



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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SEPTEMBER 2020

- Wednesday 16 Kinder to Prep Transition program – online story and chat with Dunkeld Kindergarten students via Webex.
- Thursday 17 SAKG Kitchen and Garden Class for onsite students. Please remember to bring a coat and gumboots in case of inclement weather.
- Friday 18 Footy/Sports Colours Day.
Early dismissal at 2.30pm (*NB for those attending onsite).
LAST DAY OF TERM 3.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ENTIRE SCHOOL SITE IS UNABLE TO BE ACCESSED DURING THE HOLIDAYS DUE TO ASBESTOS REMOVAL AND BUILDING WORKS

OCTOBER 2020

- Monday 5 **First day of Term 4 for all students and staff – please remember your HATS!**
- Wednesday 7 Kinder to Prep Transition Program – online story and chat with Dunkeld Kindergarten students via Webex
- Friday 9 Fun Theme Day – further details to be advised.
- Thursday 15 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes commence for Term 4.
- Friday 23 'Thank You Day' Public Holiday.
- Tuesday 27 School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm.

NOVEMBER 2020

- Tuesday 3 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.

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

Remote Learning – Term 3

Congratulations to all our students, staff and parents on making it through, what has been a difficult term again. We are incredibly proud of our students and thankful to our parents for helping them with all their learning. Although we think you have all done a wonderful job at home, we are very ready to have you all back at school and I'm sure you'll all be excited to get back.

I would like to formally recognise and thank our staff who have worked tirelessly throughout this time. Our teachers have had to learn to teach in a completely different way and have continued to make things engaging and as exciting for the students as they possibly could. The workload has been unlike anything they've ever experienced before and they have continued to smile and be positive throughout. What wonderful role models for our students. Our Education Support Staff do not go unrecognised either. Helen and Clare have been busy on and off the computer chatting with and running support lessons, while Angus has been a godsend in helping the students onsite and running many activities. Terrie is always as busy as ever in the office, ably supported by Christy, making sure everything is running smoothly. Thank you!

Back to School – Term 4 – Monday 5 October 2020

We were excited to hear the news that we will be back at school from the second week of Term 4, however recent news overnight looks like we will be beginning the term back at school, which is wonderful news! We are awaiting further direction from the Department of Education and Training on how the first week will look and let parents know as soon as possible.

Term 4 will have a strong focus on the DET priorities of 'Wellbeing and Equity', 'Learning Excellence' and 'Transitions'. Re-engaging students back into the school setting, with a focus on social and emotional learning, 'finding the gaps' from remote learning for each student and working on those, as well as the Transition for our Kinder and Year 6 children will all be extremely important.

School Operations

Again, strict hygiene measures will be in place for Term 4. Staff and students will be kept up to date and reminded of school procedures at all times. We are still unable to have visitors on site, so ask that parents continue to follow the drop off and pick up procedures that we have in place out the front of the school and phone the office for any changes to routine or other needs.

Permanent Modular School Building

The pre-work has begun over the last couple of weeks for the new building to arrive in the first week back of Term 4. It is very exciting

watching it all unfold and it will be a sight, seeing the building arriving by truck. We will be sure to film it coming in and share with the school community. The old hall is now empty and ready for demolition. Thank you to those who have helped in getting it all ready. It is greatly appreciated. It will be sad to see this part of history go, where we all have such fond memories. The new building will be a fantastic and improved new learning space for our students to enjoy however.

Fencing has been erected around the building site and we ask that no cars are entering the school grounds from the Cricket Club gate. **Due to asbestos removal and building works, the entire school site is unable to be accessed during the school holidays. Please do not enter the school grounds during this time, unless otherwise advised by the School. The Grampians Cricket Club will also need to be following strict guidelines for access. Please make your older children aware of this.**

Kinder to Prep Transition Program

Today we held our first Transition session with a much different look. Mrs McShane, Mrs Matthews and I had a Webex meeting with the Kinder children, Mrs Debbie and Mrs Kim. Although we would love to be meeting these eager little people in person, it is great to have some alternatives so we can see one another and they can become familiar with school staff. They demonstrated their confidence by introducing themselves and telling us their age, whether they had any brothers or sisters at school or if they are the oldest in their family and the first to start school. We will hold another Webex session in the first week back of school. Well done to the Kinder children and we can't wait to meet them in person.

Capturing 2020

Our staff have been talking about how we can capture 2020 after what has been a significant year in our students and families lives. We would like to create a time capsule for each student that they take with them, highlighting the experiences of 2020 – the highs, the lows and everything in between. **If students could please bring a shoebox to school on return and we will fill it with memories of the year that has been.** We would also love for parents/grandparents to write a letter to your children/grandchildren talking of the experience from your perspective. This can be added to your children's time capsule when they bring it home. This can then be opened at your family's discretion in years to come and look back on the adversities you all overcome. We will also be compiling some memories that will be kept at school.

Thank you and enjoy the holiday break.

Dee-Anne Gerring

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

At the recent online School Council meeting was held on Tuesday 8 September 2020, the following items of business included:

- Thank you to everyone involved in the school's Firewood Fundraiser.
- Four school councillors participated in a recent online Governance Training session.
- Ministerial authorisation has been received to reduce the minimum number of required School Council meeting for 2020 only, from eight to six meetings.
- Communication Policy, Cash Handling Policy, Electronic Funds Management Policy and DET Sexual Harassment Policy Implementation were approved.
- 2020 School Annual Implementation Plan was tabled and approved. This report has been uploaded to the school website: <https://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au/page/110/Implementation-Plan>
- School Council Induction and Self-Assessment Tool document was tabled.
- All staff, including Teachers, Education Support and Administration, were acknowledged for working tirelessly throughout the Remote Learning period.
- Planning for 2021, including staffing, has commenced.
- Update on the Permanent Modular School Building project including dates for the site preparation, asbestos removal, demolition and arrival of the new building.
- **The whole school site will be out of bounds for the entire school holiday period due to asbestos removal and building works.**
- A funding application has been submitted to the Minor Capital Works Program for an upgraded new school entrance with a drive-through short-term car park for student drop-off and pick-up, including landscaping.

