Dunkeld Consolidated School invites the community to attend its

Open Morning
on
Thursday 23 May 2013 at the Dunkeld Consolidated School

You are most welcome to:
- Come in and observe the normal Literacy Programs in operation in all classrooms at any time between 10:00am and 11:00am.
- School tours, including the Kitchen and Vegetable Garden and orchard, will be available.
- Share in morning tea with the staff from 11:00am – 11:30am.
- Visitors are also encouraged to stay and have a look at the Kitchen and Garden classes commencing at 11:30am.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please contact Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring, Acting Principal on (03) 5577 2384 for further information.
TERM 2 ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL SESSIONS

Please return this form to school by Monday 6 May 2013

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If there are changes to the above form, please let the school office know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Name: _______________________________  Signature: _______________________________

Phone: _______________________________  Date: _______________________________
2013 WHAT’S COMING UP

MAY
Thurs 2 Caulfield Grammar School visit and musical performance.
Fri 3 Book Club Issue 3 – orders and monies due.
Sun 5 FAREWELL AFTERNOON TEA for Mr Pat Gleeson at the Grampians Golf Club – commencing at 3.00pm.
Mon 6 First PMP session for Prep students begins at 2.50pm.
Tues 7 House Cross Country commencing at 1.30pm. Early lunch at 12.30pm.
Fri 10 Social Service Mothers Day Stall @ 10.00am.
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.
Sat 19 Open Morning in the Prep class and tour of the school for Kindergarten parents from 9.15am to 10.00am.
Wed 22 Open Day for the general community at the Dunkeld Consolidated School as part of “Education Week” celebrations from 10.00am – 11.00am followed by morning tea. Visitors are encouraged to stay and have a look at the Kitchen and Garden classes commencing at 11.30am.
Fri 24 Year 4/5/6 students - Landcare Excursion from 11.30am to 1.00pm.
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
Tues 4 Hamilton Eisteddfod
Mon 10 QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues 11 PUPIL FREE DAY – Reporting 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.

JULY
Mon 15 FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

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

Tues 7 May Facilities Meeting – 6.30pm
Mon 13 May P & F Association Meeting – 7.30pm
Wed 22 May Finance Meeting – time TBA
Tues 28 May School Council Meeting No 3 - 7.30pm

2013 TERM DATES
Term 2 Monday 15 April to Friday 28 June
Term 3 Monday 15 July to Friday 20 September
Term 4 Monday 7 October to Friday 20 December

FORMS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER
Active After-School form to be returned by Monday 6 May
Invitation to the Open Morning at the Dunkeld Consolidated School on Thursday 23 May

CANTEEN DUTY
Mon 6 May Robyn Fry
Thurs 9 May Katie Calvert & Sylvia McMullen
Mon 13 May Lindy Cullinane
Thurs 16 May Karen Kent & Rebecca Deacon
The Dunkeld community particularly the school community provides an effective volunteer workforce that continues to greatly improve what the school can offer its students. To all those people who have given their time and energy developing a strong community thank you very much.

FROM Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring, Acting Principal...

THANKS
A sincere thank you to the Dunkeld Pastoral Company for their donation of a truck load of wood chips. This happened during the holidays.

COVERED AREA BUILDING PROJECT
The undercover area building project is looking great and progressing well. We look forward to being able to use it in the near future.

CAULFIELD GRAMMAR VISIT
We had our annual visit from Caulfield Grammar today. They arrived after recess and were provided with lunch by our P & F Association. We were then treated to a musical performance by their students. It is always lovely to have Caulfield Grammar visit. It allows our students to see great talent with musical instruments.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School Photos were held on Tuesday of this week. It was great to see everyone looking neat and tidy in their winter school uniform. Let’s aim to keep looking this way every day.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Congratulations to Matt Fry who has qualified to compete at the Regional Athletics Championships in Ballarat on Friday 18 October High Jump and Shot Put (11 years old).

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 3 MAY
This Friday 3 May we will be conducting our Special Assembly in the school hall. Please note the change of time to begin at 2:00pm. 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.

A 2.00pm start will allow for a slightly extended assembly, followed by an afternoon tea provided by the school for the school children, parents and staff to share with Mr Gleeson. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend this assembly.

FAREWELL TO MR GLEESON
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ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL STUDENT SURVEY
We will be conducting the Attitude to School Student Survey next week with students in Years 5 and 6. This gives students an opportunity to reflect on their time and experience at our school and give feedback. The data we receive back is analysed and used to plan for further growth and stability for our students in future years.

CROSS COUNTRY
Our House Cross Country Sports will be held next Tuesday 7 May, beginning at 1.20pm. Regular classes will run prior to the Sports.

