGRAM (PMP)
Each year PMP (Perceptual Motor Program) runs during Terms 2 and 3 for the children in Prep. This is a terrific program that develops personal skills in terms of motor (or movement) skills and perceptual (awareness) skills.

The program runs a half hour block with small groups rotating through 5 x 5 minute activity stations.

I will be looking for helpers again this year to supervise an activity station. Ideally four adults are required to help this program to run smoothly. A form will be sent home early in Term 2 so if you or Grandma etc would like to help you would be more than welcome (Kindergarten aged children are welcome to attend with their parents and watch).

I will organise an in-service session for helpers who are volunteering for the first time.

Thank you, Anne Gilbert

P & F NEWS
P & F Event Calendar 2013

Term 2:
P & F Meeting on Monday 15 April @ 7.00pm – Headline presentation (DVD) - all invited.
Cake stall in Parker Street Sat 27 April
Caulfield Grammar School (fundraising) Thurs 2 May
Mother’s Day Stall (students’ Social Service) Friday 10 May
Serra Terror catering (fundraising) To be confirmed Friday 7 June

Term 3:
Golf Family Day (social) To be confirmed
Father’s Day Stall (students’ Social Service) Fri 30 August
Bloke’s Big Breakfast (social) Fri 30 August

Term 4:
Discover Dunkeld stall (fundraising) Sat 19 October
Christmas Stall (students’ Social Service) Monday 16 December

P & F Association
The P & F Association is looking forward to another successful year and hope that the above calendar of events will inform and not frighten anyone! The dates could change or new catering opportunities may come up, please check the calendar regularly for any such changes and be on the lookout for the forms for helpers attached to the newsletter. Our next fundraising events are the STREET STALL on Saturday 27 April and the CAULFIELD GRAMMAR DAY on Thursday 2 May.
We will need your help and support to make these days a success. Please think about offering your help on the day or how you can contribute. A note will be going home early next term asking for helpers.

Second-Hand Uniforms
Please remember that there is a wide range of second hand uniforms available at the school. Thank you to Mrs Trish Symes, who has the uniforms well organised and ready to look through. Donations for items and any queries can be made at the school office.

Meeting time change – 7.00pm on Monday 15 April
Please note that the P & F meeting will begin half an earlier at 7.00pm on Monday 15 April at the Dunkeld Consolidated School. The P & F Association will be showing an informative DVD on head lice, followed by a general meeting. The DVD will include preventions and treatments that can be done cheaply and some facts that you may not be aware of. All parents are warmly invited to attend and be informed. The P & F Association is for the school community and aims to benefit our students and school.

Emma Gordon, President and Kellie White, Secretary

MOTHERS DAY STALL - FRIDAY 10 MAY
As part of the Students Social Service program, the Mothers Day Stall will be held on Friday 10 May commencing at 10.00am at the Dunkeld Consolidated School.

Could families please donate gifts for the stall.
Could these gifts please be wrapped in clear cellophane paper. Some suggestions that students could bring or make for the stall are: cards, mugs, flowers, plants, biscuits, bath soap, chocolates, bath bombs, ornaments, stationery, packets of seeds, bookmarks, photo frames, candles, photo albums etc.

The senior students will be assisting the Prep students with their shopping. Please remember to bring your money to buy a present for Mum on FRIDAY 10 MAY. Please remember to bring a bag for children to place Mum’s gifts in.

Raffle tickets will also be on sale for 50c/ticket.

If any parents are able to assist with setting up, pricing gifts and serving on Friday 10 May; could you please contact Emma Gordon on 5577 2660.

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**KITCHEN GARDEN MEETING**  
**Thursday 18 April – 9.00am**

A small committee works within the school to support the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. A short meeting will be held in the Kitchen on Thursday 18 April from 9:00am - 10:00am. Interested people are welcome to attend the meeting.

Ann Howard, Lisa McIntyre and Clare Kennedy

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**From the Kitchen Garden...**

Thank you to our special guests that came to prepare and share with their children over the last few weeks, hopefully we showcased what a wonderful program we have and they were able to see how clever our students are in the kitchen and share a lovely lunch together.

Thank you for the support shown for our raffle that we are running to help finish and maintain the chicken house. Raffle tickets can still be purchased from The Old Bakery & Wild Plum Café and also from the front office at the school.

**Don’t forget your Hot Cross Buns from the Old Bakery this Easter. Support your bakery that supports your SAKG program. (Wood fired preservative free, and really delicious!)**

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**CHOCOLATE ZUCCHINI CAKE**

If your zucchini patch is producing a ‘bumper’ crop, here is a delicious way to turn a glut into a dessert cake. In our kitchen classes, due to time constraints, we adapted a few things and made this recipe into muffins which also were delicious. Adapting recipes is a fun way to make them your own and to realise your potential and ingenuity to use up what you have in the pantry. The students in class are often asked to think about what would be a similar ingredient that would make a good substitute as we may not always have certain ingredients. Here is the recipe from the February edition of the Burkes Backyard magazine. And the changes we made are in *italics*. Happy cooking, happy sharing and happy Easter!

