



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

*We are a Child Safe School and we will protect all children at all times.*

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## Newsletter No. 1 – Wednesday 30 January 2019

### FEBRUARY 2019

- Friday 1 School Assembly commencing at 2.35pm in the school hall.  
Welcome Barbecue for the whole school community at the school, commencing at 6.30pm (organised by the P & F Association and School Council).
- Monday 4 School Swimming Program.
- Tuesday 5 School Swimming Program.
- Wednesday 6 School Swimming Program.  
Prep students do not attend school today.
- Thursday 7 School Swimming Program.
- Friday 8 School Swimming Program.
- Monday 11 School Swimming Program.
- Tuesday 12 School Swimming Program.
- Wednesday 13 School Swimming Program.  
Prep students do not attend school today.
- Thursday 14 School Swimming Program.
- Friday 15 House Swimming Sports at the Dunkeld Swimming Pool (Prep and Year 1 students come back to school after lunch. Parents are welcome to take their Prep or Year 1 children home from the swimming pool after lunch but they are not able to stay at the pool to watch older siblings.)
- Wednesday 20 Prep students do not attend school today.
- Friday 22 SGSSA Swimming Sports at Penshurst Swimming Pool.  
Writers Workshop PD in Melbourne – Naomie Phillips and Dee-Anne Gerring.
- Wednesday 27 Prep students do not attend school today.
- Thursday 28 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes commence for 2019.

### MARCH 2019

- Monday 11 **LABOUR DAY Public Holiday.**
- Friday 15 Division Swimming Championships at Portland Swimming Pool.
- Friday 22 Region Swimming Championships at Horsham Memorial Swimming Pool.
- Wednesday 20 SGSSA Athletics Sports (Prep students do not attend, they will attend school as a normal school day).
- Friday 5 Last day of Term 1 2019 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.

## FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

I would like to warmly welcome everyone in our school community back to school for what we hope will be an eventful and successful 2019.

To our teachers; Ann Howard (Year 6), Anne Gilbert (Year 4), Jane Higgins (Year 2/3), Jayne Greig (Year 2/3 and Year 4), Mary-Ellen Evans (Year 1/2), Jackie McShane (Prep), Naomie Phillips (Year 6), Leroy Perez (Year 5); I hope you are rested and ready to deliver great teaching to our students. An especially warm welcome to Mr Latham Wishart who begins teaching at Dunkeld Consolidated School for three days per week; part PE and part classroom. Latham, I hope you will grow to love our school and community. We warmly welcome back to our school, Dee-Anne Gerring who returns after maternity leave. Dee-Anne will be working in our Prep class, sharing with Jackie McShane. Also, welcome to Vicki Fitzpatrick who will be taking on the role of teaching Indonesian.

Welcome back Terrie Nicholson and Christy Lazzari at front office, along with our Education Support Staff in Helen Trahar, Angus Lean and Clare Kennedy.

Welcome back to Clare and Lisa, our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (“SAKG”) ladies. We are expecting some exciting developments in the SAKG this year. Thank you Clare for your patience in an overcrowded kitchen: enjoy your space.

After three years, our long-suffering staff celebrate a return to the original staffroom (what was the Year 3 room during that time). I am grateful to staff for their patience during this period.

Welcome to our new Prep students and parents. The journey begins at school but your learning has been going on for a long time. Congratulation parents... you have managed to teach your child to speak and understand a language already. Our 'Play Is The Way' program continues. It carries a simple but succinct definition about coming to school: We come to school for three reasons –

We come to school to learn about ourselves.  
We come to school to learn about others.  
We come to school to learn about the world.

The overriding objectives and ideals covered by the program are:

- To help staff, students and the community to create a safe environment in which students train to be independent, self-regulating, self-motivated learners in persistent pursuit of their personal best and able to get along with each other.
- To help develop students of strong character and decency with the social and emotional competencies to live and learn well.
- To foster empathetic students, considerate of themselves, each other and the world in which they live with sound and good reasons for the things they say and do.

The aim is to achieve these objectives using children's universal joy of games emphasising five key concepts:

1. Treat others, as you would like them to treat you.
2. Be brave – participate to progress.
3. Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with.
4. Have reasons for the things you say and do.
5. It takes great strength to be sensible.

More information regarding this program is available, including parent tips and video clips of some of the games in the following link: <https://www.playistheway.com.au/>.

Please note that assemblies during 2019 will take place on Friday afternoons starting at 2:35. All parents/carers are invited to attend.