12.30pm EARLY LUNCH for students
1.20pm Cross Country - assemble in lunch area
1.30pm 5/6 years - 500m
1.40pm 7/8 years - 1000m
2.05pm 9/10 years - 2000m
2.30pm 11/12/13 years - 3000m
3.10pm Presentations
3.20pm Dismissal

Presentations will be held on the main oval (weather permitting) following the conclusion of all races.

Children will wear their school uniform to school and bring their sports clothes and runners to change into – red polo shirt for Wannon and blue polo shirt for Sturgeon. Parent helpers are required to conduct this event, if you are able to assist could you please contact the office.

New students have been allocated to the following houses:
Sophie Darroch, Year 2/3 Wannon
Flynn Darroch, Year 1 Wannon
Ashleigh McNaughton, Year 2/3 Wannon
Emily McNaughton, Year 1 Wannon
Jaxson Muir, Year 1 Sturgeon

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
The District Cross Country will be held in Tarrington on Friday 10 May. Students who qualify from our House Cross Country Sports will be notified if they are to attend. Transportation will need to be arranged by parents of students attending.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
The Social Service Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Friday 10 May, commencing at 10:00am. Donations for the stall can be left at the front office. Students are reminded to please bring some money to purchase a couple of special gifts for their Mum and a bag to put them in.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN Testing will occur from Tuesday 14 to Thursday 16 May. NAPLAN stands for the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy. They are tests of English and Maths that every student across Australia completes. NAPLAN happens every year in May, and all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have to complete the tests. Please try and ensure that your child is present on each day where a test is scheduled.

Our Grades 3 and 5 students have been preparing themselves for these tests in recent weeks.

EDUCATION WEEK AND OPEN DAY
Education Week this year will be held from 20 – 24 May. To celebrate Education Week, we will be having an Open Day where all classrooms will be ‘open for visitors’ from 10:00am – 11:00am on Thursday 23 May. This will be followed by morning tea. After morning tea, we will have Kitchen and Garden Classes running. We encourage visitors to stay and have a look at the wonderful programs our school has to offer.

There will also be an Open Morning in the Prep class and tour of the school specifically for Kindergarten parents on Wednesday 22 May from 9:15am – 10:00am.

CHANGE OF TIMETABLE
While Mrs Gerring is in the Acting Principal role, she will take over Mr Gleeson’s teaching roles for the remainder of Term 2, while Mrs Kent will assume the role of Grade 2/3 teacher. We have made a slight change of timetable to best utilise our teaching skills and strengths. Mrs Gerring will continue to teach ICT and Mrs Kent will teach PE. Therefore changes will be as follows:
- Grade 4/5/6 will have ICT on Tuesdays and PE on Fridays.
- Grade 2/3 will have ICT on Wednesdays and PE on Thursdays.
- Grade Prep and 1 will have ICT on Thursdays and PE on Fridays.

LANDCARE EXCURSION ON 24 MAY
On Friday 24 May, the Year 4/5/6 students will be involved in a Landcare excursion (tree planting) to Brendan and Dinah Gordon’s farm near Dunkeld. A permission form will be sent home with students next week.

SCHOOL CAMPS 2013
School Council has approved the cost of the Year 2/3 Camp of $130.00 per student (subsidised by School Council at $30.00 per student) and the Year 4/5/6 Camp of $260.00 per student (subsidiised by School Council at $120.00 per student).

Could you please complete and return the form BY MONDAY 6 MAY, which was sent home with students earlier this week.

WORK EXPERIENCE STUDENTS
Last week we welcomed Bridget Fisher from Hamilton and Alexandra College to our school to complete work experience for two days in the Grade 4/5/6 classroom. This week we have Gabrielle Higgins from Monivae College attending in the Grade 1 classroom. We hope the girls had/have a positive experience at our school.
SCHOOL COUNCIL AND SUB-COMMITTEES
Due to Glenn White’s resignation, Todd Burger has been co-opted to fill Glenn’s position and James Haley has been co-opted as a parent member for twelve months. Welcome to Todd Burger (to retire in March 2015) and James Haley (to retire in March 2014).

The following School Council sub-committees were confirmed at the 23 April meeting:

Finance: Adrian Kelly, Gaylene Raymond, Terrie Nicholson, Executive Officer
Policy: Robyn Fry, Kylie Schurmann, Anne Gilbert, Sarah Crawford, Executive Officer
Community and School Promotion: Emma Gordon, Dinah Gordon, Dee-Anne Gerring, Executive Officer
Facilities: Stephen Field, Lucinda Peterson, Todd Burger, James Haley, Executive Officer

(Principal is the Executive Officer)

FACILITIES SUB-COMMITTEE AND FUNDRAISING WORKING PARTY
MEETINGS ON TUESDAY 7 MAY
A Facilities Sub-Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 May commencing at 6.30pm in the school staffroom.

A Fundraising Working Party Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 May commencing at 7.30pm in the Grampians Cricket Clubrooms to discuss the proposed ball and auction. Finance, Community and School Promotions Sub-Committee members, P & F members and interested school councillors are welcome to attend this meeting.

