2016 WHAT'S COMING UP

NOVEMBER 2016
Sat  5  Effective Writers Workshop PD Melbourne – Paul Jeffreys, Anne Gilbert, Jayne Berry and Jane Higgins attending.
Tues 8  Big Blokes Breakfast to be held in conjunction with Movember! Breakfast will be held from 7:30am to 8:45am. Walk to School Healthy Morning Tea provided by Vic Health to be held at morning recess 11:15am.
Fri 11  Remembrance Day. T20 Blast School Cup Cricket Competition to be held at Pedrina Park, North Boundary Road, Hamilton starting at 10:00am. Students are to arrive by 9.30am. Parents will be required to transport students to this event.
Mon 14  Logical Staffing Victorian Primary Schools Golf Championship at Warrnambool Golf Club commencing at 9.00am.
Wed 16  MARC Library.
Thurs 17  Years 2 and 5 “Induction and Leadership” program in the SAKG kitchen.
Fri 18  HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS – Kindergarten students are invited to participate in the Kinder Race – please have your Kinder child at school by approx. 1:45pm.
Thurs 24  Friends of the SAKG program ‘Thank You’ lunch.
Sun 27  Yoga Class (Great Victorian Bike Ride) to be held at the school from 3.00pm – 4.00pm. $10 per person.
Wed 30  MARC Library.

DECEMBER 2016
Thurs  1  Staff “Thank You” lunch prepared by Year 6 students during their SAKG kitchen class.
Tues  6  Kinder to Prep Transition Program – Orientation Day for Kinder students going into Prep in 2017. Kinder students attend school all day from 9:00am to 3:25pm. Orientation Day for Year 6 Students going into Year 7 in 2017.
Thurs  8  General clean-up day in the SAKG Kitchen and Garden. All Friends are welcome.
Fri  9  School Council End of Year Dinner at Café 109 – 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.
Tues 13  Year 6 Graduation.
Tues 20  LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – early dismissal at 2:30pm.

2016 TERM DATES
Term 4: Monday 3 October to Tuesday 20 December

2017 TERM DATES
Term 1: Tuesday 31 January to Friday 31 March (Teachers commence on Monday 30 January)
Term 2: Tuesday 18 April to Friday 30 June
Term 3: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September
Term 4: Monday 9 October to Friday 22 December

FORM/S ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER
eSmart Online Basics Information sheet

Big Blokes Breakfast
TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER
7:30am – 8:45am
Big Blokes are encouraged to bring a Gold Coin donation to support Movember!
FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

Last week, we had a special assembly to celebrate 28 years of service to our school given by Gaylene Raymond. Each class presented an item dedicated to Gaylene and the whole assembly, from the Prep children through to Year 5/6 was warmly delivered. I suspect that Gaylene would have been touched. It was lovely to see Dee-Anne Gerring and Shelley Darroch at the assembly, along with Gaylene’s husband, Frank. Also attending were all principals who served at the school during Gaylene’s tenure; Mr Pat Gleeson, Mr John Smith and Mr Tony Williams and I sincerely thank them for their efforts to attend. I would like to wish Gaylene and Frank a long and happy retirement together.

Thank you to those who returned the surveys surrounding the school concert. Overwhelmingly, the concert was seen in a positive light and we have been able to draw some conclusions about what we can do next time to ensure an equally successful event. You have told us that the concert was enjoyable, entertaining and that the one hour time was suitable. You have told us that the teachers don’t need to feel compelled to give a performance and you also like the idea of the concert running to a theme across all of the classes.

About half of you thought it would be appropriate for students who have talents in any of the performing arts to be given some opportunities during the concert. Your feedback is genuinely appreciated. The school staff were pleased to receive such positive feedback and just like our students, the affirming comments drive us to want to do well. It really is such a good feeling to know your efforts have been appreciated.

Our staff have just last week completed an information and development session informing us of the workings of the school communication app, ‘Skoolbag’ which will allow us to instantly contact families or interest groups when the need requires. We will shortly send information and details about how you can download the app as soon as we have completed our preparations.

eSmart SCHOOL
By the end of 2017 Dunkeld Consolidated School aims to be a registered eSmart School. eSmart Schools is a framework created by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, and adopted by the Department of Education, making it a mandatory program for all Victorian Schools. eSmart Schools is a behaviour-change initiative in over 2,200 schools across Australia. eSmart Schools provides a framework that guides the introduction of policies, practices and whole-school change processes to support the creation of a cyber safe or eSmart environment. The eSmart Schools framework is designed to help schools improve cyber safety and reduce cyber bullying and bullying.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE
Please find listed below a summary of the recent School Council Meeting held on 25 October:

- Mrs Sarah Crawford was elected as President and Mr Trent Adams as Vice-President.
- Yoga session and ‘Back Bend Challenge’ (conducted by Mr Frank Jesse) and community stalls to be held at the school on Sunday 27 November for the Great Victorian Bike Ride. Ms Lucinda Peterson has kindly offered to coordinate this event.
- Investigating the establishment of a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) School Building Fund.
- Communication Policy was approved.
- Master Plan concept.
- eSmart Schools (framework is designed to help schools improve cyber safety and reduce cyber bullying and bullying).
- Facilities Sub-Committee to organise smaller targeted-type working bees this term.

