



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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June 2017

- Wednesday 7 MARC Library.
- Thursday 8 SAKG Kitchen and Garden lessons. Year 4 students will be working in the Kitchen.
Italian lessons for the Prep to Year 3 students.
- Friday 9 Serra Terror Catering – Parents & Friends Association commencing at 4:00pm at the Dunkeld Community Centre.
- Monday 12 **Queen's Birthday Public Holiday.**
- Tuesday 13 **Pupil Free Day (staff Student Reporting Writing Day).**
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- Wednesday 21 Year 5 Transition Day at Baimbridge College commencing at 9.00am.
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- Friday 30 **Last day of Term 2. Early dismissal at 2:30pm.**

July 2017

- Monday 17 **First Day Back for Term 3.**
- Thursday 20 State Cross Country Championships to be held at Bundoran Park. Alexander Prentice will be competing.

From Mr Jeffreys....

Dear Fathers and Grandfathers

Just outside my office door, there is a little table upon which lie some books. They are books for grownups and I have read them all. They have been the adventures I have never had the courage or the ability or the opportunity to undertake. They have given me understanding, knowledge and enjoyment. They are books that are predominately 'men's books', that is they are about topics which might interest us blokes and they are all by the same author; Peter Fitzsimons (the former rugby union player).

The thing I like about his books is that he is easy to read even though you have to give it a few chapters as he sets the scene for what comes next. But his style of writing puts you right in the picture and it makes you feel like you are there. His books are historical narratives which means he researches true historical events and turns them into a story.

If you would like to understand what happened at 'Tobruk' or 'Kokoda' then these two books would be for you. The story of Douglas Mawson, 'Mawson' is beyond extraordinary if you would happen to be patient enough to get past the first chapters (it turned out to be my favourite Fitzsimons book). And 'Charles Kingsford Smith' is a great read along with 'Eureka'.

Now, I know there are many among you who might not be book readers but I want to tell you that these books are worth a try and they are here for you to borrow. You will want to read another one. Truly. And the other thing is that Dads who read books at home have a positive impact on their children's reading, particularly sons...and that's a good excuse to give Peter Fitzsimons a try.

School lunch orders:

A reminder that students who fail to put in their lunch orders (or bring their lunch) will be given school supplied lunches. As from Thursday 8 June, **a charge of \$1.00 per supplied food item will apply.** This charge will be paid to the school using the child's lunch order money or a note sent home in the child's diary.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

School Council held their meeting on Tuesday 30 May, which included discussion about the following items:

- Paul Jeffreys provided an update on the DET's Planned Maintenance Program funding of approximately \$47,000 for our school with the below listed project works to be carried out over the coming months.
- The Principal will be attending a Principal's Symposium at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre on 13 and 14 June. The title for the symposium being 'Inspired Teaching and Learning: Creating the Education State' (this is a compulsory attendance conference for all principals in Victoria.)
- A successful Open Day was held on Friday 26 May with many interested family and community members visiting our school. Our senior students who took people on tours were outstanding, knowledgeable, articulate, warm and proud.
- School staff have recently attended Professional Development (PD) workshops on 'An introduction to Autism' (Ann Howard and Anne Gilbert) and the Accelerus Lite student reporting program (Anne Gilbert).
- A Pupil Free Day was approved for Tuesday 13 June for a staff student report writing day.
- The P & F Association will be catering for approximately 400 people at the Serra Terror dinner on Friday 9 June.
- Luke Balkin will be attending a School Council President training session in Koroit.

PROJECT WORKS

Coming projects at Dunkeld Consolidated School

We are very excited to announce that after receiving a one-off funding allocation our school has been through a lengthy process before being finally given approval to proceed with the following projects:

- Replacement of asphalt to the car park, front of school building and rear of school building. That is, all asphalt except for the roundabout and basketball court.
- Completion of carpet to the remainder of the main school wing including new skirting.
- Installation of an electric pump and two taps feeding off the water tank behind the Prep - Year 2 building.
- Installation of fire graded gutter guards around entire main buildings.

