



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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

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SEPTEMBER 2020

- Wednesday 2 School Newsletter day.
Indigenous Literacy Day.
- Thursday 3 SAKG Kitchen Garden Class for onsite students.
- Friday 4 Friday's theme: *Unsung Heroes*. Students to dress as essential workers e.g. doctors, nurses, teachers, farmers and others who continue to go to work during the pandemic.
- Monday 7 National eSmart Week 2020.
- Tuesday 8 School Council Meeting via WebEx commencing at 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 9 Dunkeld and District Community Newsletter.
- Thursday 10 R U OK? Day. Dress in yellow.
SAKG Kitchen Garden Class for onsite students.
- Thursday 17 SAKG Kitchen Garden Class for onsite students.
- Friday 18 Footy/Sports Colours Day – dress in your favourite Footy/sports team colours.
LAST DAY OF TERM 3.

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

Remote Learning – Term 3

Time is certainly flying this Term. Staff and students have well and truly settled into Round 2 of Remote Learning and there seems to be a calmer feel this time around. With all the new learning of technology to do last Round, this unfortunately took some focus off the actual learning outcomes for the students. This time however, staff and students have eased into things and we are seeing even greater effort and wonderful pieces of work coming through. Well done to all on conquering what at first, seemed the impossible. Everyone should be incredibly proud of the adversities they have overcome in 2020! Thanks to parent suggestions, we are looking into how we can capture the moments, feelings, achievements and more in the form of time capsule. How amazing it will be to look back on this time, whether it be a student, staff member or parent, and be so proud of what we all achieved in this time.

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.

We have not yet had word on whether we will be at school for the last week of Term 3 or Term 4, but should hopefully know more after Sunday's announcements. We should be prepared for Remote Learning until the holiday break, just in case.

Permanent Modular Building

Plans are in full swing now for the demolition of our hall and the new building to arrive at the beginning of Term 4. There is plenty happening behind the scenes with clearing out all items from the hall, salvaging anything we can and attempting to keep a bit of history from our old hall. I know I have plenty of memories in there from when I was young, as would many others in the years before me. Although it is sad to see our old hall go, the upgraded new space will be a wonderful addition to our school. We look forward to seeing some action taking place over the coming months and keeping you all up to date.

With the demolition due to begin at the beginning of school holidays, please note, the entire school grounds will be off limits to all personnel, due to asbestos removal. This includes staff, cricket club members and any members of the public.

Kinder Transition

After such a successful year of Kinder Transition last year, it has been very disappointing that we can't have our four-year-old children having regular visits to the school in Term 3 or our teachers visiting the Kinder. I will be working with Mrs Debbie over the coming weeks though to start creating some virtual opportunities for our new little people to become familiar with the school environment. Parent information sessions via Webex will also be made available.

We were lucky to have a drive by from the Kinder students on their return from bush kinder last week, which was the highlight of my day. We can't wait to welcome their little faces into school next year.



Thank you, Dee-Anne Gerring

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Four school councillors were able to participate in the online Governance Training session hosted by Synergistiq on Tuesday 25 August 2020, which clarified roles and responsibilities of council members, drawing on case studies and examples of other schools' best practice and providing the foundation for a strong, cohesive school council team.

The next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 September 2020 commencing at 7.30pm via Webex.

REMOTE LEARNING

School Captains

The Covid 19 Pandemic means different things to different people. It affects us all in different ways and changes the way we thought things might happen for the year. For our Grade 6 School Captains the opportunity to represent the school at public events or even conduct a school assembly has been greatly limited. Even so, our School Captains' Georgia Adams and Hayden Phillips have been putting a lovely Monday morning message to our students. If you have the time please take a look and have a go at answering Hayden's riddle.

