2016 WHAT'S COMING UP

NOVEMBER 2016

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 – cancelled.
Garden Classes to be held as per normal.

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 22 Book Club Orders and monies due back.

Thurs 24 Friends of the SAKG program ‘Thank You’ lunch.

Sun 27 Yoga Class (Great Victorian Bike Ride) to be held at the school from 3.00pm – 4.00pm. $10.00 per person.

Wed 30 MARC Library - last visit for 2016. All MARC Library books must be returned.
Kinder to Prep Transition Program. Kinder students attend school from 9:00am to 2:20pm. Parent Information session in the Prep Room at 1:30pm.

DECEMBER 2016

Thurs 1 Staff “Thank You” lunch prepared by Year 6 students during their SAKG Kitchen class.

Fri 2 School Disco in the school hall from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Please bring a small plate of food to share for supper. Entrance fee - $2.00 per child. Children are invited to wear a “TOUCH OF YELLOW” – proceeds to the Cancer Council of Victoria.

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.
Students’ Social Service Christmas Stall.

Fri 9 School Council End of Year Dinner at Café 109 – 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.

Mon 12 “Thank You Morning Tea” for all volunteers and helpers.

Tues 13 Year 6 Graduation.

Wed 14 Christmas Activity Week Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 December.

Thurs 15 Whole School Excursion to Flagstaff Hill, Warrnambool. Full school summer uniform including black shoes or boots.

Fri 16 Whole School End of Year Party at school (at lunchtime).

Tues 20 LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – early dismissal at 2:30pm.

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

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UNIFORM REMINDER
For practicality, on Tuesdays, girls are encouraged NOT to wear dresses or skirts as PE lessons are conducted on this day.

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
Letter re 2017 Staffing
The House Athletics Sports are just a day away and I am really looking forward to it. The warmer weather is starting to get a choke-hold over winter, the oval is looking green and healthy (thank you Grampians Cricket Club), the white lines are freshly and meticulously marked (thank you Rob Smith) and our children have been ‘training up’ for the event. I am looking forward to umbrellas and marquees and cars parked around the oval creating a kind of carnival atmosphere as Mount Sturgeon looks down upon us. I look forward to seeing those who naturally do well do just that. I am keen to see those who don’t find athletics easy doing their best, even though they know that winning is not going to happen…which takes great courage. There are always a few surprises; one year older, one year stronger, one year taller and that is fun to see. We get to see our Preps begin the journey of all that comes with competition (highs and lows) and I sometimes wonder how this impacts on their attitude to competition and sport in general, but all the same I know that for a few this sport thing may be the only time they have their moment in the sun…which reminds me that everyone can be good at something. If they participate in all that life has to offer they might discover something that gives them an overwhelming feeling of satisfaction. Above all else on Friday, I wish for something quite simple and uncomplicated…humility from winners, graciousness from losers and encouragement from observers. Now wouldn’t that make for the greatest of days?

SCHOOL COUNCIL PROFILES

Sarah Crawford - School Council President:
- Mother of four children, Jasmine in Grade 3 and three older children have already been through Dunkeld Consolidated.
- Have been continuously involved with the school from 2003, in some way from classroom help, Canteen, Book Club, Parents & Friends Association, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, Policy Sub-Committee (2012 - ) and School Council (2012 - ).

Terrie Nicholson:
- Our two youngest children attended the Dunkeld Consolidated School.
- DET school councillor since 2010 and been involved with the Community and School Promotions and Finance Sub-Committees during this time. School Council Secretary since 2013.
- Various roles including classroom helper, P & F Treasurer, Canteen Coordinator and Secretary Dunkeld Consolidated School Anniversary Committee.
- Keen interest in local history and genealogy.

Ally Gordon:
- A member of the MOB (Mother of Boys) with Thomas Year 3, Mitch Year 1 and Lachie headed to school in 2017 (the teachers won’t know what hit them!!). I am passionate about the things my boys enjoy and don’t mind embarrassing them a little with my underarm bowing or my ‘kick like a girl kicks’.
- I am the current Parents and Friends Association President and only new to the School Council this year.

CARING FOR OUR WATERSHEDS PROJECT – FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER

On Friday 11 November, Brooke Hill, Josh Gordon and Ben Potter went to the Caring for Our Watersheds project day. It was scary at first but when we started talking it didn’t feel scary at all. We came 10th but we still had a fun, enjoyable day. We each received $100.00 in prize money. We were the youngest contestants there; everyone else was in Secondary School. The other proposals were interesting and we liked them. Thank you to Mr Stephens and Ms Kim Volk for your help with the Watersheds!! By Brooke Hill Year 5, Josh Gordon Year 6 and Ben Potter Year 5.

