2014 WHAT’S COMING UP

DECEMBER 2014

Mon 8 Final School (and Community) Newsletter for 2014.
Tues 9 Orientation Day for Year 6 students going into Year 7 in 2015.
Kinder to Prep Orientation Program – Orientation Day for Kinder students going into Prep in 2015. Kinder students attend school all day from 9.00am to 3.25pm.
Thurs 11 Cleaning up and packing up in the Kitchen in preparation for 2015, commencing at 9.00am – all Kitchen Friends are welcome to help if they are available.
Fri 12 Social Service Christmas Stall. ‘Thank You’ Morning Tea for all helpers and volunteers that may have assisted in any way at the school during the year commencing at 11.00am in the school hall.
All parents and children involved in the Under 12’s Cricket this season are invited to the Dunkeld Memorial Park from 6.00pm onwards for some fun games and to celebrate the season just completed. Please bring own food for BBQ or alternative.
School Council Dinner at Café 109 – 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.
Sun 14 Dunkeld & District Community Carols commencing at 7.30pm in the Dunkeld Community Centre. Collection for the Christmas Bowl Appeal and the Tarrington Band.
Mon 15 School Concert Rehearsals - the whole school will be bussed at various intervals throughout the day to the Dunkeld Community Centre for their concert item rehearsals. Students will need to bring a packed lunch box with snacks and water for the day.
Costumes will not be required for the rehearsals.
Parent Information Night commencing at 5.00pm for parents/guardians of 2015 Year 3/4/5/6 students.
Tues 16 Whole School Concert commencing at 7.30pm at the Dunkeld Community Centre. GOLD COIN DONATION ENTRY.
Wed 17 School Reports sent home.
Thurs 18 Cleaning up and tidying up in the Garden in preparation for 2015, commencing at 10.00am – all ‘Friends’ are welcome to assist if they are available.
Students will walk to the Dunkeld Memorial Park for lunch and a swim at the Dunkeld Swimming Pool. Students to bring $2.00, their swimming gear and their own lunch.
Fri 19 School Council Annual Christmas Raffle will be drawn. LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.
Sun 21 Glenthompson Christmas Carols commencing at 7.30pm in the Uniting Church.

JANUARY 2015

Mon 26 Australia Day celebrations in the Dunkeld Memorial Park commencing at 8.00am.
Wed 28 TEACHERS COMMENCE TERM 1 2015.
Thurs 29 FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 2015 FOR STUDENTS.

FEBRUARY 2015

Mon 2 School Swimming Program.
Tues 3 School Swimming Program.
Wed 4 School Swimming Program.
Thurs 5 School Swimming Program.
Fri 6 School Swimming Program.
Mon 9 School Swimming Program.
Tues 10 School Swimming Program.
Wed 11 School Swimming Program.
Prep students do not attend school
Wed 18 Prep students do not attend school.
Wed 25 Prep students do not attend school.

2014 SCHOOL COUNCIL, SUB-COMMITTEES AND P & F MEETING DATES

Fri 12 Dec School Council Dinner at Café 109 – 6.30pm for 7.00pm.
Dec Finance Meeting – date and time TBA.
Tues 24 Feb School Council Meeting No 10 – 7.30pm

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

2014 TERM DATES

Term 4 Monday 6 October to Friday 19 December

2015 TERM DATES

Term 1 Thursday 29 January to Friday 27 March
(TEACHERS START ON WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY)
Term 2 Monday 13 April to Friday 26 June
Term 3 Monday 13 July to Friday 18 September
Term 4 Monday 5 October to Friday 18 December

FORM/S ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

School Concert Rehearsals and Whole School Picnic Day Permission Form – return by Thursday 11 December 2014
Dunkeld & District Community Carols – return by Friday 12 December 2014
Expression of Interest for Music Lessons form – return ASAP
FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

We are into December, and nice things happen in December. I am not absolutely sure why all of December seems to be ‘nicer’ than the other months. Yes, there are a few especially wonderful days… Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day… and they are truly my favourite days of the year. But it seems that the lead up to those ‘special’ days causes people to be happy. Or is it just me? Maybe I’m the only one who is happy and it just seems like everyone else is happy when in fact they are not?

No: I think everyone is that little bit happier and probably individuals have a variety of different reasons for December happiness: family gatherings, giving, receiving and children and Santa, food, holidays, Boxing Day Test, decorations, end-of-year parties, Kris Kringle, Christmas carols, Bing Crosby, Cards, warm weather? No matter what your circumstance in life, I hope you have happiness during the month of December.

A lot of people have been giving to our school in many different ways throughout the year. Parents and volunteers have helped our children and our school in so many different ways. Members of our School Council and sub-committees have given so much time. People involved in working bees this year have helped to make our school look neat and tidy for most of the time. Our Parents and Friends Association have again contributed significantly to our school this year. Our association with the Grampians Cricket Club continues to be a positive one, and we are grateful for their quietly carried out contributions. Terrie Nicholson and Helen Tragar dedicate themselves to their duties and far more than that. Gaylene Raymond is our rock and she is my great support, and I am thankful. There are parents and friends who recognise the good things we do and who promote our school with their positive communication throughout our community and beyond. We are grateful for giving us fuel to continue to want to do better. There are teachers who go beyond their responsibilities and the children are the beneficiaries.

Last week I made a quick dash to Geelong to attend a retirement function, at Geelong College. I caught up with many friends and former colleagues. Someone said to me that it felt normal that I was there. Suddenly it occurred to me… that the feeling was not reciprocal. My normal is Dunkeld Consolidated School and my place is Dunkeld. Merry Christmas, everyone.

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

I draw your attention to the attached leaflet offering private instrumental music and voice lessons. If your child does not already participate in such, and you are interested, I fully support and encourage you to give consideration to singing or instrumental lessons as an extra-curricular opportunity for your child. It is worth noting that these lessons are priced below the recommended AMEB tuition fee and that AMEB exams will be made available upon parent request.

PAINTING – FRONT FENCE

School Councillor and Facilities Sub-Committee member, Mr John Mirtschin, will be painting the front fence at the school. If you are able to assist, could you please contact John on 0438 009 201.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

The final Special Assembly for 2014 was held on Wednesday 26 November, Mr Michael Gordon, Captain of the Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade was our guest presenter and he spoke about the importance of being “Fire Ready” and presented prizes to the annual CFA Poster Competition winners. Michael also read out the names of students who received Significant Achievement or Positive Citizenship Certificates for the month of November:

Significant Achievement: Jemma White, Merielle Encabo Patullo, Liam Fenwick, Lucille Aarons, Charlie Field, Lachie Phillips (x2), Brodie Reynolds (x3), Monet Graham, Cooper Hassett, Emily McNaughton, Alisha Cross, Hamish Darrock, Bonnie Jackson, Elise Cox, Jack Reynolds, Wil Balkin, Angus Heazlewood, Lucille Aarons, Charlie Adams, Sam Burger, Myles Haley, Amelia Jackson, Oliver Jackson, Luka Tuhakaraina, Abby Lazzari, Alexander Prentice, Pippa Williamson, Amyt Hale, Natalie Featherston, Brooke Hill, Ella Jackson, Olivia Mirtschin, Sarah Symes, Ellen White, Sam Cullinane, Ben Potter, Edward Williamson, Lucy Calvert, Sophie Darrock, Isabel Hanson, Zarli Hassett, Julia Kelly, Ashleigh McNaughton, Anna Schurmann, Aaliyah Tuhakaraina, Zac Burgess, Oliver Fenwick, Josh Gordon, Will Kent.

Positive Citizenship: Tom Headwood, Cohen Cooke, Oscar Reynolds, Jessica Field, Lily Graham, Matthew Calvert, Taj Hassett, Hugh Roache, Tom Kent, Sophie Cox, Ben Peace.

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The Brigade wishes to thank every student who participated in the competition, and the art teachers for organising it. Congratulations to all the winners!

Helena Flinn, Communications Officer

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

The Graduation Ceremony held on Friday 5 December was a tremendous celebration to recognise our Year 6 students completing their Primary School education. This success was due to the Year 5 families hard work in organising the meal and the decorations (medical theme) in the school library and hall.

