



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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March 2018

- Wednesday 14 MARC Library.
- Wednesday 21 SGSSA District Athletics Sports at Pedrina Park, Hamilton (Prep students do not attend the sports they will attend school as normal).
- Friday 23 Regional Swimming Championships to be held at the Eureka Swimming Pool, Ballarat.
RCH Good Friday Appeal Raffle books to be returned to school.
- Monday 27 School Council Meeting to be held at school at 7:30pm.
- Wednesday 28 MARC Library.
Good Friday Appeal Easter Raffle to be drawn at 11:15am.
- Thursday 29 **FUNKY HAIR DAY** – gold coin donation towards Leukemia Foundation
LAST DAY OF TERM 1 – Assembly to be held at 12:45pm, lunch at 1:30pm and early dismissal at 2:30pm.
NO SAKG Kitchen class will be held on this day.
SAKG Garden class for Year 4 and 5 students will be held from 11.30am to 12.30pm.

April 2018

- Monday 16 Start of Term 2.
- Tuesday 17 School Photos. Students to wear full winter uniform.
- Wednesday 18 SAKG Foundation 'Delivering Kitchen Garden Classes' training for staff from surrounding schools to be held at the Dunkeld Consolidated School.
- **Thursday 19 PUPIL FREE DAY.**
PD day for staff – 'Creating the Most Engaging Science/Engineering/Maths Thinking Classroom' in Warrnambool.
- Wednesday 25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday.

FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

Currently our staff from Prep through to Year 6 are undergoing a change in the delivery of Writing to students in our school. Students, mostly in the upper primary area, will notice changes in the expectations of their approach to Writing and how they go about the process. All staff in our school have completed professional development in Writers Workshop. Two powerful premises come from Writers Workshop; Writing is Thinking, and Writing for a Purpose, both of which give authenticity to writing. For example, asking a child, 'Why are you writing?' would more often than not elicit the response, 'Because the teacher told me to'. Next term, we will invite parents to join us for a parent information session to explain the Writers Workshop process.

Congratulations to Charlie Field, Lucille Aarons and Grace Potter on making it through to Regional Championships in swimming. We hope you are proud of your achievement.

Students will be looking forward to the athletics event next week. Competitors have been selected based on last year's house athletics event and in some cases with discretion from the principal and PE teacher. We are providing opportunities for young children to take part in a competitive experience.

Winning is not the main priority, rather having fun is our measure of success. I hope everyone enjoys the day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Tuesday 27 March in the Dunkeld Consolidated School staff room commencing at 7.30pm.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION NEWS

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The AGM held on Monday 5 March was poorly attended; however we did have enough people to be able to elect our Office Bearers for 2018.

All executive positions were filled as follows:

President	Ally Gordon
Vice President	Ruth Kyle
Secretary	Naomie Phillips
Treasurer	Bev Hampton
Co-opted School Council member	– Bev Hampton

Thank you to Karen Kent for filling the role of Vice President for the past two years.

At the general meeting it was moved that meetings are to be held on the first Monday of the month at the new time of 3:30pm. It is hoped that we are able to draw more people to our meetings with the change of time.

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR SCHOOL

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed in any way, shape or form to the following fundraising activities we held in 2017; we catered for the Caulfield Grammar visit in May and Serra Terror in June, and supervised the Lego Tent at the 3 Peaks Festival in October. The Big Blokes Breakfast was yet again a HUGE success (and I can't wait for a similar event for the ladies)! **We raised over \$7,500 for the year** which is an absolutely fantastic result.

Funds we contributed to our school in 2017:

🚦 Whole School Performance – A Fish Story	\$350.00
🚦 Bus Hire for excursion – A Diary of a Wombat	\$145.45
🚦 Bus Hire for excursion – Melbourne Symphony Orchestra	\$145.45
🚦 Bus Hire for Whole School Excursion – Halls Gap	\$872.73
🚦 Halls Gap Swimming Pool Entrance fees – Whole school excursion	\$235.00
🚦 Western District Health Service – Puberty Education sessions	\$593.24
🚦 Year 6 Graduation Pens – purchase and engraving	\$185.28
🚦 Movember – Donation from Big Blokes Breakfast	\$103.00
🚦 Purchase of School sports shirts – allocation set aside for 2018	\$1,000.00
🚦 My Macquarie Word Books – allocation set aside for 2018	\$136.36
🚦 My Alphabet Scrapbook – allocation set aside for 2018	\$256.31
🚦 School resources – Allocation set aside for 2018	\$1,888.74

Your assistance with providing afternoon and morning teas, setting up and packing up at sporting events, and assisting with the Social Services stalls, does not go unrecognized, Thank you!

