



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

*We are a Child Safe School and we will protect all children at all times.*

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## Newsletter No. 2 - Wednesday 14 February 2018

### February 2018

- Friday 16 House Swimming Sports and Welcome BBQ. BBQ commences at 12 noon in the Dunkeld Memorial Park prior to the start of the swimming sports. **NO ASSEMBLY ON THIS DAY.**
- Monday 19 School Lunch Orders commence for 2018.
- Tuesday 20 Year 6 Transition day to be held at Baimbridge Secondary College.
- Wednesday 21 Prep students do not attend school.
- Thursday 22 SAKG Kitchen Classes commence for 2018 - Year 3 students to bring \$3.00, SAKG Garden Classes commence for 2018.
- Friday 23 SGSSA Swimming Sports to be held at Peshurst Swimming Pool.
- Tuesday 27 School Council Meeting at 7:30pm.
- Wednesday 28 Prep students do not attend school.  
MARC Library.

### March 2018

- Friday 2 AFL Players Clinics (Western Bulldogs) at Dunkeld Consolidated School for Year 3- 6 students from 10:30am to 11:45am.
- Monday 5 Parents & Friends Association AGM to be held at 7:30pm at school.
- ~~Tuesday 6 Whole School Performance: "To be or what to be". CANCELLED~~
- Wednesday 7 Division Swimming (Zone) Swimming Sports to be held at Warrnambool.
- **Monday 12 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
- Wednesday 14 MARC Library.
- Wednesday 21 SGSSA District Athletics Sports at Pedrina Park, Hamilton (Prep students do not attend the sports they will attend school as normal).
- Friday 23 Regional Swimming Championships to be held at Ballarat.
- Wednesday 28 MARC Library.
- Thursday 29 **LAST DAY OF TERM 1 – Assembly to be held at 12:45pm, Lunch at 1:30pm and early dismissal at 2.30pm.**  
**NO Kitchen to be held on this day**

### FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

We look forward to the House Swimming Sports 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 acknowledge age champions, we are reminded that the day is one for all students. Hopefully we will see many families come along for the barbecue. 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.

SGSSA Swimming sports – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Italian Lessons: We are informed by Baimbridge Secondary College, who 'supply' Italian teachers, that we will not be able to begin Italian lessons until Term 2 due to teacher shortages. In the meantime, Mrs Vicki Fitzpatrick will take classes in Indonesian for the remainder of this term.

A reminder that the SGSSA Athletics Carnival will take place on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March. Because of small numbers in some schools who take part, human resources are stretched and Dunkeld Consolidated School has been asked to take on the running of an extra event during the round robin of field events.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

### School Council Elections 2018

Dunkeld Consolidated School will be holding its annual elections for School Council during February and March in 2018. 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 19 February Call for nominations.  
Monday 26 February Nominations close at 4.00pm.  
(A list of candidates, nominator and seconder will be displayed at the school on Wednesday 28 February).

*If an election is required:*

Friday 2 March Distribute ballot papers on or before this date.  
Friday 9 March Close of ballot.  
Tuesday 13 March Count votes and declare the poll.  
Tuesday 27 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 (2018-2020). Retiring councillors 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 27 March at 7.30pm at school.

The retiring councilors are as follows:

<b>Parent Members:</b>	Luke Balkin	<b>DET Members:</b>	Terrie Nicholson
	Sarah Crawford		Vacancy
	Mark Lazzari		
	Trent Adams		

## PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION NEWS

**The AGM will be held on Monday 5 March** commencing at 7.30pm at the school. A General Meeting will follow.

If you require any further information about the P & F Association please contact Ally Gordon, President on 0429 900 747 or Naomie Phillips, Secretary on 0429 998 504.

## SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

### Welcome BBQ – Friday 16 February at the Swimming Sports

**REMINDER:** 'Welcome Barbecue' at 12:00 noon in the Dunkeld Memorial Park. A free sausage sizzle (and icy pole) will be conducted by the Dunkeld Consolidated School Council and P & F Association members. (Families are also welcome to bring their own lunch if they wish).

**THERE WILL BE NO ASSEMBLY HELD ON FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY DUE TO HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS.**

### Website and email

The school website provides information about school events and activities. The School Newsletter is also available online from the school website. It is highly recommended that parents regularly log onto the website and check the calendar of events. Visit [www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au](http://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au). Parents can contact the school via email at [dunkeld.cs@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:dunkeld.cs@edumail.vic.gov.au) or phone 03 5577 2384 for all enquires.

### Student Absences

It is important that your child attends school regularly; but if she/he is sick, home is that best place to be. If a child becomes ill at school he/she is rested in the sick bay. The parents are notified if the child should be taken home.

