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CHILD AND INFANT FIRST AID COURSE

Thursday 4th August

9.30 – 1.30

Dunkeld Community Centre

Rhythm First Aid is conducting a 4hour Infant + Child First Aid Course. In this course you will learn important life-saving skills such as CPR and choking first-aid, alongside a range of other emergency situations, such as fever, seizures, anaphylaxis, asthma, burns, bites, drowning, and more.

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DONATIONS

Panyyabyr Landcare Group	\$200
Fiona Ross	\$100
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Doug Craig	\$ 20
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CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

Co-Pastor: Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161
Co-Pastor: Father George Kuruvila – 5571 1161

Email: patrick.mugavin@ballarat.catholic.org.au
Email: george.kuruvila@ballarat.catholic.org.au

1st Week	Sunday	July 3	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Sunday	July 10		No service – Mass at Glenthompson
3rd Week	Sunday	July 17	8.30am	Mass
4th Week	Sunday	July 24	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
5th Week	Sunday	July 31	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

1st and 3rd Sundays at Saint Mary's opposite the Post Office at 5.00pm with Father David Oulton.

2nd Sundays - an Ecumenical gathering and sharing in the Round at 5.00pm at Sterling Place Community Centre led by the Uniting Church. We look forward to meeting you. All welcome. Enquiries to Father David phone: 5571 1317.

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

Our next Service will be held in the Victoria Valley Hall on Sunday 17 July at 2.30p.m. and will be conducted by Rev Mike Lewis. At the conclusion of the Service, we will have a shared Afternoon Tea. We hope you'll be able to join us.

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

Enquiries: Margo Dark 5574 0222; Iris Field 5574 0202; Kristy Beveridge 0428 581 903.

WHAT'S ON IN JULY and AUGUST

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
11	12	13 Newsletter issue 10 distributed	14	15	16	17 Panyyabyr Uniting Church Service
18	19	20	21	22 Newsletter issue 11 deadline	23	24
25	26	27 Newsletter issue 11 distributed	28	29	30	31
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DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Memorial Park Working Bee

A huge thank you to Joy Darroch, Bev Hampton and Jason Linskens, Peter McDonald, Geoff Hinchliffe, Buck and Ben Peters, John Smith and Frank Raymond for their hard work at the working bee held in Memorial Park on Sunday 19 June. A huge amount was achieved, with several loads of pruning's carted away.

A big thankyou to Corrinne Smith and Wendy for the scrumptious morning tea.



In June we hosted a total of 34 events, involving approximately 650 people. Community events included the Glenthompson Dunkeld Football Netball Club Black Tie Ball. The venue served a range of government agencies, which included the SGSC Listening Post. The consulting rooms were well used, providing additional services. The Comedy Festival Roadshow finally made it to Dunkeld after being cancelled last year, due to Covid. The Australian Watercolour Muster ran over a weekend and the Memorial Hall, filled with natural light was a fabulous location for the successful event.



Photos: David Baker

We are pleased to advise that event financial support and seventeen free bookings for community groups over the month of June are valued at \$2,800.

Upcoming events and meetings

- Dunkeld Progress Association, Monday 8 August at 7.30pm
- Dunkeld Writers Festival (DWF), 26 – 28 August. Check the webpage for more details: <https://www.dunkeldwritersfestival.com.au/>

If you have some spare time over the DWF weekend and would like to volunteer, contact admin@dunkeldwritersfestival.com.au or call Annette, 0412 855 359.

A doctor from the Hamilton Medical Group visits each Tuesday afternoon. For all bookings call 5572 2422 or via the HotDocs app.

Get in touch: We would love to hear from you if you want to run a community event, book a wedding, rent office space or hire the commercial kitchen.

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The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) continues to offer mental health appointments in Heywood and Lake Bolac

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) Victoria would like to introduce Mental Health Clinician, Leon Martin. Leon has been a part of the Flying Doctor Wellbeing Team since 2019 and is now available to provide free and confidential mental health and wellbeing support to people living in Heywood and Lake Bolac.

Leon is a Mental Health Occupational Therapist and wishes to increase access to mental health services in rural and regional areas. Leon has been providing support to communities across the Wimmera and Mallee region for over two years and is passionate about continuing to provide high quality mental health care to the communities of Heywood and Lake Bolac.

"I've always liked a bit of adventure," says Leon. "I enjoy working with people who may not have anyone advocating for them, or who may be a bit marginalised by society."