Finally, a reminder that your child's teacher wants to do the best they can for him or her. Please, communicate with your child's teacher. Understand that we get it right most of the time, but not all of the time (this is the business of people, and that means we all see things differently). Consider the power of encouraging and positive messages, and that this works for adults too. Treat others the way you would like to be treated.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council and P & F Association will be hosting a Welcome Evening in the form of a free 'sausage sizzle' on Friday 1 February commencing at 6.30pm at the school. All school families are warmly invited to attend. Please bring your own drinks (no alcohol permitted).

The Sheep Drive fundraiser raised a total of \$10,428.50 in December last year, for the school Camping Program and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) projects.

The next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 February 2019 commencing at 7.30pm.

## SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM 2018

At our final assembly for 2018, the following students were awarded with the following leadership positions. Congratulations to all of our Grade 6 students who applied for and undertook a formal interview.

**School Captains** – Campbell Glazebrook, Abby Lazzari, Addison Linskens and Jasmine Crawford

**Sturgeon House Captains** – Thomas Gordon and Matilda Potter

**Wannon House Captains** – Xander Prentice and Pippa Williamson

**Bus Captains** – Alisha Cross (Woodhouse Bus) and Myles Alderman (Mirranatwa Bus)

**Student Voice** – Sam Burger, Amity Haley, Ben Peace, Amelia Jackson, Myles Haley and Eddie McShane.

### 100% School Attendance for 2018

Eddie Jackson, Jasmine Crawford, Mac Jackson and Nate Elliott

### Perfect Attendance Semester 2

Eddie Jackson, Jasmine Crawford, Mac Jackson, Nate Elliott, Zoe Trotter, Emily Lomas, Patrick Lomas, Heidi Burger, Archer Etherton, Darcy Potter, Jake Linskens, Zander Mibus, Logan Ross Urry, George Field, Lillian Glazebrook, Taylor Haley, Hayden Phillips, Thomas Gordon, Antonia Huzony, Amelia Jackson, Charlie Field, Chloe Frost, Monet Graham, Fingal Jackson

## SOCIAL SERVICES 2018

During 2018, the students (with their families amazing support) have raised over \$3,130.05 through the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, Funky Hair Day, Help Our Farmers in Drought project and the Father's Day, Mother's Day and Christmas Stalls.

This is a fantastic result, from a small school. Even more special is that the senior students decide which charities/organisations to donate to, and why. They have demonstrated a great deal of knowledge and compassion, and we are very proud of them. Thank you all for your support of this very worthwhile activity.

The following not-for-profit organisations received support from our school in 2018:

RCH Good Friday Appeal	\$ 167.20
Aussie Farmers Foundation	\$1,467.70
Oxfam	\$ 455.00
Fred Hollows Foundation	\$ 457.00
Angel Flight	\$ 455.00
Leukaemia Foundation	\$ 128.15

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/ INFORMATION FOR 2019

### e-SMART POLICY and CODE OF CONDUCT

Each student has been given a letter today regarding our e-Smart Policy and a Code of Conduct User Agreement. Each individual student along with a parent/carer is to sign and return the User Agreement in accordance with our requirements of being a Child Safe school. Please ensure signed Agreements are returned by **Friday 1 February 2019**.

### CAMPS, SPORTS, EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports, Excursions fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like;

- School camps and trips
- Swimming and school-organised sport programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions and incursions

**Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.**

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. Your child's school will apply for the CSEF on your behalf. You will only need to submit an application form in 2019 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- New student enrolments: you child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply at the same school in 2019
- Changed family circumstances
  - Change in custody
  - Change of name
  - Concession card number
  - New siblings commencing at the school in 2018

**Please complete the attached application form and return to the Office by Friday 8 February. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.**

### CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. The conveyance allowance is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus.

**To be eligible a student must:**

- Be a Victorian resident;
- Be school aged and enrolled three or more days per week at a school;
- Attend their closest government or non-government school/campus, appropriate to their year level, at which admission is permissible, and is located outside the Melbourne metropolitan conveyance boundary, and
- Reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended.

(Students who are privately transported 4.8km or more to a public transport or government funded school bus stop may be able to claim a private car conveyance allowance as well to cover this distance.)

**If you are eligible for Conveyance Allowance, please contact the school office ASAP as forms need to be completed and returned by Friday 8 February.** Families who have received the conveyance allowance in the past must submit a new application form.

### SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL – TERM 1

Just a reminder that non-school bus travelers who occasionally may wish to travel on either of the school buses are required to complete and submit an "Application for Adhoc Travel – Student" form to the School Office prior to the event, for approval.