SCHOOL HOUSE ATHLETICS ON FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER

Just a reminder that the School House Athletics will be held this Friday 18 November 2016 commencing with long distance races (800 metres and 200 metres) at 9.15am:
- Assistance with setting up and packing up the shade marquees at the beginning and end of the day would be much appreciated.
- Students are to wear their respective House colour polo shirt (red for Wannon and royal blue for Sturgeon) to the sports day.
- A program of events was sent home with students on Tuesday – please ensure you bring your copy to the sports day as there will be no extra copies available.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own drink bottle.
- Parents will be required to help at most events, acting as starters, markers and place referees.
- There will be NO SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS placed with Izzy’s Mountain View Café (families are welcome to organise their own lunch purchases).
- Please remember to bring your picnic hamper, rug, chairs, sunscreen, hat and water!
- Reminder: school bus travellers to return their note regarding bus travel on Friday afternoon after the sports.

MILO CRICKET T20 BLAST

On Friday 11 November some of the Year 4/5/6 students went to Pedrina Park to participate in not just any cricket; the T20 Blast. The girls’ first game was against Gray Street Primary. They were a great side. Gray Street won by 30 but Dunkeld still tried their best. In the second game the Dunkeld girls were drawn to play North Hamilton Primary School. After our loss to Gray Street we put all our effort into this game and Dunkeld came back strong with a win! Dunkeld was 92 with North Hamilton on 75. Next we played Mortlake. We had a comfortable win with similar scores as our game against North Hamilton. Now we go onto the boys. The boys’ first game was drawn to play Good Shepherd. They won their game with a great victory. Their second game was drawn to play North Hamilton. They had another amazing win and were confident about their next game! Their last game they played George Street Primary School. They had another amazing victory! The boys got into the finals but sadly the girls didn’t make it. In the final, the boys played Hawkesdale and had a very convincing win by 90!! Following on the success of the girls’ team in 2015, the boys’ team made it to the Regional finals on Tuesday 15 November and made it to the final against Saint Joseph’s Primary School Warrnambool but were unsuccessful. Well done to all who participated. We also would like to thank Mr Jeffreys and Mr Stephens for umpiring.
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen...

A Thank You lunch for Friends of the Kitchen Garden Program will be held in the Garden on Thursday 24 November at 1.30pm. Invitations will be sent out shortly. This is an opportunity to thank our Friends for their time in helping us deliver this important program in our school.

SAKG CALENDAR: We have created a 2017 calendar with a selection of photographs from our Kitchen and Garden program. Orders are currently being taken and are due back at school by Monday 28 November. Hurry as only a limited number will be printed.

SAKG Year 2 and 5 Induction and Leadership session Thursday 17 November has been cancelled

Due to unforeseen circumstances there will be no Kitchen class held this Thursday 17 November (the Induction and Leadership session will be conducted in 2017). Garden classes will be held as per normal.

Red Cross Presentation

On Tuesday 15 November, Amelia Jackson presented a cheque for $500.00 to Mrs Iris Field on behalf of the school’s SAKG Program. This money was raised by the Sausage Roll Drive held in October.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen

From the Garden...

We have had some beautiful weather for our garden days lately – though it’s amazing how quickly the soil surface has dried up, and gone hard. The children have all been allocated garden beds to care for, and I thank the teachers for reminding their students to water them! The children have also sown seeds for Christmas, and they are caring for them in their classrooms, waiting for them to emerge from the soil, so thank you once again to their teachers for overseeing this process.

Regular TLC has been happening in the garden lately, and the children are very proud of the beds and plants that they care for. Here, Xander Prentice, Myles Haley and Sam Burger proudly show off their potato towers – they have made 10 – after their ongoing task of placing compost and straw on and around the plants.

The idea is that as you encourage the plants to grow higher, they will produce more potatoes along their stems, under the compost.

A school stall was held at the recent HIRL market to sell our tomato plants – my big thanks to Shaun and Alec McIntyre for running that, and we then donated the remainder of the plants to Rev Peter Cook, who will do with them what he will. As our tomato fundraiser comes to a close, we wish to most sincerely thank all those concerned with the whole program. It was a lot of work, being the first time done, but very rewarding in the end, and in the next week we’ll discuss whether we’ll do it again next year. Again, we save our biggest thanks for Terrie Nicholson for her administrative skills, Ted Allender from ERA Nurseries, and Heather Cash, the mastermind of it all. We

Big Blokes Breakfast proudly supporting Movember

Some very excited children and their visitors began arriving from before 7.30am to enjoy a nutritious breakfast, which was provided free of charge by the P & F Association, in the morning’s sunshine. On offer was a variety of cereals, yoghurt, fruit muffins, quiches, juice and hot drinks.

