



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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September 2017

- 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.
No Assembly will be held due to Year 2/3 Camp.
- Tuesday 19 Year 3 Excursion to the Dunkeld Museum.
School Council Meeting to be held at school at 7:30pm.
- 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.
A 'Get Together' will be held at 2.00pm. (No formal Assembly will be held on this day).
Last day of Term 3. Early dismissal at 2:30pm.

October 2017

"Walk to School" program during the month of October.

- Monday 9 **First Day of Term 4.**
Parents & Friends Meeting to be held at school commencing at 7:30pm.
- Wednesday 11 MARC Library.
- Friday 13 Regional Athletics Championships to be held in Ballarat.
- Saturday 14 Organisation of a Writers Workshop PD with Deb Sukarna in Preston, Melbourne.
- Thursday 19 Melbourne Symphony Orchestra performance to be held at Hamilton PAC. Year 3 – 6 students will be attending.
- Saturday 21 Three Peaks Festival. P & F will be assisting with the running of the LEGO activity tent.
- Monday 23 to Friday 27 Year 4, 5 & 6 Camp at Healesville.
- Wednesday 25 MARC Library.

From Mr Jeffreys....

We have some very excited children in Year 2 and 3 as they prepare for their camp at Grampians Retreat. We sincerely hope we will see an enjoyable experience for all children and staff, and a safe return for everyone. I wish staff well and that all goes smoothly for this camp as I fully understand the responsibilities you take with you for this three day event, and I do not take it for granted. Thank you to Luke Balkin and Mark Lazzari for giving your time to be a male presence on Wednesday and Friday of the camp. It is so much appreciated.

Last Friday I had the pleasure of visiting The Geelong College where there was an opportunity to view teaching at Year 4, 5 and 6 levels along with a tour of areas of that school to look at facilities and resources. These three teaching levels at this school would be considered at the forefront of teaching and learning, internationally. So much so that three of the school's staff members presented a paper at the Harvard School of Education in the United States just a few months ago. And so I came away full of ideas, aspiration and affirmation for our teachers, students and the physical resources of our school.

For our children to be 21st Century Learners, we aim for the following ambitious and high order outcomes:

- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and Leadership
- Agility and adaptability
- Initiative and entrepreneurialism
- Effective oral and written communication
- Accessing and analysing information
- Curiosity and imagination

The *Felicity's Hope* project is a good example of some of the above; Year 5 students are investigating the fit out of their 2018 classroom; many students are now involved in STEAM projects. So we are making progress in these areas.

I thank families for their support in getting our children back into school shoes. In terms of being a school that has a uniform (and a unique and beautiful one at that) our students look much better and I would like to believe also that there is less dirt being dragged in and onto our carpet. Here are two points we may have forgotten: two years ago we had no carpet in the Years 3 – 6 corridors and all of us were thrilled and appreciative upon its installation, and two years ago children were invited to bring and change into sports shoes for play on the proviso they wore their school shoes for the rest of the school day. Again, thank you.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

The Parents & Friends met on Monday 4 September for their monthly meeting. Items discussed included:

- 3 Peaks Festival – A letter requesting assistance at the Lego Tent at the Festival will be sent home in the first week back to school in Term 4.
- Big Blokes Breakfast – Will be held on Wednesday 1 November and again will be in conjunction with Movember.
- Used books – As the P & F will no longer be holding their second hand book stall at the 3 Peaks Festival, it was suggested to contact local non for profit organisations to see if they would like the books we have left over.
- School Polo Shirts or Singlets – We are currently looking at purchasing a set of printed Dunkeld Consolidated School polo shirts or singlets which can be worn by students attending events such as zone athletics and swimming carnivals.
- A Christmas Dinner will be held on December 4 in lieu of our monthly meeting. Further details to follow.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

YEAR 4, 5 AND 6 HEALESVILLE CAMP

Details for the 2017 Year 4/5/6 Healesville Camp have recently been finalised, which will be held from Monday 23 to Friday 27 October. **The cost of the five-day camp is \$330.00 per student.** The camp is heavily subsidised by the Dunkeld Consolidated School Council Camps and Excursions fundraising activities. Camp documents were sent home with students this afternoon. Parent Consent and Confidential Medical Information forms are to be returned to school by Friday 22 September 2017. Please contact the Business Manager to discuss confidentially, any queries regarding payment.

FELICITY'S HOPE



Last week was the second last week of the Felicity's Hope project. We have raised over \$1200! When Emily from the ABC came to interview us about Felicity's Hope she made a video and put it on the ABC South West Facebook page. It has had over 97,000 views!!

We hope you have enjoyed the project as much as we have but there is still one more barbecue day to come!!



WALK TO SCHOOL IN 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.



CHESS TOURNAMENT

On Monday 4 September, there was a Chess Tournament held at The Hamilton Alexandra College. The people from our school who entered were Fingal Jackson, Ben Potter and myself. Ben came first in the tournament for single players. If you won a game you got one point. If you moved your King fifty times without any other pieces or got a Stalemate (a Stalemate is where you can't move your King anywhere but you're not in check), it's a draw, where you and the other player get half a point each. If you lose, you don't get any points. We played seven games in total with no finals. Sam scored three and a half points, Fingal scored three points and Ben scored six points. I really enjoyed the tournament and wish to go again next year. *By Sam Burger, Year 3.*



BOOK WEEK PARADE

On Friday 1 September, the whole school participated in the annual Book Week Parade. Each student chose their own book character to dress up as. There were Wally's, Pirates, Unicorns, Harry Potters', Captain Underpants', a very large Nemo and many, many more! A special mention to all those who made their own costumes. It was fantastic to see the efforts the children (with some assistance from their parents/carers) went to. We also welcomed the four-year-old Dunkeld Kinder students who joined in the parade and shared in the fun at school.



