2014 WHAT’S COMING UP

NOVEMBER 2014

Tues  11 Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph in the Dunkeld Memorial Park commencing at 10.50am. Morning tea to follow at the Dunkeld Bowling Club. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Wed  12 MARC Library Van.

Thurs 13 HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS commencing at 9.15am. Kindergarten students are invited to participate in the Kinder race – please have your Kinder child at school by approx 2.25pm. No Canteen today due to the House Athletics Sports. SAKG Staff Planning Day (no Kitchen or Garden classes will be held today).

Fri  14 Interschool Showjumping Championships at Casterton Secondary College.

Mon  17 Logical Staffing Victorian Primary Schools Golf Championship at the Warrnambool Golf Club. Year 4 student, Joshua Gordon, will be participating in this event.

Tues 18 MILO T20 Blast Schools Cricket Competition at Pedrina Park Hamilton – regional finals.

Fri  21 Graduation Catering Meeting for Year 5 parents - commencing at 2.30pm in the school staffroom.

Wed  26 MARC Library Van – last visit for Term 4.

Kinder to Prep Orientation Program. Kinder students attend school from 9.00am to 3.20pm. Parent Information session in the School Kitchen commencing at 1.30pm.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY commencing at 2.40pm. Kinder students will be performing under Mrs Debbie Millard’s direction.

LAST ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL SESSION FOR TERM 4.

Thurs  27 Year 6 students to prepare and share a “thank you” lunch for all staff. No ‘Friends’ are required to assist on this day.

DECEMBER

Wed  3 SRI Concert and Assembly commencing at 2.30pm.


Fri  5 Year 6 Graduation Dinner, Ceremony and Concert.

MILO T20 Blast Schools Cricket Competition at the MCG – state finals.

Tues  9 Orientation Day for Year 6 students going into Year 7 in 2015. Kinder to Prep Orientation Program – Orientation Day for Kinder students going into Prep in 2015. Kinder students attend school all day from 9.00am to 3.25pm.

Thurs 11 Cleaning up and packing up in the Kitchen and Garden in preparation for 2015.

Fri  12 Social Service Christmas Stall.

School Council Dinner.

Tues 16 Whole School Concert commencing at 7.00pm at the Dunkeld Community Centre.

Wed  17 School Reports sent home.

Fri 19 School Council Annual Christmas Raffle will be drawn.

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.

2014 SCHOOL COUNCIL, SUB-COMMITTEES AND P & F MEETING DATES

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2014 TERM DATES

Term 4    Monday 6 October to Friday 19 December

2015 TERM DATES

Term 1    Thursday 29 January to Friday 27 March

( Teachers start on Wednesday 28 January )

Term 2    Monday 13 April to Friday 26 June

Term 3    Monday 13 July to Friday 18 September

Term 4    Monday 5 October to Friday 18 December

FORM/S ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

Nil

CANTEEN ROSTER

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FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

There is lot going on at the moment; so many things to organise as the year draws to an end. Tonight, Rob Smith and I will be painting lines on the oval for our upcoming athletics day. We have T20 Blast Cricket occurring this coming Friday and we need to have supervision/coaching and transport organised.

Year 6 children will be attending Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph and our two school captains have been preparing for a reading at the ceremony. Year 5 students need to be thinking about their leadership aspirations for 2014 and presenting their respective cases for consideration. The Year 6 Graduation Dinner is currently being organised, along with the careful consideration of award winners and the speeches that go with the night. Mrs Macgugan is busy preparing the school for our end of year concert and I wonder just quietly how she does it.

Report writing for staff is about to get under way and this is a very busy time for them. Orientation Day is looming and thought and preparation needs to go into this day. There are parent information sessions to run and; well there is just so much. If we wanted to introduce something new to this final term, then I do not believe it would be possible due to the busy schedule already existing. I find myself thinking at this time every year, we should be happy, content and positive with the world as we work our way into the festive season. Maybe this year.

2015 ORGANISATION

From next year, our school will begin the gradual move to iPads. We will be using iPads in the Prep – Year 2 classes with 24 iPads available for use. Year 3 students in 2015 will be using iPads. Students in Years 4-6 will continue to use netbooks; however they are welcome to bring iPads to school if they wish. Information will be sent home shortly regarding the implementation of iPads. Is there a Christmas present in here somewhere?

The Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 cohorts will next year share teaching and learning with the intention of improving opportunities for flexible learning. Students will be able to move between classes and groups according to abilities and interests. This will be made possible by opening a wall section between the two rooms. At the same time, the blackboard will be replaced by a whiteboard, and a bench with shelving will sit beneath the whiteboard. These changes provide opportunity to refresh and make new beginnings.

Next year, most of our staff will be taking different classes: Mr James Stephens and Mrs Jane Higgins will take the 3/4/5 and 6 (Upper Primary) cohort. A third teacher will support the Upper Primary for some of the time. Mr Rob Smith will take Year 2. Miss Christina Brown will take Year 1 and Mrs Anne Gilbert will remain as teacher of Prep. Mrs Ann Howard will continue with Reading Support; however it is yet to be decided how Ann will be used to support other programs.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

Mr Terry Noble, President of the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch was our guest presenter at our Special Assembly on Wednesday 29 October. Terry spoke about the significance of “Remembrance Day” and also read out the names of students who received Significant Achievement or Positive Citizenship Certificates for the month of October:


Positive Citizenship: Jessica Field, Miranda McIntyre, Cooper Hassett, India Ross, Maddi Calvert, Charlie Field, Shayana Tuhakaraina, Pippa Williamson, Myles Haley, Jonah Morganti, Alexander Prentice, Lucy Fraser, Grace Potter, Georgia Adams.

The next Special Assembly will be held on Wednesday 26 November commencing at 2.40pm. Class Captain reports will be presented at this assembly and the Dunkeld Kindergarten students will also be performing under Mrs Debbie Millard’s direction.

GROUND S MAINTENANCE ROSTER

A reminder that as per the Grampians Cricket Club User Policy, the club has responsibility for moving ovals and surrounds from 1 October to 31 March. Thank you to the Grampians Cricket Club members for carrying out this work.

READ2REMEMBER

All students will be participating in this year’s Read2Remember on Tuesday 11 – November. Read2Remember is a free initiative designed to promote the wellbeing of children and young people in schools by engaging them in the importance of Remembrance Day through meaningful literature. Students will read Rupert McCall’s stirring poem, Pledge of Remembrance. It is the program’s hope that all children come to understand that the characteristics of courage and resilience evident in our brave servicemen and women are the same characteristics that they can call upon to be the best that they can be. Further information can be viewed online: www.read2remember.org.au/read-the-poem/.

HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS - Thursday 13 November

SCHOOL BUSES on Thursday 13 November

The school buses (Woodhouse and Mirranatwa) will run as normal in the morning.

THE MIRRANATWA AND WOODHOUSE SCHOOL BUSES WILL RUN IN THE AFTERNOON.

Assistance with setting up and packing up the shade marquees at the beginning and end of the day would be much appreciated.

If you are able to lend any assistance with the running of the sports e.g. starters, markers and place referees etc please let me know or just see me first thing on the day. The more parents that help means that no one is tied to one event all day and is therefore unable to follow their own child’s progress through the program.

Students are to wear their respective House colour (red for Wannon and royal blue for Sturgeon) polo shirt to the Sports Day.

