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CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN PRUST ON RECEIVING THE AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

Mr John Prust (Prustie) was born at the Willaura Hospital on 13 December 1941 to parents Sydney and Mavis Prust. He was brought up on a small farm eight kilometres north of Glenthompson where his father milked cows sending the cream off to the Ararat Butter Factory. It was collected three times weekly by a tray truck. His primary schooling was at the Glenthompson Primary School until Grade 7. Because of milking schedules, he was expected to ride his bike to school although sometimes the ride home was shortened by being picked up in a horse and cart!

John's secondary education was at Hamilton Technical School until Form 4 and then Hamilton High School to completion. Bus travel was over an hour from Glenthompson to Hamilton. He was once written up as the pupil who travelled 16,000 miles a year for an education. This was in the Sun News Pictorial. John has never checked their maths and the article was written up in what they called the 'Odd Spot'.

John commenced Ballarat Teachers College at the age of 16 years and attended there for two years after which he was sent to Hensley Park Rural School as a teacher, night man, cleaner and gardener with six children. This was 1960. In June that year he closed the school and the children were bussed to Hamilton and he was transferred to Dunkeld Consolidated where he took over a Grade 3 class and taught such worthy pupils as Kevin McArthur, Dennis Fitzpatrick and he thinks Michael Myers. Say no more.

John transferred to Glenthompson Primary School the next year where he has been told he taught for 26 years four months and three days by a colleague. Once again, John has not checked the Maths!

John transferred back to Dunkeld in about 1989 where he was part of Smithy's (John Smith) team with Jenny Crawford on school council. It was a very good era for him.

In 1996 after more than 36 years with the Victorian Education Department, he retired from teaching due to hearing problems.

John had put together a reasonable size farm over the years at Glenthompson, so he returned to farming until spinal problems induced him to retire. This he did in 2000 retiring to Dunkeld with a grand view of the mountains, which had always surrounded him and were part of his life.

After a few months, Smithy called around and said that there was a meeting he should attend. At that stage, various committees of the Memorial Park, the Caravan Park, and various other parcels of Crown land were defunct and this meeting set up the Dunkeld Public Lands Committee,

incorporating the Dunkeld Memorial Hall, Salt Creek the Arboretum area, Memorial Park and of course the Caravan Park. Smithy was elected Chairman and John Prust was elected Treasurer. As it turned out it consumed his life and became his main interest.

And what an interest it was!

John was virtually the Business Manager for the Caravan Park for the next sixteen years. A position he enjoyed, particularly seeing it grow from a total revenue of \$7,280 in its first year to a turnover of nearly \$120,000.

John served on the Arboretum Committee, Dunkeld Progress Association and he is currently on the Dunkeld Community Centre Committee. He has been on this Committee since the Old Memorial Hall was excised from the Dunkeld Public Lands and has therefore seen it grow from a dream to reality under Mary-Ann Brown's leadership.

John was also involved as a volunteer driver with the Western District Health Service for a number of years.

In 2011 after 69 years, John's bachelorhood ceased when he married Wendy. What a joy that has been.

John was fortunate to have travelled overseas many times and since marriage, he and Wendy have continued travelling with one period of 12 months where they rounded Cape Horn of South America, stood in the Arctic Circle (Alaska) and admired the view from the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa.

They enjoy their outback caravan travels and have covered many miles of desert tracks and seen the wonder of our beautiful country.

John is a life member of the Country Fire Authority having served as Secretary of a small brigade with Westmere Group and also the old Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, which is now Vision Australia.

Events of the past eight months have confirmed with John that he is so lucky to be part of this small and active community.

John would like to state –
"Thank you Dunkeld for your caring support, and in particular for this recognition today."



