



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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

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## Newsletter No. 10 – Wednesday 22 July 2020

### JULY 2020

- Wednesday 22 MARC Library.
- Thursday 23 SAKG Garden Classes. **NO KITCHEN today for Year 4/5 students.** Please see notices.
- Monday 27 Firewood Expression of Interest Form Due.
- Tuesday 28 School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 29 Book Club Orders Due.  
MARC Library.
- Thursday 30 SAKG Kitchen Garden Classes. Year 4/5 students shall be preparing and sharing in the kitchen.

### AUGUST 2020

- Sunday 2 Green firewood available for collection from 11.00am.
- Monday 3 **Pupil Free Day.** No students required at school today.
- Tuesday 4 Policy Sub-Committee Meeting commencing at 5.00pm.  
Facilities Sub-Committee Meeting commencing at 6.15pm.
- Wednesday 12 MARC Library.
- Wednesday 19 MARC Library.
- Sunday 30 Proposed School Working Bee commencing at 9.00am.

### SEPTEMBER 2020

- Wednesday 9 MARC Library.
- Friday 11 National Walk Safely to School Day.
- Wednesday 15 MARC Library.

## FROM Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring, Acting Principal...

### Welcome to Term 3

I'd like to welcome all students, staff and families back to school for Term 3. As we know, we are the lucky ones who get to continue to remain at school, unlike Metro Melbourne Schools who have unfortunately had to return to Remote Learning. Although we learned from our experience of Remote Learning that some students thrive while learning in their home environment, nothing can replace the benefits of social interaction and how important it is for the mental health of children and adults of all ages, to spend time with friends. Now is a time we are certainly lucky to live 'in the country' where our children are able to get outside, enjoy the fresh air and have their lives remain somewhat 'normal' in these unprecedented times we are currently living in.



We welcome Mrs Angela Field and Mrs Laura Matthews to our teaching team this term! It is lovely to have both experienced teachers on board! Their fresh enthusiasm and excitement has given all our staff the lift that I believe we needed after a very tiring start to the year. Thank you! We have a great team of people with such a vast range of

knowledge and skills, who support one another, share their knowledge and resources and make things that bit

easier for one another so we can provide the best education for your children.

We welcome back Clare Kennedy this term after a long recovery from her accident. It's lovely to have Clare back around the school again. We have missed you. We also hope to see Helen Trahar back shortly to complete the team!

### *Playing our Part in the Coronavirus COVID-19 situation*

In saying we are the lucky ones, I'd again like to thank families for your continued support in these extraordinary times. As we are all well aware, the Coronavirus COVID-19 situation is in a very vulnerable state for Victoria. Now, more than ever, we need to all be doing our part in remaining vigilant in all we do, to keep our families, our school and our community as safe as possible.

Children and parents may see some staff beginning to wear face masks and gloves around the school. This is not mandatory for Regional Schools as yet, however staff have the choice in wearing them. This is to help staff and students feel comfortable and hopefully reduce the chances of transmission of infection when a 1.5 metre distance is hard to maintain in primary settings. Children at Primary Schools are not required to wear masks.

The school has been following the Department of Education and Training (DET) advice that any student who is unwell **MUST STAY HOME**. If a child has a temperature, runny nose, sore throat, cough or headache, they must stay home. If a child presents to a staff member saying they are feeling unwell, a parent will be contacted to pick their child up.

Please seek medical advice if your child is unwell and they must remain at home until completely clear of all symptoms. For children who have a COVID-19 test, they must remain home until negative results have been received. However, if Rhinovirus is detected as positive in their test, they must still remain home until clear of all symptoms. Rhinovirus is also very contagious and children should not be at school. We aim to keep all the children and staff at our school as healthy as possible, so therefore need everyone to work together to fight the cause. Thank you.

### *Uniform*

A reminder that our Winter Uniform is expected to be worn during Term 3. This is part of our School Policy. Winter uniform includes jumpers, long navy pants for boys and pants or tights for girls. We have recently seen a number of children wearing shorts and coming to school without jumpers on some very cold days. It is important that children stay warm to help avoid falling ill with colds and having to stay home. PE clothes are also only to be worn on PE days. Students may bring their runners to change into at recess and lunch on other days if they wish, however are expected to change back into school shoes afterwards.

### *Online Gaming*

Recently we have heard a few children discussing online gaming that they have been playing at home, such as Fortnite and Roblox. We encourage parents to please be aware of what your children are engaging in online, as these games especially are not for Primary age children. Cyber safety needs to be at the forefront of all parents and children's minds.

### *Leading the way*

I always tell people what wonderful children we have here at Dunkeld and how lucky we are. We truly are! We encourage children to 'be their best always' and provide opportunities for them to shine. I have taken on teaching some PE lessons to the upper year levels this semester and we are currently focusing on football skills. For our Year 4-6 session last week, I engaged the help of our 'football experts' in the group. Contrary to what students often believe, teachers don't actually know everything and I don't know near as much about football as some of our students! Our experts took their groups off to run through the football drills and skills they have learnt through their own football training and absolutely loved being the teacher. The students also got more out of the lesson than what I could have taught them. So the lesson here...no matter how old you are, you always have something to give and something to learn. I wonder what all our other experts can teach us? I look forward to learning!