The school day will begin as normal at 9.00am. As soon as possible all children will attend House Meetings. Wannon House Captains are Dylan Ross and Hugh Roache and Sturgeon House Captains are Oscar Reynolds and Adam Crawford. This is a valuable time for our House Captains to work on the day’s program of events with their team members.

• The sports will commence at 9.15am with the Long Distance events.
• A program of events will be sent home for each family on Wednesday – could you please ensure you bring your copy to the House Athletics Sports.

The House Sports are a great family affair and this year we would like parents, with their children, to join in the competitive carnival event by organising streamers and balloons in the children’s House colours – red for Wannon and blue for Sturgeon. We will be erecting the red and blue marquees to protect our children from the sun on the day and proudly displaying our school banner. So join in the spirit of the day and make this occasion a day to remember! Please remember your picnic hamper, rug and chairs!

PREP CLASS – SLEEPOVER SENTENCES

• We went finding possums at night. The boys slept in the Prep room. We had breakfast in the kitchen. We watched Shaun the Sheep. We went outside in the dark. We did sparklers. We went to find things and we were the Dunkeld Detectives. By Wil Bakin
• We had frog in a pond and we played musical chairs. We were at school. We had a cake because it was Thomas’ birthday. At breakfast time I had apple juice and three pieces of toast. I watched Shaun the Sheep in the staffroom. The boys slept in the Prep room. We played with sparklers. We did a treasure hunt. By Hamish Darroch
• We looked for the possums in the trees. We all had a frog in the pond but I didn’t. We did sparklers and we wrote our names. We watched Shaun...
the Sheep. We had sausages. They were yummy. It was fun at the sleepover. By George Field

• We went spotlighting. We played at school. The boys slept in the Prep room. I slept next to Taylor. We held sparklers. We watched Shaun the Sheep. We went on a treasure hunt. By Matthew Calvert

• We slept at school and we slept in the Grade One room and Prep room. We held the sparklers and we watched Shaun the Sheep DVD. By Demiina Ross

• I slept in the Prep room. I had fun. I had apple juice. We played games. We watched Shaun the Sheep. We had a treasure hunt. By Connor Gordon

• We had a frog in the pond. It was tasty. It had a chocolate frog in it. We had breakfast. The girls won because the boys were loud. Angus H was snoring. It was 7 o’clock. The sparklers were scary. Myles A was sleeping next to me. By Taj Hassett

• We slept at school. We went spotlighting. Angus H snored. We had frog in the pond. By James Heazlewood

• I like Shaun the Sheep. I woke up. I tried to go back to sleep. Leah snored and snored and snored. The girls won. I slept next to Georgia and Grace. By Lucy Fraser

• We had a piece of cake because it was Tom’s birthday. We played fun games inside and one was musical chairs. We had a frog in the pond and the Grade Ones made the frogs in a pond. We stayed at school. I had my little Ted. We watched Shaun the Sheep. We went spotlighting. We had a treasure hunt. We had sparklers. By Taylor Haley

• Friday night I slept at school. We all had a BBQ tea. We watched Shaun the Sheep. We played with sparklers. By Jack Reynolds

• We slept at school and we had a barbecue. The boys slept in the Prep room. The girls slept in the Grade One room. We watched Shaun the Sheep. By Angus Heazlewood

• We went looking for possums. We watched Shaun the Sheep. We had a lolly hunt. The girls won the sleeping competition. By Noah Watts

• On the sleepover we played musical chairs. We had a night walk. I slept in the Grade One room. We looked for possums. It was fun. We had a frog in the pond. We watched Shaun the Sheep. We had a treasure hunt. We wrote our names with sparklers. By Grace Potter

• We slept at school. The boys slept in the Prep room. We went spotlighting. We went looking for possums. By Hayden Phillips

• At the sleepover we watched Shaun the Sheep and it was fun. Leah snored. I had apple juice. I had a frog in the pond. I slept in a bed. I slept next to Leah. The girls slept in the Grade One room. By Georgia Adams

• I liked watching Shaun the Sheep in the staffroom and playing musical chairs in the library. We went possum hunting but we didn’t see any possums. By Leah Morelli

• We were given a list with clues on it and we had to find the items. Alexander Prentice was my partner for the ‘detective’ game. We looked for possums but didn’t see any. The boys slept in the Prep room. By Angus Frost

• I liked watching Shaun the Sheep. My favourite part was when they thought it as a dog but it was a monster. We played musical chairs and we went possum hunting with our torches. By Myles Alderman

• We had a sleepover at school and we had a frog in the pond. I slept in the Year 1 classroom with the other girls. By Elise Cox

• We played with the sparklers outside and we played musical chairs in the staffroom and playing musical chairs in the library. We had a BBQ tea and breakfast in the kitchen, it was yummy. For pudding we had a frog in the pond that the Year 1 students had made. And we all had some of Thomas’ birthday cake. By Alisha Cross

• At the sleepover we went spotlighting. It was fun. We also had some cake. It was yummy. We had a frog in the pond. I slept next to Leah and Demiina. We lit some sparklers outside. We also played musical chairs. We watched Shaun the Sheep. By Bonnie Jackson

KINDER TO PREP ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Please find listed below relevant Transition Program dates for the remainder of Term 4:

• Thursday 13 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 approximately 2.25pm to enter your child in the Kinder race.

• Wednesday 26 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 at 1.30pm for parents in the School Kitchen.

• Tuesday 9 December – Orientation Day – the Kinder children are to attend their 2013 School Campus all day (9.00am – 3.25pm). The children will be cared for by School staff without Kinder staff in attendance.

MILO T20 BLAST SCHOOL CUP COMPETITION – FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER (formerly known as Kangas 8’s Cricket)
The MILO T20 Blast School Cup Competition will be held on Friday 14 November at Pedrina Park in Hamilton. All staff wish our competitors the best of luck and hope that they enjoy themselves as they participate in this district event.

Could students please remember to bring a packed lunch, drink, hat, sunscreen and wear their runners and school polo shirt (blue) with navy pants/shorts. Should the boys and girls teams win on the day they will then qualify for the Regional Finals that are this year at Pedrina Park on Tuesday 18 November. Parents are responsible for transporting students to this event. A permission form was distributed to students today.

From the Kitchen Garden...

From the Kitchen

Exciting times for the SAKG Kitchen as the hard work of so many supporters and passionate folk for this educational program has made it possible to register in 2015 as a Class 2 in the retail and food service business. This is in short means that we are able to use our fundraising monies to make a few modifications in the kitchen which in turn will allow the school to utilize this space to generate further funds and education, while still having set Kitchen Garden class days for the students. This would not be possible without support from the SAKG Friends and Committee, the Parents and Friends Association, the senior Students “Enterprise Education” program (My Business Rules) and the support from Gaylene Raymond, Paul Jeffrey and the staff….forward thinkers and supporters for the future.

Hamilton North Rotary Club: Thank you to the many ‘Friends’ of the Kitchen Garden program, who were part of a very successful fundraising dinner on Wednesday 29 October. A lovely group arrived during the day to help prepare and set up the lovely dining room in the hall. Then a second team provided exceptional service and joined together to clean and pack up. The Hamilton North Rotary Association, a very generous group, after a tour of the Garden and Kitchen and a three course meal, presented Lisa and I with a cheque for $1850.00. For the meal we harvested and roasted beetroot and our preserved broad beans from the past crop for our dip and the dried coriander seeds toasted and crushed for the Dukkah. Iceberg lettuce sprinkled with edible flowers ‘graced’ the plate with the leeks from the garden the hero in the chicken and leek filo parcel. Herbs provided flavour and the lemon curd delicious in our lemon tiramisu. Thanks for the beautiful produce gardeners! For a more detailed report and a copy of the menu please refer to the Community Newsletter. We are very grateful to the Hamilton North Rotary Group for giving us this opportunity.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

KITCHEN – THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER
SAKG Staff Planning Day – no Kitchen class today

KITCHEN – THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER – YEAR 3 & 4
11.15am – 2.00pm Shelley Barroch, Vicki Kearney, Katie Calvert, Kerren Collins

From the Garden

Wow, the past few weeks have flown by as fast as our “Spring” has...

