



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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## Newsletter No. 7 - Wednesday 10 May 2017

### May 2017

- 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.*
- Tuesday 16 Whole School Performance, *The Little Bad Wolf* commencing at 9.50am.
- Wednesday 17 SAKG Program catering for Dunkeld and District Lions Club's Spanish Dinner.
- Friday 19 SGSSA Cross Country to be held at Tarrington at approximately 12:15pm. Parents will be responsible for transporting their child to the event.  
Visiting Artist Ms Eliza-Jane Gilchrist will work with Year 3 students.
- Sunday 21 Working Bee commencing at 9:00am. Sausage sizzle lunch will be provided by the Grampians Cricket Club.
- 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.
- **Friday 26 **Open Morning to be held at Dunkeld Consolidated School commencing at 9:15am to 11:00am.****  
Portland Hamilton Warrnambool Division (Zone) Cross Country will be held at Deakin University Sports Oval commencing at 10.00am. Parents will be responsible to transporting their child to the event

### June 2017

- Wednesday 7 MARC Library.
- Friday 9 Serra Terror Catering – Parents & Friends. Further details to follow
- Monday 12 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday.
- Friday 30 **Last day of Term 2. Early dismissal at 2:30pm**

## From Mr Jeffreys....

We would like to advise our school community that Dunkeld Consolidated School will have its Open Day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Our teachers have decided that the theme for the day will be 'Literacy in Action' and so we invite parents, grandparents and interested members of the wider community to join us from 9:15am – 11:00am. All visitors are invited to morning tea during our recess time and following, you are invited to join us for School Assembly in the hall at 11:30am. Our Open Day coincides with the Dunkeld Kindergarten Open Day and so this would be a great opportunity for prospective parents to visit both of our campuses.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of Mrs Jackie McShane to our staff. Jackie will be teaching PE on Thursday and Friday of each week and currently is winding up a unit on 'Aussie Rules.' Jackie hails from Cavendish where she lives on a farm with her husband and four children. Our students have responded positively to Jackie's teaching and are already establishing positive relationships with her. We are delighted that she has been able to join us. Welcome to our school Jackie.

Last Friday our school hosted Principals and leading teachers from other schools, along with senior education improvement leaders. The aim of the visit was to begin a region-wide collaboration firstly between principals, focusing on reading, and further along for teachers in the Portland/Hamilton district to exchange and collaborate with the aim of improving student performance in Reading.

School lunch orders are currently causing a disproportionate amount of time to administer at the school, taking staff away from their required duties. Surely we should be able to expect children to take some responsibility and to even respond to reminders from teachers about putting in lunch orders. For the time being the school has purchased some fruit packs and cheese and biscuit packs for children who do not put in their lunch orders. We have tried very hard and with great patience to remedy the lunch order problem and so for those who fail to put in lunch orders, they will be given school supplied lunches.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

A School Council meeting and two Sub-Committee meetings (Policy and Facilities) were held on Tuesday 2 May, which included the following items:

- Paul Jeffreys presented the 2016 School Annual Report to Council for adoption.
- A Working Bee will be held at the school on Sunday 21 May commencing at 9.00am. The Grampians Cricket Club will kindly provide a free sausage sizzle lunch and cold drinks for all the volunteers.
- An Open Day during Education Week has been approved for Friday 26 May.
- Pizza and Coffee Stall (School Council fundraiser) made a net profit of \$1,274.79 at the Sturgeon Stampede Rodeo held in March. Volunteers were acknowledged and thanked, with special mention to Barry and Tania Lowe, Ray Keilar and Adrian and Melissa Field for their generous support.
- Mrs Jackie McShane has been successful in her application to be the PE specialist teacher at our school.
- Six wave banners will be purchased with the school's name and logo printed on them.
- Parents & Friends Association are finalising catering details for the Serra Terror dinner, which will be held on Friday 9 June.
- The school's SAKG Program has been given the wonderful opportunity of raising funds by catering for the Dunkeld & District Lions Club's Spanish Dinner Evening on Wednesday 17 May.

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

On Thursday 4 May, the Parents & Friends provided lunch for approximately 54 staff and students from Caulfield Grammar, as part of their annual visit to our school. Thank you to everyone who donated goods. A very big thank you to Bev Hampton, Sarah Crawford, Ruth Kyle, Trish Symes, Jo Aarons and Karyn Hassett for giving up their Thursday to prepare, serve and clean up lunch.



