



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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SEPTEMBER 2018

- Thursday 13 Year 6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen and will need to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class.
- Friday 14 Year 2/3/4 Excursion to South West Makers Fest in Warrnambool.
There will be no School Assembly held today.
- Monday 17 **Sausage Roll orders are due in today** (SAKG Program and Dunkeld Red Cross).
- Wednesday 19 Whole School Concert at the Dunkeld Community Centre - 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Gold coin donation entry.
- Thursday 20 Year 6 students and Friends of the Kitchen Garden Program together with the Dunkeld Red Cross will be making sausage rolls as part of the 'Sausage Roll Drive'.
- Friday 21 **FOOTY COLOURS DAY:** Students to wear school uniform and are encouraged to wear beanies, scarves, jumpers etc of their favourite football team. Footy activities will be held throughout the day.
Lunch will be held from 1.00pm to 1.45pm (school lunch orders will be available).
School Assembly will commence at 1.50pm in the school hall.
LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – EARLY DISMISSAL AT 2.30pm.

OCTOBER 2018

- Wednesday 3 SAKG Lunch Catering for the World Belted Galloway Conference at 'Brie Brie'.
- Monday 8 **FIRST DAY OF TERM 4.**
P & F Association Meeting commencing at 3.30pm.
- Wednesday 10 Year 2/3 Norval Camp, Halls Gap.
MARC Library.
- Thursday 11 Year 2/3 Norval Camp, Halls Gap.
- Friday 12 Year 2/3 Norval Camp, Halls Gap.
School Assembly commencing at 2.35pm.
Prep/Year 1 Sleepover.
- Monday 15 Year 4/5/6 Melbourne Camp.
- Tuesday 16 Year 4/5/6 Melbourne Camp.
- Wednesday 17 Year 4/5/6 Melbourne Camp.
- Thursday 18 Year 4/5/6 Melbourne Camp.
Prep to Year 3 excursion to the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra performance at Hamilton PAC.
SAKG Garden classes. There will be **no SAKG Kitchen** class today.
- Friday 19 **PUPIL FREE DAY.**
- Saturday 20 P & F running the Lego Tent at the Three Peaks Festival.
- Wednesday 24 MARC Library.
- Thursday 25 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.
Prep students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen from 9.00am to 11.00am and will need to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class.
Year 6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen from 11.30am and will need to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class.
- Wednesday 31 Big Blokes Breakfast from 7.30am to 8.45am – hosted by the P & F Association.

FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

Here at school, we are not comfortably cruising into the end of Term 3. Teachers and students are frenetically fine tuning for the concert next Wednesday. We look forward to seeing a great turnout and hopefully a memorable evening for everyone. I am thankful for the work of our teachers on this endeavour.

Two days later, the last day of term we have our annual Footy Colours Day. In the meantime teachers, along with Terrie Nicholson, have been extraordinarily busy in organising school camps for students from Year 2 up to Year 6. The City Camp for Years 4 – 6 is a complex camp to organise and I am grateful to the teachers and Terrie for their work. Thank you also to Susie Taylor and Geraldine Hinkley for their work in organising the Halls Gap Camp.

This week we are taking students from Year 2, 3 and 4 to Warrnambool for the 2018 South West Maker Fest where our students will be able to wander around and see what other schools and organisations are doing in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Maths (STEAM). Hopefully some sparks might be lit in the minds of our students as our school looks towards the future and the possibility of having a Maker Space of our very own.

Finally, I would like to mention Sebastian Aarons, Louis Lazzari and Alisha Cross who last week received meritorious acknowledgement at Assembly for the way they recognise and consistently show appreciation for what goes on around them at the school. Appreciation ... so powerful.

Staff and students at our school were very excited with the announcement last week from Susie Taylor that she will be having a baby. Congratulations and good health, Susie.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

A sincere thank you to school councillors Paul Jeffreys, Anne Gilbert and Terrie Nicholson, and to parent helper, Adrian Field, who assisted with running the barbecue on Saturday 8 September for the Southern Grampians Shire Council's information sessions about the Dunkeld Visitor Hub and Grampians Peaks Trail. A total of \$400.00 was raised from this event.

School Council has also approved a Pupil Free Day for Friday 19 October 2018, with all teaching staff to attend a Professional Development session "Learning in a Maker Centred Classroom" at Geelong College.



SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES – 14 and 21 September 2018

Please note that there will be **no School Assembly held on Friday 14 September** due to the Year 2/3/4 excursion to the South West Maker Fest in Warrnambool.

On the last day of term, **Friday 21 September**, lunch will be held from **1.00pm to 1.45pm**, with the **School Assembly commencing at 1.50pm**. A reminder that school will be dismissed one hour earlier at 2.30pm, on the last day of term.

WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT on Wednesday 19 September

The School Concert will be held on Wednesday 19 September at the Dunkeld Community Centre - **7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Gold coin entry**. Teachers have sent home notes on the costume requirements for each year level. Students have been advised by their classroom teacher whether they will need to come dressed in their costumes. If you have not yet received notification, please see your child's teacher. Students will be bussed to and from the Community Centre during the school day on 19 September for their concert practice.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY on Friday 21 September

On Friday 21 September students to wear school uniform and are encouraged to wear beanies, scarves, jumpers etc of their favourite football team. Multi-age classroom activities will be held in the morning with class rotations involving 'footy skills' (kick to kick, handball, tackle bag etc) being conducted after recess.

PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA'S OUTREACH PROGRAM

On Thursday 30 August, the Year 5 and 6 students travelled to the Hamilton Showgrounds and learnt about Parliament. In the role play, we were debating whether to ban plastic bags or not. I was one of the backbenchers on the government's side but I had no speaking part. When they said something we agreed with we said HEAR HEAR!!!, when we disagreed we went MMMM and when somebody said something sad we said SHAME!!!

By Amelia Jackson, Year 5



SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS INTER-SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT



A group of nine students went to The Hamilton and Alexandra College to participate in a chess tournament last Friday. India Ross, Jemima Ross, Sam Burger, Myles Haley, Taylor Haley, Drew Hassett, Ben Peace and I were among around seventy students playing in the tournament.

The director, Mr Tim Broome, was an expert at chess and taught us lots of handy strategies. We all played seven games and every time you won you moved up in rank. At the end, Good Shepherd College won the team event and I got a medal for ranking highly in individual. The tournament is good because even if you are a beginner you learn new strategies and moves. *By Fingal Jackson, Year 6*

P & F ASSOCIATION

The next P & F Association meeting will be held on Monday 8 October commencing at 3.30pm in the school staff room. The next events coming up for the P & F will be the running of the Lego Tent at the Three Peaks Festival on Saturday 20 October and the Big Blokes Breakfast at the school on Wednesday 31 October. For further information about the P & F, please feel free to contact Ruth Kyle, President on 0428 954 248 or Naomie Phillips, Secretary, on 0429 998 504.

ROYAL SCHOOL OF DUNKELD, SCOTLAND

The McDonald family will be travelling to Scotland during the upcoming school holidays. Mhairi, Year 1, and Seamus and Lulu in Prep, will be visiting the Royal School of Dunkeld and have been invited to speak about the Dunkeld Consolidated School at the 'Harvest Assembly' on Thursday 4 October. The two 'Dunkeld' schools first established contact in 1910 when flags, letters and other material were exchanged. The historical flag box and flag are now housed at the Dunkeld Museum.

MY JOURNEY TO THE STATE HOCKEY TEAM BY EMILY McNAUGHTON



I have recently been lucky enough to be selected for the Victorian State Under 13 Girls Hockey Team, which is a journey that has taken over four years. I first started out as a field player with the Dunkeld Hockey Club in Division 4 with Saturday hockey games. One day the normal goalkeeper decided he wanted to play out on the field again and my Coach, Mrs Jen McArthur, asked if anyone wanted to be the goalkeeper. I put up my hand and said I would. I then started playing as a goalkeeper for Dunkeld.

In Hockey there are games played on a Saturday in Hamilton. I also have competed in the Junior Country Championships in the Glenelg Hockey Association, where we played in Melbourne against all the other Country Hockey Associations. Another state level competition is called the Junior State Championships, which is where our local team, the South West Country Eagles, plays against Melbourne teams. The South West Country Eagles is a team made up of players from Portland, Warrnambool, Ballarat and Hamilton areas. This year our team finished 4th out of 10 teams but we managed to beat a lot of the Melbourne teams who are of a very high standard.

