



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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JUNE 2021

- Wednesday 23 **Special Assembly commencing at 2.40pm in the school hall – parents are unable to attend.**
Saint John Ambulance, 'First Aid in School Program' sessions for all students (free entry).
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- Friday 25 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – no Friends are required.
'House Challenge' conducted by Student Voice. We are encouraging students to wear their House Sports colours – **Red for Wannon** or **Blue for Sturgeon**.
LAST DAY OF TERM 2. Early dismissal at 2.30pm. School buses will run one hour early.

JULY 2021

- Monday 12 **FIRST DAY OF TERM 3 2021.**
- Wednesday 14 Free Concert (for whole school) by De Le Salle College Music students.
- Thursday 15 Greater Western Region Cross Country Finals at Deakin University, Warrnambool.
SAKG Year 6 Students' Royal Mail Hotel Kitchen Garden Tour and Dining Experience.
- Friday 16 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.
Hockey 7's Competition at Pedrina Park, Hamilton.
- Thursday 22 Hoop Time Basketball Junior Competition (Years 3 and 4) at HILAC.
- Friday 23 **PUPIL FREE DAY** - MAV Horsham Conference F-12 - Building Articulate Mathematical Thinkers with the Proficiencies (teaching staff). **No students required at school.**
- Monday 26 Hoop Time Basketball Senior Competition (Years 5 and 6) at HILAC.

FROM Mrs Anne Gilbert, Teacher-in-Charge

Appointment of 0.6 Teacher – beginning of Term 3

It is with great pleasure that I let you all know that Miss Stephanie Thompson has been appointed to work three days a week from the beginning of Term 3. Stephanie comes from the Balmoral P-12 Community College and is a very organised, dedicated and enthusiastic, young teacher. Stephanie will work with the Year 4/5 class on a Monday and the Year 2/3 class on a Friday. Her third day will be on a Thursday where she will teach PE to Years 2 to 6.

Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring will step back into the classroom, working with Year 4/5 from Tuesday to Friday and Angela Field will be our new Acting Principal for at least the next 12 months. Both ladies are very excited about this new chapter of their teaching careers and we are thrilled for them both.

Long Service Leave

Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring has taken Long Service Leave (LSL) for the last two weeks of Term 2 and I will be taking LSL for Term 3. Mrs Ann Howard will be on LSL for Term 4. When I return in Term 4, I will replace Mrs Howard in the Prep/One classroom and Miss Stephanie Thompson will remain working with Year 2/3. Mrs Mary-Ellen McLachlan will increase her teaching load to 0.8, working Monday to Thursday with Year 2/3 for Semester Two, 2021. This prevents upheaval to the timetable for our students and continuity of care and teaching throughout.

Pick Up and Drop Off Procedures – to continue on Dickie Street

Another thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to make the pick up and drop off of your children as safe as possible by avoiding the very large potholes out the front of our school. Please continue to turn into Taylor Street and drive around the block into Dickie Street, where a teacher will be on duty to make the movement in and out of cars as efficient as possible for everyone.

School Operations Guide – update for Camps, playgrounds, pools and other school facilities and activities:

- **Incursions** are permitted at this time – **so the Saint John's First Aid sessions can go ahead tomorrow.**
- **Playgrounds** remain open for school use.
- **Drinking fountains** can remain open.
- **Community groups** can use school facilities when the use complies with permitted activity in the community – such as basketball and hockey training.
- **School tours** for prospective students and their families can recommence.
- **Non-essential visitors** can attend school sites – **However, no SAKG Friends will be required this Friday.**

- **Non-essential meetings, gatherings and assemblies** (that are attended by individuals other than staff and students) should be deferred or held remotely until Term 3 – **therefore, no visitors/parents can attend our Special Assembly this week.**
- **School bus services** across the state will continue to operate as normal.

Student Reports will be sent home tomorrow

Student reports have been prepared over the last few weeks and printed today. They will be signed and sent home tomorrow. It has been a delight to read through all the reports (in my role as Teacher-In-Charge) and get a picture of how each of our students is progressing at school. The student comments were particularly interesting as these are written by the children themselves and give a true reflection on how they view themselves as learners at school.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to express, on behalf of the Dunkeld Consolidated staff and school community, our gratitude and thanks to Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring who has been our admirable leader for the last two years. Dee has tackled some incredibly difficult issues during her time at the helm including the School Review process and the building of our new hall as part of the Asbestos Removal Program. We have been very fortunate to have such a strong leader who consulted, supported, organised and decisively made decisions to keep our lovely school ticking along happily. Well done, Dee!