Dinner was held in the library and a delicious meal was prepared and served to 42 guests. Thank you to all who assisted with preparation and on the evening ensuring that the 2014 graduating class had a very enjoyable evening. Official guests for the evening included Dr Doug Fleming, Miss Cecilia Myers, Mr Simon Cullinane, Mrs Karen Kent, Mr Russell Mitchell, Mr and Mrs Tony Williams, Mr and Mrs Vic Lynch.

The Year 6 Awards for 2014 were as follows:

- School Council Dux Award: Jemma White
- School Council Citizenship Award: Iziaah Tuhakaraina
- Macgugan Family Dignity/Achievement Award: Brendon Paterson
- Glenthompson Community Association Award: Merielle Encabo Patullo
- Leadership Award (Glenthompson Friends of the RSL): Merielle Encabo Patullo
- Williams Family Sports Scholarship: Jemma White
- Myers Family Dunkeld Scholarship: Jemma White

‘THANK YOU’ MORNING TEA – 12 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 Friday 12 December commencing at 11.00am.

STUDENT LEADERS 2015

The 2015 Student Leaders will be announced before the end of the school year.

AUSTRALIA DAY – 26 JANUARY 2015

Students are encouraged to participate in the Dunkeld Australia Day ceremony on Monday 26 January 2015 commencing at 8.00am at the Dunkeld Memorial Park. School Captains are to attend wearing full school uniform. Other students may wear neat, casual dress.
RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES - 2015
The first day for all students next year will be Thursday 29 January 2015. Staff will return officially on Wednesday 28 January. Prep children will have a four day week during summer, staying home each Wednesday during the month of February. Mrs Gilbert will contact Prep families to arrange times for one on one interviews during February 2015.

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.

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 the last day of school 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 END OF YEAR PARTY
On Friday 19 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 sweet food and the children in Years 4 to 6 are to bring savoury food. (A note was sent home with savoury and sweet food suggestions). 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 1.00pm.

SCHOOL RUGBY JUMPER ORDERS HAVE ARRIVED
School rugby jumper orders have arrived! Payment is required upon collection of your order. Cost: sizes 6 and 8 - $70.75 each and sizes 10, 12 and 14 - $77.70 each.

COMMUNITY CAROLS – SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER
All our students (Prep – Year 6) are invited to participate in the annual Community Carols in the Dunkeld Community Centre, on Sunday night 14 December, commencing at 7.30pm sharp. The students are encouraged to wear something ‘Christmasy’ i.e. no school uniform, next casual clothes – Christmas hats, tinsel etc. We will have a collection on the night, proceeds for the Christmas Bowl Appeal, helping needy families in the world.

Year 6 and Staff Thank you Lunch: Year 6 students harvested and prepared a lovely lunch for all of the staff on Thursday 27 November. Each student was given a task and they worked hard together to make sure lunch was ready by 1.30pm. Staff were greeted and seated to a lovely table setting with vases of flowers a very lovely colourful touch as the centrepiece. Our menu: Pasta Carbonara, Garlic Parsley Pizza, Harvest Salad, Honey Mustard Dressing, Lemon Curd Meringue, Berry Yoghurt Ice-cream, Strawberry and Mango Limonata Punch.

Before we shared together the Year 6 students were asked to say one thing that they were thankful for. Thank you to all of the staff for replying to your invitation and for attending this lunch that the Year 6 students put on for you. Well done Year 6!

Please remember to fill in the attached Volunteer Form if you are at all interested in helping with the program next year!

SAKG Fundraising Dunkeld Museum Dinner: Jo Frost, Anna Topia, Alec McIntyre, Steve Kennedy, Bev Hampton and Molly Kennedy; “thank you” for making the Museum fundraising dinner a success. An event and evening to raise funds and support the SAKG Program at our school. You are much appreciated and we are very grateful. Thank you to the Dunkeld Museum ‘Friends’ for a great opportunity you present to us.

Welcome Year 2: The Kitchen was abuzz with excitement on Thursday as our Year 2 students harvested, prepared and shared a delicious meal together. The children worked in small groups with a Friend of the Kitchen Garden program and wonderful leaders, our Year 5 children. Year 5 you should feel very proud, your leadership skills, concentration and gentle manner with those just learning the ways of the Kitchen was a great example to all present – well done! The menu we enjoyed was as follows: Chihuahua Rice, Pizza of Garden Harvest, ‘What’s Growing’ Muffins, Savoury Pancakes, Fruit Sticks and Berry Smoothies.

Kitchen Clean-Up Day on Thursday 11 December: All ‘Friends’ of the SAKG Program are welcome to help on this day from 9.00am. Happy preparing over the holidays.
Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

From the Garden
We are fast approaching the Summer holidays, and so have slowed our plantings right down now. It is very dry; Vincent Hul has been our Rain Gauge Recorder for the year, and his chart at the front entrance of the school shows many “0”s. Next year Natalie Featherston and Ben Potter have volunteered to record the rainfall – I hope they beat Vincent’s amount this year!

Mulching and watering takes up what time we have left now, in between throwing wood ash over dampened cherry trees to discourage and suffocate cherry slugs, building netting covers for the fruit trees, catching snails, building up soil and straw around the potatoes, knocking off fruit tree root stock shoots, making watering pots, harvesting, composting, picking peas, using the person powered push mower, weeding, designing and building watering systems, conducting wildlife surveys, seed collection, planting our rooted cuttings, constructing roof proof fencing, picking flowers, making posies to give away to others, recycled garden art, and cleaning up the shed! So it keeps everyone busy and thinking. Please remember to fill in the attached Volunteer Form if you are at all interested in helping with the program next year!

From the Kitchen Garden...
From the Kitchen

Traditions in other Cultures: Our final kitchen class for discovering traditions in other cultures saw us celebrating the feast after Ramadan called Eid-al-Fitr in Turkey.

We prepared and shared the following together:

Kaymakli Kuru Kayısı: Cream-Stuffed Apricots - Turkish dried apricots poached in syrup and then stuffed with cream cheese mixed with pistachio and lemon so very delicious and a very special treat
Naneli Limonata: Homemade Lemonade with Mint- way too sweet but used as a mix with water or soda water would be very nice
Köfte: Turkish Meatballs – rolled with one hand to make a Turkish meatball shape served with our Roast Garlic and Lemon Yoghurt Dipping Sauce.
Gozlene: Flatbread with spinach and cheese and a very healthy salad Fattoush using a harvest of lettuce and herbs. A very delicious lunch and the students and friends of the kitchen garden should be congratulated for ‘giving new things a go” tasting new tastes and having a go at new words and gaining an understanding of different cultural cuisines and traditions.

From the Kitchen Garden...
We are drawing up a Watering and Chook Checking roster for our garden over the summer holidays, and hoping that you will be able to help. We’ll get to help as many families and friends as possible on the roster, to minimise the time each is required to water. Last year, the most anyone was rostered on for, was for 3 days, thanks to the great response we had. We hope you can help us!

Please contact me with any dates that suit you:

- Week 1 Monday 22 December – Sunday 28 December
- Week 2 Monday 29 December - Sunday 4 January
- Week 3 Monday 5 January – Sunday 11 January
- Week 4 Monday 12 January – Sunday 18 January
- Week 5 Monday 19 January - Sunday 25 January
- Week 6 Monday 26 January – Wednesday 1 January

Thank you: Claire and I would like to take the space to thank many people! Firstly, to our students; thank you for taking on new challenges, new tastes and new experiences, we are very proud of you all. Thank you also to all those people that even in some small way helped us with the Kitchen Garden program to the Dunkeld Consolidated School children. From those that donated anything from hay to lemons, sheep poo to glass jars, and shovels to chefs’ hats, thank you – your support has truly enriched the program.

We especially want to make mention of and sincerely thank all our generous sponsors of the program, whose support and backing will see the program delivered through the school for at least the next four years. We cannot tell you how relieved and happy that has made us, as it is a sign of conviction that this program is seen as a relevant and important part of the children’s learning. And to the School Council members, thank you very much for taking the initiative and time to organise this sponsorship program, we appreciated that it was a huge undertaking by you, and we understand well the hard work involved when asking for an undertaking such as this, in a small community.

