**Newsletter**

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**2016 WHAT'S COMING UP**

**DECEMBER 2016**

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<td>Christmas Activity Week Wednesday 14 to Friday 16 December.</td>
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<td>Thurs 15</td>
<td>Whole School Excursion to Flagstaff Hill - Warrnambool. Full school summer uniform including black shoes or boots. Students to bring a water bottle, snacks and lunch.</td>
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<td>Fri 16</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Tues 20</td>
<td>Dunkeld and District Lions Club free sausage sizzle lunch for students and staff commencing at 1.00pm - LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – early dismissal at 2:30pm.</td>
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<td>Thurs 26</td>
<td>Australia Day Celebrations at the Dunkeld Memorial Park commencing at 8.00am</td>
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<td>Mon 30</td>
<td>PUPIL FREE DAY – First day of Term 1 for teachers.</td>
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<td>Tue 21</td>
<td>House Swimming Sports at the Dunkeld Memorial Swimming Pool. A school ‘Welcome Barbecue’ will be held at lunchtime commencing at 12.00 noon in the Dunkeld Memorial Park (more details to follow) – to be confirmed.</td>
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**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

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**Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!**

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**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 |

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**FORM/S ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER**

The Dunkeld Daily – Letters to the Editor from Yr 4

Play is The Way Philosophy
FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

We are into December, and it is again the season where people allow themselves to be that little bit happier. The approaching last day of the school year and the promise of simple lazy summer days beckon.

Many people have been giving to our school in a variety ways throughout the year. Parents and volunteers have helped children and our school. Members of our School Council and subcommittees 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 & Friends Association has again contributed significantly to our school this year. All those wonderful volunteers who support SAKG, to them we are indebted… and thank you Clare and Lisa. Our association with the Cricket Club continues to be a positive one, and I am thankful for their quietly carried out contributions. Thank you to Ally Gordon and Terrie Nicholson in the office. Also thank you to Helen Trahar and Brigid Campbell, our ES staff.

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 to you because it is this that makes us continue to want to try harder and do better.

There are teachers who go beyond their responsibilities and the children are the beneficiaries and I am thankful for those good and passionate people.

Personally, I am very sad to say farewell to James Stephens and Annabelle Forbes, while at the same time there is excitement in the prospect of welcoming and supporting two new teachers joining our family in 2017; Mary-Ellen Evans and Susie Gibson.

I am proud of our school… my school.
To all of you, a safe and enjoyable Christmas and holiday season.

Safe Schools
Our school will not be presenting the ‘Safe Schools’ program to students. All government secondary schools are expected to have implemented the program developed by the ‘Safe Schools Coalition, Victoria’ by the end of 2018. Dunkeld Consolidated School runs the social and emotional learning program, ‘Play Is The Way’ which empowers teachers and children to develop and expect respectful relationships. During the year, we have included excerpts from the Play Is The Way documentation in our newsletters. ‘Play Is The Way’ has had a positive impact on the social and learning climate in our school and we are very happy with this program.

Please take the time to read the copy of ‘Play Is The Way Philosophy’ included in this newsletter. From a personal perspective it reminds me to think about myself as a parent and educator and I am inspired to be better in all that I do.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE
At the recent School Council end of year dinner, Mr Adrian Kelly was presented with a gift acknowledging and recognising his service as a school councillor since March 2009. Adrian was also Treasurer from 2011 to 2014 and a member of the Facilities Sub-Committee. (Due to Adrian’s youngest child completing Year 6 this year he will retire from School Council as a parent member.)

SCHOOL COUNCIL PROFILES
Anthony Graham:
- New to School Council this year. We moved to Dunkeld in 2013 with our four children. Evie finished at Dunkeld Consolidated School in 2013, Lily Grade 6 last year, Monet in Grade 4 and Maxi in Grade 1. I am part of the Three Peaks Festival Committee, a Dunkeld CFA member and joined the Facilities Sub-Committee at school last year.
- I am excited to join such an enthusiastic group of Councillors and look forward to contributing to the growth and progression of such a vibrant school and community. Awarded 18th most improved school in Australia out of 6,250 and our NAPLAN results trending upwards, these are rewarding and encouraging times for Dunkeld Consolidated School.
- I encourage anyone from the wider school community to make contact with any of our Councillors for a brief or a broader understanding of current works/developments within our school.

