



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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## Newsletter No. 14 – Wednesday 29 August 2018

### August 2018

- 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.** P & F Association Meeting commencing at 3.30pm.
  - Monday 3-7 eSmart Week - some class activities on cyber safety.
  - Thursday 6 Grade 5 will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen and will need to bring \$3 for their Kitchen class.
  - Wednesday 12 MARC Library.
  - Thursday 13 Grade 6 will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen and will need to bring \$3 for their Kitchen class.
  - Friday 14 Year 2/3/4 Excursion to South West Makers Fest in Warrnambool.
  - Wednesday 19 Whole School Concert at the Dunkeld Community Centre - 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Gold coin donation entry.
  - Thursday 20 Grade Prep will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen and will need to bring \$3 for their Kitchen class.
  - Friday 21 Footy Colours Day. Students to wear school uniform and are encouraged to wear beanies, scarves, jumpers etc of their favourite football team. (Please note no footy activities will take place).
- Last Day of Term 3. Early dismissal at 2.30pm.**

### October 2018

- Monday 8 **First Day of Term 4.**
- Wednesday 10-12 Grade 2/3 Norval Camp. MARC Library.
- Monday 15-18 Grade 4/5/6 School Melbourne Camp.
- Thursday 18 Grade Prep, 1,2 and 3 Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Performance at Hamilton PAC
- Wednesday 24 MARC Library.
- Wednesday 31 Big Blokes Breakfast from 7.30am – 8.45am hosted by the P & F Association.

### FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

It has been lovely to send our children out to play in sunshine over the last week as the winter begins to give up its fight. And so it is timely that we remind parents to throw those school hats into the washing machine in readiness for compulsory 'hat wearing' from the beginning of September (next Monday). In fairness we will show some leniency over the first week and following that we will apply the universal rule of no hat, no play from 10 September 2018.

Students in Year 3 and Year 5 have recently taken part in trial online NAPLAN tests at the school. Our school has been selected to undergo its NAPLAN tests online from 2019. Recently Mrs Ann Howard and I have undergone professional development in the administration of online testing and the tests carried out at school were simply to trial our understandings in carrying out the tests. We will both do further training early next year to ensure we are test-ready for 2019.

Children and teachers have been busily going about rehearsals throughout the school for the upcoming concert; Wednesday 19 September. We know and love how much grandparents and older community members have enjoyed our concerts in recent years and so we urge you to 'lock them in' for this important date.

A reminder to parents of lower primary children: we have been blessed with increasingly exciting assemblies in recent months. Our assemblies take place at 2:35pm every Friday and you are very welcome to join us in the school hall for a wonderful finish to each week.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

### SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

School Council met on Tuesday 28 August 2018, which included the following items of business:

- Subsidy for the Year 2/3 Norval Camp was approved. The cost per student for this camp will be \$140-00.
- The following events were approved: Year 5/6 excursion to 'Parliament of Victoria' session in Hamilton on 30 August, inter-school Chess Tournament on 31 August, Year 2/3/4 excursion to the South West Makers Fest in Warrnambool on 14 September (which will be subsidised by School Council) and the Big Blokes Breakfast on 31 October (which will be conducted by the P & F Association).
- Research is underway regarding a proposed 'Maker Space' for our school.
- Mrs Melissa Field was co-opted to School Council for the remaining term (March 2020) vacated by parent member, Mr Trent Adams.
- Mr Todd Burger was elected to the Treasurer's position.
- Four policies were approved: Drug Education, Alcohol, Gender Diversity and Sun Smart UV.
- All teaching staff recently participated in the Accelerus Data Tracking Module training session (for student reporting).
- School Council will conduct a barbecue (on behalf of the Southern Grampians Shire Council) on Saturday 8 September at the Dunkeld Visitor Information Centre.
- Ten Acer Travel Mate laptop computers will be purchased for the school.

## SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

### BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES AND DRESS UP PARADE

On Monday 19 August 2018, we all came to school with big smiles on our faces because it was the start of Book Week Activities. We were all in multi-age activity groups and we went to the different teachers to do activities and read books. At the end of the week we had a book week parade where we all dressed up as different book characters. I came as "Anne of Green Gables". None of us can wait for next year's Book Week Parade. – *Lillian Glazebrook, Grade 4.*

This week was Book Week. We went into multi-age groups. My personal favourite activity was the year 1 classroom because we got to make stuff out of Lego. I made the Hollywood sign with Antonia Huzony and Lucille Aarons. On Friday it was the Book Week Parade. We got to dress up as our favourite book characters. I dressed up as Stevie Lake from one of the old Saddle Club books. The kindergarten group was my favourite group as they looked so cute. It was a blast! - *Georgia Adams, Grade 4.*

On Monday 20 August it was the first day of Book Week. There were seven little groups that saw one teacher every day for 1 hour to read a book. Friday was the day where everybody dressed up as their favourite book character. I was the shark from the Bad Guys. We shared who we were in front of the whole school. I love Book Week. – *Angus Heazlewood, Grade 4.*

Last week was Book Week. We did activities on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I did activities in Year 6, Prep, Year 1 and Year 2. The activities were really fun. My favourite activity was in the Year 1 classroom. We had to choose a big landmark and then build it out of Lego. On Friday we had a Book Week dress-up parade. I was Hank from World's Worst Children No.3. He is a typical prankster. I love Book Week! – *Wil Balkin, Grade 4.*





## PENSHURST VOLCANOES DISCOVERY CENTRE AND SURROUNDS



On Thursday 23 August Year 5/6 went to Penshurst to learn about volcanoes and rocks. We went to the Volcanoes Discovery Centre and did a quiz. Then Paul gave us a presentation about different types of volcanoes and rocks.

Some different types of volcanoes are: scoria cones, shield volcanoes and lava domes. We walked up Mount Rouse and from the top we could see lots of different volcanoes. The land all around was flat because of the eruptions. When we went down we went into

a quarry and looked at some old lava flows in the rock. In the quarry there were heaps of scoria. *By Fingal Jackson and Nicholas Huzony, Year 6.*



## PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Just a reminder that the next Parents and Friends Meeting will be held next Monday afternoon, 3 September, at 3:30pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen ... by Clare Kennedy



It was lovely to have our Year 2 students in the kitchen last week harvesting, preparing and sharing together. Our 'chefs' harvested seasonal herbs for our savoury muffins and celery, cabbage and spring onions for our gyoza dumplings. Flowers were picked for our vases and the table set with lots of loving care.

We also enjoyed wholemeal couscous with peas, corn and a very lemony dressing.

Students discovered fractions of  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$ . They worked out how to times ingredients by three to triple the recipe and worked together to create a lunch they should feel very proud of.

Thank you to the Year 2 students and the Friends of the Kitchen Garden program, we all shared a delicious lunch together.

We welcome our Year 1 class into the kitchen this Thursday 30 August.



## YEAR 2 KITCHEN REPORTS

### Yummy (Ballad poem)

Smells suspicious  
But delicious  
"Can we have some?"  
"Of course" says Mum.  
"Mmm yummy!"  
In my tummy of soft biscuits and honey  
*By Ella Peters*

### Cinquain Poem

Kitchen,  
Yummy, colourful,  
Making, baking, cooking  
Kitchen is wonderfully amazing  
*By Indi Mibus*

### My Riddle about Cooking!

It is best to eat me when I'm hot.  
I have lots of vegetables in me.  
We made me in cooking.  
I have a lot of feta in me.  
I am bumpy on top.  
What am I?  
ANSWER: Muffins

### Kitchen Acrostic Poem

Kitchen with crying onions.  
In the kitchen tasting food.  
Tasting ingredients.  
Cooking bubbling sauce  
Having a great time in the kitchen.  
Eating food  
Near beautiful food.  
*By Charlotte Comer*