Contractors for all projects have been informed and we are hopeful that some work will have begun in the next few weeks. We expect the asphalt to be completed during holidays in September and carpet to be laid during the coming holidays.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Serra Terror Catering is on this Friday 9 June. This is a massive job catering for 400 people on the Friday night. Preparation for this began weeks ago by Bev Hampton. Bev has put so much time and effort into this event. She has set menus, created lists for this and that, collated all the rosters, ordered food... and the list goes on. We are extremely grateful for the work she has done, and will do, up until we shut the kitchen door on Friday night. Bev you are a gem, thank you so much for all you do. Don't forget to bring your donated items in on Thursday if you have not yet done so. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Bev on 5577 2507 or Ally 0429 900 747.

Please note: Our June meeting was cancelled as there were only two people in attendance.

SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS

OPEN MORNING FRIDAY 26 MAY

On Friday 26 of May, the school opened its doors to the community as they invited people to attend the Open Morning. Students from Years 5 and 6 became tour guides for the morning, showing our visitors around the school. Classrooms welcomed onlookers to participate in and observe lessons. Our school leaders held an assembly where visitors watched performances from all year levels and then stayed on for a cuppa and a chat with our Principal and staff. Thank you to everyone who attended and made our morning a wonderful event.



Student reflection:

About a week ago it was Open Day. The Year 2's made adjective aliens. In PE some parents came and played boot ball with us. It was very fun.
By Edie Jackson Year 2



2017 Attitudes to School Survey

WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training (DET) to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

The Department has updated the survey for 2017 to include important new measures that are known to influence student engagement and performance. Students from Year 4 to Year 6 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used by the

Department to combine data for research purposes only. Your child's privacy and the confidentiality of your child's survey responses will be protected at all times. No identifiable personal data is included in the survey response file.

The survey results will be reported back to the school in Term 3. No student can be identified in the results reported to schools or in any other report of the data. This year the Attitudes to School Survey will be conducted at our school during June. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information or visit the Department of Education and Training website:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/management/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>.

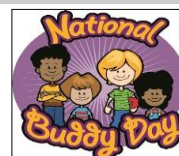
BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE VISIT

On Monday 29 May, two Baimbridge College students and Ms Cook came to the Year 5/6 classroom to give a brief presentation to the Year 5's about going to high school. The Year Transition Day will be held at Baimbridge College on Wednesday 21 June commencing at 9.00am.



BUDDY DAY ACTIVITIES

Students in Years Prep, 5 and 6 participated in a number of fun activities as part of the National Buddy Day. National Buddy Day is an initiative developed by NAB and The Alannah and Madeline Foundation to celebrate friendship and help raise awareness of bullying in Australian primary schools.



On 6 June the Year 5 and 6's and the Preps did some activities for National Buddy Day. We made friendship bands with wool and loom bands and then we put some UV beads that change colour in the sun! Then we made bubble blowers out of pipe cleaners and blew massive bubbles with them, Freddie and Jack made huge ones! Next, we read a book to our buddies and even made fairy bread!!!! *By Charlie Adams and Lucille Aarons Year 5*



At our special Buddy Day yesterday we made fairy bread and we made bubbles and friendship bands. It was a good day. We read a book called *Going on a Bear Hunt*. I had the best day ever. *By Clementine Blackwell Prep*



At our special Buddy Day yesterday we made fairy bread and we made bubbles. I made friendship bands and we read a book called *Snappy the Crocodile*. I felt good because I was with my Buddy. My Buddy's name is Xanthe. It was a great time. *By Mia Hanna Prep*

The Prep students also planted acorn seeds last week with Lisa McIntyre as part of the Buddy Day activities. They will present an acorn seedling to their buddies at the end of the year as a thank you gift.

Year 5/6 EXCURSION TO HILAC

On Thursday 25 May, the Year 5/6 class took a bus to HILAC for Education Week activities. The theme for Education Week was "healthy mind, healthy body". We went to HILAC for an hour session of hip-hop and a short session about nutrition. When we got there, we met a girl called Molly who was our hip-hop teacher. We learnt a one-minute hip-hop routine which we all enjoyed very much. Near the end of the hip-hop session, we split up into groups of five and created our own little ten second hip-hop routines. After the hip-hop session we had a nutrition session where we learnt about the five food groups and what foods are good for you and what foods are not. At the end of the nutrition session we had a small game of celebrity heads. We all enjoyed it very much! *By Monet Graham Year 5.*

SPORT

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY FRIDAY 26 MAY AT WARRNAMBOOL

Dunkeld Consolidated School was proudly represented by 11 students at the SGSSA Cross Country, held at Deakin University, Warrnambool on Friday 26 May. Congratulations to everyone who participated on the day. Competition at the Zone level was very tough with a number of talented runners from other schools. In the 9-10 year boys, there was only 1 minute 25 seconds between the first place getter and the last runner to cross the line. The top 12 competitors in each age group will move on to compete at the Regional Cross Country. Alexander Prentice and Sam Cullinane will represent our school at the next level.