The kitchen and outdoor dining area was kept busy with over 170 in attendance. The school was buzzing with so many adults and all the school students enjoying a delicious breakfast together. After breakfast the children spent time showing their special ‘bloke’ around their favourite parts of school including their classroom and the school’s Kitchen Garden and grounds. P & F Association member, Ms Fiona King advised, “The best part was that many of the guests didn’t leave until it was almost time for lessons to begin.” Thank you to those who donated yummy baked goods for the breakfast and those people who assisted with the setting up and packing up. In particular, a HUGE thank you to Fiona King for organising the whole event.

This year was the first time the breakfast has been held in conjunction with Movember. Students and their families were encouraged to make a donation to this worthy cause that addresses men’s health – a total of $112.00 was raised.

Big Blokes Breakfast proudly supporting Movember

Girls Team: Chloe Frost, Isabel Hanson, Rachel Hassett, Ella Jackson, Julia Kelly, Ashleigh McNaughton, Sarah Symes, Emily McNaughton, India Ross, Anna Schurmann.


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.

Just trying to be like dad! Archer Etherton (front) and Brodie Reynolds (middle) wearing their fake Moes to be like their dad, Da Archer Etherton.
raised approximately $1875.00, which is a fantastic effort from all concerned.

Every holiday we need to ask for help from the school community to look after our school chooks over the Christmas and summer break. This involves checking their food and water supply, and collecting their eggs. If you can help us, please contact me ASAP, with your available dates – thanks!

Hi there, Tom Gordon speaking. Jonah Morganti and I are looking after the paddock. Mr Todd Burger helped us to sow the crop, thanks very much, Todd. If you’re wondering what it is that we have got growing I’ll tell you – linseed. Lisa told us that it’s the best crop we’ve had for five years. Linseed can be used to make oil and for cooking and also in industry. Linseed is also a very popular health food.

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden

WALK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM
As part of this year’s Walk to School program, VicHealth provided a free bike/helmet prize to each participating school. Year 3 student, Thomas Gordon, received the prize at our school for having recorded the most walks/rides throughout Walk to School October.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
Due to the senior students participating in other events on Friday 11 November, a group of Year 4 students attended the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch’s Remembrance Day service at the Cenotaph in the Memorial Park.

REGIONAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
On Monday 14 November, Josh Gordon and Zach Burgess competed in the Logical Staffing Victorian Primary Schools Golf Championship at Warrnambool Golf Club. Josh came 4th on a count back and will go on to play at the Victorian Primary Schools State Final at Kooringal Golf Club, Melbourne on Wednesday 30 November. Zach also had a good day on the course, coming 10th, missing out on Melbourne by just 4 shots. Tremendous effort boys!

School Disco on Friday 2 December
A School Disco (organised by Mrs Anne Gilbert) will be held in the school hall from 7.00pm – 9.00pm on Friday 2 December for Prep to Year 6 students.

Four year old Kindergarten students are also welcome to attend.

The P & F will provide tea and coffee for all parents in the staffroom. Kindergarten mothers may stay with their child in the school hall or adjourn to the staffroom for a cuppa and a chat.
- Entrance fee - $2.00 per child.
- Could students please bring a small plate of food to share for supper and their own drink bottle. (No secondary school helpers are required).

Children are invited to wear a ‘TOUCH OF YELLOW’ to the School Disco. All proceeds will go to the Cancer Council.

DUNKELD & DISTRICT CHRISTMAS CAROLS
Junior Singers required for Christmas Carols at the Dunkeld Community Centre. If your child/children (Prep - Grade 6) would like to participate in a junior singers group at the Community Carols which will probably be on Sunday 18 December at 7.30pm (to be confirmed) please get in touch with me.

We will have a couple of practices on Sunday 20 November at 4.30 pm and on Sunday 27 November at 4.30pm. If you are interested and can commit to these two practices please send me a message - 0400 952 716. Many thanks, Heather Macgugan

An important cybersafety message
Cyberbullying, sexual predators, identity theft and accessing and sending inappropriate images and content are some of the real cybersafety risks facing young people today.
To reduce our students’ exposure to these risks, and to help the whole school community embrace the benefits of technology, our school has registered to take part in eSmart.
eSmart is an initiative of The IanLeaf and Madeline Foundation. It was developed by eSmart School of Education, with the input of many other cybersafety and education experts.
We will provide regular updates in future newsletters as we work towards our goal of achieving eSmart status. More information is also available at www.emaintelligence.org.au

THEY’RE ENGAGED
CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS JAYNE BERRY & MR STUART GREIG ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THEIR RECENT ENGAGEMENT.

STAMPS WANTED
The Dunkeld Red Cross are asking for donations of used postage stamps from the school community. Please feel free to drop off your stamps, either on the envelopes or cut out (leaving a border around the stamp) at the school office.