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2016 WHAT’S COMING UP

NOVEMBER 2016
Wed 30  MARC Library. Last visit for 2016.
Kinder to Prep Transition Program. Kinder students attend school from 9:00am to 2:20pm. Parent Information session in the Prep Room at 1:30pm.
Victorian Primary School Golf State Final to be held at Kooringal Golf Club

DECEMBER 2016
Thurs  1  Staff “Thank You” lunch prepared by Year 6 students during their SAKG kitchen class.
Fri  2  School Disco in the school hall from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Please bring a small plate of food to share for supper.
      Entrance fee - $2.00 per child. Children are invited to wear a "TOUCH OF YELLOW".
      My Business Rules stalls at 11.00am – to be held on the walk way.
Mon  5  Year 6 Dunkeld Scholarship Interviews.
Tues  6  Kinder to Prep Transition Program – Orientation Day for Kinder students going into Prep in 2017. Kinder students attend school all day from 9:00am to 3:25pm.
      Orientation Day for Year 6 Students going into Year 7 in 2017.
Thurs  8  General clean-up day in the SAKG Kitchen and Garden. All Friends are welcome.
      Students’ Social Service Christmas Stall.
Fri  9  School Council End of Year Dinner at Café 109 – 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.
Sat 10  SAKG Catering for the Glenthompson Community Christmas Event.
Mon 12  Thank You Morning Tea for all volunteers/helpers at 11.00am.
Tues 13  Year 6 Graduation dinner and ceremony.
Wed 14  Christmas Activity Week Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 December.
Tues 15  Whole School Excursion to Flagstaff Hill - Warrnambool. Full school summer uniform including black shoes or boots.
Fri 16  Whole School End of Year Party at school (at lunchtime). Students are to wear casual clothes and are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation.
Tues 20  Dunkeld and District Lions Club free sausage sizzle lunch for students and staff commencing at 1.00pm.

JANUARY 2017
Mon  30  PUPIL FREE DAY – First day of Term 1 for teachers.
Tues 31  First day of Term 1 for students.

2016 SCHOOL COUNCIL, SUB-COMMITTEES AND P & F MEETING DATES
Fri  Dec  School Council Dinner 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.

2016 TERM DATES
Term 4:  Monday 3 October to Tuesday 20 December

2017 TERM DATES
Term 1:  Tuesday 31 January to Friday 31 March
( Teachers commence on Monday 30 January)
Term 2:  Tuesday 18 April to Friday 30 June
Term 3:  Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September
Term 4:  Monday 9 October to Friday 22 December

FORM/S ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER
Catering for Glenthompson Community Christmas Event – return form by Tuesday 6 December
Whole School End of Year Party
Mystery Gifts 2016
My Business Rules Market Day

School Disco
Friday 2 December 7.00pm – 9.00pm
$2 per child
Wear a touch of yellow

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – early dismissal at 2:30pm.

Mystery Gifts 2016
MARKET DAY THIS FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER

Children in Year 5 and 6 are winding up a project we have called ‘My Business Rules’. They were asked to come up with a business idea (a product) and market it to our community with the intention of selling as many of their products as they could to make a profit after expenses. They were encouraged to think about who would buy their products, where they could market their product and how they would advertise in order to corner the market in a competitive environment.

The students will have their first and only ‘Market Day’ this coming Friday at recess. For sale to students and adults will be a range of products created by our young entrepreneurs ranging from money boxes, pen holders and lip balm through to chopping boards, soap, wheat packs, bird feeders, teddy bears, gumboot holders and terrariums. Because of the nature of the products, customers will need to place orders so that the goods, which cost money to produce will not remain unsold and therefore impact on profit. Already, many orders have been taken and some of the businesses are looking like making healthy profits. One of our students has even used ‘Only Ewe’ as an outlet for her product (clever girl Ashleigh McNaughton).

After the businesses close, students will be required to repay their loans... hopefully. All profits from the businesses will be pooled and the students will then decide what they think they would like to purchase for the benefit of the school.

Market Day: 11.00am on Friday 2 December.

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We look forward to next week’s assembly where we will see musical items presented by students who have been undergoing music tuition with Jodie Stephens throughout the year. Medallions have also arrived for our athletics age group champions and will be presented. And most importantly, our 2017 Prep cohort will be joining us for their first assembly as part of our school orientation day.

