2016 WHAT'S COMING UP

AUGUST 2016

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.
Thurs 18 Year 6 SAKG Excursion – Royal Mail Hotel Kitchen Garden Tour and Dining Experience. Students will depart school at 11:00am and walk to the Royal Mail Hotel Kitchen Garden, then to the Dining Room. They will return to school at approx. 1.45pm.
Sat 20 to Fri 26 Book Week – Australia! Story Country
Wed 24 MARC Library.
Fri 26 Students’ Social Service Father’s Day Stall.

Book Week Dress-Up Parade commencing at 9.15am in the school hall. Students are reminded to bring their school uniform to change into after the Book Parade.
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.
Brain Gym for Special Needs and Disabilities PD Workshop in Warrnambool – Miss Jayne Berry and Miss Annabelle Forbes will be attending this PD.
Fri 2 Year 4/5/6 Bendigo/Swan Hill/Echuca Camp.
Prep and Year 1 Sleep Over at school.
Inter-School Chess Tournament to be held at the Hamilton Gray Street Primary School at 9:10am to 2:00pm.
Mon 5 Year 2/3 Norval Camp.
Tues 6 Year 2/3 Norval Camp.
Wed 7 Year 2/3 Norval Camp.
Wed 7 MARC Library.

Year 4 and 5 students, Mrs Howard and Mrs Gilbert will visit the Dunkeld Kindergarten from approx. 10:00am to 11:15am to read to prospective Prep children (2017) and join them for a morning snack and play as part of the Kinder to Prep Transition Program.
Fri 16 Footy Colours Day. Students 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).

LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.

OCTOBER 2016

Thurs 13 Western District Schools Spelling Competition to be held at Warrnambool Primary School at 7:00pm.
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

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FORM/S ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS TERM 3

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held during the last week of Term 3 (Week 10). Further details will follow.
FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

CHILD SAFE SCHOOLS
Under Ministerial Order No. 870, all DET schools must go through a process to attain compliance as a ‘Child Safe School’ through meeting 7 standards, as noted below. The school is currently in the process of assessing and planning to ensure that we are compliant in meeting the Ministerial Order for 2017. Our school will provide an opportunity for input and feedback to families as documents become available.

To create and maintain a child safe organisation, organisations must have:

• strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements
• a child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety
• a code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children
• screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel
• processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse
• strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse
• strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children

For registered schools, Ministerial Order No. 870 sets out the specific actions they must take to meet these requirements.

In complying with the child safe standards, schools need to be mindful of the diversity of students and school communities and include the following inclusion principles as part of each standard:

• promoting the cultural safety of Aboriginal children
• promoting the cultural safety of children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds
• promoting the safety of children with a disability.

The initial focus during implementation is on awareness-raising and capacity building to assist schools and education and training providers to create and maintain child safe environments.

Why are the standards important?
Child abuse is unacceptable. Ensuring children’s safety is a top priority for the Victorian Government.

Introducing minimum child safe standards is part of the Victorian Government’s response to the report of the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and other Non-Government Organisations (Betrayal of Trust Report).

The standards aim to create a culture where protecting children from abuse is part of everyday thinking and practice. They will strengthen existing approaches to preventing and responding to child abuse and provide for consistency in how these issues are managed.

What is child abuse?
Child abuse includes any act committed against a child involving:
• a sexual offence
• a grooming offence; or
• the infliction on a child of physical violence, serious emotional or psychological harm or serious neglect.

The Principal and staff along with the school council will work together with the wider school community to ensure every aspect of life at Dunkeld Consolidated School reflects that we are a child safe school.

It was a joy to be part of our school last Monday as students and teachers worked together for our ‘Olympics Day.’ During the morning our students, representing the countries; Argentina, China, Germany and South Africa, painted, cut, pasted and coloured their way to an afternoon of Olympic competition. They made national colours and flags, put together facts, investigated symbols and branding, discovered famous Olympians and collectively produced a giant Olympic flag. During the afternoon, the Dunkeld Olympics took place with some seriously competitive events including; egg and spoon, shotput using bean bags, equestrian using ‘swimming noodles’ and jumps, tug of war, discus using friebies and relays using cups of sand. Well done to Miss Berry, Mrs Howard and Mrs Higgins for planning the day and thank you to all staff for running the groups all day. I declare the Dunkeld games the best Olympics, ever.