THEMES
TERM 2: How do people move from place to place?
TERM 3: What is beyond my backyard?
TERM 4: Why did people settle in Victoria?

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
Below are the awards for Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 2, beginning on Monday 15 April 2013:

- **Organisation**: Ben Peace Prep, Tom Kent Year 1, Oscar Reynolds Year 4/5/6, Jaxson Muir Year 1, Campbell Glazebrook Prep.
- **Getting Along**: Shelly O’Connor Year 2/3, Julia Kelly Year 2/3.
- **Persistence**: Iziaah Tuhakaraina Year 4/5/6.

THANK YOU
What a sight! Parents and kids in full swing shovelling, building, mulching, cutting and generally tidying up our beautiful school grounds.

Thank you to the many parents and children who all contributed to our ‘Blitz’ on Sunday (21 April) morning and made light work of the many tasks laid out. Gardeners around the state would be envious of the skills and energy of all those who treated the school grounds to a makeover and for those who were unable to make this day we will have another opportunity later in the year to finish off a few other jobs. Once again ‘thank you’ to our fantastic school community.

Planting Day: Please note that the Dunkeld Consolidated School ‘Planting Day’ (for the Sensory Garden) planned for Friday 26 April will not occur until a later date, due to the building works and weather conditions. Date will be advised in the School Newsletter.

Stephen Field, School Council President

ZONE ATHLETICS SPORTS – 23 APRIL
On Tuesday 23 April Hugh Roache, Jemma White, Liam Fenwick, Jessica Field and I travelled to Warrnambool to participate in the Zone Athletics. I competed in shot put and high jump. Hugh was in long jump, 100m, 200m and the relay. Jessica was in the high jump and the 1500m. Jemma and Liam were in the relays. Sam Riddle was unable to compete because he hurt his back the day before. Thank you to Mr Stephen Field for managing the team in Warrnambool. By Matt Fry

FOUND
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.

ANZAC SERVICES
The school held their ANZAC Day service in the school hall on Wednesday 24 April with school and community members in attendance. An audio visual WWI commemorative presentation compiled by Mr Mark Howard (Mrs Ann Howard’s husband) was held at the commencement of the service.

Student leaders led the service with Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch President, Mr Terry Noble, the guest speaker. Year 4/5/6 students recited the moving poem, “Remember Him” and then sang the words of the poem “In Flanders Fields” written by Dr John McRae. They finished with the poem, “ANZAC Day”.

The Prep and Year 1 students led the audience with the song, “Here They Come”, accompanied by Year 3 – 6 students on recorders. The whole school then sung the “Song of Peace”.

The service was completed with the audience reciting the Ode after Mr Gleeson, followed by the Last Post, a minute’s silence, Reveille and the National Anthem.

Thank you to all the students and families who attended and participated in the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service.
MISSING – SCHOOL SPRAY JACKETS
Two blue and white spray jackets [numbers 16 – size 10 and 19 – size 12] belonging to the Dunkeld Consolidated School are missing. Could students who have recently represented the school at district and zone sports events please check at home if they have returned their jackets.

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P & F NEWS
P & F Event Calendar 2013
TERM 2:
Caulfield Grammar School (fundraising)  Thurs 2 May
Mother’s Day Stall (students’ Social Service)  Friday 10 May
Serra Terror catering (fundraising)  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 event is the SERRA TERROR. For the Serra Terror; P & F prepare, set up, serve the dinner and clean up. This is on Friday 7 June for the launch and information night. This is one of the major fundraisers for the P & F with $1000 raised from the night going towards the whole school excursion. Please think about offering your help on the day for this event.

STREET STALL
Thank you to EVERYONE who contributed to the street stall. There were was such an array of cakes, fresh produce and biscuits, just to name some of what was on offer. By either volunteering to man the stall or by baking or purchasing on the day, you have helped raise $720.95 for our school. There was a Mother’s Day raffle that was proudly supported by “Only Ewe”, located in Parker Street, Dunkeld and this was won by Lisa McIntyre. A very big thank you goes to those parents who served on the stall Karen Kent, Valetta Bolton, Shelley Darroch and Rebecca Deacon.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Just a reminder that the students Mother’s Day stall is on Friday 10 May. All proceeds from this stall are donated to various charities, chosen by the senior students at the end of the year. Thank you to those who have made themselves available to start setting up the stall at 9.00am. Any questions please contact Emma Gordon 5577 2660 or via email catman22@bigpond.net.au

Second-Hand Uniforms: Please remember that there is a wide range of second hand uniforms available at the school. At some stage this term there will be an autumn break and it is handy to have spare clothes for those days it is hard to get washing dry. Donations for items and any queries can be made at the school office.