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

1. Preheat oven to 180° degrees.
2. Grease a deep round cake pan.
3. Except for the caster sugar, sift all other dry ingredients together.
4. Grate the zucchini onto a tea towel then twist and squeeze all the liquid out and measure two cups of zucchini. Place in a bowl and add the cranberries.
5. Melt the chocolate carefully in the microwave or over a pot of simmering water.
6. Beat together the eggs, sugar and oil in a separate bowl and gradually add the melted chocolate and vanilla.
7. Stir in the flour mix and alternate with the milk.
8. Stir in the zucchini.
9. Pour into the cake pan and bake for 40 – 45 minutes. Test with a metal skewer it should come out clean. Let sit for 5 – 10 minutes before turning out onto a cake rack.
10. Once cool dust with icing sugar if you wish and serve.
11. Enjoy.

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A reminder that Year 3 to 6 students are to bring $2.00 for each Kitchen class to help cover the cost of ingredients (this amount may need to be increased from Term 2).

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Last Thursday saw our first sessions with new “Friends” and the “old hands”! It is a very exciting time for us, and I am so pleased to be able to work with such a great bunch of friendly, helpful people. The children took the time to show their new friends around the garden, showing and explaining plants and activities to them.

As you all know, we are going through an extremely hot and dry autumn, and the effect of this is showing in the garden. Each child has been allocated a garden bed to look after, with a small group of friends, so they are concentrating on keeping them watered. We are also suffering from a heavy influx of kangaroos, (as it’s so dry and bare in the paddocks) who find the tomatoes especially, very tasty. Fortunately, they are not so interested in the pumpkins and zucchinis.

We take a great deal of time integrating the program into the school curriculum. Being particularly concerned about water use and lack of rainfall (we rely on rainwater) we asked the students to calculate our tank capacity, the current water level, and the amount of water our school roof can capture in an average rainfall year. These tanks also supply water for flushing the toilets. They calculated that the roof can capture 1 megalitre of water, the tanks can hold 60 000 litres, and that (two weeks ago), they held 30 000 litres. Rainfall will also be recorded on a sheet, located at the school’s front door, so everyone can keep an eye on the water levels.

The students have also learnt about “looking after themselves and others” in the garden. This is the school theme for Term 1. They learnt about tool use and care, watering habits, wind direction, sun effects, proper safe clothing, and respect for themselves and others, to name a few. We have also talked at length about snakes, (and heard many great snake tales!) and the routine to follow if one is spotted.

Our harvests this term have included potatoes, pumpkins, chillies, tomatoes, nectarines, zucchinis, parsley, silver beet, celery, pak choi, coriander, oregano, basil, mint, chives (which the kangaroos also love!), onions, cabbage, leeks, garlic, berries and rhubarb. Our plantings include lettuce, carrots, radish, and parsley. Kerren Collins kindly donated broccoli and cauli seedlings, and Ivo McLoughlin is growing some brassicas for us, to plant soon.

We were very fortunate to be involved with the Woodhouse Hall Produce Display, a few weekends ago. It was a great opportunity to showcase the SAKG Program. The Woodhouse committee did a fantastic job organising the day and we would like to thank them very much for the invitation to be involved, and also for the terrific prizes we won (for biggest zucchini!). We have installed the solar lights in the garden – that was the Prep’s job last week, and will make good use of the seeding starter box.
A very exciting donation has come from the Maconochie family, “Hopkins River Beef”. They are beginning (as of April 2013) to supply “Farmers Own Compost” in selected Coles Supermarkets. These bags are available in convenient 10 litre bags, are user friendly and will give consumers the chance to improve their soils, on every scale from large backyards to individual pot plants on the balcony. They have donated one tonne of these bags to the school garden. We are surprised and delighted with this generous donation, and thank them sincerely for it. Below is a description of the product (as found on their web site Hopkins River Compost). We also encourage you to try the “Farmers Own Compost” for yourselves.

Farmers Own Compost: “At Hopkins River, we practice and implement sustainability on an agricultural and horticultural level too, for ourselves and our customers. Our compost is applied to pastures, crops, and other rural landscapes across Southern Australia to improve soil health and reduce reliance on synthetics.

Farmers Own Compost is a living, breathing ecosystem of micro-organisms producing natural acids, proteins, probiotics, carbohydrates and sugars that feed your plants. The result; vibrant and healthy gardens. Less is more with Farmers Own Compost, where a small amount of this product will do more work in your garden than harmful chemicals or manure alone. Also contains soil energising rock powder, a natural plant booster.”

We are very fortunate and proud to be part of a community that supports and helps us so well. All we need now is rain …! Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden Specialist

CANTEEN UPDATE
Please refer to the attached Canteen Roster for Term Two. At the recent Canteen and Food Services Working Party meeting it was decided to sell cups of instant noodles (on both Monday and Thursday Canteen days) to the Year 4/5/6 students as a trial, from the beginning of Term 2 (hot water will be drained from the cups before being placed in the lunch order bags). The cups of instant noodles will cost $1.50 each.

Mrs Trish Symes has volunteered to complete the Food Handling course and to manage/oversee the attention to cleaning and food storage at the Canteen.

