



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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

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## Newsletter No. 12 – Wednesday 19 August 2020

### AUGUST 2020

- Friday 14 Principal's Day – check out our School Facebook page for more details.
- *National Science Week – Deep Blue: Innovations for the future of our oceans - 15 to 23 August 2020*
- Wednesday 19 Remote Learning - Specialist Day including MARC Library, Art, Cooking and Gardening.
- Thursday 20 SAKG Kitchen Garden Class for onsite students.
- Tuesday 25 School Council Governance Training - online session commencing at 6.30pm.  
Dr Michael Carr-Gregg - webinar for parents and carers - *Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era.* Commencing at 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 26 Dunkeld and District Community Newsletter.
- Thursday 27 SAKG Kitchen and Garden Classes for onsite students.

### SEPTEMBER 2020

- Wednesday 2 School Newsletter day.
- Thursday 3 SAKG Kitchen Garden Class for onsite students.
- Monday 7 National eSmart Week 2020.
- Tuesday 8 School Council Meeting via WebEx commencing at 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 9 Dunkeld and District Community Newsletter.
- Friday 18 Footy/Sports Colours Day.
- **LAST DAY OF TERM 3.**
- Friday 25 AFL Grand Final Public Holiday.

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

### Remote Learning – Term 3

We are now into Week 3 of Remote Learning and I'd like to commend all students and their families for the way in which they have stepped into this second round with confidence and drive to succeed. We have mixed things up from last time, to keep engagement levels high. Thank you to all parents for your cooperation and support of your children and our staff in being available for WebEx sessions and helping with set tasks. We know this has been a hectic start to get back into Remote Learning, as it sure has been for our teaching staff, but now we are in the swing of things, the processes will get easier.



Thank you again to our amazing staff who are busy teaching remotely, as well as spending time on site supervising a number of students at school. Their days are hectic and tedious, but they never waver in their care and concern for the continued development of each and every student. They continue to smile and are simply inspirational.

We have raised our expectations of students and the work they submit this round of remote learning. This is for a number of reasons. Firstly, students and families are now familiar with the technology and process of posting work, so that major learning curve has been surpassed. Secondly, as this is our second round of Remote Learning, students will end up having a significant time away from normal schooling in 2020.

We therefore encourage students to give their best efforts. That is all we ask, their best effort, as we would expect at school. We are here to support students when they have questions and encourage them to do so, so we can help improve their outcomes.

Lastly, our senior students especially, will need to start preparing themselves for the rigors of secondary school. Independence and management of time will be hugely important to your success. Likewise, we don't wish to see our younger students fall into habits that they will find hard to break when they return to school. By giving less, you are only letting yourselves down and making the transition harder than it need be. Teachers are putting in hours of time creating quality tasks, so please take your time and you will shine.

### *School Operations*

As we are in Stage 3 Restrictions, our school is closed to visitors. Contractors, maintenance workers, staff and students are the only people permitted on School grounds under Department of Education Health and Safety Guidelines. Parents still need to park on Victoria Valley Road and contact the office on 5577 2384 if you wish to pick your children up early or collect or drop off any items to the school. School buses are still running for families who require it.

### *Permanent Modular Building*

We may see some action starting on the demolition of our current hall and works beginning in the Term 3 holidays, as the new Permanent Modular Building arrives. At this stage, school grounds will be off limits to all personnel for a time period of the holidays, especially during demolition stages. We look forward to sharing the progress as the project unfolds.

Thank you, Dee-Anne Gerring

## SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillors have been invited to attend a Governance Training session via a virtual (live) state-wide Regional event on Tuesday 25 August 2020, commencing at 6.30pm (response is required through the Synergistic invitation email).

**The next School Council Meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday 8 September 2020** (due to a clash with Governance Training) commencing at 7.30pm via Webex (log-in details will be forwarded to councillors).