The garden looks wonderful thanks to the hard work from the students, their families and the community. At our recent working bee, a lovely tandem trailer of sheep poo was donated and shovelled by Jack and Michelle Calvert, hay rolls were donated by the Dunkeld Racing Club Committee; and excellent mulch was piled high by Dunkeld Pastoral, Racecourse Committee, and a generous other donor.
Last week we hosted 45 members of the Hamilton North Rotary Club for dinner. They were extremely impressed with the whole Kitchen Garden Program, and having visited in 2012, were eager to see how the program was running. Again, we had wonderful support from the school and local community, to help us. And with Clare at the helm, steering the ship, all went fantastically well - thanks to their help.

Earlier this year, Josh Hill, Adam Crawford and Oscar Reynolds; together with Clare and Mrs Gerring, entered Wannon Water’s “Water It, Grow It, Cook It” competition. They had to design a recipe around the food they had grown, then prepare, cook and eat it, and then enter the recipe online. They created “Peperonata” using eggplant, green capsicums, onions, garlic and tomato – similar to a Ragu...perfect on pasta or as a side dish to meat. Thanks to their fantastic efforts, they came third! As a prize, the school was given $300.00 worth of items for the garden; that was great, sending off a “wish list” to them! We would like to thank Wannon Water very much for their very generous prize, and the opportunity they have given the children to see a great reward for their efforts.

Our next garden project is to construct those bird net covers for the fruit trees. This will hopefully happen over the next few weeks, using the posts and poly pipe donated last year. Then comes the expansion of our watering system... Again, thanks everyone for their help and support. The children appreciate it, and I most certainly do as it is a wonderful example to the students of how to become part of a community.

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden Specialist

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**GARDEN - THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER**
SAKG Staff Planning Day – no Garden classes today

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE**

The following is a report from the School Council meeting held on Tuesday 28 October:

- 2015 Swimming Program was discussed and will run for two weeks. It was passed that students will be charged $25.00 and a maximum of $50.00 per family (third and fourth students will be free). These charges are necessary to cover costs of lifeguard, pool hire and transport (buses). Further information will be sent home to all families prior to the end of the school year.
- School Council approved minor alterations to rooms 1 and 2 (Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 classrooms). A section of the northern wall will be removed so that classes in 2015 will be able to move between the two rooms to enable learning practices in an open and shared space layout with flexible teaching opportunities.
- The Parent Opinion Survey results were discussed.
- Kinder to School Transition Program has commenced.
- Formal end-of-year testing of all students has commenced in preparation for report writing.

**P & F NEWS**

**Next Meeting: MONDAY 1 DECEMBER @ 7:30pm @ school.**

**Christmas Dinner: THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER at 7.00pm at Café 109. Please RSVP by 20 November to Ally Gordon.**

**Purchase of equipment:** At our last meeting, there were three motions passed to purchase new equipment for the school. A Portable PA system was purchased to replace the old “dinosaur” system the school had. This will be a huge benefit to the school for assemblies, concerts, graduation dinners and other events.

The P and F have also allocated $1000.00 towards the SAKG bench top upgrade. $80.00 has also been allocated to Paul Jeffreys for the purchase of a curriculum program.

**Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall:** It may be a possibility that the P & F will hold a BBQ and Cake Stall at the Election Day venue. If you are interested and available to work at the BBQ please let Ally Gordon know ASAP. This will only go ahead if we have enough interest.

**FOUND – GREY COAT AND A SET OF KEYS**

A grey coat (size 10) was found in the school hall, possibly left there after the Drive-In Movie. A set of four keys found in the library area in the BER building – the letter “S” and a yellow smiley face attached. Please contact the school office to arrange collection.

**ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL (AASC)**

We have had a great start to Term 4 AASC. The kids have been enjoying focusing on Cricket on Monday afternoons and Basketball on Wednesday afternoons. Due to the heat, we remained under cover on one Wednesday. We all found the heat a bit too much to handle so a game of dead fish finished off the session. This has given me the idea that I would like to incorporate some kind of water play into my activities on hotter days. Thomas Gordon and I have been chatting about what type of games we can play where kids can get a little wet to help cool off. So parents, please be aware that kids may get a tiny bit wet on hot days.

In cricket, we have found new talent in Ashleigh McNaughton. She has proven herself in both batting and fielding. It’s also great to hear that her family has become regulars of the cricket nets at the school to help her improve their skills. Brendon Paterson and Bailey Dewan-Holmes battled it out as batter and bowler. A quick game of individual continuous cricket saw Brendon come away with a win just ahead of Tommy “Gordo” Gordon.

There are many talented basketballers coming along on Wednesdays. Lily Graham has natural talent, along with Ben Potter and Charlie Field. Sam Burger just doesn’t give up trying nor does the youngest fellow George Field. The assistance from the senior students with the younger kids is fantastic. Ella Jackson, Edward Williamson, Lily Graham and Ben Potter have really shone when it comes to helping and encouraging the little players. It is sad to think that we only have three weeks of this program to go... (the last session will be held on Wednesday 26 November).

Students are encouraged to bring their runners and girls are asked to wear pants or shorts, not pinafores or dresses as some of the activities are hard to do in dresses. Summer hats must also be worn. For further details on the Active After-Schools program, please contact Ally Gordon on 0429 900 747.

**EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)**

From 1 January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) directly to parents.

Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The money will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with the Commonwealth Government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment parents may be receiving such as the Schoolkits Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs. If you have any queries regarding requisites and/or EMA, then please contact the school.

**HOT SHOTS IN HOT SPOTS**

Port Fairy Tennis Club
Southcombe Park Reserve on Campbell Street
29 December 2014 – 2 January 2015
5 January 2015 – 9 January 2015

To book your place visit: tennis.com.au/vic/hotspots
DUNKELD KINDERGARTEN BUSH KINDER WINS MAJOR AWARD

Dunkeld Kindergarten Bush Kinder has won the prestigious Parks Victoria Environmental Sustainability Award at the 2014 Regional Achievement and Community Awards. Dunkeld Kindergarten Bush Kinder won the Award from a strong field of finalists and nominees and was one of nine category winners announced on Friday night 24th October at Etihad Stadium.

Dunkeld Kindergarten Bush Kinder representatives were presented with their Award by Chris Rose, General Manager – Regional Services, Parks Victoria.

350 guests attended the Gala event including Patron of the Awards The Hon Peter Ryan MLA, Deputy Premier of Victoria. Natalie Forrest, Newsreader for PRIME7 hosted the Awards.

Winners each received $2,000 from the Bank of Melbourne or an air time package on PRIME7.

DUNKELD KINDERGARTEN BUSH KINDER began in March 2013 and involves taking the children once every fortnight to experience the Grampians National Park. The program gives children the opportunity to enjoy nature and learn from it. The sessions are mostly unstructured and only a camping toilet and toilet tent, first aid kit, wet weather clothing and resource box is taken on the trips. The bush kinder program also teaches the children about biodiversity, protection of the environment and building respect for the land.