DONATIONS

Simon and Goldie Armytage	\$150
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Iris Field	\$ 20
Anonymous	\$ 5

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CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161

E-mail: hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au

1st Week	Sunday	February 3	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Sunday	February 10		No mass or service (mass in Glenthompson)
3rd Week	Sunday	February 17	8.30am	Mass
4th Week	Sunday	February 24	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Anglican - Uniting Churches Combined Worship

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Services at Saint Mary's, Anglican Church Dunkeld. Everyone is very welcome.

***** Please note change of time to 5.00pm Sundays *****

Enquiries: June Cashman 5577 2592 or Heather Macgugan 5577 2277

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

The next Service at Panyyabyr will be held on Sunday 10 February at 4.00pm and will be conducted by Rev Angie Griffin. At the conclusion of the Service, we will have a barbecue. We hope you will be able to join us on this day.

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

The following members can be contacted at any time:

Secretary Iris Field 5574 0202; Treasurer Margo Dark 5574 0222; Kristy Beveridge 5574 0274.

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
4	5	6 Newsletter issue 1 distributed	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Closing date for Newsletter issue 2	16	17
18 SES Search and Rescue Information Evening	19	20 Newsletter issue 2 distributed	21	22	23	24
25 Dunkeld Progress Assoc Meeting	26	27	28	1 Closing date for Newsletter issue 3	2	3

DUNKELD PUBLIC LAND'S COMMITTEE

Welcome to a new year! Our committee finishes in March and we will have elections soon. Please read the Public Meeting notice regarding election procedure. Consider making a difference to your public land areas and join our committee.

The caravan park has been very busy and it keeps us busy. The walking tracks have been re-surfaced and two new boardwalks constructed. We await the future decision about the reservoir wall.

John Smith, President



FROM THE LIONS DEN

Since our last newsletter, the Lions have been involved in some local projects:

- We supplied a free sausage sizzle for the school students on the last day of school in 2018. The parents and teachers of the students can be very proud of how well the children conducted themselves (there were very few who did not say please and thank you when they were served), our future is bright. The Lions always look forward to this annual event.
- The Nativity scenes were put up in both Dunkeld and Glenthompson.
- Lions assisted in the annual Australia Day celebrations in the Dunkeld Memorial Park. The recipient of the Dunkeld Citizen Award was John PRUST (Prustie), a man who certainly has left his mark on our community. He was very quick to say that although he was the one receiving the award it was because he had the help of Wendy and others. Thank you Prustie from the community, we appreciate what you have done, and are continuing to do.

International Night

This year the International Night is about Mexico, a country with a long and interesting history.

Grijalva, Juan de (c1489-1527)

Spanish leader of an expedition along the Mexican coast from Yucatan to modern Vera Cruz, where he received gifts sent by Montezuma (Montezuma 11 was the Aztec emperor at the time of the Spanish conquest. He was the ruler of a vast area with five million subjects. He was killed by his own people when Cortes used him to tell them to end their uprising against the Spaniards.)

Peter Hinchey

2019 projects are almost here ...

Pete The Sheep

2019 is a book year and The Litwit has chosen a ripper in "Pete The Sheep" by Jackie French, illustrated by Bruce Whatley – it is a fun book about a sheep comfortable in his own fleece and a shearer with a penchant for a woolly coiffure! It is going to provide a little fun for young and old as we roll out the activities and projects in the New Year. There will be a South West wide community art project, laneway activations, book readings, kids literary workshops, visiting special guests if we can lure them our way and a bit of live theatre if we can pull that off too. We will keep you in the magic circle as everything unravels in its usual woolly style.



KNIT ONE - READ ONE

DUNKELD PUBLIC LAND'S COMMITTEE NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given of a **Public Meeting** to be held at the Dunkeld Community Centre, Green Room on Thursday 7 March at 8.00pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to nominate no less than three or more than nine persons for the Dunkeld Public Land's Committee for a term of three years. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations of women are encouraged.

The Dunkeld Public Land's Committee manages on behalf of the Victorian Government the Caravan Park, Salt Creek, Memorial Park and the Arboretum.

Further information, nomination forms and nomination declaration forms are available from the Manager, Dunkeld Community Centre or the President John Smith 0429 772 373.