Luke Balkin:
- I am married to Stacey Balkin and together we have three children. Two children currently attend Dunkeld Consolidated in Grades 2 and Prep. Our youngest will start Prep in 2019.
- I joined the school council in 2015 and am excited about having a positive influence on the school and seeing some proposed projects come to fruition.
- I run a mixed farming operation together with my family east of Dunkeld. I am involved with the CFA, as captain of Strathmore Brigade since 2010. In my spare time I enjoy playing Golf and spending time with my family.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER
The Graduation Ceremony held on Tuesday 13 December was a tremendous celebration to recognise our Year 6 students completing their Primary School education. Thank you to the Year 5 students and families for assisting in making the evening a success.

Official guests for the evening included Mrs Sarah Crawford, Mrs Ally Gordon, Mrs Sally Dawson, Mrs Heather Macgugan, Mr Tony and Mrs Wendy Williams, Ms Liz Myers.

The Year 6 Awards for 2016 were as follows:
- School Council Dux Award – Ashleigh McNaughton
- School Council Citizenship Award - Ashleigh McNaughton
- Macgugan Family Diligence/Achievement Award – Julia Kelly
- Glenthompson Community Association Award – Oliver Fenwick
- Leadership Award (Glenthompson Friends of the RSL) – Zach Burgess
- Williams Family Sports Scholarship - Zach Burgess
- Myers Family Dunkeld Scholarship - Julia Kelly
Each graduating student received a personally engraved pen and Graduation photo. The pens were kindly donated by the Parents & Friends Association.

Congratulations to Ashleigh McNaughton Dux for 2016.
SCHOOL HOUSE ATHLETICS RESULTS

Proudly sporting their medallions are the Age Champions for the 2016 House Athletic Sports.

6 yrs: Phoebe Ross
7 yrs: Grace Potter
8 yrs: Bonnie Jackson
9 yrs: Matilda Potter
10 yrs: India Ross
11 yrs: Ashleigh McNaughton
12 yrs: Julia Kelly

Darcy Potter
Louis Lazzari
Hayden Phillips & George Field
Myles Haley
Thomas Calvert
Sam Cullinane
Zach Burgess (absent in photo)

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/vegi 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.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen...

SAKG FUNDRAISING

Thank you for your donations of slices and volunteering to prepare dishes for the Glenthompson Community Annual Dinner. It is a great fundraising opportunity for us and we couldn’t manage it without your assistance. Please collect your slice tins from the kitchen.

All of our calendars have now been sold, grateful thanks to Only Ewe, Dunkeld General Store and Dunkeld Post Office for supporting this venture.

THANK YOU

I take this opportunity to thank Mr Paul Jeffreys and all of the staff together with the School Council, for continuing to support this valuable program of authentic learning for our students. I thank all of our friends of the SAKG Program, those that help out on a Thursday, for fundraising ventures, and you who donate beautiful produce and share from your own garden. Thank you for your ideas, advice, and support to me during the year. Thank you to Mrs Terrie Nicholson for her

The Class of 2016

Back Row (left to right): Ashleigh McNaughton, Will Kent, Isabel Hanson, Josh Gordon
Front Row (left to right): Anna Schurmann, Julia Kelly, Oliver Ferwick, Zach Burgess

BOOK LIST REQUISITES 2017

This year your child’s required book/requisites etc will be ordered by the school through OfficeMax. Parents may collect and pay for their book boxes, for the relevant year level, from the school from 9.30am to 2.30pm on the following days – Tuesday 24 January and Wednesday 25 January. The office is awaiting confirmation of costs from the supplier, once the amounts are confirmed a note will be sent home with the students.

AN END OF AN ERA FOR GRADUATING FAMILIES

We recognise those families who will no longer have children attending the school, with their youngest child graduating in 2016. We thank each family for the contribution they have made over the many years of their children’s schooling at Dunkeld Consolidated School. We wish them all the very best in the next chapter of their lives.

• Russell and Kim Burgess
• Alan and Debra Fenwick
• Mike and Helen Hanson
• Adrian and Sharon Kelly
• Darren and Kylie Schurmann

STUDENT LEADERS 2017

It is with excitement that we announce the school leaders for 2017:

School Captains – Ella Jackson & Sam Cullinane
Sports Captains Wannon – Chloe Frost & Edward Williamson
Sports Captains Sturgeon – Sarah Symes & Ben Potter
Bus Captains – Sarah Symes (Woodhouse) & Brooke Hill (Mirranatwa)
SAKG – Lucille Aarons & Xanthe Huf
Student Voice – Monet Graham, India Ross, Emily McNaughton & Lachlan Phillips

Congratulations to all and best of luck in your roles in 2017.

RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES - 2017

The first day for all students next year will be Tuesday 31 January 2017. Staff will return officially on Monday 30 January. Prep children will have a four day week during summer, staying home each Wednesday during the month of February. Miss Jayne Berry will contact Prep families to arrange times for one on one interviews during February 2016.

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.

The Office is awaiting the amounts are confirmed a note will be sent
patience understanding, and knowledge of finance. Thank you to Ally Gordon and Vicky Kearney for supporting our promotion and sharing of information through our newsletters each edition. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and assistance with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program in 2016. Thank you to Lisa McIntyre for your support and I look forward to working with you again in 2017. Finally to our students, thank you for ‘having a go’ at all things new, for sharing your knowledge and your care of one another.

Happy preparing and sharing in the holidays, Merry Christmas to all.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen

From the Garden...

Well, there’s not much I want to say this week, except for “thanks”. It’s been a fantastic year, and there are so many people and so many reasons to be thankful for their support, that I can’t individually identify them all. But I know who you are! From donations of plants, seeds, equipment, straw, manure, bird bath, to chook checking, food, monetary donations and help for our many fundraising activities, and those that lent us their minds and hearts - full of ideas and enthusiasm – please know you are all so appreciated and treasured.

Thanks to Clare Kennedy and Ann Howard, we belong to a great SAKG team, and thanks to the staff and to Mr Paul Jeffreys for their support. To the children – I love your energy, ideas and enthusiasm, that’s the real reason the program’s there. My special thanks go to all the wonderful Friends that help us in the garden each week. We are so fortunate to have such a diverse range of people and ages, from teenagers to grandparents, some directly connected to the school, others are community members. I hope you enjoy coming to help as much as I and the children enjoy having you there. Your support, enthusiasm, patience and good humour make the Thursdays so good. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and a wonderful 2017 – and look forward to seeing you all in the garden next year!

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden

School Disco on Friday 2 December

The whole school got down and boogied at the annual school disco. Limbo, spin the bottle and bobs and statues kept the kids entertained. Typically, there were a few young men hesitant to dance with the young ladies, some going to the extreme of hiding under seats until the songs finished! Thank you to Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Prentice for organising the evening. A total of $131.65 was raised for Cancer Council Victoria.

SOCIAL SERVICE CHRISTMAS STALL

The Christmas Social Services Stall was fantastic with many items on offer. Our Year 5 and 6 students assisted the younger year levels with their purchases and wrapping of presents. Thank you also to the parents who were on hand to assist. A huge thank you to Corinne Smith for taking charge of the raffle. The raffle raised $157.00 and the stall was $262.70.

MARC VAN NEWS

Book tasting: As a celebration for the end of the year the students participated in Book Tasting. The event featured classrooms being set up like a formal dinner with place settings, table cloths and centrepieces. Each table was also assigned a genre such as graphic novels or historical fiction. Students spent time at each table and ‘tasted’ the books in that table’s genre by reading the blurb and a few pages. The activity was successful in exposing students to a wide variety of books and also new authors who write in the genres individual readers are interested in.

2016 Factual Figures:
Total number of books borrowed: 5,253
Kilometres travelled by the MARC Van: 15,723km
Library lessons taught: 627

MARC LIBRARY AWARD

Congratulations to Rachel Hassett in Year 4 who received an award for being the top borrower at Dunkeld Consolidated School with 35 books borrowed in 2016.

Borrowed Books

A reminder that overdue books can still be returned to your school for pick-up by the MARC van. It is requested if your child has lost a book that you contribute $10 towards its replacement.

AUSTRALIA DAY – 26 JANUARY 2017

Students are encouraged to participate in the Dunkeld Australia Day ceremony on Thursday 26 January 2017 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.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA – MONDAY 12 DECEMBER

On Monday 12 December, the staff provided a morning tea to thank all the helpers and volunteers for their support and assistance at our school during 2016.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

It has been brought to the school’s attention that some uniform items may not be able to be sourced through local business houses.

Upon consultation with Made for School (the retail arm of LW Reid) personnel, we have been advised that the following school uniform items may be purchased online:

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LUNCH ORDERS

There are **NO lunch orders on Friday 16 December** due to the whole school party. Last lunch order day is Monday 19 December.