Congratulations Debbie and the team!
From the President (of the Hamilton North Rotary Club)

“...It was an absolute pleasure to have a meal on beautifully set tables with white cloth. We enjoyed the food prepared with respect to the origins of the ingredients and with great reverence to the Rotarians and our partners eating it. A beautifully printed menu heightened participation and listed the contents harvested. Most was grown not more than 50 yards from where we ate.

President Ewen McLarty welcomed all to the meeting, introduced Principal Paul Jeffreys together with Rob Smith, Lisa McIntyre and Clare Kennedy. He was especially pleased to see so many partners of Rotarians present. Also pleasing to have Phil Read along, especially as Phil had been Principal at the Dunkeld School back in the 80’s.

We saw the sensory garden (Griffin-Wilson memorial plaque), the new chook house and some 0.5 acres of orchard and 0.5 acres of vegie garden. Considerable progress has been made since a garden was started (ANZ bank grant) in 2009. Horse poo is best fertiliser (forget about roo poo). See Bruce Warburton if you want to fix the curly on your stone fruits.

Clare explained the menu which is based on fresh seasonal produce. Often a country is picked from Geography class and a meal prepared around the country’s signature dish, such as Yum Cha. A student’s poem was read out giving thanks for the food.

Curriculum subjects are linked to garden and kitchen activities and there is strong community participation with willing community helpers and friends of the SAKG Program. Students gain skills in organising activities and working in the garden.

To begin was a superb roast beetroot dip and a lovely freshly roasted Dukkah with coriander seeds.

Principal Paul Jeffreys spoke of the importance for schools to be an integral part of the community. The SAKG program is a great example of authentic learning, educating our children to be adaptable and creative.

The honey mustard dressing on freshly picked lettuce set off the chicken and leek parcels to perfection and what a difference fresh herbs make to sour cream on potatoes.

To finish was a delightful lemon tiramisu, testament to the creativity of all involved in the Dunkeld Consolidated School Kitchen Garden.

Spirits were high after such a great meal prepared by a very passionate group of people. Fresh, seasonal and simple. President Ewen took great pleasure in thanking the kitchen garden staff and presenting a cheque for $1500.....”
Wow – what a Sunday we had to launch Iris Fields’ "History of the Grampians Golf Club". The weather was good – warm but not too hot. The early birds setting up the clubhouse for the estimated 130 visitors were on deck at 8 am but didn’t see the cleaner come in at 6am for a special spruce up. Golfers started to arrive at 8:15 onwards for a 4BBB event and though only 16 players took to the course there was enough enthusiasm for a full field of 40 players. Several visitors enjoyed the chance to play the course once again.

Kitchen workers lead by Carol Allen were sandwich making. Iris Dark was putting finishing touches to the displays. Food arrived for afternoon tea time and was sorted by Heather Macgugan and Martina Whelan. Bill Crawford organised the golfers and drove around the course with special visitor Peter Thomson, Craig Williamson and Will Crawford. They later held court in the clubhouse discussing course layout and ideas related to development and maintenance. Several others joined the discussion as they arrived at the clubhouse. Mary Thomson enjoyed the company of those setting up for the launch and socialised with the ladies in true Australian fashion. Norm Howell helped set up a visual display on the TV of aerial film footage of the course starting at the 1st and travelling through to the 19th.

Iris Field arranged the books on the table for later viewing, selling and signing. A fine book it is with great information, stories, and photographs from the early years to this year and worth the $50 price tag.

More and more people arrived to be greeted by Pam Howell and Mary Fenech selling tickets for a competition to be drawn that day. The golfers finished with a shotgun so as not to miss the speeches. A good seat to be near the action was premium and the fun started.

Peter Cameron as MC introduced President Tony Roe to welcome everyone, which he did admirably. Peter Cameron then gave us some background on Iris Fields’ personal history and the previous books she had written. Iris spoke to the throng explaining how she as a non-golfer felt this lack of knowledge would be detrimental to the tone of the book but was assured this would not be an issue and so she took on the job of writing the history. Peter Cameron then introduced Octogenarian Peter Thomson- winner of many British Opens in the 1950’s and 60’s- who had read the book and expressed an interest in the stories it held. He also talked about the pleasant relationship he had with the Grampians Golf Club – the course and its members.

We were all then invited to watch Peter Thomson plant a tree - eucalyptus immaculate - to commemorate his visit- located on the edge of the 9th fairway. It was pleasant in the spring sunshine to chat and watch the tree go into the ground with help from Peter Cameron and Tony Roe.

The two oldest Life Members of the club Fifi O’Shannessy and Kit Crawford were invited to cut the ceremonial cake whilst cameras clicked to remember the moment.

Then afternoon tea was declared and we all tucked in to relieve the groaning tables of their copious quantities of cream cakes, savouries, sandwiches, cakes, cakes and more cakes.

Golf winners announced. Tad Woznica spoke on his time at the club. Conversations were buzzing round the club as books were being signed and sold.

Thanks to the general committee of the club for the support given to the History Sub-committee of Iris Dark, Peter Cameron, Brenda Cullinane, Gill Hayes and Kerren Collins.

Books can be ordered through Iris Dark or other members of the History Sub-committee.
DUNKELD RSL Remembrance Day Service – Memorial Park Cenotaph
(followed by morning tea at the Dunkeld Bowling Club)
Newsletter items CLOSE
Dunkeld Museum Committee Meeting
Dunkeld Adventure Serra Terror Meeting
Dunkeld Red Cross Meeting
Mary Doumany, Composer/Harpist/Vocalist @ Dunkeld

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SAVING THE JETTY
If you use the jetty at the old reservoir, you will notice a big change. It had become quite worn and needed a makeover. We have David Hampton to thank for its renovation. David is part of our Sawmill Group and an Arboretum Committee member.

David requested some red gum timber cut for the jetty. Woody and Bill Blackwell cut the timber at our Open Day. It saved the Arboretum Committee about $1500. David had assistance from David Gordon and Ross Simpson. A couple of days work renewed the main bearings and deck timber.

If you enjoy using the jetty I hope you think about the men who repaired it. Without these volunteers our small town would be much poorer. Thank you for your efforts men.

DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE
Caravan Park The last month has been busy. Gary has the Park looking great. It is totally booked out for the races. The visitors to our Park bring valuable business to our community.

Salt Creek We hope to be able to keep a check on the weeds. Prustie applied for a grant to do ongoing works. Unfortunately we missed out because funds ran out. The boardwalks need attention and some seats would be useful. We will chip away at it.

Sawmill The clean-up after our Open Day was most successful. It is gradually being improved and hopefully will become part of Dunkeld and District tourism. The hut will be renovated as soon as we get time to cut some floor boards.

New Community Centre It was great to see so many people visit the new building last weekend. It would give the committee members a huge thrill to see the support. It is an interesting design and I am sure that it will be very functional. Well done to the members of the committee who worked so hard to achieve this great result for our district.
John Smith

MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

FROM THE LIONS DEN
We were able to assist with the Market Day at Glentompson, working the BBQ, meeting the people and enjoying life. We do live in a great part of the world. We have prepared a progress report about the Crimewatch and Farmsafe portfolios for Cabinet, and they are to be presented at the District Convention at Geelong when all the clubs will be represented. It is great that we should be considered worthy to be the involved in these two very important areas of the Lions district.

International Night
Wednesday the 4th February 2015 - Indian, please make a note of the date and come and have a good time.

