



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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FEBRUARY 2019

- Wednesday 13 School Swimming Program.
Prep students do not attend school today.
- Thursday 14 School Swimming Program.
- Friday 15 House Swimming Sports at the Dunkeld Swimming Pool (Prep and Year 1 students come back to school after lunch. Parents are welcome to take their Prep or Year 1 children home from the swimming pool after lunch but they are not able to stay at the pool to watch older siblings.) **NO ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD ON THIS DAY.**
- Monday 18 School Lunch Orders Commence for 2019.
- Wednesday 20 Prep students do not attend school today.
MARC Library.
- Thursday 21 Information evening for SAKG Program with dinner. Commencing time 6.00pm.
- Friday 22 SGSSA Swimming Sports at Penshurst Swimming Pool.
Writers Workshop PD in Melbourne – Naomie Phillips and Dee-Anne Gerring.
Whole School Assembly commencing at 2.35pm.
- Monday 25 February to Friday 1 March – Parent/Teacher Interview Week
- Tuesday 26 Year 6 Transition Day, Baimbridge College.
- Wednesday 27 Prep students do not attend school today.
- Thursday 28 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes commence for 2019.

MARCH 2019

- Tuesday 5 School Council Meeting Commencing at 7.30pm.
- Monday 11 **LABOUR DAY Public Holiday.**
- Wednesday 6 MARC Library.
- Friday 15 Division Swimming Championships at Warrnambool Swimming Pool.
- Wednesday 20 MARC Library.
- Friday 22 Region Swimming Championships at Horsham Memorial Swimming Pool.
- Wednesday 20 SGSSA Athletics Sports at Pedrina Park, Hamilton (Prep students do not attend, they will attend school as a normal school day).

APRIL 2019

- Friday 5 Last day of Term 1 2019 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.
- Friday 19 **GOOD FRIDAY Public Holiday.**
- Monday 22 **EASTER MONDAY Public Holiday.**
- Tuesday 23 **First day of Term 2 2019.**
- Thursday 25 **ANZAC DAY Public Holiday.**
- Monday 29 **School Photos.**

FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

We look forward to the House Swimming this coming Friday. The weather forecast is promising and hopefully it will help us to enjoy the day. Our students are expected to be supportive of all swimmers and even though we will acknowledge age champions, we are reminded that the day is one for all students. Hopefully we will see many families come along. We especially look forward to the swimming activities from our young students. I wish to thank all of our parent helpers over the last two weeks; without you, we simply could not have the swimming program. We are especially thankful to Lea and Jen McArthur for their extraordinary contribution to swimming at our school. You are wonderful.

We wish to also sincerely thank Keith Langham and Josh Mawson for taking on the role as extra lifesavers for our larger swimming group (Year 5/6) during our swimming programme.

SGSSA Swimming sports – Friday 22 February. Due to staffing shortages from some of the smaller schools at the

event, we may need to call on parents to do some timing during the day, more so than in the past. Your support would be appreciated.

Last Friday at Assembly, I spoke to our students about bullying. I talked about what bullying is and discussed that it is not acceptable:

Bullying is when people **repeatedly** and **intentionally** use words or actions against someone or a group of people to cause distress and risk to their wellbeing.

Children can do similar things to others without being bullies... that is, they may do or say something hurtful, once, without really understanding the consequence of their actions. It would be unfair to label that child 'a bully'. Either way, the children have been promised that the Principal and teachers will support any child who has been hurt physically or emotionally by any child, swiftly. Thankfully, we can be very proud of the way in which our students treat one another and with courage from children and families to report, we can maintain that social culture.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WELCOME PREP CLASS OF 2019

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Prep Class of 2019. We hope you have a successful year and look forward every morning to coming to school!



