



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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December 2017

- Thursday 21 Christmas Activity Week - Monday 18 to Friday 22 December.
Mystery Gifts and Whole School Party (at lunch time).
Reports sent home with students.
- Friday 22 **Last day of Term 4. Casual Dress Day. Early dismissal at 2:30pm.** School lunch orders will be available from Izzy's Mountain View Café. Lunch will be held from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.

January 2018

- Tuesday 23 Book List Requisites to be collected from School between 9.30am and 2.30pm.
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- Friday 26 Australia Day Celebrations at the Dunkeld Memorial Park commencing at 8:00am.
- Monday 29 **PUPIL FREE DAY – first day of Term 1 for teachers.**
- Tuesday 30 **First day of Term 1 students** – the Parents & Friends invite Parents and Carers to the staff room for a cuppa from 9:00am – 10:00am

February 2018

- Monday 5 School Swimming Program.
- Tuesday 6 School Swimming Program.
- Wednesday 7 School Swimming Program.
Prep Students do not attend school.
- Thursday 8 School Swimming Program.
- Friday 9 School Swimming Program.
- Monday 12 School Swimming Program.
- Tuesday 13 School Swimming Program.
- Wednesday 14 School Swimming Program.
Prep Students do not attend school.
- Thursday 15 School Swimming Program.
- Friday 16 House Swimming Sports at the Dunkeld Memorial Swimming Pool.

From the Principal ... Mr Paul Jeffreys

We are deep 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. And the Boxing Day test is tantalisingly looming.

Many people have been giving to our school in a variety of ways throughout the year. Parents and volunteers have helped our children and our school. Members of our School Council and sub-committees 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 have 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 Ally Gordon and Terrie Nicholson in the office. Also thank you to Helen Trahar and Bridget 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.

I am proud of our school.

To all of you in our school community; a safe and enjoyable Christmas and Holiday Season.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AND PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

I would like to extend our best wishes to two of our Parents & Friends members who will leave our school at the end of the year. Lindy Cullinane has been a past Treasurer of our Association and Trish Symes has been an active member of our association for a number of years. We wish them and their families all the very best in the future and thank them for their valued contributions over the past years. 'Tis the season to be Jolly! On behalf of the Parents & Friends, I extend our well wishes for the festive season. Have a very Merry Xmas and a safe and Happy New Year. *Ally Gordon, President, Parents & Friends Association.*

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

EARLY LUNCH FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER & CASUAL DRESS DAY

Lunch will be held from 1.00pm to 2.00pm. Students will go back to their classrooms at 2.00pm before being dismissed at 2.30pm.

- ✚ 100% Attendance Certificates will be presented to the respective students at lunchtime.
- ✚ School lunch orders through Izzy's Mountain View Café will also be available on this day.
- ✚ CASUAL DRESS ON FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER – no gold donations required.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER

Set the scene: Welcoming waitresses Monet Graham and Lucille Aarons direct you to the red carpet where interviewing Media await with microphones (aka Mr Tom Kent and Mr Charlie Field armed with whisks in hand), silver and black helium balloons pathing the path leading to the refreshment stand where smiling Year 5 students welcome guests with a refreshing glass of Kent's Kool Krusher and the offer of mouthwatering canapés. Our stars gather on the purposefully placed couch where extra large number balloons of 2 0 1 7 with the words 'Congratulations' create the perfect backdrop for the ultimate photo opportunity. Dr Seuss makes an appearance on the walls and windows with carefully chosen quotes 'You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes..... You can steer yourself in ANY direction you choose!!'

Well done Year 5 Students, Parents and Friends on organizing the special dinner. You did an amazing job!



Class of 2017: Sam Cullinane, Ned Andrew, Sarah Symes, Ella Jackson, Ben Potter and Edward Williamson

YEAR 6 AWARDS CEREMONY

The Graduation Ceremony held on Thursday 14 December was a tremendous celebration to recognise our Year 6 students completing their Primary School education.

Official guests for the evening included Mr Luke Balkin, Mrs Ally Gordon, Ms Sally Gray, Mrs Heather Macgugan, Mr Tony and Mrs Wendy Williams, Mrs Maria Myers, Mr Vic and Mrs Heather Lynch

The Year 6 Awards for 2017 were as follows:

- School Council Dux Award – **Edward Williamson**
- School Council Citizenship Award - **Ned Andrew**
- Macgugan Family Diligence/Achievement Award – **Ben Potter**
- Glenthompson Community Association Award – **Sarah Symes**
- Leadership Award (Glenthompson Friends of the RSL) – **Ella Jackson**
- Williams Family Sports Scholarship – **Sam Cullinane**
- Myers Family Dunkeld Scholarship - **Ella Jackson**

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

STUDENT LEADERS 2018

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

School Captains – Chloe Frost, Lucille Aarons, Lachlan Phillips and Rachel Hassett

Sports Captains Wannon – Tom Kent and Xanthe Huf

Sports Captains Sturgeon – India Ross and Charlie Field

Bus Captains – Charlie Adams (Woodhouse) and Brodie Reynolds (Mirranatwa)

SAKG – Fingal Jackson and Nicholas Huzony

Student Voice – Monet Graham, Genevieve Trotter, Emily McNaughton, Charlie Adams, Brodie Reynolds, Anna Rennie, Tom Kent, Fingal Jackson

Congratulations to all and best of luck in your roles in 2018.