The steam train fire stoker
A young man got a position as the stoker on a steam train. His job was to feed the coal into the fire to raise the steam, and he shared the train cabin with his boss the train driver. The first day that he attended for work the driver approached him and in a slightly overbearing way, as some bosses do, asked the lad’s name. Our young man replied “Charles, sir”. To this the driver said, “I do not use first names with the train stokers, now what is your family name?”
The young man replied “Darling, sir.” “All right Charles”, said the driver, “You can start loading the coal”.
Peter Hinchey

DONATIONS
Judy Warne $25

We rely on donations to the Community Newsletter to offset all expenses relating to producing it. Please send in your donation to the Dunkeld Consolidated School office where it will be receipted and an acknowledgement made via the Newsletter. A receipt will be provided. Please make cheques payable to the “Dunkeld Consolidated School.”
Thank you for your support.
sell poppies through their businesses. All your support was greatly appreciated!

The money raised is used to assist both current and former serving members of the Australian and Allied defence forces and their dependents when in need. For more information please visit: http://www.anzacappeal.com.au/

A reminder that the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch will hold a Remembrance Day Service commencing at 10.50am sharp on Tuesday 11 November at the Cenotaph in the Dunkeld Memorial Park. The Dunkeld Red Cross Unit has kindly offered to provide morning tea at the Dunkeld Bowling Club after the service. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

A once in a lifetime opportunity to be at Gallipoli next ANZAC Day: Parents, staff and students in our school community have the chance to win a fantastic trip for two to Istanbul and Gallipoli for ANZAC Day 2015. “Australia in the Great War” (AGW) is proud to be helping many schools and communities across the country commemorate Australia’s 100 Years of ANZAC and this simple competition is just another way of helping more people to engage in Australia’s rich history. The competition closes on 11 November 2014.

To be in the running all people have to do is visit the Australia in the Great War Facebook page and click to enter www.facebook.com/AustraliaGreatWar You will see the thousands of people who have joined their online community to share stories about Australia’s history. If you have any questions please contact Ian Paterson on 0410 442 236. AGW is proudly supporting the life changing work of Soldier On, a charity dedicated to helping today’s service men and women wounded, emotionally and physically, in places like Afghanistan and Iraq. Every sale contributes to their Dollars for Diggers program which goes directly to Soldier On. ANZAC Day 2015 will be a special time as we commemorate 100 years since the Gallipoli landing and being there will be an amazing experience. Terrie Nicholson, Secretary/Treasurer

FROM DUNKELD TO COLOGNE: A SOLDIER’S JOURNEY

With the approach of Remembrance Day on 11th November, we will again ponder the grim statistics from the so-called “war to end all wars” which ended on that day 96 years ago. From a population of fewer than 5 million; 420,000 Australians enlisted, over 60,000 were killed and 156,000 were wounded.

However, one set of casualties often overlooked from World War I were the 395 Australians who died as prisoners of war. This number was only a fraction of the 8,300 who died in captivity during World War II, but they deserve recognition.

Many will know the tragic story of the four Williams brothers from Dunkeld who all died serving in World War I. One of them, Michael, was a stoker on the ill-fated AE2, one of the first ever Royal Australian Navy submarines, which was torpedoed during the Dardanelles campaign, and all its crew captured. Michael died as a POW of the Turks, aged 21.

Less well-known is the story of another Dunkeld serviceman, Private Ernest Ballinger, 1272, 29th Battalion, AIF, who also died as a POW. A few weeks ago, I stood beside his grave in the Cologne Southern Cemetery, Germany, to pay my respects - perhaps the first Dunkeld resident to do so.

Ernest was the seventh of nine children, born to Thomas and Louisa Ballinger of “Bona Vista”, Dunkeld, on 13th February 1895. Ernest would have known his nephew, the late Stan Ballinger, a friend and neighbour of ours for many years, who was a toddler when Ernest enlisted for war service on 20th July 1915. Ernest’s occupation, like that of his father, was “bee farmer”. Because he was under 21, he required his father’s written consent to join the armed forces.

Private Ballinger embarked in Melbourne on the HMAT Ascanius on 10th November 1915 and arrived at Port Suez on 7th December. The 29th, too late for the fighting at Gallipoli, trained in Egypt for several months, then sailed on the HMT Tunisian from Alexandria to Marseilles, France, where they disembarked on 23rd June 1916, just in time to make their way north for the fateful Somme campaign. However, as part of the 8th Brigade in the recently formed Australian 5th Division, the 29th Battalion was thrown straight into its first major battle, which later proved to be a disastrous diversionary tactic by the British leadership. The place was Fromelles and the date was 19th-20th July 1916; an event that is now described as “the worst 24 hours in Australian history”. Of the 7,080 casualties in that period, 5,533 were suffered by the Australian 5th Division. The battle was later summed up by one 29th digger: “the novelty of being a soldier wore off in about five seconds; it was like a bloody butcher's shop.”

Ernest Ballinger was in the thick of it, but after only one day at the front line, and one year to the day after he had enlisted, he was seriously wounded in the abdomen and shoulder, and later reported as missing. In fact, he was captured by the Germans at nearby Fleurbaix, then taken to Germany and interned firstly at Dülmen POW Camp, but by January 1917 had been transferred to another Camp at Friedrichsfeld, near Wesel. Both these Camps were located in what is now the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia, the heart of which is the famous industrial Ruhr Valley.

There are conflicting reports on file from various witnesses as to the nature of Ernest’s health, and how long he was in the POW hospital at Friedrichsfeld. However, there is no doubt that, even after he recovered from his wounds, he was sick for much of the time, with references to him suffering from asthma, consumption, pneumonia and pleurisy.

Given that German forces captured over 300,000 allied servicemen on the Western Front over the four years of World War I, it is little wonder their living conditions were often appalling, with severe shortages of food, clothing and shelter. Many prisoners died from disease, malnutrition and fatigue, often weakened from their wounds, but also forced to work, in contravention of pre-war conventions. Without the food and clothing parcels sent by the Red Cross, the situation would have been much worse.

It is clear from Private Ballinger’s service record that he was forced to work at the Westerholt coal mine near Gelsenkirchen, one of the most unpleasant and dreaded workplaces. One report shows that he worked there for about a year, from May 1917 to early June 1918 when he was admitted to the POW hospital, seriously ill.

Ernest died in the Friedrichsfeld Camp hospital on 15th June 1918, aged 23. The official cause of his death was given as meningitis. In a later report, a fellow prisoner stated: “I think his death was caused by ill-treatment at Westerholt coal mine. He contracted pleurisy there and was made to work for some time after he was ill.”

Ernest was buried in the English section of Friedrichsfeld Camp Cemetery. However, after the War, Commonwealth forces occupied the city of Cologne, and established a separate war cemetery, administered by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to this day, within the existing much older Cologne Southern Cemetery. It was decided to transfer the remains of
all Commonwealth servicemen who had died in Germany to four permanent cemeteries, one of them at Cologne. Today, there are some 2,500 World War I servicemen buried or commemorated there.

Accordingly, a letter dated 19th September 1923 informed Thomas Ballinger that his son’s remains had been exhumed and re-interred in the Cologne South Cemetery, Plot 12, Row F, Grave no. 1, where they remain to this day. The letter went on to say "This work is invariably carried out with every measure of reverence and in the presence of a Chaplain."