John Smith, President



Dan Tehan MP

Member for Wannon

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SANTA COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to Di Dewan, who won the "Christmas Cheer" competition, and Pauline and Brian Mathews, who won the "Best Santa" competition. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Dunkeld Christmas spirit in 2018.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION

The Dunkeld Progress Association (DPA) intends to host a community engagement session on Sunday 31 March. The purpose of the session is analyse the results of the surveying that was conducted last year for the Community Plan and determine several priorities and how to act on them. Prior to the session, the DPA will conduct a survey of the Dunkeld community to gauge the level of support for a **heavy vehicle bypass** of Dunkeld. Our intention is to obtain feedback on this proposal from all businesses and residents. Please give this idea some thought. The survey will take place in late February.

CONTACTS FOR THE DPA:

Email: dunkeld.progress@gmail.com
Kay Leyshon: 0439 9922 50; Greg Gardner: 0403 960 900;
Eda Williamson: 0416 756 681

Next DPA meeting: Monday 25 February, 7.30pm in the Green Room, Sterling Place. All welcome!



Dunkeld SES Search and Rescue Information Night

With the Peaks Trail plans, upgrades to tracks, and the establishment of more tracks at this end of the Grampians. The Dunkeld SES will be holding a Search and Rescue information evening for all interested persons to attend.

With the increased possibility of Search and Rescue activities in the near future, we are seeking your assistance by forming a Search and Rescue team.

This informal Community Engagement night will be held on Monday 18 February at 7.30pm at the Dunkeld Emergency Service Complex. All interested members of the Dunkeld and District Community who would like to consider joining SES are encouraged to attend.

The workload for this particular area of operations is certainly going to increase in the next 12-24 months. With the foreseeable upsurge in tourist numbers visiting Dunkeld and the surrounding area, this end of the Grampians is expected to rise from between 10,000 - 30,000 people over the coming years. It is believed the number of potential call outs for Search and/or Rescue will be also significantly increased.

It is hoped the Dunkeld SES Unit could attract interested skilled or non-skilled persons who are bush walkers, hikers, rangers, farmers, explorers, or just volunteers who are interested in Search and Rescue. The only prerequisite is that you are keen and happy to assist persons in need.

All are invited to come along to for an informal information night. Please bring a friend, or friends who you feel would be interested in being part of a Search and Rescue Team. We look forward to seeing you there.

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DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women, you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL, you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Membership renewal for 2019 is now due. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.

Are you a proud Rat of Tobruk descendant? During World War II, more than 14,000 Australians fought at Tobruk (Libya), during the historic 242-day siege. These men became famously known as the Rats of Tobruk.

After returning to Australia, the Tobruk siege servicemen looking for comradeship, established the Rats of Tobruk Association. Around 1944, active branches and sub-branches were started in every state. In more recent times, these branches and sub-branches have been wound up owing to the declining numbers of surviving veteran members. The only exception has been the Victorian Branch, which has now operated for over seventy years.

In 2012, veteran members of the Victorian Branch, decided to open membership to descendants and relatives. Since then, many new members have joined. We now have over 500 members from across Australia including a number of original veterans who remain active. Our President, Bob Semple, is a mighty Rat of Tobruk.

Descendants and relatives of Rats of Tobruk are encouraged to consider joining the association. More information about our association and the Siege of Tobruk can be found on our website www.ratsoftobrukassociation.org.au Anyone interested in joining can send an email to ratsoftobruk41@gmail.com for further information.

This association is an incredible legacy of and fantastic tribute to the mighty Rats of Tobruk. With the support of descendants, this historic association will continue for many more years.



LOCAL MYSTERIES by Marion Colton

Good day everyone!

I hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas festivities and that you have welcomed another fulfilling, healthy and harmonious year into your lives. Life is so full of wondrous forms. One day in December, walking around the lagoons in the Dunkeld Arboretum, I noticed once again the beautiful, long-stalked, yellow flowers growing out of the water. This time, I decided to learn a little more about them so I tried to gain a closer look.



