



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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FEBRUARY 2019

- Thursday 28 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes commence for 2019. **Grade 6 students will require \$4.00 for their Kitchen class.**

MARCH 2019

- Friday 1 School Assembly commencing at 2.35pm in the school hall.
- Monday 4 P & F AGM and Election of Office Bearers Commencing at 7.30pm.
Paul Jeffreys attending NAPLAN Online PD.
- Tuesday 5 School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm.
Helen Trahar attending Resilient Kids Conference PD.
- Wednesday 6 MARC Library.
- Thursday 7 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. **Grade 5 Students will require \$4.00 for their Kitchen class.**
- Friday 8 Jane Higgins and Leroy Mojica-Perez attending NAPLAN Online PD.
- Monday 11 **LABOUR DAY Public Holiday.**
- Tuesday 12 Complimentary foot screenings for Prep students, provided by Gen Health Hamilton's podiatrists.
- Thursday 14 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. **Grade 4 students will require \$4.00 for their Kitchen class.**
- Friday 15 Division Swimming Championships at Warrnambool Aquazone Leisure and Aquatic Centre.
School Assembly commencing at 2.35pm in the school hall.
- Wednesday 20 MARC Library.
- Wednesday 20 SGSSA Athletics Sports at Pedrina Park, Hamilton (Prep students do not attend, they will attend school as a normal school day).
- Thursday 21 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. **Grade 6 students will require \$4.00 for their Kitchen class.**
- Friday 22 Region Swimming Championships at Horsham Memorial Swimming Pool.
School Assembly commencing at 2.35pm in the school hall.
- Thursday 26 School Council Meeting for new Council commencing at 7.30pm.
- Thursday 28 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. **Grade 5 students will require \$4.00 for their Kitchen class.**
- Friday 29 School Assembly commencing at 2.35pm.

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.**

MAY 2019

- Wednesday 1 MARC Library.
- Friday 3 Division Athletics Championships at Brauerander Athletics Track, Warrnambool.
- Friday 10 SGSSA Cross Country at Tarrington.
- Tues –Thurs 14-16 NAPLAN Testing for Year 3 and 5.
- Wednesday 15 MARC Library.
- Monday 27 Division Cross Country at Deakin University, Warrnambool.

FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

Our annual 'swimming season' drew to an end with our House Swimming Carnival and subsequent SGSSA Swimming Carnival held last Friday at the Penshurst swimming pool.

We congratulate Sturgeon House for taking out the House Champions trophy for the fifth year running. Exactly one week later, Dunkeld Consolidated School took the winning shield at the SGSSA Swimming Sports held at Penshurst. As far as I can tell, this is the first time Dunkeld has won this event since it became a competitive event. Congratulations to all of our competitors in both the house and interschool events. We also congratulate Grace Potter for setting a new SGSSA record in 10 years Backstroke and Jemima Ross who also set a new SGSSA record in the 10 years Breaststroke.

We also acknowledge the following students who were awarded age championship medallions at the Penshurst Carnival: Campbell Glazebrook and Matilda Potter (12/13 years), Grace Potter and Louis Lazzari (10 years). Well done to those four students.

Congratulations should also go to Lea and Jen McArthur who over recent years have dedicated themselves towards teaching swimming both during our swimming lessons at the beginning of the school year and over the school holidays. The whole of school swimming capability has improved immensely and I think Lea and Jen can take much credit for our success last Friday at Penshurst.

The next whole school sporting event is the SGSSA Athletics Carnival on Wednesday 20 March 2019.

I wish to remind families that our school's Dress Code asks that all students wear black school shoes; that is, black shoes without coloured stripes. Students who have PE on a given day should wear their school shoes to school. We support students wearing their runners for sport and play but we expect them to change into their school shoes when not doing so. Please support us in this matter.

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

At the conclusion of a fantastic two-week swimming program, the House Swimming Sports were held on Friday 15 February and ran in superb weather conditions.

First events for the day were the individual Medleys, followed by the Prep and Year 1 students who put on a wonderful water display. Age Champions for 2019 were presented with their medallions on the day except for the 8-year-old boys who battled it out and split the honor three ways.



