



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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April 2017

- 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.

May 2017

- Monday 1 Parents & Friends Association meeting to be held at 7:30pm.
- Tuesday 2 School Council Policy Sub-Committee meeting from 6.15pm – 7.15pm. School Council Facility Sub-Committee meeting from 7.15pm – 7.30pm. School Council meeting at 7.30pm.
- Thursday 4 Caulfield Grammar School Visit. A whole school concert will be held at the school hall from approx. 1.00pm to 2.00pm. **No Kitchen or Garden Classes will be held on this day.** Lunch for the visitors will be provided by the Parents & Friends Association.
- Friday 5 Principals from Schools from Portland to Hamilton visiting our school (Learning Walks).
- Tuesday 9 NAPLAN Language Conventions and Writing Tests.
- Wednesday 10 NAPLAN Reading Test. MARC Library.
- Thursday 11 NAPLAN Numeracy Test.
- Friday 12 House Cross Country events will be held commencing at 1:30pm. Early lunch at 12:30pm. **There will be NO LUNCH ORDERS on this day. Students to bring their own lunch.** Social Service Mother's Day stall. Students are reminded to bring a plastic bag to take their purchased items home.
- Wednesday 17 SAKG Kitchen catering for Dunkeld and District Lions Club Spanish Dinner.
- Friday 19 SGSSA Cross Country to be held at Tarrington. Time to be advised.
- Tuesday 16 Whole School Performance, *The Little Bad Wolf* commencing at 9.50am.
- Wednesday 24 MARC Library.
- Thursday 25 Year 5/6 excursion to GYM TIME at HILAC Hamilton as part of Education Week. Further details to follow.

From Mr Jeffreys....

Last Monday our students attended an ANZAC ceremony here at school. Students from Years 5 and 6 took part in the presentation and did a fantastic job; clear voice, well focused and sincerity in what they presented. I was proud. All students sat and listened respectfully for the entire ceremony and one could have heard a mouse walk across the back of the room. I was proud. Mr Terry Noble was our special guest at the assembly and he read The Ode and briefly spoke about his service in the RAAF. Mr Noble commented positively on both the students' presentation and the narrative of the ceremony. I was proud.

On Friday 5 May, our school will be visited by a number of principals from throughout the Portland and Hamilton Schools Network. This is the first of what is hoped will be a number of visiting opportunities for school principals and eventually teachers throughout the network to focus on raising the standards of teaching and learning in Reading across the South West region. Known as 'Learning Walks' the aim is for schools to form collaborative partnerships in order to raise our students' reading performance.

On Tuesday 9 May through to Wednesday 11 May, students in Year 3 and 5 will be taking part in the annual NAPLAN testing. These tests are important to our school because they inform us of our performance and over the last three years have guided us in focusing on areas where we can do better. Hence, we are looking for the 'not so good' more than the 'good'. The data from NAPLAN results have guided us so that over recent years we have made terrific improvements in student performance at Dunkeld Consolidated School. Currently, students are being given practice tests to familiarise them with what is to come, but we do not for one minute believe that teaching children to the test will benefit our school and its students. This Principal is a great believer in the NAPLAN testing and relies on the whole of school picture in order to make good decisions about improving teaching and learning; therefore, the results must be authentic.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The next **School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 May commencing at 7.30pm** in the staff room. Two sub-committee meetings will be held on the same evening, before the commencement of the School Council meeting. Policy Sub-Committee meeting will be held from 6.15pm to 7.15pm and Facilities will meet from approximately 7.15pm to 7.30pm.

At the previous School Council meeting, it was decided that a relevant working party/parties will be formed for specific School Council fundraising projects and school community members would be invited to be involved (there will be no separate School and Community Promotions Sub-Committee). If any parents would like to be involved with the Policy or Facilities Sub-Committees could you please contact the school office on 5577 2384.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Caulfield Grammar will be visiting our school on Thursday 4 May. The P & F will be providing lunch for the students and staff on this day, commencing at 11:45am. A form was sent home on Monday 24 April, please complete and return the form requesting donations and assistance by Monday 1 May.

Next meeting is Monday 1 May at 7:30pm at school.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

PARENT PAYMENT

Family statements were sent home with all students on Monday 24 April with an explanatory letter, outlining charges, which have been split into three sections – Part A, Part B and Part C. Please note that Part C (voluntary contributions) is not an expectation, but rather a parent choice.

A remittance advice form was also attached to the letter, which should be returned to the school once payment has been made. Payment is due by Friday 2 June 2017. Parents and carers are encouraged to contact the Business Manager, Mrs Terrie Nicholson, to discuss confidentially any alternative payment plans.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2017

NAPLAN testing will involve all students in Years 3 and 5 only. *Please try to 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 and Writing Tests

Wednesday 10 May NAPLAN Reading Test

Thursday 11 May NAPLAN Numeracy Test

CLASS CAPTAINS FOR TERM 2

Meet our new Class Captains for Term 2. To get to know our Captains they were asked two questions, most favorite thing about school and if they could buy anything in the world, what would it be?



