

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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DUNKELD SERVICE STATION UPDATE

In the interests of community safety and a number of significant non-compliances, Southern Grampians Shire Council has this week issued a building order to stop specific construction works at the proposed Dunkeld Service Station.

While understanding of community frustration regarding the lack of a functioning service station within the town, Council has made considerable efforts during the planning and building processes to ensure that all works are in compliance with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia and the SGSC Planning Scheme.

A building permit has previously been issued to the interstate developer, specifically to construct a new service station canopy including the concreted driveway apron. The private building surveyor who issued the permit also clearly outlined the need to lodge a building permit for proposed pole signage and for any alternations and refurbishment of existing buildings.

Upon a recent site inspection it was confirmed the entire building had been redeveloped and modified, works had been undertaken on footings for canopy signage and additional concrete pour had occurred to allow access from Templeton Street, none of which matched the scope of the permit issued.

The inspection also showed a number of electrical and plumbing concerns which may be non-compliant with the Building Code of Australia. At this point none of these can be verified as there has been no building permit application or assessment of compliance with the Code.

The developer will now be required to engage a registered building practitioner to follow through the compliance processes set out under the Building Act and Victorian Building Authority guidelines.

Other relevant authorities will be assessing potential unsafe work practices identified on the property. This will include electrical works carried out and the conduct of registered building practitioners involved in construction works when there is no building permit.

Council will continue to work with associated bodies to ensure all applicable permits are received in a safe and timely manner and is regularly communicating with the Dunkeld Progress Association to provide project updates.

Michael Tudball
CEO
Southern Grampians Shire Council

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CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

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1 st Week	Sunday	July 5	8.30am	Mass
2 nd Week	Sunday	July 12		No service
3 rd Week	Sunday	July 19	8.30am	Mass
4 th Week	Sunday	July 26	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Due to COVID-19 procedures, contact details must be recorded, temperatures taken and physical distancing rules followed; if feeling unwell please stay at home. A maximum of sixteen people may be in attendance.

Saint Mary MacKillop Parish Western Border is currently providing local Masses online on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays: <http://westernborder.church/online-masses/our-local-parish-masses-online/>
or follow their Facebook page to receive notification of each daily Mass: <https://www.facebook.com/westernbordercatholicparish/>

Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

Anglican Eucharist is celebrated on the first and third Sunday of every month at 5:00pm. The next service is on Sunday 16 August.

To comply with social distancing please contact Father David beforehand - phone 557 1137 or mobile 0423 671 692.
Email droulton72@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

Services in the Parish are now available on You Tube and Face Book. Also on Google, click in **Hamilton Uniting Church Live streaming**. Available at **11.00am Sundays** or can be viewed at a later time.

Anyone wishing to speak / or meet with Rev Angie Griffin is welcome to contact her regarding a suitable time and place on **0417 367 227**.

WHAT'S ON IN JULY / AUGUST

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
27	28	29 Newsletter issue 11 distributed	30	31	1 Aug	2
3	4	5	6 Dunkeld Museum AGM @ 7.30pm	7 Deadline for issue 12	8	9
10	11	12 Newsletter issue 12 distributed	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Deadline for issue 13	22	23



From the Lions Den

Well done, Sally

At our July dinner meeting President Simon Macgugan awarded Sally Stevenson with the Jock Danby Award. This award is a club award presented by the President to the Lion who has made outstanding commitment for the past year, and as always this award was well deserved. Congratulations Sally for the work that you have done for your community, it is appreciated. (Jock Danby was one of our Charter members and a hard working Lion, until he died in 1982, the award was started in 1986).

Victorian Lions Foundation

National Vision Research Institute (NVRI)

The NVRI is a research institute at the Australian College of Optometry Melbourne, studying vision and its dysfunctions. NVRI collaborates with many national and international research institutes and has particularly close connections with the University of Melbourne and Monash University. Our Foundation supports a Lions Vision Research Fellow who is investigating many aspects of vision, including the development of a bionic eye.

Don't you love the English language (a language that is almost musical in its flow, and like a brick through a window, in its insults).

A Member of Parliament in the House of Commons to Prime Minister Disraeli.

"Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease."

"That depends, sir", said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

Peter Hinchey



DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership (\$40.00 per person) to ensure the future of the RSL locally. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson, 341 McIntyre's Crossing Road, Moutajup or phone: 5573 3353.

75th Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific: Saturday 15 August 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of Victory in the Pacific and the end of the Second World War. Some one million Australian served in the Second World War, overseas and on the home front, to protect our nation. To acknowledge the significance of the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) has also produced a Commemorative Medallion and Certificate of Commemoration. These are available to every living veteran of the Second World War. Applications are now available and can be made through the DVA website at dva.gov.au or for those without access to the internet, by phone on (02) 6191 8217.