Please find listed below the current pricelist for the Dunkeld School Canteen from the beginning of Term 2 (prices may be subject to change due to new stock arrival):

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NAB AUSKICK FOOTBALL DUNKELD
Auskick in the region is now being run under the Glenthompson Dunkeld Football Club banner. The 2013 Auskick season will kick off on Thursday 18 April at 5.00pm to 6.00pm at the Dunkeld Football Oval, Recreation Road, Dunkeld. The last session will be held on Thursday 20 June. Auskick is for Primary School aged children only.

Brad Mawson will be coaching and running the sessions for approximately eight weeks. Packs will be handed out at the first session.

Register online now at www.aflauskick.com.au - please note that this year all registrations are online. The cost of the program is $60.00 per child. If you are unable to access the internet, please contact Mrs Sally Beggs.

If you have any queries please contact Sally Beggs on 5577 8222 or 0408 991 102.

BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE TRANSITION PROGRAM 2013 – YEAR 5 STUDENTS
Baimbridge College would like to invite the Grade 5 students to their Transition Program for 2013. A Grade 5 Transition Day will be held on Friday 26 April from 8.45am – 3.25pm during which all Grade 5 students can spend a day of classes at Baimbridge College to gain a better appreciation of the College, its programs and the opportunities available to its students.

GLENTHOMPSON “BACK TO PRIMARY SCHOOL No 947” ON 16 AND 17 MARCH
Vic and I would like to thank our small band of helpers for their support and assistance which helped to make our “Final Farewell - Glen SS 947” a success (you know who you are). Thanks to everyone in the
community who supported us with cooking; donations for the raffle, etc.; our sponsors and donors for their support. It was wonderful to have over 100 people join us for a delicious meal catered for by Fabulous Feast, and then dancing the night away with Albert & Co., finishing with “Auld Lang Syne”. The end to a great evening.

On Sunday, over 200 people returned to school signing the book followed by raising the flag and reading the pledge, which was said every morning before going into school for the day.

THE PLEDGE
I love God and my Country
I will honour the Flag
I will serve the Queen
And cheerfully obey my Parents
Teachers and the Laws

All who attended had a great time wandering through the School looking at the displays and reminiscing about their school days at Glenthompson. A BBQ lunch followed thanks to the Dunkeld Lions Club for cooking for us.

It was a happy but also a sad occasion for all of us. Our time spent at Glenthompson SS 947 will always be remembered for happy times (probably not so happy for those who got the strap), great teachers, friendships made, still strong today as ever, memories which we stay with us always. A special thank you to Vic for all his support and assistance, for putting up with me through all the ups and downs in arranging our “Final Farewell - Glen SS 947.”

Heather Lynch, Hon Secretary, Glenthompson History Group

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Dunkeld Consolidated School has a fantastic school community! We all come together to support each other, staff and students. This became apparent to me as I took on the role as the P & F president and more so when tragedy struck our school. We all stood together, along with the wider community as we supported the Griffin-Wilson family but also each other.

That feeling of supporting each other and working together continued for the rest of 2012. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the hard work of the P & F Association and members, without all of their efforts the many catering jobs that arose throughout the year and the three Social Service stalls would not have run so smoothly. The Serra Terror catering was our main fundraiser, raising $2000.00. It was a major team effort, with many school families contributing over two days to ensure all ran well. Our Olympic Party may not have been a financial success, but those who attended shared many laughs, which made it a great social night.

P & F have given back to the school with blinds for classrooms, items for the kitchen, a library trolley, the Chook Palace and paid for the bus for the whole school excursion to Flagstaff Hill, reducing costs to parents and ensuring all students attended and had a fantastic day.

I would like to thank; Karen Kent, Kellie White and Lindy Cullinane for all their help and support. Each person possesses many wonderful qualities and took to their roles magnificently. I could not have asked for a better committee to be part of.

A very big thank to Mrs Gaylene Raymond and Mrs Terrie Nicholson, for all their administration help over the past year. To Rob Fry and Lisa McIntyre, your many years of being involved in the school makes you both a wealth of knowledge, thank you for your assistance and advice you have shared.

On behalf of the P & F Association, I would like to wish Mr Pat Gleeson all the best for his retirement. Mr Gleeson has been a great supporter of the P & F and of our aims to provide for the students, the staff and the school. Our children have benefited from his tireless work during his time spent at Dunkeld.

I hope that 2013 is a very successful year and we all continue to work together and support each other as we all try to achieve the same goal, in making our school the best for our children and our community.

Emma Gordon
President
Dunkeld Consolidated School
Parents & Friends Association
4 March 2013
### MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

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Dunkeld Adventure: Serra Terror 2013 Friday 7 June - Monday 10 June 2013

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### COMMUNITY NEWS & MEETINGS

#### “CHOOK RAFFLE”

The Dunkeld Consolidated School’s *Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program* needs to raise funds to complete their magnificent Chook House. So we are holding a **raffle**, featuring a **beautiful painting**, painted and kindly donated by Maryann Jenkins. The raffle **tickets** cost **$1.00** each and the painting and tickets will initially be displayed at The Old Bakery and Wild Plum Cafe. We again would like to thank both Paul and Pauline at The Old Bakery for their very generous and ongoing sponsorship of the program, and encourage all community members to visit the Bakery, and try their wares.