RFDS is encouraging people aged 18 years and older to reach out and make an appointment if you are experiencing:

- Low mood or depression
- Anxiety, persistent worry or stress
- Relationship or family difficulties
- Financial stress
- Grief and loss
- Concerns for a family member or a friend
- Or any other mental health and wellbeing concerns

If you are experiencing these or other symptoms, Leon is available to support you with appointments available in person and via phone or video.

No GP referral is required to access this service. You can contact Flying Doctor Wellbeing directly or ask your trusted health professional to put you in touch.

To find out more or to make an appointment, contact the Flying Doctor Wellbeing team on (03) 8412 0480 or wellbeing@rfdsvic.com.au

The Royal Flying Doctor Service Victoria (RFDS) continues to deliver mental health and wellbeing services to Heywood and Lake Bolac communities despite the current COVID-19 pandemic. Leon Martin is available for free sessions with appointments available in person and via phone or video.



My passion to work with people in rural and remote communities is driven by my belief that everybody deserves equal access to mental health care. ♡

Leon Martin – Mental Health Clinician

Contact us on (03) 8412 0480 or wellbeing@rfdsvic.com.au



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Monday closed

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday

Lunch 11.30am – 2.30pm

Dinner 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Friday – Saturday

Lunch 11.30am – 2.30pm

Dinner 5.00pm – 8.30pm

In-between lunch and dinner service light snacks are available from 2.30pm – 5.00pm

Tuesday - Parma Night selection of delicious toppings \$18

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RED CROSS NEWS:

Last month we said farewell to the lovely Dorothy Blanch, who had just achieved her 30 year service with Red Cross and who will always be remembered for her

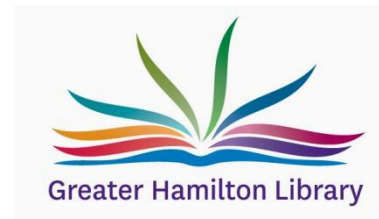
cheerfulness, generosity and beautiful handwriting. Over the years, many people received her cards of condolences and get-well wishes.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the **AGM** with Nareeb was postponed until **Monday 8 August** at the Henry Leech RSL Room, at 2.00pm. A reminder will be in the next newsletter. Peter Flinn will be our speaker.

The Zone Gathering will be at Wangoom on Tuesday 27 July at 10.00am, for anyone free to attend. A light lunch will be provided for \$10.00. Please ring Linda Carr on 0437 252 964, if able to attend.

Owing to the high cost of rent and shortage of volunteers, the closest Red Cross Shop (at Warrnambool) is closing this month. The contents will be shipped to the North Melbourne depot for distribution amongst the needy. Knitters are also grateful to receive the boxes of knitting wool passed on to us by Mr Williams of Glenthompson.

Iris Field, contact person



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SCRAPS from the SCRAPES – July 2022

Mid-season and mid-winter, but the hardy members and guests of Grampians Golf Club have rugged up and enjoyed playing on our pristine and beautifully maintained lay out – thanks to the hardworking Greens Committee and volunteers!

Improvements to the men's locker room are also underway to add to the comfort and convenience of members and guests. Thanks also to those involved in resurfacing the carpark and the extensive clearing of fallen and problem trees.

Over the last few weeks, the club has hosted a number of successful events which have drawn members and visitors in big numbers. May 1st saw the Dunkeld Lions Club Day raise \$500.00 for Diabetes Research. Over 100 golfers played the Hamilton College Day on 22 May, which was part of the College's 150th anniversary celebrations.

June 17 saw Ladies President's Day draw a large and enthusiastic field, with visitors from around the region and raised \$720.00 for Headspace. July 11 saw the Glenelg Veterans Golf Club conduct their annual "free" day at the Grampians Golf Club.

Annual events for the men, such as the Vanrenan Trophy (winner Simon Macgugan), the Lovatdale Trophy (winner Peter Gilbert) and the Ross 4 Ball (early rounds) have been completed or are underway, with keenly contested matches being completed, with tears of joy or grief the result.

For the ladies. Mary Fenech and Glen Dixon won the Doris Chambers, while Pam Howell and Venita Mibus won the Phylis Prytz Knockout Foursomes Trophy.

HOLD THE DATES – Grampians Golf Club's 58th Annual Tournament – 16 August to 21 August

Tuesday 16 August - Ladies 3BBB Stableford

Thursday 18 August - Men's 3BBB Stableford

Saturday 20 August - Ladies and Men's Individual Events

Sunday 21 August – 4 Person Ambrose

This event is eagerly anticipated each year and is made possible through the generosity of sponsors, whose contributions enable the organising committee to offer a great range of prizes and on and off course catering.