Play is The Way – FAILURE IS GOOD MEDICINE
Knowing that life can be, and often is, a roller coaster ride of triumphs and testing times, we all want our children to be resilient. However, much as we may all want resilience, for too many of our children it is in short supply. Often defined as the ability to, “bounce back” the development of resilience is firmly on the agenda of every school. An endless list of people from all walks of life exhort the virtue of resilience and all the benefits of being able to “bounce back.” Even with this concentration on resilience it continues to be in short supply and will remain so until we add and accept “failure” as the key word in its definition.

Resilience is the ability to bounce back from failure. Unpleasant as failure may be, it is the essential ingredient in the recipe for developing resilience. Quite simply, you can’t cope with failure or bounce back from it, if you don’t experience it in the first place. Unfortunately we have been duped into believing that giving our children easy and endless successes will inflate their self-esteem to the point that failure will fail to dent it. Just as you can’t get fit without exercising, you can’t become resilient without encountering and overcoming failure.

For failure not to be debilitating, parents and teachers must set challenges that are just beyond the reach of the child. Challenges should require effort, persistence, the extension of current skills or the acquisition of new skills to be overcome. Challenges that are impossible to overcome create helplessness and depression. Thankfully teachers are skilled at setting challenges that require students to try, try and try again. Parents must support and encourage teachers to set these challenges and avoid the trap of thinking that it’s successes alone that teach our children how to survive.

Failure doesn’t have to be catastrophic and for resilient children it isn’t. Failure is good medicine and any child given the right dose, during their formative years, is more than ready to ride the roller coaster of life.

“Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in getting up every time we do.”
Confucius
PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS
Thank you to those people who donated morning tea and assisted with set up for our open mornings last week. Your support is very much appreciated.

Meetings: Our next meeting will be held on Monday 15 August 2016 at 7.30pm at the school.

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 Jeffreys will be accompanying the students on this excursion.

YEAR 3 EXCURSION – STORY PEDDLERS PERFORMANCE
On Friday 29 July, the Year 3 students went on an excursion to Penshurst for the Woolly West Fest. When we got out of the bus at Penshurst Primary School we had to wait for about 10 minutes before we could get in the tent. When we got inside the tent, there was a lady called Jackie and she was going to tell some stories. The stories that she told us were: Love Story, The Three Bears and Rumpelstiltskin. We had a fun time at Penshurst Primary School. By Abby Lazzar and Addison Linskens

KINDER TO PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM
Students from Years 4 and 5 will be visiting the Dunkeld Kindergarten on Wednesday 7 September as part of the Kinder to Prep Transition Program. The aim of this visit is to develop relationships between our senior students and the younger children, helping to ease the transition from Kindergarten to Prep for the younger children and to develop a sense of leadership in our students. Students will be bussed from school to the Kindergarten, and are reminded to bring a fruit snack to have at Kinder. Permission forms have been sent home and must be returned by Friday 12th August.

VICTORIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS GOLF TOURNAMENT
Good luck to the following Year 4, 5 and 6 students who are participating in the Victorian Primary Schools Golf Tournament at Parklands Golf Club in Hamilton tomorrow, 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.

