

Newsletter No. 12 – Wednesday 4 August 2021

AUGUST 2021

- Thursday 5 MARC Library.
- Friday 6 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 4 and Year 5 students in the Kitchen.
- Friday 13 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 6 students in the Kitchen.
Hockey 7's competition at Pedrina Park, Hamilton.
- Monday 16 National Science Week. This year's theme is Food - *Different by Design, celebrating and exploring the role science in food production and sustainable agriculture* (Monday 16 to Sunday 22 August).
- Thursday 19 MARC Library.
- Friday 20 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 4 and Year 5 students in the Kitchen.
Greater Western Region Hockey 7's competition at Dimboola.
- Monday 23 Book Week - Theme: *Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds* (Monday 23 to Friday 27 August).
- Tuesday 24 School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm.
- Thursday 26 MARC Library.
- Friday 27 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 6 students in the Kitchen.

SEPTEMBER 2021

- Friday 3 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 4 and Year 5 students in the Kitchen.
Red Cross Pillowcase Project with the Year 2/3 students.
- Monday 6 eSmart Week (Monday 6 to Sunday 12 September).
- Tuesday 7 Policy Sub-Committee Meeting at 5.15pm and Fundraising Working Party Meeting at 6.15pm.
- Thursday 9 Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp.
MARC Library.
- Friday 10 Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 6 students in the Kitchen.
- Friday 17 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 4 and Year 5 students in the Kitchen.
LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.

FROM Mrs Angela Field, Acting Principal...

What an interesting three weeks I have had in my new role. Needless to say, I am slightly overwhelmed with my screen time, with various online meetings with regional staff and other school leaders, remote learning 5.0, professional learning via Webex, and professional reading aplenty. This was a further reminder of the incredible role Dee has played in the last two years at Dunkeld Consolidated School. In many of my online catchups, people always ask who you are and where you are from and when I say Dunkeld, there is always a comment about our beautiful location, again, a reminder to appreciate our location.

Principals' Conference

On Tuesday I attended the first day of the Education State Principals' Conference (virtually). I thoroughly enjoyed part one of the conference, listening to Professor John Hattie (University of Melbourne), Kristen Douglas (National Manager Headspace), and Dr David Howes (Deputy Secretary School and Regional Services DET), where we were reminded that during our five lockdowns and remote learning programs – 'learning did not stop'. Furthermore, an awareness of the role schools can play with student emotional health and wellbeing was evidenced and the capacity to develop resilience and self-management amongst our students and wider school community, was highlighted. I look forward to part two of the conference on 3 September 2021.

Olympics

With our classrooms incorporating the Olympics into their learning, it is wonderful to see the enthusiasm from our students as they watch, discover, and celebrate the amazing achievements of this year's Olympic team. With the Paralympics to follow soon, students will have the opportunity to learn about the challenges and resilience of our Paralympians, and we also will be following Blake Cochrane (Mrs Nicholson's nephew) as he competes in swimming events in his fourth games. With two Gold and two Silver from three Paralympic Games, two world titles, three minor World Championships medals, and four from the Commonwealth Games, Blake is one of the Australian Para-swimming team's most decorated athletes.

Curriculum

Staff recently attended an online professional development session, outlining the expectations of Respectful Relationships at our school. In 2016 Respectful Relationships education became a core component of the Victorian curriculum. As we are in the early phases of delivering the program, our wellbeing coordinators along with myself, will attend further professional learning on Wednesday 11 August, focusing on a scope and sequence for our school, aligning the curriculum resources with our Health and Physical Education programs, and the Personal and Social Capability curriculum. Respectful Relationships is an initiative to support schools and early childhood education settings to promote and model respect and equality. It also supports educators to teach our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.

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.

SAKG

Our Kitchen Garden is up and running again, although no Friends are able to be on-site at this stage. Hopefully, we will hear of some eased restrictions next week, with some changes to our Operational Guidelines - watch this space!

Thank You

Our new basketball tower has been installed in the undercover area, with many thanks to Andrew Huf, and volunteers Mark Lazzari and Paul Mibus for completing this job, ensuring our basketballers can continue to play.

Have a wonderful week.

Angela Field, Acting Principal

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

For Wednesday 4 August 2021

Academic Honour: Year 6: Drew Hassett, Year 5: Ava Balkin, Year 2: Matilda Pattullo, Prep: James Cochran.