Educational resources are also available for free download from the Anzac Portal at anzacportal.dva.gov.au

On the morning of 15 August 1945, Australian Prime Minister Ben Chifley made a nation-wide address. Japan had accepted the Allies' surrender conditions. The Second World War was over. Victory in the Pacific (VP) Day was declared a national holiday on this day and is commemorated every year.

Around the country, people poured into the streets in celebration. For years they had lived with rationing and austerity, they had worked hard and for long hours, been anxious for loved ones on active service and feared a Japanese invasion. They had seen the country change as thousands of women enlisted in factories. Tens of thousands of United States servicemen had been based in or passed through Australia, clear evidence that traditional ties to Britain were weakening. The war had left people exhausted. Its end was met with relief and unbridled joy.

The Melbourne press reported revellers waging 'a battle against any show of dignity, or austerity and gloom'. A young boy saw a neighbour in a line of singing revellers, a lady who never missed Mass and always seemed serious but who on VP Day celebrated as she had likely never celebrated before, knowing that her son would soon be coming home. In the New South Wales country town of Dubbo, said a Sydney paper, people behaved in a manner 'that would be deemed incredible in normal life.' On the far side of the country in Perth, some 100,000 people crowded into the city.

There were conga lines, civilians and men and women in uniform dancing together, strangers embracing, streets littered with confetti, flags flying. Police ignored games of two-up and the kind of revelry that would normally invite arrest. An elated population was swept up in celebration.



Chifley announced a two-day holiday.

He thanked the service men and women of the Allied nations, and he thanked the millions who had worked so hard for the war effort on the home front. The Australian people, said Chifley, 'may be justly proud of everything they have done.' On a day that could never be entirely without sorrow, he also asked Australians to remember the dead and the bereaved. Some 40,000 Australians had lost their lives in the winning of this victory. On 16 August, crowds gathered around the country for thanksgiving services, and to more somberly remember those who would not be coming home.

VP Day brought an end to years of fighting and the return home of hundreds of thousands of Australians from theatres of war around the world. It meant the passing of a half-century darkened by global conflict and financial depression, and the dawn of an age both prosperous and fraught with peril – as the Cold War begun in the Second World War's shadow dominated the half-century that followed.



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SOME WORDS FROM THE ANGLICAN CHURCH

The homework of understanding.

I left the shopping bags near the back door the other day. I thought this was a masterstroke, a very cunning plan. The next time I went out the back door it would be a simple matter of just picking up the bags and popping them straight into the boot. What could possibly go wrong?

You can imagine my befuddlement when I got to the supermarket, opened the boot to get the shopping bags and Voila! The boot reprimanded my absentmindedness with mocking emptiness.

So I understand afresh, that it is possible to see and not "Observe", to listen and not "Hear", to understand and not "Comprehend".



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Café 109 are now open for sit in dining

We request that people call us on **5577 2288** to book their table as we have limited seating available, walk-ins will be allowed if we have space available and the bar will be open for those dining in, our opening hours are as follows:

Monday - Closed

Tuesday – Chicken Parma Night
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Wednesday – Friday – (4pm – 8pm)

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- Pizza Bundle – 2 x Pizza's, garlic bread & 1.25L Soft Drink \$40
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MUSEUM NEWS

AGM postponed

Due to the current health situation, the Museum Executive has decided to postpone the Annual General Meeting to a date, yet to be determined, in September.

The General Meeting, scheduled for Thursday 20th August, may also be postponed. Members will be notified when decisions are made.

Help!

Do you have **Dunkeld School photos from 1968, 1970 and 1971**? The Museum does not have copies of these in our collection and would like to make copies of any that are available. If you can help, please contact Joyce Gordon 55749236.

Museum Secretary

Joyce Gordon has taken on the role of Acting Secretary until we are able to elect a new Secretary.

Museum Operating Conditions

- The Museum is open to the general public by appointment only. Please organise this via email: dunkeldmuseum@gmail.com
- Face masks must be worn by anyone visiting the Museum, including Committee members working on the premises.

Landcare News

Grampians Ark

For all residents, landowners and visitors - our Grampians Ark Fox Baiting Program runs from *Monday 1 June 2020 - Monday 3 August 2020* Baits will be laid on participating properties.