So, get our your diaries, organise your teams and send your entries and/or enquiries to: grampiansentries@gmail.com

The four days of competition and the numbers of players through the course provide good exposure to local businesses who chose to sponsor the event. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact one of the Tournament Committee - Venita Mibus, Pam Howell, Mark Dore or Peter Besgrove or email: grampiansentries@gmail.com

The weekend of 1 to 4 July saw an enthusiastic group of 14 players venture north to Club Barham on the Murray. Reports from the weekend were that it was challenging, competitive and lucrative for some – and that even extended to the course and the golf! A number of members were approached for comments/highlights from the trip. Most claimed they couldn't remember much of the time! The most common response was along the lines of "what goes on tour, stays on tour"! There were also a number who said, "thank goodness I got a single room!"

Looking forward to next year!

Coincidentally, it was a pleasure to see a good number of ladies roll up to play at home on that Saturday and would like to see that more often. Not sure what brought that about!

Mid-August also sees the qualifying rounds for the Club Championships (Ladies and Men's), with the Semi and Grand Finals played on the weekend of 17 and 18 September.

Guest and visitors are always welcome to play the course, with hire clubs available and an honesty box system for green fees.

Good hitting!



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Jeanine and Father David's Long Service Leave

Everything you need to know about Jeanine and Father David's Long Service Leave

When: Monday 8 August to Wednesday 14 September.

Where: New York ... to visit daughter Jacky,

Because: It's her 30th birthday.

Who: Father Robert will be celebrating the Eucharist on the weekends while Jeanine and Father David are away. To help Father Robert with his travelling...

The services at Dunkeld on Sunday 21 August and 4

September will be at the special time of **2:00pm**.

The service at Peshurst on Sunday 28 August will also be at **2:00pm**.

Who else? In case of an emergency you should contact Father Scott at Warrnambool – phone: 5561 1687.

Question: Will Jeanine and Father David miss you?

Answer: Yes.

Dunkeld Police

Thank you to everyone for welcoming my wife and I to Dunkeld.

I will be out and about checking firearms and storage compliance as regulations are changing mid-August. Old school clothing lockers and storage constructed of timber will no longer comply. Look forward to dropping in for a chat.

I may pull you over from time to time to conduct a breath/drug test and check your vehicle and licence which is all part of the job.


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LANDCARE NEWS

1. Grampians Ark Fox Control Program - A reminder to all residents, landowners and visitors that our **Winter pulse began on - Sunday 29 May 2022 - and runs until Monday 1 August 2022**. Please be aware that fox baits will be laid on participating properties - a sign will be attached to each gateway/entrance, notifying visitors of such. Participants can collect their baits from Kelly's Dunkeld Mitre 10 store. If you would like to join in, or just find out more information, *please get in touch*. We also have fox and smaller cages to be loaned out. If you'd like to try one, please get in touch.

2. Weeds along roadsides - if you notice any weeds, *please let me know*, and I can pass the information onto Marten Chin at the Southern Grampians Shire - he and his team are doing a great job in keeping weeds under control along our roadsides. But to make their work more cost and time effective, they need your eyes to keep track of what is growing and where. If you're not sure what the plant is, why not take a photo and send it through, and we can get it identified.

3. CMA VLG Grants - These grants are open now, and close on 26 July 2022 - so if you have any thoughts on a project you'd like to do, *please get in touch as soon as possible*.

4. Rabbit control - Last week we had a really informative and productive morning at "Tarilta" - Peter Adams and Robin Da Costa-Adams' beautiful property at Mirranatwa. We learnt how the fumigator works and tackled three active warrens. There's nothing like a practical demonstration to help in the understanding of a task. We fumigated the warrens, using baby oil to produce the smoke - which is a far better oil to use than diesel, and made the physical task just a little bit more bearable! Using the fumigator showed us which holes were connected to which warrens - as often holes right next to each other belong to separate warrens. So, to do an effective, efficient job, we wanted to treat each warren separately. The new fumigators are much lighter to carry as well, which is great when you are moving through bush. And having many hands helping with the shovels hastened the job. Safety gear must be worn by all those working or standing close to the action. We were working on a hillside and needed to keep in mind that the fumigant is heavier than air, so will flow downhill through the burrows - you need to bear that in mind when it comes to where you stand and work. Also, it is recommended strongly that you *do not* add any water to the tablets to activate them. There will be data sheets (for both safety and how-to-use) attached to the fumigator if you'd like to borrow them. And you need to have an Agricultural Chemical Users Permit (ACUP) to purchase and use the fumigant. The warrens need to be checked for the next few days, to see if they have been opened up. If they haven't, and then if the site allows, ripping should take place. Here is a great example of neighbours working together - as needs to happen for all pest plant and animal work! Rex arrived a few days later with his tractor and ripped the sites. And of course it wouldn't be a true Landcare event without sharing a lovely lunch afterwards in a beautiful setting (thanks so much Robin!), thanks to Sue for her great photography, and thanks to Shaun for leading the day! We have two fumigators and a bait layer available to borrow.