Current School Council Members are listed below:

1. Parent Members – to retire in March 2017
   - Todd Burger
   - Anthony Graham
   - Adrian Kelly
   - Vacancy

2. DET Members – to retire in March 2017
   - Anne Gilbert
   - James Stephens

3. Community Member – to retire in March 2018
   - Ally Gordon – Parents & Friends Association (co-opted member)

4. Parent Members – to retire in March 2018
   - Luke Balkin
   - Sarah Crawford
   - Mark Lazzari
   - Trent Adams

5. DET Members – to retire in March 2018
   - Terrie Nicholson
   - Vacancy

6. Executive Officer (Principal)
   - Paul Jeffreys

JUNIOR EUROVISION SCHOOL CONCERT
On Tuesday my school had a concert. I had lots of fun. I did not want to go home because I had too much fun. By Phoebe Ross Prep

On Tuesday we went to the Dunkeld Hall and we were first. I did Stop Right Now with everyone and then Frere Jacques. By Heidi Burger Prep

Yesterday we had a special concert. Our country was France so we dressed up as French people and wore a beret. For France we sang Frere Jacques. By Bonnie Peters Prep

On Tuesday 18 October, we had a school concert. At the start of the concert the whole school sang Stop Right Now and some Grade 6’s were dressed up as the Spice Girls. Clare asked us about France, and then the Preps sang Frere Jacques. After that, Clare asked us about Italy. The Grade 1’s sang their Italian song followed by Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes in Italian. Grade 2’s done their Taiko drumming and sang We Will Rock You. The Grade 3’s performed Boot Scootin’ Boogie, a line dance. They were America. Our performance was for Brazil. At the start we pretended to play panpipes to panpipe music. We glued straws together to make the panpipes. After we finished playing, we put them down and sang We Go To Rio. We had to move and dance while singing. At the end we did the Samba. The Grade 5 and 6’s did Indian dancing to the song Jai Ho. I thought their performance was the best. The whole school sang Try Everything. At the end it looked like America had won but then they realised that they Preps score (6.98) was upside down so Mr Jeffreys flipped it around to make 9.98 so they won! We all knew it was just a joke to make the audience laugh. By Fingal Jackson Year 4

I slowly inched my way onto the stage, I can’t believe this is happening. I anxiously waited for the music to start as
unnerving thoughts rushed through my head. We had been waiting for so long for this; we were just standing there at the Dunkeld Community Centre waiting to say Namaste, as we were going to begin our Indian dance to an Indian song, Jai Ho. My eyes scanned the crowd and then I saw them, I saw my parents; my dad was making me laugh to myself. What if I laughed during the performance? The exited vibe of the crowd made me even more nervous. “Poff” feathers were everywhere; I grabbed the feather boa and ran. I stood there, waiting for the unnerving moment when Stop (Spice girls) would start. After Stop I sat down as my nerves rapidly imploded. Clare our entertainer introduced each different performance with facts, as time went by my nerves came flooding back. I watched performances about France, Italy, Japan, American and Brazil. Oh no. Me next …

By Isabel Hanson Year 6

Big Blokes Breakfast
8 November 7:30am – 8:45am

This year, the Parents and Friends Committee will be raising funds for the Movember Foundation by encouraging Big Blokes to make a Gold Coin donation at the Breakfast. What is Movember!! Men are facing a health crisis that isn’t being talked about. We’re taking action and we need your help. From humble beginnings in Australia in 2003, the Movember movement has grown to be a truly global one, inspiring support from over 5 million Mo Bros and Mo Sistas around the world. Movember has raised $770 million and has funded 1,200 men’s health projects. Movember’s success can largely be attributed to the strength of the global community.

SHEEP DRIVE FUNDRAISER
The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council will be conducting a Sheep Drive fundraiser during this term for the School Camps and ICT programs. If you have any sheep that you would like to donate could you please contact Luke Balkin on 0429 626 748 or Trent Adams on 0428 886 221.

THE GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE – SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER
As part of the festivities, the School is hosting a fantastic fundraiser event - Stretch and Relax yoga!! Join the riders and internationally known Frank Jesse, Senior Iyengar Yoga Teacher from Griffins Hill Retreat Dunkeld for a 1 hour yoga session on Sunday 27 November 3.00pm to 4.00pm at the school among the shady trees south of the playground. Frank will help you stretch out and relax and get ready for the week to come. $10 each - All proceeds will go to the Dunkeld Consolidated School. Following the yoga class Frank will launch the “Back Bend challenge” for 2017 International Day of Yoga and as a “warm up” will do 54 back bends on stage, school students are welcome to join him and
show off their flexibility!! Griffins Hill are proud sponsors of the School's SAKG program.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)**

