



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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DECEMBER 2018

- Wednesday 5 **MARC Library – all MARC Library books are due back today.**
- Thursday 6 Year 6 students preparing and sharing a 'Thank You' Lunch for all school staff and will need to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class. **No SAKG Friends or parent helpers are required in the Kitchen.**
- Friday 7 SAKG food preparation for the Glenthompson Community Annual Christmas Dinner from 1.30pm. School Assembly commencing at 2.35pm. Performance by students undertaking music with Jody Stephens.
- Saturday 8 SAKG Program catering for Glenthompson Community Annual Christmas Dinner.
- Monday 10 Thank You Morning Tea for all school volunteers and helpers at 11.00am in the school hall.
- Tuesday 11 Kinder to Prep Transition Program. Kinder children attending school from 9.00am - 3.25pm. Parent Information Session for parents/carers (of Prep children in 2019) at 2.30pm in the school hall. Orientation Day for all students stepping into their classes for 2019. Orientation Day for Grade 6 students going into Year 7 in 2019. Sexuality and Puberty Education Sessions for Grade 5 and 6 students.
- Wednesday 12 **MARC Library – last visit for 2018.** Year 6 Graduation (students to wear full summer school uniform). Graduation dinner for Year 6 students and parents will commence at 6:30pm. Family and friends are invited to attend the ceremony and presentations at 7:15pm in the school hall.
- Thursday 13 Clean Up Day in the SAKG Kitchen and Garden – all welcome!
- Friday 14 Dunkeld and District Lions Club free barbeque lunch for all students and staff at 1.30pm. **Social Services Christmas Stall** commencing at approximately 9.30am. School Assembly commencing at 2.35pm.
- Monday 17 to Friday 21 Christmas Activity Week.
- Tuesday 18 Whole School Excursion to Hamilton. \$5.00 and permission slip due by Friday 7 December 2018.
- Thursday 20 Mystery Gifts. Whole School Party (at lunchtime).
- Friday 21 **LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – Whole School Assembly at 12.15pm. Early dismissal at 2.30pm.** (School lunch orders from Izzy's Mountain View Café will still be available on this day).
- Monday 28 **JANUARY 2019**
- Tuesday 29 **PUPIL FREE DAY – first day of Term 1 for staff.**
- Tuesday 29 **FIRST DAY of Term 1 for all students.**

FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

I would like to acknowledge the Dunkeld and District Lions Club, who this year made a significant cash donation to our school. The good people of the Lions Club asked that the school use this money simply to help children via their families in a discrete and respectful manner. We have carried through with that request and I know that people are appreciative. I am thankful for the Lions Club for giving opportunities to children in our school. There are also individuals who I believe wish to remain nameless who have also contributed to help a number of our children, namely through support for school camps this year and I want you people to know that your contributions have been appreciated. I am astounded by your generosity.

Our Year 6 students visited the kitchen garden of the Royal Mail Hotel during the week before heading up to the hotel for a meal. The Royal Mail has been so generous to allow our children to have such an excursion over several years now. To those involved in allowing our children to experience this gastronomic adventure, I say thank you. The connection between our SAKG program and the Royal Mail Hotel is a truly authentic connection for students between school and the real world.

Upon their return to school from the Royal Mail, I noticed how wonderful the Year 6 children appeared as they came down the corridor. Was it the walk? Was it the good food? Was it just the 'time out' from the school routine? Then it dawned on me ... it was the school uniform! How wonderful they all looked. Full uniform including school shoes: shiny-clean, neat, tidy, beautiful young people. Not for the first time has this Principal written about how lovely and unique our uniform is and so I ask that you support our school uniform policy.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council held its final meeting for 2018 on Tuesday 27 November, which included discussion on the following:

- School Council fundraising event, assisting with the ticket booths and clean-up at the Dunkeld Races, was very successful with funds raised going towards 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 this event, especially Bev Hampton who co-ordinated helpers for the Dunkeld Races.
- Luke Balkin will co-ordinate the Sheep Drive, which will be conducted in early December.
- Successful House Athletics Carnival was held on Friday 23 November.
- Year 6 Graduation – awards to be presented will be the Dux, Citizenship Award, the Dunkeld Scholarship and the Sports Scholarship.
- Staffing for 2019.
- Proposed STEM Complex (Maker Shed Project).
- Staff attended a First Aid session (CPR update) on 13 November.
- Visit from Warracknabeal Primary School staff members on Friday 30 November to view our Speed Tests and Writers Workshop program.
- Parent-Teacher Interviews.
- Puberty Education sessions to be conducted on Wednesday 12 December for Year 5 and 6 students. This program is generously funded by the P & F Association.
- P & F Association have approved funding for sports shirts and singlets for school events (30 of each).
- Kinder to Prep Transition Program – Orientation Day to be held on Tuesday 11 December.
- Whole School Excursion to be held in December.
- Former Dunkeld Mosaic of Arts Committee has made a donation of \$7,000.00 to the school.
- Our school is the recipient of the SGSC Mine-Thon Schools Award, which is a \$1,000.00 gift voucher to be spent at Grangeburn Office & IT.
- Hamilton North Rotary Club has kindly promised up to \$5,000.00 to go towards a greenhouse and aquaponics equipment at the school.
- The Medical Emergencies Policy, Purchasing Policy, Social Services Policy and eSmart Policy and Code of Conduct User Agreement were approved and endorsed.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

MY BUSINESS RULES 2018 BY YEAR 6

The customers barge onto the walkway to buy goods. They are frantic to purchase one of their favourite products. We had all set up our amazing array of stalls, people were very excited. Child after child, coming up to every display eager to see what products were there, some were even jumping to get a look. At one stage, it felt like the whole school was on the walkway at once. Everyone pushing in to get a view of everyone's product. Many people wanted a bargain and the stalls were crowded. All the children were like little jumping jacks storming through the crowd, popping like bubbles to buy something. We keep thinking please come to me. We advertised to get people to come, it worked. We were happy, we were laid with all the money in the world, but it was soon over as we begun to pack up, walking off with a feeling of success.

RECENT ASSEMBLIES



Sausage Roll Drive

Tom Gordon presented Mrs Helena Flinn, President, Dunkeld Red Cross with a donation cheque of \$600 from the Sausage Roll Drive held in September.

Mine-Thon Schools Award

Ms Melanie Russell, Community Engagement Coordinator with the Southern Grampians Shire Council attended our school assembly and presented the School with a \$1,000 Gift Voucher to be spent at Grangeburn Office and IT in Hamilton. The school received the voucher due to the voluntary participation in the event by a number of Dunkeld Consolidated School students. *Pictured back: Matilda Potter, Sam*

Burger, Pippa Williamson. Front Abby Lazzari and Oliver Falla.



EMILY MCNAUGHTON AND THE VICTORIAN INDOOR STATE HOCKEY TEAM

Year 6 student Emily McNaughton has been selected for the Victorian Indoor State Hockey Team, as one of two Goal Keepers to travel with the team. They will be competing in the National Championships in Goulburn, in January 2019.

Over the next few months, she is training with the Victorian team in Melbourne twice a week, in order to learn the different strategies and rules played during indoor hockey.

Indoor hockey is a rapid game, much faster than field hockey, as it is played on a wooden floor and has small walls lining the edge of the pitch, which players use to rebound the ball from during play. There are only six Victorian players on the pitch during the game, with another six waiting on the bench to interchange, at any one time. The sticks used are specialised sticks, which are lighter in weight for maneuverability, in such a quick game. Emily wears special silk covers over her leg guards, which allows her to slide on her knees, to block shots at the goals.

On Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 December, Emily played with the Victorian team in the Under 15 State Indoor Hockey Championships at Monash University, as training and preparation for the Nationals in January. Emily was playing against 15 year olds, which challenged their skills in a fast played event.



SAVE OUR FARMERS IN DROUGHT

Over the past three weeks we have had a fundraiser for the Save our Farmers in Drought Project. We would like to thank parents, students and staff for their cash donations of \$137.00. We would also like to thank Mrs Vicki Heazlewood, Mrs Naomie Phillips and Mrs Penny Fraser who kindly donated the bread and sausages. We raised \$939.00 from the three sausage sizzles. We would like to thank students and staff for their donations of \$385.00 for the casual clothes days. Over the past three weeks we have raised a total of **\$1,461.70** for the Save our Farmers in Drought Project. Thank you to everyone for all your support! *By Year 4 students - left to right: Angus Frost, Hayden Phillips, Wil Balkin and Lucy Fraser*



