



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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December 2017

- Wednesday 6 Last MARC Library visit for 2017.
- Thursday 7 Thank You Morning Tea for volunteers and helpers commencing at 11.00am in the school hall (provided by staff).
Thank You lunch for staff prepared by Year 6 students as part of the SAKG program.
- Friday 8 **HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS** – Kindergarten students are invited to participate in the Kinder Race.
School Disco CANCELLED.
SAKG Catering for the Glenthompson Community Christmas Annual Dinner preparation from 3:30pm.
- Saturday 9 SAKG Catering for the Glenthompson Community Christmas Annual Dinner preparation from 8:30am.
- Tuesday 12 Kinder to Prep Transition Program – Orientation Day for Kinder students going into Prep in 2018.
Kinder students will attend school all day from 9:00am to 3:25pm.
Orientation Day for Year 6 students going into Year 7 in 2018.
- Wednesday 13 Students' Social Services Christmas Stall commencing at 9:30am.
- Thursday 14 Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Ceremony. Graduation Dinner will commence at 6:30pm. Family and friends are invited to attend the ceremony and presentations at 7:30pm in the school hall.
SAKG Kitchen clean-up day.
SAKG Garden clean-up day.
- Friday 15 Dunkeld and District Lions Club free sausage sizzle lunch for students and staff. No lunch orders today
Special Assembly to be held at 2:30pm in the school hall.
- Monday 18 Whole School Excursion to Halls Gap. \$2 per student permission forms and money due by Friday 8 December.
Christmas Activity Week - Monday 18 to Friday 22 December.
- Thursday 21 Mystery Gifts and Whole School Party (at lunch time).
- Friday 22 **Last day of Term 4. Casual Dress Day. Early dismissal at 2:30pm.**

From the Principal ... Mr Paul Jeffreys

The athletics sports is just a few days away and I am really looking forward to it ... I think the weather will be OK. The oval is looking green and healthy and freshly mown (thank you Mark Lazzari), the white lines are freshly and meticulously marked and our children have been 'training up' for the event.

I am looking forward to umbrellas and marquees and cars parked around the oval creating a kind of carnival atmosphere. I look forward to seeing those who naturally do well, do just that. I am keen to see those who don't find athletics easy, doing their best, even though they know that winning is not going to happen ... which takes great courage.

There are always a few surprises; one year older, one year stronger, one year taller and that is fun to see. We get to see our Preps begin the journey of all that comes with competition (highs and lows) and I sometimes wonder how this impacts on their attitude to competition and sport in general, but all the same I know that for a few this sport thing may be the only time they have their moment in the sun... which reminds me that everyone can be good at something. If they participate in all that life has to offer they might discover something that gives them an overwhelming feeling of satisfaction.

Above all else in Friday, I wish for something quite simple and uncomplicated ... humility from winners, graciousness from losers and encouragement from observers. Now wouldn't that make for the greatest of days?

SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council held its final meeting for 2017 on Tuesday 28 November, which included discussion on the following:

- The recent School Council fundraising events, namely assisting at the Dunkeld Races (ticket booth and clean up) and Sheep Drive, were both very successful and raised a total of \$13,854.00 for the School Camping Program and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) projects.
- Thank you to school councillors, staff, parents and students who assisted in any way with these events, especially Bev Hampton who co-ordinated helpers for the Dunkeld Races and Luke Balkin and Trent Adams who organised and co-ordinated the Sheep Drive.
- A sincere thank you also to those people who generously donated sheep and provided free cartage of the livestock.
- The free sausage sizzle, to be conducted by the Dunkeld & District Lions Club on 15 December and the whole school excursion to Halls Gap on 18 December were approved.
- The Graduation Policy was endorsed.
- Property insurance (as advised by the Department of Education and Training).
- Correspondence from the SAKG Committee expressing their concern over the loss of all of the school hens (eleven in total), during the past few weeks.
- Prep and Year 1 students enjoyed their sleepover at the school on 24 November.
- As part of the Kinder to Prep Transition Program, Kindergarten students (2018 Prep students) will be presented with a complimentary school satchel containing various resources on the Transition Day on Tuesday 12 December.
- Year 6 Graduation update.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

SPECIAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER AT 2:30PM

SCHOOL DISCO HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA – THURSDAY 7 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 Thursday 7 December commencing at 11.00am.

