2016 WHAT’S COMING UP

OCTOBER 2016
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 meeting.
Fri 21 SAGK and Red Cross Sausage Roll fundraiser order forms and monies are due in.
   International Visitor: Pastor Sunday Sula Lasa, African Action International attending to speak with Year 3-6 students about living in Uganda.
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 5 and 6 students with WDHS staff from 11:30am to 12:45pm.

NOVEMBER 2016
Tues 1 Public Holiday – Melbourne Cup.
Wed 2 MARC Library.
   Walk to School Healthy Morning Tea provided by Southern Grampians Shire Council/WDHS to be held at morning recess 11:15am.
Sat 5 Effective Writers Workshop PD Melbourne – Paul Jeffreys, Anne Gilbert, Jayne Berry and Jane Higgins attending
Tues 8 Big Blokes Breakfast to be held in conjunction with Moveabnent! Breakfast will be held from 7:30am to 8:45am.
Fri 11 Remembrance Day.
   T20 Blast School Cup Cricket Competition to be held at Pedrina Park, North Boundary Road, Hamilton starting at 10:00am. Students are to arrive by 9.45am. Parents will be required to transport students to this event.
   Caring for Watersheds Final Competition to be held at Hamilton Institute of Rural Learning (HIRL), North Boundary Road, Hamilton from 10:00am to 2:00pm.
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 SAGK 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.
Thurs 24 Friends of the SAGK program “Thank You” lunch.
Wed 30 MARC Library.
   Kinder to Prep Transition Program. Kinder students attend school from 9:00am to 2:20pm. 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 SAGK 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 SAGK Kitchen and Garden. All Friends are welcome.
Tues 13 Year 6 Graduation.
Tues 20 LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – early dismissal at 2:30pm.

2016 SCHOOL COUNCIL, SUB-COMMITTEES AND P & F MEETING DATES

Wed 20 Nov School Council Meeting – 7:30pm
Mon 13 Nov Parents and Friends Association 7:30pm

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY
You are invited to attend a Special Assembly in the Dunkeld Consolidated School Hall on TUESDAY 25 OCTOBER, commencing at 10:00am to celebrate and farewell Mrs Gaylene Raymond after 28 years’ service. Visitors are invited to stay for a morning tea at the conclusion of assembly.

2016 TERM DATES
Term 4: Monday 3 October to Tuesday 20 December

2017 TERM DATES
Term 1: Tuesday 31 January to Friday 31 March (Teachers commence on Monday 30 January)
Term 2: Tuesday 18 April to Friday 30 June
Term 3: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September
Term 4: Monday 9 October to Friday 22 December

FORM/S ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER
Dress Code Policy
Rugby Jumper Order form – return by Mon 24 Oct
School Concert Survey – to be returned by Wed 26 Oct
Big Blokes Breakfast – form to be returned by Fri 28 Oct
FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

As our school concert, or should I say ‘Eurovision Contest’ came to an end, I detected murmurings in the crowd and it was such a lucky thing that Claudia Cochran was able to deliver a last minute note, enabling a check of the scores. Luckily justice prevailed and France, represented by our Prep students got home to win the night. Well done to them.

I am grateful for a number of things; to the teachers who organised their classes into acts and you may remember, coordinated Olympics Day last term with the Eurovision countries from last night’s concert. Taking responsibility for and developing a public performance is probably one of the most worrying and consuming tasks for a teacher; it’s really hard work when you care. I am grateful that Clare Kennedy took on the MC role. I am grateful for the opportunity to see children take part so positively even though for some it is not something that comes easily or naturally. I am grateful to those who felt compelled to come to me after the concert to offer a variety of compliments and thanks. I am very grateful that Claudia had the courage to bring me that ‘game changing’ envelope as I sensed there might have been a ‘lynching of the adjudicator’ there for a moment.

I hope you had an enjoyable evening. Please take the time to complete and return the attached survey by Wednesday 26 October.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

3 Peaks Market – Book Stall
Thank you to everyone who donated their time in setting up, packing up or manning the stall and to everyone who donated books. We raised $419.45 for our school. We would also like to acknowledge the 3 Peaks Committee and congratulate them on a fantastic, well organised event.