To Paul Jeffreys, his teaching and support staff, thank you. Your interest and participation, and inclusion of the kitchen and garden in your day to day learning activities have all helped grow and stabilise the program in the curriculum. Ann Howard, our SAKG Coordinator, is so enthusiastic about the SAKG, and believes in its value and benefit to the students’ learning. She works very hard and we really appreciate your efforts. And lastly, to all our Friends that help in the classes, you should know by now that this wouldn’t, or couldn’t happen without you. All those smiles, words of wisdom, shoulder shrugs, laughs, hugs, winks and nods... it is a privilege to have you share them with us.

Happy Christmas!
Clare Kennedy and Lisa McIntyre

SOCIAL SERVICE CHRISTMAS STALL

- 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, 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 of wrapping paper to the front office this week.
- 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.
- On Friday 12 December, could students please bring a bag to place their purchases in.
- As part of their role as seniors, the Grade 6 students will be taking an active part in the preparation and running of the stall.
- If you can help on the morning of Friday 12 December (from approx 9.00am), please contact Lisa McIntyre on 5574 9235 – we would really appreciate it!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

As previously advised, the Dunkeld Consolidated School Council has organised a major raffle to raise money for the School Camps and Excursion Program. Please return all raffle books (sold and unsold) and monies to school by Wednesday 17 December.

Garden Roster: The last Garden lessons for 2014 will be held this Thursday 11 December. A general clean up and tidy up in the SAKG Garden will be held on Thursday 18 December from 10.00am – all Friends are welcome if you are available to assist.

P & F NEWS
As 2014 comes to a close, we take this opportunity to reflect on the year the Parent and Friends have had. It has been a busy year with the P & F participating in the following events:

- Welcoming Afternoon tea
- Dunkeld Street Stall
- Caulfield Grammar catering
- IGA sausage sizzle
- Serra Terroir tasting
- Big Blokes Breakfast

The funds raised from these events have assisted the school by purchasing the new PA system and new urns. We have also contributed money to the SAKG bench top upgrade, the Big Blokes Breakfast, purchase of books related to the program Play is the Way, Graduation pens’ engraving, and Puberty Education sessions for senior students. Already for 2015, we have made financial commitments to the reading program and to the Senior levels authentic learning program.

The P & F are fortunate to have such dedicated and hardworking members. Thank you to all those who have assisted throughout the year in any way, shape or form. We would not have been able to give back to the school in the way we have if it had not been for your assistance.

Finally, thank you to Paul, Clare and Terrie for their assistance throughout the year also. Your support has been extremely valuable. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday period.


ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITIES (AASC)

As it sits back and do my program feedback for Semester 2 – Term 4, I am saddened by the fact that this program will not be going ahead for 2015. This term alone, there has been a significant increase in the number of kids that come along over the 7 weeks - 26 of those turned up to the very last session! Due to the weather, the basketball program was cancelled so the kids introduced me to a game Mr Jeffreys taught them called ‘kick it’. Played like continuous cricket, the aim is to kick a tennis ball then run around a witch’s hat before the bowler gets a chance to hit the wicket aka big orange wheelie bin! It’s a great game for all ages and abilities. Pippa Williamson was a key contributor to her team mates win making the majority of the runs when her team needed them the most.

Fun was the focus for our last session of the term (FOREVER). 26 keen participants showed up, however I’m not sure if it was the menu of cake or the relay games that enticed them to come along. Our first warm up was the sack race followed by the traditional egg and spoon relay. A break for cake and fruit was called before the kids took on the challenge of the pass the balloon relay. I got more fun out of watching the kids run or bounce down the court then the fruit was called before the kids took on the challenge of the pass the balloon relay. I got more fun out of watching the kids run or bounce down the court then trying and pass the balloon to their team mates using just their knees. Quite funny though. We finished the term with a game called in2CRICKET and Grampians Blast. Congratulations to all the kids and parents who managed to make the last session.

In the near future the kitchen will be upgraded with stainless steel bench tops to be fair. Instead the aim is to do something similar to the start of Term 1 with the other clubs. With Under 12’s also finished as of Wednesday, the Primary School Junior Program is over for this year, with only Under 14’s and 16’s continuing for the next two weeks.

GRAMPIONS CRICKET CLUB in2CRICKET and T20

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who participated in the MILO in2CRICKET and Grampians Blast program this term. A huge thank you to Lachie Green, Jack Behncke and Angela Field who managed most of the organisation and the tremendous group of active parents who assisted each week. We had hoped to play a round of T20 against the other participating clubs in Hamilton for the those in Grades 2 and 3, however they are a fair way off in their organisation of something like this and it was probably just going to be a game of a few of the kids, which wouldn’t be fair. Instead the aim is to do something similar at the start of Term 1 with the other clubs. With Under 12’s also finished as of Wednesday, the Primary School Junior Program is over for this year, with only Under 14’s and 16’s continuing for the next two weeks.

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DUNKELD RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

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Fire Restrictions

Following the driest spring since 1982, the fire restrictions for District 5 came into force earlier than usual this year, on Monday 1 December. This means that NO burning off can now be done without a written permit.

Dunkeld Brigade has now been issued with its annual permit to conduct burning off on roadsides, and weather permitting; it is proposed to start this very important fire prevention activity within the next couple of weeks. The roadsides within the Brigade area to be burnt include Old Ararat Road, Penshurst-Dunkeld Road, Blackwood-Dunkeld Road, Dunkeld-Cavendish Road, Glenelg Highway, around the Dunkeld Transfer Station, certain streets within the township and any private blocks requested (if considered appropriate by the Brigade).

The Brigade urges everyone to be vigilant regarding fire over the summer months. The last two fire seasons were very busy, and everyone is hoping for a quieter one this year.

Captain Mike Gordon and all Brigade members wish the Dunkeld and district community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe!

Peter Flinn

BE FIRE READY
DUNKELD KINDERGARTEN EXCEEDS NATIONAL STANDARDS

We have received our draft report for assessment and Dunkeld Kindergarten has been rated as Exceeding National Quality Standard under the National Quality Framework (NQF).

The National Quality Standard (NQS) sets a national benchmark for the quality of children’s education and care services across Australia. Services receive a rating for each of the seven quality areas in the NQS, as well as an overall rating.

In Victoria in the last 12 months –
31% of centres were rated as exceeding
44% of centres were rated as meeting
26% of centres were rated as working towards

Summary comments:
- “Dunkeld Kindergarten is congratulated for an overall rating of Exceeding National Quality Standard.
- Educators respected the uniqueness of each child and had a high expectation for their learning. Educators at the service were committed to ensuring the delivered program was strongly based on the children’s interests and needs.
- The delivered program with the inclusion of Bush Kinder highlighted the educators strength in enhancing and embedding children’s understanding of environmental respect and responsibility.
- The cohesive nature in which educators worked supported the quality of the program and enhanced the strong, reciprocal relationships and the inclusion of children and families.”

Implementation of the NQF is guided by the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA).

To find out more information about the National Quality Framework and service ratings, visit the ACECQA website www.acecqa.gov.au.

TERRACYCLE

The Dunkeld Kindergarten has joined TerraCycle Australia’s Oral Care Brigade and Cleaner Packaging Brigade.

What does this mean? We need your help!

Please collect the following items and place them in the collection boxes at Kelly & Henson. The items will be sent to TerraCycle to be recycled.
- empty toothpaste tubes and caps
- old toothbrushes (excluding electric)
- empty floss containers
- toothpaste, toothbrush and floss packaging
- inter-dental brushes
- stand up toothpaste bottles
- hand wash and body wash pumps
- shampoo and conditioner pumps
- beauty product pumps
- cleaning product triggers
- laundry liquid taps
- dishwasher tablet plastic bags
- beauty product tubes
- face wipes packaging

The Dunkeld Kindergarten will receive a small donation from TerraCycle in return for offering this collection service. Want more info? TerraCycle information sheets can be picked up from Kelly & Henson. Thank you for your support.
MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR

'Thank You' Morning Tea for volunteers – Dunkeld School
Dunkeld Arboretum and Dunkeld Sawmill Groups’ Christmas Break-up
Grampians Cricket Club U12 Cricket Break-Up – Dunkeld Park
Salt Creek Working Bee – Dunkeld Public Lands Committee
Dunkeld & District Community Carols – Dunkeld Community Centre
Dunkeld Consolidated School – whole school concert
Dunkeld Consolidated School Raffle drawn today
Dunkeld Santa Competition – entries close today
Mirranatwa Christmas get together – Mirranatwa Hall
Woodhouse Nareeb Christmas Celebration – Woodhouse Hall
Dunkeld Consolidated School Class of 1975-1981 Reunion
Christmas Eve Town Santa Run
Dunkeld Museum Committee Meeting
Australia Day Ceremony – Dunkeld Memorial Park
Dunkeld Museum Guest Speaker Meeting
Indian International Night – Dunkeld Lions Club
Dunkeld Museum Committee Meeting

DUNKE LD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Caravan Park  The Park has been busy lately and forward bookings are good. We are looking into levelling the sites in the middle area. Renovating the original unit has been planned for February because occupancy has been good. The Committee is also looking at improving the Office/Living area next year. We thank Gary and Mavis for their dedication and hard work at the Park. Campers are very happy with the facilities and prices. This often keeps them in Dunkeld longer and businesses benefit from this.

