



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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August 2018

- Wednesday 1 MARC Library.
SAKG Catering - Hamilton North Rotary Club Dinner.
- Thursday 2 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 5 Students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen and will need to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class.
Paul Jeffreys to attend Principals' Forum at the Dunkeld Community Centre.
- Monday 6 **PUPIL FREE DAY.**
- Wednesday 8 Year 5 students - DET Victorian Health and Student Wellbeing Survey.
Toyota Good for Footy Clinic in Hamilton from 4.15pm to 5.30pm.
- Monday 13 **New meeting date:** P & F Association Meeting commencing at 3.30pm.
- Wednesday 15 MARC Library.
- Monday 20-24 **BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES** – Theme "Find your Treasure".
- Thursday 23 Year 5/6 SAKG excursion to Penshurst Volcanoes Discovery Centre and surrounds. **No garden classes will be held today.** Year 2 will be preparing and sharing in the kitchen.
- Friday 24 **BOOK WEEK DRESS UP PARADE** commencing at 9.15am in the school hall. Parents, friends and new parents for 2019 are warmly welcomed to watch the parade.
- Tuesday 28 School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 29 MARC Library.
- Thursday 30 Year 5/6 Parliament of Victoria excursion to Hamilton Exhibition and Conference Centre.
- Friday 31 Father's Day Social Service Stall.
Southern Grampians Inter-School Chess Tournament in Hamilton.
Student Performance Analyser (SPA) PD workshop at Ballarat.

September 2018

- Monday 3 School Hats to be worn as per the school's Sun Smart UV Policy.
- Wednesday 12 MARC Library.
- Wednesday 19 Whole School Concert at the Dunkeld Community Centre - 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Gold coin donation entry.
- Friday 21 Footy Colours Day.

FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

Over the last few weeks, a number of our students were able to take part in hockey and basketball events in Warrnambool and Hamilton respectively. It was lovely watching our Year 3's trying on their Dunkeld School tops... so excited and proud were they. However, I wish to publicly thank Mark Lazzari and Al Prentice for their supervision and coaching of our basketball teams. I would also like to thank Lea and Jen McArthur for their supervision of our hockey players, under terrible and trying weather conditions. Thank you all.

It is also timely that we at school acknowledge and thank Jo Aarons for her many hours spent keeping our library in order. Jo monitors the return and re-shelving of borrowed books, a volunteer task we rely on heavily and so I am grateful for your time, Jo. Should there be a parent who might like to volunteer some time outside of the classroom to help Jo, please let us know as this would lighten Jo's load and provide for continued library help if Jo is unavailable.

Thank you to the parents who were able to support the e-smart information session last Monday about parenting in a digital world. It appeared that the information presented by Judy Fallon was relevant and important to those present.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS INTER-SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Hamilton and Alexandra College is hosting an inter-school Chess Competition on Friday 31 August 2018. The following students have elected to attend the competition and test their strategy and skill: Myles Hayley, Taylor Hayley, Sam Burger, Fingal Jackson, India Ross, Jemima Ross and Drew Hassett. This tournament is run annually by the organisation, Chess Kids, who supply all the equipment, judges and medals. We wish our students good luck!

SEMESTER 1 - 100% ATTENDANCE



The following students are to be congratulated for their diligence in attending school every day in Semester 1:

Back: Edie Jackson, Georgia Adams, Tom Kent, Charlie Linke, Inset: Indi Mibus
Front: Nate Elliot, Jasmine Etherton, Henrietta Patterson, Mac Jackson.

Certificates of attendance were handed to these students at assembly on Friday 27 July 2018.



TERM 3 CLASS CAPTAINS

It is with excitement that we announce the Class Captains for Term 3, 2018. The Class Captains were presented with their badges and certificates at an assembly on Friday 20 July. (Their roles may include delivering notes and diaries etc to the office, Class Captain Reports at Assemblies, welcoming visitors to their classrooms etc).



Elodie Cochran - Prep



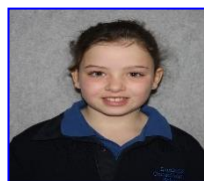
Jack Oldfield – Year 1



Ava Balkin – Year 2



Maxi Graham – Year 3



Alisha Cross – Year 4



Abby Lazzari – Year 5



Emily McNaughton – Year 6

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Monday 13 August 2018 – New Meeting Date at 3:30pm we would love to see as many lovely faces as possible.

