

Newsletter No. 13 – Wednesday 18 August 2021

AUGUST 2021

- Wednesday 18 Special Assembly. Parents are unable to attend due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Thursday 19 MARC Library.
- Friday 20 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 6 students in the Kitchen. No Friends are required.
- 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.
- Wednesday 25 Book Week Parade – students to come dressed as a book character and bring along a copy of their book (if they have a copy). Parents and Kindergarten students will be unable to attend this year's Book Week Parade due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Thursday 26 Primary Schools Golf Tournament at Parklands Golf Club, Hamilton.
- Friday 27 MARC Library.
- Friday 27 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 4 and 5 students in the Kitchen. No Friends are required.

SEPTEMBER 2021

- Wednesday 1 Special Assembly.
 - Friday 3 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 6 students in the Kitchen. No Friends are required
 - 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.
 - Friday 10 MARC Library.
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 - Friday 17 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 4 and 5 students in the Kitchen. No Friends are required.
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- LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.**

FROM Mrs Angela Field, Acting Principal...

Week 6! Not sure where the time has gone, with a crazy, few weeks already. Snap! Lockdown! Snap! No Lockdown! Let's hope this isn't repeated any time soon. So grateful to be in regional Victoria, back at school on-site, with our happy, healthy kids.

Our Resilience Project is proving to be a vital inclusion in our school program, as we continue to build resilience in our students, giving them the skills to cope in such difficult times. At a recent Professional Learning meeting I was given the homework task of drafting a purpose for my role as Acting Principal – this is what I have produced so far - "My educational purpose is to use my passion for wellbeing to assist staff to create a positive educational environment where students become inquisitive and resilient global citizens." An interesting task amongst the attendees with the word wellbeing commonly used – mine is still a 'work in progress'.

Vandalism – You may have heard from the children that we had some vandalism at the school some time between 3:30pm on Sunday and 7:30am Monday morning. One of our picnic tables in our lunch eating area had been destroyed, obviously hit with great force and scattered in the carpark nearest the school. A report to the police has been submitted and they visited the school on Monday to check for any further issues/evidence. At this point in time the offenders are unknown. A gentle reminder that accessing the school grounds after hours is discouraged unless authorised by the school, e.g. basketball training Friday mornings.

Hockey 7's – A big thank you to Lea McArthur and Jen McArthur for coaching our Hockey 7's team who finished third in last Friday's tournament. It is wonderful to have access to parent helpers in this situation, enabling our students to compete and enjoy their sport. Well done, team!

Drop-Off / Pick-Up – Many thanks to our families for adjusting to the new drop-off and pick-up procedures, ensuring the safety of our students. A little reminder that the northern pedestrian gate is for all Prep/Year 1 students and their siblings for BOTH drop-off and pick-up times. Please ensure that we are not blocking any driveways and that cars move forward, allowing cars to queue behind them with plenty of space. Staff are conscious of dismissal times (second bell at 3:25pm) allowing for students to be gathered promptly with their siblings at the correct gate. At this stage it appears to be working smoothly. We are still awaiting Shire works at the southern pedestrian gate, with the extension of the area to take place alleviating the drain issue.



123 MAGIC – Our behaviour management routine at school is 123 MAGIC (introduced last year) that we have developed and altered to fit our school and classroom needs. It allows our teachers to establish and maintain good discipline habits in their classrooms through easily understood steps to follow. It encourages courteous classroom behaviour and constructive work habits. There is a copy attached to this newsletter for your information, as we have recently discussed the importance of ensuring our high standard of behaviour expectations are communicated with the school community. Students have a clear understanding of the steps in 123 MAGIC and we are seeing positive results across the school.

Book Week is next week (21 to 27 August), with the theme: *Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds*. Teachers will be sharing some of the short-listed books and related activities with the children. We will hold our dress-up parade on Wednesday 25 August, with children encouraged to be creative and dress-up as something related to a book of their choice. Photos and videos will be shared with families via Seesaw.

A tip about Book Week ... remember it is about children celebrating books and encouraging reading, the opportunity to dress as a character or thing from a book, or as an author, is fun, and COVID-19 cannot take our fun away! I survived many years assisting with my children's costumes, my best tip is to start talking about books and ideas now. 😊

Angela Field, Acting Principal

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

For Wednesday 18 August 2021

Academic Honour: Year 6: Jake Linskens; Year 4: Lachie Oldfield Mann, Charles Prentice; Year 2: Digby Heazlewood; Prep: Annabelle Beveridge.