School Values Honour: Year 6: Michaela Rappaport, Year 5: Phoebe Lazzari, Year 2: Chloe Skermer, Year 1: Jackson O'Keeffe.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

PREP AND YEAR 1

Last week on our first day back at school we had the Potato Olympics. First, we had to make our athlete out of a potato. Here are some:



Secondly, we had to name it, give it an age and a sport that it liked to do. We then invited our buddies in to help us do Potato diving, gymnastics and long distance rolling! It was great fun and we loved it.

Paralympics 2020

Prep and Year 1 are celebrating the Paralympics and are wearing an assortment of tops and caps, worn by Blake Cochran. Blake is a swimmer in the SB7 classification and has successfully represented Australia in three previous Paralympic Games where he won two gold and two silver medals. In 2014 he was awarded an Order of Australia Medal. Our Prep and Year 1 are sending emails to Blake.



YEAR 2 AND YEAR 3

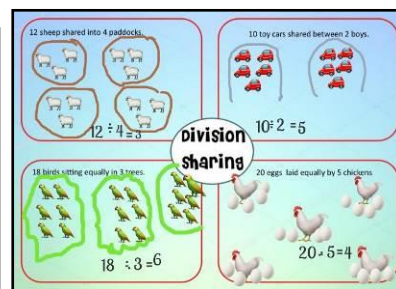
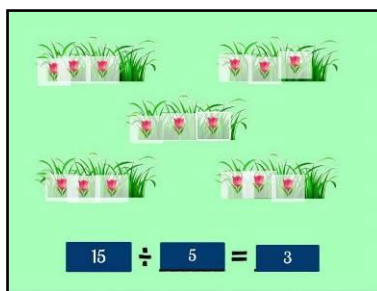
Home Learning 5.0 from Year 2/3

We completed many activities during home learning in the Grade 2/3 online classroom. We looked at heat in Science, the Olympics in writing and PE and then in Maths we worked on number skills and division practise. Have a look at some of our activities we completed at home:

Grace's M & M Science experiment.



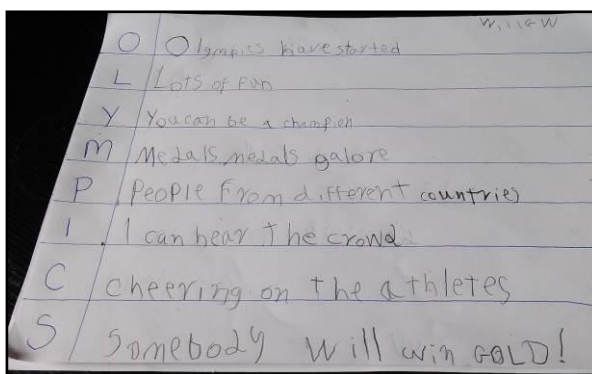
Isla Oldfield Mann and Will Beveridge used the strategy 'equal groups' to figure out their division sums:



Scan here to watch Zach Lance's interactive science experiment:



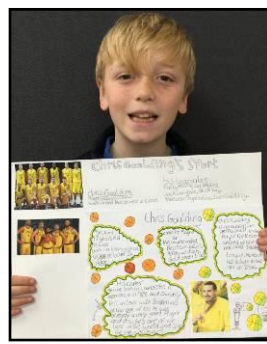
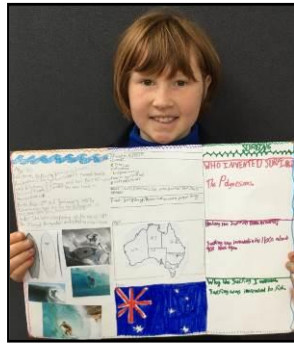
Will Griffin-Wilson's acrostic poem about the Olympics:



Nate Elliott's creative brochure about Tokyo:



YEAR 4 OLYMPIC PROJECTS



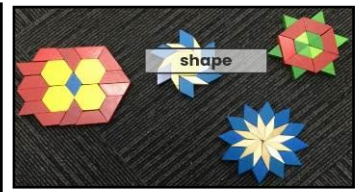
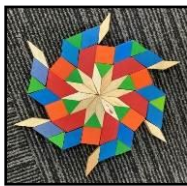
Olympic Projects

The Year 4 to 6 students had an Olympic Theme while Remote Learning. One of their activities was to study an athlete competing at the Tokyo Olympics, the country the athlete is from and the sport they are competing in. These are some of the completed projects.

