



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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Newsletter No. 21 – Wednesday 19 December 2018

- Monday 17 to Friday 21 Christmas Activity Week.
 - Wednesday 19 Student Reports sent home.
 - Thursday 20 Mystery Gifts.
 - Friday 21 Whole School Party (at lunchtime).
- LAST DAY OF TERM 4 – Whole School Assembly at 12.15pm.**
Announcement of 2019 School Leaders.
Early dismissal at 2.30pm.
(School lunch orders from Izzy's Mountain View Café will still be available on this day).

JANUARY 2019

- Tuesday 22 Book List Requisites may be collected from School between 9.30am and 2.30pm.
- Wednesday 23 Book List Requisites may be collected from School between 9.30am and 2.30pm.
- Monday 28 **PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Australia Day.**
- Tuesday 29 **PUPIL FREE DAY – first day of Term 1 for staff.**
- Wednesday 29 FIRST DAY of Term 1 2019 for all students.**

FEBRUARY

- Mon- Fri 4-8 School Swimming Program.
- Wednesday 6 Prep Students do not attend School.
- Mon – Fri 11-14 School Swimming Program.
- Wednesday 13 Prep Students do not attend School.
- Friday 15 House Swimming Sports.

FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

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 Subcommittees have given so much time. People involved in working bees this year have helped to make our school look neat and tidy. Our Parents and Friends Association have again contributed significantly to our school this year. Our association with the cricket club continues to be a positive one, and we are grateful for their quietly carried out contributions. 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 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. To all those who are supportive of our school and its people, thank you. I hope all of you enjoy your families and friends over the holiday period and I would like to wish all of our community a safe and happy Christmas. To those families leaving our school; the Kelly Family (Ben, Paula, Grace and Charlie), Comer Family (Kate, Jed and Charlotte), McNaughton Family (Bruce, Kelly and Emily) and Kent Family (Karen, Adam and Tom), we wish you the best of luck on your new adventures.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council raised approximately \$9,800.00 from the recent Sheep Drive fundraiser, which was kindly organised by Luke Balkin. A sincere thank you to all the school and community members who supported this school fundraiser, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The School Council would like to thank our Principal, staff, students and parents for a wonderful year and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

I would like to thank all members of the P & F for their support and contribution throughout another great year! I am grateful to the office bearers, Terrie Nicholson and Paul Jeffreys for supporting me and steering me in my position as President - a new and challenging role for me. I am looking forward to next year, hoping to see some new faces and lots of fresh ideas.

A special thanks and acknowledgement to the Kent family as they move on to secondary school. Karen has been an active member and executive of the P&F over the years and we will miss her (John and Corrinne Smith too!).

On behalf of the P&F, I wish you all a happy Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday with your family and friends.

Ruth Kyle
P & F President

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS



GRADE 6 GRADUATION



On Wednesday 12 December 2018, a formal Graduation Ceremony was held for the Grade 6 students. Many thanks to the Grade 5 students and their parents who helped with the night's activity.

During the Graduation Ceremony, each Grade 6 Student spoke to introduce themselves, their likes and ambitions for the future. Mr Jeffreys, our Principal, also spent some time putting together some reflections on each students time at school and what he sees them doing in the in future.



One of the more formal aspects of the evening was the presentation of our annual awards. Special mention goes to the following:

- School Council Dux Award - **Lucille Aarons**
- School Council Citizenship Award – **Chloe Frost**
- Williams Family Sports Scholarship Award – **Emily McNaughton and Charlie Field**
- Myers Family Dunkeld Scholarship – **Monet Graham**

Each graduating student received a personally engraved pen and Graduation photo. The pens were kindly donated by the Parents & Friends Association.

AN END OF AN ERA FOR GRADUATING FAMILIES – Bruce and Kelly McNaughton, Karen Kent and Adam Kent

We recognise those families who will no longer have children attending the school, with their youngest child graduating in 2018. 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.

STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

Lucille Aarons, Grade 6 (pictured) has again shown her skill in art by entering a competition to design a Christmas card for Emma Kealy, Member for Lowan. Lucille was presented with an Honourable Mention prize in recognition of her entry.



Heidi Burger, Grade 2 has also received praise for her participation in the Joey Scout Promise Challenge. Heidi is part of the Hamilton Joey Mob. To attain this top award in each of the five sections of Scouting reflects initiative, sustained effort over many months and years, self-discipline, teamwork and leadership. Congratulations Heidi!

BUDDY PROGRAM FOR PREPS AND GRADE 6



Last week our Grade 6 students sadly had their final Buddies session with their friends in Grade Prep. Portraits of each other, a bit of dancing and fairy bread snacks were the order of the day. The Prep students also recognized the assistance and friendship they receive from Grade 6 during their foundation year by gifting to their Buddy an oak tree at assembly on Friday 14 December 2018.



ORIENTATION DAY AND SPEED TESTS!



Every year our Students participate in an Orientation Day whereby they get to experience their new classroom and teacher for the following year. Our 2019 Preps get to attend school for the day and our Grade 6 students leave us to experience Secondary School.

This year on Orientation Day, Tuesday 11 December 2018, our 2019 Grade 3 students experienced their first 'Speed Test'. Every Friday during 2018, Grade 3 through to Grade 6 have participated in a test of 100 mathematical equations. The hundred questions are divided into lots of 10, with each 10 questions to be completed in 30 seconds. Our students have loved the challenge each week and have improved tremendously over the year.