Well done to: (photo right)

8yrs: Phoebe Lazzari and Freddie Jury, Lachlan Gordon and Ned Peters

9yrs: Charlotte Alderman and Ben Peters

10yrs: Grace Potter and Louis Lazzari

11yrs: Lillian Glazebrook and Taylor Haley

12/13yrs: Matilda Potter and Campbell Glazebrook

Sturgeon was the winning House victorious over Wannon. Wannon tried their hardest and that is what counts.



Records:

8 yrs - Phoebe Lazzari 25m Freestyle 25.06

8 yrs - Lachie Gordon 25m Freestyle 24.97

10 yrs - Sebastian Aarons 25m Breaststroke 26.10

10 yrs - Grace Potter Medley 4 x 25m 1:53.58, 25 Freestyle 18.38, 25m Backstroke 19.75 and Butterfly 25m 23.71

10 yrs - Louis Lazzari Medley 2x 25m 52.25, 25m Backstroke 22.78 and 25m Butterfly 25.69

Congratulations to all students who competed throughout the day.

House Captain Report – Xander Prentice (Wannon) and Thomas Gordon (Sturgeon)

On Friday 15 February 2019, we had the House Swimming Sports. It was a bumper day!! The Preps were very impressive conquering their first swimming sports. Congratulations to all swimmers and special mention to our age champions who swam impressively well. Well done to Sturgeon who were the overall winners on the day. Special thanks to Lea and Jen for their support throughout the Swimming Program.

SGSSA SWIMMING AT PENSHURST

Two very happy School Captains, Campbell Glazebrook and Addison Linskens proudly accepted the winners trophy for our school at the SGSSA Swimming Sports at Penshurst on Friday 22 February. Our students behaviour and competitive spirit were a fantastic reflection on our school and the new sports shirts funded by the P & F Association were a great addition to the day.

Congratulations to Grace Potter (Year 5) and Jemima Ross (Year 5) who broke records on the day. Grace setting a time of 22.19 in the 25m Backstroke and Jemima a time of 24.53 in the 25m Breaststroke.



House Captain Report – Matilda Potter (Sturgeon) and Pippa Williamson (Wannon)

On the 22 February 2019 we had the interschool swimming sports. Everybody did great and had fun. Even though some people didn't get a ribbon they all did an amazing job and we are all proud of the good sportsmanship they showed. Well done to Louis Lazzari, Grace Potter, Matilda Potter and Campbell Glazebrook, on winning age champions. Here are some opinions of the day : I thought it was fantastic and I had fun – *Sebastian Aarons (Yr 4)*, I had a great day and had fun in the relay - *Lillian Glazebrook (Yr 5)*, I had a fun day and was nervous competing against my friends – *Grace Potter (Yr 5)*, I had an outstanding day and was very nervous to compete – *Lucy Fraser (Yr 5)*, I had a great time swimming and had lots of fun all day – *Myles Alderman (Yr 5)*.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2019

Due to insufficient nominations for the four parent member vacancies, an extension of time has been granted, calling for any further nominations. Nominations shall now close on Friday 1 March 2019 at 4.00pm. Nomination forms are available from the school office. Membership is on a two-year basis (2019-2021). If you have any queries about membership, please contact the school office on 5577 2384.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the current School Council will be held on Tuesday 5 March in the Dunkeld Consolidated School staff room commencing at 7.30pm.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website is mobile friendly and includes information relating to upcoming events, reporting an absence, newsletters, school leaders, lunch order prices etc. If you have not already done so please visit www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au to see what items you may be missing.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Well ladies and gentlemen, not long now until we kick off the P & F 2019 Season with the brief AGM and first General Meeting to be held on Monday 4 March, commencing 7:30pm at the school.

It would be great to see parents representing every year level, from Prep through to Grade 6 this year. If you are a new P & F member, please feel free to come along to our first meeting to see what it's all about. It is not too late to join up, please see myself or Terrie in the office for a form.