Next Meeting: Please note that the next P & F meeting will be held on Monday 13 May at 7.30pm in the Dunkeld Consolidated School staffroom. The P & F Committee greatly appreciates the contributions of all parents and all parents are warmly invited to attend. 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.

MARC VAN – TERM 2

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AUSSIE FOOTY
The Hamilton Primary Schools Sports Association will be continuing the popular ‘Aussie Footy’ Program in 2013 (during second and third term) after 25 successful seasons. Aussie Footy is a modified rules Football program (for students aged from 9 – 12 years) actively encouraged by the Victorian Football Development Foundation and its Development Manager for this region, Mr Jock Whiting.

It features:
- modified rules which have been thoroughly researched by experts involved in Junior Sport.
- Wednesday afternoon (4-5pm) games following a warm up skills session
- emphasis on the learning of skills (mainly in school hours)
- restricted age limits (Primary School children aged 9-12)
- school-based rather than club-based
- equal opportunity for all children regardless of level of skill development or sex
- a season which utilises the firmer grounds of Term 2, rather than the wetter, colder conditions of Term 3

As in past years, the Dunkeld Consolidated School will combine with the Cavendish Primary School students to form the “Grampians” team. This year Mr David Fry will be the coach assisted by his wife, Robyn, as Manager.

A form will be sent home with students in the near future.

HOCKEY TRAINING
Hockey training will be held on Thursday afternoons at 4.00pm at the Dunkeld Consolidated School. Could students please bring their hockey sticks and gear. Please contact Mrs Jen McArthur on 5573 3265 if you have any queries.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN
Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn’ program is back again with a sticker system collection. When you shop at Woolworths you can collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on sticker cards. There will be 1 sticker for every $10.00 spent. Once completed, the sticker cards can be placed in the collection box at school or Safeway (in Hamilton). Participation in the program as a parent is optional. Mrs Trish Symes has kindly volunteered to co-ordinate this program.
MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

Farewell Afternoon Tea at Grampians Golf Club for Mr Pat Gleeson
Australian Government Mobile Office Assistance – Dunkeld VIC
Glenthopmson Dunkeld Football Netball Club Ball
Dunkeld Museum AGM and Guest Speaker Meeting
Mirranatwa Landcare AGM
Dunkeld Kindergarten Open Day
Dunkeld Museum Committee Meeting
Open Morning in the Prep class for Kinder parents @ Dunkeld School
Red Cross Meeting
Open Day at the Dunkeld Consolidated School
Dunkeld Sawmill Working Bee
Dunkeld Progress Association
Dunkeld Adventure: Serra Terror 2013 Friday 7 June - Monday 10 June 2013

COMMUNITY NEWS & MEETINGS

MIRRANATWA LANDCARE
AGM at the Mirranatwa Hall.
High Tea at 5.00pm on Friday 17 May.
Meet Facilitator Gab Lanman.
Learn about the SAO weed threat and ‘After the Fires.’
RSVP by 10 May for catering purposes
Iris Field 5574 0202. Peter Dark 55740204. Fiona Ross 5574 0270.

DUNKE LD SES UPDATE
Training Dates
Wednesday May 8th Emergency Services Complex
Wednesday May 22nd Emergency Services Complex
Wednesday June 12th Emergency Services Complex
Wednesday June 26th Emergency Services Complex

DUNKE LD PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
The next meeting of the Dunkeld Progress Association - will be held on Monday 27 May 2013 at 8.00pm at the Dunkeld Visitor Information Centre.

DUNKE LD RED CROSS
Our next meeting is on Thursday 23 May, 2.00pm at St Mary’s Church Hall. Thanks to our small band of Red Cross Calling collectors, plus our generous Dunkeld and District residents’ donations – the sum of $1,928.05 has been sent to Headquarters.
Our donations will be much needed for Emergency Centres etc, after a year of bushfires, house fires and floods.
All Welcome.

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DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE
Sawmill: We will hold our first working bee for the year on Saturday 25 May at 9.00am. The building needs possum proofing. We are going to mesh under the eaves. Bring a ladder and/or mesh cutters. Other jobs include repairs to various parts of the building and a general clean up. We would also like to shift the old log jinker from the caravan park to the sawmill. This will be a delicate job requiring a couple of front end loaders and a large trailer. If you have any ideas please contact me.

Caravan Park: Gary has completed painting the ceilings in the ablution block. The lighter colour makes them much brighter. Occupancy has been very good and we are heading for another good year.

Salt Creek: I have been heartened with contact Mary-Ann Brown has made with a group that may be able to help us with improving Salt Creek. We have not had time or labour to do works for some time.

John Smith, President

DUNKELD KINDERGARTEN
OPEN DAY 20 MAY 2013
At Dunkeld Kindergarten we are very proud of our excellent facilities, dedicated staff and creative program.