Thank you, Dee-Anne Gerring

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

- The next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 July commencing at 7.30pm.
- The Facilities Sub-Committee is organising to have some firewood available for sale and collection on Sunday 2 August 2020. The timber is 'green' sugar gum and will be ready to be used as firewood for next year's season. **The firewood will be sold at \$80.00 per cubic metre as an Expression of Interest - 'first in, best dressed' basis. Please complete and return the attached form to school by Monday 27 July.** Once expression of interest form are finalised the firewood will be available for collection from 11.00am on Sunday 2 August at the school (payment will be due upon collection). Please contact Mark Lazzari on 0408 923 647 or Richard McShane on 0418 528 763 for further details.
- Facilities Sub-Committee propose to hold a School Working Bee on Sunday 30 August commencing at 9.00am. They are investigating whether this will be feasible or not, with current COVID19 restrictions. Further details will be advised.
- Building works for the Permanent Modular School Building are scheduled to begin in September or October 2020.



## LAST DAY OF TERM 2 PYJAMA DAY

On the last day of Term 2 our students enjoyed turning up to school in their pyjamas! I'm sure some parents enjoyed not having to get their children 'dressed' for school. Our teachers and staff also showed themselves to be good sports by coming in their pyjamas as well. Of course being in our pyjamas was a good excuse to have some breakfast at school with our junior students preparing and enjoying some jam on toast. The challenge was to handle the toast with tongs and napkins and spreading your own jam. Pyjama Day was an idea put forward by Student Voice and raised \$100.50 for Homeless Youth.



## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



*From the Garden...Lisa McIntyre*

In perfect gardening weather, we've been weeding, planting lettuces and brassicas grown in the greenhouse, and creating lounges for lizards - by researching their needs and then improving their habitat to encourage them to stay. We sowed carrot seeds into deep polystyrene boxes, and put them in the greenhouse. Carrot seeds need watering every day, and that has

always been a stumbling block when they've been planted in the garden. Hopefully this way will work! The children are loving the oranges and lemons - I cannot understand how they can eat lemons like oranges...but they do! We've also begun the huge job of pruning our fruit trees, and we discussed the process of grafting onto other plants, the possibility of root stock shoots taking over the tree, and how they need to be removed so that doesn't happen. Our chooks remain at school - and are slowly returning to the lay - they must've heard me talking...!

Lisa



*From SAKG Kitchen Garden Captains...*

*Lillian Glazebrook and Leah Morelli*

On 16 July Year 5/6 students were cooking in the kitchen and made pastry twists with optional fillings of relish, ham, cheese and fresh herbs straight from the garden. They were very tasty! As a sweet treat the Year 5/6 class also made stunning individual pear, apple and rhubarb crumbles. They were the most delicious crumbles anyone had ever tasted and we were all blown away by the overpowering flavour.



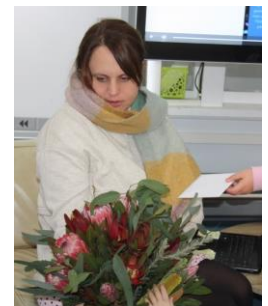
Since school has resumed, the garden has been flourishing with students watering, weeding, chopping and pruning to help our school garden look great! At the end of a long gardening session we all love relaxing with a hot cup of flavoursome billy tea.

### No Kitchen Class this week

Although we have Clare back for our MiniLit and MacqLit programs, she is unable to do Kitchen classes yet while still in her moonboot. We are in the process of organising a replacement for Clare in the meantime. We need to make sure we are adhering to safety regulations in the kitchen and have enough staff members present in the kitchen, so are unable to run Kitchen class this week. Therefore Year 4/5 will need to bring their lunch this week and will hopefully be cooking next week instead.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION FOR 2020

On the last day of Term 2 we wished Jayne Greig farewell as she goes on maternity leave. Jayne left with a beautiful bunch of flowers and some gifts to be enjoyed by the baby. As always our students will be very keen to hear all the news once the baby is born,



## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

We have received a new Operations Guide from the Department of Education and Training (DET) today which provided clarification on procedures should your child be unwell and need to stay home.

If any child has symptoms compatible with coronavirus (COVID-19), such as a fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, headache, muscle or joint pains, nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting, loss of sense of smell, altered sense of taste, loss of appetite and fatigue, **they MUST stay home from school**. Similarly, if a child develops any of these symptoms whilst at school, parents will be contacted, to take their child home.

'Staff or students experiencing compatible symptoms with coronavirus (COVID-19) are encouraged to seek the advice of their healthcare professional who can advise on next steps. Staff and students are generally not required to present a medical certificate stating they are fit to return to an education setting after a period of illness, however staff and students should not return until symptoms resolve.'

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## FOUND – SCHOOL JUMPER

Size 14 school jumper labelled McNaughton found. Please contact the school office.