**From the Kitchen...**

Thank you so much to all of you for your generosity and community support with our ‘Bake the World a Better Place’ Sausage Roll Drive in our quest for donating funds to the Red Cross. We will present a donation cheque for the sum of $500.00 to a Dunkeld Red Cross representative at a school assembly in the near future. A very special mention to Sam Morelli and Mel Peace from Izzy’s Café who kindly offered to mix the sausage roll mixture in the café using a large mixing machine which made our lives so much easier on the day of the ‘Bake our World a Better Place’… once again ‘People helping People’. Thank you for ordering Sausage Rolls, donating produce and coming in to help with the rolling, mixing and baking. Thank you to the Staff and Students from Year 3 to 6 who helped with this community effort, and the ever important thinking of others in times of crisis and need. Our friends who helped on the day were very impressed with the students’ knowledge of the Red Cross organisation and the good work that they do, sharing many interesting facts.

Year 3 students and friends of the kitchen garden enjoyed a delicious lunch of sausage rolls, chutney, a magnificent salad from the morning’s harvest and a delicious roast carrot dish with fresh herbs, recipe by Jonah Morganti.…..delicious! **Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen**

**Red Cross Facts from Year 5 and 6 students**

They make money to give to the poor so they have a house, food and water. They help people with clothes and bedding after floods. $70 will buy 10 metres of piping used to deliver clean water from natural water sources to a local village’s water tanks. **By Sarah Symes**

By baking and raising money you will be helping people in our local and international communities to access a safe place to stay, a nutritious meal or compensation in times of crisis and isolation. **By Ben Potter**

They provide a friend in times of crisis. **By Edward Williamson**

The Red Cross was formed in 1914. The motto is The Power of Humanity and the purpose is Humanitarian Aid. The Red Cross began in Australia and is now worldwide. **By Will Kent**

Red Cross is working to provide Aussie kids in disadvantaged areas. It is a charitable non-profit organisation. **By Zach Burgess**

By baking the world a better place we hope children will not go to school hungry. **By Ella Jackson**

They have 97 million volunteers. **By Oliver Fenwick**

They are raising money for wells and fresh water in Africa. **By Joshua Gordon**

They help remote communities recovering from disasters; they make a difference in the lives of those in need. **By Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden**

**From the Garden...**

The Year 1 and 2’s have spent the last three weeks with their Friends, learning how seeds are made. It’s such a fascinating process. They are learning terms such as: stigma, anther, pollen, ovule, nectar and pollinator. We have spent the time collecting, observing, drawing and labelling parts of the flower, and watched bees in action as they busily move from flower to flower, collecting pollen for themselves and pollinating the flowers as they go. This symbiotic relationship, between the pollinator and the plants, beneficial to both, is truly awe inspiring, evolution in action.

The older grades have worked extremely hard, together, to begin mulching under the fruit trees. Fruit trees have a shallow root system, and do not like competition from any plants growing underneath their foliage. We have a fantastic crop of capeweed under the trees, so I asked the children what we should do about it. They came up with the idea of mulching - as once the sunlight is prevented from hitting the leaves, the plant will die. And this seemed a much easier way of removing the capeweed, compared to digging it out!! So thanks to Adrian Field’s donation of newspapers, and the Dunkeld Racing Club’s donation of hay, we have begun the mammoth task of mulching the trees. The thing that impressed me was that entire classes have been there, together, and worked so well as a team. It’s amazing what can be achieved if everyone does something, a great life lesson!!

Here we have Year 5 and 6 helping to put together a wheelbarrow, under Iven’s watchful eyes – or were they perhaps studying the bees, moving from flower to flower in the late afternoon sun?!?

There is space in the Memory Garden for some more plants, I wonder if any children would like to bring in plants, or cuttings of plants, from their home gardens? If so, please send them along on Thursday – it’s ideal planting time!!

**MR ROSS HORNIBROOK - RETIREMENT**

Mr Ross Hornibrook commenced work with Mr Graham Kelly from Sturgeon Motors, Dunkeld as the Mirranatwa School Bus driver in mid-1997. Mr Peter Pickering from Swan Hill Bus Lines purchased Sturgeon Motors in 1999 and Ross commenced work with this business in October 1999. Ross only recently retired as a school bus driver in September 2016. Ross completed 19 years of dedicated service on the Mirranatwa School Bus Run and indicated that he thoroughly enjoyed his time as a school bus driver.

On behalf of all the students, parents, staff and Principals of the Dunkeld Consolidated School of the past 19 years we would like to sincerely thank Mr Ross Hornibrook for his safe driving record and dedicated service to his important role as bus driver.

Swan Hill Bus Lines have appointed Mr Neil Scott from Dunkeld as the replacement driver.

**VicHealth’s Walk to School month**

This year as part of the Walk to School Program, a free ‘Healthy Morning Tea’ will be provided for all students by the Southern Grampians Shire Council and WDHS on Tuesday 8 November at morning recess. Please note the change of date.

**MONIVAE COLLEGE ART CLASS**

Local artist, Mrs Sandra Kranz, recently conducted an Art class (charcoal drawing) on the school grounds for a group of students from Monivae College.