At the start of this year I trialed out for the Under 13 School Sport Victorian Hockey team. It was very nerve racking going to the try-outs. At the end of the trials the manager would call out your name and give you a certificate that you had to bring to the next trial. No certificate meant you were out. I made it into the School Sports Victorian U13 Girls team as an emergency goalkeeper and trained with them every week in Melbourne.

At around the same time, I applied for and gained selection into a training program called 'The Victorian Hockey Academy' to help me develop as a goalkeeper. This meant training two days a week in Melbourne. I made some great friends at the Academy. I began trials for the Under 13 girls Victorian State team, there were two days of trials, including a beep test. These sessions would go for about three hours with drills and games. I was competing against eight other goalkeepers to gain selection. Each time the selectors would cut out two goalkeepers each day. It was hard competing against other goalies who got amazing exposures to training. One of my friends even got the Olympic goalkeeper to give her tips. But I just keep trying my best and I am very grateful for my Mum and Dad for being my coach and driving me every time to Melbourne.

There are two Victorian State U13 Girls teams and I have made it into one of the teams. I now travel in October to Hobart to play in the National Titles against all the other states. I am still travelling twice a week to Melbourne to train with the team. I have met lots of new friends and am excited to travel with them. I have also learnt that goalkeepers always stick together, even if you don't know them yet.

One week I played on the Friday, Sunday, Monday night training, Wednesday night training, Saturday game and Sunday training all of which were in Melbourne apart from the Saturday game. I love being a goalkeeper because if things don't go your way you just have to get up, adapt and move on. And if you try your best that is good enough.

FATHER'S DAY SOCIAL SERVICE STALL

The annual Father's Day Social Services Stall was held on Friday 31 August. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the stall through donations and purchases. A special mention to Corrine Smith for coming along to assist with the raffle. Thank you also to the Social Service Stall Co-ordinator, Mrs Ruth Kyle and her trusty band of helpers for setting up, pricing and assisting on the day. Funds raised were as follows \$293.00 from the stall and \$122.50 from the raffle, giving a total of \$415.50. The lucky raffle winners included: Georgia Adams – blue tooth speaker, Connor Gordon – egg cooker, Archer Etherton – M & Ms, Edward Alderman – car organiser, Addison Linskens – mug and Uno, Freddie Jury – photo album, Lucy Fraser – tin of shortbread, Gemma Kyle – car cleaner, Edie Jackson – torch, Angus Frost – torch.



PREP CLASS – WEATHER CHARTS



As the weather warms up a quick reminder to all students to remember their school hats. *The rule is no hat, no play.*

Hopefully all the Prep students have remembered their hats as they are currently learning about the weather and have created weather charts. The Preps come into school daily to identify the weather and place their peg in the chart for the appropriate weather conditions.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen ... by Clare Kennedy

YEAR 1 IN THE KITCHEN: It was lovely to have our Year 1 students in the Kitchen on Thursday 30 August. The students enjoyed harvesting and preparing produce to create a delicious lunch for us all. Mealtimes discussion is always my favourite time in the Kitchen as children discuss what they like, different tastes and textures and the foods they dislike. They talk about the garden and where our foods come from and share experiences they have had eating at home, on holidays or at the local café.

Each student has written a piece to share with us all where they will be on display in the Kitchen.

Our Lunch Menu

Baked Chicken Strips
Vegetable Gyoza
Zucchini Muffins
Banana French Toast

My Gyoza

Description piece by Esther Adams
On Thursday I made Gyoza. It was fun. And in the gyoza we has carrots, celery and cabbage. Gyoza is a dumpling. I got to eat it and it was delicious.

My Zucchini Muffins

Recount by Lachie Gordon

On Thursday we went to the excellent kitchen. I made Zucchini Muffins. I worked with Crazy Nan (Lachie's Nan) and Patrick Lomas. At the end we ate the awesome food. It was excellent!



My French Toast

Recount by Gemma Kyle

Last Thursday we cooked our lunch. Mhairi McDonald, Jack Oldfield, Freddie Jury and I were in the blue team. We were working with Mrs Jury. It was super fun! We cooked the French Toast. We used honey, vanilla, eggs, milk and bread. It was so yummy!

My Zucchini Muffins

Procedure writing by Clementine Blackwell

Goal: to make zucchini muffins in the kitchen.

