



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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March 2017

- Friday 31 Whole School Assembly at 1:00pm.
LAST DAY OF TERM 1 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.

April 2017

- Monday 17 Easter Monday Public Holiday
- Tuesday 18 **FIRST DAY OF TERM 2**
School Photo envelopes due back.
- Thursday 20 School Photos. Students are to wear full winter uniform.
- Monday 24 School ANZAC Service to be held at 1:00pm followed by a cuppa
- Tuesday 25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday.
Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service to be held at the Memorial Park at 6.30am sharp.
- Wednesday 26 Prevention Childhood Obesity within Great South Coast Study research testing which will include Year 2,4,and 6 students.
- Thursday 27 Complimentary Foot Screens for Prep Students conducted by Gen Health Podiatrists.
SSV Combined Warrnambool/Portland/Hamilton Athletics Carnival to be held at Brauerander Park Athletics Track, Warrnambool commencing at 10:00am.
Glenthompson Dunkeld FNC NAB AFL Auskick commences at the Dunkeld Recreation Reserve from 4:30pm - 5:30pm. Please contact Ally Gordon on 0429 900 747 for details.
NetSetGo! Commences at 4.30pm at the Dunkeld Recreation Reserve (ages 5-10 years). Contact Rebecca Howell on 0437 965 577 for more information.

From Mr Jeffreys....

In this final newsletter before the holiday break, I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and thank people:

To our teaching and support staff, I am grateful for your energy and care. There are staff members who have made no less than three trips to Melbourne for professional development so that they can make teaching and learning better at this school. Congratulations in particular to our two new teachers, Miss Evans and Miss Gibson for having survived their first term with us and thank you for your dedication.

I would also like to thank those wonderful people who volunteer their time: in the garden, in the kitchen and in the classrooms. And I take this opportunity to welcome Lyn Collins as a regular classroom volunteer. Thank you for joining us. On behalf of all of us staff, I thank those among you who voice your appreciation of the things we do. Your comments are immeasurably powerful and they provide us with the energy and determination to continue to keep trying to be better.

To Al Prentice, I thank you. Your volunteered time to organise our athletics program for last Friday (so many hours), your phone calls to offer more of your time... sincere thanks. I am sure many parents would have thanked you last Friday while at Pedrina Park. I say to children...giving thanks costs nothing, receiving thanks is worth a million bucks. Thanks a million!

Last night at the School Council meeting, office bearers were elected. I congratulate Luke Balkin on becoming our School Council President. I hope you enjoy the role Luke and look forward to working with you. Elected Vice President was Sarah Crawford, Secretary Terrie Nicholson and Treasurer Todd Burger.

I thank Sarah Crawford for her work as School Council President over the last eight months. Your gentle and unquestioning support is sincerely appreciated Sarah and I look forward to your work with the Policy Sub-Committee. Thank you.

Children ... Happy holidays.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The new School Council met last night and I would like to congratulate the office bearers and wish them well. Please find below an up to date list of all Councillors and the office positions they hold (retiring members may seek re-election when their term of office ends):

1. **Parent Members (to retire in March 2018):**
 - Sarah Crawford – **Vice President**
 - Luke Balkin - **President**
 - Mark Lazzari
 - Trent Adams
2. **DET members (to retire in March 2018):**
 - Terrie Nicholson - **Secretary**
 - Vacancy
3. **Community Member (co-opted P & F member) (to retire in March 2018):**
 - Bev Hampton
4. **Parent Members (to retire in March 2019):**
 - Todd Burger - **Treasurer**
 - Anthony Graham
 - Fiona King
 - Simon Gordon
5. **DET members (to retire in March 2019):**
 - Anne Gilbert
 - Vacancy
6. **Executive Officer**
 - Paul Jeffreys

The School Council has reviewed our previous School Council Meeting Schedule. Meetings will continue to be on the fourth Tuesday of a month unless this date falls too close to a school holiday or other special occasion. The meetings are to commence at 7.30pm at the Dunkeld Consolidated School.

Your School Councillors are elected to represent you on Council and bring your views forward. Please feel free to talk to one of your Councillors about any issue concerning you. Some matters lie well outside the business of Council but if you do approach a Councillor this may lead to you receiving the assistance you require.

