



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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### March 2017

- Friday 17 Funky Hair Day.
- Thursday 23 Play is the Way PD in Melbourne - Ann Howard, Susie Gibson and Mary-Ellen Evans to attend.
- Friday 24 SGSSA District Athletics Sports at Pedrina Park, Hamilton (Prep students do not attend the sports they will attend school as normal).  
2017 Greater Western Region Swimming Championships to be held at Ballarat Aquatic Centre commencing at 9.00am.  
Writers Workshop PD in Melbourne - Jane Higgins, Anne Gilbert and Ann Howard to attend.
- Monday 27 Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal donations, raffle tickets and monies are due in today.  
Primary Connections Science PD in Geelong – Mary-Ellen Evans, Anne Gilbert and Jane Higgins will be attending.
- Tuesday 28 School Council Meeting No. 1 commencing at 7:30pm.
- Wednesday 29 Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal Raffle will be drawn at 1:30pm.
- Friday 31 **LAST DAY OF TERM 1 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.**

### April 2017

- Thursday 20 School Photos. Students are to wear full winter uniform.
- Thursday 27 Complimentary Foot Screen for Prep Students conducted by Gen Health Podiatrists.

### From Mr Jeffreys....

I notice around the school, children beginning to turn their thoughts from swimming to athletics. I gather many children are looking forward to the SGSSA Athletics Carnival. This event will be the first time for a few years that DCS has not run the event and it will be good to be able to involve ourselves more with the students.

Our school sent 14 students to the SSV Southwest Division Swimming Championships last Wednesday and two students will now go through to the Regional Swimming Championships (Thomas Calvert and Ella Jackson). Congratulations to those two children and we are proud of all of our swimmers.

It is worth noting that the most recent parent survey showed us (DCS) to be in the bottom eighth of schools for delivering extracurricular activities for our students. That's very low and it doesn't look pretty on a graph. In fact our school provides a wide range of extracurricular activities. Extracurricular activities are those activities that the school provides that are not part of the Victorian Curriculum Document. They do not have to be after school or out of hours activities. Swimming sports or athletics competitions for example are not part of the curriculum and so they are extracurricular activities. Having a 'Special Olympics Day,' an in-school performance, visits to the school such as Caulfield Grammar are extracurricular. 'Stem for Men' day is extracurricular, along with The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. School Camps and Excursions are extracurricular, along with provision for individual music lessons. Sporting Schools programs run after school are also extracurricular activities along with the School Concert. Our school does a huge amount of extracurricular activities, so much so that as principal I am often concerned that we may not meet the required hours of each subject for the year.

Thank you to those who helped set up and run our Pizza and Coffee fundraisers at the recent rodeo. There were so many people supporting our school and your help and time is sincerely appreciated.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers who assisted in any way with the recent school fundraiser (Pizza and Coffee Stalls) at the inaugural Sturgeon Stampede Rodeo including:

*Barry and Tania Lowe, Ray Keilar, Casey Trotter, Kylie Huzony, Bev Hampton, Gerard and Kate Comer, Luke and Stacey Balkin, Wil Balkin, Priscilla Jury, Lea McArthur, Karen Kent, Anna Topia, Emma Gordon, Eda Williamson, Sarah Alderman, Anne Gilbert, Melanie Peace, Terrie Nicholson, Amy Crawford, Melissa Field, Naomie Phillips and Andrew and Annette Huf.*



And other amazing people in our community who assisted - Adrian Field, Clare Kennedy, Anthony Graham, Sue Balkin-Mitchell, Lisa McIntyre, Mac Cuming ... we apologise for anyone that we may have inadvertently missed. The final fundraising figure will be published in the next school newsletter, once all the invoices have been received.

The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Tuesday 28 March in the school staff room commencing at 7.30pm.