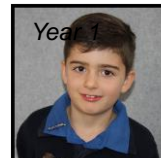
Prep: Mia Hanna

Loves that she gets to play outside sometimes and would buy Lego.



Year 1: Phoebe Lazzari

Loves art and like Mia, she would also buy Lego.



Year 2: Sebastian Aarons

Enjoys Maths and he'd buy Technic Lego if he could buy anything in the world.



Year 3: George Field

His favorite thing is PE but he's not sure what he would buy!



Year 4: Amity Haley

Her Favorite thing is Art. A two-storey house would be Amity's choice purchase.



Year 5/6: Xanthe Huf

Loves Art and would purchase a mansion!

BUS TRAVEL FOR TERM 2

For any change of travel arrangements for the Mirranatwa and Woodhouse School Bus travelers, could you please send a note or make an entry in your child's diary so it can be included on the bus roll. A late change may mean a phone call to the school office. The school will not take the student's word for a change in bus travel.

If students are attending activities after school on a regular basis e.g. hockey training, Netball, Auskick etc parents may make a note in the diary advising that their child/children will not be travelling on the bus on a specific afternoon. For example ... *"Tony will not be travelling on the bus on a Friday afternoon for Term 2 as he will be attending hockey training."*

SOMERS CAMP 2017

Every two years our school is offered a limited number of places for Year 5 and 6 students at the Somers Camp. This year the camp will run from Tuesday 21 to Wednesday 29 November 2017. Children who gain selection from our school will join with 160 Grade 5 and 6 students from our school district in this very special Outdoor Education and Personal Development program. Expression of interest forms have been sent home to all Year 5/6 students. Please complete and return the form by Friday 28 April. Names will be selected at random however; consideration of behaviour and social skills must be taken into account.

HEADLICE

It has come to my attention that some students in the school may have head lice and I seek your cooperation in checking your child's hair.

If head lice or eggs are found on your child's hair, you need to inform:

- the school and advise when the treatment has started, via the *Action Taken Form*.
- parents or carers of your child's friends so they too have the opportunity to detect and treat their children if necessary.

When can my child return to school?

Health regulations requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. Please note, this refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to head lice eggs.

ANZAC BISCUITS – PREP AND YEAR 1



Today we made ANZAC biscuits with the Preps in the school kitchen. We used sugar, flour, golden syrup, oats, butter and hot water. Then we mixed it together and then the teachers and children rolled it into balls and we put them in the oven. When the timer went off, we got them out of the oven. We got to eat one. They were very yummy! *By Indi Mibus Year 1*

SCHOOL ANZAC SERVICE



Our students took part in the annual ANZAC ceremony at our school, which was held on Monday 24 April. Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch President, Mr Terry Noble, was our official guest. Year 5 students Chloe Frost, Money Graham and Xanthe Huf recited the famous poem, In Flanders Field. Year 5 and 6 students reported the number of lives sacrificed at each conflict Australians were involved in from the Boer War to the Afghanistan War including peace-keeping missions.

A large number of our students also attended and supported the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service on Tuesday morning with Year 6 student, Ella Jackson, reciting The Ode. School Captain, Sam Cullinane, respectfully raised the flag to the masthead at the end of the ceremony. Lest we forget.



Photo left: School Captains Ella Jackson and Sam Cullinane with Terry Noble at the ANZAC Dawn Service

SPORT

DIVISION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Thursday 27 April



The Dunkeld Consolidated School will be represented by 15 students at the Division Athletics Carnival on Thursday 27 April 2017. Amity Haley, Myles Haley, Lachie Phillips, Alexander Prentice, Xanthe Huf, Ella Jackson, India Ross, Fingal Jackson, Sarah Symes, Sam Cullinane, Ben Potter, Edward Williamson, Chloe Frost, Monet Graham and Thomas Gordon will compete in track and field events. The Carnival will be held at Brauerander Park Athletics Track, Warrnambool commencing at 10:00am. *Please note that in the event of inclement weather, an announcement will be made on Coast FM, MixxFM and 3HA between 8:00am and 8:30am on the day of the event.* Parents are responsible for transporting their child/children to the event.

We congratulate those who have made it this far and wish them all the best on the day.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY WILL BE HELD FRIDAY 12 MAY COMMENCING AT 1:30PM

Our House Cross Country Sports will be held on Friday 12 May commencing at 1.30pm. Regular classes will run prior to the Cross Country events. There will be an early lunch break at 12.30pm and the first event will begin at 1.30pm as detailed below:

12.30pm	EARLY LUNCH for students (please note there will be NO LUNCH ORDERS on this day)
1.20pm	Cross Country – assemble in lunch area
1.30pm	5/6 years - 500m
1.40pm	7/8 years - 1000m
2.05pm	9/10 years - 2000m
2.30pm	11/12/13 years - 3000m
3.10pm	Presentations and Assembly
3.20pm	Dismissal

SGSSA CROSS COUNTRY WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 19 MAY AT TARRINGTON. TIME TO BE ADVISED.