Additional raffle tickets can be purchased from Clare Kennedy or Lisa McIntyre 5574 9235.

*Thank you for your support!*

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#### Thank You

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Next Newsletter items due by 3:00pm Monday 15 April 2013

*Items to be emailed to Rob Fry: forty@iinet.net or ring me on 5574 9233

*LATE ITEMS WILL BE HELD OVER UNTIL THE FOLLOWING FORTNIGHT*
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SAVE LIVES FOUNDATION
Stall Results - Thank you most sincerely to all those who supplied things to sell and also to our valued customers. Your support was really appreciated and we raised $764 for the Children’s Home in Kathmandu. Tanya Lowe was the lucky winner of the kookaburra painting.
We do still have some seedlings for sale. We have pansies, cauliflowers, and lettuce. These will be available from Barbara Dohle if you’d like some.

DUNKELD SES UPDATE
Training Dates
Wednesday April 10th Emergency Services Complex
Wednesday April 24th Emergency Services Complex
Wednesday May 8th Emergency Services Complex
Wednesday May 22nd Emergency Services Complex
Wednesday June 12th Emergency Services Complex
Wednesday June 26th Emergency Services Complex

TRISTAR PENSHURST FREE BONE DENSITY SCAN
On the 8th and 9th April, Measure Up will be conducting free bone density scans in Penshurst. To obtain a free scan you must be aged over 70, and have not had a scan in the last 12 months.
You will also require a referral from Doctor Abdullah at the Penshurst Medical Clinic Ph 5552 2032 to be eligible for your free scan.
Once you have your referral simply call Measure Up on 1800 10 11 63 to book your scan.

PANYYABYR CHURCH
Our next Service will be held on April 21st at 2pm and will be conducted by Edwin McLean. We hope you’ll be able to share this time of worship with us.
At the conclusion of the Service, we will have afternoon tea.

Lost from Panyyabyr Church. A card table with Pauline Hassett’s name underneath. If you know where it is, please ring either Cindy McIntyre 55749217 or Heather Napier 5574 9232

From the Kitchen Garden...

Thank you to our special guests that came to prepare and share with their children over the last few weeks, hopefully we showcased what a wonderful program we have and they were able to see how clever our students are in the kitchen and share a lovely lunch together.

Don’t forget your Hot Cross Buns from The Old Bakery this Easter. Support your bakery that supports your SAKG program. (Wood fired, preservative free, and really delicious!)

CHOCOLATE ZUCCHINI CAKE
If your zucchini patch is producing a ‘bumper’ crop, here is a delicious way to turn a glut into a dessert cake. In our kitchen classes, due to time constraints, we adapted a few things and made this recipe into muffins which also were delicious. Adapting recipes is a fun way to make them your own and to utilise your potential and ingenuity to use up what you have in the pantry. The students in class are often asked to think about what would be a similar ingredient that would make a good substitute as we may not always have certain ingredients. Here is the recipe from the February edition of the Burkes Backyard magazine. And the changes we made are in italics. Happy cooking, happy sharing and happy Easter!

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

4 medium zucchinis
(2 large marrows)
1 cup dried cranberries
(A mixture of dried fruits - raisins, sultana and currants)
½ teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
180g good quality dark chocolate
(Mixture of dark and milk chocolate)
2 cups of caster sugar
4 eggs
½ cup vegetable oil
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup buttermilk
(Soy milk)

12. Preheat oven to 180° degrees.
13. Grease a deep round cake pan.
14. Except for the caster sugar, sift all other dry ingredients together.
15. Grate the zucchini onto a tea towel then twist and squeeze all the liquid out and measure two cups of zucchini. Place in a bowl and add the cranberries.
16. Melt the chocolate carefully in the microwave or over a pot of simmering water.
17. Beat together the eggs, sugar and oil in a separate bowl and gradually add the melted chocolate and vanilla.
18. Stir in the flour mix and alternate with the milk.
19. Stir in the zucchini.
20. Pour into the cake pan and bake for 40 – 45 minutes. Test with a metal skewer it should come out clean. Let sit for 5 – 10 minutes before turning out onto a cake rack.
21. Once cool dust with icing sugar if you wish and serve.
22. Enjoy.
DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Caravan Park: We are booked out for Easter. Business has been steadily picking up after the fires. Gary and Mavis will be very busy next week.

Salt Creek: We have not been able to clean up Salt Creek. It has been suggested that we hold a major working bee with brush trimmers, etc. The Committee will discuss this at the next meeting.

Sawmill: Dennis Fitzpatrick is planning the best way to possum proof the building. We hope to have a working bee in April.

Classic Motor Bike Scramble: This is being held on Sunday 14 April from 9.00am until 3.00pm. I am organising the barbecue and gate. Proceeds go to the Community Centre. We need some help. If you are available please contact me on 5577 2397 ASAP.

Prustie and Wendy are in South America until after Easter. I want to thank Prustie for his kind words in the last newsletter. They were not necessary, but appreciated. I work for my town to make it a better place. Small towns would not survive without volunteers. If you have some time, don’t hesitate to offer your services – it is very rewarding.

