JULY 2016

Wed 27 MARC Library.
Fri 29 Year 3 Excursion to Story Peddlers’ performance at Penshurst Primary School as part of the Woolly West Fest. Parent Opinion Surveys to be completed and returned to school.

AUGUST 2016

Mon 1 PUPIL FREE DAY.
Wed 3 Open Morning in the Prep class and tour of the school for Kindergarten parents of 4 year old students from 9.15am to 10.00am.
Thurs 4 Open Morning for the general community at the Dunkeld Consolidated School from 9.30am – 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.
Mon 8 Olympics Day at School.
Wed 10 MARC Library.
Thurs 11 Victorian Primary Schools Golf Tournament at Parklands Golf Club, Hamilton.
Fri 12 Ignite, Innovate and Integrate Conference at Kingswood Primary School - Professional Development Day: Paul Jeffreys and James Stephens will be attending this PD
Mon 15 Year 5 (6) Excursion to BioCATS Geelong – Simonds Stadium.
Fri 18 Year 6 SAKG Excursion – Royal Mail Hotel Kitchen Garden Tour and Dining Experience.
Sat 20 to Fri 16 Book Week – Australia! Story Country
Wed 24 MARC Library.
Fri 26 Students’ Social Service Father’s Day Stall.
Sat 27 Trivia Night – To be held at the Dunkeld Community Centre at 7:00pm. $15 per person.
Mon 29 to Sun 4 National Literacy and Numeracy Week

SEPTEMBER 2016

Thurs 1 Year 4/5/6 Bendigo/Swan Hill/Echuca Camp.
Fri 2 Year 4/5/6 Bendigo/Swan Hill/Echuca Camp.
Mon 5 Year 2/3 Norval Camp.
Wed 7 Year 2/3 Norval Camp.
Wed 7 MARC Library.
Fri 16 Footy Colours Day. Student to wear school uniform and are encouraged to wear beanies, scarves, jumpers etc of their footy team. (Please note no footy activities will take place).

OCTOBER 2016

Fri 14 The Greater Western Region Athletics Championships to be held in Ballarat at Llanberris Athletics Track.
Tue 18 Whole School Concert at the Dunkeld Community Centre - 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Gold coin entry.

2016 SCHOOL COUNCIL, SUB-COMMITTEES AND P & F MEETING DATES

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2016 TERM DATES

Term 3: Monday 11 July to Friday 16 September
Term 4: Monday 3 October to Tuesday 20 December

FORMS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

Dress Code Policy Survey Form – return by Friday 5 August.
Trivia Night flier and return slip.
We had a lovely little assembly yesterday. Four young people made presentations: first time in public guitar player, first time class report (spoken with authority and clarity), a class report beautifully delivered with notes from an iPad and a class report delivered via a PowerPoint presentation (for the first time in the history of the world... well at school here). And so we had four firsts for various reasons and these young people in their own ways took risks that may have resulted in some form of failure... in front of 100 of their peers, and they all knew it. What great role models for our little ones. What great courage. And what great success they brought upon themselves and on the assembly as a whole. Our school continues to change for the better.

I thank the staff at our school for the work you are doing to help children understand themselves, understand others and understand the world (from Play Is The Way). I also thank you for taking on the challenge of delivering engaging tasks. The community should know that you have entered into unknown territory, taken on a variety of Professional Development and endeavoured to deliver engaging teaching and learning in your classroom. The results of the Student Survey were outstanding and we now find ourselves wondering how we could do better.

You will find attached a very short survey surrounding our school uniform and I urge you put your thoughts down. While I am sure you will agree that a uniform for our school is important, and that our students have, in my humble opinion, the best uniform going around, you might have something to offer that no one has considered and that it might be keenly adopted. Sometimes the little things are big.

Play is The Way – Why do you come to School?

Most children believe they come to school for one or more of the following reasons:

1: Because we have to
2: To have fun
3: To learn things
4: To learn stuff so we can get a job
5: To learn stuff so we can make money
6: To make friends
7: Because I want to

These answers are in part, or whole, correct to some degree. Leading children to the answer, “To make sense of things” adds to their understanding of why they come to school and helps considerably in encouraging them to accept the demands of pro-social development.

When you ask children what they think you mean by this, they will invariably answer with a list of subjects or skills that must be understood and mastered. Reading, writing, spelling and maths are usually the first things that children think they must make sense of. Some will mention rules and various routines.

After some discussion you can elaborate by pointing out the three most important things to make sense of. Of course, the degree of details that you enter into will be appropriate to their age.

2: To make sense of others – empathy/awareness of others.
3: To make sense of the world in which we live.

Point out that while trying to make sense of these three things they must use what they learn to:

4: To practise creating a classroom and school in which we can all live, learn and get along.
PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS
REMINDER: Exploring the World of Coding! At our next meeting on Monday 8 August, Paul Jeffrey has kindly offered to hold a brief information/hands-on session on the wonderful world of Coding! It will give us “IT deprived” parents an insight into what our children are learning at school. Please let Naomie or Ally know if you will be attending as computers etc will need to be organised prior. We welcome all new and existing members to come along.

Meetings: Our next meeting will be held on Monday 8 August 2016 at 7:30pm at the school.

If you require any further information about the P & F Association please contact Ally Gordon, President on 0429 900 747 or Naomie Phillips, Secretary on 0429 998 504.