Good fortune was with me, for I managed to locate some plants growing near the shoreline. Their long stems seemed to emerge directly from the water, dividing into a number of subsidiary stems, which terminated in clusters of cone-shaped green buds. The latter

opened its exquisite bright yellow flowers, roughly the size of a Common Fringe Lily, their five slightly irregular, rounded petals, tipped with fine hairs, curving daintily back towards the water. This created a wide opening around the pistil and tall, protruding stamens, in which a bee was busily taking advantage of the nectar within.

I wanted to see what kind of leaves it had. This process took some time, for it often appeared as though the stalks emerged directly from the water, quite leafless. A beautiful array of small, kidney-shaped leaves floated like miniature water lilies all around, their stems visible under the surface, curving, mingling and entangling each other. Were these their leaves? The flowers certainly stood amongst them but their stems did not seem to connect. However, finally, further along the shore of the lagoon, I made the connection and traced the long stem to its surface kidney-shaped leaves. This stem shattered the mystery for it supported two similar leaves on its angular joint prior to descending into, or arising out of, the water.



I thanked the plant for revealing its secret and wandered home to see if it was in my "Typical Wetland Plants of the Glenelg Hopkins Region" book. It was! Commonly known as Running Marsh Flower; botanically as *Villarsia reniformis*, from the family *Menyanthaceae*.

How fortunate we are that it grows in our lagoons amongst many other wetland species, fast disappearing from our environment.

HAMILTONCLB3x3

Hamilton CLB 3x3 is coming back to host its second event from Friday 22 to Sunday 24 February 2019. The weekend is sure to be fun-filled and enjoyed by the whole family. Not only does it include exciting, fast paced, 'street style' basketball action of ten minute 3-on-3 games to either compete in or to spectate, there will also be a fun, festival-like atmosphere with music, children's activities, food truck, pop up bar, pop up barber shop, and more ... Entry for spectators is FREE!

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DATE
Monday 25th February 2019

TIME
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VENUE
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The Greater Grants Program is designed to help build our region by giving community groups a funding source to undertake new or growing initiatives, projects, or events that benefit the Southern Grampians Shire.

Does your community group have a project that needs a little extra funding support to help get it off the ground? The Greater Grants Program could be for you.

Greater Grants Program Round Two opened on Monday 14 January 2019.

Closing date is Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 4.00pm.

Please note:

- Grants under \$2,500 will be notified of the outcome on Thursday 28 February 2019.
- Grants over \$2,500 will be notified of the outcome on Thursday 14 March 2019.

Grant Categories

There are grants available under six different categories. Each grant category has a different contact person who is happy to discuss your project/event and assist you with any questions you may have.

Please call 5573 0444 to speak to the relevant staff member.

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The portal is the heart of the program where you register for workshops and mentoring, and access online learning materials and webinars.

Full details can be found at:

www.asbas.melbourneinnovation.com.au

If you need any further details, please contact Peter Johnson on 5573 0240 or email pjohnson@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au

RED CROSS NEWS



The first meeting for 2019 will be Thursday 28 February at the Henry Leech RSL Room, at 2.00pm. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

Iris Field, Secretary

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to Mrs Vicki Kearney who has been the Editor of the Lions Club's Dunkeld & District Community Newsletter, in a volunteer capacity, from 2015 to 2018. Vicki's dedication, commitment, enthusiasm and efforts have been greatly appreciated, as our community newsletter has gone from strength to strength, is widely read, and is enjoyed by all. We wish Vicki all the best in her new endeavours!