HOUSE ATHLETICS ON FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2018



Congratulations to all students and parents who attended our House Athletics on Friday 23 November 2018 which turned out to be a very cold day! Special mention to our successful age group champions as pictured left and to Wannon House for winning the day. *Wannon House Sports Captains Xanthe Huf and Tom Kent very proudly holding their winning trophy (final score was Wannon 333 and Sturgeon 309).*

Age Champions: Back – Grace Potter 9yrs, Hugh Prentice 9yrs, Myles Alderman 10yrs, Charlie Field 12yrs, Alexander Prentice 11yrs, Pippa Williamson 11yrs. Front Jack Oldfield 7yrs, Jasmine Etherton 6yrs, Lucy Fraser 10yrs, Phoebe Lazzari 7yrs, Indi Mibus 8yrs and Darcy Potter 8yrs (not pictured India Ross, 12yrs and Edward Alderman, 6yrs)



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS ART PROJECT - PREP

Recently our Prep students were asked to design a Christmas stained glass window as part of the Western District Health Service 2018 Art Project. Their design was on display at a morning tea held in the Handbury Courtyard on Tuesday 4 December 2018.



KINDER TO PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM



On Monday 26 November 2018 the Year 5 students (2019 Year 6 Buddies) and Mrs Ann Howard visited the Dunkeld Kindergarten from 11.00am to 12.00 noon to read a story, enjoy a snack and play with the Kinder children.

GRADE 4 SCHOOL CAMP RECOLLECTION

'WHERE AM I?'

- Statement: Exotic bonny animals walked past me eating leaves, grass or flesh. Some were colossal, some were the opposite, either way they were amazing. None of the animals looked downhearted. They were as gaudy as rainbow trout. (*Georgia Adams, Answer: The Zoo*).
- Statement: Going up the stairs with the air conditioning, all of a sudden you are in darkness. You are swerving around side to side and then smashing into liquid at the end. (*Ryan Murcott, Answer: Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre*).
- Statement: As I sat sleepily, I looked all the way up as people slowly slid in. Whoosh they raced out the mouth of the tunnel, water rushing back and forth. (*Oliver Falla, Answer: MSAC water slide*).
- Statement: Wow! The wonderful view of Melbourne. The soothing sound of the river. Whoosh! We all screamed, we could feel the heat from the burning fire. (*George Field, Answer: South Bank night walk*).
- Statement: As I gaze up I see stars, planets, the moon and the constellations in the night sky. I watch zooming comets fly by. It feels like I am floating peacefully in space. (*Connor Gordon, Answer: Planetarium*).
- Statement: We got off the bus. We paced slowly around an old holding shed. Then I saw it! My eyes were boggling just trying to look at all the wonderful things for sale. (*Wil Balkin, Answer: Queen Victoria Market*).

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen ... by Clare Kennedy

Thank you to the Royal Mail Hotel team for providing an educational and tasty experience for our Year 6 students. It was wonderful to spend one on one time with Kitchen Gardener, Michelle Shanahan and to see all of the beautiful organic produce in one of the 1.2-hectare kitchen gardens. The students then recognised many foods on the plate that had come



from the garden, presented like artwork in the restaurant at Parker Street Project. Broad beans, asparagus, spinach, rhubarb and rosemary.

We are so very thankful to Mr John Myers, Kylie Schurmann, Michelle Shanahan and Executive Chef Robin Wickens and staff for their generosity and making us feel so welcome.

Thank you - SAKG Catering

Thank you for your generosity of time and produce for the Glenthompson Annual Christmas Dinner catering this Saturday. I am very appreciative to you who are helping with preparations this

Friday in the SAKG Kitchen from 1.30pm.

All food donations are to be delivered to the kitchen before Friday 7 December, please.

If you are available to help for an hour or so on Saturday morning, Lisa and I will be in the Kitchen from 10.00am and would welcome you with open arms!

From the Garden... by Lisa McIntyre

Our school year is wrapping up very quickly now, but it seems like the garden is just beginning to flourish; growth is abundant, flowers are glorious, perfumes are exquisite and critters are flying, hovering, hopping, crawling and gliding everywhere. This is the most wonderful time of the year and we leave it all as school closes.