Big Blokes Breakfast: Will be held on Tuesday 8 November. This is a great event for the students and their Big Blokes. Please complete and return the attached form for RSVP and request for donation and assistance by Friday 28 October. Fiona King and Ally Gordon will be co-ordinating the breakfast if you have any questions.

Meeting: Our next meeting will be held on Monday 13 November 2016 at 7:30pm at the school.

SEXUALITY AND PUBERTY EDUCATION

The school has recently confirmed the dates for the 2016 Sexuality and Puberty Education sessions for the Year 5 and 6 students. There will be two one hour sessions held on:
- Wednesday 19 October commencing at 12.30pm
- Wednesday 26 October commencing at 11.30am.

These sessions will be conducted by WDHS staff (Sue Watt and Stuart Wilder) and will include Puberty issues, body changes, correct names for body parts and personal hygiene. The P & F Association generously funds this program.

CARING FOR OUR WATERSHEDS ANNOUNCES 2016 CONTEST FINALISTS

Dunkeld Consolidated School Year 5 and 6 students - Brooke Hill, Ben Potter and Josh Gordon have made it to the final competition of the Caring for our Watersheds (CFW) program with their proposal ‘Water Wastage Around Our School’. They will be representing our school and they are the first primary school to make it to the finals of CFW.

The following group of Dunkeld Consolidated School students - Edward Williamson, Sam Cullinane, Ashleigh McNaughton, Will Kent and Sarah Symes received a ‘Highly Commended’ certificate and prize for their ‘Highway Rubbish Pick-up Day’ project.

CFW is a program that empowers students to imagine, develop and create environmental solutions in their local catchment. The program promotes catchment awareness and stewardship, values student ideas and offers support when turning theoretical ideas into action.

Brought to the Glenelg Hopkins and Wimmera Catchments by Landmark and Conservation Volunteers Australia, students are asked the question ‘what can you do to improve your catchment?’ Dunkeld Consolidated School entered the contest for the first time this year with their Grade 5/6 class, under the guidance of staff member Mr James Stephens, submitting a range of innovative ideas looking at helping to stop erosion, reduce rubbish and save water in their catchment.

Ten finalists have been chosen to present at the final competition out of 57 proposals received from twelve different schools in the regions.

Kim Volk from Conservation Volunteers Australia is now in the process of working with the students to develop their idea further to present at the final competition to a panel of community judges which will take place at the Hamilton Institute of Rural Learning on Friday 11 November.

They will share between the following amount of prize money depending on their placing with a matching cash prize for the school:

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Year 5 and 6 students who recently participated in the Caring for our Watersheds Program. Back L-R: Will Kent, Josh Gordon, Julia Kelly, Ashleigh McNaughton, Sarah Symes, Isabel Hanson, Edward Williamson. Front L-R: Sam Cullinane, Zach Burgess, Anna Schurman, Ella Jackson, Brooke Hill, Oliver Fenwick and Ben Potter.
DRESS CODE POLICY
School Council approved the following changes to the Dress Code Policy at its September meeting:

- Hair ties, ribbons and headbands are required to be navy or white.
- Girls’ Summer Uniform – white or navy socks may be worn.
- Girls’ Winter Uniform – inclusion of tailored navy trousers and white or navy socks may be worn.
- Boys’ Summer and Winter Uniforms – navy or white socks may be worn.

The updated Dress Code Policy is attached for your information.

SHEEP DRIVE FUNDRAISER
The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council 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.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT VICTORIA PROJECT
On Monday 10 October, LVM Enterprises attended and interviewed one of our staff members, Miss Annabelle Forbes, and filmed our Prep students working in their classroom. LVM Enterprises are producing a video series for Regional Development Victoria that showcases our area.

RESPONSIBLE PET EDUCATION PROGRAM
On Monday 10 October the Prep, Year 1 and 2 classes had a visit from a sustainability-tested dog and their trained Pet educator, as part of the Victorian State Government’s Responsible Pet Education Program. The students learnt a lot including information about how to safely approach dogs and dangerous dogs.

PREP student Bonnie Peters, safely approaches Bronson the Beagle.