Anne Gilbert, Teacher-in-Charge

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

For Wednesday 9, 16 and 23 June 2021

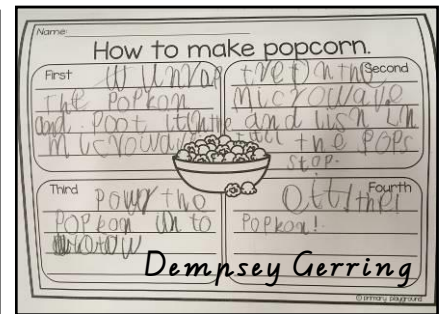
Academic Honour: Jack Reynolds, Louis Lazzari, Isabella Jury – Year 6; Indi Mibus –Year 5; Lachie Oldfield Mann –Year 4; James Manolas, Annie Jackson and Audrey Black – Year 2; Ruby Mibus and Athena Manolas – Prep.

School Values Honour: Hugh Prentice -Year 6; Jack Jones - Year 5; Mac Jackson - Year 4; Tyson Riddle and Elodie Cochran -Year 3; Michaela Roache and Dempsey Gerring - Year 1.
 Congratulation to these students.

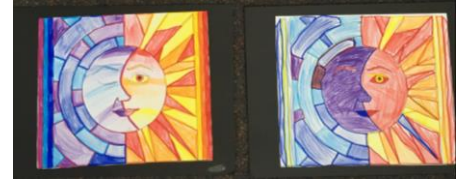
SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

PREP AND YEAR 1 – POPCORN

Prep and Year 1 were extremely excited to make popcorn last week. They were giving a book on making popcorn and they wrote about the four steps they needed to follow in their Readers Notebooks. They all listened carefully while it popped and naturally the best part was, the eating.



YEAR 2 AND YEAR 3 ART- WARM AND COOL COLOURS



YEAR 4 AND YEAR 5 – MATHS, POEMS AND BOOK REPORT

In Maths the Year 4 and Year 5 class have been learning about Rotational Symmetry. A shape has Rotational Symmetry when it still looks the same after some rotation. The students were tasked with creating artwork that demonstrated this. This type of art is also call 'Rangoli' which originates from India.

In Writing, Year 4 and Year 5 have been composing Haiku poetry (a Japanese poem of seventeen syllables, in three lines of five, seven, and five, traditionally about images of the natural world). Mrs Field.

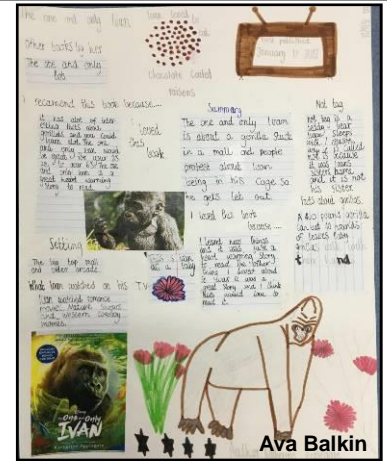
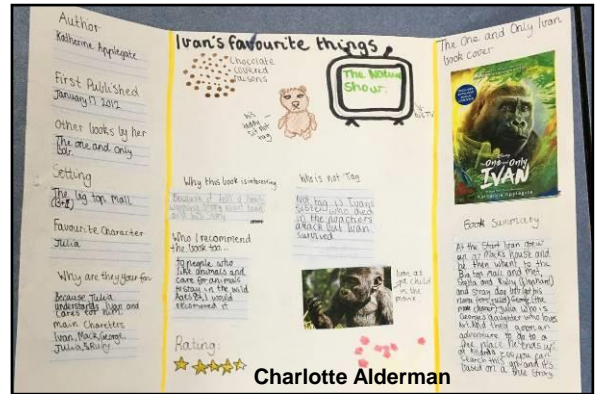
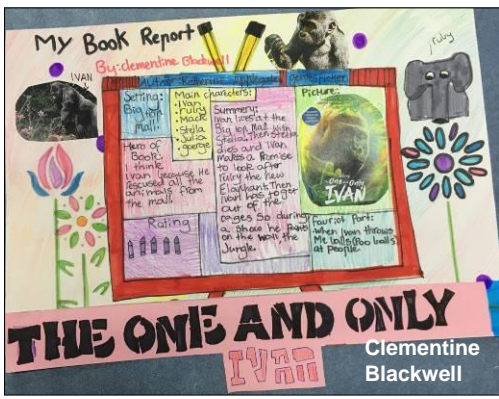
The Wind
 The wind blows my hair,
 The wind smashing the window pain
 It is everywhere. By Heidi Burger

The Moon
 The bright shining moon,
 Fills the space in the black night,
 While we are sleeping. By Millie McShane

Springtime
 Springtime is sunshine.
 Flowers blooming all around.
 Sunshine beaming down. By Clementine Blackwell



Book Reports – ‘The One and Only Ivan’



YEAR 6 - ART



Year 6 Art, influenced by Vincent van Gogh - 'Sunflowers'. Simple yet stunning to see so many different designs come from the same inspiring topic. We have budding artists among our students.