*Sarah Crawford, President*

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Our AGM was to be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March, however unfortunately we did not have a quorum to hold the AGM. Another meeting will need to be scheduled so that an executive can be elected. We are fortunate to be in a position where people are willing to take on executive roles but we can't officially fill these positions until we have a quorum (minimum of 7 people). A proposed meeting date will be advised by email to all financial P & F members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed in any way, shape or form to the following fundraising activities we held in 2016; we catered for the Inter School Sports in March, the Caulfield Grammar visit in May and Serra Terror in June, the Mother's Day Street Stall in May and held the bookstall at the 3 peaks festival in October. The Big Blokes Breakfast was yet again a HUGE success (and I can't wait for a similar event for the ladies)! **We raised over \$6,000 for the year** which is an absolutely fantastic result.

We contributed these funds to: Modlife – Sphero, Main Sails reading books, Play Is The Way – resource books, Year 6 Graduation pens and engraving, Dux Medallions, Sexuality and Puberty Education Program, Whole School Excursion bus hire and entry into Flagstaff Hill, Big Books, Dictionaries/thesauruses and staff resources, Making Friends performance, Aprons, Swimming Caps, Microworld – EX Coder, Mapped Guillotine and we made a financial contribution to the new school BBQ (joint effort with the school council). We also donated funds to Movember through the Big Blokes Breakfast donations.

Your assistance with providing afternoon and morning teas, setting up and packing up at sporting events, assisting with the Social Services stalls, volunteering time to clean the canteen and set up for the whole school disco does not go unrecognized, Thank you!

Looking forward to the year ahead.  
Ally Gordon, President

## SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

### SCHOOL PHOTOS – THURSDAY 20 APRIL

**Students are required to wear full winter school uniform including black leather shoes or boots. Parents are requested to have all students in correct winter school uniform.**

#### Payments:

- Parents can pay for all of their children's orders in one envelope. However each child requires their own envelope on photo day to ensure their order is placed and processed (even if the payment is in a sibling's envelope).
- Payments can be made by cash, cheque (*payable to MSP Photography*), money order or credit card only.
- Online payments can be made through their website [www.msp.com.au](http://www.msp.com.au) using Credit or Debit Cards from MasterCard or Visa. The website will display an order reference code, which should be noted on the back of the envelope in the box provided. Each child will require their empty envelope on photo day. Orders can be placed online up to midnight prior to photo day.

#### Envelopes: Will be sent home in the near future.

- Spare order envelopes are provided for the school office. These may be handed out upon request to any new students, or anyone that has misplaced the original.
- **FAMILY PHOTO envelopes** are provided for the school office to be handed out on request. **These photographs are for school aged students (siblings) attending our school only (i.e. no babies or parents can be accommodated in these photographs).**

#### Products:

- The products on the envelopes come as is and are the only packages that MSP Photography have available. Unfortunately the packages cannot be altered in any way.
- Photographs are delivered approximately four weeks after photo day.

#### Single Parent Families:

- Parents can place multiple orders for children by either:
  - Placing multiple orders for each child on the one envelope (i.e. two sets).

- Handing in multiple order envelopes (they can collect a spare one from the school office and complete it as usual). If this is the chosen method, it may be worth labelling the envelope as either "Mum's Copy" or "Dad's Copy" so upon delivery the correct photo order is returned to the correct parent.

## Parent and Teacher Interviews

Interview week will take place from Monday, March 27 through to Friday, March 31. You should have received a sheet from your child's Classroom Teacher requesting your preferred interview times. The Teacher/s will notify you shortly of your interview time/s. Please contact your child's Teacher to make alternate arrangements to meet, should you be unable to attend any of the listed times/dates.

A second round of interviews will be offered at the end of Term 3 where you will be able to discuss with teachers the bulk of your child's year at school just prior to the end of year report writing process. It is important however; that all parents and carers are encouraged to have regular contact with their child's teachers and that you are welcome to contact teachers for discussion throughout the school year.

