



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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## Newsletter No. 13 – Wednesday 15 August 2018

### August 2018

- Wednesday 15 MARC Library.
- Thursday 16 Year 5 will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen and will need to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen Class.
- 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 and will need to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class.
- 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.
- Sunday 26 **LAST DAY TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE PARENT OPINION SURVEY.**
- 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. Year 1 will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen and will need to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class.
- Friday 31 Father’s Day Social Service Stall commencing at 9.30am (after Maths Speed Tests). Southern Grampians Inter-School Chess Tournament in Hamilton.

### 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.
- Last Day of Term 3. Early dismissal at 2.30pm.**

## FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

We’ve just had the Kindergarten 4 year old students pop in to the school for their first official ‘Transition Visit’. The little ones brought in photos of themselves and our Year 5 students reciprocated by giving photos of themselves to the Kindergarten. We will put the photos on display here at school. It was great to see the Year 5 students begin their journey of being Buddies to our next cohort of students. Thanks to Debbie Millard and her team for bringing the children into the school while on their way to Bush Kinder.

Families would be aware that I and teachers have spoken to classes about Ben Peters’ transition. We invited children to feel free to ask any questions they might have. I cannot describe how proud I was of the questions children asked; insightfulness, forward thinking, empathy and curiosity clearly showed through in our students’ thinking. One could not have hoped for better or more from our students.

A couple of weeks ago, a request came from the Department of Education and Training if we could arrange for a student to speak in front of 150 school Principals at the upcoming Wimmera South West Principals’ Forum, held at the Dunkeld Community Centre on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Emily McNaughton and India Ross were asked to present a short talk about Writers Workshop and how it has helped their confidence in Writing. They were outstanding in every aspect of public speaking: eye contact, clear articulation, great message with authentic content and engaging. They impressed many Principals who felt compelled to speak to me during the day, most of whom I did not know. I wish to congratulate these two girls for their effort and for promoting our school in such a positive light.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council would like to acknowledge Mr Trent Adams' valuable contribution as a school councillor and also as Treasurer, with his resignation being reluctantly received at the June meeting. Trent has been a member of School Council since 2016 and he has been a tremendous supporter of the school's 'Sheep Drive' fundraisers.

The School Council held a barbecue at the recent Peaks and Trails event in Dunkeld. Thank you to councillors and staff (Luke Balkin, Mark Lazzari, Helen Trahar and Terrie Nicholson) who assisted with setting up, cooking, serving, cleaning up etc. Thank you also to the Peaks and Trails Committee for donating the coleslaw and onions for the barbecue stall and for providing us with the opportunity to conduct this fundraiser. Approximately \$200.00 was raised on the day.

The Policy Sub-Committee met recently and have reviewed the following policies – Drug Education, Gender Diversity, Sun Smart and Alcohol, which will be tabled at the next School Council Meeting on Tuesday 28 August 2018.

## SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

### YEAR 3 EXCURSION – DUNKELD MUSEUM TUESDAY 31 JULY 2018

Last Tuesday the Year 3 students went to Dunkeld Museum with the Dunkeld Museum Committee kindly offering free entry for this excursion.

"I found the Aboriginal exhibit interesting because of all the weapons. I also liked how they made their huts. I am going to research the Old Dunkeld Bakery because I found it very interesting at the museum and I think it would be very fun." *Claudia Cochran*

"At the Dunkeld Museum I thought that the toilet was quite interesting because it was outside and they called them dunnies or outhouses. For my project I'm researching the old Dunkeld pool that was in the Arboretum because my Dad told me a lot about it and I'm pretty interested in it." *Edie Jackson*

"At the Dunkeld Museum I liked the football exhibit because I like football. It was very interesting because they used to have very small goals back then. I'm researching Major Mitchell because he discovered Dunkeld." *Hugh Prentice*

"At the Dunkeld Museum, what I found interesting was when the shearers had too much to drink after a long day shearing, they would jump under the table and have a sleep! I also found interesting the long saw that was used to cut down big trees. I'm researching Major Mitchell's history around the area because his last name is the same as my first name and I have heard people talk about him. I thought it was really interesting!" *Mitchell Gordon*

### PRINCIPALS' FORUM

At the Principals' Forum two of our senior students, Emily McNaughton and India Ross (pictured) spoke about the program, Writers Workshop. The program is well received by the students at our school as shown by these examples from Year 1.



#### Writers Workshop from Year 1 using 'farm pictures' as seeds

Whoosh, whoosh, is the sound of the windmill. Crush, crush makes the sound of the fallen down leaves when the cows run over them. Squeak, squeak goes the gate when the farmer opens it. Broom, broom the motorbike took off. The day is finished and everyone is asleep!  
*Charles Prentice*

What a tractor old and strong! Chug, chug, chug, goes the engine as it works. You should know what work it's done. When it's done it has a sleep and tomorrow it'll work again- good old tractor working hard every day. *Freddie Jury*

### STEAM ACTIVITIES



We can't hide our excitement! The children had a lot of enjoyment participating in various STEAM activities to celebrate National Science Week.

Here we have Xanthe Huf, Lulu McDonald and Jasmine Etherton creating a tower from play dough and buttons. The children completed two activities and enjoyed celebrating National Science Week. Jasmine and Lulu with their Buddy were very proud of this creation.

The Buddies created a stand for a basketball using only newspaper and masking tape. Will Griffin-Wilson was very proud that their creation was strong enough to withstand the weight of a very heavy basketball.