Ingredients: flour, oil, butter, cheese, eggs and zucchini.

Steps:

1. *Get the ingredients ready.*
2. *Put the flour in the bowl.*
3. *Put the eggs and oil in the bowl and stir until soft.*
4. *Put the vegetables in the bowl with all the other ingredients.*
5. *Stir and put the mixture in the patty pans.*
6. *Put the muffins in the oven.*

Now you have your zucchini muffins!



How to make Chicken Nuggets

Procedure writing by Max Russell

Goal: to make chicken nuggets with bread crumbs.

Ingredients: chicken, bread crumbs, eggs, parsley

Steps:

1. Put the bread into the mixer to make bread crumbs.
2. Crack the eggs into the bowl.
3. Get the chicken pieces and put it into the eggs.
4. Put the chicken into the bread crumbs.
5. Put the nuggets onto the tray
6. Put the tray into the oven to cook.



BAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE - SAUSAGE ROLL DRIVE: We appreciate any support you may wish to give. Tell your family, your friends, your work colleagues. Extra order forms are available from the school office, please phone Mrs Nicholson on 5577 2384. Final orders by Monday 17 September.

CATERING: We have been given an opportunity to raise funds for the school's Kitchen Garden program on Wednesday 3 October (during school holidays). If anyone is available to help with preparation Tuesday evening 2 October from 6.30pm and/or 7.00am Wednesday morning (3 October), it would be very much appreciated. Please phone or text Clare Kennedy on 0427 823 308 if you are available on either of these dates.

From the Garden ... by Lisa McIntyre

Last week we put the billies on to boil and herbal tea was enjoyed by all! The plants we used were: common mint, chocolate mint (very popular!), peppermint, lemon verbena, pineapple sage, lemon juice, orange juice, thyme and fennel. We crushed the leaves and put them in the cups, poured hot water over them and let it sit, cool and steep. We inhaled the aromas before tasting. It was lovely and I think we will do this more often. We can also try rosemary, sage and rosehips. I would love to hear from anyone who has tried other herbs.



We have received some microscopes from Baimbridge College, ones they no longer need, and so the Grade 4 students were introduced to them. They cleaned them up and learnt about the various components, then began to carefully operate them. There is nothing like that ".....wwwooooowww!!" expression from someone who finally focuses on an object and sees it in a way they would never have imagined. It is a whole new world.



The Grade 1 and 2 students are studying earthworms. They set up a small experiment which will show them how the worms move through the soil, consume organic matter and exude it as fantastic manure readily available for plants to use. This will also show how they move, create air spaces and combine different soils. Earthworms would have to be one of the most essential and under-rated organisms on the planet. In 1881, Charles Darwin (who spent 39 years studying them) wrote, "It may be doubted whether there are many other animals which have played so important a part in the history of the world, as have these lowly organised creatures."

I would love to hear from any families that are able to help feed and water the chooks over the holidays, even if just for one day. Please get in touch with me by phone: 5574 9235, mobile: 0428 749 235 or email: advancel@bigpond.com



Notice Board

2018 SCHOOL CAMPS

The following school camps will be held in Term 4, with each camp being generously subsidised by School Council:

- Prep and Year 1 Sleepover – Friday 12 October 2018.
- Year 2/3 Norval Camp – Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 October 2018.
- Year 4/5/6 Melbourne Camp – Monday 15 to Thursday 18 October 2018.

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) may assist eligible families with these camp costs.}

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/. 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.

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH DURING OCTOBER

VicHealth's Walk to School month encourages primary school children to walk, ride or scoot to and from school throughout October, to help them get the 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day. Less than one in five Victorian kids walk to school regularly, at a time when childhood obesity is rising to epidemic levels. Since 2006, VicHealth's Walk to School has aimed to tackle this worrying trend by encouraging Victorian primary students to walk to and from school more often. Younger children are encouraged to walk with their parents and older children on their own (when their parents decide it is safe). October is a great time to start walking, because Victoria's fabulous spring sunshine makes it a pleasure to get out of the house, and the car! Children who take part will be building healthy habits for life – and could win some great prizes for their family and their school.



FORMS

Bake the World a Better Place (SAKG and Dunkeld Red Cross) – Sausage Roll Order Form – please return by Monday 17 September.