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Razor Ride

On Tuesday 5th we greeted the arrival of the riders participating in the Razor Ride, a fundraising ride supporting the wonderful work of Griefline Community and Family Services Inc. The 6 day, 850km ride takes in various parts of Victoria and we were fortunate to host morning tea for the riders and support staff. Led by Ray 'Razor' Chamberlain, renowned AFL umpire and legendary Australian



cyclist, Phil Anderson, the morning was enjoyed by all. After refreshments, the cyclists headed on the next leg to Port Fairy. The morning was also an early opportunity to celebrate eight years since the commencement of our branch in Dunkeld. Top: Louise with cycling legend, Phil Anderson.

Above: Anna with Ray 'Razor' Chamberlain.

Grampians Ark – Fox Baiting Program

Below are the dates for this year's Grampians Ark' fox baiting program pulses:

Autumn 4 February – 8 April

Winter 3 June – 5 August

Spring 23 September – 25 November

To all residents, landowners and visitors, Please be aware that 1080 fox baits will be laid on participating properties throughout the Dunkeld, Glen Thompson, Victoria Valley, Karabeal, Mirranatwa, Victoria Point, Moutajup and Croxton areas, during these times.

Autumn has always been the traditional time to undertake fox control. (I was trying to work out when the fox control actually began - I know from my records, many people have been involved for over 20 years, but I suspect it has been longer than that, if you know, I would love to hear from you). We have received many, many reports of fox sightings throughout our region, so now is the time to take action. For some reason we have had a spike in the fox population, perhaps due to a kind spring and an abundance of food to support them? So we need to take some action now. And we all know, that if we all do something, then the result we can achieve will be tremendous. Whereas, if we leave it to just a few people, the fox population will not be affected by much, and we will certainly see the devastating results of this

later in the year.

Thanks to the very generous financial assistance from the GHCMA - Our Catchments Our Community program, and the DELWP Biodiversity On Ground action grant, we are again able to provide the baits needed, at no charge to the ACUP 1080 registered landowners. These baits are again available from Kelly's in Dunkeld, just show them your ACUP as you collect the baits, and the baits will be charged to the Panyabyr Landcare Group. Please record what baits you put out, and how many have been taken, as I still need to collect that information.

Because we are working on a landscape scale program - so many people across our region are participating (the area covered is about 33,000ha!) - we only need to lay one bait every 100ha. This is great as it reduces the bait numbers on the ground (remember what we used to lay...?!). Here at Tooronga, we (Shaun!) used to put out over 30 baits, now it is only nine. This low number dramatically reduces the time it takes, and also reduces the chance of caching - foxes running along the bait line and collecting the baits to take back to their den and store. One fox could take quite a few baits at a time.

If you have any trouble, either collecting the baits or with any part of the program, do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember that you need to contact your neighbours to let them know you are baiting, and put the bait signs up on your gates (available too, from Kelly's). We need to make this program as safe as it can be, for everyone.

If you are not in the program, but would like to be, please get in touch. Controlling fox numbers not only helps those farmers directly by reducing lamb losses, but also helps the entire community by supporting this wonderful biodiverse landscape we live in.

Lisa McIntyre

Phone: 5574 9235 or mobile: 0428 749 235

GARDEN NOTES – FEBRUARY

The main planting season for winter and spring flowering bulbs occurs during February, March and April. Their main requirements are an open, sunny well-drained position. Compost and a small quantity of well-decayed animal manure will be beneficial. Some bulbs e.g. tulips and hyacinths can be grown very successfully in pots. Further information regarding planting depths and distance apart etc can be found on the packs in which you purchase the bulbs.



February is a good time to prune your geraniums and pelargoniums. This is a very simple job, which involves the removal of any dead, weak or broken shoots and reducing all other growth by about half.

Winter vegetables can be scarce and expensive. You can plant now for winter harvest crops such as cabbage, cauliflower, celery, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, silver beet, carrots, parsnips and turnips.

Harvesting and storage of your fruit crop requires care and planning. Soft fruits such as peaches, plums etc will only "hold" for a very short time after picking, however, their storage life is extended by placing in the crisper drawer of your refrigerator. Drying, bottling or stewing and freezing are other ways to prolong their storage time.