## STEAM



On 3 March, the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6's had STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths. Our project for the day was to create a balloon rocket. The balloon rocket was to go up a particular length of string that was tied to the roof. You were provided with 2 balloons, a piece of paper, 2 straws and some string. Most of the balloon rockets did not work but one of them went a small way up the string. It was very fun to experiment with balloons and find strategies to make our balloon rocket go up. It was so funny when one of the balloon rockets popped and Mrs Phillips was sitting right next to it and got such a surprise and scared look on her face! *By Anna Rennie and Monet Graham, Year 5*



## SPORT

### SSV Southwest Division Swimming Championships

Fourteen students attended the Divisional Swimming Championships in Warrnambool last week - Ella Jackson, Ben Potter, Charlie Field, Thomas Calvert, Lucille Aarons, India Ross, Pippa Williamson, Amity Haley, Addison Linskens, Myles Haley, Abby Lazzari, Jonah Morganti, Matthew Calvert and Taylor Haley.

It was my pleasure to accompany them and I couldn't have been more pleased to be there. The students showed great camaraderie and it was wonderful to see such enthusiastic cheering and encouraging between them all.

Huge thanks also to the parents who transported the students there and did a wonderful job cheering and raising morale over a long meet.

Everyone made an achievement and although our most significant achievements were Ella and Thomas qualifying for the Regionals in Ballarat and some of our senior swimmers smashing their qualifying times the others were no less important.

For some of our swimmers their achievements were being brave to swim their race even if they weren't feeling confident, to wear swim caps for the first time, to swim in a 50m pool in front of a big crowd, to wait in marshalling lines for what seems like forever, to dive off starting blocks, to risk being disqualified due to stroke technique but doing their best anyway and mostly to embrace their nerves (of which there were many, and NOT JUST for the children!).

So to ALL OUR SWIMMERS - SUPER EFFORT and WELL DONE, I have been filled with pride all week. *By Lea McArthur*

*On Friday 8 March, 14 swimmers went to the Zone Swimming Sports. We had a total of 26 individual races and 1 relay. Here are some of the thoughts and feelings from the students who attended;*

*The pool is much longer than you think. By Myles Haley Year 4.*

*I thought that it was nerve racking when I stood up on the blocks. By Abby Lazzari Year 4.*

*I felt like I couldn't do it. By Mathew Calvert and Taylor Haley Year 3.*

*I had really bad butterflies. By India Ross Year 5.*

*First event I didn't want to get in the water. By Thomas Calvert Year 5.*

*My head hurt because of the swimming caps. By Charlie Field Year 5.*

*I felt very nervous and I got more and more nervous as I walked up to the blocks. By Lucille Aarons Year 5.*

*I felt calm while I was waiting but I got very nervous while I was standing on the blocks. By Ella Jackson Year 6.*

*Over all Thomas came 1<sup>st</sup> in Breaststroke and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Backstroke and Ella came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Breaststroke.*

*Everyone tried their very best and should be happy with their effort!! By Ella Jackson Year 6 and Lucille Aarons Year 5.*

*The School would like to wish Thomas Calvert and Ella Jackson (pictured above) all the very best at the upcoming Regional Swimming Championships to be held at Ballarat on Friday 24 March.*



### Southern Grampians School Sports Association (SGSSA) Athletics Sports – Friday 24 March

The District Athletics Sports will **be held on Friday 24 March at Pedrina Park**, North Boundary Road Hamilton. (A map will be available from the school office for those parents who may be new to the district). Families are to be at Pedrina Park at no later than 8.45am for a 9.05am start. A Program of Events will be sent home as soon as the school receives a copy. Parents are responsible for transporting their child/children to this event.

**A reminder that the PREP students WILL NOT BE attending the District Athletics Sports, they will attend school as normal while all other students, with their families, attend the sports day.**

### From the Kitchen... by Clare Kennedy

The Year 4 class shared a meal of Purple Cabbage Coleslaw with a Yogurt Dressing, Zucchini and Corn Fritters with Year 3 Relish, Tomato Cucumber and Feta Salad with a dressing researched by Sam Burger and Xander Prentice. Year 5 and 6 class shared a meal of Potatoe Harvest Gnocchi with Pesto Siciliani, leafy salad with Classic Vinaigrette followed by Spicy Apple and Oat Slice with Vanilla Custard. Enjoy the following reports from the Year 4 and Year 5/6.