5. Natural Sequence Farming Course - Chatsworth House is hosting a Natural Sequence Farming Course from **24 to 27 October 2022**, through Tarywn Park Training. This is a four-day course that will get you reading your landscape, rehydrating your land and maximising productivity, by implementing Natural Sequence Farming and beginning to work alongside nature.

To find out about Natural Sequence Farming visit:

<https://www.tarwynparktraining.com.au/courses>
Or get in touch with Lisa McIntyre.



6. Glenelg Hopkins CMA Newsletter

What's been going on at the CMA?

Read the latest Glenelg Hopkins CMA newsletter. See the activity from the launch of Platycam - the world's only livestream of platypus in the wild - and the ground-break project of scalping roadsides to sow native grasses.

Also, find out how and where to apply for the Victorian Landcare Grants:

<https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/grants/victorian-landcare-grants>

7. South West Institute of TAFE Short Course Team is pleased to announce the following Provide First Aid short course dates:

- 30 June: 9:00am to 5:00pm
- 13 July: 9:00am to 5:00pm
- 27 July: 9:00am to 5:00pm

For more information, visit <https://shortcourses.swtafe.vic.edu.au/LHDGHW>

8. Agriculture Victoria:

- Get the latest science on soil carbon
- All aboard the virtual climate bus tour
- Tree grant program for bee-friendly farmers
- AgTech Byte: Water tank monitoring

Agriculture Victoria is encouraging farmers to download a new online booklet to learn more about the latest soil carbon science. The Soil Carbon Snapshot booklet is one of several tools being developed to support farmers to reduce their on-farm emissions, managing their climate risk and improving productivity. Agriculture Victoria Land Health Project Leader Melissa Cann said there are many ways to increase soil carbon while also increasing productivity, water holding capacity and nutrient cycling. "Increasing soil carbon will reduce input costs and produce wider natural resource management benefits," Ms Cann said. "If you are trying to better understand the fundamentals of soil carbon in agriculture, this is a great resource to start your journey," she said. The free updated booklet has 70 references to soil research papers, abstracts or reports, all hyperlinked for easy access and use.

"Soil organic matter makes up a small component of the soil mass, yet it has an important role in the functioning of the physical, chemical, and biological properties of soil," Ms Cann said. "Soil organic carbon is a measure of the carbon contained within soil organic matter and increasing soil carbon levels can lead to better plant establishment and growth," she said.

Ms Cann said the original booklet was written by Agriculture Victoria in 2013 as part of a program to summarise the latest science on soil carbon, as a resource for Fertilizer Australia and their national Fertcare® advisor training program. "With the current renewed interest in soil carbon, it was time for an update."

"Fertilizer Australia in partnership with the International Fertiliser Society also recently ran a series of webinars with expert speakers and had this updated booklet available online is a timely resource for those keen to understand the latest science."

Recordings of these webinars can be viewed on the Fertiliser Australia website. Agriculture Victoria is helping the agriculture sector respond to climate change and reduce emissions through its Agriculture Sector Pledge program, conducting research trials to test methane inhibiting feed additives and delivering an innovative pilot involving 250 farm businesses in a free on-farm emissions assessment. The booklet can be downloaded from the Agriculture Victoria website: <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/>

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250 WORDS FROM FATHER DAVID

Father David's Folly

Over the past three years I must have backed out my garage hundreds of times. It's a comfortable fit but there isn't mega room to spare.

However, the other morning all that went awry as I scraped the winged mirror on the right hand side thus 'liberating' the outer shell and the next layer inside. Fortuitously the light / indicator still worked and the mirror inside can still be adjusted.

Full marks and high distinction go to the local car people who took compassion on me and already have ordered what is needed. I then had to telephone the diocese as they own the car I relentlessly drive around in. Our local trusty Registrar guy Peter could not have been nicer and more understanding. All the while of course I felt more dreadful and cranky with myself.

"How could I have done such a stupid little thing." I said 'Grrrr' a lot and probably some other words that cannot and should not be repeated here.