When your child has been absent from school you are required to supply the school with a note in their student diary or verbal explanation the next day the child attends. If you know in advance that your child will be absent we would appreciate this information in writing.

### Student 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 sign in and out for early departure and late arrivals

**REMINDER:** If you (or an authorised adult) wish to collect your child during school hours for a medical appointment etc the parent must report to the office and complete the Sign In/Out Register, as a Child Safe School requirement. If your child arrives at school late they must be signed in at the Office.

## 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.

## Lunch Orders

The external school lunch provider is Izzy's Mountain View Café, Dunkeld. Lunch orders are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. **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](http://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.

## Student Banking is Tuesday. Student bank books are brought to school and handed to the classroom teacher.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Second hand uniform items are available for purchase at the School. Items include jumpers, polo shirts, navy pants, pinafores, skirts, skorts, shorts and shoes. Please feel free to browse the uniforms at any time. If you wish to donate any uniform items to the second hand rack, please leave them at the school office.

## SPORT

### 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 16 February. Medley events will commence at 10:00am followed by the Preps' water display and activities at 10:30am, then the Year 1 water display and activities at 11:15am. The welcome BBQ will be held in the park at 12:00pm – 12:45pm. Individual swimming events will commence at 12:45pm and finish 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 has been sent home with students, please ensure you bring this with you on the day as there will be no programs available on the day.

### AFL Players Clinic

On Friday 2 March, our school will host an AFL clinic for students in Years 3 - 6. The clinic will be held by players from the Western Bulldogs Football Club! Students will take part in a number of activities from 10:30am – 11:45am at our school. In the past we have had to travel to Hamilton to take part in AFL clinics so we are very grateful to have this opportunity to have a clinic held at our school.

## What's News – from our Classrooms

### Welcome new Preps

Our school welcomed 14 new preps on Tuesday 30 January. Mrs Jayne Greig, Bridget Campbell and the Preps have been busy settling into a routine which has included the swimming program and having a 'day off' on a Wednesday for the month of February.

*Welcome to: Elodie Cochran, Jasmine Etherton, Lulu McDonald, Isla Oldfield, Henrietta Patterson, Zoe Trotter, Edward Alderman, Nate Elliott, Will Griffin-Wilson, Jim Herrmann, Zachary Lance, Seamus McDonald, Finn Parker and Tyson Riddle*



## Class Captains

It is with excitement that we announce the class captains for Term 1, 2018. The class captains were presented with their badges and certificates at assembly on Friday 9 February. (Their roles may include delivering notes and diaries etc to the Office, Class Captain reports at Assemblies, welcoming visitors to their classrooms etc).



Prep  
Jasmine Etherton



Year 1  
Mhairi McDonald



Year 2  
Charlotte Comer



Year 3  
Mitchell Gordon



Year 4  
Myles Alderman



Year 5  
Addison Linskens



Year 6  
Charlie Adams

## Have you been Persuaded?? With Mr Perez

In Year 5 English we have begun writing persuasive pieces. We started by having a discussion about 'Should we have homework?' Some students were adamant they should not have to do homework, while others were firm that homework is beneficial. Without realizing, we were using persuasive techniques like emotive language and exaggeration.

Our first piece was on the topic, 'Is technology a blessing or a burden?' We used persuasive devices such as: personal pronouns, alliteration and rhetorical questions. By using these strategies we are trying to convince the audience to agree with our point of view.

## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

*From the Kitchen... by Clare Kennedy*

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG) classes will begin for 2018 on Thursday 22 February with Year 3 **'preparing and sharing'** lunch in the kitchen and Year 1 to 6 **'growing and harvesting'** during garden classes. We will be sending home a form for families to fill in and return, inviting you to be a 'Friend' of the kitchen garden working alongside the children in either the garden or the kitchen each Thursday. Our friends of SAKG are an integral part of the program as we provide good food education to our students. We look forward to a great year growing, harvesting, preparing and sharing together. For further information on the SAKG Program and the Foundation check out their page at [www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au](http://www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au)



*From the Garden... by Lisa McIntyre*

To Fiona King, Jo Aarons, Vivien Brodsky, Bev Hampton and Valetta Bolton and their families, thank you on behalf of the school community, for caring for the garden over that particularly dry and extremely hot weather during the holidays. There would be nothing

left now, if you hadn't been there!

Our garden class timetables have changed slightly, and we are now able to offer one hour classes to each year level, which will be fantastic! **Please also help to spread the word amongst the community, we would love (and need to) increase our volunteer list.**



It is going to be another wonderful year, I am looking forward to getting back in the garden with you all!

## Forms attached to the newsletter

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

- School Lunch Orders Menu from Izzy's Mountain View Cafe
- eSmart flier – Primary: Digital Tattoo
- Positive Parenting flier