



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

We are a Child Safe School and we will protect all children at all times.

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May 2018

- Wednesday 23 'Writing Conferences that make a difference to teach – building teaching skills and confidence' PD with Deb Sukarna.
- Thursday 24 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 3 students will be in the Kitchen and will need to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class.
- Friday 25 Warrnambool/Portland/Hamilton Division Cross Country at Deakin University Sports Oval, Warrnambool commencing at 10am. Parents are responsible for transporting their child to this event.
- Wednesday 30 **'OPEN MORNING' to be held at the Dunkeld Consolidated School from 10.00am to 12.30pm.**

June 2018

- Friday 1 Regional Cross Country Championships at Deakin University Sports Oval, Warrnambool. Parents are responsible for transporting their child to this event.
- Monday 4 P & F Association Meeting commencing at 3.30pm at school.
- Tuesday 5 Policy Subcommittee Meeting from 5.30pm - 6.30pm.
School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the school staff room.
- Wednesday 6 School Performance Tours to perform for the whole school at 10.00am - *"Pass the Poetry Please"*.
MARC Library.
- Thursday 7 SAKG Kitchen Garden. Year 3 Students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen and will need to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class.
- Friday 8 P & F Association – catering for the Serra Terror dinner at the Dunkeld Community Centre.
- Monday 11 **Queen's Birthday Public Holiday.**
- Tuesday 12 **PUPIL FREE DAY** (student report writing being conducted by staff).
- Thursday 14 SAKG Kitchen Garden. Year 4 Students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen and will need to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class.
- Sunday 17 School Working Bee from 9.00am – 12.00 noon.
- Thursday 21 SAKG Kitchen Garden. Year 3 Students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen and will need to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class.
- Mon-Thurs 25-28 Parent Teacher Interviews.
- Thursday 28 SAKG Kitchen Garden. Year 4 Students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen and will need to bring \$3.00 for their Kitchen class.
- Friday 29 **Last Day of Term 3 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.**

FROM Mr Paul Jeffreys, Principal...

I would like to congratulate and thank parents dropping off and picking up their children outside the school as requested by the school. Your support for student safety is noted and appreciated. One important thing worth mentioning however, is that children do not enter the school through the driveway gate at any time. Please remind them to use the two walkway entries. While on the topic of pickups and drop-offs, we will be asking children who need to wait a little longer to be picked up after school to wait either at the play equipment area or back on the walkway, depending on teacher supervision.

Our students who entered in the SGSSA Cross Country at Tarrington last week performed very well. From a possible twenty-four placings available across the age groups, Dunkeld Consolidated School took thirteen of those placings, and from a possible eight first places across the age groups, Dunkeld supplied six winning runners. Thank you to Mrs Jackie McShane for supporting the students last Friday and through her PE program at the school over the weeks leading up to our school cross country and beyond. Good luck to those eighteen children heading to Warrnambool for the Division Championships this Friday.

Our Parents & Friends Association have been fantastic supporters of our school. Through fundraising efforts by the Parents & Friends last year, we have just purchased four sets of 'Lego Mindstorms'. These will be available to Year 5 and 6 students as we dare to dream of providing exciting and challenging learning program across all of our school. Needless to say, students in Years 5 and 6 are pretty excited. Thank you Parents & Friends people. You really make a difference.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

School Council Report

Please find listed below an update on the School Council meeting which was held on Tuesday 22 May:

- The 2017 School Annual Report has been approved and endorsed. This report is available for viewing on the school's website: <http://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au/page/109/Annual-Report>
- Staff will be attending a 'Writers Workshop' (with Deb Sukarna) Professional Development in Melbourne on Wednesday 23 May 2018, with a focus on writing conferences.
- An Open Morning will be held at our school on Wednesday 30 May. Parents and the wider community are warmly invited to attend.
- SAKG Program staff, Friends and helpers have been kept busy catering for the Dunkeld & District Lions Club Thai dinner and Dunkeld Bowling Club's luncheon (for their 60th Anniversary celebrations).
- First Aid Policy was ratified.
- Principal will be attending a Principal's Forum in Melbourne on Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 June 2018.
- P & F Association will be catering for the Serra Terror dinner on Friday 8 June (approximately 400 people).
- A Pupil Free Day has been approved for Tuesday 12 June 2018 for staff student report writing.
- A School Working Bee will be held on Sunday 17 June 2018 from 9.00am to 12.00 noon.
- Issues with parking due to inadequate drainage at the front of the school (on Victoria Valley Road) were discussed.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Serra Terror Catering on Friday 8 June is quickly approaching. This is the one time the P & F Association hope to have as much support from the school community as possible. *This year we will be catering for about 400 people!!* As you can imagine, this will require a lot of 'hands on deck' preparing, serving and cleaning up. Please complete and return the attached form **by Wednesday 30 May 2018**, requesting donations of time and goods. If you can help in anyway, please do so.