We are having our Open Day – Monday 20 May from 9.00am – 12.00pm and we will be operating a 4 year old kindergarten session.

If you have questions about your child’s kindergarten needs for 2014, please feel free to contact us or visit us on our open day.

Enrolment registration forms for 2014 are now available at kinder and we would like them completed by 31 August.

Debbie Millard - Kindergarten Teacher
Ph 5577 2348
dunkeld.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

What is “Bush Kinder” we keep hearing about at Dunkeld Kindergarten?

Please find the media release we wrote for Hamilton Spectator.

Dunkeld Kindergarten’s Bush Kinder program kicked off prior to Easter, twenty-five eager four year olds which included the four year olds from Cavendish finally enjoyed their first session in the bush. The children were very excited about attending their first session in the bush after all our conversations and learning experiences. Our bush kinder staff were very pleased with how positively the children responded to being in the natural environment and we are all very eager for our next bush kinder session.

The Bush Kinder program is an innovative program which aims to nurture an appreciation of our natural environment as well as developing skills in co-operation, resilience, confidence, curiosity and a sense of belonging.

The program is inspired by the European forest schools model which has been going for more than 50 years. The Dunkeld Kindergarten Bush Kinder program was developed including a handbook and a detailed risk assessment framework to ensure the program meets educational and safety requirements.

It involves a half day session every three weeks based in the bush where children learn through play in a bush environment. Kindergarten director Debbie Millard said, “Bush Kinder provides children with the opportunity to use their imagination and to investigate, to develop resilience and problem solving skills without the reliance on structured activities. It also promotes an awareness and respect for our natural environment.”

The Dunkeld Bush Kinder program has the support of Parks Victoria with local rangers assisting with the selection of a suitable site in the Grampians National Park. Head Ranger, Dave Roberts said "this is an initiative which we support and enhances the experience of our National Parks by different ages.”

The Bush Kinder has also been supported by Telstra who provided the kinder with two touch screen tablets to help the children research and document their discoveries, as part of a resource pack which includes magnifying glasses, nature identification resources provided by Glenelg Hopkins CMA, clipboards with pencils and paper and cameras. Dunkeld Community Branch of Bendigo Bank provided the funding to purchase 25 wet weather trousers and jackets for the children. Mrs Millard said “Support like this is essential to assist in setting up the program. We hope that others in the community with a passion for learning and the environment will get involved in this innovative program.”

Dunkeld Kindergarten is managed by the Combined Preschools of the Southern Grampians which actively supports and endorses this program.

We will keep you informed of our exciting program and other news from Dunkeld Kindergarten in future newsletters.

Debbie Millard and Kim Burgess

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: A huge crowd of people, of all ages, respectively gathered at the Dunkeld Cenotaph in the Memorial Park, for the 2013 Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service, to commemorate this solemn occasion and remember service men and women, involved in all conflicts. The service was led by Mr Terry Noble, President of the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch. Wreaths were laid by local community organisations, local schools and individuals.
Lieutenant Shayne Sommerville, son of Gary and Kathy Sommerville, was the guest speaker at the Dawn Service. Lieutenant Sommerville joined the Army in March 2010. His initial appointment was as a Specialist Service Officer pilot and then in July 2011, he commenced General Service Officer training at the Royal Military College Duntr ООn in Canberra. He was allocated to the Royal Australian Artillery after graduation and is currently posted to the 20th Surveillance and Target Acquisition Regiment in Enoggera, Brisbane.

Lieutenant Sommerville attended the Dunkeld Consolidated School for his primary schooling and Monivae College for his secondary schooling. In his speech, Lieutenant Sommerville made special reference to some of the soldiers listed on the Dunkeld Soldiers Memorial.

The family of Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch Life member and former WWII POW (2/29th Infantry Battalion – part of the 8th Division’s 27th Brigade), Henry Leech OAM and his wife, Phyllis Leech; attended the service, with some family members travelling from far away as Dubbo in New South Wales.

The Dunkeld Consolidated School students, ably led by Music Teacher Mrs Heather Macgugan, recited a poem and performed a song about peace.

The Dunkeld and District Lions Club members once again generously provided a ‘delicious sausage sizzle and hot cuppa’ after the service for the large crowd of people.

A sincere thank you to the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch members for selling ANZAC badges and to the general community for your support and donations.

Please find listed below Lieutenant Sommerville’s presentation:

This morning we pause to remember those Australians who served and died in all wars, conflict and peacekeeping operations. I think it is important to remember where these men and women came from. I’m not going to talk about myself or what I’ve done. Truth be told I really haven’t done that much. Recalling encounters fresh from an officer training continuum is about all I could add at this point in time. I’m also not going to talk in any great depth about where ANZAC Day comes from, its importance in this country’s history and what it means to people today. I think the increase in the number of people attending dawn services shows peoples willingness to pay their respects. The fact that you are all here, voluntarily, on a day off, even out of bed early for some, suggests to me at least that everyone has an understanding of ANZAC Day and what it means. Instead I’d like to talk about some of the names on the monument behind me.