At the recent P & F meeting, the motion was passed to contribute funds towards the whole school performance, *The Little Bad Wolf*, to be held on Tuesday 16 May. Other agenda items discussed were the Caulfield Grammar catering; the Serra Terror Catering, which will be held on Friday 9 June, and we thanked Rebecca Deacon for her contribution to our association over the past 5 years and wished her and her family all the best in the future.

## SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

### NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2017

NAPLAN testing is currently underway with the final test being held tomorrow, Thursday 11 May – NAPLAN Numeracy Test. This 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.*

### THE LITTLE BAD WOLF – TUESDAY 16 MAY

School Performance Tours will present a theatrical performance called "The Little Bad Wolf" for the whole school on Tuesday 16 May commencing at 9.50am in the school hall. *The Little Bad Wolf provides a refreshing perspective on universal life-lessons. Kindness, respect, sharing and the value of friendship are explored in song when classic fairy tale characters make hilarious guest appearances. (School Performance Tours website: [www.schoolperformancetours.com.au](http://www.schoolperformancetours.com.au))*

The P & F Association have kindly committed funds to this performance and **the cost will be \$5.00 per student.**

### VISITING ARTIST IN RESIDENCE – FRIDAY 19 MAY

Visiting Artist in Residence to Dunkeld and Off The Rails Gallery, Ms Eliza-Jane Gilchrist (accompanied by well-known local artist, Trevor Flinn) will visit our school on Friday 19 May to work with the Year 3 students. Eliza is primarily a sculptor, though she also works in theatre. Dunkeld Consolidated School students (and families) are invited to 'meet the artist' on Saturday 13 May at Off The Rails at 10:00am.

### CAULFIELD GRAMMAR VISIT

In the workshop Monet Graham, Ella Jackson, Ned Andrew, India Ross and Ben Potter went up and had a go playing the trumpet, the trombone, the base trombone and the French horn. *By Lucille Aarons Year 5*

On Thursday 4 May Caulfield Grammar came to play music. First was the choir. They sang two songs. Next was the jazz. The instruments in the Jazz were saxophone, trumpet and flute. Lastly was the band. Some of the instruments in the band were guitar, drums, double base and saxophone. *By Edie Jackson Year 2*

On Thursday we were lucky enough to have Caulfield Grammar come. It was loud but very nice to listen to. I enjoyed it so, so much. I am sure everyone else did. *By Hugh Prentice Year 2*

On Thursday 4 May 2017 the Caulfield Grammar came. I could not wait! When it started there was dazzling singing and incredible music. After I was so sad. My favourite instrument was the flute. *By Libby Herrmann Year 2*



## DIVISION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Thursday 27 April

On Thursday 27 April some students attended the Zone Sports at Warrnambool. There were about 14 people who went to the sports. We all did a pretty good job at the sports. These are the names of the people who are going to the next stage at Ballarat; Lachlan Phillips, Alexander Prentice and Sam Cullinane. Hope you do a good job. *By Lachlan Phillips Year 5*

On Thursday 27 April about 14 people participated in the Zone Sports at Warrnambool. The weather was awesome. It was meant to rain but the rain held off. I was only in two relays. We wanted to make it to regionals at Ballarat but we came 4th out of ten teams in both relays. I was there all day, the day was pretty fun!! The people who are going to regionals in Ballarat are Lachie Phillips, Alexander Prentice and Sam Cullinane. Well done to them. *From Chloe Frost Year 5*

Congratulations to the following who have qualified to attend the Regional Athletics Carnival, which will be held in Ballarat on 13 October 2017:

Alexander Prentice – 4<sup>th</sup> in 800m 9-10 year old boys in a time of 2:52:04m  
 Sam Cullinane – 3<sup>rd</sup> in 800m 12-13 year old boys in a time of 2:48:09m  
 Lachlan Phillips – 1<sup>st</sup> in 9 – 10 year old boys Discus with a throw of 19.90m

*R: Lachie Phillips proudly displays his first ribbon.  
 In Discus, he threw 19.90m, 1.11m further than 2<sup>nd</sup> place.*



## 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:

<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>EARLY LUNCH for students (please note there will be NO LUNCH ORDERS on this day)</b>
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

Prep children will run their 500m on the oval, while all other events will include the wider school campus. Start and finish lines for all age groups will be on the oval. If the weather proves difficult, we will keep students inside classrooms and only come out for their event. Students who qualify will go on to run at Tarrington on Friday 19 May, and if successful again, Warrnambool on Friday 26 May.

## SGSSA CROSS COUNTRY AT TARRINGTON

The SGSSA Cross Country will be held on Friday 19 May at Tarrington Lutheran School. Students who are successful at our House Cross Country will be nominated to attend the event. Parents will be responsible for transporting their child to the event. Further details will be sent home to relevant families next week.