GREATER REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS
On Friday 14 October three students, Zach Burgess, Ben Potter and India Ross travelled to the Regional Athletics in Ballarat. Zach went in the long jump and came 7th in his age group. India went in the discus. She threw 16 metres, a great effort on the day. Ben competed in the hurdles, reaching the final heat. He came in 7th place. Well done to these competitors who participated in the Athletics.

By Zach Burgess and Ben Potter Grade 5/6

WESTERN DISTRICT SCHOOLS SPELLING COMPETITION 2016
On Thursday 13 October, Monet Graham and Fingal Jackson attended the Western District Schools Spelling Competition, which was held at Warrnambool Primary School. Fingal described the words as ‘easy’. The participants also enjoyed playing Family Feud on stage. While neither Monet nor Fingal made it through to the finals, they both enjoyed the event. Well done Fingal and Monet.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)
From the Kitchen...

Year 4 enjoyed harvesting, preparing and sharing lunch together last Thursday. Being able to walk out to our garden and harvest from an abundant supply of goodness is so delightful. Leeks, cabbage, chives, parsley, mint, silverbeet, spinach and eggs - all becoming part of a very healthy lunch. Our knife skills were put to good use: chopping, slicing and dicing. Our senses were stimulated with the tastes and smells of beautiful fresh produce: raw, sautéed, fried and baked adding different smells and tastes along the way.

THANK YOU
A very big THANK YOU to those that volunteered their time to sell Tomato Plants and spread the good word about the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program at the 3 Peaks Festival last Saturday. Thank you to the 3 Peaks Festival Committee for making us feel welcome to do so. Another great example of coming together as a community and helping each other out.

Remember to get your order form in for our Sausage Roll Drive – Baking the World a Better Place – a SAKG initiative to donate funds to the Australian Red Cross -People Helping People.

Thank you for your support in all of our endeavours in providing this Kitchen Garden Program at our school.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen
We had a great stall at the 3 Peaks Festival last weekend - special thanks to Sarah, Miquela and Jasmine Crawford; Carol Burger, Heather Cash and Paul Callander for running it. They did a wonderful job, selling the plants and the whole program. Thank you also to those very kind people who donated home grown produce, it was very much appreciated. We sold quite a few tomatoes, but we still have 100's left!! Orders are still being taken - we’d hate to throw them on the compost heap.... $2.50 each - Romas, Black Russians, Sweet Bites and Rouge de Marmande. Please contact me, or send an order into the school. Please also ask your friends, relatives and neighbours - everyone needs a tomato plant in the summer time. What a great early Christmas present?!!

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden

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 to school by Friday 18 November. If you have any queries please contact Jen on 5573 3265.

GRAMPIONS CRICKET CLUB
Last Thursday was a fantastic start to junior cricket, both Milo In2Cricket and Under 12’s- with brilliant sunshine and very enthusiastic kids raring to go! Please note that all Milo In2Cricket registrations must be completed online by this Thursday 20 October to receive the kids’ participation pack. Under 12’s can pay cash or cheque on Thursday at training. More info and updates on the Grampians Cricket Club Facebook page.
Good luck to the Under 12’s team playing in their first game this Wednesday!

LEGO CLUB
On Thursday October 6 the Lego club held its first ever Lego competition. Our judge was Mrs Judy Warne. We had 36 entries and 9 winners, the winners were:

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We raised $110.00 to go to the Save the Children Foundation. Tom Gordon won the raffle. The Lego Club would like to say thank you to Mrs Warne for her fantastic skills in judging.

VicHealth’s Walk to School month
This year as part of the Walk to School Program, a free ‘Healthy Morning Tea’ will be provided for all students by the Southern Grampians Shire Council and WDHS on Wednesday 2 November at morning recess.

LUNCH ORDERS
A reminder to students that they are responsible for placing their own lunch orders in the box in the library area before 9.00am.

An important cybersafety message
Our school has registered to take part in eSmart, a guiding framework for schools to manage cyber safety and wellbeing.
eSmart will help teachers, students and the whole school community embrace the benefits of technology and reduce our exposure to cyberspace risks such as cyberbullying, identity theft, online sexual predation and accessing or sending inappropriate images and content.
eSmart is an initiative of The Hannah and Madeline Foundation, a national charity committed to protecting children from violence.