



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

*We are a Child Safe School and we will protect all children at all times.*

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## Newsletter No. 13 - Wednesday 16 August 2017

### August 2017

- Wednesday 16 MARC Library.
- Thursday 17 SAKG Kitchen Class – Year 3. Students to bring \$3.00.
- Thursday 24 Autism Spectrum Workshop PD in Geelong – Miss Susie Gibson and Ms Helen Trahar attending. SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 4 students to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class. Physical Education PD workshop in Warrnambool – Mrs Jackie McShane will be attending. Optional Casual Dress for *Felicity's Hope* – gold coin donation of \$1.00. *Felicity's Hope* Barbecue.
- Friday 25 **PARENT OPINION SURVEY CLOSING ONLINE.**
- Sunday 27 Book Week – *Escape to Everywhere*.
- Monday 28 - Fri 1 Sept School Council Meeting to be held at 7:30pm at school.
- Tuesday 29 MARC Library.
- Wednesday 30 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 5/6 students to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class.
- Thursday 31 First Aid Training for staff.

### September 2017

- Friday 1 Optional Casual Dress for *Felicity's Hope* – gold coin donation of \$1.00. **Book Week Dress-up Parade commencing at 9:15am in the school hall.** Father's Day Social Services Stall commencing at approx 11:30am.
- Monday 4 – Friday 8 National eSmart Week. Parents & Friends Meeting to be held at 7:30pm at school. Inter School Chess Competition will be held at The Hamilton and Alexandra College commencing at 9:10am. Calm Kids 2 – Mindfulness for Autism, Asperger's, ADHD and Anxiety P-12 PD in Warrnambool – Ms Helen Trahar, Miss Susie Gibson and Miss Jayne Berry will be attending.
- Tuesday 5 SAKG Program catering for Dunkeld Lions Club function at the Dunkeld Bowling Club.
- Wednesday 6 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 3 students to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class.
- Thursday 7 First Aid Training for staff.
- Friday 8 *Felicity's Hope* Barbecue. Optional Casual Dress for *Felicity's Hope* – gold coin donation of \$1.00.
- Wednesday 13 MARC Library.
- Wednesday 13 - Friday 15 Year 2 and 3 Camp at Grampians Retreat, Dunkeld.
- Thursday 14 SAKG Kitchen Class - Year 4. Students to bring \$3.00.
- Friday 15 Optional Casual Dress for *Felicity's Hope* – gold coin donation of \$1.00.
- Thursday 21 SAKG Kitchen Class - Year 5/6. Students to bring \$3.00.
- Friday 22 **FOOTY COLOURS DAY.** An early lunch will be held between 1:00pm - 2:00pm. *Felicity's Hope* Barbecue. Optional Casual Dress for *Felicity's Hope* – gold coin donation of \$1.00. **Last day of Term 3. Early dismissal at 2:30pm.**

### From Mr Jeffreys....

Thank you so very much to our Parents & Friends Association who covered the cost of the in-school performance, 'A Fish Story.' Parents & Friends have been great supporters of the in-school performances over the past couple of years, adding to our desire for and ability to provide extracurricular activities for the students at our school. We have booked two performances for next year, one surrounding the theme of 'What I might be when I grow up' and the other with a theme around poetry.

Many of our parents and visitors have recently commented on how wonderful our main school building looks now that has its corridors completely carpeted and all skirting boards now matching with fresh clean lines. It is timely therefore to ask parents to support us by having children wear correct school shoes as per our Dress Code. The problem we are incurring is that black runner style shoes and coloured runners (as some students are wearing) drag in mud and dirt because of deep tread designs on the sole of these shoes. The carpet areas at the entrances are currently getting a real beating and so your understanding and support in this would be appreciated.

We have recently received the results of both the Attitude to School Survey and NAPLAN. There are complicated sets of data to interpret and will require some time. Once the data is presented and discussed by both staff and the School Council, we will make the results available to the school community. We expect to be able to send home individual NAPLAN results on Friday 18 August.

### PARENT OPINION SURVEY 2017 - REMINDER

All families in our School Community are invited to participate in the 2017 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 **Monday 7 August to Sunday 27 August 2017**.
- ◆ 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.

