



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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AUGUST 2022

- Wednesday 17 Kinder to Prep Transition Program - Dunkeld Kindergarten students and staff will visit the school for a tour, story and fruit before departing for Bush Kinder.
- Thursday 18 MARC Library.
- Friday 19 Prep to Year 2 Inquiry Excursion to the Halls Gap Zoo.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 4/5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen. There will be no School Assembly held today.
Year 3 to 6 students will be participating in Science activities.
- Monday 22 Book Week theme: *Dreaming with eyes open ...* (Saturday 20 to Friday 26 August).
- Tuesday 23 Play Is The Way PD in Melbourne.
- Wednesday 24 **Book Week Parade and Activity Day.**
Kinder to Prep Transition Program - four-year-old Kinder children will participate in the parade and their parents will join us in the hall.
- Thursday 25 MARC Library.
- Friday 26 Daffodil Day – students and staff are encouraged to wear a 'touch of yellow' and bring a gold coin donation for the Cancer Council.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 5/6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen. Leading Senior Constable Roger McClure, Victoria Police, will conduct a presentation for whole school.
School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the staffroom.
- Tuesday 30 School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the staffroom.
- Wednesday 31 *Rock-it* performance at 10.00am in the hall for the whole school.
Four-year-old Kindergarten students have been invited to attend as part of the Kinder to Prep Transition Program.

SEPTEMBER 2022

- Thursday 1 Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp.
MARC Library.
- Friday 2 Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp.
Special Assembly commencing at 2.40pm in the school hall.
- Monday 5 National eSmart Week runs from (Monday 5 through to Sunday 11 September).
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 4/5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Thursday 8 MARC Library.
Hockey 7s State Finals in Melbourne.
- Friday 9 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 5/6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
FUN Friday.
- Tuesday 13 Footy/Sports Team Colours Day – students are encouraged to wear their favourite team colours. Jumpers, hats, scarves, socks or ribbons etc may be worn.
FREE Sausage Sizzle - lunch provided by the Dunkeld and District Lions Club members.
NO SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS TODAY.
Free AFL clinics for Year 4/5 and Year 5/6 students.
- Wednesday 14 Kinder to Prep Transition Program. Kinder children to visit at 12.30pm and enjoy a play and lunch with the Prep and Year 1 students.
- Thursday 15 Prep/Year 1 Sleepover at school.
MARC Library.
- Friday 16 Prep/Year 1 students will participate in special activities at school as part of their Sleepover.
Special Assembly commencing at 9.00am in the school hall.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 4/5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.
School buses will run one hour earlier in the afternoon.

FROM Mrs Angela Field, Acting Principal...

Teaching and Learning

With Book Week not far away, staff have been busy working on their character costumes for the parade at 9.00am on Wednesday 24 August. Multi-age groups will rotate through activities based around the short-listed books from 10.00am.

Wellbeing

Our weekly wellbeing lessons across the school have focused on respect as part of the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) program to be implemented by all DET schools. Our Wellbeing Team of Sarah Gordon, Naomie Phillips and myself are meeting soon to plan our scope and sequence, incorporating all our wellbeing programs used at school; Play is the Way, The Resilience Project and RRRR.

Communication

Thank you to the families that have completed the survey regarding our use of communication tools at Dunkeld Consolidated School, that was sent out on Seesaw. This information is guiding our review of communication tools used and how we can streamline this for the future. Our School Review at the beginning of 2020, and our Annual Implementation Plans have prioritised this as an area of focus for our school. As a school we have signed up for Seesaw for Schools which gives administration options for staff, including office staff being able to send and receive messages. As we learn more about the use of Seesaw for Schools, we will detail the features available for parents to use. I will share the outcome of our Communication Tools Survey in the coming weeks. We encourage our families to utilise the Seesaw app.

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

The survey is now open with families contacted with the details sent out via email on Tuesday 16 August, to complete the survey. Schools must participate in the Department's annual parent/caregiver/guardian opinion survey to generate data for School Performance Reporting and standardised reporting to the school community. Please take the time to complete the survey as this provides the school with valuable feedback to inform how we are going.

