2016 WHAT’S COMING UP

MAY 2016

Tues 3 House Cross Country - commencing at 1:30pm.
Sporting Schools – Hockey. Held from 3:30pm – 4:50pm. Please bring runners and an afternoon snack.

Wed 4 MARC Library.

Thurs 5 Caulfield Grammar School concert from 1:30pm – 2:30pm. P & F Association will provide lunch for the visiting students and staff. Dunkeld Consolidated School students will have an early lunch. No SAKG Kitchen or Garden classes will be held today.
Fri 6 Social Service Mother’s Day stall. Students are reminded to bring a plastic bag to take their purchased items home.
Sat 7 Parents and Friends Mother’s Day stall to be held in front of Bendigo Bank 8:00am – 1:30pm.

Tues 10 NAPLAN Years 3 and 5 – Language Conventions and Writing.
Sporting Schools – Hockey. Held from 3:30pm – 4:50pm. Please bring runners and an afternoon snack.

Wed 11 NAPLAN Years 3 and 5 – Reading.
Thurs 12 NAPLAN Years 3 and 5 – Numeracy.
Fri 13 SGSSA Cross Country at Tarrington.

Tues 17 Year 5 and 6 will be attending education week activities at the Hamilton Library.
Sporting Schools – Hockey. Held from 3:30pm – 4:50pm. Please bring runners and an afternoon snack.
Tues 24 Sporting Schools – Hockey. Held from 3:30pm – 4:50pm. Please bring runners and an afternoon snack.
Wed 25 Jump Rope for Heart - Jump Off.
Tues 31 Sporting Schools – Hockey. Held from 3:30pm – 4:50pm. Please bring runners and an afternoon snack.

JUNE 2016

Wed 1 MARC Library.
Thurs 2 Last Glenthompson Dunkeld FNC NAB AFL Auskick and NetSetGo! sessions.
Tues 7 Sporting Schools – Hockey. Held from 3:30pm – 4:50pm. Please bring runners and an afternoon snack.
Fri 10 Serra Terror Catering – Parents and Friends Association.

Mon 13 Queen’s Birthday Holiday.

Tues 14 Sporting Schools – Hockey. Last session for the term. Held from 3:30pm – 4:50pm. Please bring runners and an afternoon snack.

Wed 15 MARC Library.

Fri 24 Last Day of Term 2. Early dismissal at 2:30pm.

AUGUST 2016

Mon 15 Year 5 Excursion to BioCATS Geelong – Simonds Stadium. Further details to follow.

OCTOBER 2016

Fri 14 Greater Region Athletics Championships to be held in Ballarat at Lianberris Athletics Track.

2016 SCHOOL COUNCIL, SUB-COMMITTEES AND P & F MEETING DATES

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2016 TERM DATES

Term 2: Monday 11 April to Friday 24 June
Term 3: Monday 11 July to Friday 16 September
Term 4: Monday 3 October to Tuesday 20 December

FORM/S ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

SAKG and Lions club request for help. Return by 9 May.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

ALL ASSEMBLIES WILL BE HELD AT 2:45PM WEEKLY ON A Tuesday, unless otherwise advised.
FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

Multiplication tables... for generation after generation of students it has been an expectation that ‘they must be practiced and learned!’ Yet from purely a mathematical perspective, learning our tables is merely memorizing facts. But, and this is a big but, these memorised facts serve us for all of our future school maths and our everyday adult lives. Pleasingly, children from Year 3-6 have been given a focus on learning their tables since early in Term 1. So far the results of nearly all individuals at this still early stage of the year have been greater than the expectation of staff. It is really pleasing to announce that 28 children out of 47 are able to instantly recall their 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 times tables. Of these 28 students, 24 of them began the year not being able to instantly recall their 2 times tables.

A further 17 students have learnt at least their 2 times tables and are at various stages on their journey to learn all of their tables up to 10 times well before they leave Dunkeld Consolidated School. This is really exciting and I urge you parents to keep up your help with the children to reach their learning goals.

While it would be well known among the community that the Dunkeld Consolidated School won the SGSSA Athletics Carnival during the last week of Term 1, we have found out, looking at the previous winners on the trophy that our school has not had success at this event in 19 years. Mrs Al Prentice and staff gave students opportunity to prepare for the event and this year, our team had the good result. What a terrific surprise for our children (they were so excited on that day). I don’t think any of us expected that we would do so well. What fun.

Thank you for your kind words and thoughts surrounding the fact that Prentice and staff gave students opportunity to prepare for this event and this year, our team had the good result. What a terrific surprise for our children (they were so excited on that day). I don’t think any of us expected that we would do so well. What fun.

CLASS CAPTAINS FOR TERM 2
Congratulations to the following Class Captains for Term 2:
Prep  Darcy Potter
Year 1  Mia Russell
Year 2  Lillian Glazebrook
Year 3  Pippa Williamson
Year 4  Emily McNaughton
Year 5/6  Ben Potter

DIVISION ATHLETICS SPORTS
Thirteen students went to the Zone Sports which we held in Warrnambool last Wednesday. They were Ella Jackson, Zach Burgess, Thomas Calvert, Monet Graham, Sam Cullinane, Ben Potter, Will Kent, Charlie Field, Xander Prentice, India Ross, Myles Haley, Sarah Symes, Xanthe Huff and Mrs Prentice. Isabel Hanson and Rachel Hassett were unable to attend. Charlie was in long jump and came 4th. Zach was in long jump and came 2nd. Sam, Zach, Thomas and Sarah were in 800m and Zach and India and Charlie were in 200m. Charlie, India and Sam were in 100m. These are some of the events that people went in. Ben was in hurdles as well as Thomas and Monet. Sam was in high jump and I was the only one. Will, Thomas and India were in discus and the other event was shot put. Sam liked the zone sports because there was good competition. Ben liked the zone sports because there were a lot of people and it was great fun. By Sam Cullinane and Ben Potter.