SPORT

STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

"On 19 July 2018 I went to Bundoora in Melbourne to compete in the State Cross Country Championships. I was very nervous which made me feel unwell. It was a very windy day and we had to run into the wind. I came 88th. I am happy with how I ran because everyone ran really fast. *By Angus Frost*



HOCKEY 7'S –

WARRNAMBOOL/PORTLAND/HAMILTON COMBINED DIVISION HOCKEY COMPETITION



On a very wet, windy and Arctic day, sixteen students braved the conditions of Pedrina Park in Hamilton to play a series of Hockey 7s against local Primary Schools. Our children did a fabulous job in very trying conditions. Well done to all the children involved ... and the parents who stood and suffered on the sidelines! *Lea McArthur, Coach*

Back: Matilda Potter, Emily McNaughton, Lucille Aarons, Amelia Jackson, India Ross, Pippa Williamson, Abby Lazzari, Bonnie Jackson
Front: Taylor Haley, Olive Jackson, Georgia Adams, Lucy Fraser, Grace Potter, Fingal Jackson, Jemima Ross and Myles Haley

"On Friday 20 July, students went to Pedrina Park to compete in Hockey 7's.

There were two teams.

The players were: Emily, Fingal, India, Lucille, Myles, Pippa, Matilda, Bonnie, Abby, Amelia, Olive, Taylor, Georgia, Jemima and Lucy. Each team played three half-court games. The two teams put together had two wins one draw and three losses.

We had to make an all-girls team to play in the finals because they needed an extra team for girl's finals." – *By Grade 6 students*

HOOPTIME – BASKETBALL COMPETITION GRADE 3/4 AND 5/6

Comments from Grade 3

On Thursday 26 July 2018 Jake Linskens, Sebastian Aarons, Jack Reynolds, Maxi Graham, George Field, Hayden Phillips, Zander Mibus, Angus Heazlewood, Louis Lazzari, Hugh Prentice and Mitchell Gordon went to HILAC for Hooptime. We played a number of games. We were split into groups and one of our teams made the semi-final. Afterwards we watched the grand final. The competition was most enjoyable.

"We didn't win but we had lots of fun." *Sebastian Aarons* "Hooptime was the best because I love to play basketball." *Jake Linskens* "I felt prepared and ready." *Jack Reynolds*

Thank you to the parents and our coach, Mark Lazzari, for their support.



Comments from Grade 5



"On Monday 30 July 2018 Lachie Phillips, Charlie Field, Brodie Reynolds, Tom Gordon, Tom Kent and myself went to Hamilton to compete in Hooptime. We played 4 games and won 3. We made it to the semi-finals but lost 16-14. Overall I thought it was a great day and we played very well." *Xander Prentice*

"On Monday 30 July 2018 some of the boys from Grade 5 and 6 went to compete in Hooptime at HILAC. We played four games and a semi. We lost the semi by 2 points and won three other games. Thank you, Al Prentice, for coaching and all the other scorers and our parents for taking us in." *Tom Gordon*

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen ... by Clare Kennedy

We welcomed our Year 6 students into the kitchen last Thursday and enjoyed preparing and sharing together a delicious lunch created by our fabulous friends of the Kitchen Garden program and 14 very enthusiastic children.

Make your own Toasted Sandwich – Each person was given a choice from 5 groups to make a delicious 'toastie'. Students chose an item for their sandwich from each of the following groups:

1. Bread – Turkish bread, multigrain, wholemeal or a tortilla.
2. Protein – ham, salami or tuna.
3. Vegetable – spinach, roast pumpkin, capsicum, red onion and tomato.
4. Dairy – butter and cheese.
5. Spreads – tomato relish and basil pesto.

We had some lovely combinations and toasted our creations in the sandwich press.

We roasted cauliflower with Middle Eastern spices to add to our cauliflower creamy soup and discovered baked risotto with spinach, asparagus and mushrooms takes longer to cook in the oven than on the stovetop! We finished our lunch with sticky date puddings. Thank you Year 6 for our tasty lunch.

Thank you for returning your form and offers of help for our fundraising dinner. We welcome Hamilton North Rotary group today, Wednesday 1 August 2018. This will be the group's third visit to us and we look forward to updating them and showing off our wonderful facilities.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen



From the Garden ... by Lisa McIntyre

Every week we try to fit in a plant hunt, the children are asked to go around the garden and pick a leaf or flower of the plant they need to find. We are seeing the kids helping each other too, which is wonderful. As it has been a bit cold and wet and while we were enjoying some beautiful rainfall, we decided to stay inside and work beside the heaters, looking out at the cold weather! With the help of our Friends, we brought 20 different plant species inside, and the children identified as many as they could. It was fantastic to observe how their identification skills are progressing - and ours!!