Finally, my grumpiness subsided and the mirror looks like a bandaged, mangled thing to remind me of my folly. But my foolishness is not just about the mirror that is askew. The worst bit of this 'incident' is the length of time I chose to hang onto my exasperation. I allowed this to bubble away inside me for several wasted hours. But that energy could have and should have been profitably diverted and used towards something far more profitable and fruitful. Now when I check out the dilapidated mirror I am reminded not just to reverse a little more carefully, but chiefly not to clasp onto things that I cannot change. To berate ourselves passionately and frequently is folly. Even more wasteful than the little dings that find us early in the morning in the garage.

Father David Oulton – phone: 0435 867 040
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GRAVEL GRADERS ARE ON THE MOVE

Southern Grampians Shire Council grading crews are currently working around the region to complete vital gravel road grading and maintenance works.

Between **July and August** grading crews will be located at the following locations with crews to continue the gravel road network around the region through until late **October**:

- **Balmoral** – township and surrounding areas
- **Branxholme** – township and surrounding areas
- **Cavendish** - township moving north between Cavendish and Glenisla
- **Dunkeld / Peshurst** and surrounding areas

Southern Grampians Shire Council Acting Mayor David Robertson said Council acknowledges some of the regions gravel roads are in urgent need of attention as a result of the season's heavy rainfall.

"We appreciate that this time of year presents condition issues for motorists travelling unsealed roads and we are working to address these areas," said Cr Robertson.

"Council spends approximately \$650,000 annually on the gravel road maintenance program. We have almost \$30 million allocated in the 2022-23 Council Budget to be invested in capital works, major projects and roads across the entire shire. We remain committed to improving road quality and critical infrastructure across the Southern Grampians.

"If you notice our Grading crews on the road, please take care around the impacted areas, avoid pot holes, and follow any changes to traffic conditions as we complete these important maintenance works," concluded Cr Robertson.

Residents can report issues by using the Report an Issue form on the Southern Grampians Shire Council website www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or contact Council directly on 5573 0444.

Alternatively, if residents are unsure of the appropriate road management authority responsible for a particular road, community members can check Council's Road Register also available on the Council website.



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HORTICULTURAL SPECIALIST OFFERS UNIQUE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY IN SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS

Community members are invited to attend a special presentation by University of Melbourne Horticultural expert Dr Greg Moore right here in the Southern Grampians.

Dr Moore is a currently a Senior Research Associate of Burnley College at the University of Melbourne and prior was Principal of Burnley College of the Institute of Land Food Resources at Melbourne University from 1988 to 2007. He has been a member of the National Trust of Victoria's Register of Significant Trees since 1988 and committee chair since 1996. Greg has been on the Board of Greening Australia (Victoria) since 1989. Dr Moore was awarded an OAM in 2017 for services to the environment, particularly in arboriculture.

Apart from a general interest in horticultural plant science, revegetation and ecology, Dr Moore has a specific interest in all aspects of arboriculture and has contributed to the development of Australian Standards in pruning and amenity tree evaluation. He was the inaugural president of the International Society of Arboriculture, Australian Chapter and has been a regular on Melbourne radio, particularly with ABC 774 and 3AW.

Between **1:00pm – 3:00pm Tuesday 26 July 2022**, residents will have the opportunity to hear insights into all things horticultural, revegetation, ecology and arboriculture particularly within our public spaces.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Acting Mayor David Robertson said Council is pleased to partner with the Friends of the Hamilton Botanic Gardens to provide unique access to Dr Moore for locals with a keen interest in our natural environment.

"We are really thrilled to host Dr Moore right here in the Southern Grampians given his expertise, passion and knowledge," said Cr Robertson.

"Residents will be able to attend the presentation in person and will have the opportunity to ask Dr Moore their horticultural questions. The event will be hosted at Hamilton Institute of Rural Learning (HIRL) which is really fitting given the venue's natural connection to the Southern Grampians region.

"Dr Moore will also share his insights with Council staff working across our parks and gardens teams, providing them with the opportunity to discuss trees in our own public spaces and streetscapes. We can't wait to have him here in person to learn from one of the best."

"Light refreshments and afternoon tea will be provided after the presentation so we encourage community members young and old interested in our natural environment to register and come along for what will be a unique and highly informative experience," concluded Cr Robertson.