Three students from Dunkeld have qualified to attend the Greater Region Championships to be held on Friday 14 October in Ballarat at Lianberis Athletics Track. They are: India Ross in the Discus, Zach Burgess in Long Jump and Ben Potter in the Hurdles. Super effort!

SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL
For any change of travel arrangements for the Mirranatwa and Woodhouse School Bus travellers, 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, Sporting Schools, 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.”

SOUTH GRAMPIANS SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION (SGSSA) ATHLETICS SPORTS – MONDAY 20 MARCH – RECORD BREAKERS
At the inter-schools athletics carnival, held on Monday 20 March four Dunkeld Consolidated School students broke records. Congratulations to; George Field 8 year old boys sprint 11:38 secs; Zach Burgess 12 year old boys 200m sprint 28.68secs; Pippa Williamson 9 year old girls sprint 11:25secs; Xander Prentice 9 year old boys sprint 10.69secs.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN) FOR 2016
NAPLAN testing will involve all students in Years 3 and 5 only. Please try and ensure that your child is present on each day where a test is scheduled. Dates for this year’s NAPLAN Tests are as follows:
Tuesday  10 May  NAPLAN Language Conventions Test
          NAPLAN Writing Test
Wednesday 11 May  NAPLAN Reading Test
Thursday 12 May  NAPLAN Numeracy Test
HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
Our House Cross Country Sports will be held on Tuesday 3 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
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

Children will compete for Wannon or Sturgeon House in their age groups as per the Athletics Sports (ages taken as at 31 December 2016). Students are to wear their school uniform to school and bring their sports clothes and runners to change into – red polo shirt for Wannon and blue polo shirt for Sturgeon.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
Our school is participating in the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program and we would love your support! The Jump Off day is to be held on May 25, 2016. Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is an exciting non-competitive program which encourages children to become more active through skipping, learning new skills and raising vital funds for heart research and community health programs. Sponsorship is easy – simply go online to register your child today.
http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=Dunkeld-Consolidated-School-DUNKELD-VIC-117790

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS
Caulfield Grammar Catering Thursday 5 May: A reminder to please return your form if you are able to assist on the day.

SAVE THE DATE: Mother’s Day Street Stall will be held on Saturday 7 May 2016. As well as food and produce, we will also be offering second hand books for sale at the stall. It will be a great opportunity to purchase a yummy cake and a book for mum for Mother’s Day! Stay tuned for more information closer to the date.

Meetings: Our next meeting will be held on Monday 9 May commencing at 7.00pm at the Dunkeld Community Centre (TBC). * The Community Centre has invited the P & F to attend the centre for a guided tour before our meeting.

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

ANZAC CEREMONIES
Our students took part in the annual ANZAC ceremony at our school which was held on Friday 22 April. Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch President, Mr Terry Noble, was our guest speaker. Year 5/6 students recited the famous poem, In Flanders Field and also read out information about the number of Australians who did not return from each specific conflict and gave thanks to these brave soldiers.

A large number of our students also attended and contributed to the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service on Monday morning with Year 6 student, Zach Burgess, reciting a verse from poem For the Fallen by English poet, Laurence Binyon. School Captains, Josh Gordon and Anna Schurmann, respectfully raised the flag to the masthead during Reveille.

Thank you to Mrs Corinne Smith for providing the lovely sheaf of flowers for the Dunkeld Consolidated School.

Lest we forget.

School Captains Josh Gordon and Anna Schurmann with Zach Burgess and Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch President Terry Noble

Year 5 and 6 students at the School ANZAC Ceremony

Found
School Rugby Jumper - unnamed. Found after the SGSSA Athletic Sports at Pedrina Park. Please see the Office Staff if you are missing a jumper.
Nikon Camera Lens cover – Found at the Dunkeld Swimming Pool after the school swimming sports.
Lost: School Rugby Jumper belonging to Jasmine Crawford. Clearly named. Size 8

CAULFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL VISIT
On Thursday 5 May, the Caulfield Grammar School music students will be calling into our school en route to the Generations in Jazz festival in Mount Gambier. Their schedule will be as follows:
11.45am approx. Arrival time and set up stage band.
12.15pm – 12.45pm Chamber Choir Vocal Workshop with Dunkeld Consolidated School students (and the Big Band rehearse).
12.45pm – 1.30pm Lunch for Caulfield Grammar School students and staff – catering by the P & F Association.
Early lunch for the Dunkeld Consolidated School students.
1.30pm – 2.30pm Concert for the whole school in the school hall.
2.30pm – 3.15pm Choir and Big Band rehearsals in separate rooms/areas.
3.15pm – 3.30pm Load bus and depart for Mount Gambier.
HAMPTON EISTEDDFOD
The following Dunkeld Consolidated School students will be participating in the Hampton Eisteddfod at the PAC as “Mrs Mac’s Musos” on Thursday 9 June at 1:30pm: Lucille Aarons, Sebastian Aarons, Chloe Frost, Isabel Hanson, Xanthe Huf, Cadence Huf, Bonnie Jackson, Ella Jackson, Tom Kent, Will Kent, Addison Linskens, Ashleigh McNaughton, Emily McNaughton, Leah Morelli, Ben Potter, Matilda Potter, Anna Rennie, Elyssa Rennie, Anna Schurmann along with Olivia Mirtschin from the Penshurst Primary School.