Results:

9 - 10 years Girls
9 - 10 years Boys
11 years Girls
11 years Boys
12/13 years Girls
12/13 years Boys

Lucy Fraser 16th, Pippa Williamson 20th
Alexander Prentice 5th, George Field 34th, Hayden Phillips 36th
Chloe Frost 42nd, Ella Jackson 50th
Charlie Field 42nd, Fingal Jackson 50th
Sarah Symes 28th
Sam Cullinane 8th



REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY MONDAY 5 JUNE AT WARRNAMBOOL

On the first Monday morning of winter, two Dunkeld students prepared themselves to take on the region's best Primary School Cross Country Runners. Alexander Prentice and Sam Cullinane are among the best Cross Country runners, in their respective age groups, in our region. What a fantastic accolade. With the only the top 12 making it through to the State Championships in July, the races were extremely competitive. Alexander was first to compete in the 9-10 year old boys. His race was extremely close, with the top 13 runners coming into the home stretch with only metres separating them. Xander pushed hard in the final stage of the run and crossed the line in 5th place. Congratulations! He will go on to compete at the State Championships on Thursday 20 July to be held at Bundoran Park, Melbourne. Sam Cullinane had nothing left in the tank when he crossed the line in 15th position. Sam said he didn't expect to do as well as he did and was very pleased with the result. Well done to both boys and good luck to Alexander in July.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



KITCHEN REPORT by Clare Kennedy

Over the last fortnight, Years 3 and 4 have harvested, prepared and shared together. We have enjoyed cutting and pounding chicken fillets, to then coat in fresh breadcrumbs and gently fry. We have made a tomato sauce using fresh herbs from our garden and added cheese to melt and just like that!....Chicken Parmigiana.



Accompanying our chicken was roast sweet potato and an assortment of sautéed greens, all harvested from our garden – bok choy, spinach, silver beet, French sorrel, leeks, and herbs. Our two-course lunch was complete as we finished with Japanese Invisible Cake. When asked the question why this dessert would include the word invisible, one student suggested that it is so delicious that it vanishes in a second! The cakes main ingredient is sliced apple, the 'cake batter' is minimal and barely visible, and that



is why it has the name of an invisible cake...delicious!

If any students would like copies of our recipes, they are very welcome to ask me and I will print one off for them to prepare and share with you at home.

GARDEN REPORT by Lisa McIntyre

Perfect gardening weather last week saw us plant many vegetables (peas, lettuce, spinach, beetroot, cabbages, leeks, onions and thyme) and two olive trees. With guidance from our Friends, students also sowed a variety of seeds, which they will germinate and grow in their classrooms.



We lit the fire and raked leaves to put in the compost and also on the garden beds. The children learnt why certain trees lose their leaves in winter, and why the leaves change from a green colour into such beautiful reds, browns, oranges and yellows. Our paddock was weeded, all ready and prepared to sow lupins this week – thanks to Todd Burger - our respected volunteer agronomist!



On the right we have a lovely photo of Mia Russell and Cadence Huf, well rugged up ready for any weather in the garden. Please remember to send boots, coats and hats on Thursdays.

Notice Board

STUDENT LEADER PHOTOS 2017

Families are able to purchase student leader photos taken by Frank Monger Photography. A note has been sent home with all Year 5/6 students listing the details. Photos are on display at the front office and order forms (with payment) are to be returned to school by Friday 16 June 2017.

LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of items in the Lost Property Box. If your child is missing something, please take the time to check the box, which is located in the sick bay at school.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Second hand uniform items are available for purchase at the School. Items include jumpers, polo shirts, navy pants, pinafores, skirts, shorts, shorts and shoes. Please feel free to browse the uniforms at any time. If you wish to donate any uniform items to the second hand rack, please leave them at the school office.

MISSING: SCHOOL JUMPER WITH "ADAMS" ON TAG. SIZE 12.