



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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August 2017

- Monday 28 - Fri 1 Sept Book Week – *Escape to Everywhere*.
- Wednesday 30 MARC Library.
- Thursday 31 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 5/6 students to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class.
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 **SCHOOL HATS MUST BE WORN FROM MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017 TO 30 APRIL 2018**
- Sunday 3 **Parent Opinion Survey CLOSES online.**
- 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....

It is Book Week and if there is anything that can shake off a stubborn winter then it must surely be our dress-up day on Friday. I very much look forward to seeing what book character our children turn up to school as in a few days. Since we are celebrating books, it is a pleasure to insert Brad Kyle's book report for 'Tobruk' by Peter Fitzsimons:

Often referred to as the war without hate, the battle of Tobruk was a story for the ages. And author, Peter FitzSimons, does this story proud.

Time's passing has granted permission to report from both sides of the trenches and the result allows the reader a broader appreciation of the motivations, machinations and madness of war. (On a personal note, I loved how the Italians considered the percolator an essential battle item. Sure, they didn't make great soldiers, but they made great coffee!)

But more than this, the author weaves this piece of history into a gripping story to tell the ultimate tale of mateship, humour and courage against all odds.

Thank you Brad; I score you an A minus, but only because you failed to meet the word limit of 120 words by the count of 9 (after so many years of marking pupils' work, I just don't bother with the 'near enough' argument any more - and I don't count the words in the title!). Wonderful choice of vocabulary and that little aside about percolating Italians was a real treat. Thanks, and on behalf of your daughter Gemma, well done for being a great reading role model. Parents are the most powerful teachers of their children.

Due to the projected numbers at our school in 2018, we will be converting the art room into a classroom to make way for an extra class, which in turn means we will be advertising for a new staff member. A great deal of thought has gone in to all of the alternatives and it is expected we will need to use the art room as a regular classroom for 2 – 3 years; therefore we need to be mindful of how many resources we commit to refurbishment whilst doing our best to make the room as educationally comfortable as possible.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

School Council met on Tuesday 29 August and items of business that were discussed included:

- An Occupational Health and Safety Management System (OHSMS) Audit was conducted on Friday 18 August.
- Fundraising activities for the remainder of 2017 will include working at the Dunkeld Races in the ticket booth on Saturday 18 November and helping with the post-Races clean-up on Sunday 19 November and Council will also be conducting a Sheep Drive and/or Wool Drive. Funds raised from these activities will go towards the School Camps and ICT Programs. (Further details to follow about these two fundraising activities).
- The following policies were approved: Anaphylaxis Management Policy and Procedures Policy, Equal Opportunity Policy, Homework Policy, Hire/Loan of Equipment Policy and Investment of School Funds Policy.
- School Council were grateful and thrilled for the offer of financial assistance from the Peaks & Trails Committee, Dunkeld for the repair and upgrade of our playground equipment, along with the supply of basketball hoops.
- School Council subsidies for the school camps were discussed and approved.
- Approval given for a display board to be constructed and erected along the corridor wall (leading to the hall).
- Paul Jeffreys presented detailed information about our school's 2017 NAPLAN results (for Year 3 and 5 students). He indicated that he was very proud of the results.
- Staff members have attended a number of meetings and Professional Development during July and August, including a Principals Regional Forum, Principal's Learning Walk, eSmart Schools PD, Autism Spectrum Workshop and Physical Education PD.
- An update was provided on the *Felicity's Hope* program being conducted at our school by the Year 5/6 students.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 4 September commencing at 7:30pm**. Please forward apologies to Naomie Phillips. Hope to see you there (the heaters will be on!).

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

PARENT OPINION SURVEY 2017 – EXTENDED END DATE

IMPORTANT: Please note the end date has been extended to Sunday 3 September 2017.

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 3 September**.
 - ◆ 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.

NAPLAN

The school results for the 2017 NAPLAN testing will be posted on our website by early next week. The data is presented in both graphic and numerical contexts. Should you be interested to see how our school performed against the state and other geographic and demographic cohorts, I invite you to take a look. Should you have any questions relating to either the results or interpretation of the data I would be more than happy to discuss this with any of our parents from Prep to Year 6.

Briefly, our school performed very well in all areas: our averages against the state and other cohorts were better in both Year 5 and Year 3. For student growth between Year 3 to Year 5 we had: **Grammar and Punctuation** – 100% medium to high growth, **Spelling** – 86% medium to high growth, **Numeracy** – 93% medium to high growth, **Reading** – 93% medium to high growth and **Writing** – 93% medium to high growth. To put this into context the average growth for the state of Victoria is 25% low growth, 50% medium growth and 25% high growth. Our four-year school targets have been met one year early. And so I congratulate and thank our staff for committing to changes and improvements in their teaching programmes. We believe, over the long term we can continue to see even greater results. There is nothing wrong with aspiration.

SCHOOL CAMPS



The following school camps have been approved by School Council

- Year 4/5/6 to Healesville Camp from Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2017.
- Year 2/3 Grampians Retreat Camp to be held from 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

Book week has commenced at our school and it is a hive of activity for the first hour of each morning as students go here, there and everywhere to participate in activities with those younger and/or older than themselves.