On Tuesday 7 June at 9.30am, Ashleigh McNaughton and Anna Rennie, will be competing in the vocal solo.

Students are reminded to please wear their full school winter uniform: black leather shoes or black leather boots, long navy pants for boys and tartan pants or skirts/pinafores for girls, navy/black socks for boys and girls, navy hair ribbons or headbands, school rugby jumpers (perhaps borrow if you don’t have one).

Mrs Mac’s Musos would love a crowd of supporters and families and friends are most welcome to attend.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Heather Macgugan on 5577 2277 or 0400 952 716.

SPROTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM
During Term 2, Hockey is being offered to students during and after school. Prep to Year 2 students are able to participate on Wednesdays from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. Prep to Year 6 students are able to attend the after school program on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30pm to 4:50pm. Students attending the afternoon sessions please bring a snack for an afternoon break and their runners.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen.....

I look forward to welcoming the Year 4 students into the kitchen to prepare and share this Thursday. We will be practicing our knife skills with lots of chopping, using up parsley from our garden, the herb that keeps on giving (well self-seeding anyway!)

Our mice seem to have moved on to better ‘pastures’ and although the kitchen isn’t as ‘free’ as it was, all of the equipment used on a daily basis can now be found in lidded containers.

Attached to this newsletter is a request for help form. We are very fortunate to be given this opportunity for raising monies and will need all the help we can get. We would be ever so grateful for anything that you can offer to make this evening a success.

We also need to fill the Community Centre as the more tickets sold the more funds available to us, so if you can get a table together that would be wonderful also. Wednesday 18 May from 7.00pm at Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre. Tickets $30.00 per person. If you would like to make a booking could you please contact Mr John Manolas on 0407 909 646 or email: johnnymanolas@gmail.com

Happy preparing and sharing together.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen Specialist

Congratulations to Amity Haley who was a Water Wizard winner in Term 4 2015. Amity was in the Top 6 students who entered the Colour the Tap Man.

MARC Library - Borrowing
One of the main aims of the MARC program is to give students access to a wide variety of books. Unfortunately there are a large number of overdue books (from this year and previous years) meaning the selection students have is minimised. Please try to remind you child to bring their library books on their MARC day and if an overdue notice is received it would be appreciated if every effort could be made to locate the book. Money to replace a missing book will be requested if a book is lost. Students are only allowed to borrow if they have no overdue books (in relation to books borrowed in 2016). If you child would like to re-borrow a book, please remind them to bring it to MARC so it can be re-scanned.

Borrowing limits:
Prep – 1 Book
Grade 1 and 2 – 2 books
Grade 3 and 4 – 3 books
Grade 5 and 6 – 4 books

Regards
Matt Porter
MARC

SOCIAL SERVICE MOTHER’S DAY STALL
On Friday 6 May 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.

For this to run smoothly we need some help from parents! We’ll need about four to six parents to help on Friday morning at 9.00am to collect the donations as children arrive, price them, lay out and serve at the stall to make it all run smoothly. Please consider helping, it is really a rewarding experience, and good fun! We really appreciate the time, donations and effort that you provide. Please contact Naomie Phillips on 0429 998 504 or email: naomie.phillips@hotmail.com
The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch conducted a Dawn Service at 6.30am at the cenotaph in the Memorial Park on ANZAC Day. RSL President, Mr Terry Noble, led the commemorative service which was well attended by visitors and community members of all ages. Mr Noble mentioned, "It is pleasing to see the increasing number of people, especially our younger generations, attending these dawn services and the ANZAC Day marches. Today is a special day when we remember all those, whether service personnel or civilians, of every nation, who suffered or continue to suffer through war. In particular we remember those who served in the Australian Defence Forces in any service."

Special mention was made to World War II veteran and Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch Life member, Mr Henry Leech OAM (served with 2/29 Australian Infantry Battalion and was a Prisoner of War on the Burma Railway) who was unable to attend the service.

Mr Noble recited the Requiem, which included reference to the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary:

Now it is also a time to reflect the Vietnam War...the 50th Anniversary of the deployment of the first combat troops to Vietnam. On 27 May 1965 the converted aircraft carrier HMAS Sydney departed Australia on her first of over 20 voyages to South Vietnam carrying over 347 officers and men of the first Battalion Royal Regiment together with vehicles, equipment and stores.

The dispatch of this unit totalling some 1,100 men marked the first deployment of Australian troops to the struggling Republic of Vietnam. Initially the deployment was restricted to security operations defending the airbase, however, in September 1965 the Australian Government lifted restrictions and the unit was able to be deployed as a manoeuvre battalion.

In March 1966, the Australian commitment was expanded to an independent task force of two battalions with combat and logistic support. The 1st Australian Task Force established its base at Nui Dat in the heart of the southern providence of Phuoc Tuy where it would remain until 1971.