## REMOTE LEARNING

Whilst there are many different computer programs being put to use at the moment, Dunkeld Consolidated School has been able to extend the use of Seesaw by teachers and students. As an app that was already in use at the school, our teachers have become more proficient in its use and are setting varied tasks for completion. There are set tasks that must be completed every school day and also a little bit extra for those who wish to extend themselves further. There is an amazing amount of work being produced everyday.

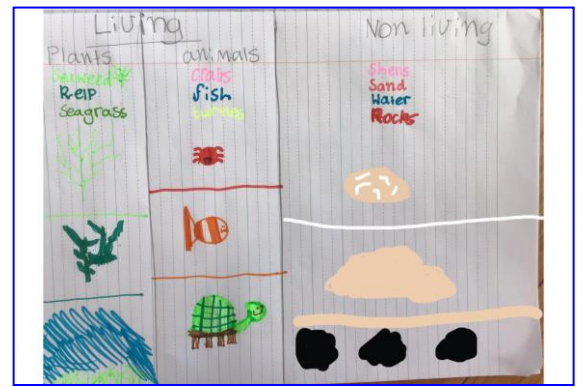
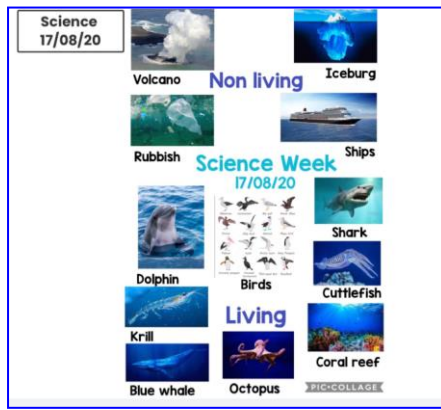
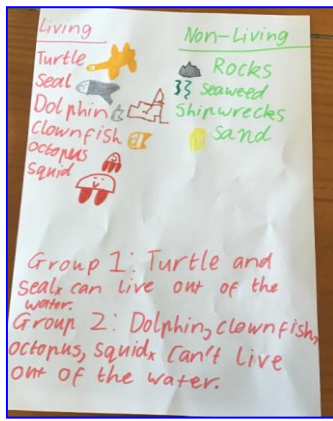


Remote Learning week 1
During my first week of Remote Learning take 2, I've been getting used to all the home learning activities again. Doing WebEx every morning at 9am apart from Wednesday's, keeping on track with my school work and staying active too. I'm also doing work with my friends over FaceTime which is really convenient when you're struggling. I found it a lot easier to adjust as I have done this home learning before.
I also want to put out a HUGE thanks to the teachers for setting this Remote Learning up you guys are legends and I hope everyone stays safe!

*Jemima Ross, Year 5/6 Class Captain*



*Grade 1/2 - a fun place to read. Henrietta with her lamb - who would have thought! and the Amazing Maze created by George Heazlewood after reading the book.*



Grade 3 Science using the theme of Deep Blue as per the current theme for Science Week and some investigative writing about eagles.

### FACTS ABOUT EAGLES.

Eagles are large birds that are predators.

Eagles have brown and white feathers. They have a huge wing span of 2 meters. An eagle has got a sharp beak and talons.

Eagles are found worldwide except New Zealand and Antarctica. An eagle lives in a mature tree in wetland area. They are solitary birds that live on there own.

Eagles are carnivores that eat fish, smaller birds and rodents. They crush their prey with there sharp talons. They need 500g of food per day.

Eagles are dangerous to theirs prey

### Eagles

Eagles are classifed as a type of bird. There are more than 60 different types species of Eagles in the world. They have a lifespan of 20-25 years.

#### SIZE AND APPEARANCE

All Eagles have brown and white feathers and have a wingspan of 2m. They have very sharp beaks and talons.

#### HABITS AND LIFESTYLE

Eagles are found worldwide, but they are not found in Antarctica and New Zealand. They live in mature trees in the wetland areas. Eagles are solitary birds, which means they like to live alone.