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

PUPIL FREE DAY – THURSDAY 19 APRIL

ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL RAFFLE

Each year the Dunkeld Consolidated School supports the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. One book of raffle books (books of 10 tickets @ 20 cents each) will shortly be distributed to each family. Each year the Royal Children's Hospital provides a prize to raffle. If children wish to sell more than one book of tickets could they please contact Terrie or Ally in the office. Raffle tickets and monies will need to be returned to school **by FRIDAY 23 March**. The raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday 28 March**. All raffle proceeds are forwarded to the Royal Children's Hospital.



FUNKY HAIR DAY THURSDAY 29 MARCH

Staff and students (even parents) are encouraged to wear a "funky hairstyle" on **THURSDAY 29 March** and give a gold coin donation for participating. Funds raised will go to the Leukaemia Foundation. Some **crazy hair** ideas: Spike it up! - brightly coloured ribbons, scrunchies, wild wigs, waves, curls, coloured hairspray. **Children please ask your parent's permission before you do anything to your hair.*



Southern Grampians School Sports Association (SGSSA) Athletics Sports – Wednesday 21 March

The District Athletics Sports will **be held on Wednesday 21 March at Pedrina Park**, North Boundary Road Hamilton. (A map will be available from the school office for those parents who may be new to the district). Families are to be at Pedrina Park at no later than 8.45am for a 9.05am start. A program of events will be sent home as soon as the school receives a copy. Parents are responsible for transporting their child/children to this event.

A reminder that the PREP students WILL NOT BE attending the District Athletics Sports, they will attend school as normal while all other students, with their families, attend the sports day.

SSV Southwest Division Swimming Championships - Warrnambool



Swimming 50 metres can be quite daunting for many people, especially when you start off on diving blocks which you may have never used before, little alone seen before, but our twenty-one competitors took it all in their stride when they competed in the SSV South West Division Swimming Championships on Wednesday 7 March at Aquazone in Warrnambool. Donning their Dunkeld Consolidated School swimming caps, our school was proudly represented by *Claudia Cochran, Bonnie Jackson, Tom Gordon, Jemima Ross, Grace Potter, Louis Lazzari, Sebastian Aarons, Myles Alderman, Addison Linskens, Abby Lazzari, Lucille Aarons, India Ross, Charlie Field, Matilda Potter, Lillian Glazebrook, Taylor Haley, Hugh Prentice, George Field, Campbell Glazebrook, Lucy Fraser and Pippa Williamson.*

We wish to congratulate all the students for doing their very best on the day. Thank you to all the parents who assisted on the day, and to Mrs McShane for keeping the team well organized and for the tremendous support given to our team. Thank you also to Lea McArthur for showing her ongoing support to our swimmers by attending, assisting and cheering the team on throughout the day.

On 7 March, twenty people from our school went to Warrnambool for the Zone Swimming Championships. I was in the 50m Butterfly and Freestyle. I got disqualified in Butterfly and I came 18th in Freestyle. I enjoyed starting on the proper diving blocks. I didn't expect them to be so high so when I did my first dive I was really nervous. Overall I enjoyed the swimming sports. By Lillian Glazebrook, Year 4

On March 7, twenty-one swimmers went to the Zone Swimming Sports in Warrnambool. There was a huge amount of people from different schools. The first swimmers were getting ready, they stepped onto the diving blocks. The siren went off and the race started. The swimmers glided through the water with an unbelievable amount of speed. They were super-fast, they looked unstoppable. There were about forty events under the scorching sun. I can't wait until the next awesome Zone swimming sports. By Bonnie Jackson, Year 4

Regional Swimming Championships - Ballarat

Following their success at the Division Swimming Championships in Warrnambool, three swimmers will go on to compete at the Greater Western Regional Swimming Championships in Ballarat on Friday 23 March.

- ❖ Charlie Field will compete in the Butterfly and Breaststroke.
- ❖ Lucille Aarons will compete in the Breaststroke.
- ❖ Grace Potter will compete in the Backstroke.

We congratulate them on their success and wish them all the very best at the next level of competition.



AFL Players Clinic

Our school welcomed Western Bulldogs players, Kieran Collins and Bradley Lynch on Friday 2 March. Joined by students from Saint Joseph's Primary School Penshurst, students from Years 3 – 6 participated in varied activities including handball targets, tackle bags and kicking drills. The clinic was held as part of the Bulldogs AFL Community Camp and was organized by AFL Development Manager for the Western District, Mr Jock Whiting, who also attended the clinic.