### SCHOOL CAMPS



The following school camps have been approved by School Council

- Year 4/5/6 to Healesville on Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2017.
- Year 2/3 to Grampians Retreat to be held on Wednesday 13 to Friday 15 September 2017.
- Prep and Year 1 Sleepover (date to be confirmed).

If families have any queries about the school camps or would like to confidentially discuss payment, please do not hesitate to contact the Business Manager. {Camps, Sports and Excursion Funding (CSEF) will assist eligible families with these camp costs.}

### BOOK WEEK MONDAY 28 AUGUST – 1 SEPTEMBER

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 28 August – 1 September is Book Week – *Escape to Everywhere*. Students should be thinking about dressing up as their favourite book character. **A parade of characters will take place at 9:15am on Friday 1 September in the school hall.** We have invited our 2018 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 2018 are warmly welcomed to watch the parade.

### FELICITY'S HOPE

Last Friday, we had the second barbeque for Felicity's Hope. Thank you again to everyone who volunteered or bought a sausage. On Thursday 10 August, Mr Gordon, Felicity's father, came to our school and spoke to the Year 5/6 class about Felicity's rehabilitation (Photo right). We learnt a lot of interesting facts. Did you know that it takes 3000 messages from the brain to the hand to clench your fist? We are very happy about how much money we are raising, Thank you. *By Edward Williamson and Emily McNaughton.*



### A DIARY OF A WOMBAT PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday 3 August, the Year Prep to Two students attended a performance at the Hamilton Performing Arts Centre called A Diary of a Wombat. Enjoy reading the Year 1 Class reflections:

Yesterday on August 3, my class and the Preps and Year 2's went on the bus to a show about the Diary of a Wombat. My partners were Charlie Linke and Darcy Potter. My favourite part was when the giant eye popped out the door. I felt happy because I like watching shows. *By Charlotte Comer*

Yesterday my class went to Hamilton to watch The Diary of a Wombat. My partners were Darcy Potter and Charlotte Comer. The Year 2's came and the Preps came too. We went on a Trotters bus. It was fun and everyone looked happy. The story was by Jackie French and I liked it. My favourite part was when Mothball did a burp. *By Charlie Linke*

Yesterday we went on a bus to Hamilton. It took us half an hour to get there. My partner was Phoebe Lazzari. We played I Spy on the way to Hamilton. The show was about a wombat's real life and the funniest bit was when the wombat rubbed his arm on the man's leg. The man's name was MC. I had fun with my partner Phoebe Lazzari. We lined up after the play had finished. I felt happy because I was with Phoebe. *By Ava Balkin*

Following the theme of A Diary of a Wombat, for homework this week the Year 2 students were asked to read to their pet or Teddy.



Cadence Huf reads to her Teddy Buddy, who sits quietly listening to 'What to do with an Elephant?'; Mitchell Gordon's pig Spotty Dotty was all ears as she didn't want to end up in Dragon Stew! Zander Mibus has two distractions, his cats Tiger and Bluey, while he's trying to read a book about Cricket. Mia Russell's dog Lola is thoroughly enjoying her reading The World's Worst Children.

## A FISH STORY



On Wednesday 9 August, the whole school attended the performance A Fish Story, conducted by School Performances Australia. Year 3 students Georgia Trotter and Alisha Cross both enjoyed the start where the Fish kept hitting down the donuts. The main focus of the play was getting the words from the ocean. Both girls said it was very funny!

## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

### KITCHEN REPORT by Clare Kennedy

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program has been given an opportunity to cater for a Dunkeld Lions Club function on Wednesday September 6. This is a great opportunity for us to raise funds for our program. On Wednesday 6 September at 12.30pm, we will need assistance with food preparation in the school kitchen and we will need assistance in the evening for service and pack up. The dinner is being held at the Dunkeld Bowling Club for approximately 50 guests. I thank you in advance for your support and kind donations of produce. Please find attached a request for assistance and donations form.



Our Year 5 and 6 students harvested, prepared and shared in the kitchen last week. The class was split into two with the first group being the 'mise en place' group which saw them harvest and prepare and clean up their work station ready for the second group 'chef de partie' to cook and serve lunch. The Menu included harvested greens stir-fry with soy and ginger dressing with basmati rice – we harvested pak choy, silverbeet, cabbage leaves, spring onions and parsley. We mixed and rolled to make a dough for our Chong You Bing – spring onion pancakes and finished with Peekaboo pudding with pears and cream. The students coped with the change in the program and the handover halftime went smoothly. It is a great lesson in time management, following a recipe and carrying out what was asked of them. Thank you to our friends of the SAKG who encouraged our students through mise en place and the chef de partie group who served our lunch.