Camps

I have been so pleased to hear the positive feedback from students about our camps that have been held so far. The Year 2 Camp is in week 8 which is not too far away. Miss Sarah Gordon and Ms Helen Trahar will be attending the camp at Grampians Retreat.

Drop-off and Pick-up zone

Just a little reminder that in our current drop-off zone on Victoria Valley Road, before school, once children have exited the car clear the space for the next cars to complete drop-off. If you need to come into the school grounds/office, please feel free to park your car in the school carpark. A further reminder to complete the U-turn at the large oval gateway. Thanks for your cooperation.

Student Voice and School Captains

Our leaders are meeting with me more regularly to discuss and plan ideas for our school. Recently we implemented rosters for the undercover area during break times, and we are reviewing ideas for the shelter shed space.

Uniform

Quite a few students are arriving at school in shorts and polo shirts and then wanting to be near the heaters. Just a friendly reminder to encourage our students to wear our winter uniform. Some items have been misplaced recently, please make sure all items are named clearly.

Transition

Our Kinder to Prep Transition Program has commenced this week with the children visiting us on Wednesday 17 August, on the way to Bush Kinder. The Prep children and Mrs Gilbert gave them a tour of our school. We are also looking forward to seeing the four-year-old Kinder children next Wednesday 24 August, for the Book Week character parade.



Friday 9 December 2022 – School Bush Dance – more information to come!

Thank you,

Ange Field, Acting Principal



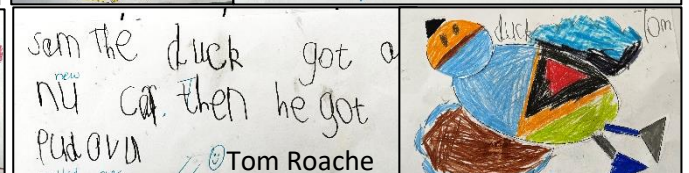
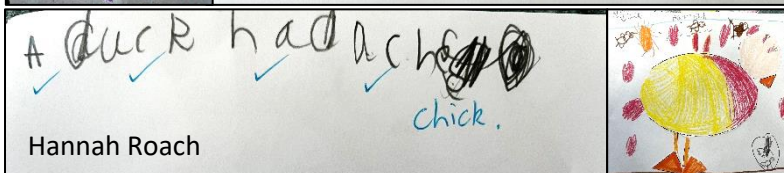
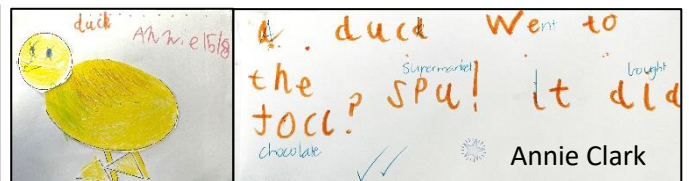
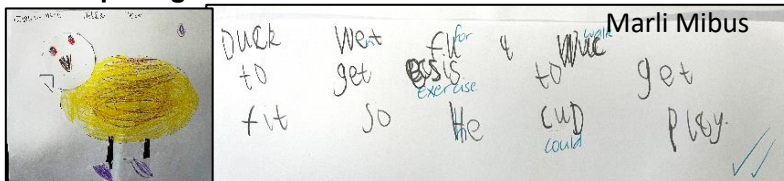
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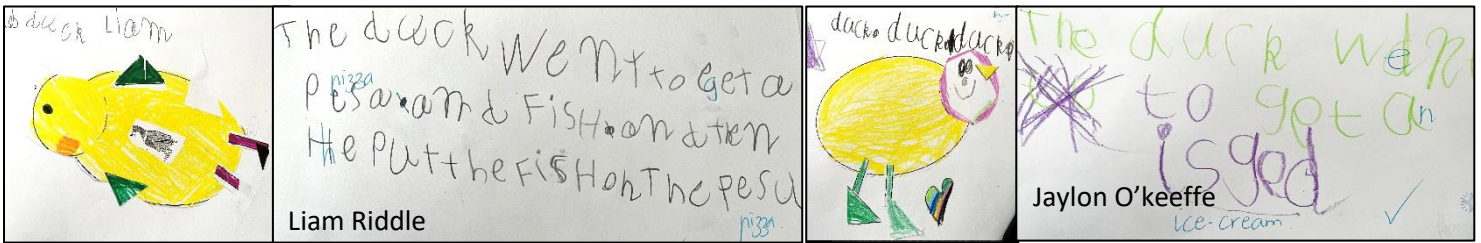
Prep/Year 1