BOOK WEEK
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 – 26 August is Book Week Students (Australia! Story Country) should be thinking about dressing up as their favourite book character. A parade of characters will take place at 9:15am on Friday 26 August in the school hall. We have invited our 2017 Prep students 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 2017 are warmly welcome to watch the parade. Students are reminded to please bring their school uniform to change into after the Book Parade.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen...
SAKG ROYAL MAIL HOTEL KITCHEN GARDEN TOUR AND DINING EXPERIENCE
Our Year 6 students have been given the opportunity by way of invitation to visit the Royal Mail Hotel and Kitchen Garden on Thursday 18 August. The Royal Mail Hotel has one of the largest most productive kitchen gardens in Australia. Year 6 students and staff will tour the garden, which will show them a diverse range of organic vegetables, herbs, edible flowers, fruits and nuts. They will also experience the large ‘gloos’ which help to extend the growing season. The group will then visit the Royal Mail Hotel Kitchen which offers nature based cuisine focusing on locally sourced produce and observe the chefs preparing produce from the garden; we will then share a dining experience together in the Royal Mail Hotel Dining Room. The SAKG program and the Royal Mail Hotel have very similar programs – growing and harvesting and preparing seasonal produce. This experience will enhance the students’ knowledge in seasonality, hospitality and how produce may be prepared and present. The Royal Mail Hotel has kindly offered to cover the cost of this excursion. A special thank you to Andre McLoughlin, Kylie Schurmann and other members of the Royal Mail Hotel team for their assistance in organising this event. Permission forms have been sent home and must be returned ASAP if you have not already done so.

Oranges Oranges Oranges
Take what you need: Make a donation to the SAKG Program. BYO Bag, Basket or Box. Available Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th August in the school foyer. And next week if we have any left! Oranges are from Marago north of Deniliquin. Seasonal and Delicious

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

No Kitchen Classes on Thursday 18 August.
From the Garden...
Please refer to the roster below.

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden Specialist

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FATHERS’ DAY STALL ON FRIDAY 26 AUGUST
On Friday 26 August the Social Services Fathers’ Day Stall will take place at 10:30am at the undercover walkway.

Here are some suggestions for the stall: small tools, nails, chocolates, lollies, plants, wallets, books, toiletries, socks, handkerchiefs, mugs, golf balls and tees. Things that your child might like to give to their father. Could you please wrap your gifts in clear cellophane, this makes it easier to see what the children are purchasing.

Children can bring the donations in and leave them in the Canteen area in the Hall from now onwards.

Could all students please bring a bag to place their purchases in on the day of the stall.

For this to run smoothly we need some help from parents! We’ll need about 4 – 6 parents to help on Friday morning at 10:00am. Please contact Naomie Phillips on 0429 989 504 or email: naomie.phillips@hotmail.com

National Water Week 2016: Water - life - growth
Each year, National Water Week makes a splash across Australia inspiring individuals, communities and organisations to work together to build community awareness and understanding around water issues and opportunities for growth and innovation. This year’s National Water week’s theme is ‘Water - life - growth’ encouraging sound water practices and investment in all the water sources to ensure we don’t exhaust our current sources in potentially challenging times ahead. As part of the National Water Week, Students from Years Prep to 6 are participating in a Poster Competition. The students have completed their Poster Masterpieces during Art in Term 3.

DIGITAL SEESAW
Currently Years 2 and 4 are trialling an iPad app called ‘Seesaw’. Seesaw is a digital learning portfolio which allows the students to share their learning with their parents. This is a digital version of our personal Profile Books. The Year 4 class will be using both formats (digital and hard copy) until the end of the year as we gauge the effectiveness of this new digital format. Early indications are very positive as the students have begun posting videos, photos and samples of work to represent their learning at school. Each post is accompanied by a comment from the student which explains their learning for their parents. We are still developing our Seesaw skills and appreciate the way parents have embraced this new format for sharing our learning on a weekly, sometimes daily, basis. Most Year 4 parents are now connected through their own Seesaw Parent Portal, which links them specifically to their own child’s Seesaw journal. We encourage the other parents to also join us on our digital sharing journey.

WESTERN DISTRICT SCHOOLS SPELLING COMPETITION 2016
On Thursday 13 October, Monet Graham and Fingal Jackson will represent our school at the Western District School’s Spelling Competition, which will be held at Warrnambool Primary School at 7:00pm. Each year level will undertake a written test, which will include 20 words for Year 4 and 30 words for Years 5 and 6. Written tests are marked, and the top few students from each year level will be invited to participate in an oral test to determine the overall winner for each year level. Year level winners will be presented with medals and a trophy is also presented to the school that has the highest average score for the written test.

OLYMPICS IN DUNKELD

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.
Please purchase your tickets from the School, Dunkeld General Store or Izzy’s.