## Notice Board

### FATHERS DAY SOCIAL SERVICES STALL FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

**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.*



The more donations received means the more items available for the students to purchase and the more money raised for Social Services. Ideally, it would be fantastic for each child to be able to purchase more than one gift. **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).**

If you are able to assist with the stall, please contact Naomie Phillips on 0429 998 504. We really appreciate the time, donations and effort that you provide.

### WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN



This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program, we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all you need to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths. Please place your labels in the specially marked collection box if you are shopping at Woolworths in Hamilton.

## Student Absences

It is important that your child attends school regularly; but if she/he is sick, home is that best place to be. If a child becomes ill at school, he/she is rested in the sick bay. The parents are notified if the child should be taken home.

When your child has been absent from school you are required to supply the school with a note in their student diary or verbal explanation the next day the child attends. If you know in advance that your child will be absent we would appreciate this information in writing.

## Student Medication

**In the interest of safety, no medicines will be administered by teachers unless written permission and instructions are given by parents.** All medication and instructions must be given to the teacher to look after. If this is necessary, please assist us by providing medication in the original packaging that indicates your child's name, the dose required and the time the medication is to be given. Signed parental permission is required.

Parents must notify the school of any asthma attacks their child has had and an Asthma Plan is provided. The school must also be notified of any allergies that their child may have.

## CONJUNCTIVITIS

There has been one confirmed case of conjunctivitis this week at our school. Conjunctivitis is an infectious condition that requires medical treatment. If you suspect your child has conjunctivitis, please see your family doctor and advise the school. See below for more details:

**How conjunctivitis is spread:** Viral and bacterial conjunctivitis can spread by direct contact with eye secretions or indirectly by contact with towels, washcloths, handkerchiefs and other objects that have been contaminated with eye secretions. In some cases it can be spread by insects such as flies. Conjunctivitis caused by chemicals or allergies is not infectious.

**Signs and symptoms:** May include: redness to the whites of the eyes; irritation in one or both eyes; discharge, causing the eyelids to stick together in the morning; swelling of the eyelids; sensitivity to light.

**Incubation period:** Usually 24 to 72 hours.

**Infectious period:** while the eye discharge is present.

**Treatment:** antibiotic eye drops or ointment may be prescribed by a Doctor.

## LUNCH ORDERS

Attached is the current lunch order menu from Izzy's Mountain View Café. Students are reminded they are responsible for placing their orders, written on a brown paper bag with money enclosed, in a specially marked box in the school library. Please send correct money if possible. The menu and pricelist are also available on the school website: [www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au](http://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au)

## WANTED!!!

**Needed... Urgently  
Flight Feathers...  
for a Year 4 project at school.**  
Turkey Feathers – the best  
Goose or duck – second best  
Chicken – third best but workable

## SCHOOL HATS ARE TO BE WORN FROM FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER AS PER THE SCHOOL'S SUN SMART UV POLICY.

## HAMILTON NETBALL COMPETITION

The Hamilton Netball Association Term 4 Netball competition will commence on Saturday 14 October and conclude on Saturday 2 December (eight weeks). To enter a team, you will need; a team name; age group; team manager name and phone number; coach name and phone number; player name, address DOB and VNA status; umpire name and phone number. If you are interested in entering a team in the competition, please contact the Junior Netball Coordinator, Bianca Crawford on 0481 051 775 or [hnajunior@gmail.com](mailto:hnajunior@gmail.com). Team sheets must be in by Friday 8 September.

## FOUND

A black glasses case (hard cover with a zip – Dirty Dog brand) found in front of the school. Please see the office if it belongs to you.

## FORMS

**Please find attached the following forms:**

SAKG Catering for Dunkeld Lions Club Dinner request for assistance. **To be returned by Monday 21 August.**

Felicity's Hope BBQ order form for Friday 25 August. **To be returned by Monday 21 August.**

School Lunch Order Menu from Izzy's Mountain View Café