Dunkeld Consolidated School Year 6 student, Zach Burgess, read a verse from the poem, For the Fallen, written by English poet, Laurence Binyon, on 24 September 1914. School Captains, Joshua Gordon and Anna Schurmann, respectfully raised the Australian flag to the masthead during Reveille. Councillor Dennis Dawson attended on behalf of the Southern Grampians Shire. (cont. page 3)
DONATIONS

Les and Beryl Clark $20

We rely on donations to the Community Newsletter to offset all expenses relating to producing it. Please send in your donation to the Dunkeld Consolidated School office where it will be receipted and an acknowledgement made via the Newsletter. A receipt will be provided. Please make cheques payable to the “Dunkeld Consolidated School.”

DUNKELD CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick’s Catholic Church
Parish Priest - Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161 E-mail: hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au

1st Week Sunday May 1 8.30am Mass
2nd Week Sunday May 8 8.30am No mass or service (mass in Glenthompson)
3rd Week Sunday May 15 8.30am Mass
4th Week Sunday May 22 9.00am Assembly of Word and Communion
5th Week Sunday May 29 9.00am Assembly of Word and Communion

Anglican Church & Uniting Church
Services at St. Mary’s, Dunkeld,
Shared worship at 9 am each Sunday - except when there is a 5th Sunday in the month - when there are district services in Hamilton.

May 8 Holy Communion – Rev. Peter Cook
May 15 Holy Communion – Pentecost - Anglican
May 22 Rev Paul Sanders
May 29 Hamilton, 9.30am Uniting Church, 10.30am Anglican Church

Inquiries: Judy Trompf 5577 2414 or Heather Macgugan 5577 2277.

Judeo Christian Church
Cnr Adams and Fairbairn Streets, Dunkeld Pastor Greg Gardner Mobile: 0403 960 900 2nd and last Sunday of each month 10.30am

Panyyabyr Uniting Church
The next Ecumenical Service at Panyyabyr will be held on Sunday 15 May at 2.00pm and conducted by Rev Peter Cook.
Please note this service will be held in the Victoria Valley Hall. We hope you will be able to join us for this service and following the Service, we will be celebrating Jim Napier’s 95th Birthday and bidding farewell to Nicole and Rob Hartwich.
A plate of afternoon tea would be appreciated.

Mirranatwa Uniting Church
Next Service to be advised.
Contacts: Kristy Beveridge 5574 0274; Margo Dark 5574 0222 or Iris Field 5574 0202

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Wreaths were laid by various community organisations, schools and individuals including the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch, Legacy, Southern Grampians Shire Council, Dunkeld Consolidated School, Monivae College and Baimbridge College.

The Dunkeld and District Lions Club kindly provided a free barbecue breakfast and refreshments in the Dunkeld Community Centre for all attendees.

At the end of the service, Mr Noble thanked the Dunkeld Consolidated School and the Dunkeld and District Lions Club for their wonderful support.

FROM THE LIONS DEN

Farm Safe Information Day
Since the Challenge Cancer weekend the Lions have been fairly busy. On 23 April we conducted a Farm Safe day at Forrest, and approximately 25 people attended with 11 local farms being represented. Lance Mason was unable to be the presenter this time, but his colleague Andrew Borgmeyer ably presented the information to the people. WorkSafe Victoria representatives also attended and they believe that the program run by our district is something that should be also run in other areas. Thank you to Lance and Andrew for the work that they put into the running of this program. One fact was brought out there, since 01/01/2000 there have been 205 deaths in Australia by quad bike riders, and in the same time 33 of our servicemen have been killed on active service.

ANZAC Day
The Lions again supplied breakfast after the ANZAC Day Service and although we were unable to attend the actual service because of our involvement at the hall, it does appear that the number of people attending was again incredible. I once heard an old Turkish man say ‘Australian’s must be good people, because of the way they respect their soldiers that came over here to fight.’

French Night
Don’t forget the French Night Dinner!
Date: Wednesday 18 May
Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm
Location: Dunkeld Community Hall
BYO drinks
Cost: $30.00 per head
RSVP to John and Christina Manolas on 5577 2697 or 0407 909 646 by 10 May. Payment with bookings can be made by cheque to Treasurer P.O. Box 89 Dunkeld 3294, or Direct Deposit to Lions Activities Account 633-000 A/C #1440 47867 or pay on the night.

Catholic Faith
The Catholics seem to be getting a bit of a hammering lately, some deserved, but some unfortunate, as this true story will show ( I say this as a practising Catholic).

A group of Italian nuns arrived in Australia and opened a hospital. In a TV interview the Reverend Mother used her newly-acquired English to explain the type of hospital it would be. “We harbour all kinds of diseases and have no respect for religion.”

Peter Hinchey

DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Caravan Park: Gary has been very busy lately. The Office decks are almost complete. It is a slow process because the construction is part of the teaching process. We are sorting out the telephones. A simple task that becomes rather more difficult than it should.

Sawmill: We had our first working bee for 2016, two weeks ago. 17 members attended. A great result from such short notice. The Mill has had a ‘spring clean’. We finally put the eagle outside in a prominent place. We are still having trouble with possums living in the Sawmill. More work will be done with ‘possum proofing’.