Salt Creek  Many people enjoy walking the tracks along Salt Creek. It is a huge job for our Committee to maintain the Salt Creek Area. If you use and enjoy this area please consider giving us some help at a working bee. We need to clean up sticks and branches in some areas. This will help get mowers into the grass areas at a working bee on 9.00 am on Sunday 14 December. Bring a pruning saw or rake or trailer and meet near the bridge on the Halls Gap Road. (Below the olive trees) Whipper snippers may be helpful too. Please come along if possible.

Sawmill  The messmate logs have been delivered to Woody, so he can cut the hut floorboards. Perspex has been bought to cover the photos. (They are blowing off the boards). We will be holding our breakup on Friday 12 December at the Mill. We will provide the meat, condiments and tea and coffee. Could you please bring a plate and eating utensils and a chair. It would also be helpful if we had a salad or sweet to share. BYO drinks. This event will be held in conjunction with the Arboretum Group. Hope to see you there.

The DPLC has had a big year. Thank you to anyone who helped us. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe Happy New Year.
John Smith, President

FROM THE LIONS DEN

Last Monday Lion Lance Mason and I attended at the Macarthur Lions dinner meeting to give a presentation of our portfolios of Crime Watch and Farm Safe and it seemed to go down well. They are in the process of getting a farmer to allow us to run a farm safe day on his property. Also as a club we were involved in helping out with parking at the Dunkeld Races. Dion Ross was kind enough to give of his time to help out there with us. The Racing Club Committee has to be congratulated with how they conducted the meeting, another great success.

ON THE BEAT

Gary is raking up some leaves and tidying up around the caravan park.

Melissa and Adrian up early and are pouring a cup or two. Mr Stephens is leaving already. A quick word and he’s hoping for
some good weather for the weekend, climbing in the hills.
Herman will be picking up the paper shortly.

Morning school run – wave to Shelley, Lu, Fiona, Mel, Annette, Tim, Allison, Bev and Jo. Emma and Darren and Eda are walking along.

School buses drive past.

Plenty of cars at Kinder. Debbie and Kim are outside keeping an eye on the future.

Nick, Trudy, Jason and Sophie must be busy because there are a few Landcruiser trays out the front now.

Roz and Marg are going to be open today. No doubt some wonderful stories will be read by as yet unknown customers.

Mal is serving patiently with a few people in.

Turn the corner at the Royal Mail, few in today. Dennis has just put another piece of wood on the fire.

Few wallabies on the green.

Allison and Gill are moving quickly serving a multitude.

Marg has just sold a scarf and a new China cup.

Another Marg is serving at the counter as Mick is paying for some fuel. Selena’s working Saturday arvo and then late Saturday night at the Royal Mail, a long day but she won’t complain.

Head up Vic Valley Road. Craig’s out plumbing already, Smithie’s not at home maybe the blue Ford’s heading out to the block.

Kids are in school. I imagine that Gaylene and Terrie will be busy typing and organising the day and the days to come. I wonder what caught Mr Jeffreys’ interest today as he greeted the students. Mr Smith will be relaxed, perhaps looking forward to golf on Saturday and enjoying a joke with the kids. Lisa’s there and Clare’s car too – workers those two.

Some cars at Mount Sturgeon – tourists. Have to keep an eye on them on the way back to see if they get down alright.

Vic Valley Road isn’t getting any smoother. Bill and Jenny are near the woolshed. Wonder where Rex and Gay are today and for that matter Iven too. Maybe he’s looking after his friends’ bees.

Come back through Karabeal. Shaun’s moving a mob of sheep. I think the old man would be quietly proud of him.

The Freshwater is getting down a bit.

Past Simon’s place he’s always upbeat and happy. I’m glad he’s in the SES. Happy people always help build a team. Another Simon drives through with a load of hay heading west. Always busy.

Driving past the Tourist Centre, volunteer’s cars again, what a great job they do for Dunkeld.

Phil’s walking to the shop. He is stopping occasionally to watch the workers at the Community Centre.

Frank’s got a car in for some work. Bruce has a few in the driveway as well.

Pretty quiet at the football ground.

I’d say Keith and Karen are sorting mail at the Post Office.

A stall outside the shop. Nola, Heather, Fiona are selling some produce and raffle tickets.

Grub’s called in to get a brew. He nearly wore out that whipper snipper trimming grass before the Races.

Jim’s talking to some Telstra workers in the street. Not a blade of grass out of place at Footrot Flats.

There’s that mulberry tree that David and Heather were saying was 140 years old.

Sauv and Romain have a few cars outside today. It’s an amazing story. From France to Dunkeld. I hope they go well.

Drive past the Tourist Centre again, cars there, must be a meeting, the two Doug’s are there and Mary-Ann, I think Maree as well. I’m sure we’ll see their efforts in the months to come.

SES meeting or CFA not sure. Shed’s open, no must be SES, Doug’s car is there. Hard not to spot that Essendon number plate.

Drive up the hill, Frank’s probably got a class on.

Past the oval, Peter’s rolling the pitch. The ground looks good considering it’s drying out all around.

Pull in the drive. It’s late, kids are already in bed. What an amazing place with lots of stories.

To the wonderful people of Dunkeld, Glenthompson and surrounding area I wish you a very Merry Xmas and a Happy and safe New Year. Don’t speed, don’t drink and drive and stay safe over the holiday period. Best wishes.

LSC Bruce McNaughton

DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members 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. If you join or renew your 2015 membership before 31 December 2014, you will automatically be eligible to win a trip for two travelling on the Indian Pacific from Perth to Sydney. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.

The Anzac Legend – History told in Pictures: The Anzac Legend tells the true story of the Anzac landing in 1915; warts and all. Retelling Australia’s and New Zealand’s journey from the outbreak of war until ten days after the troops landed on the beach at Ari Burnu (often referred to as the ‘first phase’ of the campaign). The book gives new relevance for today’s population of Australians by providing reference to the people who actually fought there: Aborigines, Africans, Asians, British, French, Indians and Turks. Carefully rendered portraits of notable personalities, maps, diagrams and battle scenes bring the story to life. Available for purchase from Wotsleft Books website: www.wotsleftbooks.weebly.com

My Life, My Choices – understanding what you need to know to plan for your future care: Members of the public are invited to join us (Office of the Public Advocate) for an information session on planning for future legal, medical and lifestyle decisions. The sessions are free but places are limited and bookings are essential.

Date: Wednesday 11 February 2015
Times: 10.00am – 12.00noon
Location: Office of the Public Advocate, Level 1, 204 Lygon Street, Carlton 3053

The Freshwater is getting down a bit.
**Car Parking:** Is very limited, participants are encouraged to use public transport.

**Contact:** Lorraine Lipson

**RSVP:** OPducation@justice.vic.gov.au or phone: 1300 309 337

**Websites of Interest:**
Office of Australian War Graves (OAWG) (this site also lists details of 2015 ANZAC Day events) www.dva.gov.au/commem_oawg/OAWG/Pages/index.aspx
First AIF Order of Battle 1914-1918 (Ross Mallett) (a reference tool for the reader or researcher of Australian military history and for the genealogist) www.aif.adfa.edu.au/8888/main.html

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year!
Terrie Nicholson, Secretary/Treasurer

**SWIMMING LESSONS**
Please refer to the attached class lists.
Thank you.
Jen McArthur 5573 3265

**DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE**

Annual Christmas Dinner: The Dunkeld Museum members enjoyed a delicious and sumptuous meal at the Dunkeld Consolidated School prepared and served by the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program’s dedicated staff and volunteers. We highly recommend the ‘SAKG Catering Team’ to other community groups. Thank you to everyone involved in ‘growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing’ – it was a most enjoyable meal and evening.

