



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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## Newsletter No. 19 – Wednesday 21 November 2018

### NOVEMBER 2018

- Wednesday 21 MARC Library.
- Thursday 22 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 6 students working in the Kitchen and will need to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class.
- Friday 23 **House Athletics Sports.** Kindergarten students are invited to participate in the Kinder Race. **NO SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS TODAY** (families are welcome to organise their own lunch purchases).
- Monday 26 Kinder to Prep Transition Program - Grade 5 students and Mrs Ann Howard to visit the Dunkeld Kinder from 11.00am – 12 noon.
- Monday 26 – Friday 30 *Parent-Teacher Interview Week.*
- Tuesday 27 Save Our Farmers in Drought - Sausage Sizzle and Casual Dress Day (gold coin donation). School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 28 My Business Rules Stalls starting at 11.00am.
- Thursday 29 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 5 students working in the Kitchen and will need to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class.

### DECEMBER 2018

- Monday 3 SAKG Year 6 Students Excursion - Royal Mail Hotel Kitchen Garden Tour and Dining Experience. P & F Association Christmas Breakup Meeting at the Royal Mail Hotel.
- Wednesday 5 **MARC Library – all MARC Library books are due back today.**
- Thursday 6 Year 6 students preparing and sharing a 'Thank You' Lunch for all school staff.
- Saturday 8 SAKG catering for Glenthompson Community Christmas Dinner.
- Monday 10 Thank You Morning Tea for all school volunteers and helpers at 11.00am in the school hall.
- Tuesday 11 Kinder to Prep Transition Program. Kinder children attending school from 9.00am - 3.25pm. Parent Information Session for parents/carers (of Prep children in 2019) at 2.30pm.
- Wednesday 12 Sexuality and Puberty Education Sessions for Grade 5 and 6 students. **MARC Library – last visit for 2018.** Year 6 Graduation. Graduation Dinner will commence at 6:30pm. Family and friends are invited to attend the ceremony and presentations at 7:15pm in the school hall.
- Thursday 13 Clean Up Day in the Kitchen and Garden – all welcome!
- Friday 14 Social Service Christmas Stall commencing at approximately 9.30am.
- Monday 17 to Friday 21 Christmas Activity Week.
- Thursday 20 Mystery Gifts.
- Friday 21 Whole School Party (at lunch time). **LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.**

### FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

The Athletics Sports are just a few days away and I am really looking forward to it... I think the weather will be okay, maybe a little rain so be mindful of what your child packs in their schoolbag for the day. The oval is looking green and healthy, the white lines are freshly and meticulously marked and our children have been 'training up' for the event. I am looking forward to the marquees, and cars parked around the oval creating a kind of carnival atmosphere. 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 and perspective from observers; after all this thing called sport is supposed to be fun. Now wouldn't that make for the greatest of days?

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

On behalf of the Dunkeld Consolidated School Council, I would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to all those people that generously gave up their time over the Dunkeld Races weekend to raise money for the Dunkeld Consolidated School's Camps and ICT Programs.

School councillors, with the assistance of partners (Bev Hampton, Jason Linskens, Ally Gordon, Anne Gilbert, Fiona King, Simon Ross and Terrie Nicholson) were responsible for the ticket booth on Saturday.

Then on Sunday we had the general school community, which included councillors, parents, children and staff, come and work with the Grampians Cricket Club in a clean-up of the race course. Congratulations to the Dunkeld Racing Club Committee as the races are a great community event and a credit to all involved.

Luke Balkin, President

- The next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 November commencing at 7.30pm at the school.

## SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

### MY BUSINESS RULES MARKET DAY – WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2018



Our Grade 6 Students had a busy day on Wednesday 14 November 2018 as they held their first Market Day selling items as part of their 'My Business Rules' project. Some of the items on offer included: Ocean in a bottle (*Emily McNaughton*), Ankle Bracelets (*Chloe Frost*), Tag Me (*Lucille Aarons*), Premium Pen Holder (*Tom Kent*), Pet Collars (*India Ross*). Here's hoping that the next Market Day on 28 November 2018 is as successful as the first.

**Could students please remember to bring smaller change e.g. \$1.00 and \$2.00 coins (rather than larger notes) to make their purchases. Could Grade 6 students please ensure they have appropriate change to give their customers.**

### SAVE OUR FARMERS IN DROUGHT



For the last two Tuesdays there has been a casual dress and sausage sizzle fundraiser to support our farmers in drought. The third and last day for this fundraiser will be on Tuesday 27 November 2018 and the appropriate sausage sizzle order form is enclosed with this newsletter. It is great to see such support for our students' initiative.