Places are limited so residents are encouraged to register and secure their place at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dr-greg-moore-hamilton-tickets-379431859907>

Tuesday 26 July 2022
1:00pm – 3:00pm
HIRL – Registrations required



SCHOOL NEWS from Term 2

Teaching and Learning

Our recent Professional Practice Day (on 14 June) was most productive with staff working together to review, plan and implement our whole school planning documents, aligning the Victorian Curriculum to their appropriate year levels and commencing Term 3 and 4 planning documents. Staff were also verified using an EpiPen, to finish off our Anaphylaxis training. Staff have been completing peer observations, where we observe one another on a decided focus area and then receive feedback and a time to reflect. This is all part of our Annual Implementation Plan and a Department directive to further improve teaching practices.

I attended a mid-year monitoring session for our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) on 21 June, meeting with other leaders, and SEIL Jo Day, to reflect on progress made so far.

All staff in Term 3 will need to complete Community Understanding and Safety Training (CUST), presented by a Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO). This is a DET requirement.

Our school has registered all students for the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge this year, to further encourage reading across the school (participation is voluntary).

Sporting Events

- Region Cross Country held on Monday 30 May in Warrnambool – Lucy Rennie came sixth and will now compete at the State event in Melbourne in July.
- We have Hoop Time Basketball coming up in Term 3 with Mrs Jackie McShane organising teams and

coaches. We are sending six teams all up with various parents volunteering their time to coach our teams and assist with scoring, along with our staff members, Mrs Jackie McShane and Mrs Jackie Mibus.

- We are also entered into the Hockey 7s tournament, with Ms Lea McArthur offering to coordinate and coach, which is wonderful.
- Footy Clinics were held this week for students in Prep/Year 1 and Year 2/3.

Staffing

My role in the Acting Principal position has been extended for Semester Two. A reply to the letter from School Council that was sent earlier this term, is still being formally approved with notification of a result to be expected in Term 3.

Camps

Camp planning is now complete. Thank you to Mick Alderman and Luke Balkin for attending the Year 5/6 Camp to Melbourne, and to Lachy Patterson for the Year 3/4 Sovereign Hill Camp. Year 2 Camp at the Grampians Retreat will be held from Thursday 1 September – Friday 2 September.

Student Voice

Our school beanies have arrived, and they look amazing.

Open Morning on Wednesday 22 June

Thank you to the staff and students for sharing their classrooms with all our visitors. It was fantastic to see so many parents and grandparents wander through our classrooms. There is always so much to see, with

our students proudly displaying their learning in their wonderful classrooms. So proud of our school, and especially the students!

Thank you.

Ange Field, Acting Principal



SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Baimbridge College Year 5 Secondary Transition Day

On Tuesday 14 June 2022, some Year 5 students experienced Secondary Transition Day at Baimbridge College in Hamilton.

Alex Bird: It was great. I liked the tour of the school and doing tabloid sports in the gym.

Yin Vass: It was good, we had assigned classrooms and I got to catch up with some of my friends.

Yvette Fanning: I learnt many interesting things about Baimbridge College and I got a feel for it. I enjoyed it because I met some new friends.

Clementine Blackwell: It was a great day and I really enjoyed the tabloid sports.

Prep and Year 1



who walked into cities and towns because the ocean was polluted with rubbish.

We made a lovely big blue whale and filled it with whale facts.



We have been reading a book called 'Walk of the Whales' by Nick Bland. It is about whales

Year 2 and 3 Maths

In Maths this term we learnt about multiplication and division. We used different ways to solve problems, such as groups of and arrays. In Writing we got to make our own superhero and villain characters to use in our stories. We learnt about onomatopoeia - BOOM! *By Digby Heazlewood*

In Writing we made superheroes and villains. We created interesting words to use in our writing - POW! We made cities using arrays to show our multiplication. *By Xavier Macgugan*

We made buildings using squares to show our learning of arrays and turned it into a city. We made superheroes for Writing; some people made them into stories. The sky on our display is made from grouping for multiplication. We created some bumper sticker onomatopoeia words like BANG and BOOM! *By Michaela Roache*

School Assembly held on Friday 10 June 2022

Honour Certificates were presented to our students. Student Leaders reported on the sports shed and asked all students not to leave equipment out, especially the dodge balls, because if they get wet, they go mouldy and are unusable.

SAKG Captains spoke about keeping the deck rubbish free. Student Voice asked that the shelter shed be kept tidy by putting things away at end of lunch. The Prep and Year 1 students spoke about Blue Whale facts, and the book called, 'The Walking Whale.'

By Charlotte Alderman and Ben Peters, School Captains

Honour Certificates

Prep/Year 1: Marli Mibus and Abigail Welsh.

Year 2/3: Michaela Roache and Minu Sutherland.

Year 4/5: Freddie Jury and Millie McShane.