The monument has inscribed on it the surnames of 46 individuals who gave their lives during World War I and II. Local people. These people are just some of the reason we are gathered here right now. Many of the surnames behind me are the same as families still living in the area today.

I spent one night a few weeks back looking up some of these names. I’ll admit I didn’t manage to get through all 46 - I might have been lucky to look up just under a quarter. Of the names I did read into a little, some stories arose.

The Australian nation was young when WWI broke out, as were many of the boys listed behind me. One of the earliest to join was Private Leo Duckmanton. He was a 24 year old labourer on the city streets of Dunkeld, John, living in Parker Street. He joined the 4th Light Horse Regiment Reinforcements and embarked on 13 April 1915, 12 days before the ANZACs landing at Gallipoli. Private Duckmanton was killed in 1917 in Bullecourt, France, after transferring to the 1st Battalion. One statement from his Red Cross Wounded and Missing Record reads, “I knew him well. We both used to be in the 4th Light Horse. He came from Dunkeld, Victoria and belonged to 14 Pl, D Company. He was killed by a shell in a dugout on 5 May. We were relieved that night and I therefore know nothing as to burial.” Another statement reads, “A shell landed nearly at his feet, fragments of which caught him, killing him instantly. I knew him very well, he was in the Light Horse, in Gallipoli.”

On occasion we hear a story of the young boy who exaggerated slightly while writing down his age so he could enlist early. I didn’t manage to find that exact instance, but Lance Corporal George Field was one of the youngest I did come across. He joined on 29 July 1915, at the age of just 21. He was a farmer who lived with his mother, Mary, on a property in Victoria Valley. He was killed in action on 9 October 1917, in Belgium. While serving at Zonnebeke Ridge he was wounded by a shell. He was attended to by a stretcher bearer, but the stretcher bearer was later reported missing. It is probable that both were killed by a second shell. “I saw LCPL Field wounded by a piece of shell in the thigh on 9th October near Zonnebeke Wood. He was placed in a shell hole and the last I saw of him was being being attended to by a stretcher bearer of B Company, 23rd Battalion, who was afterwards reported missing.” Another statement reads, “When on parade the order was given for anyone who knew this casualty to fall out. I and one other up the line fell out. We had both seen him on 9th October at Ypres at about 5:30am only about 300 yards out of our lines. He had been wounded and was sitting up and another chap whose name I do not know was attending to him. We passed right by him. I spoke to Field but he did not recognise me. I do not know where he was hit but I think it was in the groin. He looked very sick in the face. We were attacking and held the ground where he lay. We were relieved the next morning by (I think) the 4th Division. I never heard more of him. He was a fine fellow.”

The story of mateship has become closely linked to ANZAC Day. It is possible that nothing more than mateship saw Francis Mereweather, Leo Myers and William Smith all enlist. A farmer, a labourer and a shop assistant, possibly agreeing that they would join together, signed up on 10 April 1916. All three men ended up, initially, in the same sub unit – C Company, 39th Battalion. They sailed together on 27 May aboard HMAT Ascanius, and were joined by another name from behind me, Francis Fisher, an apiarist, who had enlisted exactly one week earlier. LCPL Fisher was also assigned to the 39th Battalion, but as a member of A Company. All four men, and their next of kin, resided in Dunkeld. LCPL Fisher died of wounds while serving in France on 30 April 1917. PTE Smith was killed a few months later on 4 October in Belgium. Both of these men remained in the 39th Battalion throughout their service. At some point in time though Mereweather and Myers, two of the original three that enlisted on the same day, were separated from Smith as well as each other. Mereweather had transferred to the Australian Field Artillery and become a gunner in the 3rd Heavy Trench Mortar Battery. He died on 1 November 1917. PTE Myers had moved to the 3rd Battalion
Australian Machine Gun Corps and died on 5 April 1918. Both men succumbed to wounds while serving in France.

I think there are seven occurrences behind me listing multiple people with the same surname. One surname, Williams, is inscribed four times. The situation where brothers, nephew and uncle or even father and son joined together, maybe on the proviso of looking out for one another, might not be as uncommon as one could expect. The surname Dark is inscribed twice. Albert and George Dark. They joined on separate dates, Albert on 20 July 1915 and George just a fortnight later on 3 August. They sailed on different ships, SS Hawkes Bay and HMTAT Commonwealth. They were even assigned initially to different units, the 13th Light Horse Regiment and 24th Battalion. So where is the link in all that you might ask? Although they were both from Mirranatwa, Albert listed their mother as his next of kin (NOK) while George listed their father. George transferred to the 13th Light Horse Regiment on 29 March 1916, joining his older brother. They served together in Egypt and Palestine before being sent to England for training. They were both taken on strength of the 53rd Battalion and sent to France on 16 October 1916. On 4 December, not two months later, while on picket together on the Anzac Light Railway at the edge of Delville Wood, the shelter they were in was hit by a German shell. Albert died of his wounds the next day at the 4th Australian Field Ambulance. His younger brother, George was killed instantly by the same shell. In the Missing and Wounded File containing statements on George’s death, in referring to other platoon members one statement simply reads “They may also know something of the brother A.W. Dark who was in the same platoon. These brothers were both splendid fellows.”