## HARVESTING, PREPARING AND SHARING CLASS REPORT

### Roving Reports by Year 4

I am in the group 'Terrific Turnips' and in this cooking session we made vanilla custard and poached nectarines. The other groups made zucchini and corn fritters, tomato and cucumber salad, purple cabbage and carrot salad with yoghurt dressing. There are lots of reasons why cooking is great, for example, parents can have time with their kids. Thank you to Heather (Addison's grandma). I love cooking! *By Amelia Jackson.*

Today, I heard of an aromatic spice called Star Anise. I thought it smelled like the footy rooms. We had to make a name up for our group and we called it: 'Terrific Turnips. It was an arm breaking experience. [Coming up with the name they all agreed on, AG!] I would like to thank Addison's grandma and all the other adults for helping us in the kitchen for 2017. *By Jonah Morganti.*

On the 2 March, Year 4's did cooking. Our group made poached nectarines with custard. Another group made zucchini and corn fritters and tomato and cucumber salad. Another group made purple cabbage and carrot salad with yoghurt dressing. It was fun. My grandma helped our group. Thank you. *By Addison Linskens.*

The Terrific Turnips made poached nectarines with custard. Another group made zucchini and corn fritters. They were great. I was chief in charge of taking photos. I have put in a photo of my group (above on the right), Amelia, Addison and Jonah. *By Tom Gordon .*



### Roving Reports by Year 5/6



On Thursday 9 March, the Year 5/6 had cooking. We cooked some divine food. One group made Pesto Siciliani. The Pesto Siciliani was put on the Gnocchi, but unfortunately, the Gnocchi group realised that the potatoes, were a bit too plump, meaning the group was delayed. The pesto was made out of mint, basil, parsley and tomato. *By Fingal Jackson, Edward Williamson and Thomas Calvert.*

On Thursday 9 March, the Cheeky Cherries cooked Pesto Siciliani to go with Gnocchi. We had to blanch 12 tomatoes and peel and seed them. This was very fun and very messy. *By Lucille Aarons and India Ross.*

*Left: Tom Kent enjoying his time in the kitchen. Photo by: Lucille Aarons and India Ross*

### From the Garden... by Lisa McIntyre

I am so excited and grateful this week, because our Year 2 class has offered to be responsible for watering our main garden beds this year. Susie Gibson, their teacher, has generously "volunteered" to keep an eye on their watering! As all our water comes from the rain that lands on the school roofs, we need to be careful that we do not waste any of it. Here we see Carol Burger helping Year 2 students Penny Burger and Cadence Huf to change the irrigation fittings, ready to water more efficiently. Another responsibility that the older children have taken on board is to care for their "own" fruit tree. They will water, prune, feed and observe their tree; what insects are living there, note any diseases etc. This activity will expand their knowledge of plants and insects, by broadening their observational ability, and further increase their sense of pride, ownership and responsibility in their garden. What more could you wish for!!



## Notice Board

### ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL RAFFLE

Each year the Dunkeld Consolidated School supports the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. One book of raffle books (books of 10 tickets @ 20 cents each) will be distributed to each family. Each year the Royal Children's Hospital provides a prize to raffle. If children wish to sell more than one book of tickets could they please contact Terrie or Ally in the office. Raffle tickets and monies will need to be returned to school **by Monday 27 March**. The raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday 29 March**. All raffle proceeds are forwarded to the Royal Children's Hospital.



### FUNKY HAIR DAY FRIDAY 17 MARCH

Staff and students (even parents) are encouraged to wear a "funky hairstyle" **on Friday 17 March and give a gold coin donation for participating**. Funds raised will go to the Leukaemia Foundation. **Some crazy hair ideas:** Spike it up! - brightly coloured ribbons, scrunchies, wild wigs, waves, curls, coloured hairspray. *\*Children please ask your parent's permission before you do anything to your hair.*



## Forms attached to the Newsletter

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