Year 5/6: Felix Hyland, Phoebe Ross and Indi Mibus.



SPORTS – State Cross Country Finals

We wish Year 4 student, Lucy Rennie, all the best in the State Cross Country Finals in Melbourne on Thursday 14 July 2022.

Congratulations!

We are delighted to inform the school community that Mrs Mary-Ellen McLachlan and her husband Ash, welcomed the arrival of their baby daughter, Eden Elsie McLachlan, on 19 June 2022.

We would also like to pass on our congratulations to Roy Andrew and his parents Elizabeth and Ben, on the arrival of a baby brother and son, Jim.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



From the Kitchen...

Friday 10 June Year 4 and 5 students cooked Lemon, Apple and Cinnamon Muffins, Sesame and Pumpkin Wontons, Cauliflower and Potato Soup and Egg Baskets.

A reminder to families, if you could please send as much nude food (encouraging package free) for students' snacks and lunches it would be appreciated. We have been seeing a great deal of rubbish on the deck and we are trying to keep a tidy, clean environment for our eating area.



On Friday 17 June, Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed their last Kitchen session for Term 2. Bev Hampton attended a PD on

this day and she kindly left a letter for us with instructions to follow. Bev prepared "Mystery Bags" for our class and the only clue she gave was 'the recipes that you are preparing today are from Indonesia.' Included in the bags were recipes and some ingredients. We also needed to harvest additional ingredients from the garden. Menu items as listed, were prepared and enjoyed by students, Friends and staff.



From the Garden...

On Friday 10 June, the Year 5 and 6 students started creating our 'Gardening Dunkeld' videos. We picked a topic that we wanted to learn more about as a group. Some video topics were how to take care of chickens and trees. Learning about the greenhouse and other interesting topics!

On Friday 17 June Year 4 and 5 students enjoyed being out in the garden. Charlie asked some students what they thought about their garden experience that day. Most thought it was interesting and they learnt a great deal.

The Dunkeld Consolidated School wants your Used Batteries!

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council has been conducting an ongoing Battery Collection Fundraiser. Kelly's Dunkeld have kindly offered to be a central collection point for used batteries for the Dunkeld Consolidated School (Jason Linskens was instrumental in organising this). Any unwanted car, truck, tractor, boat batteries etc may be dropped off at Kelly's Hardware Store, 101 Parker Street, Dunkeld.

Components of used batteries e.g., metals, acids and plastics are reclaimed, recycled and put back into the manufacturing process to build more batteries and household products, 98% of the battery is recycled.

If you require any assistance with the pick-up of your used batteries, please contact Simon Ross on 0408 984 499. Thank you for your continued support!

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council would also like to thank Mr Nathan Hinkley and Mr Terry Schultz, Grampians Tyre Service, Hamilton for their generous support of our Used Batteries Fundraising project.

From the Lions Den

L Liberty
I Intelligence
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S Safety



Our deeds determine us ... as much as we determine our deeds.

DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. Membership is \$40.00 per person:

- If you are a relative of ex-service men or women, you can also join the RSL.
- Affiliate memberships are also available to members of emergency services (police, fire brigade, CFA, ambulance and/or SES).



By becoming a member of the RSL, you will enjoy the privilege of having joined one of Australia's oldest and most revered organisations and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. An organisation committed to selfless service on behalf of the nation, which is dedicated to honouring those who have served our nation through military service, and that focuses on the care of veterans and their dependants. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson - phone: 5573 3353.

FREE DVA Heart Health Program – individual and group program opportunities:

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) is offering a 52-week program designed to improve physical health and wellbeing for returned veterans, peacekeepers and those covered under the ADF firefighter scheme. It is available to individual veterans, as well as groups.



To apply or find out more: If you would like to discuss these program opportunities or apply to participate, you can visit the Heart Health website on <http://www.veteranshearthealth.com.au/> Alternatively, you contact Corporate Health Management on **1300 246 262** or email: hearthealth@chm.com.au

Go Beyond – Navigating Life Beyond Service:

Go Beyond is an evidence-informed national program to assist ex-serving Defence personnel with adjusting to life after service. It is free, available for all ex-serving Defence personnel and designed to support their individual post-service reintegration and adjustment needs. Go Beyond connects ex-serving Defence personnel with research, information, learning modules, worksheets, practical exercises, and recommended ways to move forward. For more information about the Go Beyond program please visit: <https://www.openarms.gov.au/resources/apps-and-online-resources>



Open Arms Veterans and Families Counselling:

Group Programs - Open Arms offers free group programs to assist the serving and ex-serving community and their families. These include beating

the blues, building better relationships, doing anger differently, managing pain, recovery from trauma, relaxation and stress management, sleeping better, stepping out, understanding anxiety, mental health first aid, SafeTalk and ASIST. New programs for July to December are now available.