On Line Whole Farm Planning Courses

In April 2020 Agriculture Victoria held an 'Introduction to Whole Farm Planning' webinar with 76 farmers attending one of the two sessions. Since then, 43 farmers have viewed the recorded session. (To watch <https://vimeo.com/410870276>) Over the next few months Agriculture Victoria is offering farmers in south west Victoria an opportunity to participate in an interactive, on-line whole farm planning course.

Preference will be given to famers in the Casterton and Coleraine district, but other farmers are encouraged to apply.

Do you want to make your farm more resilient, sustainable and productive? Have you developed strategies for the next fire, flood or drought? Do you want to hand on your land to future generations in a better condition than when you started farming?

Are you keen to enhance areas of native vegetation, improve habitat for birds and insects and improve the quality of your soil and water?

Can you commit a few weeks this Spring to make your farm a more attractive place to live, work and raise your family?

To find out more, **contact Tess McDougall** on **0409 841 492** or email tess.mcdougall@agriculture.vic.gov.au
NB: Numbers will be capped at 15 for this on-line event.

Fox cages. We are having great success capturing foxes in cages. This is a very safe way to keep your fox numbers down, especially around the houses and yards. Parks Vic in Halls Gap have offered us additional cages to loan out, so if you are interested, please get in touch with me.

These cages are available to use within our Grampians Ark area, *which includes the Dunkeld township area.* We are also collecting DNA samples to pass onto Derek Sandow (Parks Vic Grampians Ark coordinator), to use within a research project. Please call or email me if you'd like to know more.

Cheers!
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RED CROSS NEWS

Our Community (West) Coordinator, **Carolyn Ratnik** ... has informed us that the sale of **used stamps** each year brings in from **\$8,000 to \$12,000**, which shows that it is worthwhile, keeping your used stamps (with generous surrounds and even the whole envelope) to pass on to a Dunkeld branch member, for packaging to HQ.

Carolyn also informs us of several projects on the go during lock-down: **Making Face Masks** see www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/masks ; **Connect with weaving project** with the **Lake Bolac community** , see www.wayapawarr.com.au ; **Resilient Rug Project** ... making a 20cm x 20cm square of any material and/or method, of experiences had during the Covid pandemic. A drop-off point can be arranged for collection so that squares can be assembled into a rug and displayed locally, such as at the Community Centre; **Knit scarves or beanies** for the vulnerable migrant community, to be collected and sent to HQ for distribution.

Iris Field, Secretary



SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL

Dunkeld Listening Post
5 August 2020

Koopmans Cafe, 95 Parker Street, Dunkeld.
Wednesday 5 August 2020,
6:00pm - 7:00pm.

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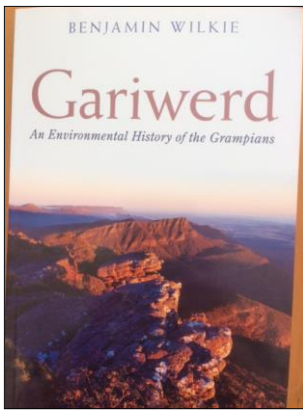
Dunkeld Sawmill

In these difficult times we have been unable to have major working bees. A few members have been working to get the sawmill fully operational. This is happening slowly, but it is nearly there.

We are looking forward to having a good wood cut sometime in the future. Logs are important, so keep us in mind if you know of some windfalls or other logs worth sawing.

It is our aim to have the Fitzpatrick Sawmill preserved for the future. It will show how timber was produced in the past.

John Smith



GARIWERD

An Environmental History of the Grampians

By Benjamin Wilkie. CSIRO Publishing. \$50 new release

It's puzzling how few books there are on our beloved Gariwerd (Grampians Ranges) and somewhat embarrassing when visitors and locals enquire after a

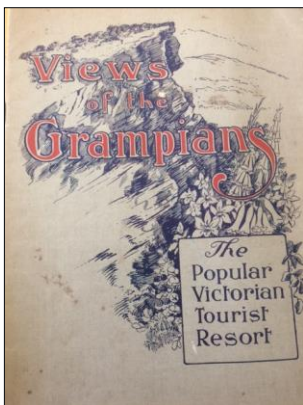
book on the mountains.

Two that spring to mind are Wettenhall and Pouliot's lavish *Gariwerd* which is still available, and Jane Calder's *Grampians. A Noble Range* which was published in 1987 and was a perfect solution for enquiring bushwalkers. Unfortunately it is now 23 years later and very difficult to find. Tyrone Thomas' *50 Walks in the Grampians* is also scarce, and although dated in its information, worth searching for. Some, in my own collection, are much older than that, including Charles Daley's charming booklets of published papers of the Field Naturalist's Club of Victoria from the early 1900s. I have beside me as I write, his paper *At Wartook*, given in 1919.