Planning is under way for our 2016 Open Day – Saturday 15th October. We want to be well prepared so aim to have a major wood cut during winter. We are about to collect some good quality logs for slabbing. A good red gum log would be appreciated, also a couple of good size cypress logs. Contact me if you can help. John Smith, President

Dunkeld & District Lions Club
Supported by the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
present a
French Dinner Evening
Wednesday 18 May 2016
Sterling Place
Dunkeld Community Centre
7.00pm
$30.00 per person
Bring your own drinks

Tickets:
Contact John Manolas on 0407 909 646 or email: johnnymanolas@gmail.com
Last Sunday the
MOSTLY AUSSIE NURSERY,
a small home enterprise, opened in Dunkeld

As the name implies there will be a good selection of Australian plants and some exotics later this year. Plants that will be for sale are Australian ornamental shrubs, small attractive Wattles and Eucalypts, Australian ferns. Also low grafted Grevilleas, a few grafted Grevilleas Standards and grafted Eremophilas.... or as my neighbour calls them Hairy Mufflers. Due to restrictions there will only be plants for sale, no plant sundries. Although I am not a horticulturist I have been growing plants for ten years and haven’t restricted myself to Australian plants; Begonias, Orchids, Dahlias and Tillandsias are some of the other genera that I grow. If I can help with advice from my experience of growing plants or via the web or reference books I shall.

Don’t expect this Nursery to be ship shape from the beginning, there is a lot of ongoing work to be done with propagating new stock, labelling etc. Prices are competitive and when I get back to planting the garden I can assure you there will be plants you have never seen before. Due to circumstances here I cannot set strict opening times but will be home as much as possible.

Thank you,

Bernie Shanahan
**DUNKELD KINDERGARTEN OPEN DAY**

Tuesday 17 May 9.00-12.00

Please come and visit us to see our fun and amazing Kindergarten in action.

Kindergarten staff will be available to discuss your child's Kindergarten needs.

We will also begin taking registrations for Kinder for 2017, forms are available from [http://cpsg1.webs.com/](http://cpsg1.webs.com/) or see Debbie. We will require all registrations for 2017 to be completed by 31st July.

3-year-old kinder - children must turn 3 prior to 30th April 2017,
4-year-old kinder – children must turn 4 prior to 30th April 2017.

Dunkeld Kindergarten - Wills Street, Dunkeld
dunkeld.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au
Ph: 5577 2348

Dunkeld Kindergarten is a member of Combined Preschools of Southern Grampians.

**DUNKELD WOOLLY DIORAMA**

This year’s Woolly West Fest have invited small towns in our region to make a “diorama” of their town - a miniature 3D representation of Dunkeld made of wool.

We have a model, now we need to get creative!

If you know how to sew, felt, knit, weave, crochet, make pom poms and want to see how you can be involved come along to our Dunkeld Diorama get-together on Sunday 15 May from 1.00pm – 2.00pm at Off The Rails, (Old Railway Station) Skene Street, Dunkeld.

Any questions, please contact Annette Huf on 0427 229 198 or Lucinda Peterson on 0459 774 624.

Hope to see you there! Baaaas for now.

**Southern Grampians Shire COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE**

The community bus is available to all seniors (male/female) travelling to Hamilton on a fortnightly basis from Glenthompson and Dunkeld.

If you would like to use this service, contact the HACC Office on - 5551 8480 for assessment.

Pick – up is from your home - seats available.

If any of our regular clientele are unable to use bus that day, please phone the number above, if not answered leave a message by 8.15am - the driver will be notified.

**MOBILE LIBRARY**

......every Thursday fortnight

**DUNKELD** –

COMMUNITY CENTRE CARPARK 11.30 – 1.30

**May: 5th & 19th**

**MIRRANATWA** –

HALL, SCHOOL ROAD 4.00 – 5.00

**May: 12th & 26th**

Phone: 5573 0470 www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/library

The Mobile will not operate on Extreme and Code Red Fire Declared days

**A POEM**

By Marion Colton
18 April 2016

**Here – now**

As in ancient times / sit.
The dark mass of Wurgarri looms before me
A white western sun washes out the sky defining its huge form
And paints silvered streaks on soft, dove-grey limbs…
It bounces off the dark waters of the Wannon,
Shattering into a million fragments of colour…
It coats the still surface in silver and tips the reed heads with molten gold.
All is silent.
All is still … so still.
Nothing moves, as though everything is holding its breath…
Ageless red gums wait and watch, their curved and twisted limbs motionless…
Not a leaf stirs on a single Common Reed.
They stand like statues in the still waters.
No movement
Still … so still
Perfect harmony.

Jim Napier's 95th Birthday Celebration and Farewell to Nicole and Rob Hartwich

At the close of the Panyyabyr Ecumenical Service at the Victoria Valley Hall on Sunday 15 May at 2.00pm, we will be celebrating Jim Napier's 95th birthday and bidding farewell to Nicole and Rob Hartwich. You are most welcome to join with us at the church Service and/or at the party.

**MIRRANATWA LANDCARE**

The Mirranatwa Landcare AGM is at 7.30pm, on Thursday 12 May at the Mirranatwa Hall. Facilitator Lisa McIntyre and farmer / naturalist Bill Weatherly, will discuss the information from and importance of the Finding Nature exercises, which have been held on four properties in the local region over the last six months. All welcome. Supper will follow.

Contacts: Peter 5574 0204; Iris 5574 0202;
Fiona 5574 0270
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RED CROSS

Red Cross Calling and collection tins yielded $770.00 for the Winston Fiji Appeal, which is now closed. Thank you again to the generous contributors and the kind businesses (Post Office, General Store, Izzy’s and Cafe 109).

Volunteer’s Week is 8th May, so thank you Red Cross members for what you do. Following the last meeting, six members and one husband (Iven) took goodies to the residents at the Penshurst Hospital for afternoon tea, which was appreciated. Joyce Fitz was in good form!