If students are attending activities after school on a regular basis e.g. hockey training, cricket etc parents may make a note in

the diary advising that their child/children will not be travelling on the bus on a specific afternoon. For example ... "Tony will not be travelling on the bus on a Friday afternoon for Term 1 as he will be attending hockey training."

## VISITOR AND STUDENT SIGN IN AND OUT REQUIREMENTS

All visitors to our school, including parents and relatives of our students, are required to sign a Visitors Book at the school administration office upon arrival. Similarly, visitors are required to 'sign out' in the Visitors Book at the end of their visit. As a Child Safe School, this is a requirement of Ministerial Order No. 870.

Under the Summary Offences Act 1966 and subsequent amendments, the Principal reserves the right, and has the authority to prohibit any potential visitor from entering or remaining within the school, and also has the authority to invite or exclude people from using or being within the school boundaries outside school operating hours.

If you (or an authorised adult) wish to collect your child during school hours for a medical appointment etc the parent must report to the office and complete the Sign In/Out Register, as a Child Safe School requirement.

## WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES FOR 2019 WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAYS AT 2:35 PM.

On Friday 1 February, a Whole School Assembly will be held at 2:35pm. Student leaders will be presented with their badges and certificates. Friends and family are warmly welcomed to attend.

## WELCOME BBQ – FRIDAY 1 FEBRUARY

Parents and families are invited to join us for a 'Welcome Barbecue' on Friday 1 February at 6.30pm at the school. A free sausage sizzle (and icy pole) will be conducted by the Dunkeld Consolidated School Council and P & F Association. We hope to see all new and old families to welcome in the new school year.

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS

The first meeting for 2019 will be the **AGM on Monday 4 March** commencing at 7.30pm at the school. A General Meeting will follow. There is no better way to become involved in your child's school than to become a P & F member. Our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month and are kept as short as possible. If you require any further information about the P & F Association please contact Ruth Kyle, President on 0428 954 248.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM AND SWIMMING SPORTS

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Swimming Program (supported by Lea and Jen McArthur) for this year will commence on Monday 4 February and run for two weeks. The PREP class will change at school so they will require footwear (we suggest a pair of thongs to wear to and from the pool). **Please ensure all items ARE CLEARLY NAMED and a waterproof/plastic bag is provided for wet swimming gear.** Parents' assistance during the swimming program is required. If you are able to help, please complete the 2018 School Swimming Program form.

*Please ensure your child comes to school with their swimming gear each day, as it will not be possible to give advance notification of whether swimming lessons are to be cancelled on the day. Installation of solar heating at the Dunkeld Pool has made the water temperature very pleasant.*

\* The HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS will be held on FRIDAY 15 February 2018 at the Dunkeld Swimming Pool. The school is looking for people to assist at the swimming sports. Tasks will include judging and timekeeping. We will also require assistance with setting up marquees and banners at the pool.

**Please see the attached forms for further details.**

## SPORTS HOUSES FOR PREPS AND NEW STUDENTS

Each year it can be difficult placing students into houses. New students automatically go into the same sports houses as their siblings then the remainder of students are allocated to either house.

STURGEON House (House Colour: Royal Blue): Archie Cant-McKindlay, Digby Heazlewood, George Heazlewood, George Lomas, James Manolas, Oliver Mitchell, Taj Parker, Minu Sutherland, Alannah Johns, Ebony Johns, Kaitlan Johns, Lachlan Johns.

WANNON House (House Colour: Red): Olivia Balkin, Grace Macgugan William Beveridge, Annie Jackson, Philippa Lomas, Matilda Patullo, Chloe Skermer, Harry McShane, Amelia McShane, Eddie McShane.

## Notice Board

### Slip, Slop and Slap

The beginning of the year seems an appropriate time to remind families to check that children are coming to school wearing correct uniform. Wearing hats is compulsory from September through to April. Details surrounding uniform and hats can be found in the 2019 Student Information Booklet, which has been uploaded to the school website:

[www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au](http://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au)



## FORMS

**Please find enclosed forms as indicated below. Could you please complete and return by the indicated dates.**

- Photography Permission Form – return by Friday 1 February
- Head lice inspection consent Form – return by Friday 1 February
- Parents and Friends Membership Form – return by Friday 1 February
- CSEF application form – return by Friday 8 February
- Dunkeld Consolidated School Traffic Guidelines – pick up and drop off
- Swimming Program – Volunteer Form, Bus Travel Permission Form and School Bus Travellers Forms – return by Friday 1 February