Counselling - Open Arms offers face-to-face, telephone and online counselling. All appointments are arranged by calling 1800 011 046. Counselling is working out your personal concerns with the help of a trained professional. The counsellor helps you to resolve your problems in a positive way by helping you clarify issues, explore options, develop strategies and increase self-awareness.

Korean Veterans' Day: On 27 July each year, Korean Veterans' Day is commemorated. This is the anniversary of the day in 1953 when an armistice was signed to end the fighting in Korea. This day is a time for us to remember the almost 18,000 Australians who served in the war, including some 340 who lost their lives.

The Korean Veterans Association of Australia will hold a wreath-laying ceremony at Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance on 27 July 2022 at 9:30am. To learn more

about the event please visit:
<https://www.shrine.org.au/korean-veterans-association> ¹

¹<https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/commemoration/days-commemoration-australia/korean-veterans-day>

An Adventure by Marion Colton

Whilst travelling by bus to Port Fairy, I have always loved the view of Mount Napier at the end of Haman's Valley. My interest in this ancient volcano was increased when I gazed at John Wolseley's beautiful paintings in the Hamilton Gallery a few years ago. He inspired the Quilters and Weavers to create a magnificent wall hanging of this mountain, its lava flow to the coast and the flora and fauna of the surrounding environment. He also made front page in the Spectator, admonishing us to care for and conserve our unique geological features.

For a long time, I have wished to explore this ancient volcano, having experienced its tongues of black basaltic rocks in the ocean. Last week, my wish came true when a friend kindly drove me there and accompanied me on the ascent.

We were blessed with a fine day and drove along the dirt four-wheel drive track through the bush forest of Mount Napier State Reserve, dappled with sunlight. As we drove, there seemed to be no sign of the mountain through the trees. Eventually we arrived at an open area, once used as a quarry, where we parked the vehicle and readied ourselves to walk. It was now very windy and bitterly cold and we were glad to be well rugged up.

A little way from the parking area, on the left, was a wooden sign announcing the walk to the summit. So off we went, up the narrow track, passing exquisite clumps of yellow fungi hugging the base of a tree. Lush green mosses and lichens wrapped themselves around other tree bases like warm scarves and created velvety coats over old limbs hiding in the tall, green bracken, *Pteridium esculentum*. Evidence of new growth of various *Senecio* species lined the track.

For a long time we saw no sign of the summit looming before us, as we progressed up steep flanks and down and around bends. However, this roller coaster walk was incredibly beautiful, if somewhat arduous in places. The entire spur was glad with lofty eucalypts and *Acacia melanoxylon*,



stretching their magnificent trunks straight up into the sky. Huge clumps of the native grass, *Poa labillardieri*, created a very attractive understorey, the remains of its pale, fawn flower stems creating a magnificent contrast with its vibrantly green new leaves. This vegetation was quite different from that of our local mountains. The air smelt fragrant and pure, renewing the stale air in our lungs.

Every so often we would round a curve in the track, to be confronted by yet another steep ascent. A couple of rustic benches preceded the most challenging ones! From the track we saw piles of moss-covered rocks amongst the bracken and trees, and evidence of wallabies but no sightings. They were probably sheltering somewhere on this bitterly cold day.

Eventually two grassy peaks arose before us above the tree line and the track curved around into an open grassy area which transpired to be the rim of the deep crater. It, too undulated. No water was visible in the bottom of the crater,

which was clothed in vegetation. On the far side, looking westwards, were undulating rocky cliffs. Behind us was the trig point and a memorial plaque to Major Thomas Mitchell, the first European to have scaled the mountain, to which he gave its present name. It is just under 500 metres high. From the summit, flat plains created a patchwork to the coast and I stood trying to imagine rivers of lava slowly flowing all that way into the ocean. What a sight that must have been for the indigenous people of that time! Were they frightened? Full of awe? Or a mixture of both?

Looking north-east, above the treetops, another patchwork of plains, intercepted by the silvered expanse of Lake Linlithgow, stretched to the Gariwerd/Grampians Ranges, just visible, shrouded in pale blue-grey clouds.

As we turned to depart, a lone wallaby hopped for cover into the vegetation of the crater, and we retraced our steps.

It was a totally wonderful experience, well worth the effort and the keening winds. I'm extremely grateful for being given the opportunity. Thank you.

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