Memberships are now $10, but also Family Memberships are available at $50 for parents and their unlimited number of children under 18 years.

Biggest Morning Tea (for Cancer Research) will be at the Visitor Centre on Thursday 26 May from 10.00am to 1.00pm, with members supplying two plates of food. Donations from members for the raffle can be left with Helena. The May meeting will follow at 2.00pm, at the Henry Leech RSL Room.

Contacts: President Jenny, 0408 139 552; Secretary Iris, 5574 0202; Treasurer Bek 0476 364 766

GRAMPIANS PIECEMAKERS QUILTING GROUP

The NEXT MEETING for 2016 is as follows.

Thrown: 12 May Judy Trompf, 364 North Boundary Road, Dunkeld - 5577 2414.

The contact person for any queries is Jennifer McIntyre at Karabeal and her phone number is 5574 9266.

SERRA TERROR

The Serra Terror Committee is seeking volunteers to assist caterers with waiting/kitchen duties at the finale dinner on Sunday 12 June. If you are interested in volunteering or require more details please call Georgie Mann on 0408 795 743 or email info@dunkeldadventure.com.au

PANYYABYR LANDCARE GROUP

Finding Nature Bioblitz - A fantastic weekend was held recently, we had visiting ecologists from the Mammal Survey Group of Victoria, Birdlife Australia, Nature Glenelg Trust, Trust For Nature, Glenelg Hopkins CMA and our very own gifted and knowledgeable farmers and local residents all keeping their eyes and ears peeled to record the diverse wildlife living on farmlands surrounding Dunkeld. Motion sensor cameras, harp traps, visual and audible surveys, netting and mammal traps were all used to help identify the many different species. The full results of the survey will be available soon, meanwhile we invite interested members of the public to join in and help sort through the data at our first Finding Nature evening for 2016 - Friday 6 May at 5.30pm, Sterling Place (Dunkeld Hall). Finding Nature aims to demonstrate that successful productive farming businesses can also support a healthy and thriving natural environment. Please RSVP.

Grampians Ark & Grampians to Grasslands Fox Control - Reminder that the last fox bait pulse finished on 10 April 2016. Please let me know your bait take data! We are pleased to announce that Ben Thomas will start in his new role as Parks Vic Grampians Ark Coordinator on June 13th. He will take on Ben Holmes’ role (Ben has moved to the Little Desert to work with Conservation Volunteers Australia), and we are looking forward to meeting and working with him.

Rabbit Buster Roadshow John Mathews will provide us with the latest information on the new K5 calici virus as well as his many tips and tricks in controlling rabbit numbers.

Victoria Valley Hall, Monday 16 May at 7.30pm. Free. Light supper afterwards. Everyone very welcome. Please RSVP. Lisa 5574 9235 advance@bigpond.com

CELEBRATING RED GUMS

Residents and custodians of our picturesque ‘Red Gum Country’ share an affinity with this magnificent landscape which is widely acknowledged, yet rarely celebrated. A small community group recently came together to explore the question “how may we benefit from joining together to recognise, share and celebrate the many ways in which the Red Gums enrich our lives; and in turn, how might this help to ensure the continuity of these icons in our landscape?”

Much like our Red Gums, from the tiniest speck of an idea, a substantial entity is growing, as visions for a Red Gum Celebration are beginning to crystallise. Preparations are currently underway to develop this unique, inspiring, and interactive celebration, showcasing all facets of our majestic Red Gums, with Cavendish hosting the inaugural event in Autumn 2018.

Celebration organisers look forward to providing you with updated information as plans progress.

MIRRANATWA LANDCARE AGM

Thursday 12 May at 7.30pm.

Further details in the next newsletter.

Contacts: Peter Dark 5574 0204; Iris Field 5574 0202; Fiona Ross 5574 0270.

VOX TO PLAY AT STERLING PLACE

All the Pleasures: an afternoon of pastoral songs

Sunday 15 May at 2.30pm

Sterling Place, Dunkeld

$25, Concession $20, Student $10, Child (U12) Free

Ticket includes afternoon tea


Happy Mother’s Day!
Mindfulness & Tai Chi Retreat

Friday (7pm) 13th May - Sunday (3pm) 15th May 2016

‘Our true home is in the now. To live in the present moment is a miracle.’
Thich Nhat Hanh

In our busy lives, we can all benefit from learning how to slow down and notice the richness of each moment. In this retreat, we will learn some gentle Tai Chi movements, practise mindfulness meditation, and explore approaches from the Zen and contemplative traditions for slowing down and giving attention.

The retreat is offered in a quiet natural quiet setting, and offers support and encouragement for beginners and experienced alike.

Teachers:
Paul Sanders: Zen teacher (Diamond Sangha), Contemplative teacher and retreat leader.
Anja Tanhane: Mindfulness teacher, Tai Chi instructor and MBSR trained facilitator.

Cost: Non-residential $150 Con. $110 (Includes lunch meals and refreshments)

Booking: cloudmountain97@bigpond.com
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Share a slice with mum on Mother’s Day...Sunday 8th May

Happy Mother’s Day

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Monday to Friday 6:00am – 5:30pm
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Sundays 7:00am – 1:00pm
**DUNKELD MUSEUM UPDATE**

**Committee Meeting:** Our next monthly Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 9 May commencing at 8.00pm at the Dunkeld Museum. Annual membership of $10.00 is now due.