Sue Bell – Artist Visit



As part of the Cavendish Red Gum Festival to be held on April 13, 14 and 15; artist Sue Bell visited our school to conduct Art sessions with students in Year 3 – 6. Students used pastels and charcoal to create pictures with the focus on Red Gums. These pictures will be entered into the Art completion and will be on display in the Student Gallery at the Festival.



Left: Year 4 student Leah Morelli shows her artistic flare.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen ... by Clare Kennedy

On behalf of the SAKG Program, we wish to extend a special thank you to the Sturgeon Stampede Committee and sponsors for the opportunity you have given us to help raise funds for the Kitchen Garden program at Dunkeld Consolidated School. We hope that the weekend was a success and enjoyed by many. Thank you once again to our SAKG community who donated produce, funds and time. We are so very grateful to you.



The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation, based in Melbourne, and who provide resources to Kitchen Garden programs in over 1000 facilities within Australia, has chosen our school to host a training day for surrounding schools who wish to run a Kitchen Garden program. The 'Delivering Kitchen Garden Classes' training at Dunkeld Consolidated School will be held on Wednesday 18 April and will see approximately 30 visitors engaged in a full day training session both in the kitchen and the garden. The facilitators from the Foundation will have a two-night stay in our lovely township and we look forward to making them feel welcome. We are very excited to 'show off' our program and our school to our visitors who are also passionate about this program being embedded into schools and intertwined into the school curriculum.

From the Garden ... by Lisa McIntyre

As we all realise we have not had soaking rain for at least four months, and our gardens and soils are reflecting this. Having said that, it's very interesting to see what can survive on very little moisture – our rhubarb with their long strong tap roots are still looking healthy despite little attention - the macropods (kangaroos and wallabies) don't like eating them either – so that helps!



We have asked the Year 5's to be our rainfall monitors this year, and so with them we made our own rainfall gauges from plastic tennis ball tubes. We discussed the reason that rainfall is measured in units of length (millimetres or inches), rather than volume (millilitres or litres). As long as the rain gauge has straight sides, it doesn't matter the size of the gauge. If you have a large container and a small container side by side under a shower of rain, the large container will obviously collect more water in it (volume) than the smaller one. But what will stay the same is the height that the water rises in each container. That's why, to work out how much rain has fallen; we measure the *height* of the water in the rain gauge.



We've planted lettuce, cauliflowers, basil, coriander, oregano, spring onions, leeks and silver beet. Potatoes have been harvested, along with the tomatoes and garlic. Watering and replenishing the soil with manures is our big task now. Our children are working in set small groups of three this year, and as we have two combined classes each lesson for 1 hour, we can have up to eleven small groups doing different tasks, it is busy but very productive and enjoyable. So we are still hoping that we can entice a few more adults to come in and help! If you are thinking that you'd like to, please get in touch, as we always love to see new people here.

Kitchen Roster

THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2018 - YEAR 4	THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2018 - YEAR 3
Stacey Balkin Emma Gordon Julie Butterworth Claire Maconochie	Kaye Wraith Jackie Mibus Dave Fanning Christy Lazzari Priscilla Jury

Garden Roster

(Year 4 will be in Kitchen)		(Year 3 will be in Kitchen)	
THURSDAY 15 MARCH 2018 - GARDEN		THURSDAY 22 MARCH 2018 - GARDEN	
11.30am - 12.30pm Year 5	Paul Callander, Priscilla Jury, Ruth Kyle, Rory Vass	11.30am - 12.30pm Years 4 & 5	Paul Callander, Stacey Balkin, Carol Burger, Julie Butterworth, Rory Vass
12.30pm - 1.30pm Years 1 & 2	Paul Callander, Priscilla Jury, Dave Fanning, Ruth Kyle, Rory Vass, Vivien Brodsky	12.30pm - 1.30pm Year 1 & 2	Paul Callander, Stacey Balkin, Carol Burger, Julie Butterworth, Rory Vass, Vivien Brodsky
2.20pm - 3.20pm Years 3 & 6	Paul Callander, Priscilla Jury, Ruth Kyle, Herman Jansen, Brian Mathews, Hayley Glover, Vivien Brodsky	2.20pm - 3.20pm Year 6	Paul Callander, Herman Jansen, Brian Mathews, Hayley Glover, Jo Aarons, Vivien Brodsky

Notice Board

DUNKELD HOCKEY TRAINING

First hockey training for 2018, after school on Thursday 22 March in the undercover area. All welcome, please let me know if you are hoping to play but can't make it so we can work on team numbers. Lea McArthur – phone: 0417 312 089.

MISSING SCHOOL JUMPER

Size 6 school jumper belonging to Clementine Blackwell. Has "Blackwell" name on tag.
Size 14 school jumper belonging to Brodie Reynolds. Name marked on tag and on inside of jumper.