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February is a good time to order any roses, fruit trees or deciduous ornamentals you may require for winter planting. The earlier you order, the better the chance of your nurseryman being able to service your requirements. *Happy gardening – Stephen Hughan, Ararat Nursery*

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Senior players

Dates: Thursday nights in February (14th, 21st & 28th)

Time: 6:15 – 7:15PM

Venue: Dunkeld Recreation Reserve

Team selection to be held on Thursday nights in March (7th, 14th & 21st)

Junior players

Dates: Thursday nights commencing 7th March

Time: 5 – 6PM

Venue: Dunkeld Recreation Reserve

17&U and 15&U players welcome to attend senior preseason training

All enquires to gdfncnettynews@gmail.com

DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Club Championships

15 and 16 December 2018

A very good field of 18 bowlers contested the championships; this would be the best numbers we have had for at least eight years.



In some terrific games led by Shanks in a tight game defeating Fiddler 25/24, then K. Prewett beat Skeeta 25/20 setting up a great event. Others to come through the first round were Gary, Gus, Rob Carr, Cat, Boxy and Cloud.

The quarter finals saw Gus beat Shanks 25/15, R. Carr over Boxy 28/15, Cat beat Skeeta 25/15 and Gary beat Cloud 25/17.

Semi-finals – Gus beat R. Carr in a very tight match 25/19 and Cat won over Gary 25/15. The final was a great game with Cat leading for most of the game but Gus rose to the occasion winning 25/22.

Well done to all who played, thanks to John Fraser, Sandy and Heather for marking the earlier games. Gus now goes on to play in the Champion of Champions on 20 January. Well done Gus, two in a row.

The M.A. Templeton Memorial 21 Up

On 6 and 7 January, fifteen players took to the rink to contest this prestigious event, playing in near perfect conditions the first round saw Syd, after a tremendous battle with John Mc finally beat him 21/16. Grub defeated Peter Mc 21/16, Gary defeated Neil 23/13, K. Prewett defeated Sandy 21/19; Sandy a last minute starter bowled brilliantly and had Prewie under great pressure. Monty defeated Paul 21/17, Boxy defeated Steve (Special K) 21/10 and Rob Carr defeated Skeeta 21/14.

Round 2: Tony Jackson defeated Syd 21/7, Grub in outstanding form gave Gary a real touch up 21/5, Prewie defeated Monty 21/17 and R. Carr defeated Boxy 21/13.

The semi-final saw Tony Jackson in splendid form beating Grub 21/6 and Prewie was unable to handle Rob C 21/10 despite leading in the early stages.

Into the final and first year member, Tony J beginning to emulate brother Gus, bowled sensationally, playing pure draw bowls as needed and on at least five occasions played the drive or upshot with precision. At games end, Tony came away winner with emphatic 22/3 win. Well done Tony, this will obviously not be his last big win.

Again, thanks to John F and Heather for assisting with the marking.

Men's Pennant

12 January 2019: Home and away games recommenced on 12 January with Division 1 playing Hamilton at Dunkeld. After a great tussle, our lads came away with six shot overall with mainly thanks to Gus and his team with Gus playing some unbelievable shots to have his team win 33-18. Syd battled all day to go down 16-22 and Cat clawed their way back for a 17-22 loss.

Division 4 playing the only other undefeated team, Portland at Portland bringing home a great win by 23 shots overall, Bob and team down at 19-31, Skeeta's squad up 31-19 and Frank's mob a strong win of 35-12.

19 January 2019: Division 1 met RSL at Portland to suffer a 29 shot loss. Cat's team being down 24-7 at smoko almost got up, going down 29-25, Syd's team had a forgettable day down 8-44 and in form Gus and Co got up 26-15. RSL proving they are the team to beat for the flag but are definitely not unbeatable.

Division 4 playing Hamilton Green had another convincing win by 27 shots overall. Bob's team regained their form to win 27-11; Skeeta continued with another good win 31-8 and Frank in a great battle down 20-22.