PREP & YEAR 1 SLEEPOVER



At the school sleepover we got our beds ready and then Charlie and I went outside and played tag with some other kids. Then we went on the walkway and had dinner. The activities were chalk and a big bouncing ball outside and inside were little activities and musical chairs. Then we went on a night walk outside. We watched the movie Sing and went to bed. In the morning we ate breakfast and watched the rest of the movie. Finally we went outside and played markers up and then I went home.
By Darcy Potter Year 1



Thank you to Mr Brad Kyle for giving up his time on both Friday night and Saturday morning to assist at the sleep over. Brad was a great help with taking photos, picking up the evening meal and helping out with the activities. We hope you managed some well-earned rest on Sunday, Brad. Tea was ordered through Izzys Café, who provided the children with little boxes of yummy food.

KINDER TO PREP TRANSITION

On Tuesday 21 November, we welcomed our 2018 Prep students to our school for their first transition day from 9:00am – 1:00pm. Working alongside the current Preps for the morning, the students created jellyfish, toured our school grounds, enjoyed playtime and snack time with the older students and had their first (and hopefully their last) visit to the Principal's office where they received a small reward from Mr Jeffreys for their brightly coloured sea creatures.



On Thursday 30 November Year 5 students met the Kindergarten children that may come to our school next year. We did activities, read books, and played puzzles. *By Nicholas Huzony, Year 5*



On the Thursday 30 November the Year 5's and Mrs Howard went down to the Kinder for a visit. At the Kinder we worked with our buddies and I had Lucy and Digby. First we played a Maths game called Crazy Faces, where you roll a dice and if you roll a blue you get the blue face. If you roll a white then you get an eye and put it on the face or if you roll a pink you get a mouth. We read a book called Mr Huff and then we played some games. *By Rachel Hassett, Year 5*

Left: Kinder student, Jim Herrmann, works alongside Prep, Gemma Kyle, during the Kinder visit to the school.

WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION – MONDAY 18 DECEMBER

This year's Whole School Excursion will be a trip to Halls Gap on Monday 18 December 2017. Children will be bussed to and from school as normal. The excursion will take place within school hours. Students will visit some local sites of interest and enjoy a swim at the Halls Gap swimming pool. They will need to bring their bathers, swimming shirt/rash vest, towel and sunscreen.

The bus will depart Dunkeld School at approximately 9:00am. To avoid delays, please ensure your child is at school on time. FULL Summer School Uniform is compulsory (it helps to keep tabs on where our children are at all times), including black school shoes or boots – NO RUNNERS. Dress for the weather on the day and do not forget hats, lunches, snacks and plenty of drinks. No glass bottles or fizzy drinks please. Water is preferred. Snacks and lunches may be stored in the students' lunch boxes as per a normal school day. **The cost of this excursion will be \$2.00 per students due Friday 8 December.** The P & F Association is generously covering the bus hire and a percentage of the swimming pool entrance fees. Children are NOT to bring spending money for this excursion.

LIONS CLUB SAUSAGE SIZZLE – FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

Dunkeld and District Lions Club will provide a free sausage sizzle lunch for students and staff on Friday 15 December. Please note there will be no school lunch orders available from Izzy's Café on this day.

MYSTERY GIFTS – THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER

To help celebrate Christmas and the end of the school year, we are going to enjoy a Mystery Gift activity in each classroom. Please send a wrapped Christmas gift to school worth no more than \$5.00 and suitable for both boys and girls. **Please keep it a secret from your own child!** On **Thursday 21 December** these gifts will be opened and your child will receive a different gift to take home. To receive a gift your child will need to bring one to put under the Christmas tree in their classroom.

WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR PARTY – THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER

On Thursday 21 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 Years Prep to 3 are to bring savoury food and the children in Years 4 to 6 are to bring sweet food. 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 (hot) to the school at 1.30pm.*

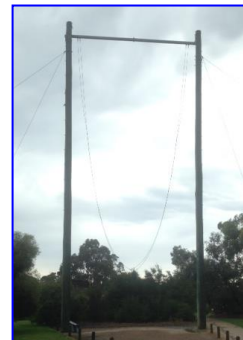
SOMERS CAMP



Somers Camp was an amazing experience. It changes the way you look at some things and it grows the feeling that you can do it even though it seems impossible. You do some new things too like orienteering and environmental studies. We could borrow some posters from the library to make our hut (which is like a house) look more homely. The reason we wanted it to look homely is so that we get more points for 'hut marks' because they wanted our hut to look like our real home. *By Genevieve Trotter Year 5*

Somers Camp is fun for everyone. It is a good experience and there were so many fun activities to do such as walks, swimming and marine life. *By Charlie Adams Year 5*

Left: Year 5 student Emily McNaughton enjoys the rope obstacle course and the giant swing which stood at 18.5m high (pictured on the right).