Have a happy and safe Easter.

John Smith President

Sunday April 14th

Directions: From Dunkeld take the Victoria Valley Road (C217) and proceed to Back Road (30kms) take this road and the entrance is approximately ½km along. All bitumen access. Just follow the signage.

All day BBQ Gold coin entry
9am - 3pm

DUNKELD TENNIS CLUB COACHING SESSIONS in Term 2

The Dunkeld tennis club is looking for adults and kids who are interested in having a hit of tennis. On Fridays (in term 2) we will have a tennis coach at our club and we are looking at running the following sessions:

Cardio session – 2.00pm to 3.00pm - $10 per hour
This is mainly to have fun and a bit of exercise. It doesn’t matter what level of tennis you play. There are a few mums with their pre-school kids who share the ‘caring’ and tennis playing. For these sessions you do not have to commit every week. Let me know if you are interested and I’ll put your name down.

5/6 yr old session - 3.30pm to 4.00pm
Maximum number for this group will be 5. Cost will be $80 for the 10 week term.

6/7 yr old session – 4.00pm to 4.30pm
Maximum number for this group will be 5. Cost will be $80 for the 10 week term.

8+ yr old session – 4.30pm to 5.15pm
Maximum number for this group will be 6. Cost will be $100 for the 10 week term.

Kinder kids session (new) - 1.30pm to 2.00pm
We are also thinking of running a pre-school session for the kinder kids, please let me know if you are interested. Maximum number for this session will be 4. Cost will be $80 for the 10 week term.

Payment of fees
The term fees will have to be paid on or before the start of the coaching sessions (except for the cardio sessions). Nathan Isles of Isles and Maloney tennis academy will invoice you per email. The term starts on the 19th April and finishes on the 21st June. (The prices are based on full sessions, if the session is not full, prices may have to be adjusted)

If you or your child were playing in term 1 a spot will be available to you in term 2. After that it is first come, first
served (no pun intended) for the remaining spots. Entries close the 12th April.

To reserve your spot, please email me:
- Your and/or your child’s name
- Date of birth (only for kids coaching sessions!)
- Mobile phone number (for last minute weather or sickness related cancellations)
- Email address

Thanks everyone, Hilde Murphy
Junior tennis Coordinator - Dunkeld Tennis Club

Mobile: 0414 407 378
Email: hilde_schellingerhout@hotmail.com

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Serra Terror Hike Series: Promise of uniqueness, variety and never boring

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. Annual membership fee is $40.00. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service will be held on Thursday 25 April commencing at 6:30am sharp at the Dunkeld Centenotaph in the Memorial Park. We are awaiting confirmation from the Defence Force that Lieutenant Shayne Sommerville (from Dunkeld) will be able to be our guest speaker. Following the service there will be a free sausage sizzle and tea and coffee provided by the Dunkeld & District Lions Club members. Ex-service men and women, the local community and visitors are welcome to attend the service.

National Boer Way Day

At the dawn of the 20th Century and during the very birth of our nation, Australian soldiers were fighting and dying on the South African veldt in what became a bitter guerrilla war. About 23,000 Australians served and nearly 1,000 paid the supreme sacrifice while many more suffered lasting disabilities and broken lives. We must not forget those who served in our third biggest and most costly engagement after the two world wars of the 20th Century. National Boer War Day is commemorated in all States on the Sunday before 31 May each year – the anniversary of the war’s end in 1902. The Melbourne service at the Shrine of Remembrance on Sunday 26 May 2013 will be attended by civil and military dignitaries, the Victorian Police Pipe Band and the Creswick Light Horse. All descendants of Boer War veterans and other interested people are invited to attend this event which, in 2013, honours the magnificent ‘Defence of Elands River’ from 4 to 16 August 1900.

Dunkeld and District soldiers that served in the Boer War were as follows: Robert Donelan, Senior, Adolphus Gordon, Edmund Gordon, Dan Sheehan, William Walker and Charlie Walsh.¹

Elands River

It was on the fourth of August, as five hundred of us lay
In the camp at Elands River, came a shell from De La Rey,
We were dreaming of home faces, of the old familiar places,
And the gum trees and the sunny plains five thousand miles away.

But the challenge woke and found us
With four thousand rifles round us;
And Death stood laughing at us at the breaking of the day.
Hell belched upon our borders, and the battle had begun.
Our Maxim jams: We faced them with one muzzle-loading gun.
East, south, and west, and nor’ward
Their shells came screaming forward
As we threw the sconces round us in the first light of the sun.
The thin air shook with thunder
As they raked us fore and under;
And the cordon closed around us, as they held us
(They still the growling of the Krupp upon our southern face);
Round the crimson ring of battle
Swiftly ran the deadly rattle.
As our rifles searched their fore-lines with a desperate menace;

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‘Dunkeld Adventure’ issues a challenge.

Pictured is Tim Jackson, team captain ‘Hair of the Dog’, fastest team to complete the Serra Terror Hike in both 2011 and 2012, being presented with his individual plaque to commemorate the feat. The three other team mates had to fly home to Canberra, Katamatite and Tocumwal.