This keeps our boys on top of the ladder one game clear and favourites for the flag.

26 January 2019: Division 1 hosted the very agreeable lads from Balmoral. At day's end, Dunkeld got up by a convincing 54 shots with the team of Gus, R. Carr, Boxy and Tony up 40-10. A commendable win with Tony playing with a badly sprained ankle but still dropped them on.

Syd with Shanks, Uncle Brian and Cookie bounced back into the winning circle with a profound 29-7 win and Cat with Fiddler, Prewie and Gary being down at smoko got up 21-19. We are now back to second on the ladder.

Division 4, also at home against Coleraine, had to fight to overcome a considerable deficit at smoko rising to the occasion to score a 24 shot win.

Again Bob with Special K and Neil S had a massive win 39-11; Frank, Monty and Peter Mc down 16-19 and Skeeta, Dan and John Mc down with three ends to go and 13 shots down almost pulled off a win, going down 23-24.

Division 4 still sits on top of the ladder.



STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM (SAKG)

Welcome back to our Dunkeld Consolidated School Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program for 2019. If you would like to become a Friend of the Kitchen Garden Program,

please phone the school on 5577 2384 to leave your details and we will get in touch with you with further information.

Lisa McIntyre and Clare Kennedy, SAKG



SCHOOL NEWS

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 Mojica-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 Kennedy and Lisa McIntyre, 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 –

1. We come to school to learn about ourselves.
2. We come to school to learn about others.
3. 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 and the general community 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.

Announcements from 2018

At our final assembly for 2018, the 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.

School 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% Perfect Attendance for the 2018 School Year

Edie Jackson, Jasmine Crawford, Mac Jackson and Nate Elliott.

Perfect Attendance for Semester 2

Edie 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) 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

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION DATES FOR 2019

We warmly welcome Mrs Carol Burger as the new Editor of the Dunkeld & District Community Newsletter.

Please note that the closing date for the Community Newsletter **will now be 6.00pm on the Friday before the distribution date**, as listed in the table.

Please forward your content to Mrs Carol Burger – email: carolburger5103@gmail.com or phone: 0417 374 673.

To streamline the advertisement placements in the Dunkeld Community Newsletter could you please complete an advertising schedule (available from Carol). The Editor reserves the right to decide whether to accept an advert or article.

It is preferable if your advertisement is forwarded as an attachment to your email as a JPEG file or in a WORD document.

PDF documents will not be accepted.

The Newsletter will be distributed on a Wednesday this year and ALL contributions need to be in by the previous Friday – any late items will be held over until the next issue.

Please contact Carol for an advertising schedule. Size and cost of the advertisements are as follows:

- (a) 1/8 page - \$ 5.00 (inc GST) (*approx business card size*)
- (b) ¼ page - \$10.00 (inc GST)
- (c) ½ page - \$20.00 (inc GST)

PACKAGE DEALS for Regular Advertisers (every issue):

Pay in Advance 1/8 page advert in issues 1 - 10
Cost: \$ 40.00 (two free ads – saving of \$10.00)

Pay in Advance ¼ page advert in issues 1 – 10
Cost: \$ 80.00 (two free ads – saving of \$20.00)

Pay in Advance ½ page advert in issues 1 - 10
Cost: \$160.00 (two free ads - saving of \$40.00)

Pay in Advance 1/8 page advert in issues 11 - 20
Cost: \$ 40.00 (one free ad – saving of \$5.00)

Pay in Advance ¼ page advert in issues 11 - 20
Cost: \$ 80.00 (one free ad – saving of \$10.00)

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The Dunkeld Consolidated School will forward invoices and receipt any monies pertaining to advertising in the Dunkeld & District Community Newsletter.

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NB: If you wish to change the content/size of your advertisement, please email the **new version by the relevant closing date. E&OE.**

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6	Fri 26 April	Wed 1 May
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JUNE-JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
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