YEAR 3 EXCURSION – STORY PEDDLERS PERFORMANCE
On Friday 29 July, the Year 3 students will be attending the Story Peddlers’ Performance, featuring Jackie Kerin, at the Penshurst Primary School. This is an interactive story telling session inspired by the Woolly West Fest’s book Extra Yarn. Students will be accompanied by Mrs Naomie Phillips and are reminded to bring their morning recess snack with them. The bus will depart at 9:45am and arrive back at school at approx. 12:30pm. Please visit the Peddlers’ website for further information: www.peddlersinc.com/story-peddlers.

GRASS BioCATS EXCURSION – Monday 15 August 2016 - Year 5 and 6
Children from the GRASS (Grampians Rural and Small Schools) network of schools are being given the opportunity to attend an excursion to BioCATS, held at the headquarters of the Geelong Football Club, at Simonds Stadium in Geelong. Mr Jeffrey will be accompanying the students on this excursion. Please return your permission forms to school by Friday 5 August.

We wish to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families; Riley Tuner – Year 1
Charlotte Turner – Year 1
Annabelle Johnstone – Year 1
Georgia Trotter – Year 2
Genevieve Trotter – Year 4

VICTORIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS GOLF TOURNAMENT
The following Year 4, 5 and 6 students will be participating in the Victorian Primary Schools Golf Tournament at Parklands Golf Club, Hamilton on Thursday 11 August: Will Kent, Josh Gordon, Zach Burgess, Ashleigh McNaughton, Sam Cullinane, Sarah Symes, Tom Kent and Charlie Field.

Students from other local primary schools will also be participating. Parents will be responsible for transporting their children to this event and parental assistance will also be required throughout the day. A letter has been forwarded to the relevant students regarding this event.

SHEEPIE AWARDS
Students recently took part in the MARC Library Sheepie Awards which involved designing books with a focus on ‘sheep’. The Judges comments were as follows; Incredible overall standard coming from Dunkeld students making it extremely difficult to judge. Great use of imagination and very professional presentation. Among the many titles that tickled my funny bone were: ‘Green Eggs and Ram’, ‘Harry Trotter’, ‘Diary of a Wimpy Ram’, ‘One sheep, Two sheep, Red sheep, Blue sheep’, and ‘Where the crossbreds are’.

Best blurb: Anna Rennie for ‘Gangsta Sheep’ Terrific presentation and very cleverly crafted blurb. Top marks for ‘rad ram bans’, ‘Hooveywood’ and especially the Baa Code!

The winner is: Anna Rennie – Year 4 Clearly a lot of effort has gone in to the picture design. It captures the humorous intention of the original and makes it even sillier. The blurb is terrific and again demonstrates that a bit of care and imagination has gone into its ‘sheepification’.

PERSUASIVE WRITING – YEAR 1
Miss Berry will shortly be welcoming a new member to her family…. The Year 1 students were asked to suggest a name and write Miss Berry a letter with their suggestion and reasoning.

Katie the Golden Retriever
Dear Miss Berry,
I strongly believe that you should absolutely choose Katie for your puppy’s name. You should call her Katie because it is a GIRL. You should also choose the name Katie because it is such a cute name. I also think you should call her Katie because it is a short name and easy to say and the best name in the world and if you do not choose that name I will be very ANGRY. From Claudia Cochran

Bella the Golden Retriever
Dear Miss Berry,
I strongly believe that the name Bella is the best name for your dog. I believe that Bella is the best name for your dog because it’s a girl’s name. Secondly, because it’s a happy name. Thirdly it’s a lovely name. Also, because it’s a rhyming name, like Bella and Ella. Finally I would feel super glad if you named your dog Bella. From Eddie Jackson

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG) From the Kitchen…
We had a wonderful time in the kitchen last week preparing and sharing spicy dishes from Brazil with Year 4. This week we ‘travel’ to India to discover the exotic smell of many spices and prepare and share a delightful feast together. Our menu from Brazil is below. All Year 4 students went home with a copy of the recipes for them to share with you.

21 July 2016
Welcome to the Cuisine of Brazil
➢ Grilled Chicken Skewers with Chimichurri Sauce
➢ Cheese and Chilli Corn Bread
➢ Quinoa and Avocado Salad with Dried Fruit, Toasted Almonds and Lemon-Cumin Vinaigrette
➢ Lemonada de soda

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist
From the Garden…
The School Open Morning next Thursday gives the Garden an opportunity to showcase the variety of operations carried out on a weekly basis. Students will conduct tours of the garden, while other students and volunteers go about their business. We look forward to seeing you there.

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of “Fritsy”, a much loved member of our chicken family. He is now at peace amongst the fruit trees. Thomas Calvert remembered Fritsy as ‘a Good Chook’. RIP.

Our Grade 6’s are wanting to design and build a small structure in the garden so we are hoping that someone may have some bricks they could spare to help us please? Please contact me on 5574 9235.

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden Specialist

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SGSSA DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS
At last week’s assembly, our SGSSA District Cross Country Age Champions received their medallions.

Congratulations to Sarah Symes, Alexander Prentice, Thomas Calvert, Ella Jackson, Zach Burgess and Sam Cullinane

FAREWELL
The Department of Education and Training’s Technical Support Officer, Mr Aditya Kanagala has just completed his last visit to our school. The Dunkeld Consolidated School would like to wish him and his wife, Babi and son, Tej all the very best for the future.

TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 27 August at 7:00pm at the
DUNKELD COMMUNITY CENTRE
COST: $15 PER PERSON
BYO: Drink and Nibbles
Get a Table of Eight Together

THE ART OF YOGA
The Prep, Year 1 and 2 students have been enjoying learning the different techniques of Yoga during their PE lessons. Students have been focusing on mind, body and soul……..