School Values Honour: Year 6: Penny Burger; Year 5: Sean Bird, Charlie Linke; Year 3: Henrietta Patterson; Prep: Lochie Bird.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

PREP AND YEAR 1 STUDENTS CREATE A SHOPPING CENTRE

To conclude our exploration of money, the Prep One class created a shopping Centre with ten shops selling a variety of items. The students advertised their products with catchy names and attractive signs. Each student had a budget of \$6:00 from our class money. They sold their wares, gave change and had to sign in each customer with a unique stamp. What fun we had!



YEAR 6 MUSIC WITH TARA STEPHENS

In Music, with Mrs Tara Stephens, we have been learning how to play songs with a recorder. The notes we have been learning are A, B and G. We have been playing some songs called, The Frog Song and Copy Cat. We have started learning a new song called Step Back Baby.

Also, we have been making rhythms with cups. One of our favourite games is the Dot Game. In the dot game you dance around and when the music stops you try and get on a dot. We have been playing drums while singing some songs. We use plastic buckets and drumsticks, which surprisingly sound great. We have been learning beats like ta ta titi ta. We all love going to music with Tara!

By Drew Hassett, Jack Reynolds and Cadence Huf

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY



Our children celebrated Principals Day on Wednesday 4 August. Our students did wonderful presentations to our previous Acting Principal, Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring and our current Acting Principal, Mrs Angela Field. It was lovely to be able to get together and celebrate.

HONOUR CERTIFICATES



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.

FUN FRIDAY REPORT - 13 AUGUST 2021

This week for Fun Friday the school split into two groups, there was the Prep, Year 1 and 2 group and the second group were the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students. The Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 group were doing board games and there were also some wooden blocks that the students were building towers with.

Here are some of the students' opinions.

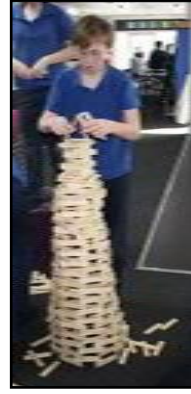
"I thought Fun Friday was good but the thing that stood out to me was the giant Jenga because it was really hard to make it not fall." Lachie Gordon, Year 4.

"Fun Friday was good, there were no arguments. My favourite game was the building blocks." Sean Bird, Year 5.

"It was great I couldn't have enjoyed it anymore." Ava Balkin, Year 5.

"The games were a good selection and mixed well." Charlotte Alderman, Year 5.

By Penny Burger, Seth Welsh and Hugh Prentice



Prep, Year 1 and 2 Fun Friday Report

On Friday 13 August the Prep, Year 1 and 2 students had oodles of fun using Lego, connector sticks and building blocks. There were some amazing creations made with the Lego and Duplo. People made houses, farms and much more. Using the connector sticks students they made a very tall tower that almost touched the ceiling!

Here are some comments the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students made about Fun Friday.

"Grace, Chloe, Annie, Michaela, Poppy, Dempsey and I used straws and made a big building." Matilda Pattullo, Year 2.

"Fun Friday was good." Grace Macgugan, Year 2.

"It was awesome and fun. I built a rainbow using Lego." Michaela Roache, Year 1.

"It was amazing. I made a farm." Jed Russell, Year 1.

"It was so much fun!" Edwin White, Prep.

By Michaela Rappaport and Edie Jackson

2021 BOOK WEEK AND BOOK WEEK PARADE

Each year the Dunkeld Consolidated School participates in Book Week. This year the theme is: *Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds*. The theme may evoke thoughts of ancient times, futuristic realities and alien or fantasy lands.

As part of Book Week we will be conducting a parade for children to dress-up as a book character and bring along their book.

Unfortunately, we are unable to host any parents or Kindergarten students at the parade this year. Book Week activities will take place in students' individual classrooms but students are invited to wear their costume for the whole day on **WEDNESDAY 25 AUGUST 2021**.

Please remember that you are not expected to spend a lot of money on a costume.

*(*N.B. sometimes students costumes are not 'weather friendly'. Please ensure on the day that students have extra clothing to put on after the parade should it be required. Little fairies still look good in jumpers!).*

SPORT

Hockey 7's Competition

On Friday 13 August a group of amazing hockey players (Heidi Burger, Louis Lazzari, Sebastian Aarons, Mia Russell, Phoebe Ross, Claudia Cochran, Max Russell, Darcy Potter, Phoebe Lazzari, Henrietta Patterson) from Dunkeld Consolidated School went to Pedrina Park to play Hockey 7's, which is a game where we use half of the pitch and only seven players. Here are some of the players that we interviewed.