The next P & F meeting will be held on Monday 4 June 2018 commencing at 3:30pm at the school. If you require any information about the P & F Association please contact Ally Gordon, President on 0429 900 747 or Naomie Phillips, Secretary on 0429 998 504.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

2018 STUDENT ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students have been invited to participate in the 2018 Student Attitudes to School Survey (log-in details have been provided to each student). The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual survey that provides data to support student wellbeing, engagement, school improvement and planning in schools. The survey captures students' attitudes and experiences at school and is aligned with the Department of Education and Training's Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO).

OPEN MORNING ON WEDNESDAY 30 MAY 2018

Dunkeld Consolidated School will be open to visitors from 10.00am to 11.30am on Wednesday 30 May. This year our teachers have decided to have a 'Visual Arts' theme for the morning where visitors may wander through our classes and grounds between 10.00am and 11.00am. Our senior students would love to take you on a tour of our school.

We also invite you to stay for morning tea and following attend our whole school assembly, commencing at 11.30am and finishing at approximately 12.30pm. The school would especially love to see grandparents along with our parents and interested members of the community attend. Parents of pre-school aged children who may be considering joining our school community in the future are also warmly invited to meet us.

EDUCATION WEEK – Shadow Puppet Workshop and Performance on Monday 21 May 2018



On Monday 21 May, the Year 5 and 6 students went to a shadow puppet show at the Hamilton PAC. Puppeteer, Jenny Ellis, from Little Wing Puppets, showed us how to make shadow puppets then we made our own and had a little show. After the puppet making workshop we had lunch in the Botanical Gardens and headed back to the PAC. We watched Jenny perform a puppet show which was hilarious, overall it was a great day. By Charlie Adams, Charlie Field, and Genevieve Trotter, Year 6

SOCIAL SERVICE MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to the generosity of donations and assistance from our school community, the Mother's Day Stall raised a total of \$497.10. \$368.10 from the stall and \$129.00 from the raffle. Raffle winners were:

1. Pippa Williamson – photo frame
2. Drew Hassett – latte glasses
3. Charlie Field – mug
4. Connor Gordon – Ferrero Rocher chocolates
5. Rachel Hassett - North Creek goods
6. Nicholas Huzony – Due West goods
7. Max Graham – beach bag and mat
8. Seamus McDonald – knitted cowl
9. Chloe Frost – Celebration chocolates
10. Freddie Jury – white photo frame



WONDERFUL WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



Two weeks ago the Dunkeld Consolidated School Council held the "Wonderful Women's Breakfast". Families invited their mothers or grandmothers. We had a lovely breakfast but the weather was a bit chilly. I am sure our Mum's had a great time. We showed our visitors around the school. Thank you to all the helpers (the fathers that are on School Council) that organised and cooked breakfast for everyone. By Chloe Frost and India Ross, Year 6

SPORT

SGSSA DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

WE WON!!!!

On Friday 18 May some of our students competed in the SGSSA District Cross Country. Congratulations to the following Age Champions:

9 years Boys:	Zander Mibus
9 years Girls:	Grace Potter
10 years Boys:	Angus Frost
10 years Girls:	Lucy Fraser
11 years Boys:	Alexander Prentice
12 years Boys:	Charlie Field



Dunkeld Consolidated School was the overall champion on the day winning the SGSSA Cross Country shield, the twelfth time since 2003.

On Friday 18 May a team of twenty-eight students from the Dunkeld Consolidated School travelled to Tarrington Lutheran School for the SGSSA District Cross Country. The following students from our school came first and were the Age Champions - Zander Mibus, Grace Potter, Lucy Fraser, Angus Frost, Xander Prentice and Charlie Field. We have won the shield twelve times (since 2003). Congratulations to the students who have qualified for the Division Cross Country in Warrnambool. By Rachel Hassett and Xanthe Huf, Year 6

WARRNAMBOOL/PORTLAND/HAMILTON DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY on Friday 25 May

Warrnambool/Portland/Hamilton Division Cross Country will be held on Friday 25 May at Warrnambool. Starting time is 10.00am.