Last week the Prep class did an investigation in our science-based Inquiry lesson to see how cut flowers get water. First, we got three plastic cups and put water into two of them. Mrs Gilbert put red food dye into one of the cups to make the water red. Then we went out into the garden and cut three white flowers and put one cut flower into each cup. We predicted that the flower in the red water would change colour and that the flower with no water would die. The next day we checked the flowers. Our predictions were correct! Look at the photo – the flower in red water started changing colour and the one with no water started to die. We concluded that water moves up the stem of the flower and into the petals.



Smart spelling 'ck' sound





Smart Spelling – This term Year 1 students have been working on Spelling grids, alphabetical order and finding the small words in their spelling words.

Spelling grid.		How many vowels?	How many consonants?
Write the word. Say the word.	Ruby Mibus		
wheel	wh eel	3	5
why	wh y	2	3
what	wh a t	3	4
whatsoever	wh a t e v e r	6	10
when	wh e n	3	4
white	wh i t e	4	5
while	wh i l e	4	5
wheat	wh e a t	3	5

Tuesday - Write words in colour.		Wednesday - find and write the small words in your coloured words.
cow	no	Sailor Grimmer
now	to	own
how	go	own
howl	owl	own
crow	ow	own
Thursday - Write your words in alphabetical order.	ow owl how howl now town	

Tuesday - Write words in colour.		Wednesday - find and write the small words in your coloured words.
wheel	eel	hell
why	had	at
what	has	what over at
whatsoever	has	what over at
when	has	he
white	it	hit
while	rat	or a hear at
where	rat	or a hear at
Thursday - Write your words in alphabetical order.		Edwin White

Year 2/3 Maths and Inquiry

Maths

Chloe Skermer: In Maths we made pizza fractions I put 1/8 tomatoes, 2/8 mushrooms 1/8 pineapple and 4/8 salami. I learnt how to do fractions.

Digby Heazlewood: It was hard to make a fraction pizza because you got to choose what you had to put on it. But it couldn't all be the same, you had to use different fractions on each ingredient. I did 5/8 for tomato, 8/8 pineapple because I love it. 3/8 salami because it is only okay and 2/8 mushrooms because I don't eat mushrooms much.

Sybil Patterson: We made fraction pizzas; it was hard. I put 4/8 tomato, 3/8 capsicum because I don't like it much, 2/8 pineapple because I like it and lastly, I put on 4/8 mushrooms.

George Heazlewood: My pizza looked yummy. We made fraction pizzas. It was easy and fun. I only put on 1/8 mushrooms because mushrooms are yuk, Salami is the best, but I only put 2/8 pieces and pineapple which I don't like either.

Grace Macgugan: I made a pizza. I cut it into eighths. 1/8 had mushrooms because I don't like them. 6/8 had capsicum and I like it. 3/8 had salami and lastly pineapple had 2/8 and I like pineapple.