### CRICKET BLAST AT PEDRINA PARK

On Friday 9 November 2018, a number of Grade 6 and Grade 5 students participated in the Woolworths Cricket Blast School Cup Competition (formerly known as the MILO T20 Blast). The event consisted of a Round Robin of T20 Blast Cricket games, followed by a final. The winner of the final qualified for a regional competition with subsequent State Finals at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. While our girls' team made

the final, they unfortunately missed out on going to the Regional Competition.

#### Boys

SMASH! The ball flew through the air ... CATCH IT! said College as they dropped the ball. At the end we were waiting anxiously for the results and ... we lost by 50 runs, two games to go. Our last game we played against Saint Mary's and we absolutely thrashed them. 6 after 6, 4 after 4 everybody played well that game. Then we found out we could play another game, and we WON! Overall, it was a great day for the boys' team. *Charlie Field and Tom Kent, Grade 6*

#### Girls

The girls won all three games and proceeded to the finals where we played





Hamilton North. This was the most nerve-racking game of all. If we won this then we would go all the way to Donald and play there. Unfortunately we lost by eight runs, but we were still proud of our effort.

It was a thrilling experience. *Monet Graham and Lucille Aarons, Grade 6*

*Photo - Girls Teams Finalists: Chloe Frost, India Ross, Rachel Hassett, Monet Graham, Genevieve Trotter, Lucille Aarons, Emily McNaughton, Matilda Potter (front)*

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS

It is coming to that wonderful time of the year where we are all gearing up for some festive cheer!! To celebrate the end of another great P and F year, our December "meeting" will be an informal gathering at the Royal Mail Hotel bar/court yard for some Christmas drinks and possibly dinner or bar snacks on **Monday 3 December 2018**.

## KINDER TO PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM

During Term 4, the School operates a Transition Program whereby next year's Prep Students get to know our school, teachers and students. The first of those visits were on the 7 and 13 November when Dunkeld Kindergarten Students came to school for the first time, without their teachers, between the hours of 9.00am -1.00pm.

The Kinder to Prep Transition Program will continue as follows:

- Friday 23 November: Kinder/toddler race for the younger children who are present. Please arrive by approximately 1.30pm to enter your child in the Kinder race.
- Monday 26 November: The Year 5 students and Mrs Ann Howard will visit the Dunkeld Kindergarten from 11.00am to 12.00 noon to read a story, enjoy a snack and play with the Kinder children.
- Tuesday 11 December: Kinder students to attend the Dunkeld Consolidated School from 9.00am – 3.25pm. Parents to make their own arrangements to deliver their children to and from school. (Kinder staff will not be in attendance). A parent information session will be held at 2.30pm in the school hall.

## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

*From the Kitchen ... by Clare Kennedy*

Our Year 5 students provided lunch for our friends of the kitchen garden program last Thursday. We are very grateful to all who assist us over the year, helping us to provide good food education. The hall and table settings looked lovely, our Year 4 class taking special care and messages of thanks and gratitude adorned the tables from our students. Year 6 students made wonderful kitchen hands as they cleaned and packed away all of the dishes. On the menu was *Broccoli Frittata with Parsley and Pepita Pesto*, *Salad of the Imagination with Honey Mustard Dressing*, *Garlic and Cheese Rolls* and finishing with *Chinese Custard Tarts*. I have included the salad dressing recipe, which is simple for children to measure out and make in a jar to shake! Lovely on salad greens.



### Honey Mustard Dressing

2 tablespoons of Honey  
1.5 tablespoons Dijon mustard  
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar  
Mix well.



*From the Garden... by Lisa McIntyre*



Last week the students helped Clare prepare a beautiful lunch to share with our Friends of the SAKG program. This provided the children with the opportunity to reflect on how fortunate we are to have the help, guidance, support and friendship of those that participate in many ways to keep the program running so well. These children are growing up in a community that is supporting them and this gave them a chance to be able to display their thanks - we feel this is a very important aspect of our SAKG Program.

During our garden classes, we have been watching the bees and other small insects busily dashing from flower to flower, collecting pollen and nectar for themselves and their colonies, while at the same time providing the essential pollinating tool the plants need to reproduce. Terms such as stigma, anther, petal, ovary and stamen are all being used. Did you know that borage flowers have the ability to refill with nectar, within 3 minutes of being emptied by a bee?

We have also been making bio char slurry from the fire pit coals. And it is so easy you can do it

at home! Just collect the coals (wood stove/heater/open fire), and pound to small particles with a mallet. Fill 1/3 bucket with this, add 1/3 bucket sheep manure tea, and 1/3 bucket water. Stir well with a stick. Pour 1/4 of this mix into another bucket and fill with water, stirring again. Then pour this over your garden plants - gently! The slurry will add carbon to your soil, increase its water holding capacity, and will help your plants access soil nutrients through changes in soil pH.