*Teachers: Dee-Anne Gerring and Jackie McShane
Students Back: Matilda Patullo, Archie Cant-McKindlay, Chloe Skermer, Grace Macgugan, James Manolas, Digby Heazlewood, Taj Parker, George Heazlewood, Pippa Lomas.
Students Front: Annie Jackson, Minu Sutherland, Alannah Johns, William Beveridge, Olivia Balkin, George Lomas, Oliver Mitchell.*

UPDATED SCHOOL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS



On Friday 8 February the following students pictured left to right were elected class captains for Term 1: *Pippa Lomas (Prep), Clementine Blackwell (Year 1/2), Charles Prentice (Year 2/3) Logan Ross Urry (Year 4), Lucy Fraser (Year 5) and Sam Burger (Year 6).*

With SAKG Kitchen Garden classes starting soon, our SAKG Captains Olive Jackson and Antonia Huzony (Grade 6) will commence their duties while new student Lachlan Johns will join Sam Burger, Amelia Jackson, Eddie McShane, Ben Peace, Myles Haley and Amity Haley as Student Voice.

Good luck to all of our student leaders in your new roles.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council Elections 2019

Dunkeld Consolidated School will be holding its annual elections for School Council during February and March in 2019. In accordance with the Department of Education and Training's (DET) requirements, the election process must be concluded by the end of March. The timeline for the Council elections is given below:

Monday 18 February Call for nominations.

Monday 25 February Nominations close at 4.00pm.

(A list of candidates, nominator and seconder will be displayed at the school on Wednesday 27 February).

If an election is required:

Friday 1 March	Distribute ballot papers on or before this date.
Friday 8 March	Close of ballot.
Tuesday 12 March	Count votes and declare the poll.
Tuesday 26 March	New School Council will meet.

Nomination forms for election to School Council are available from the school office. Membership is on a two-year basis (2019-2021). Retiring councilors are also eligible for nomination. If you have any queries about School Council membership, please contact the school office.

If Council elections proceed according to the timeline then the new Council will be able to meet during March. The proposed date is Tuesday 26 March at 7.30pm at school.

The retiring councilors are as follows:

Parent Members:	Todd Burger	DET Members:	Anne Gilbert
	Simon Gordon		Vacancy
	Anthony Graham		
	Fiona King		

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM AND SWIMMING SPORTS

After two weeks of lessons, students will take to the pool to compete for their respective Houses at the annual House Swimming Sports on Friday 15 February. Medley events will commence at 9.30am followed by the Preps' water display and activities at 10:30am, then the Year 1 water display and activities at 11:00am. A BYO picnic lunch will be held in the park from 11:30am – 12:00 noon. Individual swimming events will commence at 12:15pm and finish at approx. 3:15pm.

Thank you to everyone who has offered assistance with set up and time keeping and if anyone is available to stay to help pack up after the sports that would be greatly appreciated. The Program of Events will be sent home with students on Thursday, please ensure you bring this with you on Friday, as there will be no programs available on the day.

Reminder of Houses for new students: STURGEON House (House Colour: Royal Blue): Archie Cant-McKindlay, Digby Heazlewood, George Heazlewood, George Lomas, James Manolas, Oliver Mitchell, Taj Parker, Minu Sutherland, Alannah Johns, Ebony Johns, Kaitlan Johns, Lachlan Johns.

WANNON House (House Colour: Red): Olivia Balkin, Grace Macgugan William Beveridge, Annie Jackson, Philippa Lomas, Matilda Patullo, Chloe Skermer, Harry McShane, Amelia McShane, Eddie McShane.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

The external school lunch provider is Izzy's Mountain View Café, Dunkeld will recommence taking lunch orders on Monday 18 February. Lunch orders are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. **Students are responsible for placing their orders, written on a brown paper bag with money enclosed, in a specially marked box in the school library. Please send correct money if possible.** The menu and pricelist are also available on the school website: www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au.

Late orders are unable to be accepted by the school office. Students who fail to put in their lunch orders (or bring their lunch) will be given school supplied lunches. **A charge of \$1.00 per supplied food item will apply.** This charge will be paid to the school using the child's lunch order money or a note sent home in the child's diary.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

I hope everyone is settling into Term 1. It was great to see so many families at the Welcome BBQ, thank you to all those who came along and to those who helped on the night!