Luke Balkin, President

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

We held our AGM on Monday 20 March. All executive positions were filled as follows:

President	Ally Gordon
Vice President	Karen Kent
Secretary	Naomie Phillips
Treasurer	Bev Hampton
Co-opted School Council member	– Bev Hampton

Congratulations and thank to our new executive and thank you to those who attended the AGM. We wish everyone a safe and happy Easter.

Ally Gordon, President

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 31 MARCH AT 1:00pm

At the whole school assembly this week, a representative from the Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade will be presenting the prizes for the Poster Competition.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – THURSDAY 20 APRIL

REMINDER: Photo Envelopes are due back by Tuesday 18 April. Family envelopes and spare envelopes are available at the office. Students are required to wear full winter school uniform including black shoes. Parents are requested to have all students in correct winter school uniform.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2017

NAPLAN testing will involve all students in Years 3 and 5 only. *Please try and ensure that your child is present on each day and on time to school where a test is scheduled.* Dates for this year's NAPLAN Tests are as follows:

Tuesday	9 May	NAPLAN Language Conventions & Writing
Wednesday	10 May	NAPLAN Reading Test
Thursday	11 May	NAPLAN Numeracy Test

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK & SIGN IN AND OUT REGISTER

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/

and then finalise your application 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.

A reminder that all visitors to our school, including parents and relatives of our students, are required to sign a Visitors Book at the school administration office upon arrival. Similarly, visitors are required to 'sign out' in the Visitors Book at the end of their visit. As a Child Safe School this is a requirement of Ministerial Order No. 870. Under the Summary Offences Act 1966 and subsequent amendments, the Principal reserves the right, and has the authority to prohibit any potential visitor from entering or remaining within the school, and also has the authority to invite or exclude people from using or being within the school boundaries outside school operating hours.

If parents (or an authorised adult) wish to collect their 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 school office.

PREVENTING CHILDHOOD OBESITY WITHIN THE GREAT SOUTH COAST

The 'Prevention childhood obesity within Great South Coast study is a study that is being conducted at our school. All Grade 2, 4 and 6 students at the Dunkeld Consolidated School are being invited to participate. This study will examine influences on healthy weight and related behaviors (physical activity, sedentary behavior, diet quality and quality of life) among children and adolescents across the Great South Coast region of Victoria. (Relevant documentation has been sent home today with the Year 2, 4 and 6 students).

All activities will be conducted at our school on **Wednesday 26 April 2017**.

All information obtained in connection with this research will remain confidential. The children's data will be made anonymous during analysis therefore, students will not be identified in any report, publication or presentation.

Results of this study will provide information about effectiveness of current efforts to improve the health of Victorian children and adolescents. This information will be used by educators, policy makers, health service providers and researchers in future efforts to improve the health of Victorian children and adolescents.

SCHOOL ANZAC SERVICE



An ANZAC service will be held in the school hall on Monday 24 April commencing at 1:00pm, followed by a cuppa and light finger food. RSL members, school and community members are invited to attend this service.

SPORT

Greater Western Regional Championships

On Friday 24 March, I went to regionals. I started the day at 6:00am. It was a two hour drive to Ballarat. When I got to Ballarat we walked in and it was crazy. There were seats everywhere. My race was the 4th event. We had to go outside and it was very cold. As I was waiting to get ready for my race, I was very nervous. I got up on the block and there was a special part of the block you could move up and down. On your marks, get set, GO! I dived into the water and my goggles fell off. I had to come up that took some time off my score. It was a great experience and I came 8th. After my race my dad and I raced out to the car so I could make it back to the athletics. *By Ella Jackson Year 6.*



The Greater Western Region Swimming Championships were held on Friday 24 March. I went in Freestyle and Breaststroke. Before you race you have to marshal and they made you marshal outside in the cold which isn't good for your muscles. My first event was Breaststroke. I had to adjust the diving block. I swam extremely hard and managed to get 2nd overall. I got a medal with a red ribbon. I was extremely happy. Then I had to go and marshal for Freestyle. I came 5th in 38 seconds, beating my personal best by 2 seconds! After I raced I came back for the Athletic Sports. *By Thomas Calvert Year 5.*

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

Our students displayed some fine sporting abilities across the track but the most notable factor was that each and every one was willing to have a go and try their best. Congratulations to our age champions from the day: Charlotte Alderman 7 year Girls, Louis Lazzari and Zander Mibus tied 8 year Boys, Grace Potter 8 year Girls, George Field 9 year Boys and India Ross 11 year Girls.