Georgia: https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared_item?item_id=item.f13d4bcb-15ba-4793-b3af-46daa662e845&share_token=1SCaHCjbQJGcK4dXJohm-Q&mode=share

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Hayden: https://app.seesaw.me/pages/shared_item?item_id=item.6fe2d9b2-b499-476a-8b8b-59f86d9c00d1&share_token=bADpDb2gQIWxtNmNDpNcKw&mode=share

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Class Captain Report - Year 4/5 by Libby Herrmann

Hello teachers, parents, boys and girls and welcome to my (written) Class Captain report for class 4/5. As we all know we have been doing school at home so as you can imagine things have been a little different, but that doesn't mean we haven't all been working hard! In reading we are working on expanding our vocabulary, we have also learned to think about and review what we are reading. In writing we have been learning about something called personification. Personification is when you give human qualities to non-human things for example the flowers danced in the wind. We are also creating a class recipe book full of recipes so we can practice our procedural writing and share some yummy cooking ideas! In Maths we have been working on fractions, decimals and percentages. Learning at home has had some challenges but there have been many positives too. Thank you for (reading) my (written) Class Captain report.

An act of kindness

I have some spare coloured pencils if anyone would like them please take them for free. From Finn, Year 1/2



Taking my pencils to the post office.

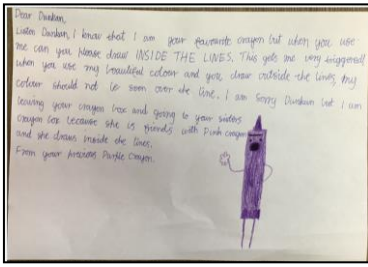


Kindness



I love this idea Finn, fantastic!

A story to make you smile from Maxi Graham based on the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit'

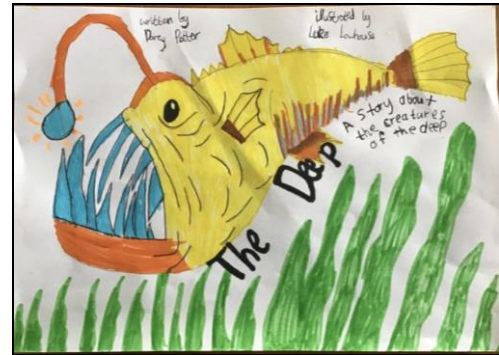


Dear Duncan,
Listen Duncan, I know that I am your favourite crayon but when you use me can you please draw INSIDE THE LINES. This gets me very triggered! When you use my beautiful colour and you draw outside the lines, my colour should not be seen over the line. I am sorry Duncan but I am leaving your crayon box and going to your sister's crayon box because she is friends with Pink Crayon and she draws inside the lines.
From your Previous Purple Crayon

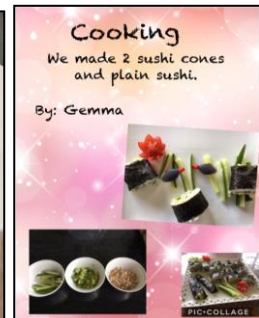


ART / MARC Library
Libby Herrmann, Year 4/5

Science Week Theme -
'Deep Blue'
Darcy Potter, Year 4/5



Specialist Wednesday at Home



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



From the Kitchen ... by Bev Hampton

The last two Thursdays we have battled some pretty crazy weather but have been able to do some more campfire cooking. On Thursday 20 August we made "jaffles". The children had a choice of egg, bacon bits and cheese plus two things that they had harvested from the garden. To go with lunch, we also had a Lemon Sorbet. Two cups of lemon juice were required, so the challenge was for the children to guess how many lemons had to be squeezed to get the two cups. It was a secret guess so no-one else knew what someone else had guessed and Ella was correct with eighteen lemons. Garden specialist Lisa McIntyre had the billy on again and we enjoyed some ginger and lemon drink.

On Thursday 27 August I made a bread dough mix and brought it to school, with the help of two children we turned that into three different loaves, two plaits and a twist loaf. To go with our bread a Vegetable Stoup was bubbling away in the camp oven over the coals. I had sixteen ingredients in the soup, some harvested from the garden some bought from the supermarket. I placed a sample of each ingredient into muffin cases and the

challenge was for the children to identify them. What great knowledge they had; with a couple of hints they were able to identify them all. The billies were on and the children went and harvested what herbs and citrus they were putting into their cups, they set up the tables in the undercover area, with the bread cooked and sliced we all sat down together to enjoy our meal.



From the Garden ... by Lisa McIntyre



Ever wondered *how old* your Red Gum Tree is?