Our guest speaker was Mrs Susan Mason who provided an entertaining and informative presentation about growing up as a young child during the 1960’s on the historical property, “Blackwood”, which has a history dating back to 1842. Susan’s father, Geoff Robertson, was employed as Head Stockman on “Blackwood” for 34 years. Susan, her siblings and other children from “Blackwood” all attended the Dunkeld Consolidated School.

Guest Speaker Meeting on Monday 2 February: Our first Guest Speaker Meeting for 2015 will be held on Monday 2 February.

Deductible Gift Recipient status: The Dunkeld Museum has been endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR). Donors may claim a tax deduction on any donations made to the museum.

Committee Meeting: Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 19 January 2015 commencing at 8:00pm at the Dunkeld Museum.

Recollections of Dunkeld and District (by Mr Brian Rope):
On 14 December 1950, the MV _Cheshire_, under the command of Captain Philip H Potter, arrived at Port Phillip Bay in sixty miles per hour gale. The next day’s Melbourne newspapers reported how two tugs with screws racing had fought for nearly two hours to hold the liner from being driven around near Station Pier. The first hawser rope ashore had snapped and the _Cheshire_ was in difficulties. The two tugs were not able to hold the liner side-on but managed to swing her round into the wind, narrowly missing the east sing away from the jetty and crews anxiously sounded the depth fearing the liner would run aground. Eventually additional ropes were carried ashore and the liner was gradually hauled against Station Pier. The 580 British migrants on board reportedly cheered when the gangways went up.

On 15 December, the Rope family migrants disembarked and transferred into an Armstrong Siddeley double cab utility driven by Mr Tony Wilson of Bundoran, a property in the Western District of Victoria, between the towns of Glenthompson and Dunkeld (at the southern end of the Grampians mountains). My father, Jim, was to become a jackaroo on the property and my mother, Eileen, to become the homestead cook for the property owners, Tony’s parents. My seven-year-old brother, Alan and I (eight) accompanied them.

Being the end of the year, Alan and I did not start school in Australia until the beginning of the following year. In the interim we began to learn about the way of life in country Australia, so different from our previous lives in London. We spent our first Christmas in Australia at the home of my Aunty Mary Brown (Dad’s sister) and her family. We were extremely pleased to discover their tradition of hanging out an empty pillowcase for Santa, rather than the much smaller empty stocking! Uncle Tom Brown, Mary and their children, David and Margaret, had migrated to Australia just two years earlier than us. It was during a tearful farewell to them at the dock in England, that my parents had said they would follow them to Australia. The Browns were gardener and cook at a property in Victoria Valley, owned by friends of the Wilson family, and had arranged for the Wilsons to sponsor us as £10 migrants. To be continued...

Museum Duty: The following volunteers are on Museum duty from 1.00pm – 5.00pm on:

- **Monday 14 December** Bill & Fay Gordon
- **Monday 21 December** Beryl Gordon & Joyce Gordon
- **Sunday 28 December** Tony & Wendy Williams
- **Sunday 1 January** John Kay & John Cuming
- **Sunday 4 January** Wendy Williams & David Gordon
- **Sunday 11 January** Jeff Nagorcka & Rex Beveridge
- **Sunday 18 January** Trevor Finn & Helen Finn
- **Sunday 25 January** Barbara Dohle & Terrie Nicholson
- **Monday 26 January** Brian & Julie Hermann

If you are unable to carry out your duty on your rostered day could you please contact one of the other volunteers to arrange a swap.

*We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our volunteers and the general community for their assistance and support throughout 2014 and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.*

Terrie Nicholson, Publicity Officer

**THE READING ROOM – Summer reads**

**A trick of the mind**

**Author:** Hancock, Penny

Have you committed a crime ...or are you the victim of one? Driving down to the cottage in Southwold she’s newly inherited from her Aunty May, Ellie senses she is on the edge of something new. The life she’s always dreamed of living as a successful artist seems as though it is about to begin. So excited is she that she barely notices when the car bumps against something on the road. That evening Ellie hears a news flash on the radio. A man was seriously injured in a hit and run on the very road she was driving down that evening. Then Ellie remembers the thump she heard. Could she have been responsible for putting a man in hospital? Unable to hold the doubts at bay, she decides to visit the
Before we shared together the Year 6 students were asked to say one thing that they were thankful for. Thank you to all of the staff for replying to your invitation and for attending this lunch that the Year 6 students put on for you. Well done Year 6!

Please remember to fill in the attached Volunteer Form if you are at all interested in helping with the program next year!

SAKG Fundraising Dunkeld Museum Dinner: Jo Frost, Anna Topia, Alec McIntyre, Steve Kennedy, Bev Hampton and Molly Kennedy; “thank you” for making the Museum fundraising dinner a successful event and helping to raise funds and support the SAKG Program at our school. You are much appreciated and we are very grateful. Thank you to the Dunkeld Museum ‘Friends’ for a great opportunity you present to us.

Welcome Year 2: The Kitchen was abuzz with excitement on Thursday as our Year 2 students harvested, prepared andshared a delicious meal together. The children worked in small groups with a Friend of the Kitchen Garden program and wonderful leaders, our Year 5 children. Year 5 you should feel very proud, your leadership skills, concentration and gentle manner with those just learning the ways of the Kitchen was a great example to all present – well done! The menu we enjoyed was as follows: Chihauhua Rice, Pizza of Garden Harvest, ‘What’s Growing’ Muffins, Savoury Pancakes, Fruit Sticks and Berry Smoothies.

Kitchen Clean-Up Day on Thursday 11 December: All ‘Friends’ of the SAKG Program are welcome to help on this day from 9.00am. Happy preparing over the holidays.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

From the Garden

We are fast approaching the Summer holidays, and so have slowed our plantings right down now. It is very dry; Vincent Huf has been our Rainfall Recorder for the year, and his chart at the front entrance of the school shows many “0”’s. Next year Natalie Featherston and Ben Potter have volunteered to record the rainfall – I hope they beat Vincent’s amount this year!

Mulching and watering takes up what time we have left now, in between throwing wood ash over dampened cherry trees to discourage and suffocate cherry slugs, building netting covers for the fruit trees, catching snails, building up soil and straw around the potatoes, knocking back fruit trees, roof stock shoots, making wintering pots, harvesting, composting, picking peas, using the person powered push mower, weeding, designing and building watering systems, conducting wildlife surveys, seed collection, planting our rooted cuttings, constructing roof proof fencing, picking flowers, making posies to give away to others, recycled garden art, and cleaning up the sheds! So it keeps everyone busy and thinking. Please remember to fill in the attached Volunteer Form if you are at all interested in helping with the program next year!

Garden Roster: The last Garden lessons for 2014 will be held this Thursday 11 December. A general clean up and tidy up in the SAKG Garden will be held on Thursday 18 December from 10.00am – all ‘Friends’ are welcome if you are available to assist.

Traditions in other Cultures: Our final kitchen class for discovering traditions in other cultures saw us celebrating the feast after Ramadan called Eid-al-Fitr in Turkey.

We prepared and shared the following together.

Kaymakli Kurru Kaysi: Cream-Stuffed Apricots - Turkish dried apricots poached in syrup and then stuffed with cream cheese mixed with pistachio and lemon so very delicious and a very special treat

Naneli Limonata: Homemade Lemonade with Mint- way too sweet but used as a mix with water or soda water would be very nice

Kölfe: Turkish Meatballs – rolled with one hand to make a Turkish meatball shape served with our Roast Garlic and Lemon Yoghurt Dipping Sauce.