Looking forward to seeing you next Monday night!!

Ruth Kyle, President

0428 954 248 (I would appreciate a quick text to let me know if you'll be attending the meeting, for catering purposes!)

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

If you would like any items to be held for gifts, birthday etc. please make a note on the Book Club order or if you have any queries please contact the Book Club Co-ordinator, Mrs Sarah Crawford on 5577 8272.

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.

STUDENTS TO BE SIGNED 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.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

REMINDER: 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

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

All volunteers and classroom helpers at the Dunkeld Consolidated School require a Working with Children Check (WWCC), as per the school's Policy. Volunteers may fill in an online application form via the following website: www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/. The application is then finalised at a participating Australia Post retail outlet (e.g. Hamilton Post Office). You may participate in child-related activities (classroom help, SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes etc.) at our school while your WWCC application is being processed. Volunteers do not have to pay a registration fee for their WWCC, the only cost involved is the cost of the photo, which may be reimbursed by the school.

PERMISSION TO TRAVEL BY SCHOOL BUS

Just a reminder that non-school bus travelers who may occasionally wish to travel on either of the school buses are required to complete and submit an **"Application for Adhoc Travel – Student"** form to the School Office prior to the event, for approval.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen... by Clare Kennedy

Thank you to our 'Friends' of the kitchen garden who were able to attend our information evening on Thursday 21 February. We were able to share information together and enjoy a sit down dinner. Thank you to Mr Jeffreys and Mrs Howard for your support. We discussed that you do not need to be an expert in anything but enjoy working with children and as a Friend of the SAKG you will offer support and advice. Your role is one of facilitator, by definition, someone who helps a group move through a process to make necessary decisions to accomplish mutual goals in the available time. We are not looking for perfection but participation and problem solving skills from all students. We enjoy spending time together and our conversations around the table as we share lunch each session. We talked about the importance of confidentiality. You will build trusting relationships with our children who share many things with people they trust. Year 6 students will be in the kitchen tomorrow with garden classes also beginning for all other year levels. We are excited to begin the program in 2019.

Thank you to our friends who are on the Roster for this semester. If you would like to be part of the SAKG program and be involved, please let us know as we have a few places to fill in the Kitchen and Garden. **Each Kitchen class, the students are required to bring \$4.00 to cover the cost of lunch.**

From the Garden...by Lisa McIntyre

Our garden lessons begin this week, and I am really looking forward to catching up with the students, Friends, staff and of course, the garden.

BUT - I am still hoping to find some more Friends (volunteers) to help us during the lessons.

PLEASE - if you are considering helping, now is the time to let me know! Why not come and give it a go? Perhaps come along for one lesson, just to see what happens, I am sure you will enjoy yourself.

We like to keep the children in groups of four or less. That way, each child can contribute to the activity and learn more effectively. Four is also a good number for Friends to watch over and work with. As some of our classes will have 10 groups, we would really welcome your help to achieve this.

Remember, you are welcome to be there for one, two or all three classes. And as little or as often as suits. It is entirely up to you. We also welcome younger siblings with their parents and carers (whose care they will be in).

Perhaps you have a relative, friend or neighbour that may be interested? Now is the time to let me know.

You do not have to be an expert gardener at all, just someone who enjoys the outdoors and working with children. If also you have an interest in construction, irrigation, art and craft, recycling and reusing - then we would really love to hear from you!

Please consider becoming a Friend of the Garden, it is a truly rewarding experience, especially when you hear a child say: "that was my best garden day ever!"



Notice Board

Parent Teacher Interview Week

Don't forget Parent Teacher Interviews will be held during the week Monday 25 February to Friday 1 March. If you have not made an appointment for an interview and still wish to have one, please contact your child's teacher directly.

Lost Jumper

A size 6 school jumper belonging to Ned Peters and clearly named has been missing since last year. Would parents kindly check that their child has the right jumper.

FORMS

Please find enclosed forms as indicated below.

1. SAKG Garden Roster for Semester 1.
2. SAKG Kitchen Roster for Semester 1.