Drew Hassett, Year 2 and Olive Jackson, Year 4 (left) draw *Fabish*, the main character of their book which is based on a true story of the horse that saved other horses during Black Friday. Meanwhile, In the Year 1 classroom, a group of students enjoyed listening to the book *Lost and Found*, followed by an activity of making boats to make their way to the South Pole to rescue a lost Penguin (Photo below and right).



A reminder for parents, friends and children that a **parade of book 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, almost everyone wore casual clothes, which was fantastic! We were very excited to welcome Felicity Gordon to our school for a visit on Friday also. Felicity joined us for the barbecue and stayed to shoot some basketball hoops. When she shot the ball, everybody cheered as it went through the HOOP!! . ABC South West Victoria came and videoed some of the Year 5/6s and the video will be put up online. Overall, the day was more special having Felicity here.
By Tom Kent and Emily McNaughton.



WHO SANK THE BOAT? – YEAR 2 SCIENCE

In Science Year 2 made boats. We tested the boats out and saw whose sunk and floated. The equipment we used included cardboard, plasticine, balloons and foil. Loads of people used foil. Jake Linskens and Claudia Cochran (Photo Right) display some of the boats made by the Year 2 Class.

Last week we made boats. Most people used foil. We tested them to see if they would float or sink. Mine sunk. The winners were Jake Linskens, Logan Ross Urry, Drew Hassett and Jack Reynolds. Lots of boats got to 50 marbles. *By Edie Jackson*

On Tuesday, my class and I made boats. My boat was a Pirate Ship. On Friday, we tested our boats. I was excited when it was my turn. Mine held 71 marbles and when I came home I told mum everything about the boat competition. *By Jack Reynolds*



My boat floated because of the shape and the balloons on the side. My boat held 30 marbles because it had air in it. *By Louis Lazzari*

For Science we have been looking at floating things such as boats and heaps of other things. We made our own boats and mine held 50 marbles. *By Mitchell Gordon*



KITCHEN REPORT by Clare Kennedy

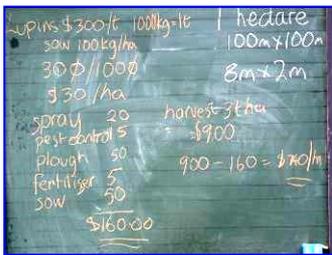
Thank you for returning your form to offer assistance and/or produce for our next fundraising – catering for the Dunkeld and District Lions Club 'raising funds for childhood cancer' Dinner.

A reminder that we will be preparing in the School Kitchen from 12.30pm, and preparing and serving at the Dunkeld Bowling Club from 6.30pm on Wednesday 6 September. For service, please wear white shirt and black pants and kitchen staff please bring your own apron. Once the number of guests attending is finalised I will be in contact with you who kindly offered to donate other goods that are needed. If all donations could be placed in the Kitchen this coming Monday 4 September by 12.30pm that would be wonderful. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Year 4 prepared and shared in the kitchen last Wednesday and made beautiful gyoza for us to enjoy together. Gyoza is a Japanese dumpling that is slightly fried and steamed and uses Gow Gee wrappers, finely shredded vegetables and sauces mixed together to make a delicious parcel. Potato and Silverbeet Curry introduces our students to the wonderful aromas of spices, dry cooked whole and then crushed in the mortar and pestle, releasing their oils and making a curry paste as the base for our dish. We discovered the word 'fragrant' and its meaning.



GARDEN REPORT by Lisa McIntyre



We have held some interesting lessons by taking the numeracy class into the garden... We looked at our dimly failed (eaten by ??) Lupin crop, and worked out our cost of production. If all had gone according to plan, we could have made \$740/ha, but instead we lost \$160/ha. What will we do now?!

Science Week saw us testing soils in every bed for their pH levels. We talked about acid and alkaline soils, and how many soil-based nutrients are unavailable for the plant to use if the soil pH is not in the ideal range (between 6.5 and 7.5).



We have started pruning our fruit trees, a big task, but once the students understood where to cut and why, they did a fantastic job. The nectarines and peaches have also been sprayed with copper to try and alleviate the fungus peach curl, but we'll wait and see about that!



The wet weather gave us a good excuse to thresh our linseed seeds from their heads – the students came up with some interesting ways to make it easier!

Would anyone have spare tree seedling pots they could donate to the school – like the ones we had the tomato plants in last year?

Notice Board

FATHERS DAY SOCIAL SERVICES STALL FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

IT IS ON THIS FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER. ANY DONATIONS OF ITEMS ARE MUCHLY APPRECIATED. Items can be left in the School Canteen. A reminder for students to also bring a plastic bag to transport their goods home in. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase for 50c.



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 you 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. Thank you.

SCHOOL HATS MUST BE WORN FROM MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Our School's Sun Smart UV Policy does states that school hats should be worn from 1 September until 30 April but due to Friday 1 September being Book Week dress up parade and Casual Dress Day (for Felicity's Hope) students will not be required to wear school hats until Monday 4 September. Hats must also be worn on casual dress Friday's.



LOST

School Rugby Jumper Size 12 with 'Adams' written on the Tag.
Two School Rugby Jumpers Size 8 with 'Lachlan Oldfield' marked on the name tag.

FORMS

Felicity's Hope BBQ Order form for Friday 8 September.