Gozleme: Flatbread with spinach and cheese and a very healthy salad

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Thank you: Clare and I would like to invite all those people! Firstly, to our students; thank you for taking on new challenges, new tastes and new experiences, we are very proud of you all. Thank you also to all those people that even in some small way helped us present the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program to the Dunkeld Consolidated School children. From those that donated anything from hay to lemons, sheep poo to glass jars, and shovels to chefs’ hats, thank you – your support has truly enriched the program.

We especially want to make mention of and sincerely thank all our generous sponsors of the program, whose support and backing will see the program delivered through the school for at least the next four years. We cannot tell you how relieved and happy that has made us, as it is a sign of conviction that this program is seen as a relevant and important part of the children’s learning. And to the School Council members, thank you very much for taking the initiative and time to organise this sponsorship program, we appreciate that it was a huge undertaking by you, and we understand well the hard work involved when asking for an undertaking such as this, in a small community.

To Paul Jeffreys, his teaching and support staff, thank you. Your interest and participation, and inclusion of the kitchen and garden in your day to day learning activities have all helped grow and stabilise the program in the curriculum. Ann Howard, our SAKG Coordinator, is so enthusiastic about the SAKG, and believes in its value and benefit to the students’ learning. She works very hard and we really appreciate her! And lastly, to all our Friends that help our classes, you should know by now that this wouldn’t, or couldn’t happen without you. At those smiles, words of wisdom, shoulder shrugs, laughs, hugs, winks and nods... it is a privilege to have you share them with us.

Happy Christmas!
Clare Kennedy and Lisa McIntyre

THANK YOU
I had a wonderful time during my recent visit to Dunkeld. I thoroughly enjoyed catching up with friends, walking around the Arboretum and the town, attending the ecumenical church service at the Dunkeld Cemetery, baking sponge cakes for the Arboretum Stail, learning more about the Armagtry family history at the Museum Guest Speaker Meeting (Simon Armagtry), seeing the new Community Centre, the spectacular mountains ... and the list goes on. The Museum, Sawmill and Community Centre all look terrific – a credit to everyone involved! Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year (please don’t worry about sending a Christmas card to me). My heart will always be in Dunkeld! Joy Clarke

‘THANK YOU’ MORNING TEA – 12 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 Friday 12 December commencing at 11.00am.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council has organised a major raffle to raise funds for the School Camps and Excursion Program. Four FANTASTIC prizes are on offer and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 19 December:

1st Prize: Dunkeld Experience (luxury accommodation at Southern Grampians Cottages, Royal Mail Hotel meal voucher, Grampians Eco Tours – half day tour) – value: $880.00.
2nd Prize: Apple iPad Air 16GB Wi-Fi – value: $600.00
3rd Prize: Chasseur Cast Iron Casserole Dish – value: $369.00
4th Prize: My Passport 2TB portable hard drive – value: $160.00

Tickets are $2.00 each and are available from students, the school and the following: Dunkeld Post Office, Dunkeld General Store, Café 109, Izzy’s Mountain View Café, Old Dunkeld Bakery, Robco Service Station, Glenthrop Roadhouse, Grampians Cricket Club and Dunkeld Caravan Park. There is an incentive prize of a $100.00 TOYWORLD voucher for the school family that sells the most number of tickets.

A sincere thank you to Southern Grampians Cottages Dunkeld, Grampians Eco Tours Dunkeld, Royal Mail Hotel Dunkeld and Scullions Hamilton for their generous support.

DUNGEALD COMMUNITY CAROLS – 14 DECEMBER
The Dunkeld Community Carols will be held in the new Dunkeld Community Centre on Sunday 14 December commencing at 7.30pm sharp. We will have a collection on the night with proceeds going to the Christmas Bowl Appeal helping needy families in the world and the Tarrington Band.

SCHOOL CONCERT – TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER
The annual School Concert will be held in the new Community Centre on Tuesday 16 December commencing at 7.00pm. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Gold coin donation entry.

IN THE GARDEN
Main vegetable plantings for December are cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, brussel sprouts, celery, silver beet, lettuce, beetroot, parsnip, carrots and radish.

It is important to watch the cabbage group of plants for attack by caterpillars of cabbage white butterfly and to dust or spray when required.

Earwigs are becoming quite a pest throughout the District. CARBARYL can be used on ornamental plants and will give good control but it is no longer registered for use on food crops i.e. fruit trees and vegetables, so we have to resort to other methods of control. The first step is to removed hiding places for them (earwigs hide during the day and do their damage at night) e.g. long grass, piles of timber or wood etc.

Effective traps can be made by taking a shallow container egg a margarine tub or takeaway food container, half burying it into the ground beside your vegetable garden and pouring some cooking oil into the container to a depth of approx 20-30mm. The earwigs are attracted to the oil and cannot escape once in the oil. Pouring boiling water into cracks and gaps in timber fences or timber or stone edges will also help. Another type of trap can be made by taking a soup or fruit tin, putting some melted fat into the bottom and filling it with screwed up newspaper and placing beside your vegetable garden, then every day or so shaking the paper into a dish of very hot water.

Further to our thoughts on watering in last month’s notes we need to realise that plants don’t ‘eat’ their nutrients, they ‘drink’ them, that is the various soil nutrients can only be used by a plant if they are dissolved in water and absorbed through the plant’s root system. Annually, vegetables and other soft leafed will need far more frequent watering than trees or shrubs will rough bark and tough leathery leaves. Generally speaking plants growing in sandy soils will dry out faster than in clay soils. This is because a dry soil with its much smaller particle size has many more soil pores in which to store water, therefore a given volume of clay soil will hold more water than the same volume of sandy soil.

Don’t forget to check your nursery for Christmas gift ideas!
Season’s Greetings to all.
Stephen Hughan

NEW GENERAL MANAGER
Royal Mail Hotel is pleased to announce the appointment of our new General Manager, Carl Forrest. Carl’s most recent position was General Manager at the 4.5 star Art Series Hotel - Schaller Studio in Bendigo.

Prior experience includes General Manager roles at Mercure and IHG, and roles in regional locations throughout Australia.
CARL, his wife SHARON and young family are looking forward to relocating to DUNKELD, so please make them feel welcome!

EUROPEAN WASP WATCH

These wasps are becoming more apparent now; the large queens are flying around looking for a place to build a nest. Remember, these wasps can sting many times, and the sting is extremely painful. Bearing in mind, the best form of control and to reduce the summer population of wasps, is by destroying the queen before she has a chance to set her nest up. Action now will make a big difference later on. Heading into the summer, home-made wasp traps (using plastic soft drink bottles, with the neck cut off and inverted back into the bottle and secured) with a quarter full of cheap straight raspberry cordial, and hung up (away from the house) can give a great indication of a nest close by, as well as reducing the number of wasps flying around. The full bee keeping suit is available to use (it’s kept at the post office), and there is also a list of volunteers who will be able to help you remove an active nest. If everyone does a little bit to help control these pests, we’ll all enjoy the summer more!
Lisa McNulty

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM DISCOVER DUNKELD!

This year was such a wonderful year for the Discover Dunkeld Committee. Thank you to all those who contributed in one way or another to events that helped celebrate the food, wine, art, history and natural beauty of our town.

The Winter Solstice Ghost Tour in June provided an interesting insight into the history of the town, and a bit of fun for all those who took part. The committee is very much looking forward to hosting a similar event in 2015.

The Discover Dunkeld Market in the Park in October also was a great success. The whole weekend offered a very full but diverse programme. The Discover Dunkeld Committee is thrilled a variety of community groups were able to contribute to the programme and raise funds.

It’s a testament to the commitment of the people who live in Dunkeld that our little town is able to stage a well-regarded event of this size.

Regrettfully, this was the final Discover Dunkeld Market in the Park for the committee. While a very, very difficult decision, the significant lead-time, marketing and intense coordination required for such a large scale event is unsustainable for such a small committee.

That said, the Discover Dunkeld Committee will continue into the future, and we are already planning other new and exciting events. We’d like to thank everyone who has contributed to Discover Dunkeld’s success and very much look forward to a prosperous 2015 and beyond.

Have a happy and safe festive season,
Discover Dunkeld Committee

"GRAMPNIANS ARK" and "GRAMPNIANS TO GRASSLANDS" FOX CONTROL PROGRAMS

Landowners, residents and visitors pleased be advised that the current fox baiting pulse finishes on Sunday 7 December 2014, covering Mirranatwa, Vic Valley, Karabeel, Moutajaup, Warrayre, Lake Linlithgow, Croxton, Dunkeld, Woodhouse and Glenthompson areas. After this date, please dig up and dispose appropriately, any uneaten baits.

