



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

*We are a Child Safe School and we will protect all children at all times.*

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## Newsletter No. 18 - Wednesday 8 November 2017

### November 2017

- Wednesday 8 MARC Library.
- Friday 10 MILO T20 Blast for Year 5 and 6 Students. Parents will be required to transport students to this event. They are required to be at **Pedrina Park, North Boundary Road, Hamilton by 9:45am.**  
School Assembly commencing at 2:45pm
- Wednesday 15 Sexuality and Puberty Education session for Year 6 students with WDHS staff. (Year 5 students may also attend this session if parents wish them to).
- Thursday 16 School Concert. 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start at the Dunkeld Community Centre. Gold coin donation.
- Saturday 18 School Council Fundraiser – ticket booth at the Dunkeld Races.
- Sunday 19 School Council Fundraiser – clean up at Dunkeld Race Course commencing at 9:00am to 10:30am approx.
- Tuesday 21 to Wednesday 29 Somers Camp (for attending Year 5 and 6 students).
- Tuesday 21 Kinder to Prep Transition Program - Kinder students to attend the Dunkeld Consolidated School from 9:00am – 1:00pm.
- Wednesday 22 MARC Library.
- Thursday 30 November: Kinder to Prep Transition Program - Year 5 students and Mrs Howard will visit the Dunkeld Kindergarten from 11:00am to 12:00 noon.

### December 2017

- Friday 1 **HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS** – Kindergarten students are invited to participate in the Kinder Race.  
School Council Christmas Dinner.
- Monday 6 Parents & Friends Dinner at Café 109 at 6:30pm.
- Wednesday 8 MARC Library - final visit for 2017.
- Thursday 7 Thank You Morning Tea for volunteers and helpers commencing at 11:00am in the school hall.
- Friday 8 **School Disco** in the school hall from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Please bring a small plate of food to share for supper.  
Entrance fee - \$2.00 per child. Children are invited to wear a "TOUCH OF YELLOW".
- Saturday 9 SAKG Catering for the Glenthompson Community Christmas Event.
- Tuesday 12 Kinder to Prep Transition Program – Orientation Day for Kinder students going into Prep in 2018. Kinder students will attend school all day from 9:00am to 3:25pm.  
Orientation Day for Year 6 students going into Year 7 in 2018.
- Wednesday 13 Students Social Services Christmas Stall.
- Thursday 14 Year 6 Graduation (further details to follow).
- Friday 15 Dunkeld and District Lions Club free sausage sizzle lunch for students and staff.
- Monday 18 Christmas Activity Week - Monday 18 to Friday 15 December.

## From the Principal ... Mr Paul Jeffreys

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to those wonderful people who contributed to the successful Big Blokes' Breakfast held last Wednesday morning. What a turnout! And so many grandfathers. What a joyful morning for our children who so keenly and enthusiastically show their 'Big Blokes' around the school after breakfast. Many of you might be surprised to know that the excited demeanor of the children, when you visit us this one time in the year, is different to that of other days. The seemingly little things are big. Quite frankly, 'Big Blokes' you are welcome to come in to our school whenever you want to have a look around or even stay for a while and work beside your children or grandchildren. So to Ally Gordon, Bev Hampton, Jo Aarons, Ruth Kyle, Keri Ross, Stacey Balkin, Kate Comer, Naomie Phillips, Christy Lazzari, Melissa Field, Rob Fraser and organiser, Fiona King... thank you.

Our Year 4 to 6 students all returned safely though maybe a little tired from the Healesville camp. All went well for the entire five days, favoured by just the right weather.