As you can imagine, there are many activities to keep us busy during these beautiful Spring months. We would love some more Friends to be with us in the Garden. If you are at all interested, please get in touch, we really are in need of some more help on Thursdays.



## Notice Board

### WALK TO SCHOOL RAFFLE WINNERS

On Friday 16 November 2018 during our regular Friday assembly, our Walk to School Raffle was drawn. Congratulations go to Fingal Jackson (Grade 6) being the prizewinner of the Vivofit Activity Tracker. Second, third and fourth prizewinners were Hugh Prentice (Grade 3), Mia Russell (Grade 3) and Louise Mann. Each received a Walk to School Umbrella.

### SEXUALITY AND PUBERTY EDUCATION SESSIONS YEAR 5 AND 6

On an annual basis, our older students have the opportunity to participate in Sexuality and Puberty Education sessions conducted by WDHS staff (Ms Sue Watt and Mr Stuart Willder). Notes went home with students this week. Topics covered include body changes, how to manage those changes, who children can talk to with their concerns, respect and responsibility etc. This year these sessions will take place on Wednesday 12 December 2018. We thank the P & F Association for kindly funding this program.

### YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Invitations to the Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Ceremony have been sent out. The Graduation will be held on Wednesday 12 December at the school. The dinner for students, parents, staff and official guests will commence at 6.30pm. Family and friends are invited to attend the ceremony and presentation of awards at 7.15pm in the school hall, which follow the Graduation dinner. **RSVPs to the Graduation Dinner are due by Friday 23 November 2018.**

Annually parents/carers of Grade 5 children have assisted with the running of the Graduation Ceremony. A small number of parents met on Monday 19 November 2018 to discuss and begin the process of planning the decorations etc for this event. A call for help or donations will be sent out shortly.

### SOCIAL SERVICE CHRISTMAS STALL



The Christmas Stall is to be held **on FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER**. Here are a few suggestions for gifts for the stall: *soap, make-up, perfume, nails, screws, baby toys, toy cars, marbles, notebooks, pens, pencils, diaries, photo frames, chocolates, jewellery, photo albums, home baking, plants, mugs, cards, Christmas decorations, craft items, chocolates etc.*

- If possible, could gifts please be wrapped in coloured or clear cellophane so the children can see what they are purchasing. ***The students can bring in donations and leave at canteen area in the school hall.***
- Please remember that we count the total number of gifts donated and divide by the number of children. This is to see how many gifts each student may purchase on the day. The more gifts that are donated, the more gifts that can be purchased by each student.
- Remember also to send a bag in with your child to take gifts home in.

### THANK YOU MORNING TEA – MONDAY 10 DECEMBER

The Dunkeld Consolidated School would like to invite all the helpers and volunteers that may have assisted in any way at the school during the year to a 'Thank You' Morning Tea on Monday 10 December commencing at 11.00am. Staff will provide Morning Tea.

### MYSTERY GIFTS

To help celebrate Christmas and the end of the school year, we are going to enjoy a Mystery Gift activity in each classroom. Please send a wrapped Christmas gift to school worth no more than \$5.00 and suitable for both boys and girls. Please keep it a secret from your own child! On Thursday 20 December, these gifts will be opened and your child will receive a different gift to take home. To receive a gift your child will need to bring one to put under the Christmas tree.

### WHOLE SCHOOL PARTY (LUNCH)

On Thursday 20 December, we will be having an end-of-year party at lunchtime. It would be great to have a variety of savoury and sweet foods for the children to enjoy. The children in Prep to Year 3 are to bring savoury food (e.g. sandwiches, sausage rolls, party pies, cocktail sabs, chips/Twisties, dips and biscuits/vegie sticks) and the children in Years 4 to 6 are to bring sweet food (e.g. fairy bread, chocolate balls, sweet biscuits, fruit platter). Each child is to bring a VERY SMALL plate of food to share as this cuts down on wastage. Could all food that needs to be hot please be delivered (already heated) to the school at 1.30pm.

### CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY WEEK

The last week of school is being planned as an Activity Week with all classes involved at different stages of the week. At times the students will be working in multi-age groups and will rotate through activities which may include art, Christmas craft, indoor and outdoor games, music and dance as well as a Tabloid Sport and a movie afternoon.

### FORMS

SAKG 2019 Calendar Order Form.

Save our Farmers in Drought – Sausage Sizzle Order Form Number 3.