SCHOOL COUNCILLOR PROFILES

Anne Gilbert:
• My three girls were educated here at Dunkeld Consolidated School and began Prep in 2000, 2002 and 2004 respectively (I taught the last two in Prep).
• I’ve lived in the Dunkeld community since 1991 and became a member of the Dunkeld Tennis Club shortly after that. I’m a great reader and love spending time with family and friends.
• I’ve been a member of School Council since 2000 (a parent member for two years, before becoming a DET member in 2002).
• I’ve been a member of two main School Council sub-committees: Education (now called Policy) and CASP (Community and School Promotions). We’ve worked on some interesting things over the years and are building up quite a collection of school policies, for example, which are regularly reviewed to keep them current.

Mark Lazzari:
I am the proprietor of Grampians Garden and Landscape in Dunkeld where I live with my wife and three children. All three children attend the Dunkeld Consolidated School and can be found in Years Prep, 1 and 3. I recognise that we are lucky to live in a town with great community spirit, sporting clubs, a variety of businesses and education facilities. In support of these things I am a life member of the Grampians Cricket Club, was the instigator of the Dunkeld Business Association and am also involved in the Arboretum Committee.

SCHOOL HOUSE ATHLETICS RESULTS

Please find listed below the Age Champions for the recent House Athletics Sports:

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Champions will be presented with their medallions at assembly on Tuesday 6 December.

Listed below are the new records that were set at the House Athletics Sports:

**New Event Records were set as follows:**

**Long Distance – 200m**
- 9 yrs: Pippa Williamson - 39.63s
- 10 yrs: India Ross – 36.81 sec
- 11 yrs: Ashleigh McNaughton – 37.75s
- 12/13 yrs – Anna Schurmann – 38.19s

**Sprints**
- 10.20 secs

**Grace Potter – 7 years Girls:**

**New Event Records were set as follows:**

**Long Distance – 200m**
- 10 yrs - Ella Jackson - 3.24.57
- 11 yrs – Sarah Symes – 3.36.56
- 12/13 yrs – Julia Kelly – 3.24.59
- 13/14 yrs – Zach Burgess – 3.11.97

Congratulations to all these competitors for achieving these new records!
DUNKELD SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEWS
Interviews for the Year 6 Dunkeld Scholarship will be conducted on Monday 5 December. All the Year 6 students will be involved. The Dunkeld Scholarship and other award recipients will be announced at the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday 13 December.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER
Invitations to the Year 6 Graduation Dinner and presentation of awards have been sent out. The Graduation will be held on Tuesday 13 December at the school. The dinner for students, parents, staff and official guests will commence at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start. Family and friends are invited to attend the ceremony and presentation of awards at 7.45pm, which follow the Graduation Dinner.

iPads/ICT
In 2017 our school will continue to phase in iPads as the preferred ICT device for students. Each child in Year 2 will be required to have access to a one to one (not shared) iPad device. The school is currently investigating the best possible options (e.g. education pricing) in order for this to happen. Current 2016 Year 1 families will be advised of relevant costs by the end of this week.

THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS
Annette Huf, a friend of the Kitchen Garden program (SAKG), will be conducting a Sheep Drive fundraiser during this term for the School Camps and ICT programs. If you have any sheep that you would like to donate could you please contact Luke Balkin on 0429 626 748 or Trent Adams on 0428 886 221.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Garden...

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From the Kitchen...

SAKG 2017 CALENDAR
Photos from our kitchen and garden program make this a beautiful Calendar and a great Christmas gift idea. Calendars are $20.00 with funds raised going towards our Kitchen Garden program at the Dunkeld Consolidated School. A big thank you to Annette Huf, a friend of the Kitchen Garden program, for her help with this project. Calendars are available to purchase at our wonderful local businesses: Only Ewe, Dunkeld Post Office and Dunkeld General Store. We thank these businesses for supporting us. Also available to look at and purchase at the front office at school. Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU LUNCH
Thursday 24 November we welcomed Friends of the Kitchen Garden program to our thank you lunch. Without our friends of the Kitchen Garden program we would not be able to provide our children with this wonderful program as part of the curriculum. They are pivotal to the program’s success and we were able to thank them and share lunch together. Year 4 students with Mrs Anne Gilbert helped, along with those on the roster, prepare a lovely lunch of Beef Skewers with satay Sauce, Salad of the Imagination, Beef and Broccolini with Rice Noodles and Vanilla Panna Cotta with Berry Coulis. ‘Friends’ were presented with a lovely bunch of flowers that the children had prepared, and Mr Paul Jeffreys thanked our wonderful volunteers who are part of this valuable program.