*Dear Ann Howard, Anne Gilbert and Helen Trahar*

*I would like to thank you for leaving your homes and families for five days so that 35 children could have a wonderful experience. You looked after them when they felt unwell. You gave them a little love when they felt a bit homesick. You encouraged them to try in the face of challenges. You reminded them of the choices they needed to make. You made sure they were tucked away at night and up and ready in the morning. You saw that they all got to have a go. You calmed their storms and smoothed the waters. They cleaned their teeth and they had their showers. Their cabins were... mostly tidy. You got them home, safe and sound. Thank you and well done.*

There were so many contributors to our working bee last Sunday. What an incredible amount of work carried out, thanks to so many generous people. No names mentioned and no tasks named... just a genuine thank you to all.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Dunkeld Consolidated School met on Tuesday 31 October and some of the items of business discussed included:

- School Working Bee.
- School Council fundraising events for Term 4 – Sheep Drive/Wool Drive and participating in the post-Races Clean Up on Sunday 19 November. Funds raised from these events will go towards the school's Camping Program and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) projects.
- Kindergarten to Prep Transition Program.
- Staffing 2018 update.
- iPad subsidy for Year 2 students (in 2018).
- Year 6 Graduation.
- Year 6 classroom for 2018 (changes to the current Art Room).
- Year 4/5/6 Healesville Camp went smoothly with all planned activities successfully completed.
- Staff will be busy with many activities over the next eight weeks of term.

### PARENTS & FRIENDS

On Monday 6 November, the Parents and Friends held their last official meeting for 2017. Items discussed included:

- Allocation of funds: The P & F have raised approximately \$5,400.00 from fundraising events. Funds were committed for the following: bus hire for the Whole School Excursion, bus hire (Melbourne Symphony Orchestra performance), Puberty Education Program (for Year 5 and 6 students), Year 6 Graduation pens and the purchase of a set of school t-shirts/singlets. The Parents and Friends passed a motion to allocate approximately \$2,500 to the Principal and staff to spend on resources or equipment for 2017.
- Big Blokes Breakfast: Thank you to everyone involved in assisting with the set up and pack up, donations of food items etc. A HUGE thank you to Fiona King organizing this fantastic activity. We raised \$103.00 for November.

**Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be held at Café 109 on 4 December at 6:30pm.** Please RSVP to Naomie Phillips or Ally Gordon.

## SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

### WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT

The School Concert will be held on Thursday 16 November at the Dunkeld Community Centre - **7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Gold coin entry.** Teachers have sent home notes on the costume requirements for each year level. Students have been advised by their classroom teacher whether they will need to come dressed in their costumes. If you have not yet received notification, please see your child's teacher.

### BIG BLOKES BREAKFAST

Attending their first Big Blokes Breakfast, the Prep students share their thoughts on the morning:

At the Big Blokes Breakfast I showed Dad around the school and one of the places was the Garden. I loved the Big Blokes Breakfast. *By Charlie Kelly*

At the breakfast, my Dad had a coffee. After that, I showed him the new classroom. *By Charles Prentice*

At the Big Blokes Breakfast, I had cereal and we had muffins, in it had blueberries and I had a milo. Esther and I showed Dad the garden. We got to carry the chooks. *By Marie McDonald*

I liked showing Dad around the school. For breakfast, I had cornflakes and Dad had a quiche. It was a good Big Blokes Breakfast. *By Max Russell*



Above: Mac Jackson with his Dad Angus and buddy, Charlie Kelly

### HEALESVILLE CAMP – Year 5 and 6 reflections



Camp was the best. I love the Commando Course. We climbed, jumped, swang and climbed over big logs and small logs. *By Cadence Huf Yr 5*

On the third week of Term 4, we went on an extraordinary camp to Healesville. We stayed at this really, really cool place called Ferngully Lodge. At Ferngully Lodge, there were lots of fun things to do like the giant swing, commando activities, zip line, archery, high ropes, low ropes and lots more. We also went to this amazing place called Healesville Sanctuary I really loved it. My favourite animals were the Wedge Tailed Eagle, Helmeted Honey Eater and the Rock Wallaby. We went to this place called Belgrave and Puffing Billy was there. One day I hope to go back to Puffing Billy because it was such a great experience. *By Lachie Phillips Yr 5*

At Ferngully Lodge where we were staying there were so many fantastic things to do including the giant swing, zip lining, commando course, archery, high ropes course and low ropes course. On day three we went to the Healesville Sanctuary, there were many great animals there but my favourite animal was the Wedge Tailed Eagle. On day four, we went to Puffing Billy. When we got on, we were

allowed to hang out the side of the train, when we got to the bridge my stomach dropped. We also got to look at a mini train track, which was really awesome. Overall, I think it was the best camp I have been to so far. *By Charlie Field Yr 5*