Inquiry



In Inquiry the Year 1 and 2 students are learning about Mini Beasts and their habitats. We each searched the garden for the perfect snail. We had large, small and tiny ones. We placed them on a black piece of paper to watch the slime they produce to keep them moist and alive. Some did 'circle work' and some slithered around in a number, one made a number 6. We then got a magnifying glass and we looked at our own snails identifying each of its body parts. It was a great fun activity, and the squeals of excitement could be heard throughout the school as snails slid off the page and did all sorts of funny things. The Mini Beasts unit has been a great success and we can't wait to enjoy the Halls Gap Zoo this Friday. Be prepared for the next newsletter where we will share more!

FUN Friday Report

WHERE'S WALLY?

On Friday 12 August we had Fun Friday. It was extraordinary how all the students worked together. Thank you, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Field and Genevieve, for helping set up Fun Friday and putting up the Where's Wally posters. Hope everybody had an enjoyable time finding all the Where's Wally characters as it was a great success.



Jack: It was an adventure because we got to explore the whole school finding Wally.

Darcy: I thought that Fun Friday was cool because it made us work together and it was just overall a very Fun Friday.

Zoe: Fun Friday was good because it was an adventure and the Wally's were hard to find.

By Student Voice - Ava Balkin, Heidi Burger, Sean Bird and Darcy Potter.

School Assembly on Friday 5 August 2022

Class Captain reports were presented by Phoebe Lazzari Year 5/6, Isla Oldfield Mann Year 4/5, Grace Macgugan Year 2/3 and Sailor Grimmer Prep/Year 1.

Sports Captain, Phoebe Lazzari, reported on the Hockey 7's competition.

Student Voice reported on Fun Fridays and all the activities that the students had participated in.

Honour Certificates were presented at the Assembly.

By Charlotte Alderman and Ben Peters, School Captains.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Prep/Year 1: Liam Riddle and Spencer Cant-McKindlay.

Year 2/3: Xavier Macgugan, Audrey Black, George Lomas, Annie Jackson and Matilda Pattullo.

Year 4/5: Isla Oldfield Mann and Nate Elliott.

Year 5/6: Lachie Oldfield Mann and Charlotte Alderman.

Look what's back!



What a wonderful sight, our small oval has its football goal posts back.

Thank you to Richard McShane, Mark Lazzari and Andrew Macgugan for kindly installing them. Your work is appreciated by staff and students.

MISSING

Elodie Cochran's Dunkeld Consolidated School Jumper size 10.

Name on Tag - Elodie or Cochran. Appreciate if you could please check your jumpers or school bags.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains

- Charlie Linke and Ella Peters

From the Kitchen...

On Friday 12 August the Year 5/6 students were cooking up a storm in the kitchen. They cooked Chilli 'non' Carne, they had to harvest coriander and celery from our garden. Another group cooked some Egg Baskets and they harvested parsley and chives to go with the eggs. The third group made Wheat Tortillas while the last group made Guacamole and they harvested spring onions for it.



From the Garden...



The Year 4/5 students did their gardening videos, some of the ideas were making tea, gardening beds and trimming trees. The Prep/Year 1 students went looking for ants, lady bugs, snails, slugs and beetles to magnify. Poppy said she, "found it interesting because they were cute". Marli said that "it was cool to see them up close". The Year 2 and 3 students washed out pots for Father's Day and will plant watermelon seeds in them!



LET'S GET RECYCLING

Our school is teaming up with Wonder Recycling Rewards to help reduce soft plastic waste in our environment. By collecting and recycling our soft plastic waste at school, we can protect our environment, oceans and wildlife – and earn new sports equipment for our school.



There are three simple steps to helping our school keep soft plastic waste out of the environment:

- SCRUNCH – Do the Scrunch Test! If it's plastic and you can scrunch it into a ball, it's soft plastic and we can recycle it!
- COLLECT – Drop your soft plastic waste into the Wonder Recycling Rewards Collection Boxes at our school.
- PLAY – Earn Wonder Recycling Rewards points to receive new sports equipment for our school.

YES PLEASE - Wonder bread bags (and all other bread bags too).

NO THANKS – plastic bottles, plastic containers, glass, paper, cardboard, tin cans, food waste.

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.