"It was a very amazing day. My favourite thing was seeing the team working so well together." Darcy Potter

"The day was very upbeat; it was a ton of fun and I really enjoyed playing with the



team." Sebastian Aarons

"It was nice when you were subbed off because of the weather. But it was still a great experience." Phoebe Lazzari

"Hockey 7's was amazing, I can't wait for it to come again next year. I really enjoyed playing with my team." Henrietta Patterson

"The whole Hockey 7's experience was exciting. I felt super proud of myself for scoring two goals." Max Russell

"It was great playing with our team, it was terrific to see how skilled everyone was." Louis Lazzari.

Everyone had an awesome time!

By Claudia Cochran, Louise Lazzari, Mia Russell and Sebastian Aarons

Hugh Prentice and Jack Oldfield Mann (absent) were awarded a certificate for participating in the long-distance events on Thursday 15 July 2021 at the Greater Western Region Cross Country Finals at Deakin University, Warrnambool.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains ...

Kitchen Report:



Last Friday the Year 4 and 5 students were cooking up a delight in the kitchen. They harvested lemons, broccolini, rainbow chard, lettuce and parsley from the garden. The Year 5 students prepared the lettuce soup, while the Year 4 students prepared the stir fry beef and broccolini noodles and scrumptious lemon bread.

Freshly cooked sour dough bread was kindly provided for the class to enjoy with the scrumptious lettuce soup. A comment by Ava Balkin, "Cooking was amazing and delicious. I loved working together with the group I was in." Thank you to Clare Kennedy for kindly sharing the Lettuce Soup recipe for all of us to try at home."

By Max Graham and Jake Linskens, SAKG Captains



Garden Report:

The Year 6 students were in the garden on Friday making potato towers out of wire and shade cloth. Oscar Fanning, Penny Burger and Michaela Rappaport were collecting kindling to keep the fire going. 'It was quite enjoyable', reported Penny. We also had some delicious tea, whatever flavour we wanted.

The Year 2/3 class were also gardening. They were very busy making tea and putting sticks around plants to keep the kangaroos away. Jim Herrmann said, "It was great fun." The tea they made was delicious.

The Prep and Year 1 students were busy weeding the garden beds and planting lettuce. They also enjoyed the campfire tea. Bobby Blackwell and Dempsey Gerring both thought it was scrumptious.

By Oscar Fanning and Isabella Jury



ONLINE PARENT OPINION SURVEY

All families in our community have been invited to participate in the online 2021 Parent Opinion Survey. Each year the school conducts the Parent Opinion Survey. Results will be used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement.

We ask that you please take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school.

- The survey will be conducted online and should take 10-15 minutes to complete. The survey can be completed on any internet enabled device (iPad, desktop or laptop, smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers.
- The survey will be open from Monday 19 July to Friday 3 September 2021.

All responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible. Your comments in the final, open-ended question will be provided back to the school.

Log-in details have been forwarded to each family. Please Note: only one parent from each family is invited to complete the survey

ABSENCES - WHY DO I NEED TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IF MY CHILD IS ABSENT?

Schools need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child is not at school. All Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as 'unexplained'.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. **Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day** – missing school puts them behind.

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify their school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

- **Telephone:** the school office on 5577 2384 and advise the staff of your child's name, class, date of absence/s and reason.
- **Email:** the school on dunkeld.cs@edumail.vic.gov.au and provide the office with your child's name, class, absence date/s and reason.
- **Online:** complete the online Absence Form on the school website: <https://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au/page/198>



Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

LOST AND FOUND: School Jumpers and Boots

MISSING: Two school rugby jumpers have been misplaced. Both size 8 and both have surnames written on the tags - Balkin and Heazlewood. Please check that these jumpers have not been placed in your child's school bag by mistake.

UNCLAIMED: One school rugby jumper (unnamed), as new, and one pair of pull-on black school boots size 1, as new. Please contact the school office regarding these unclaimed items.

- 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.

123 MAGIC

1. Verbal warning - “that’s 1”.
2. Verbal warning - “that’s 2” - student moved within the classroom.
3. Verbal warning - “that’s 3” - student is sent to Buddy Class for 15 - 20 minutes to complete work - a note is taken to Buddy Class teacher.
4. If ‘Buddy Class’ doesn’t work, then delayed consequences – recess or lunchtime taken.
5. If any of above doesn’t work, then ‘in-school suspension’.

***Parents to be contacted via student diary if actions 3 to 5 occur.**