The Free baits’ costs were covered by funding from the DSE and “Caring For Our Country” grants.
It’s early summer and baits are still being taken. Many lambs are heading off to the saleyards now. Imagine if no one had done any fox control work (both baiting and other forms) .... If you are not a sheep farmer, your control work has helped the chooks, small mammals, birds and reptiles survive, as well as helped your neighbours’ lambs - what a great community program. With everyone working together, we are making a difference. Baiting also occurs in the National Park at the same time.

Please send or email your "Bait Take Data Sheets" results to me, so I can collate the information at the end of the pulse. Thanks!
New participants are very welcome, please contact me with any queries.
Lisa McNulty 5574 9235

LAKE BOLAC P-12 COLLEGE

2014 has been a very enjoyable year for Lake Bolac P-12 College. We had a positive start to the year with 13 new preps starting school for the first time, all with huge smiles and loads of enthusiasm.

This year the school was excited to introduce the Daily 5 and CAFE series into the junior school. This system has helped students develop their daily habits of reading, writing and working independently, which in turn will lead to a lifetime of literacy independence. Our students always look forward to their literacy sessions and we are very happy that they have embraced this way of learning.

As well as working extremely well during class time, our students have been involved in many different events throughout the year. They have performed exceptionally well in numerous sporting events; swimming, athletics, triathlons, cross-country, football, netball, golf, tennis, basketball and clay target shooting. The results have been outstanding with a number of students reaching Greater Western Region level and in one case a State final.

The students have also enjoyed various excursions and camps; Melbourne Grand Prix, AFL football games, IMAX, Melbourne Museum, Holocaust Museum, Circus Oz, theatre productions, sporting clinics, various hikes in the Grampians National Park, Surf Lifesaving camp, Sailing camp, Melbourne camp, camping at Lake Bolac, Prep sleepover, just to name a few.

Early in Term 4 we had the yearly school production. This year it was ‘Send in the Clowns’ and ‘Schoolies’ a short skit by the Senior School. The production was a huge success and a lot of fun. We had a full house for both shows. Thank you to everyone that came.

We were very eager to start the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program this year. All the students have enjoyed working in the garden, planting seeds, watching vegetables grow, picking vegetables and cooking with their ingredients. At the start of term 4 the Year 5 and 6 class were able to cook a meal with minimal items from the supermarket. In Term 3 we were very happy to share the program with the Skipton Primary School and had a large Mexican fiesta, which all the kids helped to prepare. We are all looking forward to continuing this great program next year.

The upgrade of the kitchen in the gallery area was a major project undertaken by the Parent Club this year. As a result we have a lovely brand new kitchen with great facilities. This upgrade would not have been possible without the generous donations received from within the community.

We would like to thank our dedicated staff, school council, parent club members, parents and community members for all their support throughout the year.

Congratulations to all of our students on their achievements during 2014. We look forward to our 10 new preps starting next year and a bigger and better 2015.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Lake Bolac P-12 College

SPORT

GRAMPNIANS CRICKET CLUB NEWS

A Grade – First day of the game and a young Puma stood up under pressure with Thomas Milliard scoring a very solid 60 to
help the side to 212 for 7. Joe Sutherland continued his great from with 41, Stephen Field 38 and Wayne Dennert 37 others to get a start.

**B Grade** – bye.

**D Grade** – A very strong St Marys wallop ed our inexperienced line up 7/294 to 112. The Burgess boys Russell and Ryan taking two wickets ad Tristan McMahon 3/39. Only Jacob Patterson with 32 managed to reach a reasonable score as the wickets tumbled.

**Women** – no results.

**U12’s** – A strong showing against College, with Zac Burgess and Hugh Roache amongst the runs and Vincent Huf 2/7 and Matt Todd 1/0 the best of the bowlers. This group of players showing huge improvements in their skill level each week.

**U14’s** – 8/158 v St Marys in a two day game. Youngsters Vincent Huf 37 and Zac Burgess 34 upstaging the older, more experienced players with some brilliant shot making.

**U16’s** – 123 all out for College with Aiden Luhrs 2/5.

**Under 12’s Christmas Break-up:** All parents and children involved in the Under 12’s Cricket this season are invited to the Dunkeld Memorial Park on Friday 12 December from 6.00pm onwards for some fun games and to celebrate the season just completed. Please bring your own food for BBQ or alternative.

**DUNGEON BOWLS CLUB NEWS**

**MEN’S PENNANT**

A loss to Portland at Portland on 22 November left us with 5 wins and 2 losses, still sitting second on the ladder. Over the next few weeks we meet Grangeburn away and then Hamilton at home. We have put ourselves in a good position, we now must continue on with our good form, finals await.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

All knock-out rounds were played on the 29th with some terrific bowling and very close games. Brendan Gordon played superbly to almost defeat the champ Gus 25-23, Frank and Cat fought a great battle with Cat getting up 25-22.

It is now for Cat and Gus to play the final within the week, it is fitting that the clubs two finest bowlers are to play off for the Championship.

**TWILIGHT BOWLS**

Twilight bowls start the first Friday in February running over 4 nights – 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

Teams of 3, players may be interchangeable; one club bowler allowed per team, club bowler cannot skip.

Start time – **6.30pm**. Bowls are available at the Club.

So get your teams in and have heaps of fun, a game of bowls and a sausage sizzle/BBQ cooked by chef extraordinaire “Uncle Brian” all for $5! What more could you want??!

Entries to: Gary Wall 5577 2578/0488 712 705
Monty 5577 2424

**GRAMPIONS GOLF CLUB**

The golfing year has come to a close for the Grampians Golf Club. Presentation night was held on the 22nd November with a dinner and Annual General Meeting. Many of the Club’s men and women golfers who had put in a consistent effort over the season were rewarded with trophies the rest will try again next year for the accolades.

We welcome Martina Whelan as the next president of the club voted in at the AGM and wish Tony Roe pleasant travelling next year when he and his wife Jan become Grey Nomads for a few months.

The Ladies had a final fun day at the Mt Difficult golf course on Tuesday 25th where 20 members played 9 holes with only 3 clubs and some fun rules. Lunching at the Quarry in Halls Gap we were entertained by many joke tellers and the fun of reverse Kris Kringle. A pleasant day was had by all finished off with the ubiquitous ice cream. After all isn’t that why most people go to Halls Gap?

Have a great holiday break. Some golf will still be played on a Tuesday starting 8:30am. All welcome. Newbies welcome.

**Kerren Collins**

**Aussie Jingle Bells**

Dashing through the bush, in a rusty Holden Ute,
Kicking up the dust, esky in the boot,
Kelpie by my side, singing Christmas songs,
It’s Summer time and I am in my singlet, shorts and thongs

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
Christmas in Australia on a scorcher summers day, Hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, Christmas time is beaut!,
Oh what fun it is to ride in a rusty Holden Ute.

Engine’s getting hot; we dodge the kangaroos,
The swaggie climbs aboard, he is welcome too.
All the family’s there, sitting by the pool,
Christmas Day the Aussie way, by the barbecue.

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Come the afternoon,
Grandpa has a doze,
The kids and Uncle Bruce, are swimming in their clothes.
The time comes ’round to go,
we take the family snap,
Pack the car and all shoot through,
before the washing up.