On the second day of being at Ferngully Lodge, we got to do a commando course, zip line, high ropes, low ropes and giant swing. Low ropes was awesome, we did a few balancing ropes courses. High ropes was so scary, we did leap of faith and caterpillar. The commando course was fun going over logs, hopping onto swings, going over cargo nets, jumping on little logs and swinging on ropes. Zip line was the best out of all. It was one of the best days at camp. It was awesome! *By Sarah Symes Yr 6 (photo right)*



Ferngully Lodge was the best camp I have ever been on in my life. The best day was the first day because we had to do a leap of faith, which was out of this world. I climbed up the ladder on to a skinny log with little pegs coming out of the log. At the top was a little square platform that you had to jump off and touch a balloon. *By Ned Andrew Yr 6*

We went to the Healesville Sanctuary and we went to the birds of prey show. The Barking Owl swept my hair as it glided through the air. After the birds of prey show, we went and looked at the Rock Wallabies. Here is a fact; there are less than 20 Rock Wallabies in the wild. My favourite animals were the dingos and the Rock Wallabies. *By Rachel Hassett Yr 5*

## PUFFING BILLY STEAM ENGINE – HEALESVILLE CAMP

The Year 4 students have written descriptive text about one moment when they were on the Steam Engine;

The forest whooshed past me and steam was everywhere. It filled my nose and was like a fire crackling inside my head. The railway line clattered loudly beneath the train and joy bubbled inside me. *By Amelia Jackson*

As Puffing Billy slowly crawled across the bridge, I was listening to the deafening noises of the engine. The sounds of steam bursting out of the engine, and the wheels grinding against the track, all vibrating in my ears. I could feel my bottom begging my brain to get off the cold window ledge. *By Campbell Glazebrook*

You could just make out the soft but swift toot. The instant we descended the hill you could feel the gentle air brush your face like a glorious wool blanket. You had to take in the irresistible scenery. It was like it had spread across the Dandenongs like a wild fire. *By Myles Haley.*



## FELICITY'S HOPE



Felicity's Hope project went very well. Most people participated in the casual clothes and everyone enjoyed the games and barbecue. Everyone in the school thought Felicity's Hope was super successful because the survey results were 100% yes on that question and we got 100% yes on all the other questions, too. Felicity came to school a couple of weeks ago, and presented us with a thank you plaque. She told us that she reached her goal to climb Mount Piccaninny. At Assembly, we presented Felicity with a cheque for \$4825.00. The Felicity's Hope Project has now finished. Thank you to everyone who supported our project.



Felicity presented the Year 5/6 students with caps that read

FELICITY'S HOPE and on the back AMAZING EFFORT, we were thrilled to get them and Felicity even chose the colours! She also showed us an exercise she has been working on with her physiotherapist to help her balance because she is slightly off balance. We are so lucky to have the Gordon's in our community! We are looking forward to Felicity's next visit in December. *By Emily McNaughton, Lucille Aarons, Tom Kent and Edward Williamson.*

## SPORT

### MILO T20 BLAST SCHOOL CUP CRICKET

On Friday 10 November, students in Year 5/6 will travel to Hamilton to compete in the Milo T20 Blast School Cup cricket Competition. This involves a round Robin of T20 Blast Cricket games, followed by a final. The winner of this final will qualify for a Regional Competition (which will be held at Pedrina Park in Hamilton on Tuesday 14 November 2017) and if successful proceed to play in Melbourne in the State finals at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Students participating in the competition are: Lucille Aarons, Chloe Frost, Monet Graham, Rachel Hassett, Xanthe Huf, Ella Jackson, Emily McNaughton, Anna Rennie, India Ross, Sarah Symes, Genevieve Trotter, Charlie Adams, Sam Cullinane, Charlie Field, Fingal Jackson, Tom Kent, Lachie Phillips, Ben Potter, Brodie Reynolds and Edward Williamson. Parents will be required to transport students to this event at Pedrina Park, Hamilton by 9.45am.

## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

### PREP DAY IN THE KITCHEN by India Ross and Rachel Hassett for Clare Kennedy

On Thursday 16 November, the Preps are going to have a fabulous cooking class with Clare. They will enjoy the day by cooking with their family and friends. They will experiment with different foods and will learn about our kitchen. Cooking with our SAKG Friends, learning how to cook different foods and enjoying a shared lunch with everybody is very enjoyable. Clare would appreciate it if you could please return your forms by Friday 10 November. We hope that the Preps have a great time in the kitchen next Thursday.





## GARDEN REPORT by Lisa McIntyre

We have about 50 Roma tomato plants looking for a good home. Only \$2.00 each – they are the perfect summer tomato!! Get in quick; please do not let them go to the compost heap!! Please contact me via phone or email to place your order Lisa [advancel@bigpond.com](mailto:advancel@bigpond.com) or phone 5574 9325.

Unfortunately, devastatingly, we have lost seven of our chooks, as their Chook Palace gates were left open. We presume a fox found them. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE - if your children are playing in the garden, keep an eye on them, and check the area before you leave, we have only three hens left, and we do not want to lose them. We love having people of all ages using and enjoying the garden, but please be respectful and mindful when there. The easiest thing for us to do would be to erect a fence and put padlocks on the gates, but is anyone learning anything by doing that? The best way to teach responsibility is lead by example.

## Notice Board

### OPTOMETRIST VISIT



Optometrists, Jeremy and Catherine Vallence (photo left), from Wide Open Road Optometry offered free eye tests to Dunkeld Consolidated School students recently. Wide Open Road is a mobile optometry company and their office is based in Daylesford. Approximately 60 of our students received eye tests.

### EDUCATION VIDEO FOR WANNON WATER

Wannon Water will be producing an education video that explains their activities and programs across the region. The video will be made available on Wannon Water's website, on their social media pages and at events and activities that they run across the region. On Friday 10 November, Wannon Water personnel accompanied by production company, Powerhouse Productions from Portland, will film some of our Year 3 students working in the garden.

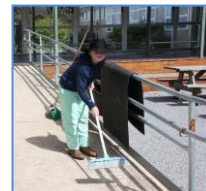
### SEXUALITY AND PUBERTY EDUCATION

The Year 5 and 6 students have had their first Sexuality and Puberty Education session. There will be another session held on Wednesday 15 November (to be confirmed). These sessions are conducted by Western District Health Service (WDHS) staff (Sue Watt and Stuart Willder) and include Puberty issues, body changes, correct names for body parts and personal hygiene. The P & F Association generously funds this program.



### BUSY BEE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5

Thanks again to everyone who took part in the Working Bee on Sunday 5 November. It is a very busy time of year so it was amazing to see how many people chipped in. Counting students, staff, teachers, parents and cricketers there were nearly 50 people taking part in gardening, tree pruning, cleaning, mowing, rubbish removal, furniture removal and sand pit recovery. Our school looks fantastic. Well done. *Mark Lazzari, Facilities Sub-Committee*



Scrub the deck: Student Lucy Fraser working hard on the walk way

### SCULPTURES FOR SENSORY GARDEN - PREP



I made a gnome with my Buddy, his name is Charlie. He got the bottle; I got the icy pole sticks. Charlie got some clay from Esther but he changed his mind and decided he didn't need clay. I had great fun. *By Jack Oldfield*

I made a scarecrow with a pipe and a stick. We needed gloves. I made a face. *By Lachie Gordon (photo right)*

In Buddies, Monet and I made a flower. It is for the garden. *By Yin Vass (photo left)*

At Buddies, we made sculptures. I made a unicorn with glitter, it was so sparkly. The table was sparkly too. It was made out of plasticine. I love my unicorn. *By Clementine Blackwell*



### LOST & FOUND

**Found:** Two School jumpers Size 8, both have the names of past students.

**Lost:** Small soft beige bunny toy.

### Milo In2Cricket – Thursday 16 November

Please note: There will not be any Milo In2Cricket on Thursday 16 November due to the Dunkeld School Concert.

## FORMS

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SAKG 2018 Calendar order form. Return form by Friday 24 November.

School Council Fundraiser – Dunkeld Races Clean up Sunday 19 November. Return form by Friday 10 November.

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