YEAR 4 AND YEAR 5 STUDYING SHAPES

Studying Shape

The Year 4/5 students have been studying shape in Maths this week. We have been studying shapes within shapes and then made some creations, counting sides, corners and angles.



PICASSO COWS PROGRAM - YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 PROJECT

Piccaninny: The Cow

The Year 5 and Year 6 Inquiry class were given a fibreglass cow from Dairy Australia. We are doing a program that is called Paddock to Plate. It involves researching all our information about dairy to put on Piccaninny. Our cow was named Piccaninny and she is a plain white cow, at the moment. We are going to put all of our learning onto her in a creative way. Dairy Australia will be judging each school's cow. The winners receive a cash prize. We had to choose a name that would suit our cow and represent Dunkeld.

By Libby Herrmann and Mitch Gordon



30 JULY 2021 - FUN FRIDAY REPORT



Darcy Potter: Hockey and Tennis were really terrific and it stood up to its name (Fun Friday).

Charlotte Alderman: Fun Friday was very exciting and energetic.

Audrey Black: Fun Friday was great fun and exciting.

Grace Macgugan: I really enjoyed Fun Friday, especially crab soccer.

Athena Manolas: Fun Friday was really exciting and fun. I liked that you got to wear a touch of a colour.

Xavier Macgugan: I really enjoyed Fun Friday because you got to do two activities and they were both sports.

Next week we will do the other two activities and you will wear the same colour.

By Zander Mibus and Hugh Prentice



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL – BASKETBALL GOAL RING

On Friday 30 July, Oscar, Zander, Sebastian, Louis, Maxi, Jake and Mitchell, all helped set up the new basketball ring with Mark Lazzari and Paul Mibus. We thank Andrew Huf for setting down the concrete. The new basketball ring is in the school's undercover sports area. It should last for years to come. The new basketball ring is Goalrilla goal ring. We hope that all the students are very excited that there is a new basketball ring. By Louis Lazzari and Cadence Huf, Wannan House Sports Captains.

We are so fortunate that our Dunkeld Consolidated School Council funded this basketball tower and ring for our students. Thank you to all involved.



Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains ...



Kitchen Report:

Last Friday the Year 6 students were cooking up a storm in the kitchen. In cooking we had a competition about who could make the best Lasagne, Garlic Bread and Salad. We were split in to four groups. After a while the room started to smell amazing. When every group had finished, we had a very special guest and that was Mrs Nicholson. She came in to taste all the group's dishes and scored them from 0 – 5. After Mrs Nicholson left, we enjoyed our meal and added up our scores. The two teams that won the gold medals were, the Boomers and the Stingers. Our four teams (Stingers, Matildas, Boomers and Kookaburras) were all rewarded with chocolate. It was one of the most enjoyable cooking lessons we have ever had. *By Max Graham and Jake Linskens*



Garden Report:

On Friday 30 July the Year 4/5 class were in the garden creating compost and planting seedlings however the lesson outside was cut short because it started raining. They were planning to build potato towers, but we went inside and made new garden groups instead. The Year 2/3 class were busy getting garden beds ready to plant raspberries in. They weeded the soil and ploughed it up ready for some plants to fill the space. The Prep/Year 1 students were creating signs to label plants. They used wooden pegs and old ice-cream container lids to write on them with permanent marker and cut a point on the bottom of them to stick them in the ground. Every class had an awesome time and got heaps of work done. *By Isabella Jury and Oscar Fanning*

School Council Update

- The next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 August 2021 commencing at 7.30pm in the school staff room.
- Mrs Holly Herrmann has been co-opted to fill a casual parent vacancy on School Council.
- A new basketball ring and tower has been purchased and installed in the school's undercover sports area.
- Policy Sub-Committee and Fundraising Working Party meetings will be held this month.
- Facilities Sub-Committee are exploring options and costs for a possible pick up/drop off area at the school.
- Table drain/road shoulder on Victoria Valley Road (which falls under the Southern Grampians Shire Council's responsibility) will be kept on the Agenda.

- REMINDERS -

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, parents and visitors must continue to follow face mask advice and check in using the QR code (for contact tracing) and the Visitors Book (for school purposes) at the office, when entering school grounds.

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.