HARVESTING, PREPARING AND SHARING CLASS REPORT

Roving Reports by The Apricots Year 3

The Menu for our Year 3 class was Butternut Pumpkin and Apple Soup with Yoghurt, Baked Potatoes with Bacon and Corn, Indian Flatbread and our delicious ANZAC Biscuits.

Today in the kitchen, our group made ANZAC biscuits. They made these biscuits in World War One. The Mums and Dads made these biscuits for the people in the war and they had a lot of energy in them. *By George Field*

Today in the kitchen we made ANZAC biscuits. In the war, they sent ANZAC biscuits to the soldiers. *By Georgia Adams*

Mums and Dads gave the soldiers ANZAC biscuits so that they can get energy. *By Leah Morelli*

Today in the kitchen, we made ANZAC biscuits. The people in Australia made ANZAC biscuits to give to the Australian Army so they could live. *By Angus Heazlewood*

Alisha Cross was our roving photographer. Thank you to Mr John Smith, Mr John Fraser and Mr Herman Jansen for sharing your lovely produce from your home garden, your kindness is very much appreciated.



Community Friend of the SAKG Kitchen,
Ali Howgate with The Apricots

Roving Reports by Scrumptious Strawberries Year 5 and 6

On Thursday 30 March, Year 5 and 6 had cooking. We cooked zucchini and corn fritters, savoury mince pasties, tomato tarte tatin and spicy Indian potato and spinach curry. We had to double the recipe because we are going to have visitors. Our group was the Scrumptious Strawberries. Our group was cooking the spicy Indian potato and spinach curry. *By Rachel Hassett and Sam Cullinane*



SAVE THE DATE – DUNKELD AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB DINNER WEDNESDAY 17 MAY

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program will once again be catering for the Dunkeld and District Lions Club Dinner at the Dunkeld Community Centre.



This year we 'travel' to Spain and we will be preparing and serving Spanish Cuisine to approximately 120 guests. **SAVE THE DATE – Wednesday 17 May 2017.** Some preparation will take place in the School Kitchen on Tuesday 16 May and Wednesday 17 May from 1.00pm, with final touches and cooking to take place at the Community Centre. We will also require wait staff and kitchen hands. Fathers, grandparents, neighbours etc very welcome to come and help out. Further information will be provided in future newsletters or by a note sent home so please keep a look out for these. We appreciate any help you or your family members can offer us.

We thank the Dunkeld & District Lions Club for supporting our Kitchen Garden Program and giving us this opportunity to raise funds for both groups.

GARDEN REPORT by Lisa McIntyre

Last week we were very fortunate to have Woody Blackwell (pictured right) visit us, and demonstrate the use of his drone. He has taken some fabulous aerial photos of our garden, which we will use to map our garden beds and spaces. Thank you Woody, we all learnt much about this new technology and its many uses!



It has been a fantastic Autumn so far, perfect growing conditions. We have removed our prolific tomato plants (and hung them upside down in the shed – the tomatoes keep on ripening!), and planted silver beet, carrots, broccoli, cabbages, spring onions, beetroot, celery, coriander, macadamia nuts...

Chook Palace – children are very welcome to visit the chooks, but please parents and families, don't let them feed the hens, and make sure the gates are securely shut and all the chooks are back safely inside before you leave – we lost another hen last week who got left out, something found her, and then the children found her remains. They were very upset.

I think the Garden Friends' Roster is finished – please look to see if you are happy with it. If you are not down, or when you want to be, or often enough, or too much – just let me know – it is very easy for me to make a mistake! Also, a reminder to students to please bring their boots, coats and beanies as the weather takes a cold turn.

Notice Board

SOCIAL SERVICE MOTHER'S DAY STALL

On Friday 12 May 2017, the Social Service Mother's Day Stall will take place at the school. There are many ideas for presents such as soaps, writing paper, books, plants, cups, cards, bath bombs, candles etc. Things that your child might like to give to their mother. If at all possible could you please wrap your gifts in clear or coloured cellophane, this makes it easier to see what the children are purchasing. **Children can bring their donations in from now onwards and leave them in the canteen.**

Please remember that we count the total gifts donated and divide by the number of children at the school. This is to see how many gifts each child may purchase on the day. The more gifts that are donated, the more gifts that may be purchased by each child. All money raised is donated to charities chosen by the senior students. We will sell the gifts in price range from 50 cents to \$3.00. A raffle is also held, at the cost of 50 cents per ticket, with the larger donated gifts making up the prize list. If you are unsure of how much money to send with your child, \$5.00 will generally buy two gifts and raffle tickets. Could all students please bring a bag to place their purchases in on the day of the stall. Please contact Naomie Phillips on 0429 998 504 or email: naomie.phillips@hotmail.com

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