This team has now entered the 4th Serra Terror to be held Friday 7 June to Monday 10 June 2013. Being in the hike in its inaugural year 2010, the name was Team Verrucata, meaning a Mt Abrupt eucalypt or some similar bush. In 2011 and 2012, being presented with his individual plaque to commemorate the feat. The three other team mates had to fly home to Canberra, Katamatite and Tocumwal.

Try to outwit and outrun these 4 guys. Tim along with good old mates, Graeme Eddy, James Bourchier and John Dawson, have their team name on the Serra Terror Perpetual Trophy. Will your team be the 2013 champions?

**Very Special Thank you**

- To Maria & Mitch Kellemen for donating the red gum timber for the plaques
- To Jimmy Griffiths for his time and design of the plaques

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¹ Elands River

But the challenge woke and found us
With four thousand rifles round us;
And Death stood laughing at us at the breaking of the day.
Hell belched upon our borders, and the battle had begun.
Our Maxim jams: We faced them with one muzzle-loading gun.
East, south, and west, and nor’ward
Their shells came screaming forward
As we threw the sconces round us in the first light of the sun.
The thin air shook with thunder
As they raked us fore and under;
And the cordon closed around us, as they held us – eight to one.
We got the Maxims going, and the field-gun into place
(They still the growling of the Krupp upon our southern face);
Round the crimson ring of battle
Swiftly ran the deadly rattle.
As our rifles searched their fore-lines with a desperate menace;
DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE

Committee Meeting: Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 15 April commencing at 8:00pm at the Dunkeld Museum.

Guest Speaker Meetings: Our next Guest Speaker Meeting will be held on Monday 8 April (the second Monday of the month because Easter Monday falls on the first Monday) commencing at 8.00pm, followed by a light supper. Our guest speaker will be well-known local identity, Mrs Heather Napier, from Victoria Valley. Heather, a retired school teacher, has caught the travel bug. Since retiring in 1994, she has visited over 100 countries and has been to very continent, including Antarctica. She started doing tours which involved big groups but found she much preferred the Adventure Companies where the groups were smaller. She’s also done tours with just herself and the guide which have also been great. To date, she’s visited most of the Asian countries which she really enjoys. Her two really favourite countries are Ireland and Turkey. Heather will be going to Ireland for the fifth time this year. As she travels alone, she has made lots of friends around the world.

Several years ago she went to Borneo to see the orang-utans and this year is going to Rwanda to see the gorillas. Last year, on her second trip, she went on a cruise to the European-Arctic and was so excited to see a polar bear. On her first trip last year, she went amongst other interesting places in Brazil, to the Amazon where she got to see lots of monkeys, held a baby caiman and saw some beautiful parrots.

She has visited Libya which has amazing Roman ruins and Syria which also had some excellent Roman ruins. At our guest speaker meeting on 8 April, Heather will talk about some of her animal experiences during her world travels.

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

Saturday 30 Mar Trevor Flinn & Helena Flinn
Sunday 31 Mar Barbara Dohle & Terrie Nicholson
Monday 1 Apr Wally & Carol Allen
Sunday 7 Apr Margy McIntyre & Katrina Weatherly
Sunday 14 Apr Geoff Hitchiffe & Erin O’Neil

Australian Prisoners of War on the Burma-Thailand Railway: During World War II almost 10,000 Australian Prisoners of War (POW) worked on the construction of the Burma-Thailand Railway in appalling physical conditions. Mr Henry Frederick Leech OAM (Private - 2/29 Australian Infantry Battalion), a Life member of the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch and Dunkeld Racing Club, who now resides in Hamilton, was one of the Australian Prisoners of War on this notorious railway.

A Railway to Burma: In December 1941 the Pacific War began with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, and the invasion of Malaya. By mid-1942 Japanese forces were fighting the British in Burma, their ultimate aim being an offensive against India. To maintain their armies in Burma the Japanese needed a more secure supply route rather than the vulnerable sea-lanes between Singapore and Rangoon. They decided to construct a railway, 415 kilometres long, through the jungle and mountain from Ban Pong in Thailand to Thanbyuzayat in Burma.

Building the railway: To build the railway the Japanese assembled a multinational workforce of approximately 250,000 Asian labourers and over 60,000 Australian, British, Dutch and American POW’s. Work on the line began in southern Burma in October 1942 while at the same time construction also started in Thailand. On 16 October 1943, the two ends of the Burma-Thailand railway were joined at Konkotla in Thailand.

Little modern equipment was made available for railway work. Earth and rock were broken by shovels, picks and chunkels (hoes), and carried away in baskets or sacks. Embankments of stone and earth were heaped up by human endeavour. Cuttings were driven through rock by hand; metal taps and sledgehammers being used to drill holes for explosives. Most of the bridges along the railway were timber trestle bridges made from timber cut in the surrounding jungle.

From April 1943, the work pace increased greatly as the Japanese strove to meet a proposed August deadline for completion. This was the notorious ‘speedo’ period. POWs and Asian labourers worked punishing hours well into the night. At Konyu Cutting the flickering bonfire light on the emaciated workers gave the place its name - Hellfire Pass. The ‘speedo’, coinciding with the wet season and outbreaks of cholera, claimed thousands of lives.

