2016 WHAT'S COMING UP

OCTOBER 2016
Fri 7 eSmart Professional Development Day in Warrnambool. Mr James Stephens will be attending.
Mon 10 Responsible Pet Education Program visit for Prep, Year 1 and 2 students.
Thurs 13 Western District Schools Spelling Competition to be held at Warrnambool Primary School at 7:00pm.
Fri 14 The Greater Western Region Athletics Championships to be held in Ballarat at Llanberris Athletics Track.
Sat 15 SAKG and Parents and Friends Association Stalls at the 3 Peaks Festival, Dunkeld.
Mon 17 Kinder to Prep Transition Program – Miss Annabelle Forbes will visit the Dunkeld Kindergarten at lunchtime.
Tue 18 Whole School Concert at the Dunkeld Community Centre - 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Gold coin entry.
Wed 19 MARC Library
   Sexuality and Puberty Education session for Year 5 and 6 students with WDHS staff from 12:30pm to 1.30pm.
Thurs 20 eSmart Education and Community Advisor visit.
Fri 21 SAKG and Red Cross Sausage Roll fundraiser order forms and monies are due in.
Tues 25 Special Assembly for Mrs Gaylene Raymond to be held at 10:00am followed by morning tea for visitors.
Wed 26 Sexuality and Puberty Education session for Year 6 students with WDHS staff from 11:30am to 12:45pm. (Year 5 students may also attend this session if parents wish them to).

NOVEMBER 2016
Tues 1 Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup
Wed 2 MARC Library
Sat 5 Effective Writers Workshop PD Melbourne – Paul Jeffreys, Anne Gilbert, Jayne Berry and Jane Higgins will be attending.
Tues 8 Big Blokes Breakfast to be held in conjunction with Movember! Breakfast will be held from 7:30am to 8:45am.
Wed 16 MARC Library
   Kinder to Prep Transition Program. Kinder students attend school from 9.00am to 2.20pm.
Thurs 17 Years 2 and 5 “Induction and Leadership” program in the SAKG Kitchen.
Fri 18 HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS – Kindergarten students are invited to participate in the Kinder Race – please have your Kinder child at school by approx 1.45pm.
Tues 24 Friends of the SAKG program “Thank You’ lunch.
Wed 30 MARC Library
   Kinder to Prep Transition Program. Kinder students attend school from 9.00am to 3.20pm. Parent Information session in the School Kitchen at 1.30pm.

DECEMBER 2016
Thurs 1 Staff “Thank you” lunch prepared by Year 6 students during their SAKG kitchen class
Tues 6 Kinder to Prep Transition Program – Orientation Day for Kinder students going into Prep in 2017. Kinder students attend school all day from 9.00am to 3.25pm.
   Orientation Day for Year 6 students going into Year 7 in 2017.
Thurs 8 General clean-up day in the SAKG Kitchen and Garden. All Friends are welcome.
Tues 20 LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.
I have to agree with all the chatter going on across the country (except for Sydney supporters) and mention how wonderfully exciting it was to see The Western Bulldogs win the Grand Final. What a feel good story. I heard the Bulldogs coach mention how the ultimate prize came a little earlier than they had expected or hoped. Reflecting on so many player/coach interviews one reads of or listens to throughout a football season, there is a common theme of which all clubs promote, and that is they are always working to get better.

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Who knows … if we continue to get better, by some happenstance we might be the best. But in the meantime, we just want to continue to get better at everything we do.

Having attended many, many camps over 30 odd years it is always a personal feeling of achievement when one returns safely with a group of campers who for the main have had a great experience to report to their families. And so I would like to publicly thank those teachers who organised the camps, looked after medications, got up in the middle of the night, gave a bit of love when needed and a bit of reminding when required, kept a vigilant eye out at all times, slept uncomfortably, went to bed late, remained calm and smiled.

Camps are loved by children and yet great responsibility is placed on you teachers. So, I thank you very much.

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WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT

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BALLARAT GRAMMAR MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

On Thursday 15 September, the Ballarat Grammar conducted a musical Performance for the whole school which included pipes and drums, guitars, violins and banjos. The students enjoyed the performance and thanked Ballarat Grammar for attending.

Year 2/3 Camp to Norval

On Monday 5 September, Year 2 and 3 went on camp to Norval.

The activity we liked the best was the Halls Gap Zoo because the animals weren’t in cages. Tom liked the zoo because of the American Bison. The most challenging activity was archery because it was hard to pull the strike back. Another was orienteering because the signs were all over the place.

By Thomas Gordon, Connor Gordon, Jonah Morganti, Taylor Haley and Alexander Prentice

At the Halls Gap Zoo, we got to hold a snake called Hank. Other activities we got to do were orienteering, archery, bush cooking and hut building. Each room had to do a performance at the concert. The funniest was the story about the talking caterpillars. By Addison Linskens, Jasmine Crawford, Georgia Adams, Lillian Glazebrook and Olive Jackson

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SHEEP DRIVE FUNDRAISER
The Dunkeld Consolidated School will be conducting a Sheep Drive fundraiser during this term for the School Camps and ICT programs. If you have any sheep that you would like to donate could you please contact Luke Balkin on 0429 626 748 or Trent Adams on 0428 886 221.