Don't forget our P & F AGM and general meeting on Monday 4 March, 7:30 pm at the school. Election of Office Bearers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) will take place. Please let me know if you are interested in taking on any roles or plan to nominate someone. Thank you. Ruth Kyle, President P & F - phone: 0428 954 248.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY AT BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE

Each Year 6 student has today received an invitation to attend the Baimbridge College Year 6 Transition Day on Tuesday 26 February. Students are encouraged to attend the day even if they might be enrolling at a different Secondary School. The day is a great opportunity to meet new students and experience what a day at Secondary School is like. The day is followed by an Information Session for parents at 6.00pm.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Garden ... by Lisa McIntyre

My heartfelt thanks goes out again to those wonderful families who cared for the chooks over the summer, especially during those very hot days - we are very lucky to have you help us.

Our Garden and Kitchen lessons begin on Thursday 28 February. We hold our Garden and Kitchen classes every Thursday during the school terms, and this year we have organised the timetable so as to be able to invite all grades into the Garden for lessons. I am very excited to be having the Preps in the Garden again!



Our Garden classes run so well because we have a great team of volunteers (whom we call "Friends") to help us during lessons. But ... we have lost quite a few "Friends" due to their changing work commitments, and we really need to keep our numbers up.

We have had parents (including those with young children), guardians, grandparents, older students and community members of all ages helping us. You do not need to be a gardener at all, just share a love of the outdoors and of helping children learn and achieve. We (the staff) are there to help you. We want to make this experience as enjoyable and fulfilling as the one you will be helping the children achieve!

Preference forms for the SAKG Kitchen and Garden Rosters were sent home to each family on Tuesday. Please fill in the dates and times that suit you and we will do our very best to include them when we compile the Kitchen and Garden Rosters for Semester 1. (In the Garden, you are very welcome to help for one, two or three classes on a Thursday, whatever suits you best). **Please return your Preference Forms to school by Monday 18 February 2019.**



If you are at all interested in helping us, please come along to the Information Evening on Thursday 21 February, in the Garden and Kitchen (please see attached invitation for more details). **Please RSVP to the school office by Monday 18 February – phone: 5577 2384 or email: dunkeld.cs@edumail.vic.gov.au** At the information evening you will hear all about the program, have a chance to ask questions, talk to staff and then think about it. (Or you are welcome to call me for a chat: 0428 749 235).

We would love to see you there!

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden

Notice Board

Parent Teacher Interview Week

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held during the week Monday 25 February to Friday 1 March. Further information will be sent home in the near future.

Reminder – Forms to be returned

In our last newsletter forms were sent home regarding the **Camps, Sports, Excursions fund (CSEF)** which provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like school camps and trips, excursions etc... **Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.**

A form was also sent home for applying for a **Conveyance Allowance**. The conveyance allowance a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus when they reside more than 4.8km from their school campus.

If you have not already returned your forms would you kindly do so immediately.

School Hats

As a Sun Smart school children are required to wear their bucket hats when outside. Over the holidays it appears many children may have misplaced their hats! If you require it, the school office has brand new bucket hats available for sale for \$6.50.

School Banking

Student banking is Tuesday. Student bank books are brought to school and handed to the classroom teacher. A staff member of the Bendigo Bank, Dunkeld and District Community Bank branch will collect bank books and return them to school.

School Medication

In the interest of safety, no medicines will be administered by teachers unless written permission and instructions are given by parents. All medication and instructions must be given to the teacher to look after. If this is necessary, please assist us by providing medication in the original packaging that indicates your child's name, the dose required and the time the medication is to be given. Signed parental permission is required.

Parents must notify the school of any asthma attacks their child has had and an Asthma Plan is provided. The school must also be notified of any allergies that their child may have.

Student Accident Insurance/Ambulance Cover Arrangements and Private Property brought to school

Parents are reminded that the Department of Education and Training (DET) does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Insurance policies may be purchased from commercial insurers.

Personal property brought to school by students, visitors or staff including iPads, electronic games, mobile phones, personal computers, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises are not covered by insurance. The DET does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

FORMS

Please find enclosed forms as indicated below. Could you please complete and return by the indicated dates:

Kitchen Garden Information Evening – **please RSVP by Monday 18 February 2019**

Letter from the Prime Minister and Dan Tehan

2019 Menu for school Lunch Orders