There are also old tourist brochures, like *Views of the Grampians* which is full of evocative photographs by Arthur Relph, the young women in them wearing long skirts as they climb over the rocks, reminiscent of the girls in *Picnic at Hanging Rock*.

So I am glad to spread the news that Benjamin Wilkie's *Gariwerd*, a very insightful environmental history of the Grampians, has recently been published and has been hard to keep in stock. It is a well-researched exploration of the geological and ecological significance of the mountains. He describes how Gariwerd and its people, from the Djab wurrung and the Jardwadjali people and their ancestors

managed the land, and what kinds of archaeological evidence they have left behind. The effects of European colonization are explored, and he considers the effects of this on both the first peoples and the environment. Wilkie uses indigenous as well as European names for geological features, and his explanations of the geological formation of the Grampians



are clear and easy to follow, which is a valuable contribution for the general reader. He pulls together the historical context through the journals of contemporary travellers, not only from Mitchell, Robinson and Howitt, but gives us accounts of early local settlers and historians. Samuel Carter, of Glenisla pastoral station is thought to be the first colonist to record Aboriginal Rock Art in the area. Maynard Ord, a journalist who published a history of Stawell in 1896, recorded the presence of mysterious rock art caves which, since his account, helped to bring to the notice of a wider

public 'the wonder of Aboriginal history.' These particular caves have never been discovered since. Wilkie deals with rock art sites like Billimina, Manja and Bunjil's Shelter, but points out that there are about 200 other rock art sites in Gariwerd, which is about 90 per cent of the rock art in Victoria.

There is so much detail over a wide range of Gariwerd subjects that it is enough to point out that Benjamin Wilkie's book is highly informative and a very welcome addition to our district's literature.

Wilkie is a historian and researcher, a writer and academic, and he is originally from the stony rises near Hamilton, and lives in the Western District.

Roz Greenwood

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SMOOTHER, SAFER JOURNEY ON DUNKELD-CAVENDISH ROAD

The Andrews Labour Government has upgraded a notorious narrow road in south-west Victoria to boost safety and deliver a better journey for drivers.

Labour Member for Western Victoria, Gayle Tierney said Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) had rebuilt and widened about seven kilometres of Dunkeld-Cavendish Road across two sites near Karabeal.

Previously, vehicles travelling in the opposite direction were unable to pass each other while still keeping their tyres on a sealed surface.

Thanks to this \$4.62 million project, these sections of road have a full lane in each direction as well as sealed

shoulders to provide drivers with a smoother, safer and more reliable journey.

Drainage has also been upgraded to help improve the longevity of the road surface, and new linemarking and guardrail has been installed.

Dunkeld-Cavendish Road serves as key link between the Glenelg and Henty highways, particularly for heavy vehicles transporting timber from local logging operations.

This upgrade is part of the Labour Government's \$40 million investment in upgrading narrow roads across the state's south-west – and will ensure the road is safer and fit for purpose for the local communities and industries that rely on it every day.

As part of this package, vital works have also been completed on Ayresford Road, Myamyn-Macarthur Road, Timboon-Nullawarre Road, Skipton Road, Foxhow Road, Inverleigh-Winchelsea Road, Inverleigh-Shelford Road, Casterton-Apsley Road, Coleraine-Edenhope Road and Warrnambool-Caramut Road.

Quotes attributable to Member for Western Victoria, Gayle Tierney

"We've listened and now significant works have been delivered – completely transforming this narrow, damaged road into a safer and fully functional two-lane arterial route."

"Thanks to our \$40 million Narrow Roads package, Dunkeld-Cavendish Road has been made stronger, safer and more reliable for drivers."

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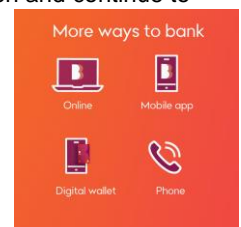
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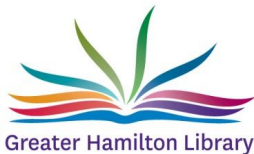
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COVID-19 case detected at WDHS Drive-thru

(Comments from WDHS Chief Executive, Rohan Fitzgerald)

Western District Health Service (WDHS) has confirmed a further case of COVID-19 has been detected at its Drive-thru testing clinic.

WDHS received notification over the weekend that a Horsham Rural City resident, who presented at the clinic last Thursday has tested positive for the virus.

The patient was tested at our Drive-Thru clinic, however, the person does not reside in the Southern Grampians Shire. They did not enter the Hamilton Base Hospital and were referred to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) contact tracing team. Based on our discussions with the patient, they did not exit their vehicle in Hamilton.