### Kitchen Acrostic Poem

Cooking is fun  
On the stove you have to be careful.  
On the chair try not to wriggle.  
Kitchen with Clare is playful as a puppy.  
In cooking you have a group.  
Near a knife you have to be careful.  
Great cook's food is delicious.  
*By Phoebe Lazzari*



### The Kitchen

On Thursday the whole Grade 2 class went to the kitchen. We split into groups. I was with Charlie Linke, Phoebe Ross and Charlotte Comer. We were making Gyoza made out of delicious white cabbage, carrots, onion, celery and water chestnuts. We stirred all that up and wrapped it up in Gyoza skin then fried them on the stove. Then we waited and set up the table. Finally the Gyoza were ready and all of the food was on the table. We all sat there waiting for permission to eat. I think all the food was yum. I was proud of myself. I was as happy as a puppy. Before it all ends, I say thank you to Clare.

By Ben Peters

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



All good things come to those who wait...! We finally got around to connecting the water trough (that Iven Field had installed for us some years ago!) to a water supply. Thanks to Dave Fanning and his crew of potentially very professional plumbers; they supplied the trough with a reliable water supply, (dug a trench and laid hose) and did a wonderfully neat and effective job!

Thanks to all the school families and wider community that help with our SAKG fundraising, as some of these funds enabled us to cover costs and offer the Grade 5 and 6 students with the opportunity to visit the Penshurst Volcanoes Discovery Centre. Paul Callander was our guide and he, being a retired geologist, was a wealth of knowledge, which he effectively shared with us.



We followed the Centre's tour with a visit to the top of Mount Rouse and then to the quarry on the way home. It was a perfect day to visit; blue skies, no wind, and a very appreciative and attentive audience. We all learned much about the origins of our landscape, and why we have the soils and geological features we see every day. I thoroughly recommend a visit to Penshurst, to see, learn and appreciate what we often take for granted.

## Notice Board

### 2018 SCHOOL CAMPS

**Year 2/3 Norval Camp - Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 October** - Information about the 2018 Year 2/3 Norval Camp was sent home with students today. The cost for the three day camp has been set at \$140.00 per student. The Camp is subsidised by the Dunkeld Consolidated School Council Camps and Excursion fundraising activities.

Staff attending this camp will be Mrs Susie Taylor, Ms Geraldine Hinkley and Ms Helen Trahar. (Mr Andrew Peters and Mr Mark Lazzari will also be attending as volunteer adult members).

Please ensure families complete and return the relevant forms to school by the due date.

**Year 4/5/6 Melbourne Camp:** Details and costings are being finalised for the 2018 Year 4/5/6 Melbourne Camp, which will be held from Monday 15 to Thursday 18 October. Information will be sent home to families in the near future.

### eSMART WEEK 2 - 8 SEPTEMBER 2018

Following on from our information sessions regarding cyber safety the school will participate in eSmart Week. eSmart aims to create an Australia that is free from cyber bullying, with digital citizens who know how to embrace the best that technology can offer, whilst being smart, safe and responsible online.

National eSmart Week is an initiative developed by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation in partnership with the Telstra Foundation and was developed in response to schools' expressed need for a positive and evidence-informed framework to address issues of cyber bullying and cyber safety. More than 2,300 schools across Australia are currently participating in the eSmart Schools program. These schools cover Government, Independent and Catholic sectors and include primary, secondary and combined schools. If you wish to read about this program in further detail please refer to [www.esmart.org.au](http://www.esmart.org.au).

### FATHER'S DAY SOCIAL SERVICE STALL

**IT IS ON THIS FRIDAY 31 AUGUST. ANY DONATIONS OF ITEMS ARE APPRECIATED.** Items can be left in the canteen area in the school hall. A reminder for students to also bring an extra bag to transport their goods home in. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase for 50 cents. If you are unsure of how much money to send with your child, \$5.00 will generally buy two gifts and raffle tickets. If possible, please send children along with coins rather than notes as this makes for easier and quicker transactions!