Sadly, this information was too late for Ernest’s father. Thomas Ballinger had died in 1920, aged 58. However Ernest's mother Louisa received the letter, and in fact lived until the age of 88, dying at Warrnambool in 1950.

It was only by coincidence that I discovered the story of Ernest Ballinger, in the course of tracing a cousin of my mother’s - another Ernest - Ernest Harcourt Ely, who was killed in action in France in August 1916.

One of the many letters in Ernest Ely’s Red Cross file particularly aroused my interest. It was written to the Defence authorities by his eldest sister Ida Warren of Harcourt, Victoria, home of the Ely family. The letter, dated 2nd December 1918, more than two years after Ernest Ely had in fact been killed, reads, in part:

"Last week there appeared in the Weekly Times a photo of a group of Australian prisoners of war in Germany. It was sent to Mr Thos Ballinger of Dunkeld, Vic by his son who was among the group. This son has since died. I wrote to Mr Ballinger asking him if his son has ever mentioned any names of his companions, as one I thought resembled my brother Sergeant E.H. Ely who was listed as missing on 18th August 1916. We think, if living, he may be suffering from loss of memory. Mr Ballinger said his son had never mentioned any names although there were 40 in the group. This was taken of prisoners at Camp No 63680, Friedrichsfeld, Wesel, Rhineland, Germany. I would esteem it a great favour if you could find out anything of this camp. I thank you in anticipation. Yours etc."

This was only one of many sad letters in this file. Ernest Ely’s mother, my great-aunt Clara, was a feisty woman who lived into her nineties, and I remember her vividly from when I was a small boy. She wrote constantly to the authorities, desperate for information about her missing son - one of three fighting overseas. She was told - a year after he was reported missing - that he had been killed in action. However, no remains had been found, there was no known grave, so there was no proof. Clara was convinced that her son was still alive, a prisoner of war, and she refused to believe that he had died until receiving official word in 1923, seven years after the event, that his identity disc had finally been found and his remains had been buried in a marked grave in the Delville Wood Cemetery, France.

We now know that Ernest Ely and Ernest Ballinger were never together at Friedrichsfeld Camp, but for families at the time, the stress of not knowing the fate of a son, brother or sweetheart, hoping for the best but expecting the worst, must have been almost unbearable. This scenario was of course repeated in countless families around the country, and indeed the world.

Thomas and Louisa Ballinger are buried in the family grave at Dunkeld Cemetery, and their son Ernest is also commemorated on their gravestone, the inscription stating that he died as a prisoner of war in Germany, and ending with the words “Duty Nobly Done”. However, to this day, Ernest lies in faraway Cologne, and it is possible that no member of the Ballinger family has ever been able to visit his grave.

Ernest’s name is also inscribed on Dunkeld’s War Memorial, but unfortunately his surname is misspelt.

It was a privilege for me, as an associate member of Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch, to be able to pay tribute at the grave of this local lad, situated in what is now a lovely, well-maintained and very peaceful place. On his gravestone are the words “Safe in the arms of Jesus”.

Rest in peace, Ernest Ballinger.

Lest we forget.

Peter Finn

DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE

Guest Speaker Meeting: A huge crowd attended last Monday night’s guest speaker meeting to hear Mr Simon Armytage speak about the Armytage family and their connection to Dunkeld. In 1863 Charles Henry Armytage acquired Mount Sturgeon station of 28,000 acres. On 24 March 1944, Peter Armytage was one of the crew on board a Lancaster bomber that had to bail out at about 10,000 feet in German territory. Peter was hidden at various locations by the Dutch Resistance, often known as ‘the underground’. During his presentation Simon showed a DVD compiled by Mia Lelivelt from Lichtenvoorde in Holland. Mia’s father, Martinus Antonius Lelivelt, was a member of the Dutch Resistance in World War II and she explained how he had built a false wall in their attic creating a hidden space about four feet wide where they hid evading allied airmen. After being betrayed, the Nazis executed Martinus Lelivelt by firing squad in Fort Rijnauwen near Utrecht on 25 July 1944.

One of the Museum’s Foundation members and most dedicated supporters, Mrs Joy Clarke, who was visiting Dunkeld for a few days, also attended the meeting.

Annual Christmas Dinner and Guest Speaker on Monday 2 December: The Dunkeld Museum’s Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Monday 2 December at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start at the Dunkeld Consolidated School. The cost of the dinner will be $25.00 per person. Please bring your own drinks. The school’s Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program will be catering for our meal, which will be a fundraiser for this worthwhile program.

For catering purposes could you please contact our Secretary, Mrs Wendy Williams on 5577 2386 by Monday 24 November if you wish to attend our Christmas dinner. Our guest speaker will be Mrs Susan Mason from Hamilton, who will be speaking about “Blackwood”, which has a history dating back to 1842. Some 10,000 acres of land was first taken up as pre-emptive right by James Sceales in 1842, and by October 1845, James Ritchie had full control of Blackwood having bought out his partner Sceales.
Annual Membership: A reminder that annual membership of $10.00 is now due.

Deductible Gift Recipient status: The Dunkeld Museum has been endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR). Donors may claim a tax deduction on any donations made to the museum.

Committee Meeting: Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 November commencing at 8:00pm at the Dunkeld Museum.

Museum Duty: The following volunteers are on Museum duty from 1.00pm – 5.00pm on:
- Sunday 16 November Brian & Julie Hermann
- Sunday 23 November Wally & Carole Allen

If you are unable to carry out your duty on your rostered day could you please contact one of the other volunteers to arrange a swap.

Terrie Nicholson, Publicity Officer

ON THE BEAT

Since I wrote my last newsletter item rainfall has been hard to come by. The ground has gone hard in a pretty short time. This is most unlike last year where we kept getting the odd drop to keep things going. The Discover Dunkeld weekend was an amazing effort from a small community. There were so many events on it was hard to keep track. Thanks to all those people who made these events such a success for the benefit of our community. Everyone was well behaved. The Drive-In at the School was blessed with probably the best weather and it was amazing to see so many people out enjoying themselves in their home town.

The local Dunkeld SES gets thanks again for helping out with trying to locate a sick man at Rocklands Reservoir. It was a long night for all involved but ultimately a success, in that the man was found and assisted by the ambulance. Amazingly, he returned to this same area and again had to be assisted by emergency services a couple of days later. What can you say?

I was driving on the Grampians Tourist Road heading to the Mirranatwa Gap when a motorist comes along at 134km/h. Again amazing, given the wildlife that frequents that road. The result a large fine and a suspended driver’s licence.

The Dunkeld Races are not far away now and again a team of dedicated volunteers are doing their best to ensure another major event for Dunkeld is successful. I wish everyone involved all the best and hope the day goes well.

If you are going for the day, remember the drink drive message and if you’re going to have a few drinks, plan ahead so you can have a designated driver to get you home safely.

Summer is coming quickly now and I’d encourage everyone to give some thought to their fire plans. The CFA do an excellent job with this and as we’ve had numerous fires in the area it is wise to take responsibility and plan ahead.

I know it’s dry and it’s only early in the season but I still drive around and admire the sunsets and beauty of this area. Every season is different. As I write this, trees are calm and still, darkness is starting to fall and Mt Aburst is sitting quietly in the background having seen it all before. Stay safe everyone.

LSC Bruce McNaughton

Penhurst is proving why walk the line when you can dance it?

We are proud first time sponsors of the South West Games Line Dancing Championship hosted in Penhurst this year. Local Penhurst organisers of the event are working hard to make this an annual event with more than 100 competitors. Held on Friday 7th and Saturday 8th of November the event should be a real hootenanny. Why not pop in to see how the real boot scooters do it?