Between December 1943 and August 1945 some 220,000 tons of military supplies were carried over the railway. Allied air raids hindered the railway’s operation yet the Japanese continued to move supplies along the route. Today, 130 km of the line remains in use, from Non Pladuk to Namtok.

Cost: Of the 60,000 Allied POWs who worked on the railway, 12,399 (20%) died. Between 70,000 and 90,000 civilian labourers are also believed to have died. The reasons for this appalling death toll were lack of proper food, totally
inadequate medical facilities and, at times, the brutal treatment from guards and railway supervisors.

Rice, with a little dried vegetable and dried fish, was the POWs’ basic food. This meagre diet provided by the Japanese was supplemented to some extent through trade with local people. Starvation led to a range of diseases, including beriberi and pellagra. Weakened POWs living in appalling conditions commonly fell ill to malaria, dysentery, cholera and tropical ulcers.

POWs lived in attap (woven palm thatch) and bamboo huts. Huts were overcrowded and the cooking and sanitary arrangements at camps were primitive. Lack of clothing and footwear increased the risk of illness. Physical punishment was a feature of Japanese military discipline and POWs were often given severe beatings as well as other forms of punishment. This was at its worst during the ‘speedo’.

If anything the Asian labourers, or ‘rumusha’ as they were known, fared even worse. Unlike the POWs, they had no army doctors to give them basic medical treatment.¹


FROM THE LIONS DEN

On the 17th March we assisted the Glenthompson Historical Group with their final farewell to the Glenthompson School. As always with anything that Glenthompson do as a community it was well run and well supported by the community and was a pleasure for us to be invited to assist them.

World First for the Dunkeld Lions

For the past six years the Dunkeld Lions have been working with a grape grower in the Berri district of South Australia on a new variety of grape. Michael, the grape grower has been working for nearly thirty years on producing a grape that will ferment on the vine. He succeeded in producing a vine that when the grape was ripe all that had to be done was the grapes to be crushed into a glass and a beautiful wine was produced.

The wine that came from the grapes was clear, fruity and full of natural variety taste, at this stage there are three red varieties, Shiraz, Merlot and Pinot Noir, and two whites, Colombard and Frontinaque. His problem was not the actual growing and producing the wine but the keeping of it, because there were no chemicals used the wine would only last for a relatively short time before oxidising and going off.

This was where the Lions came in and solved the problem. I was talking to him about it and made the comment that we it was a pity that the wine was not like the Cockies and Corellas from the Western District that live to be a ripe old age. Because of this we experimented over the past six years with a protein that was extracted from the birds and fed to the vine.

The result was fantastic and far exceeded anything we hoped for. The feeding of the vine is easy, we drill a small hole in the truck and insert a feather from a Cockie into it. The small amount of protein in the feather is enough to feed the plant for a week. In all the plant only has to be fed like this for four weeks.

We have contacted all relevant government departments and have a contract to supply the feathers to Michael. The feathers only work if they are taken from a live, unstressed bird, so we have permission to drug the birds and remove a maximum of 5 feathers from each bird. We conducted one trial and laid a trail of grain that had been soaked with a special drug. We were able to pick up over 1000 birds and remove five feathers from each. The birds recovered and left, none the worse for their experience.

When this program is sold to the wine producers of the world we expect to need over a million feathers each week for the duration of the final period of the production. Licences will be available to farmers to supply the feathers to us and we expect to pay about $5.00 per feather. It is anticipated that the 10 farmers who get the licences will make over $1 million per year. One small problem is that all road and rail traffic between Dunkeld and Glenthompson will be limited to 20 km/h during daylight hours (this is to protect the birds). We believe that farmers will erect breeding boxes for the birds, beside those for the possums. This is a win win situation for all involved; the consumer- he can go up to a bunch of grapes, squeeze the contents into a glass and he has beautiful fruity wine; the farmer who supplies the feathers will be rewarded financially, as will the grape grower and the Lions.

Happy drinking everyone.

Anzac Day

Mossman, the sugar growing district in Queensland was subjected to a minor but notable Japanese air attack at about 3.30am on the 31st July 1942. Kawanisi H8-K2 ‘Emily’ flying boats had been active several times during the preceding week in making nuisance raids against Townville, and the lone machine of the same type involved on this occasion was apparently searching for the Allied airfield at Cairns to mount a similar attack against the target. When the crew of the Japanese aircraft saw lights on the ground they assumed Cairns to be the source and released the aircraft’s load of eight bombs.

Most of the missiles landed harmlessly in bush alongside the Daintree Road, but one fell west of the Bamboo Creek Road about 1.5 kilometres north of the Miallo post office. Shrapnel from this explosion struck a house twenty metres away occupied by an Italian sugarcane farmer, Emilo Zullo, his wife, daughter and nephew. Two year old Carmela (Mele) Zullo, lying in her cot, suffered a scalp wound and thus became the first civilian air-raid casualty on Australia’s east coast.

Please support the Anzac Day services, following the dawn service at Dunkeld there will be refreshments supplied by the Lions.

For our time and for all time, we will remember them.