I’m sure there are more stories like these that involve other names I haven’t mentioned this morning. I’m sorry I couldn’t get to all of them. There are potentially relatives or friends in the crowd that could tell you much more about the people I have just spoken of, as well those I have not. I only hope that I have managed to do their stories justice, even if it barely scrapes the surface of the sacrifice these men made. Like I said, it is the names behind me, forever inscribed in stone, which have brought each one of you here. I would like to think that they can see the ANZAC spirit, which began with these names, being kept alive through everyone present this morning.

DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE

Committee Meeting: Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 20 May commencing at 8:00pm at the Dunkeld Museum.

Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm and Guest Speaker Meeting at 8.00pm on Monday 13 May: On Monday 13 May commencing at 7.30pm, the Dunkeld Museum will hold their Annual General Meeting followed by a Guest Speaker. Annual membership of $10.00 is now due.

Our Guest Speaker Meeting will commence at 8.00pm. The Guest Speaker for the May meeting will be Mr Edward (Ted) Kennett from Coleraine and he will speak about firearm safety and firearms. Ted was a firearms dealer for approximately 50 years and he is also involved with the RSL and has been a Justice of the Peace for many years. Ted is also currently State Secretary of the National Servicemen’s Association of Australia (Victorian Branch). Anyone who is interested in obtaining their shooters licence or Junior Shooters Permit (for children aged 12 years and over) is welcome to attend this meeting.

The meeting will be followed by a light supper and everyone is welcome to attend.

Toilet: Mr Norm Hatherall, formerly from Dunkeld, has kindly donated a unique toilet that was once located in the ‘Sazli’ homestead of Mr and Mrs T. Leigh Simpson. The porcelain pedestal has a timber seat and the cast iron cistern is covered by a timber façade with a wooden handle for the flush. The Museum is trying to find out more information about the toilet e.g. when it was made, where it was made etc, if you are able assist could you please contact Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.

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

Sunday 5 May Brian & Julie Herman
Sunday 12 May Noel Orval & Tony Williams
Sunday 19 May Jeff Nagorcka & Rex Beveridge

The Commandments in rhyme (inscribed in a 1945 New Testament):

Have no other God but me.
To no idol bow thy knee.
Take not the name of God in vain.
Honour thy father and mother too.
See that thou no evil do.
Abstain from words and deeds unclean.
Refrain from all things base and mean.
Thou shalt not tell a lie nor love it.
What is thy neighbours, do not covet.
These are “the ten” there is one other … Jesus said to “love one another.”

FROM THE LIONS DEN

Once again the Lions had the honour of supplying the refreshments after the Anzac Day service at Dunkeld. The number of people attending this year was the largest crowd in many years, and a credit to the community. Congratulations to the local RSL branch on the organization of the service.

Is more of Australia going to be sold off?
As most of you would know a lot of the farming land around the Wimmera and Western Border area has been sold off to overseas interests. Lately over 27000 acres between Ararat and Willaura was sold to an Arab company. Vast tracts of land have been sold to New Zealand companies around Macarthur, and now we have a Texan looking at land in Victoria Valley.

One of the Victoria Valley farmers was recently mending his roadside fence on the Victoria Valley Road. A Humvay 4x4 stopped and a big man got out and approached the farmer. He was wearing hand tooled leather boots, designer jeans with a big belt buckle and a 10 gallon hat. He came up to our farmer and said, “Hi, I’m a farmer from Texas.” He looked past our farmer and noticed the cattle grazing in the paddock, he turned back towards the 4x4 and called out to his wife, “hey honey bee, look at the cattle”, the wife looked up from whatever she was doing and said, “those Herefords are not as big as our Longhorns.” The Texan looked over a bit further into the paddock and saw some sheep grazing. He turned back towards the 4x4 and called out, “hey honey bee, look at the sheep.” The wife looked up and said, “those Merinos are not as big as our Sandfords.”
At this stage five kangaroos jumped the fence in front of the 4x4 and the Texan had a bewildered look on his face as he asked our farmer what they were. Our farmer replied, “they’re grasshoppers.” The Texan turned towards the 4x4 and called out “hey honey bee, look at the grasshoppers”. The wife looked up and said “hell in Texas our grasshoppers only grow to about 2 inches long, what is this place.”

