



# 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 31 January 2018

### February 2018

- Friday 2 Whole School Assembly commencing **at 2:35pm.**
- Monday 5 to Friday 16 School Swimming Program.
- Wednesday 7 Prep students do not attend school.
- Friday 9 Book Club orders and payment due back to school.
- Wednesday 14 Prep students do not attend school.  
MARC Library commences for 2018.
- Friday 16 School swimming sports and Welcome BBQ. BBQ commences at 12 noon in the Dunkeld Memorial Park prior to the start of the swimming sports.
- Monday 19 School Lunch Orders commence for 2018.
- Wednesday 21 Prep students do not attend school.
- Friday 23 SGSSA Swimming Sports to be held at Peshurst Swimming Pool.
- Tuesday 27 School Council Meeting at 7:30pm.
- Wednesday 28 Prep students do not attend school.  
MARC Library.

### March 2018

- Friday 2 AFL Players Clinics (Western Bulldogs) at Dunkeld Consolidated School for Year 4, 5 and 6 students from 10:30am to 11:45am.
- Monday 5 Parents & Friends Association AGM to be held at 7:30pm at school.
- Tuesday 6 Whole School Performance: "To be or what to be".

## 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 2018.

To our teachers; Ann Howard, Anne Gilbert, Jane Higgins, Jayne Greig, Mary-Ellen Evans, Susie Gibson, Jackie McShane, and Naomie Phillips, I hope you are rested and ready to deliver great teaching to our students. An especially warm welcome to Mr Leroy Mojica-Perez who begins teaching at Dunkeld Consolidated School. Leroy, I hope you will grow to love your Year 5 Class and our school.

We have a new classroom in the form of a converted art room. The Year 6 children and Mrs Howard are excited about it. Please come in and have a look at this wonderfully modern set-up.

Welcome also to our new Prep students. 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 a language already. I hope you can help with their reading also. Welcome also to new students Oscar and Yvette Fanning to the district and our school.

Our 'Play Is The Way' program continues. It carries a simple but succinct definition about coming to school: We come to school for 3 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

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- The aim is to achieve these objectives using children's universal joy of games emphasising 5 key concepts
- Treat others as you would like them to treat you
- Be brave – participate to progress
- Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with
- Have reasons for the things you say and do
- 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 2018 will take place on Friday afternoons starting at 2:35pm.

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.

You don't have to be the best at anything; rather your task is to get better at everything.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The School Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday 27 February commencing at 7:30pm at the school.

## PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION NEWS

**Welcome to all!! Do you know anything about coding? Ever answered NAPLAN questions from a Year 5 test? Curious? Well these are just some of 'cool things' the P & F get to do so come along to the meetings!** The first meeting for 2018 will be the **AGM on Monday 5 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 Ally Gordon, President on 0429 900 747 or Naomie Phillips, Secretary on 0429 998 504.

## SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

### 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 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 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 2018 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- New student enrolments: you child has started or changed schools in 2018 or you did not apply at the same school in 2017
- 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 Monday 12 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 Monday 12 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 2018 will be held on Fridays at 2:35 pm.

On Friday 3 February, a Whole School Assembly will be held at 2:35pm. Student leaders will be presented with their badges and certificates. Term 1 Class Captains will be announced also. Friends and family are warmly welcomed to attend.

## Welcome BBQ – Friday 16 February at the Swimming Sports

Parents and families are invited to join us for lunch, in the form of a ‘Welcome Barbecue’ at 12:00 noon in the Dunkeld Memorial Park. A free sausage sizzle (and icy pole) will be conducted by the Dunkeld Consolidated School Council and P & F Association members. (Families are also welcome to bring their own lunch if they wish). For catering purposes, could you please complete and return the ‘Swimming Note’ which included numbers for the Welcome BBQ.

## Perfect Attendance for 2017

On the last day of 2017 the following certificates were presented:

100% Perfect Attendance for Semester 2: Heidi Burger, Penny Burger, Mitchell Gordon, Monet Graham and Sarah Symes. (photo right)

100% Perfect Attendance for the 2017 School Year: Sarah Symes



## Social Services 2017

During 2017, the students (with their families amazing support) have raised over \$6728.95 through the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal, Felicity's Hope, and the Fathers' Day, Mothers' Day and Christmas Stalls.

This is a fantastic result, from a small school. But 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.

At the end of last year the students discussed and allocated the funds to the following charities:

Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal	\$ 376.00
Leukaemia Foundation of Victoria (Funky Hair Day)	\$ 136.00
Felicity's Hope Project	\$4,825.00
Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation	\$ 347.95
Cure for Motor Neuron Disease Foundation	\$ 348.00
National Breast Cancer Foundation	\$ 348.00
Salvation Army, Hamilton	\$ 348.00

## Book Club Orders due in by Friday 9 February

When submitting your Book Club orders to school could you please ensure that the following sections are completed:

- Name of Student and Class i.e. Prep, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.
- Quantity of items ordered.
- Amount due.
- Total quantity of items ordered.
- Total cost of the order.
- Credit Card receipt number to be completed if paying online.
- **Ensure the whole order form is returned to school, including orders that have been placed online.**
- **Any cheques to be made payable to the "Dunkeld Consolidated School".**

## SPORT

### 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 5 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 16 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.

\* Further details regarding the format of the swimming sports will be sent home in the near future.

### 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): Elodie Cochran, Zachary Lance, Lulu McDonald, Seamus McDonald, Finn Parker, Henrietta Patterson, Yvette Fanning, Oscar Fanning.

WANNON House (House Colour: Red): Edward Williamson, Nate Elliott, Jasmine Etherton, Will Griffin-Wilson, Jim Herrmann, Isla Oldfield, Tyson Riddle, Zoe Trotter.

## 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 2018 Student Information Booklet, which has been uploaded to the school website:

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



### Australia Day Celebrations in Dunkeld

Two of our School Captains, Lucille Aarons and Chloe Frost proudly represented our school at their first official function at the Dunkeld Australia Day ceremony on Friday 26 January 2018. A large crowd was in attendance at the morning ceremony, which included the raising of the Australian Flag, singing of the National Anthem and other well-known Australian songs and the presentation of the Citizen of the Year award to Mr Doug Fleming.



## Forms attached to the newsletter

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

- Photography Permission Form – Return by Monday 5 February
- Headlice Inspection consent Form – Return by Monday 5 February
- Parents and Friends Membership Form – Return by Monday 5 February
- CSEF application form – Return by Monday 12 February
- Dunkeld Consolidated School Traffic Guidelines – Pick up and drop off