**Doll Collection:** Mrs Betty Williams (nee Thompson), a great grandchild of Andrew and Jacobina Templeton recently donated a collection of dolls and teddy bears to the Museum. Betty was born in 1918 and was educated at Tintern CEGGS but the highlight of each year were the Christmas holidays at Mirranatwa, Victoria Valley staying with Jacobina Field, who Betty and her sister Heather, called ‘Gran’. What excitement there was when the Christmas pudding was served with the threepenny and sixpenny pieces to be found. ‘Gran’ provided wonderful country fare for the city cousins and the lovely soda bread and tiny new potatoes are still vividly remembered. When the family left each year the car was loaded with goodies, such as homemade butter, duck, leg of lamb, bowls of thick cream and so on.¹

The Dunkeld Museum would like to thank Betty for her donation of dolls and teddy bears. The collection is currently on display at the Museum.

¹Andrew and Jacobina Templeton by Elizabeth Boundy 1991

**Antiques Valuation Day on 4 June:** Have you always wondered what the antiques and old wares you have at home are worth? Here’s your chance to find out, with an Antiques Roadshow - Dunkeld style. The Antiques Valuation Day is a fundraiser organised by the Dunkeld Museum.

Gather up your goods and bring them to the Dunkeld Museum on Saturday 4 June when antiques expert, Mr Warren Joel, will be providing a valuation service from 10.00am to 4.00pm. A maximum of four items may be appraised per person - $10.00 for the first item (which also includes morning or afternoon tea) and $5.00 per item after the first item i.e. $25.00 for four items. If you wish to have more than four items appraised a second appointment needs to be made as per the same pricing.

Coming from three generations of auctioneers, beginning in 1919 with his grandfather Leonard Joel, Warren brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the valuation of all aspects of antiques and fine arts.

The Museum encourages you to reserve your spot for a valuation so that you don’t miss this rare opportunity.

Please contact Mrs Wendy Williams on 5577 2386 or email: wwilliams00@bigpond.com to make an appointment. Please mark this date on your calendar!

**Opening Hours:** A reminder that the Museum is open every Sunday and on public holidays from 1.00pm to 5.00pm.

**Museum Duty:** The following volunteers are on Museum duty from 1.00pm – 5.00pm on:

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If you are unable to carry out your duty on your rostered day could you please contact one of the other volunteers to arrange a swap.

**RABBIT BUSTER ROADSHOW**

**Tips and tricks for tackling rabbit control**

A new strain of Rabbit Calici Virus is about to be released known as the K5 strain. Come along to learn all about it, and how you can help it spread.

**Guest Speaker:** John Mathews – John is the Biosecurity Manager for Established Invasive Animals at the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources (DEDJTR). He is the guru of rabbit control with long experience in the industry. John will talk on the nuts and bolts of Rabbit Control and the latest on the release of the new Calici Virus Strain (K5)

“a must for all landholders, large and small, with a feral rabbit problem…”

**Monday 16 May 2016**

7.30pm – 9.30pm

**Victoria Valley Hall**

RSVP for catering purposes please, and any enquiries to Lisa McIntyre 5574 9235  advancel@bigpond.com

**Free Event with Light Supper provided**
A PLACE FOR ALL AGES IN CAVENDISH

Dunkeld and District Community Bank® Branch were approached by the Cavendish Community to help fund 2 new park benches in Cavendish. We are always interested in improving our local communities and for this reason were pleased to join others and sponsor this upgrade. Now this is an area for families to enjoy.

PEAKS AND TRAILS SET TO BE ENJOYED BY ALL AGE GROUPS

The Dunkeld & District Community Bank® Branch were approached by the Peaks & Trails Committee seeking sponsorship for their annual event. Dunkeld & District Community Bank® Branch were more than happy to help with an event that promotes our beautiful town, encourages getting active and also brings many people to the area. Ally Gordon testing out the trails

GARDEN GATHERING AT PENSHURST

On Saturday 16th April Caramut & District Garden Club hosted the 33rd Western Regional Garden Club’s Annual Conference. There were representatives from 15 surrounding clubs who ventured to Penshurst to enjoy the day consisting of guest speakers and lunch. The Dunkeld and District Community Bank® Branch were delighted to be able to contribute to their “goody bags”.

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RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. 2016 subscriptions are now due. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson on 5573 3353.

2016 ANZAC Appeal: The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch would like to sincerely members for their assistance in selling ANZAC Appeal merchandise and the general public for supporting this important appeal. Thank you also to the following local businesses for their generous support namely Izzy’s Mountain View Cafe, Cafe 109, Dunkeld General Store, Dunkeld & District Community Bank and the Visitor Information Centre. A total of $1,038.00 was raised for this year’s appeal.

RSL State Annual Conference 2016: The State President of the Victorian Branch RSL will formally convene the 2016 State Conference of the RSL Sub-Branches, to be held at the Melbourne Function Centre, Caulfield Racecourse on Wednesday 6 July commencing at 9.30am.

SCHOOL NEWS

CLASS CAPTAINS FOR TERM 2
Congratulations to the following Class Captains for Term 2:
Prep    Darcy Potter
Year 1  Mia Russell
Year 2  Lillian Glazebrook
Year 3  Pippa Williamson
Year 4  Emily McNaughton
Year 5/6 Ben Potter

GRAMPIANS DUNKELD GOLF CLUB

ANZAC day was commemorated at the golf club with our annual Corea Trophy where mixed teams of three play best ball Stableford. Winners this year were the McIntyre clan of Margy, Donald and Angus McIntyre.