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**By Bucko and Champs**
2nd Week  Sunday  December 14  10.30am  No service in Dunkeld – Mass and farewell for Sister Margaret Carmody and the Good Samaritans at Saint Mary’s Church Hamilton

3rd Week  Sunday  December 21  9.00am  Christmas Eve Vigil Mass*** TO BE CONFIRMED

4th Week  Wednesday  December 24  6.00pm  Mass and farewell for Sister Margaret Carmody and the Good Samaritans at Saint Mary’s Church Hamilton

1st Week  Sunday  January 4  9.00am  Mass

2nd Week  Sunday  January 11  9.00am  Mass

3rd Week  Sunday  January 18  9.00am  Mass

4th Week  Sunday  January 25  9.00am  Mass

Saint Mary’s Anglican Church
Locum Tenens Fr. Scott Lowry  5561 1687
Deacon Rev. Marjorie Keeble  Parish Mobile 0429 303 990

Services for December 2014 only
Sunday  7 December  9.00am  Communon Service N.B. Change of time
Sunday  14 December  9.00am  Uniting Service
Sunday  21 December  9.00am  Service of the Word
Wed  24 December  7.00pm  Christmas Eve - Anglican/Uniting Communion Service
Sunday  28 December  No Service

Judeo Christian Church
Cnr Adams and Fairbairn Streets, Dunkeld  Pastor Greg Gardner Mobile: 0403 960 900

2nd and last Sunday of each month  10.30am

Uniting Church - Services all at Saint Mary’s Anglican Church, Dunkeld
Sunday  28 December  9.00am  Janet Shalders
Sunday  11 January  11.00am  Rev Paul Sanders Holy Communion (please note time)
Sunday  25 January  9.00am  Local
Sunday  8 February  9.00am  Edwin McLean
Sunday  22 February  9.00am  Janet Shalders

Panyabyr Uniting Church: An ecumenical service will be held at Panyabyr at 7.00pm on Christmas Eve, led by Mr Keith Haines. A quick “cuppa” will follow the service, and we extend a Warm Welcome to all.

NEWSLETTER 2015 DATES
School Newsletter items only to Terrie Nicholson: nicholson.terrie.f@edumail.vic.gov.au  and are due in by 3.00pm as per the fortnightly TUESDAY as indicated.

Community Newsletter items are due in by 3.00pm as per the fortnightly TUESDAY as indicated. Please email items to Vicki Kearney on vkearney63@gmail.com

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**WANTED**
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**FOR SALE**
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Experienced in shed hand work and also seeking general farm hand work.

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**Thank You**
Thank you to the kind person who found our lost mail in the street and returned it to our post box.

It was a lovely surprise and a sign of a caring community.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Kind regards, Melissa and Henrik Antonsen

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**FREE**
HORN SEWING CABINET
In reasonable condition, no further use.

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**MIRRANATWA CHRISTMAS FUNCTIONS**
**CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER** – 20 December
Saturday night 20 December - gathering at the Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

BYO meat, drinks and a sweet and salad to share.

Visitors, friends, rellies… also welcome. Santa is coming sometime during the evening!

Contact person:
Jenny Crawford on 5574 0241

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE** – 21 December
Sunday morning 21 December Christmas Service at the Mirranatwa Uniting Church, 10.00am with Elaine Edwards followed by a cuppa.

All welcome.

Contact person:
Margo Dark on 5574 0222

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**Dunkeld Arboretum Development Group and Dunkeld and District Sawmill Restoration Group**
**Christmas Breakup BBQ**
Friday 12 December at 6.00pm
at the Old Sawmill.
BYO drinks, salad and chairs.

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**PENSHURST VOLCANOES DISCOVERY CENTRE**
**Our Fiery Volcanic Past**
**Full Day**
**28 February 2015**

Monash Researchers present latest knowledge of Western Victorian volcanoes – includes field trip to Mount Rouse, barbecue and Rock/Mineral Seminar.

1 March 2015
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A. Primary (Grades 3+) - Volcanoes
B. Secondary - Minerals/Rocks

1 hour sessions

Further details to follow in February 2015.

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Thank you all for your kind words and support in my endeavours producing this newsletter. I have really enjoyed it. But it’s time to hand the baton on.!!

Merry Christmas - Sally
DUNKELD CHRISTMAS EVE TOWN SANTA RUN
Santa will visit the streets of Dunkeld on Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24 December commencing at 7.00pm.

Out of town children are welcome to wait at the Post Office end of the Memorial Park.

Many thanks to the Dunkeld & District Lions Club; Melissa and Adrian Field, Dunkeld General Store; Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade; Victoria State Emergency Service – Dunkeld Unit; Kerri and Alan Jones, Anne and Mike Matthews and Gaylene and Frank Raymond who make this community event possible.

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Woodhouse - Nareeb Christmas Celebration

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5pm start
Santa arrives at 6 pm
BBQ at 7pm

BYO everything
(Salad and plate of supper to share)

Tokens to be left behind
the kitchen door as usual.

Don’t forget to build a Santa and sleigh in your garden
to be in the running to win $100.

Register your entry at the Post Office. Entries close Friday 19th December.

Winner announced before Christmas! Who will win the $100??
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We will be closed Christmas Day.  
Please check the window or call for our hours over the holidays.....  
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You will find lots of photos of our French imports and other goodies produced in our kitchen

We are now taking hamper orders for pickup by 23rd December.

Don’t miss out get in early

5577 2663
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Wednesday to Friday         8:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday and Sunday         8:30am – 4:30 pm
Closed for a Christmas break from Wednesday 24th of December 2014
Reopens on Friday 2nd of January 2015 at 10am

In House or Take away

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- French Baguettes are made on Sundays
- Gluten Free and Spelt breads are made on weekends and also on order.

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Place your order for our next delivery, scheduled for the first week of February.

How to order...
Email (hilde.murphy@me.com) or message us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/mustoncreekproduce) with your order; please include your delivery address. We will deliver anywhere between Hamilton and Melbourne. After we receive your order we will advise you an approximate delivery date, closer to this date we will give you a 1/2 hour window in which we will deliver your beef. If you think 20kg or 10 kg is too much you can share with a friend, but we will only deliver to one address.

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December 1st to 31st January
Club Members Party
Friday 23rd January @ 11am

Kraft Kama
Come along and join Nic and his
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for a fun filled show. Nic and his
puppets are back in Australia after
performing for children in South
Africa.

Where: Hamilton Library
When: Wednesday 14th Jan @ 1pm
Cost: $2.00 per person
Limited number of tickets available.
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Library Craft/Movie Session
Create your very own felt
“Paddington Bear”

“Be the first to see the Movie”
PREMIERE

Where: Cinema Foyer
When: Thursday 8th Jan
Time: CRAFT 10 am MOVIE 10.45am
Cost: $8.50 per person
Limited tickets available.
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COUNTRY STYLE.
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program 2015

Become a ‘Friend of the Kitchen Garden’ Program

We need volunteers – Friends of the Kitchen Garden.
It is essential for the success of the Program

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends we cannot do it without you! The Kitchen Garden Program relies on many people ‘friends’ for it to work to its full potential.

The Kitchen Garden Program aims to introduce young children to the wonderful world of food education: growing and harvesting a productive food garden and a kitchen environment that includes a nurturing place to prepare and share food, as an integral part of the school curriculum.

In order to achieve our aim we need people who are enthusiastic about making a difference.
You can volunteer in the Kitchen or the Garden or both.
The Specialist provides instruction and guidance in the class to volunteer’s teachers and students.
Relax; you don’t need to be an expert!

A training evening will be held early in the first term of 2015 for all ‘Friends’ and Staff of the Kitchen Garden Program new and experienced.

SAKG 2015

If you would like to be part of our SAKG program in 2015 please fill in and return this form to the Dunkeld Consolidated School Office BY MONDAY 15 DECEMBER 2014.

2015 Kitchen Garden Sessions will be held each Thursday.

Name____________________________________________ Contact Phone No________________________________________

Email_______________________________________________________________________________________________________________

How often would you like to attend?
Thursday: Weekly       Fortnightly       Monthly

Friend of the Garden:
Grade preference: No preference       Grade 1       Grade 2       Grade 3       Grade 4

Grade 5       Grade 6

Friend of the Kitchen:
Grade preference: No preference       Grade 3       Grade 4       Grade 5       Grade 6

Thank you for your support.

Ann Howard SAKG Coordinator
Lisa McIntyre Garden
Clare Kennedy Kitchen
# 2015 Dunkeld Swim Program

## Week 1 Class Lists (Monday 29 December 2014 – Friday 2 January 2015)

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**Please note there may be some changes in Levels on Day 1 once we are able to see individual abilities.**

**If any necessary changes need to be made to your class times prior to the first Monday, we will contact you.**

If you have missed getting your swimming form to the school in time for these class lists to be distributed, please drop a form to Café 109 or email Lea on lea2812@hotmail.com ASAP.

## Week 2 Class Lists (Monday 5 – Friday 9 January 2015)

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