The cold weather is ideal for manual tasks to warm us up! The students have been laying beautiful straw mulch on the garden beds, and bark mulch on the path ways. Even these jobs are a learning experience - how to fill a wheelbarrow to make it easier to push (the load should be at the wheel end, not the handle end), how to shovel from a pile effectively (from the base), and leadership skills by directing the crew, encouraging their efforts and then all enjoying the reward at the end in seeing a job well done.

Our compost heap is exploding like four mini volcanoes, so we began working on that last week. The children discovered beautiful compost under the bulging piles of prunings and weeds and lunch box remains, then they smelt the compost, with all agreeing that it had that lovely sweet smell. Often it's the little things like that that makes the whole day so special!



WANTED: SMALL TO MEDIUM COLOURED PLASTIC LIDS AND COLOURED PLASTIC BOTTLES FOR FUTURE GARDEN ART PROJECTS. PLEASE COLLECT AND DROP IN BOX IN CORRIDOR LEADING TO SCHOOL HALL.

Lisa McIntyre
SAKG Garden

Notice Board

e-SMART INFORMATION SESSIONS

On Monday 30 July 2018 students and parents attended separate information sessions with Judi Fallon of the Alannah and Madeline Foundation to learn about online safety for both ourselves and our children. For anyone unable to attend we remind you of the iParent website, <https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent> where you find information to support you in keeping your child safe online.

REMINDER – PUPIL FREE DAY MONDAY 6 AUGUST 2018

FATHER'S DAY SOCIAL SERVICE STALL

On Friday 31 August 2018 the senior students will hold their annual Father's Day Stall. This stall forms part of their Social Service program, along with the Mothers' Day and Christmas Stalls.

Donations of gifts for the stall are most welcome e.g. small tools, nails, chocolates, lollies, plants, wallets, books, toiletries, socks and mugs are some suggestions. *Could you please wrap your gifts in clear cellophane.* **Children can bring the donations in and leave them in the old canteen area in the School hall from now onwards. The gifts are then sorted through and priced (ranging from 50c - \$3.00).** **Raffle tickets will also be on sale for 50c/ticket.**



For this to run smoothly we need some help from parents! We'll need about four – six parents to help on the Friday morning to help collect the donations as children arrive, price them, lay out and serve at the stall to make it all run smoothly. Please consider helping, it is really a rewarding experience, and good fun! We really appreciate the time, donations and effort that you provide. *Names can be left with Ruth Kyle on 0428 954 248 or email: writetomargo@hotmail.com*

BOOK WEEK AND BOOK WEEK PARADE

Students will be engaged in multi-aged Book Week activities during the week when groups of Prep to Year 6 students will work together with each of our teachers, reading a book and enjoying a follow up activity.

A reminder for parents, friends and children that 20 – 24 August is Book Week – *Find your Treasure*. Students should be thinking about dressing up as their favourite book character. **A parade of characters will take place at 9:15am on Friday 24 August in the school hall.** We have invited our 2019 Preps to attend the parade and participate in a Book Week activity following the parade.

Which book characters will we see this year? Parents, friends and new parents for 2019 are warmly welcomed to watch the parade.

2018 PARENT OPINION SURVEY

All families in our school community are invited to participate in the 2018 Parent Opinion Survey.

Each year, the school conducts the Parent Opinion Survey. Results will be used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement.

I ask you to please take the time to complete the survey, as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school.

- ◆ The survey is conducted **online** by ORIMA Research and should take around **15 minutes** to complete.
- ◆ The survey will be open from **Wednesday 25 July to Sunday 26 August 2018.**
- ◆ The survey can be completed using any device connected to the internet (even a mobile phone).
- ◆ Should you require access to a device to complete the survey, please let the school office know.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible. Your comments in the final open-ended question will be provided back to the school. Each family should have received a letter with the link in a letter sent home. Please contact the Office if you require any assistance.

NOTE: Only **one parent** from your family is invited to complete the survey.

AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT CENSUS (AEDC)

The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training. Between 30 July and 17 August 2018 our staff will record information regarding their knowledge and observations of our Prep students. This is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well and what can be improved.

A more detailed explanation of what the census is about and where the results are published has been sent home with all Prep students.