Jim Herrmann and Brodie Reynolds' basketball stand is very strong. The Buddies completed two activities 'we made a house from bark and a basketball stand' (*Jim Herrmann, Prep*).





Best of luck to the following students who will be participating in the Southern Grampians Inter-School Chess Tournament at the Hamilton and Alexandra College on Friday 31 August 2018

*Back: Fingal Jackson, Ben Peace, India Ross, Sam Burger  
Front: Myles Haley, Taylor Haley, Drew Hassett, Jemima Ross*

### PARENTS & FRIENDS

At our meeting held this week, Ally Gordon announced she was stepping down from her role as President. In her role as President, Ally has worked tirelessly for our school and the P & F would like to acknowledge her for this. Whether it has been up front or behind the scenes, Ally has always been a friendly face with lots of enthusiasm for our school and the great children in it! Thanks, Ally!

We were given the opportunity to cater for an Agriculture Victoria event on Tuesday. This went very well and I would like to thank all those who donated items and made slices. Thanks also to Ally for her help on the day, especially for her expertise running the barbecue. A great opportunity for not only fundraising but also for us to have involvement in our wider community.

Thanks, Ruth Kyle

### Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

#### From the Kitchen ... by Clare Kennedy

We welcomed Hamilton Rotary for dinner on Wednesday evening August 1, 2018. Thirty members enjoyed visiting our school and Kitchen Garden Program. I thank them for showing such interest in the program as we fielded many questions. A very big thank you to a wonderful team who contributed to the success of the evening and a delicious dinner. Our guests were very impressed with the sticky date puddings baked by three of our Year six students, Brodie Reynolds, Fingal Jackson and Charlie Field. Great work team.

Our Year 6 students presented a menu item that they would like to learn how to prepare. Last week each student made chicken parmigiana, preparing their own tomato and oregano sauce and making breadcrumbs. They harvested greens from the garden to make a salad to share with a vinaigrette dressing. They measured and kneaded pizza dough to bake a pizza marguerite as an accompaniment.

They needed to plan their session well, to work out what to prepare first. What would take the longest time to bake and how best to share the space to get everything done. We all managed to sit down at the same time to enjoy lunch together. They were then encouraged to make this at home with family and send through a photo of themselves preparing and sharing together. Shown here is a picture of Genevieve Trotter who recreated the whole meal for her family on the weekend. I will make a display of all the photos near the kitchen. A recipe will come home after each Year 6 Kitchen session for you to support your child making a meal and sharing it together after mastering the skill in the SAKG Kitchen. Well done to all Year 6 students for your commitment to this process of learning and discovering new skills.



"Last week Brodie and I suggested to Clare that we should make Chicken Parmigiana because we love the dish but we also want to learn how to make it too. Then in the next kitchen we made it! It was so delicious, we also had a salad and pizza on the side." *Brodie Reynolds and Charlie Field*

"On Thursday Grade 6 had Kitchen and we made chicken parmigiana, pizza and our own salad with a dressing" *Nicholas Huzony*

"I made the pizza. It smelt divine, and tasted amazing. We put leftover bread crumbs and cheese on it." *Xanthe Huf*

"Here is my sentence about the pizza we had: The cheese was stretchy and made your mouth water as soon as you see it and the crispy bits make you feel like you are in heaven!" *Genevieve Trotter*

#### From the Garden ... by Lisa McIntyre

Calm, clear weather these last two weeks saw us back outside to continue our garden classes. The Grade 3/4/5/6 classes are learning what is under their feet - soil. Soil is the loose layer of material that covers the earth's surface and that plants grow in. We have learnt that soil is made from broken rock, decaying plant and animal material, minerals, air, fungi, bacteria and water. Further investigations will follow - looking through a microscope to see what small organisms live there.





We have been busy planting and weeding, here you can see the amazingly long root of the resilient bronze fennel that Archer dug up - no wonder it can easily establish as a pest weed! And how resilient and determined are our kids to dig this up?!

We are also replacing the old ring lock around our garden beds, with new netting, to keep the grazing herbivores at bay! (kangaroos, wallabies, hares and rabbits). Our team here are observing fantastic OH&S practices with their protective goggles and gloves, as they finish fencing Bed 3.

Nine hundred tomato seeds were sown this week at the ERA Nursery, with the wonderful assistance of their obliging and helpful staff. I know you shouldn't count your plants before they germinate, but please keep in mind that there will be tomato plants for sale in a few months' time



## Notice Board

### Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child is not at school. From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as 'unexplained'.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. **Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day** – missing school puts them behind.

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

1. **Online:** log the absence directly using the school's website: [www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au](http://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au)
2. **Telephone:** the school office on 5577 2384 and advise the staff of your child's name, class, date of absence/s and reason.
3. **Email:** the school on [dunkeld.cs@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:dunkeld.cs@edumail.vic.gov.au) and provide the office with your child's name, class, date of absence/s and reason.



Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

**All volunteers and classroom helpers at the Dunkeld Consolidated School require a Working with Children Check (WWCC), as per the school's Policy.** Volunteers may fill in an online application form via the following website: [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/). The application is then finalised at a participating Australia Post retail outlet (e.g. Hamilton Post Office). You may participate in child-related activities (classroom help, SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes etc.) at our school while your WWCC application is being processed. Volunteers do not have to pay a registration fee for their WWCC, the only cost involved is the cost of the photo, which may be reimbursed by the school.

## 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.

## FORMS

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