#### DIET AND EATING HABITS

Eagles are carnivores, they eat fish, small birds and rodents, like a mouse. Eagles crush their prey with their sharp talons. Eagles need around 500g of food a day to survive.

Eagles are brown and white birds found worldwide except for in Antarctica and New Zealand.

## Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



### From the Kitchen ... by Bev Hampton

On Thursday 13 August SAKG classes continued for the children who are attending school. Thank you, Clare, for your expertise in planning our weekly classes.

We were very lucky that Lisa came to school early and lit the fire in the garden's fire pit so we could cook our potatoes. The children wrapped foil around their potatoes and then we went out and put them in the coals.

Whilst out in the garden the children were asked to harvest things that they could use to make coleslaw. Lots of green things were chosen including parsley, pak choy, celery, spring onions and herbs. Back to the kitchen and with the help of Mrs Fitzpatrick everything got washed and chopped to produce a delicious coleslaw. For lunch we had our potatoes in foil with butter, coleslaw, sour cream and cheese.





The orchard has lots of citrus at the moment so we were also able to make orange cakes, use lemon juice in the coleslaw vinaigrette and in our drinks.

The children enjoyed the drinks the previous week so we decided to make them again, they chose ingredients from lemon, ginger and honey and put in their own cup with water out of the billy that Lisa had warmed up over the coals. Well done again children, looking forward to next week. *Bev Hampton*

### From the Garden ... by Lisa McIntyre

I hope all is going well for everyone, working at school from home? I wonder how your seeds are going. Were you able to identify any of them? To help you, the packets included some of these seeds: coriander, lettuce, nasturtium, snapdragon, tomato, gerbera, snow pea, sugar snap pea, zinnia, radish, lemon grass and stevia. I wonder what will germinate first? Please remember to keep your pots moist, but not really, really wet (as the seeds may rot). Warmth and water is what they love!



Have you been going outside, finding North, breathing deeply six times, and working out the wind direction? I have started doing that too, and then I have written down what I heard during the following two minutes. It is amazing what you can hear, and even after just a few days how you can start to tell apart the different bird calls, and even the different dog barks! (I can now tell if it's Maggie or Tom barking). It is like your ears are being trained, and every day they get a little bit stronger! So now, when I fill out my sheet, rather than just writing that I heard birds, I write that I heard a magpie warbling (one of my most favourite sounds!), a blue wren singing, and sparrow's wings flapping.

I can't wait to see what you've heard! *Lisa McIntyre*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION FOR 2020



### Principal's Day on Friday 14 August

**Check out our School Facebook page ...** on Friday 14 August, we celebrated Principal's Day and we wished our very special Principal, Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring, a "Happy Principal's Day", from all the staff, students and parents of the Dunkeld Consolidated School ... we truly appreciate all that you do for us and our school. A group of on-site students, on behalf of all the students, presented Mrs Gerring with a posy of flowers and a performed a celebratory dance.



### Free Webinar with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg - Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era

On Tuesday 25 August, the Department of Education and Training is presenting a free webinar for parents and carers by renowned child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, on building family resilience during coronavirus (COVID-19). Parents and carers play a vital role in helping children feel safe through uncertain times.

Dr Carr-Gregg's webinar is aptly named *Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era*.

In this webinar, Dr Carr-Gregg provides tools and strategies for parents and carers to help manage the lockdown and remote learning.

Topics include:

- your supportive role
- setting the emotional tone
- focusing on what you can control
- how to deal with disappointment
- further resources and where to get help

Dr Carr-Gregg's presentation will run for 45 minutes. This will be followed by a 15-minute question-and-answer session in which parents and carers can ask Dr Carr-Gregg questions.



#### Webinar details:

- **When:** Tuesday 25 August 2020
- **Time:** 7:30pm
- **Duration:** 45-minute presentation followed by 15-minute questions and answers session
- **Format:** online via WebEx
- **Cost:** Free

#### How to register:

To register and for more information visit the Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families in the coronavirus era eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/managing-the-coronacoaster-tips-for-building-resilient-families-registration-116837404823>