FUN FRIDAY - 18 JUNE

Last week's Fun Friday was exhilarating as we had four awesome activities which were Sport - Crab Soccer, Art and Craft, Role Plays and Lego Masters. We hope everyone enjoyed it. Here are some student opinions about the day.



Charlotte Alderman - Fun Friday was very artistic and creative.



Alex Bird - Fun Friday was very athletic and exciting.



Sebastian Aarons - The leaders were great but the activities were even better.



We really enjoyed leading last week's Fun Friday and can't wait for the next Fun Friday.



By Seth Welsh and Zander Mibus

School Council Update

A School Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 22 June and items of business included:

- The following activities were approved: SAKG Year 6 students' Royal Mail Hotel Kitchen Garden Tour and Dining Experience on Thursday 15 July 2021, Hockey 7's Tournament on Friday 16 July 2021, Hoop Time Basketball Junior and Senior Competitions on Thursday 22 July 2021 and Monday 26 July 2021 respectively and SAKG Program fundraising activities (2022 Calendar and Sale of Tomato Plants).
- Appointment of fixed term classroom teacher 0.6 for Terms 3 and 4, 2021 – Miss Stephanie Thompson.
- Mrs Anne Gilbert will be taking Long Service Leave in Term 3 and Mrs Ann Howard in Term 4, 2021.
- Table drain/parking on Victoria Valley Road – currently being followed up with the Southern Grampians Shire Council and Vic Roads.
- Options being investigated by the Facilities Sub-Committee for the school's front entrance/drop off and pick up.
- Vote of thanks to Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring in her role as Acting Principal over the last two years.
- Discussion about the use of the school room by the Grampians Cricket Club and User Agreement.
- Proposed 'Whole School' Working Bee to be held in Term 3.
- Sheep Drive Fundraiser is being organised.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

Each year we rely on many people our – 'Friends of the SAKG' – to help make our Kitchen Garden program a success in our quest to provide good food education to our students and hope that COVID19 regulations will allow to do so. We invite parents and community members to become a Friend of the SAKG and be on the roster to help us on a Friday in the Kitchen or the Garden.

All that is required is a Working With Children Check, applications may be completed online: www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

Preference forms have been emailed to all families (and current Friends) and also a hard copy sent home with students. We invite you to complete the preference forms and return them to school or via email: dunkeld.cs@education.vic.gov.au by **Friday 25 June 2021**. We will then be able to create a roster for Term 3 for both the Kitchen and the Garden.

We look forward to planting, harvesting, preparing and sharing with you.

Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains ...

Kitchen Report:

Last Friday 18 June, the Awesome Agapanthus were cooking in the kitchen. The scents that wafted out of the kitchen were divine. They were the delicious aromas from our Pasties. We had silver beet, peas and corn, herbs and spices such as rosemary, parsley and thyme. There was also carrot and egg in them. They were then wrapped in pastry and cooked. We had the Pasties and a jacket potato and it was all scrumptious!

By Isabella Jury

Garden Report:

Last Friday Prep Years 1, 2, 3 and Kung Fu Carrots were involved in the Garden activities. Prep, Years 1, 2 and 3 were learning about Photosynthesis and how plants help us and we help them. They also made tea with the warm fire and picked herbs from the garden to put in the tea. Kung Fu Carrots were seeding, sowing, cleaning the chook house and doing wildlife research and making tea. Overall, we had an informative and entertaining gardening session.



CHOOK SHED RENOVATION

We are happy to announce that our Dunkeld Consolidated School Chook Shed is now being upgraded to make it look better than ever. Soon we will have chooks for their amazing new home. Preps are yet to experience having chooks at school and we are sure they will be very excited. Hopefully we can soon start cooking in the kitchen with their delicious fresh eggs.

By Max Graham and Jake Linskens



- REMINDERS -

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM / SECOND HAND UNIFORM ITEMS

A reminder that our school uniform for winter now applies. It is most important at this time to keep ourselves warm and well. As previously requested, please ensure that all children wear winter skirts or pinafores (girls) or long navy blue trousers / track pants (boys/girls).

The school has a number of second hand uniform items available for purchase at a small donation. Alternatively, if your child has grown out of any uniform items we are happy to receive freshly laundered donations of clothing at the school office.

When purchasing second hand uniform items, could you please ensure that you put your child's name on the clothing item. This assists with finding the rightful owner if an item is found out in the playground etc.

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 support!

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