Preps and Miss Berry



Year 1 with Miss Evans and Ms Campbell



Year 2 accompanied by Miss Gibson and Ms Trahar



Year 3 and Mrs Higgins



Years 5 and 6 with Mrs Howard
Year 4 along with Mrs Gilbert



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

KITCHEN REPORT by Clare Kennedy



Thank you to the Angels that helped with the preparation on Wednesday 6 September, and the fabulous team that provided service in the evening at the Dunkeld Bowling Club. Special mention to Mrs Terrie Nicholson who effortlessly and calmly organises the many tasks behind that blue door of the office. Thank you for your generosity with the donations of many goods that appeared in the kitchen that helps keep our costs down. A successful fundraising venture for the SAKG, the Dunkeld & District Lions Club and research for childhood cancer.

Year 3 students prepared and shared the next day. **Indian Scotch Eggs** – “delicious, spicy, needs salt, gooey sticky mix.” **Cheddar and Bacon Bread** – “this smells sooooo good, Oh my! That is delicious, still so warm my butter is melting.” **Ricotta and Spinach Rolls** – “our tomato sauce we made is delicious, not as good as mums sausage rolls, I didn’t think I liked spinach, What’s Ricotta?” **Crunchy Granola with Berries and Yoghurt** – “let’s put mint on the top, we could add fruit, apricots, cranberries, let’s stop eating it all we need some for lunch, I could have this for breakfast, this yoghurt is sour, I don’t like raspberries”



I love the chatter at lunch time, one of my favourite parts of our kitchen classes, many conversations, what we have made, what we do and don’t like, what we love about foods from home, the care for each other when we serve lunch – sharing. Year 3 conversations are truly delightful.

We are once again printing SAKG Calendars for 2018 as our Term 4 fundraiser. Please see the attached order form. Thank you in advance for your support.

GARDEN REPORT by Lisa McIntyre



I am always so grateful and happy that we have wonderful Friends who are able to help us in the garden. On the left we have Priscilla Jury helping Elyssa Rennie, Ben Peace and Amelia Jackson work out if it pays to have chooks, bearing in mind the cost of chook food, amount consumed per day, and number of eggs produced per bag of chook food. (Luckily it is!). Brian Mathews helping Bonnie Peters find very small insects as part of her wildlife survey (photo right).



Thank you very much Rod and Norm Schwarz for the generous donation of pots for our garden, they will be put to great use, and are much appreciated!

Notice Board

FATHERS DAY SOCIAL SERVICES STALL FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

The annual Father’s Day Social Services Stall was held on Friday 1 September. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the stall through donations, purchases, and assisting with the stall on the day. A special mention to Corrine Smith for coming along to assist with the raffle. We raised \$277.00 from the stall and \$179.00 from the raffle, giving a total of **\$456.00** **The lucky raffle winners were;** *Isabella Jury – Spitfire DVD and book, Amelia Jackson – Garden Book, Zander Mibus – Mini burger grill, Edie Jackson – Photo Frame, Max Russell – Antipesto Set, Connor Gordon – Favorites Chocs, Lachie Phillips – Mens Travel Bag, Charlie Adams – 2018 Diary, Bonnie Jackson – Maltesers, Campbell Glazebrook – Torch, Jemima Ross – Cake, Louis Lazzari – Bag Goodies, Ella Jackson – Bag Goodies.*

Thank you. Naomie Phillips Co-ordinator

Photo right: Year 5 students Genevieve Trotter and Nicholas Huzony assist their Prep buddies, Gemma Kyle and Max Russell at the stall.



LOST

Two School Rugby Jumpers Size 8 with ‘Lachlan Oldfield’ marked on the name tag.
Dark blue Ray-Ban glasses case with Charlie Adams’ name and phone number marked on it.
School Rugby Jumper belonging to Georgia Adams with “Adams” marked on the tag.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to:

- ★ Malcolm, Lea, Mia, Max and Jed on the arrival of a little boy, Van McArthur Russell, in July.
- ★ Woody, Rachel, Clementine and Bobby on the arrival of Samuel Blackwell in September.

TENNIS

Come and try junior tennis sessions will be held on Wednesday 13 and 20 September at the Dunkeld Tennis Courts from 3:30pm. For further details, please contact Jen McArthur on 5573 3265.

BENDIGO BANK INVITATION – THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Staff at Dunkeld & District Community Bank invite parents and children to visit the Bank on **Thursday 28 September**, any time during banking hours – 10.00am to 4.00pm. Come and meet the staff who will be enjoying a ‘Footy Colours’ day. There will be fun activities for the children, including a ‘Guess How Many Lollies in the Jar’ competition. There is also something for the parents, with our ‘Coffee for A Quote’ day. Bring along your existing insurance policies and we will complete a quote for you. In turn you will receive a coffee from the General Store – FREE!! A representative from the Bank will visit the school prior to this event, speaking to the children in Grade 5/6 regarding this ‘fun’ day and also discussing banking in general. We would love to see you for a bit of holiday fun, so please mark it in your diaries - **THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER!** *It promises to be a great day for all.*

FORMS

eSmart Parenting Online information sheet.
SAKG 2018 Calendar order form.