The following students have qualified to represent our school:

12-13 year Boys	Charlie Field
12-13 year Girls	Xanthe Huf, Chloe Frost
11 year Boys	Alexander Prentice, Thomas Gordon, Campbell Glazebrook
11 year Girls	Pippa Williamson, Matilda Potter
9-10 year Boys	Angus Frost, Zander Mibus, Hugh Prentice, Sebastian Aarons, Oscar Fanning, Hayden Phillips
9-10 year Girls	Grace Potter, Lucy Fraser, Bonnie Jackson, Jemima Ross



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen ... by Clare Kennedy

Our Menu on Thursday 17 May

Harvesting, Preparing and Sharing Together

Lunch

Spinach and Ricotta Lasagne
Fresh Lasagne Sheets
Tomato Pasta Sauce
Salad of the Imagination
Apple and Oat Slice with Yoghurt



Last week our Year 4 class enjoyed a delicious lunch with a lovely harvest for our salad. Thank you to the Collins and Trotter families for bringing in lovely apples for us to cook with and share. We are very grateful to the many people who donate surplus produce to our Kitchen Garden program. It helps us to understand abundance during the seasons and the many ways one food can be utilized using different

cooking methods and delicious dishes. We can talk about preserving of foods so as we can use them when they are not in season in a different form. This is a great way to provide good food education.

Many thanks to Geoff and Belinda Potter from the Dunkeld Old Bakery and Adrian and Melissa Field from the Dunkeld General Store for kindly donating delicious bread rolls and potatoes for our latest fundraising venture, we appreciate this kindness as we together with many Friends of the program volunteer our time to help raise funds. We appreciate you, our school families, for returning your forms and the offers of produce and assistance in helping to prepare and work on the day of the event.

Clare Kennedy, SAKG Kitchen

From the Garden ... by Lisa McIntyre

So many activities have been happening in our garden since last newsletter! Even though we've had beautiful wet weather, the Grade 1 and 2 students learnt, drew and labelled plant parts, and planted a broad bean seed in a clear plastic pot, to watch germination take place. The Grade 4 and 5 students produced information sheets on plants we grow in the garden, all to go in a book to help the children identify the plants they need to harvest.

The Grade 6 students started making word sheets - spelling correctly words commonly used in the garden, but very commonly misspelt! These will hang around Iven's Shed, to help the children when they need it. Last week we had a very active day outside. A netting fence is being put up around the fruit trees and garden beds, to deter the macropods (kangaroos and wallabies) and the rabbits and hares, too. Paul Callander and his team took the measurements needed, and drove the posts into the ground, using a level to make them accurate! We will put up the netting this week.



Thanks to Lucy Fraser's grandfather, we are putting up an old fishing net over the Chook Palace run, to keep out the currawongs, and the egg eating ravens! Priscilla and her crew worked on that and have done a fantastic job. Hopefully we'll finish it this week. Thanks also to Lucy's grandmother, who dug up and donated nearly 150 strawberry runners; the children potted them up a few weeks ago, and they will be ready to send home this week - as a very late Mother's Day present! We hope you enjoy them and look forward to hearing how they grow!

Thanks also for those that helped in any way with our latest catering job, it was really appreciated!

Lisa McIntyre, SAKG Garden



Notice Board

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interview week will take place from Monday 25 June through to Thursday 28 June. You will receive a sheet from your child's classroom teacher requesting your preferred interview times. The teacher/s will then notify you of your interview time/s. Please contact your child's teacher to make alternate arrangements to meet, should you be unable to attend any of the listed times/dates.

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

SCHOOL JUMPER ORDERS, SECOND HAND UNIFORMS AND TARTAN PINAFORES

An order will be placed for new school jumpers in the near future. Could you please complete and return the attached order form to school **BY WEDNESDAY 30 MAY 2018**. Please do not send any money at this stage. Payment will be required upon delivery.

The school has a number of second hand school uniform items available and the school is always happy to accept any donations of pre-loved uniforms. Please see the school office for purchases and donations.

*Please note that our tartan winter pinafores are now available for purchase from **Accurate Clothing in Hamilton** (with our school tartan being the same as Hamilton Gray Street Primary School).*

FORMS

Serra Terror Catering Form – **please return by 30 May 2018**
School Jumper Order Form – **please return by 30 May 2018**
School Traffic Guidelines