FINAL 2016 FUNDRAISER
We have been given the opportunity to cater for the Glenthompson Community Christmas Event on Saturday 10 December. Those able to assist will be required on Friday 9 December from 1.00pm and/or Saturday 10 December from 10.00am. We will also require donations of a variety of sweet slices.

If you could donate a slice and/or any time to assist in preparing (we are delivering only, so no night time work!) it would be very much appreciated. Please fill in the return slip which is attached to the newsletter if you able to help.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen

From the Garden...

Beautiful weather makes for fantastic days experiencing and learning in our garden. The last few Thursdays have been ideal, and the children seem to have become more confident and capable as they go about their tasks. We conducted a small wildlife survey last week, and the variety of different species that the grade 1s found in 10 minutes was amazing – it shows we have great diversity of species in our small patch, a result which reflects the health of our environment.

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 Friday 16 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.

WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR PARTY – 16 DECEMBER
On Friday 16 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 savoury food (e.g. sandwiches, sausage rolls, party pies, cocktail savs, chips/Twisties, dips and biscuits/vegie sticks) and the children in Years 4 to 6 are to bring sweet food (e.g. fairy bread, chocolate balls, sweet biscuits, fruit platter). 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 1.30pm.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA – MONDAY 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 Monday 12 December commencing at 11.00am.

CASUAL DRESS DAY – FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER
Students are to wear casual clothes on Friday 16 December and are encouraged to bring a gold coin donation, which will be forwarded to local charities e.g. Ivy’s Army and Peter’s List.
As Clare mentioned, we held our Friends’ “Thank You” lunch last week, which is just a small way for us to thank them for all the help, support, knowledge and friendship they have shown to us, and the children. We are so lucky to be able to work in an environment like this!

The Grade 6s have had their last garden day this is them with their posies of flowers, picked by the Grade 3s. It is such a wonderful and simple gesture, to grow and then share with others – another life lesson?

If you are able to help check the chooks over the summer break, please get in touch with dates that suit you, so a roster can be worked out. The more families we have helping, the easier it is for everyone. If you’re walking past the garden, pop in and look at the fantastic linseed crop, we are so proud of it – (can’t believe I have to say this!) a bit of rain would be nice!!

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden

GOLF

Congratulations to Year 6 student, Josh Gordon, who made it through to the Victorian Primary Schools Golf State Final at Kooringal Golf Club, Melbourne on November 30. We look forward to hearing the results of this wonderful achievement.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

At next week’s school assembly, two groups of students (who attend Mr Jody Stephens’ private music lessons) will be performing We Will Rock You and Knocking on Heaven’s Door. The junior rock band members are Taylor Haley, Myles Haley, Amity Haley and George Field and the senior rock band members are Lachie Phillips, Brooke Hill, Rachel Hassett, Sam Cullinane, Thomas Calvert and Monet Graham.

School Disco on Friday 2 December

A School Disco (organised by Mrs Anne Gilbert) will be held in the School hall from 7.00pm – 9.00pm for Prep to Year 6 students.

Four year old Kindergarten students are also welcome to attend.

The P & F will provide tea and coffee for all parents in the staffroom. Kindergarten mothers may stay with their child in the school hall or adjourn to the staffroom for a cuppa and a chat.

- Entrance fee - $2.00 per child.
- Could students please bring a small plate of food to share for supper and their own drink bottle.
  (No secondary school helpers are required).

Children are invited to wear a ‘TOUCH OF YELLOW’ to the School Disco. All proceeds will go to Cancer Council Victoria.

SOCIAL SERVICE CHRISTMAS STALL

The Christmas Stall is to be held on THURSDAY 8 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.

DUNKELD & DISTRICT CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Junior Singers required for Christmas Carols at the Dunkeld Community Centre. If your child/children (Prep - Grade 6) would like to participate in a junior singers group at the Community Carols which will probably be on Sunday 18 December at 7.30pm (to be confirmed) please get in touch with me.

If you are interested and can commit to these two practices please send me a message - 0400 952 716. Many thanks, Heather Macgugan