CLASS CAPTAINS FOR TERM 4
Congratulations to the following Class Captains for Term 4:
Prep – Charlie Linke
Year 1 – Cadence Huf
Year 2 – Lucy Fraser
Year 3 – Amelia Jackson
Year 4 – India Ross
Year 5/6 – Isabel Hanson

RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION PROGRAM
Prep, Year 1 and 2 students are preparing for a visit on Monday 10 October from a sustainability-tested dog and their trained Pet educator, as part of the Victorian State Government’s Responsible Pet Education Program. The program has been developed by the Department of Environment and Primary Industries and provides all components of the program free of charge to all Victorian Primary Schools and Kindergartens.

KINDER TO PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM
Please find listed below relevant Transition Program dates for Term 4:
- Monday 17 October: Miss Annabelle Forbes will visit the Kindergarten at luncheon for an introductory visit.
- Wednesday 16 November: Kinder students to attend the Dunkeld Consolidated School from 9.00am – 2.20pm. Parents to drop off their Kinder children at school by 9.00am to Mrs Debbie Millard and collect them again from school at 2.20pm from Mrs Debbie.
- Friday 18 November – House Athletics Sports Day – Dunkeld Kindergarten families and children are invited to attend. There will be a Kinder/toddler race for the younger children who are present. Please arrive by approx. 1.45pm to enter your child in the Kinder race.
- Wednesday 30 November: Kinder students to attend the Dunkeld Consolidated School from 9.00am – 3.20pm. Parents to drop off their Kinder children at school by 9.00am to Mrs Debbie Millard and collect them again from school at 3.20pm from Mrs Debbie. An information session will be held in the School Kitchen at 1.30pm for parents.
- Tuesday 6 December: Orientation Day – the Kinder children are to attend their 2016 School Campus all day (9.00am – 3.25pm).

SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL – TERM 4
If students are attending activities after school on a regular basis e.g. hockey training, cricket etc parents may make a note in the diary advising that their child/children will not be travelling on the bus on a specific afternoon. For example … “Tony will not be travelling on the bus on a Friday afternoon for Term 4 as he will be attending hockey training.”

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)
From the Kitchen...
At the end of last term we welcomed beautiful smiling faces into the kitchen with our Prep students, harvesting, preparing and sharing a meal together. Our very keen little ‘Chefs’ donned their hats and with gusto enjoyed a kitchen session. Our menu for the day was Herby Egg Toast; Muffins Pizza with capsicum, bocconcini, mushrooms and spinach; Citrus Tiramisu with lemon curd and Fruit Skewers with strawberry, kiwi fruit and honeydew melon.
All students were very brave as they tasted new textures and tastes. Thank you to the many ‘friends’ of the kitchen garden that came to assist on the day. You add so much enjoyment to their experience.
- I liked making the fruit sticks because we did it with Jackie. By Phoebe Lazzari
- I liked making the pizzas because we got to taste the ingredients as we were making them. I had never tasted mushrooms before! By Bonnie Peters
- I liked our cooking class because my Dad helped us. By Archer Etherton
- I liked the fruit platter because I’ve never made fruit platters before. By Ella Peters
- I liked wearing an apron and a hat! By Charlotte Comer
- I liked the egg muffins because they were yummy. By Phoebe Ross
- I liked dressing up because I looked funny! My favourite dish was the egg muffins. By Charlotte Alderman
- I liked making the fruit skewers with Phoebe and Phoebe! I loved my Mum helping too. By Indiana Mibus
- I liked the cooking class because we cooked with really good ingredients. The food tasted nice. By Darcy Potter
- I loved the pizza because it was cooked very well and I like pizza. By Ava Balkin
- I liked my Mum being there to help. Our group made the dessert! By Heidi Burger
- I liked my Mum being there because she helped us a lot with the eggy muffins. By Charlie Linke

This week we begin our rotation of Year 3 - 6 classes, beginning with our Year 3 students. Happy preparing and sharing together.

BAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE:
The SAKG program will once again be holding a Sausage Roll Drive as part of the Australian Red Cross Big Cake Bake. Our donation will go towards helping people in our local and international communities access a safe place to stay, a nutritious meal, or companionship in times of crisis and isolation.
Big Cake Bake is about encouraging our school students to think about broader social issues and to feel empowered in their efforts to make a difference. When students, teachers, parents and our community work together for a cause greater than the school itself, it’s easy for the kids to understand what being charitable is all about. They will be learning about collaboration at the same time as understanding and empathising with the experiences of the people they are helping. Please refer to the attached order form.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen
From the Garden...