This case, along with the recent case in Heywood, detected by Portland District Health late last week, highlights how important it is for Southern Grampians residents to be taking precautions now – not wait until there is community transmission in the region.

The number of cases in the Horsham and Glenelg Shires is a stark reminder for people to exercise caution in their personal interactions. Through social distancing, washing hands and wearing a mask we are giving ourselves the best chance of limiting the spread of COVID-19 in the Southern Grampians Shire.

By continuing to practice these basic actions you can reduce your exposure and protect others.

This virus is highly infectious and spreads between people through direct, indirect (through contaminated objects or surfaces), or close contact with infected people via mouth and nose secretions. We ask the community to be mindful that people who contract COVID-19 may be feeling stressed and unwell. In your interactions on social media, please be kind and respectful of others.

What we have seen in recent weeks is how quickly the virus can take hold in areas where there is community transmission. We don't want to get to a point of dealing with an outbreak and we need everyone to do what they can to ensure we don't get community cases.

If you have symptoms, please self-isolate and head down to the WDHS Drive-thru as soon as possible. After testing, it's also critical that you self-isolate until you get a negative result (usually within 48 hours). If you've already had a negative test result and you develop symptoms again at a later date, you must get re-tested.

As we have said in the past, we all have a role to play in responding to COVID-19 as parents, family members, friends and local businesses, organisations and community groups. Please stay informed and follow the government's guidelines for keeping yourself and others safe.

To keep up to date with how you can protect yourself, your family and local business, visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Due to increasing demand, we are extending our Drive-thru clinic hours at WDHS from Monday 27 July. The clinic is now open weekdays 7.30am to 9.30am and 12.30pm to 4.30pm, Saturdays 10.00am to 12.00pm. Entrance to the Drive-thru is via Foster Street (near the Emergency Department at Hamilton Base Hospital).

Prior to this case, the last person to test positive at the WDHS Drive-thru was on 10 April.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION DATES FOR 2020

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JUNE-JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS		
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15	Fri 2 October	Wed 7 October
16	Fri 16 October	Wed 21 October
17	Fri 30 October	Wed 4 November
18	Fri 13 November	Wed 18 November
19	Fri 27 November LAST ISSUE 2020	Wed 2 December

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SOME MORE WORDS FROM THE ANGLICAN CHURCH

I was at the high altar when I took a tumble the other morning. Fortunately, I was by myself, so my embarrassment was minimal as there was no one to guffaw at my ineptitude. It all happened very quickly and it was certainly not something that I had written in my diary. It was something that I was not proud of, nor was I ready to tell the world about it.

So who to tell? Someone who would understand, someone who would know what it is like to suddenly find one's self where one did not intend to be. Someone who also had

fallen. They would know how to listen, what to say and how to say it.

It also occurred to me that compassionate, empathetic people are the ones I instinctively turn to when I have had other 'falls'. I'm cheerily minding my own business at the altar, thinking I am 'Georgie Porgy, What a good boy am I' and instantly I'm at the bottom of the heap feeling foolish and sore. Who to turn to ... ?

Someone who has also floundered. Someone who has been bumped and knows the herculean oomph that it takes to get up again. Don't give me a squeaky clean, precious, glib, pious, gloating, holier than thou, do gooder oozing with platitudes.

Give me please, someone who is a little grubby round the edges. Someone who is besmirched, a bit chipped and flawed. Someone who will reach out a pierced and mucky hand to help me up. Someone who will say, "Come on friend ... we've got work to do."

Someone who knows that there is only one direction from the moral high ground and that is headlong downwards. None can afford to stand there, for all have tumbled, stumbled and been crumpled. I rejoice that the Master delighted in tax collectors and prostitutes and had great dinner parties with them.

Father David Oulton



SCHOOL NEWS

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.

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

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 have 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.

Firewood - Expressions of Interest

Please complete and return this form to school by Friday 31 July 2020 – forms may be left in the mailbox at the front entrance of the school

Dear community members

The Facilities Sub-Committee is organising to have some firewood available for sale and collection on Sunday 2 August 2020, as a fundraiser for the Dunkeld Consolidated School.

The timber is mainly 'green' sugar gum (plus a variety of gums) 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 Friday 31 July 2020** – forms may be left in the mailbox at the front entrance of the school.

Once 'Expression of Interest' forms 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 0455 932 132 for further details.

Yours sincerely



Dee-Anne Gerring
Acting Principal

29 July 2020

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I am interested in purchasing approx _____ cubic metres of green firewood @ \$80.00 per cubic metre.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____