On Friday we had the Inter School Sports. The 200m was first. I was in it and I came 3rd. After we had our events like long jump, shot put, discus, high jump, sprints and hurdles. I got a 3rd in sprints. Then it was lunch time. After lunch it was the 800 metres. Once again I got a 3rd. After all that, it was the relays. I was in two, the 11 years old and the 12/13 year olds. In the 11 years I was the first runner. I was so excited because we came first. We also came first in the 12/13 relay. We might even go to zone! Overall Dunkeld School came 2nd and Tarrington came first. I had a very fun day. *By Chloe Frost, Year 5.*

HARVESTING, PREPARING AND SHARING CLASS REPORT

Roving Reports by Year 4

Today in the kitchen my group made Okonomiyaki and the other groups made apple pie and a tomato sauce for something else. The groups are Crazy Carrots (Jasmine Crawford, Pippa Williamson, Antonia Huzony, Myles Alderman and Elyssa Rennie) and the people that are in Super Strawberries are: Amity Haley, Matilda Potter, Sam Burger and Xander Prentice. *By Ben Peace (Photo on right)*



Today in cooking the Crazy Carrots made apple pie. The ingredients were: 8 large granny apples, juice of 1 lemon, 45g of unsalted butter, ½ cup (110g) of caster sugar and 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon. Our group, the Groovy Grapes, was doing photography so we had to take 'action' pictures of them cooking. My group made Gratin of Zucchini and tomatoes with golden crust. Thank you to the helpers in the kitchen. *By Campbell Glazebrook*

Today in the kitchen we were making Gratin of Zucchini and tomato with golden crust. The Super Strawberries were making tomato sauce. The Crazy Carrots were making apple pie. The Terrific Turnips were making Okonomiyaki. We had to slice up tomatoes and zucchini and grate the parmesan cheese. We also boiled the zucchini. My group name is the...Groovy Grapes. Thank you to the helpers and Clare Kennedy. *By Olive Jackson*

Notice Board

ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL RAFFLE



Our School raised \$351.00 through the Good Friday Appeal Raffle and donations. Thank you to everyone who helped sell tickets and made donations.



The winners were: Patrick Lomas (photo left), Addison Linskens, Myles Haley, Bruce McNaughton, Herbie Hampson, Jemima Ross, Mac Jackson, Adam Symes, Kerry Feely, Valetta Bolton and Jonah Morganti. Thank you to the very generous Good Friday Appeal organisation for the HUGE hamper donated for first prize and to Simon Gordon of Grampians Agricultural for donating the Easter Eggs for the other prizes.

DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE



The Dunkeld Community are invited to the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service on Tuesday 25 April at 6.30am SHARP at the Cenotaph in Parker Street. **Children from all grades are welcome to attend and should arrive no later than 6.25am and are to wear full winter school uniform and black shoes.** Following the service, a free cuppa and BBQ breakfast (provided by the Dunkeld and District Lions Club) will be held in the Dunkeld Community Centre.

FUNKY HAIR DAY FRIDAY 17 MARCH

A plate in your hair! Oh my how you dare. Is that a bird in there, nesting in your HAIR? A spike on top, with colour, Oh stop!! This once a year HAIRY occasion raised \$136.00 to support the Leukaemia Foundation.



CIRCULAR CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN

The whole school attended a terrific performance by Circular Circus. Students enjoyed learning with a twist as sole performer Heidi cracked whips; hoola hooped and used large dice during the performance. Heidi kept the whole school engaged with a unique approach to Maths (including shapes, problem solving and time). A number of students became the mad scientist's assistant, including Wil Balkin (photo right).