SOCIAL SERVICE CHRISTMAS STALL – WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER



The Christmas Stall is to be held **on Wednesday 13 DECEMBER**. Here are a few suggestions for gifts for the stall: *soap, make-up, perfume, nails, screws, baby toys, toy cars, marbles, notebooks, pens, pencils, diaries, photo frames, chocolates, jewellery, photo albums, home baking, plants, mugs, cards, Christmas decorations, craft items, etc.*

- If possible, could gifts please be wrapped in coloured or clear cellophane so the children can see what they are purchasing. **The students can bring in donations and leave at canteen area in the school hall.**
- Please remember that we count the total number of gifts donated and divide by the number of children. This is to see how many gifts each student may purchase on the day. The more gifts that are donated, the more gifts that can be purchased by each student.
- Remember also to send a plastic bag in with your child to take gifts home in.
- Raffle tickets may be purchased at 50 cents each.

SPORT

SCHOOL HOUSE ATHLETICS ON FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

The School House Athletics will be held on **Friday 8 December** commencing with long distance races (800 metres and 200 metres) at 9.15am:

- Assistance with setting up and packing up the shade marquees at the beginning and end of the day would be much appreciated.
- Students are to wear their respective House colour (red for Wannan and royal blue for Sturgeon) polo shirt to the sports day.
- A program of events was included with the previous issue of the newsletter. **Please ensure you bring your copy to the sports day as there will be no extra copies available.**
- Students are encouraged to bring their own drink bottle.
- Parents will be required to help at most events, acting as starters, markers and place referees.

- There will be **NO SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS** placed with Izzy's Mountain View Café (families are welcome to organise their own lunch purchases).
- Please remember to bring your picnic hamper, rug, chairs, sunscreen, hat and water!
- Reminder: School bus travelers to return their note regarding whether they will or will not require bus travel on Friday afternoon after the sports.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

DAY IN THE KITCHEN by Clare



Catering for Glenthompson Christmas Annual Dinner:

Thank you for your kind donations of produce and time for our fundraiser this weekend. We will be preparing food from **3:30pm on Friday 8 December and from 8:30am on Saturday 9 December in the school SAKG kitchen**. If you are able to assist for any length of time it would be greatly appreciated. Please drop all food donations into the kitchen by Friday morning. Thank you for your support.

Year 1 – In the Kitchen ... Thursday 23 November

Yay! It was our turn in the kitchen. We put our aprons on and hats on. I was with Darcy and Ella. My mum was the helper. We made veggie pancakes. We put vegetables in the pancakes. I had a turn of flipping them and putting them on a plate. I had fun flipping. Ella and Darcy had fun too. I had a very exciting time in the kitchen with my Mum, Ella and Darcy. *By Phoebe Lazzari, Year 1*



Yay! It's our turn to go in the kitchen. My group made mini pizza with capsicum, cheese, ham, tomato paste and mushroom. When everyone was done, we sat on a beautiful table. Other groups made little orange cakes, pancakes and salad. Indi and Archer were my partners. It was delicious. I felt happy because it was fun. *By Heidi Burger, Year 1*

Year 2 – Kitchen Experience ... Thursday 30 November



Smack, Bang! went the door. We were in the kitchen. I could smell everything on the table. Everybody got different coloured aprons. My group was blue. We were going to make pizzas. Everything was laid out on the table. I was ready to cook. First, I got the dough and put some sauce on it, then I put on some ham, spinach, mushrooms, capsicums and cheese. The pizza was made! We just had to put them in the oven. We had to make twenty six Pizzas! When we finished we cleaned the dishes. After that Mitch and I set the table and picked flowers for the table. We ate lunch and it was scrumptious. *By Maxi Graham Year 2*

BOOM! went the door as we went in. Stomp, stomp, stomp went our feet. We were all excited to cook. I made the salad dressing. It was a bit sour and I didn't like it that much. The best thing was the savory pancakes then pizza, cup cakes and salad. In my group there was Cadence, Claudia, Mia and Jack. I worked with Claudia. The dressing had honey, mustard, orange and lemon in it. I had lots of fun! *By Hugh Prentice Year 2*

GARDEN REPORT by Lisa McIntyre

If anyone is willing to volunteer to go on the roster to water some of the garden beds over the summer holiday, can you please contact me on 5574 9235 or 0428 749 235. Many thanks!!

Notice Board

BIKE RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulation to Edie Jackson who was the lucky winner of the Bike Raffle. Thank you to Daktari Sports for the generous donation of this prize as part of the Walk To School Program. Enjoy your new wheels Edie!

TOYWORLD HAMILTON

Trish and Malcolm Munro from Toyworld in Hamilton have kindly offered our school five x \$20.00 complimentary gift vouchers. Each student will be given a ticket on the day of the draw, which will occur on Friday 15 December.



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