Greek Night: Don’t forget that we will be running a Greek night on Wednesday 31 July.

Peter Hinchey

From the Kitchen Garden...

Thank you everyone for the support shown for our raffle to help finish and maintain the chicken house. A total of $510.00 was raised. Mr Paul Sanders was the winner and Paul has kindly donated the prize (Cook of the Walk painting) to the Dunkeld Consolidated School to be displayed in the kitchen. The Dunkeld Consolidated School is very grateful for this kind gesture. School and community members are welcome to visit the kitchen to view this painting by Maryann Jenkins. A sincere thank you to Paul Sanders and Pauline Yule at The Old Bakery & Wild Plum Café for their continued support by displaying the painting and selling raffle tickets and to Echuca artist, Mrs Maryann Jenkins, for her generous donation.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

GARDEN NOTES - MAY

Now is a good time to plant citrus trees, lemon, orange etc. A sunny, well drained position is required with the soil well cultivated and a small quantity of well rotted animal manure added. Eureka, Lisbon and Meyer are the best lemon varieties for this district, while Valencia and Washington Navel are the recommended orange varieties. Lime, mandarin, cumquat, grapefruit and tangelo are also worth trying.

Your apricot, peach and nectarine trees should be sprayed with a copper fungicide when about half of the leaves have fallen (approx mid May). This will help to control fungus diseases latter in the year. Also be sure to pick up and burn all fallen fruit under your trees.

Main vegetable plantings during May are cabbage, broccoli, late caulifower, peas, broad beans, spinach and early onions.

May to July is a good time to apply garden lime to your lawns. This will help to break up any surface soil ‘crusts’ which may have formed during the summer. Many fertilizers will lower the soil ph into the range below that preferred by lawn grasses, lime will offset this effect. Lime also increases earthworm activity and helps to prevent moss growth. Moss in lawns usually only flourishes in badly drained or shady areas and can remain a pest until the problems are overcome. May is also the time for hydrangea pruning. This involves the removal of any dead or weak growth as well as cutting back to just above a strong double bud on any shoots that produced flowers last season. If you wish to change the colour of your hydrangea flowers, you should commence treatment not later than May and continue until flowering. Acid soils produce blue flowers, alkaline soils produce pink, while white does not change regardless of the soil. Iron or aluminium sulphate or Hydrangea Blue fertilizer will change flowers to blue or keep them blue, Epsom salts or garden lime will change colours to pink or keep them pink.

Happy Gardening - Stephen Hughan

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library is now visiting Dunkeld. On board we have a collection of just over 3,000 items including picture books, audio books, DVDs and a great range of fiction and special interest book. There is also access to the internet and printing. Items can be returned and borrowed between the Mobile and Hamilton Library.

It currently visits Dunkeld every Thursday fortnight 1.00pm -2.00pm outside the Tourist Information Centre.

Dates for May are: Thursday 9 and 23 May.

SPORTS REPORTS

GRAMPIANS GOLF CLUB

13/4/13 Men’s Stableford
Winner: Mark Dore 40pts
Runner Up: Russell Burgess 39pts
Ball Comp: Craig Williamson 39pts, John Sheahan 39pts, Adrian Kelly 38pts, Bill Crawford 37pts, Norm Howell 37pts
Eagle: 11th John Sheahan

Women: Winner: Venita Mibus 34pts
Runner Up: Trish Crawford 32pts

16/4/13 Royal Womens’ 4BBB Stableford
Winners: Iris Dark & Mary Burger 42pts c/b
Runners Up: Pam Howell & Margaret McIntyre 42pts
NTP: 9th Mary Fenech

20/4/13 Men’s Quarterly Medal Par
Winner: Mark Dore +1
Runner Up: Herman Jansen sq
Ball Comp: Russell Burgess -1, John Sheahan -1, Alec Paton -1
NTP 9th Russell Burgess, 16th Peter Cameron
Longest Drive: Peter Hayes

23/4/13 Par
Winner: Nikki Parker -2c/b
Runner Up: Shellie Peardon -2
NTP: 16th Trish Crawford
Birdies: 16th Trish Crawford
DUNKELD CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick’s Catholic Church
Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161  E-mail: hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au
1st Week  Sunday  May  5  9.00am  Mass
2nd Week  Sunday  May  12  9.00am  Assembly of Word and Communion
3rd Week  Sunday  May  19  9.00am  Mass
4th Week  Sunday  May  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

UNITING CHURCH
Dunkeld  12 May 11.00am  A meeting followed by a service at 11.15am with Reverend Peter Cook
26 May  9.00am  Don Taubert

JUDEO CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Cnr Adams & Fairbairn Streets, Dunkeld  Pastor Greg Gardner  Mobile: 0403 960 900
2nd and last Sunday of each month  10.30am

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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

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

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Friday 17 May   Starting 9.00am
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MAY 11

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