Peter Hinchey
GLENTHOMPSON “BACK TO PRIMARY SCHOOL No 947” ON 16 AND 17 MARCH

Vic and I would like to thank our small band of helpers for their support and assistance which helped to make our “Final Farewell - Glen SS 947” a success (you know who you are). Thanks to everyone in the community who supported us with cooking; donations for the raffle, etc; our sponsors and donors for their support.

It was wonderful to have over 100 people join us for a delicious meal catered for by Fabulous Feast, then dancing the night away with Albert & Co., finishing with “Auld Lang Syne”. The end to a great evening.

On Sunday, over 200 people returned to school signing the book followed by raising the flag and reading the pledge, which was said every morning before going into school for the day.

THE PLEDGE
I love God and my Country
I will honour the Flag
I will serve the Queen
And cheerfully obey my Parents
Teachers and the Laws

All who attended had a great time wandering through the School looking at the displays and reminiscing about their school days at Glenthompson. A BBQ lunch followed thanks to the Dunkeld Lions Club for cooking for us.

It was a happy but also a sad occasion for all of us. Our time spent at Glenthompson SS 947 will always be remembered for happy times (probably not so happy for those who got the strap), great teachers, friendships made, still strong today as ever, memories which we stay with us always. A special thank you to Vic for all his support and assistance, for putting up with me through all the ups and downs in arranging our “Final Farewell - Glen SS 947.”

Heather Lynch, Hon Secretary, Glenthompson History Group

The Glenthompson Historical Group Inc wishes to thank the following Sponsors and Supporters of our recent “Final Farewell - Glenthompson SS 947”:

Bendigo Bank, Dunkeld - Ted Mann
Glen News - T Nicholson
Glenthompson Motors - Glenthompson Bricks
Judy Prasser - Dunkeld Lions Club
Glenthompson Community Assoc - MJ’s Roadhouse
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RAFFLE WINNERS
1st Peter Thompson - Hamper
2nd Barb Nailon - Voucher from Cafe 109, Dunkeld
3rd Kate Coote - Hamper
4th Barb Nailon - Voucher from Izzy’s Hamilton
5th D’Arne Malcolm - Darriwill Farm Gift Pack
6th Janet Steer - Voucher from Cafe 109, Dunkeld
7th D’Arne Malcolm - Hamper

Furtherest Travelled - Jan Waddell from Western Australia.
Oldest Returnee/s - Freda McFarlane, Eileen Finnegan and Nora Walker.

The 2013-14 season for swimming commences next term and the Hamilton Olympic Swimming Club is having an assessment session for new swimmers on Saturday 13th April at HILAC pool at 10am. Those who are interested in joining the swim club or would like to find out more about what is involved in a training session are encouraged to come along. Our wonderful head coach, Maxine Baring will be available to answer any questions you may have about the club or what is involved as well as guide you as to which squad may be suitable for you as a swimmer. To register your interest please contact Maxine on 0407 302 744 or email the swimmers name; date of birth and phone number to mbswimming@bigpond.com. Please note no new enrolments will be taken during the term so if you are interested in swimming come on Saturday 13th April to become part of our team!
GLENTHOMPSON/DUNKELD FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

The lead up to the 2013 football season is well underway, and things are shaping up well for the Rams Football Netball Club.

Please find listed below a membership form. We have the three standard memberships on offer this year. A single gate entry, family gate entry and pensioners gate entry. With your membership you will receive a magnetic calendar with the 2013 draw and social calendar on it, and also a numbered membership card. There will be random membership draws at functions throughout the season. Our club relies heavily on sponsorship and memberships to operate. Your support is the key to our success. So jump on board and enjoy the 2013 season with us.

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Please return this form with cheque payable to the Glenthompson Dunkeld Football Netball Club c/o Liam Currer P.O Box 50 Dunkeld 3294.
Or alternatively EFT is available. Details: BSB 633000 Account No. 137060794
A confirmation email should be sent to lbubb@hotmail.com if you choose to use EFT.

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4th Week
Sunday    March 24    9.00am    Assembly of Word and Communion
Thursday   March 28    7.30pm    Holy Thursday
Friday     March 29    3.00pm    Good Friday

5th Week
Sunday    March 31    9.00am    Easter Sunday - Mass

1st Week
Sunday    April 7    9.00am    Mass

2nd Week
Sunday    April 14    9.00am    Assembly of Word and Communion

3rd Week
Sunday    April 21    9.00am    Mass

4th Week
Sunday    April 28    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

UNITING CHURCH
Dunkeld 9am April 14th
Panyyabyr 2pm April 21st

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2nd & last Sunday of each month   10.30am

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This is an opportunity for those who would like to commence meditation with accompanying support of a group, instruction and teaching.

Teacher: Rev. Paul Sanders is an appointed teacher in the Diamond Sangha international Zen community having studied with Roshi Pat Hawk and Roshi Bob Walker. Paul also has training in Christian contemplation studying under the same teachers. Paul has experience in retreat and group and individual support and instruction.

Contact Paul on 5577 2354/0407 833 515 for further background information and registering your participation and interest.
**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.f@edumail.vic.gov.au

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