From the Kitchen Garden...

From the Kitchen

Exciting times for the SAKG Kitchen as the hard work of so many supporters and passionate folk for this educational program has made it possible to register in 2015 as a Class 2 in the retail and food service business. This in short means that we are able to use our fundraising monies to make a few modifications in the kitchen which in turn will allow the school to utilize this space to generate further funds and education, while still having set kitchen garden class days for the students. This would not be possible without support from the SAKG Friends and Committee, the Parents and Friends Association, the senior Students’ “Enterprise Education” program (My Business Rules) and the support from Gaylene Raymond, Paul Jeffreys and the staff....forward thinkers and supporters for the future.

Hamilton North Rotary Club: Thank you to the many ‘Friends’ of the kitchen garden program, who were part of a very successful fundraising dinner Wednesday October 29th. A lovely group arrived during the day to help prepare and set up the lovely dining room in the hall. Then a second team provided exceptional service and joined together to clean & pack up. The Hamilton North Rotary Association, a very generous group, after a tour of the garden and kitchen and a 3 course meal, presented Lisa and I

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with a cheque for $1500. For the meal we harvested and roasted beetroot and our preserved broad beans from the past crop for our dip and the dried coriander seeds toasted and crushed for the Dukkah. Iceberg lettuce sprinkled with edible flowers ‘graced’ the plate with the leeks from the garden the hero in the chicken and leek filo parcel. Herbs provided flavour and the lemon curd delicious in our lemon tiramisu. Thanks for the beautiful produce gardeners! We are very grateful to the Hamilton North Rotary Group for giving us this opportunity.

From the Garden

Wow, the past few weeks have flown by as fast as our “Spring” has...

The garden looks wonderfu... thanks to the hard work from the students, their families and the community. At our recent working bee, a lovely tandem trailer of sheep poo was donated and shovelled by Jack and Michelle Calvert, hay rolls were donated by the Dunkeld Racing Club committee, and excellent mulch was piled high by Dunkeld Pastoral, Racing Club Committee, and a generous other donor.

Last week we hosted 45 members of the Hamilton North Rotary Club for dinner. They were extremely impressed with the whole Kitchen Garden Program, and having visited in 2012, were eager to see how the program was running. Again, we had wonderful support from the school and local community, to help us. And with Clare at the helm, steering the ship, all went fantastically well - thanks to their help.

Earlier this year, Josh Hill, Adam Crawford and Oscar Reynolds, together with Clare and Mrs Gerring, entered Wannon Water’s “Water It, Grow It, Cook It” competition. They had to design a recipe around the food they had grown, then prepare, cook and eat it, and then enter the recipe online. They created “Peperonata” using eggplant, green capsicums, onions, garlic and tomato – similar to a Ragu......perfect on pasta or as a side dish to meat. Thanks to their fantastic efforts, they came third! As a prize, the school was given $300.00 worth of items for the garden; that was great, sending off a “wish list” to them! We would like to thank Wannon Water very much for their very generous prize, and the opportunity they have given the children to see a great reward for their efforts.

Our next garden project is to construct those bird net covers for the fruit trees. This will hopefully happen over the next few weeks, using the posts and poly pipe donated last year. Then comes the expansion of our watering system....

Again, thanks everyone for their help and support. The children appreciate it, and I most certainly do - it is a wonderful example to the students of how to become part of a community.

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden Specialist

“GRAMPIANS ARK” and “GRAMPIANS TO GRASSLANDS” FOX CONTROL PROGRAMS

Landowners, residents and visitors pleased be advised that the current fox baiting pulse runs from 29th September 2014 to 7th December 2014 covering Mirranatwa, Vic Valley, Karabeal, Moutajup, Warrayure, Lake Linlithgow, Croxton, Dunkeld, Woodhouse and Glenthompson areas.

Free baits can be collected from Kelly & Henson, Dunkeld. The cost is covered by funding from the DSE and “Caring For Our Country” grants. Remember, you need to show your ACUP in order to collect your baits.

Now it’s drying off, baits will be eaten. Though many ewes have finished lambing, a bit of work now, will save lambs lives next year. Many people are reporting seeing less foxes around this year, which is fantastic, but please don’t get complacent! Let’s keep the numbers low. If you are not a sheep farmer, baiting will help the small mammal, bird and reptile and chook survival, as well as helping your neighbours’ lambs - this is a great community program. With everyone working together, (together with other control methods) we are making a difference. Baiting is also occurring in the National Park at the same time.

Please collect “Bait Take Data Sheets” when you collect your baits, and I will collect the information at the end of the pulse. New participants are very welcome, please contact me with any queries. Lisa McIntyre 5574 9235
CLASS OF 1975 – 1981 REUNION - DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

The Class of 1975 – 1981 will be holding a reunion in Dunkeld on Tuesday 23 December 2014. Venue and further details will be forthcoming. We would like the help of the community to track down four remaining students: Craig Clark, Mark Rogers, Scott Kirby and Debra Seaman.

If anyone knows of their contact details or whereabouts please contact: Carmen Field via email carmenmarita@yahoo.com OR Claire Brown (nee Kelly) on mobile 0408 827 323 or email G_C_Brown@bigpond.com

We are also wishing to invite our teachers. If your name is below, you are free on 23 December, and are keen to join in the celebrations please contact Carmen or Claire.

Teachers:
Mrs Rose Clutterbuck, Mrs Jeanette Roll, Mrs Heather Macgugan, Mr Richard Hughes, Mr Rob Smith, Mr George Fitzpatrick, Mr Steven Lipback, Mr Tim Walsh (whereabouts unknown).

Class of 1975 – 1981*:

Debbie Arnold  Kim Beardsell  Matthew Bradshaw
Craig Clarke  Nicholas Cullinane  Simon Cullinane
Peter Dickson  Kylie Fraser  Nicole Gordon
Rodney Gunn  Shane Hann  Amanda Harris
Phillip Healey  Andrew Hodgson  Claire Kelly
Scott Kirby  Tina McKernan  Carl Morton
Yvonne Onderwater  Paula Reid  Robbie Roache
Mark Rogers  Deborah Seaman  Allan Scott
Richard Templeton  Fiona Trompf

*Please contact Carmen Field or Claire Brown if any students’ names are not listed.

Christmas is fast approaching with only 2 more newsletters for the year. If you have anything Christmas related you would like to include in the next one or two issues please get any copy to me ASAP.

Remember deadlines: Tuesday 18th November and Tuesday 2nd December.
In 2 Cricket and Grampians T20 are now well underway and we have 46 registered participants enjoying the opportunity to learn the skills of the game and put them into action. Lachie Green and Jack Behncke coordinate this program (with a large amount of help from Angela Field) and the aim is to provide kids with an environment where they can learn how to bat, bowl, field and to manage the skills associated such as running between wickets, wicket keeping and catching so they are better prepared for hard ball cricket at grade 4 and above. A large group of parents are acting as support volunteers, which is hugely appreciated.

Club meet and greet night was held on Saturday and it was great to see several new players and their families involved.

Several players achieved milestones over the last few weeks, with Mark Lazzari 2000 runs, Stephen Field 7000 runs and Heinrich Joyce 100 games.

Former Australian Opening Batsmen Matthew Elliot is coming to Dunkeld

Yes Grampians Cricket Club has acquired the services of Matthew to speak at our special club celebration night on February 7th as part of a huge weekend of festivities, incorporating premiership reunions, centurian presentations, ‘100 club’ and the Lake – Mountain Cup. More details to come.