Here we are doing some weeding and cutting the flower stalks off the parsley and French sorrel, to try and keep it in its vegetative stage as long as possible, as once the flowers start to form, the leaves become bitter.



The Grade 1 and 2 students created some beautiful natural artwork last week. They collected a great variety of leaves, flowers, stalks, bark, sand - whatever they wanted, and laid them out on coloured paper. The patterns and designs they produced were truly beautiful and the children captured the image by taking a photo on their iPads. Then the material was put in the compost heap to decompose.



Our Grade 4 students had a hands-on lesson in teamwork and fine motor skills last week, as we needed to get the orchard net out of storage and onto the trees. They carried the bird netting across the oval, unrolled it, sewed up the numerous holes in it, and then carried it to the orchard. They all had to work together, and they showed plenty of patience and fine sewing techniques! Later our Grade 3 and 6 students helped put



the net up. Using wide brooms and rakes covered by feedbags, the lot of us, with plenty of encouragement and heaps of effort, managed to get it up and over the trees. Thank you so much to our Friends and teachers for helping us. It was a massive effort!

Our Grade 6 cohort, with Clare, Mrs Howard and myself were honoured to be invited to visit Michelle Shanahan (head gardener) in the Royal Mail Hotel's wonderful glasshouse. Michelle showed us the many plants she is growing for the Hotel's Kitchen, and then we all tasted the tuberous Begonia flowers, and



marvelled at the banana plants thriving in there. We then enjoyed a beautiful lunch at the Parker Street Project, and recognised many of our lunches' ingredients from our garden tour. Thank you to the wonderful staff, who looked after us, explained the dishes and answered our questions. It was a fantastic educational and social experience for our group, one they will long remember.

The school holidays are fast approaching and I would really appreciate some help to look after the chooks over that time. **Please contact me with any dates that you are able to help, and I will draw up a roster.** The more families we have helping, the less time each needs to spend. As "payment", you get to keep the eggs, and any herbs and vegies that you may like! Lisa McIntyre - 5574 9235 or 0428 749 235 – email: advancel@bigpond.com

Clean Up Day on Thursday 13 December 2018

If you have any spare time from 10.00am (earlier by arrangement) to help out in the Kitchen or Garden with a tidy up before the Christmas break, we would be very grateful to you.

Thank you
Clare and Lisa

Notice Board

WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION – TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2018

This year the whole school will travel to Hamilton on Tuesday 18 December for the annual end of year excursion. Students will attend the movies at the Hamilton Cinema (entry and small popcorn fee subsidised by the P & F Association), visit the Hamilton Botanic Gardens for lunch and enjoy a swim at the Hamilton Outdoor Swimming Pool. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch, drink bottle, bathers, towel, sunscreen and clothing appropriate for the weather.

HEAD LICE

We have had some recent reports of head lice at school. If you have detected head lice or eggs on your child's hair it is very important for you to treat your child as soon as possible, using safe treatment practices. It is very important for you to notify the Dunkeld Consolidated School if head lice have been detected in your child's hair and that appropriate treatment has commenced.

Health regulations require that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. Please note that this refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to head lice eggs.

QUICK REMINDERS

1. Monday 10 December 2018 – Thank you morning tea for volunteers, provided by staff, starting at 11.00am in the school hall.
2. Wednesday 12 December 2018 – Grade 6 Graduation. Could parents/carers of Year 5 students please contact Sarah Crawford on mobile 0421 707 498 if they have not already done so with offers of assistance.
3. Friday 14 December 2018 – Social Services Christmas Stall. **Please send in your gift donations from now onwards, which may be placed in the canteen area of the school hall.**
4. Thursday 20 December 2018 - Mystery Gifts opened at school (flyer enclosed).
5. Thursday 20 December 2018 – Whole School Party Lunch at 1.30pm. Prep to Year 3 students to provide savoury food. Year 4 to Year 6 students to provide sweet food (flyer enclosed).
6. Monday 17 to Friday 21 December 2018 – Christmas Activity Week.

LOST JUMPER

A size 6 school jumper belonging to Lachie Gordon has been missing since our House Athletics School Sports. Would everyone please kindly check that they have the correct items of school clothing.

FORMS

Letter: Class Structures for 2019
Mystery Gifts 2018 Flyer
Whole School End of Year Party Flyer