Even though it was holidays, activities in the garden don’t stop – so many thanks to Bev Hampton for helping to care for our chooks, and to Bev, Jason, Jake and Addison, Priscilla and Isabella, Shaun, Neil and Miranda McIntyre, for helping to transplant the tomato seedlings (and to Neil especially, for unwittingly “donating” the use of his ute for the last few weeks, to cart the seedlings in and out of the wind and rain!). We will be filling your tomato orders soon, and they will be ready to pick up from school next Tuesday and Wednesday, between 2.00pm – 4.00pm. We are still taking orders, so please send them in. Our garden obtained a small grant last year, from funding from the Victorian School Garden Awards, and during the holidays Miranda, Airlie and I visited the Kurunga Native Nursery in Mt Evelyn, and selected many native food plants that we will plant into our garden. This will happen over the next few weeks, it’s a very exciting project, and one we’ve been working towards for a long time. Iven again has been busy in our garden – watch and see what appears soon….!

Please remember to send warm, waterproof clothes with your child on Thursdays, there is much to see, do and learn outside!

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden

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**Tomato Plants Collection**

Tomato plants will be available for collection from the school on Tuesday 11 October and Wednesday 12 October from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. If you have any queries please contact Lisa McIntyre on 5574 9235 advancel@bigpond.com

**MISSING – SCHOOL RUGBY JUMPER**

Missing: one School Rugby Jumper belonging to Drew Hassett – Size 8. ‘Hassett’ marked on iron on label. Could students please check their bags to make sure they haven’t taken this jumper home by mistake.

**WESTERN DISTRICT SCHOOLS SPELLING COMPETITION 2016**

On Thursday 13 October, Monet Graham and Fingal Jackson will represent our school at the Western District School’s Spelling Competition, which will be held at Warrnambool Primary School at 7:00pm. Each year level will undertake a written test, which will include 20 words for Year 4 and 30 words for Years 5 and 6. Written tests are marked, and the top few students from each year level will be invited to participate in an oral test to determine the overall winner for each year level. Year level winners will be presented with medals and a trophy is also presented to the school that has the highest average score for the written test. **Good luck Monet and Fingal.**

**GREATER REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Three students from Dunkeld have qualified to attend the Greater Region Championships to be held on Friday 14 October in Ballarat at Lianberris Athletics Track. They are: India Ross in the Discus, Zach Burgess in Long Jump and Ben Potter in the Hurdles. **This is a super effort and we wish them all the very best!**

**LEGO CLUB**

The Lego Club Competition is a student initiative of Ben Potter and Fingal Jackson. Students from all year levels have been invited to enter their own Lego creations. There has been over 20 entries received to date. The judging of this competition and prize presentations will occur on Thursday 6 October. All money raised will go to “Save the Children’s Foundation”. Winners will be listed in the following newsletter.

**SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM**

Lea and Jen McArthur will again be offering a two week Summer Swim Program from Monday 2 January 2017 to Friday 13 January 2017. **Please complete and return the form by school by Friday 18 November.** If you have any queries please contact Jen on 5573 3265.

**VicHealth’s Walk to School month**

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’s 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.
Invitation to a special 
Farewell Ceremony 
for Mrs Gaylene Raymond

Dear Dunkeld Consolidated School and community members

You are invited to attend a Special Assembly followed by morning tea in the Dunkeld Consolidated School hall on Tuesday 25 October commencing at 10.00am to celebrate and farewell Mrs Gaylene Raymond after 28 years of dedicated service.

Morning Tea will be kindly provided by the P & F Association.

If you have any queries please contact the school on 5577 2384.

We hope you will be able to attend this special occasion!
Bake the World a Better Place

Dunkeld Consolidated School
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
together with
Dunkeld Red Cross

Sausage Roll Drive

Students and Friends of the Kitchen Garden Program together with the Dunkeld Red Cross will be ‘baking the world a better place’ on Thursday 27 October 2016.

The more orders we fill the more money we can donate to the Red Cross - People Helping People.

Please fill in the order form below and return with payment to Dunkeld Consolidated School BY FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2016.

Orders can be picked up from 4.00pm on Thursday 27 October.
If you are able to donate time to help Thursday 27 October please fill in the return slip below.

Tear off and return with payment to the school by Friday 21 October 2016

SAKG & Dunkeld Red Cross
Baking the World a Better Place

Name_________________________ Email________________________ Phone__________________

Mini Sausage Rolls $10 per dozen How many dozen would you like? ________________________

PLEASE PROVIDE A CONTAINER AND LID WITH YOUR NAME AND HOW MANY DOZEN ORDERED CLEARLY MARKED AND PLACE IN THE KITCHEN AT SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER

Cash/Cheque Enclosed: $__________________ (cheques to be made out to Dunkeld Consolidated School)

Can you donate any of the following? Please indicate (goods delivered to school by Wednesday 26 October)

☐ 1kg Carrots ☐ Loaf of day old bread (wholemeal, white or multigrain)

Are you able to help for an hour or more to ‘bake the world a better place’ between 9.00am – 4.00pm on Thursday 27 October? Which time best suits you? ____________________________

Thank you on behalf of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and Dunkeld Red Cross