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.*

BOOK LIST REQUISITIES 2018

As in previous years, a Parent Payment/Book Box system will continue to apply for the 2018 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 and collect their child's year level box from the Dunkeld Consolidated School office prior to commencing school in 2018. Open office days for collection will be Tuesday 23 January and Wednesday 24 January between the hours of 9:30am – 2:30pm.**

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

SPORT

SCHOOL HOUSE ATHLETICS ON FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

Kicking off the School Sports on Friday 8 December were the 800m and 200m events. New records tumbled the old in nine of these events, setting the scene for what was bound to be an exciting day ahead. It was fantastic to see every student try their very best at each event and even more pleasing to see (and hear) was the encouragement given to the participants throughout the day. Congratulations Mrs McShane on running your first House Athletics at our school, a job very well done. Thank you. To everyone who assisted on the day; to the teachers hosting each event, to the parents, carers and siblings who helped at events and to the time recorders, Thank you. Results were tallied and yep it was close! Winners were gridders at Sturgeon with 508 points to Wannan on 472 points.

Records were broken; congratulations to

Phoebe Lazzari	-	200m & Sprints	Hayden Phillips	-	200m
Jake Linskens	-	High Jump	Lucy Fraser	-	200m
Grace Potter	-	High Jump	Alexander Prentice	-	200m and 800m
Myles Alderman	-	200m	Lachie Phillips	-	Discus
Ella Jackson	-	800m	India Ross	-	200m & Discus
Sam Cullinane	-	200m and 800m			

Age Champions were presented their medals at the special assembly on Friday 15 December: Super effort to



6 yrs & under	Boys:	Charles Prentice	Girls:	Phoebe Lazzari
7 yrs	Boys:	Darcy Potter	Girls:	Charlotte Alderman
8 yrs	Boys:	Maxi Graham	Girls:	Grace Potter
9 yrs	Boys:	George Field	Girls:	Lucy Fraser & Bonnie Jackson
10 yrs	Boys:	Alexander Prentice	Girls:	Amity Haley
11 yrs	Boys:	Charlie Field	Girls:	India Ross
12 yrs & over	Boys:	Sam Cullinane	Girls:	Sarah Symes

Left: Age Champions. Back: Lucy Fraser, India Ross, Amity Haley, Sarah Symes, Alexander Prentice, Sam Cullinane and Charlie Field. Front: Bonnie Jackson, Phoebe Lazzari, Grace Potter, Charlotte Alderman, George Field, Charles Prentice, Maxi Graham and Darcy Potter.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

FROM THE KITCHEN by Clare

Congratulations and all the very best to our Year 6 students as they 'grow, harvest prepare and share' in many other gardens and kitchens during their secondary years (we hope so anyway).

At the end of each year, the Year 6 students are presented with a SAKG Book of reflections, recipes, photos and information. We hope they enjoy looking back at this in future years and have fond memories of the SAKG Program here at Dunkeld.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who offered assistance, time and produce for our last fundraiser for 2017, catering for the Glenthompson Community



Annual Dinner. To you who helped Friday and Saturday preparing salads and platters, you are a wonderful group of people. To those that baked delicious slices and dropped off donated produce I thank you for your generosity. Special mention to The Dunkeld Old Bakery for your kind donation of delicious sourdough dinner rolls.

Thank you to you who have purchased SAKG 2018 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 and the Dunkeld Old Bakery for helping us sell them.

Thank you to Mr Jeffreys, 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 and businesses 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 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 2018 with enthusiasm. Enjoy your time preparing and sharing food together in the holidays. Warm regards.

GARDEN REPORT by Lisa McIntyre

I would like to thank everyone that supported our school garden this year, in any way. Thank you to Paul Jeffreys, Anne Howard and Clare Kennedy for their ongoing support. It has all been noted, recognised and very much appreciated. You know that it would not work if we did not have the community support. I wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and a peaceful, relaxed summer ahead! If you are able to assist with the watering of the garden over the holidays, can you please contact me so I can add you to the roster.

ON Friday 15 December, the Year 6 students were presented with a special gift from their Prep buddies. On the gift read;

Dear Year 6 Buddy

This acorn was collected from an oak tree in March this year, and I have planted it as a gift for you.

I hope that when you look at your tree, you will remember the many happy times you have spent with me and all your friends, teachers and staff at Dunkeld.

Good Luck,

From Your Prep Buddy



Notice Board

AN END OF AN ERA FOR GRADUATING FAMILIES

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

- Michael and Trish Symes
- Simon and Lindy Cullinane
- Ben Andrew and Elizabeth Lawrence

CHRISTMAS IN WANNON – ARTWORK COMPETITION



Students in Year 3 entered the 'Christmas in Wannon' artwork competition held by The Hon Dan Tehan MP, Member of Wannon. Jemima Ross was awarded the overall winner of the competition. Dan Tehan extended his congratulations to her on the imaginative depiction of Christmas which included Santa attending to the family barbeque. He also selected Lucy Fraser as a finalist and awarded George Field an Honorable Mention. All entries can be viewed at www.dantehan.com.au.

Left: Lucy Fraser, George Field and Jemima Ross proudly display their certificates awarded by The Hon Dan Tehan MP.

SOCIAL SERVICE CHRISTMAS STALL – WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER



Gifts galore spread across the tables while Students from Prep to Year 6 searched for a special gift or two at the Social Services Christmas Stall. Maybe a few bought a sneaky lolly for themselves for the way home! Over thirty raffle prizes were given out to those lucky enough to be drawn out of the hat by our wonderful volunteers, Corinne Smith and Jan Steff, whom we thank very much for assisting on the morning. Thank you also to those lovely parents who assisted with the smooth running of the stall. The raffle raised \$134.50 and the stall \$345.50.

TOYWORLD HAMILTON

Trish and Malcolm Munro from Toyworld in Hamilton kindly donated five x \$20.00 complimentary gift vouchers to our school. Student's names were placed in a hat and drawn out. Congratulations to the following winners: Ned Peters, Claudia Cochran, Hayden Phillips, George Field, Ned Andrew.



Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!