All the students at Dunkeld Consolidated School (from Prep to Grade 6) have just learnt how to work out the age of the red gums we have living all around us, so I thought you may like to know how to do it too?!!

(Important things to know (or remember/recall from school!!!) Circumference is the measurement of the outside of a circle, diameter is the line that runs from one side of the circle to the other - straight through the middle).

The age of many species of trees can be worked out by counting the growth rings after you cut the tree down. But red gum trees don't have growth rings, and anyway, I would hate to cut them down, just to see how old they were! So, over many, many years, much research has been conducted by scientists, foresters and arborists, and they worked out that red gum trees (in Western Victoria) grow about 3.5mm in diameter, every year.

So, if we find out the diameter of the tree, that would help us work out its age. But would finding that out also involve cutting the tree down? There must be another way!!

About **2220 years ago (!)**, Greek Mathematician Archimedes worked out that no matter what size circle you have (its circumference), if you measure a line straight through the middle (its diameter), and then use this equation: "Circumference divided by diameter", you will always get the answer of: 3.142 (also known as "pi").

We need to use this equation to work out the tree's age.

Trees are generally measured at 1.3 metres above the ground (also referred to as "Breast Height").

Run a tape measure around the circumference (the outside) of your tree, 1.3 metres above the ground. Take that measurement in millimetres (mm).

Using the example of the tree the children measured - (the circumference was 4400mm), follow this equation:

Circumference (mm) divided by pi = diameter

4400 divided by 3.142 = 1400.3819

We have now found out the tree's diameter - 1400.3819mm.

All we need to do now is this last equation:

Diameter divided by 3.5mm (which is the distance in diameter, the tree grows every year)

1400.3819 divided by 3.5 = 400.10914

That is - this tree is 400 years old!

ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION FOR 2020

RUOK?

Thursday 10 September 2020 is RUOK? Day. It is a national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, "Are you ok?" 2020 has been a challenging year and it has never been more important to ensure that those around you, family, friends, and acquaintances are ok.

TRIPLE P POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

Please see the attached flyers in relation to this program which is offered for free online by Triple P and the State Government. The program assists with the setting of goals, creating better relationships, calmly dealing with conflict and more. The program is available for parents of both children and teenagers.



TRIPLE P ONLINE

Help your kids cope with challenges

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VICTORIA!

Now with extra module: Parenting during Covid-19

Support your child's emotional wellbeing (and improve yours, too!)

We all face challenges sometimes – and right now, many are facing difficult and uncertain times, with the coronavirus crisis and its ongoing effects. But positive parenting skills and strategies can make a huge difference to your child's development and wellbeing. And that can have a far-reaching impact on their life, and yours.

Why Triple P works

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program is one of the world's best. Backed by more than 330 trials and studies, Triple P gives you proven parenting strategies that will help you develop your child's talents and 'life-skills' – so they can be happy, confident and successful. In the meantime, your home life will be better too: with rules followed, relationships stronger, and parents who are much less stressed!

Now, there's Triple P Online, so you can set your own parenting goals, learning step-by-step whenever you like. It'll help you:

- Cope with the difficulties and emotional stress of COVID-19
- Encourage good behavior
- Prevent tantrums & manage misbehavior
- Take the stress out of shopping
- Manage problems calmly and without yelling
- Get your child to cooperate and follow instructions
- Strengthen your relationship as you teach them new skills

START TODAY – IT'S COMPLETELY FREE!!

Right now, this world-class program is available FREE in Victoria, and you can do it all online.

Find out more: triplep.online/vic

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TEEN TRIPLE P ONLINE

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Why Triple P works

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program can help you be a happier, less stressed parent, even during difficult times. It gives you ways to navigate family life more easily. Backed by hundreds of trials and studies, it's like the instruction manual your teenager didn't come with – and it'll help you encourage them to develop the kind of social, emotional and academic skills they need to succeed in life. That includes coping with, and bouncing back from, stress and uncertainty.

Teen Triple P Online helps you set your own parenting goals, learning step-by-step whenever you like. It'll help you:

- Communicate better
- Build a stronger relationship
- Agree on rules
- Deal calmly with conflict
- Navigate emotional ups and downs
- Equip your teen to handle life's challenges

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