Weekend Results:

Under 12’s: – A great little game against Hamilton juniors, with a very high standard game. New player Mat Todd from Cavendish impressed all with his left arm quicks and Vincent Huf (13), Josh Gordon (8) and Zac Burgess (7) all got amongst the runs. Will Mooney was as usual deadly accurate with the ball taking 1 for 2 off his 2 overs. Josh Gordon and Miranda McIntyre the other wicket takers.

Under 14’s – The first loss for two seasons for this group to a strong Hamilton side 94-55. Vincent Huf making a superb 25 retired was the only batsmen to get going.

Under 16’s – Had the bye.

A Grade – A solid win against Hamilton 268 – 144, with Will Collins and Heinrich Joyce both taking 3 wickets and a strong fielding performance as highlights.

B Grade – A little incentive was all that was required for captain Mark Lazzari to produce his finest innings with a brilliant 109* the result. Backed up well by the Povey trio James (66), Andrew (26) and Isaac (24) a final tally of 301 was too much for Hamilton’s 189.

D Grade – Gradually as player availability improves, so do the performances and new players Craig Patterson (37) and Jacob Patterson (22) helped lift the score to 105. Byaduk however are a strong unit and replied with 197.

Women’s – A big crowd gathered on Friday night at the school to witness our girls grab a thrilling win against the College Bushrangers 145 to 137. Dinah Gordon blitzed with 37* and was well supported by Sarah Byron 27 and Emily Goodman 23*. A big boundary from joint captain Molly Kennedy in the last over getting the job done.

A reminder to all followers of the cricket club that we have a Facebook site detailing information of club functions and updates.

A Grade: After losing time to rain, the young and very old Puma’s made all the play against St Marys and just failed to drag in the score despite losing 13 overs of batting time and finished in a draw. St Marys 5-148 (40 overs) and GCC 5-141 (27 overs). Joe Sutherland was devastating with 60 and Heinrich Joyce 31* and Wayne Dennet 33 did their bit. Justin Coote 3/24 and Lachie Field 2/21 best of the bowlers.

B Grade: Back down to earth after two good wins only Lester Wedding with 32 could manage to withstand the St Andrews attack, who pilled on 5/146 in reply. Chris Barry with 3/15 the pick of the bowlers.

D Grade: First win for this team on the road to Tahara 8/203 with Stewart McAdam 57, Rowan Coote 48 and Craig Patterson 30 demolishing the opposition bowling attack and then an all round bowling performance skittling Tahara for 93. Mitch Beulke 2/13, Coote 2/5 and Jacob Patterson 2/12.

U12’s: A really even match with St Andrews at the school, with nearly all players retiring and Josh Gordon the stand out with a powerful 19 retired. Oscar Reynolds with 2/6, Gordon 2/0 to top off his great game and Miranda McIntyre 1/13 the main wicket takers. Some excellent catching from Riley Arnold, Hugh Roache and Will Mooney a feature of the game.

U14’s: A thrilling match versus St Andrews saw this group snatch victory after only making 75 (Lachie Field 26*). Big fast bowler Andrew Fry scaring the opposition with his pace and bounce 2/9 and Zac Burgess spinning his leggies 2/4 doing all the damage and reducing St Andrews to a meagre 8/63.

U16’s: Continuing on their winning ways with a solid performance on the back of some tremendous batting from Ryan Burgess 28 and James Cullinan 25, the final score of 3/122 to St Marys 6/73 an accurate reflection of the game. Kyle Salt 2/3 and Angus McIntyre 2/11 the best of the bowlers.

Women: Playing the superstar Casterton line up our girls competed well to make 5/98 in reply to 2/156. Cate McDonald 35 retired.
DUNKELD BOWLS CLUB NEWS

The Dunkeld Men’s Pennant team is off to a flying start picking up 3 tight fought wins against Grangeburn, Hamilton and Balmoral in their first 3 games. This is the best season opening for many a long year, these results place us second on the ladder, just off top spot by percentage. Morale is high and the group’s numbers at practice is increasing.

The Dunkeld Ladies Pennant team being very competitive for such a small band of players, they have secured on win and two close losses. They are off to Portland on the 31st for another tough game. Good Luck Ladies.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

A reminder to all members that Dunkeld Club Championships shall be played on Saturday 29 November.

DUNKELD BOWLERS EXCEL

Recently at Mortlake a group of 16 players from the Far West Bowling Division took part in the qualifying round for the group trials, qualifiers then go on to the second round at Warrnambool on 2nd November. If successful they then proceed to the Regional Sides Championships held in Corowa in 2015.

Our of 6 players from our region that have qualified THREE are from Dunkeld, these being Simon “Shanks” Cullinane, Angus ‘Gus’ Jackson and Darren ‘Cat’ Gordon – a great effort from a small club! Well done boys, we will you well in the next round.

TWILIGHT BOWLS

Yes folks it is on again, it will be Twilight Bowls time in January/February 2015.

Approx 6.00pm start, bowls supplied, sausage sizzle at half time – lots of fun.

Roll up with a team (players may vary) or come along as a single and we will find a team for you. All ages are welcome, have fun and learn bowls.

Watch this space for updates and how to enter. Flyers will also be placed around town.

Gary Wall
Publicity Officer

Christmas is fast approaching with only 2 more newsletters for the year. If you have anything Christmas related you would like to include in the next one or two issues please get any copy to me asap.

Remember deadlines: Tuesday 18th November and Tuesday 2nd December.
DUNKELD CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick’s Catholic Church
Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161  E-mail: hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au

3rd Week  Sunday  November 16  9.00am  Mass
4th Week  Sunday  November 23  9.00am  Assembly of Word and Communion
5th Week  Sunday  November 30  9.00am  Mass

Saint Mary’s Anglican Church
Rector: Father Adrian Stephens      Rectory Phone: 5571 1317
E-mail: rector.hamilton@bigpond.com      Pastoral Mobile: 0429 303 990

1st Sunday of the month  9.00am  Eucharist
2nd Sunday of the month  9.00am  Uniting led service
3rd Sunday of the month  11.00am  Service of the Word
4th Sunday of the month  11.00am  Communion Service
5th Sunday of the month  No service in Dunkeld - Service in Hamilton – 10.30am

Judeo Christian Church
Cnr Adams and Fairbairn Streets, Dunkeld      Pastor Greg Gardner Mobile: 0403 960 900
2nd and last Sunday of each month    10.30am

Uniting Church - Services all at Saint Mary’s Anglican Church
NB: No service in Dunkeld on November 16th. Baptism in Glenthompson Anglican Church 10.00am

NEWSLETTER 2014 DATES

Please note that in 2014 the Dunkeld Consolidated School and Community Newsletter will be distributed fortnightly on MONDAY (except during the school holidays).

School Newsletter items only to Terrie Nicholson: nicholson.terrie.f@edumail.vic.gov.au and are due in by 3.00pm as per the fortnightly TUESDAY as indicated.

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Advertisements for regular advertisers will only be run if the advertising schedule has been completed and returned.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

SAVE THE DATE!
Dunkeld
Saturday 6 December 2014
Composer, Harpist, Vocalist
Mary Doumany
will be performing in Dunkeld.

For more information and bookings please phone Clare Kennedy on 0427 823 308.
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If you would like to use this service, contact the HACC Office on 5551 8480 for assessment.
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RSVP to the school by 15th November 2014

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