Other news from the Grampians Dunkeld Golf Club: Both men and women have been playing Pennant recently. The men on a Sunday and ladies on a Monday. Currently the two ladies teams have won one and lost one. Both teams were thrilled to defeat Hamilton teams on the Hamilton course.

Venita Mibus had a win at our last club day with a score of 32pts.

Sue Morse and Martina Whelan competed in a two day event run by Golf Victoria where 1 day competition was at Pt Fairy and the second day was at Warrnambool. Martina played well the first day and managed to hold on the second day to win the Open Handicap section.

We are all hoping the current rain fall has helped the grass grow a little all over the course so we can cover up some sand and play better golf.

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Join other businesses in your local area and develop your own tailored action plan and the confidence to put in place sound, contemporary business practices that will take your business to the next level.

Workshop Details:
Host: Southern Grampians Shire Council
When: Tuesday 10 May 2016
Time: 5:45pm – 9:15pm
Where: Dunkeld Community Hall, Sterling Street, Dunkeld
Cost: $30 per person

Booking Options:
Event ID: E15945
Phone: Sharon Clutterbuck on (03) 5573 0202
Email: sclutterbuck@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au
Internet: www.business.vic.gov.au/workshops

About your workshop leader:
Bill Winter

Bill’s business experience is remarkable for its diversity; from CEO and advisory board member to highly renowned facilitator and business mentor. He specialises in helping small business implement the right structures to manage change.

His areas of expertise include family businesses, start-ups, executive coaching, mentoring and the Not-for-Profit sector.
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen...

We welcomed the Year 4 students into the kitchen to prepare and share last Thursday. We practised our knife skills with lots of chopping, using up parsley from our garden, the herb that keeps on giving (well self-seeding anyway!) We enjoyed Souvlaki, with children making Yoghurt Flat breads, Tabouleh, Hummus, and Greek marinated chicken using harvested oregano, thyme, rosemary and lemon...put it all together, wrap it in warm flatbread and it was very delicious. We finished our sharing together with an upside down apple cake with yoghurt which was enjoyed by all.

Attached to this newsletter is a request for help form. We are very fortunate to be given this opportunity and will need all the help we can get. We would be ever so grateful for anything that you can offer to make this evening a success. We also need to fill the Community Centre as the more tickets sold the more funds available to us, so if you can get a table together that would be wonderful also.

Happy preparing and sharing together.

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden Specialist

From the Garden...

How lovely is it to receive some rain at last!! But we won’t talk about it much, as it may stop...

Busy as usual in the garden the last few weeks, for with the rain comes the weeds - a weed is any plant that you don’t want there, and they seem to grow more than the ones you want! Under the artistic eye of Annette Huf, the children made some beautiful wreaths using flowers and foliage from their garden, and laid them during their ANZAC Day ceremony.

Iven Field directed some extremely energetic students to lay newspaper and mulch over a severely weed infested garden bed (to block out the light and eventually kill the weed), as in our garden we need to control weeds and pests without the use of chemicals. Brian Mathews helped his group cover fruit tree trunks with chicken wire to stop the hares chewing at the bark, and Rifka McClure guided her team in planting some beautiful seedlings.

We have a fantastic group of Friends that help with the classes before lunch (the younger grades) and I’m so thankful they are there as we can then all work in small groups, which is more beneficial to learning and enjoying! We would love to have a few more Friends for the class after lunch (2.20pm-3.15pm), if you are interested, please get in touch with me.

We are also learning why plant leaves change colour and drop in Autumn, and about taxonomy - the classification of living things. The children are producing a book which describes plants they grow (what they are used for, how do they grow, what parts do you eat, or not (poisonous?) and their botanical name). So the topic is very relevant. We are planting and sowing celery, spinach, chives, oregano, silver beet, lettuce, carrots, dill, beetroot and thyme, to mention a few. The children have been watering our brassicas (broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower) with a molasses and water mix - it keeps the cabbage white butterflies away by disguising that typical brassiccy smell (and creates beautiful sweet cauliflowers too)

There will not be any garden or kitchen classes this week (Thursday 5 May) but I’ll be there pottering about. If you’d like to spend a bit of time then to, most welcome!

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden Specialist

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- **Soup of the day**, a variety of delicious soups including minestrone, cauliflower and sweet potato and pumpkin served with a crusty sourdough.

- We also have the **Moroccan Pork Quesadilla**, a tasty toasted tortilla with spiced Moroccan mince pork and tasty cheese.

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Thank you from the team at Dunkeld Delights, Please call Shantelle on 0400 744 612 to book a table.
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We have been given a wonderful opportunity to help raise funds for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and the Dunkeld & District Lions Club. We appreciate any time that you can give to help make this evening a great success for both groups.

Dunkeld & District Lions Club – French Dinner Evening – Wednesday 18 May 2016 commencing at 7.00pm.

If you are able to help with setting up the Community Centre, preparing food, being part of the wait staff team of cleaning up please complete and return the below slip to the Dunkeld Consolidated School BY MONDAY 9 MAY.

We thank you for your kindness, generosity and assistance with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and we thank the Dunkeld & District Lions Club for this opportunity.

Thank you.

SAKG Team - Ann Howard, Lisa McIntyre and Clare Kennedy

Thank you for your support!