**Competitors are to arrive at the Tarrington Lutheran School by 12.15pm. Order of events is as follows:**

12.30pm	9 year old	2 kms (boys and girls run together)
12.50pm	10 year old	2 kms (boys and girls run together)
1.10pm	11 year old	3 kms (boys and girls run together)
1.40pm	12/13 year old	3 kms (boys and girls run together)

*Presentations will follow after the conclusion of the last event.*

## ZONE CROSS COUNTRY WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 26 MAY AT WARRNAMBOOL COMMENCING AT 10AM.

## SPORTS JACKETS

The Dunkeld School Sports Jackets were kindly purchased by the Parents & Friends Association for students to lend when attending sporting events such as athletics and swimming sports. They make our team look quite the part. Please ensure borrowed jackets are washed and returned to the school office clean. Any jacket returned dirty will be given back to the child to be washed.

## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



### KITCHEN REPORT by Clare Kennedy

Thursday 27 April the Year 4 students harvested, prepared and shared the following Menu: Baked Spring Rolls using beautiful fresh produce from our garden, Pumpkin and Apple Soup, Garlic and Parsley Bread and Anzac Biscuits. Students discovered the origin of the Anzac Biscuit, chopped, sliced and grated vegetables into minute portions for the spring rolls and discovered the additional taste of sweet apples to familiar pumpkin soup. A group of children were given the ingredients for garlic bread without a recipe and had the task of writing up the recipe and the method which is now displayed in the kitchen.



Thank you to Mr John Smith who gave us very, very long vegetables from the zucchini family for us to discover, measure and research. These were then handed to the Prep Class for measurement.



### DUNKELD AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB DINNER WEDNESDAY 17 MAY

**THANK YOU** for returning your form to help out in one way or another for the Spanish Evening next Wednesday 17 May. It is not too late to offer your services if you are available. **We need more wait staff and kitchen hands for the evening.** If you can come to the Community Centre between 6.00pm and 7.00pm for a briefing ready for service by 7.15pm it would be very much appreciated. Dress is black pants, white or black shirt if you wish to be part of the service team or comfortable clothes and apron if you prefer to help out in the kitchen. Spanish Dinner provided for all 'Friends' of the kitchen garden assisting on the night. Please let Mrs Terrie Nicholson in the office know if you are able to assist. Please phone me if you have any queries - Clare 0427 823 308.

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

More glorious Autumn weather has us seen us spend valuable time outside, learning and watching plants grow and insects move. The children have been observing the Monarch Butterflies, also known as Wanderer Butterflies (*Danaus Plexippus*) go through their life cycle from egg to butterfly in the Memory Garden, where we have Swan Bushes (*Gomphocarpus Fruticosus*) planted. The students have also been busy planting seedlings and broad bean and bean seeds. We have lit the fire, and nominated two students per class to be the fire masters – they are the only ones allowed to work with and around the fire. Every student from Year 3 to Year 6 has been given a fruit tree to care for. This week we hope to spend some time in the orchard, pruning back broken branches (kangaroos!), feeding and mulching, and removing old decaying fruit from the trees.



A recent review conducted by the Victorian School Building Authority has determined that the Memory Garden is a potential fire risk, and drastic work needs to be done to make it compliant i.e. removing plants and replacing mulch with non-combustible materials.

*Please remember to send a woolly hat, gumboots or work boots, and a coat with your child on Thursdays – it can get cold and a little bit muddy out there!*

### Notice Board

#### SOCIAL SERVICE MOTHER'S DAY STALL REMINDER

**REMINDER: On Friday 12 May 2017, the Social Service Mother's Day Stall** will take place at the school. **Children can bring their donations in for the stall from now onwards and leave them in the canteen.**

The more gifts that are donated, the more gifts that may be purchased by each child. 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](mailto:naomie.phillips@hotmail.com)

#### KNITTING AND CROCHET ACTIVITIES

Every Monday during Term 2 (beginning on Monday 15 May), several parents will be conducting Knitting and Crochet activities in the school library from approximately 1.40pm to 2.15pm for students in Years 3 to 6. Knitting and crochet related activities for students in the lower grades may be held in Term 3. The school would greatly appreciate any donations of knitting needles and crochet hooks, to either borrow and return or provide to the school. Donations of wool or yarn (any colours) would also be gratefully received. If you have any queries could you please contact Mrs Katie Adams on 0417 470 712.

#### MISSING: SCHOOL JUMPER WITH "POTTER" ON TAG. SIZE 10.