SOCIAL SERVICE CHRISTMAS STALL and CHARITY DONATIONS



Our last Social Service Stall for the year was held on Friday 14 December 2018 when children were able to purchase presents for their families for Christmas. The Stall raised a total of \$286.90 while the raffle made \$157.50. Raffle winners on the day were 1st Edward Alderman (Prep) – Christmas Stocking, 2nd Phoebe Lazzari (Grade 2) – Christmas Stocking,

3rd Esther Adams (Grade 1) – Box of Favourites Chocolates. Over the year, a total of \$3,130.05 has been raised by the Social Service Stalls, Save the Farmers in Drought project, Funky Hair Day etc...

The profits made from the Grade 6 project 'My Business Rules' will be donated to Cancer Council of Victoria. This amazing project raised a total of \$693.25!!

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Our school operates with the help of many volunteers. On Monday 10 December 2018, friends, parents, grandparents and others were thanked for their many hours of assistance by school staff who provided a lovely morning tea. We hope that the spirit of volunteering at our school continues in 2019.



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY WEEK

Christmas Activity week started on Monday with some Christmas Craft. Bon bons, snowmen and Christmas decorations to name a few. Throughout the week, the students will be swapping groups and classrooms to undertake different activities.



STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM (SAKG)

From the Kitchen ... by Clare Kennedy

THANK YOU

- **Thank you** to you who have purchased SAKG 2019 Calendars, we still have a very limited number left if you require a last minute gift for someone or yourself. Thank you to the Dunkeld General Store for helping us sell them.
- **Thank you** to Mr Jeffreys, Terrie Nicholson and all of the staff, school councillors and families of Dunkeld Consolidated School for your support of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Thank you to our 'Friends of the SAKG' who come in each week to help us deliver good food education to our students, we could not deliver this program without you and we are very appreciative of you giving your time to us.
- **Thank you** to our community folk that donate goods on a regular basis, you are so very kind to think of us when you have an abundance of produce or goods you wish to donate.
- **Thank you** to our businesses, we are so very fortunate to have, they support our school on a regular basis with such generosity.
- **Thank you** to all who are involved in sending our newsletter out each edition, it is a valuable tool in helping us get our message out to the masses.
- **Thank you** to our students, for your willingness to taste and experience new foods learn new skills and gain knowledge in planting, harvesting, preparing and sharing good food together. Authentic learning at its very best.

We look forward to 2019 with enthusiasm. Enjoy your time together with family and friends over the holiday period.



From the Garden... by Lisa McIntyre

There are a few spaces left in our chook checking roster over the summer, so if you are able to help us, please get in touch with any dates that suit you so I can finalise it. 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!

The Preps presented their Grade 6 Buddies with the oak trees they have grown over this year. They planted the acorns in March, which were collected from a beautifully healthy, perfect garden-sized tree from local farmers Bill and Heather Funk. They gave their trees to their Buddies as a show of thanks for all the help, friendship and guidance they have received from them this year, and with the thought that each time they look at their tree, they will remember their Buddy and their life at the Dunkeld Consolidated School.



I think "Thank You" is a term that can never be over-used, which is lucky, because I use it a lot! Our SAKG Program would not be able to operate without so many people's help, support, donations, advice, and inclusion within the School's curriculum. From the donation of garlic cloves to loads of sheep manure, from chook checking to writing the classroom timetables to include the program, and for the many hours working on catering jobs, please know that whatever you do, it has always been noticed and greatly appreciated. This is a great example to set for our children, and they too are learning to recognise your contributions and to say thank you. That is a fantastic life lesson. Have a wonderful Christmas, and enjoy a relaxing, safe Summer!
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Notice Board

BOOK LIST REQUISITES 2019

As in previous years, a Parent Payment/Book Box system will continue to apply for the 2019 school year. The cost of stationery and supplies required are considered very competitive due to the ability of the school to 'bulk buy' the required items and we believe this ordering system will save time and money given some items (e.g. dotted thirds paper) are only available from specialist stationers. We also believe that sourcing the requirements from the one supplier will bring uniformity to supplies used by the students in each class. **Parents will pay for and collect their child's year level box from the Dunkeld Consolidated School office prior to commencing school in 2019. Open office days for collection will be Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 January 2019 between the hours of 9:30am – 2:30pm.**

Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

Each item must be named (including individual pencils, textas, glue sticks etc). **Please send all requisites to school on the first day even though students may not be using the items immediately they will be on hand when required.**

Due to the nature of the work that the younger children do there are differences in book box prices e.g. number of glue sticks, My Home Reading book, twistable crayons etc. **Charges per book box:** Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 \$45.00 Year 3 to Year 6 \$30.00

QUICK REMINDERS

1. Thursday 20 December 2018 - Mystery Gifts opened at school
2. 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.
3. Monday 17 to Friday 21 December 2018 – Christmas Activity Week.
4. **Final Assembly Friday 21 December 2018 commencing at 12.15pm.** Announcement of School Leaders for 2019. Early dismissal at 2.30pm.

LOST!!

Size 6 school jumpers belonging to Ned Peters and Lachie Gordon.