The next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 October 2020 commencing at 7.30pm.

REMOTE LEARNING

School Captains – Monday's Message from Georgia Adams and Hayden Phillips

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Class Captain Report Prep/1 – James Manolas

Reading: In Reading we learnt about volcanoes. We learnt about the earth's plates and magma. After that we learnt about the Great Barrier Reef and how the Torres Strait Islander people and Indigenous people hunt for food in it. After that we learnt about Uluru. Uluru is a big sandstone rock in the Red Centre of Australia. Uluru was still in the Red Centre when the Dinosaurs were here.

Writing: In Writing we learnt about Verbs and Nouns. Verbs are doing words and nouns are naming words. Then we learnt about adjectives. Adjectives are describing words.

We created a brochure. I did my brochure about Naxos in Greece.

We also learnt about the difference between questions and statements.

Maths: In Maths we learnt about money and we learnt about notes and coins. I really enjoyed the "Going to the Fair" activity where we



spent money on things to do at the Fair. We also learnt about capacity, if it's full or not full and measuring in millilitres.

Science: In Science we built a newspaper tower and it was tall enough and strong enough to hold a big ball. Then we made a boat. I used a lot of materials and it could float.

Remote Learning: What I liked about Remote Learning was using PicCollage and posting it on Seesaw. I also liked reading the teacher's comments and I liked doing the Science activities. What I found challenging is not doing my work with my friends. I like Remote Learning, but I like School better.

Grade 3 Class Captain Report – Harry McShane

Hi everyone, this is my first Class Captain Report. Term 3 2020 has been annoying because of the Coronavirus. It is so annoying that we don't get to see our friends. Being in lockdown is really bad because we haven't been able to go on holidays or even go on a day trip to Warrnambool or Halls Gap.

We have been busy with slides from Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Field this term learning about lots of different things.

In Reading we have been using Reading Eggs and Epic books. Reading Eggs is more fun with lots of books to choose from and winning prizes when you get done. We read an information report on Eagles that was in our packs. We learnt a lot about them. In our first few Webex meetings we read with Mrs Gilbert that was fun too.

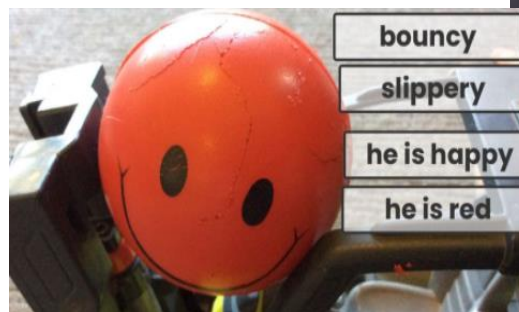
Then we wrote an Information Report on Eagles. Now we are writing a biography which is good fun. I am writing about Anh Do who is a famous author and comedian. Did you know Anh Do was attacked by real pirates, when he was escaping from the War in Vietnam and on a boat to Australia?

In Maths we have been doing time with Mrs Field and with Mrs Gilbert we have done Mathematics and Subtraction work from our booklets. On Tuesdays we do a number facts task, which we are all getting better at.

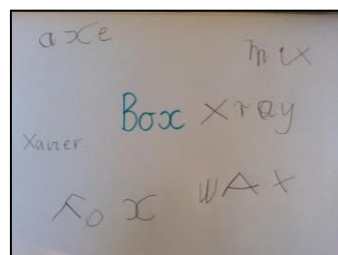
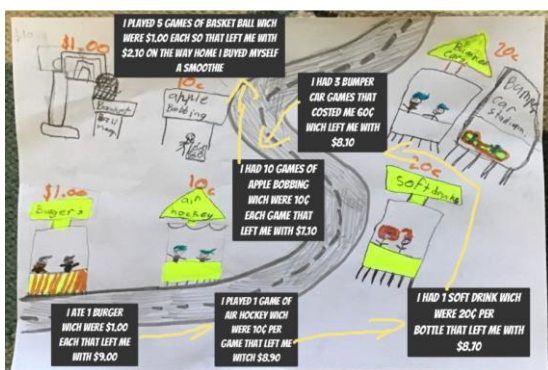
We have enjoyed the School Captains' messages each week and our dress up days too. We enjoyed dressing up as our unsung heroes. I dressed up as a farmer. Thank you for reading my Class Captain report.

Prep /1 Showcase

This week in Remote Learning we have been learning about adjectives. Adjectives are used to describe a noun. Here are some examples of the year 1's work by Minu Sutherland, Taj Parker, Annie Jackson and Archie Cant McKindlay



We have also been learning about money. The year Ones students were assigned a task where they had to pretend to go to a Fair. They had a \$5.00 budget to spend on whatever they like.



Zach Lance at the Fair and George Phillips learning the letter Xx.

In Inquiry Prep and Year 1/2 students have been looking at the 5 R's of recycling. Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle. Students were given the task of repurposing an item around the home that was no longer needed, but instead of throwing it away, they gave it a new and different purpose. Here is Jed Russell's recycled art piece using old magazines/pamphlets, Michaela Roache's recycled paper; it is sensational!; and we also have George Heazlewood's planting in an old wheelbarrow.





P.E with the Herrmann's – Taekwondo

If you feel like a little exercise after sitting working at your desk, please follow along with the Herrmann family and learn a little Taekwondo (Please use a QR Reader on the pictured photo which will take you to your work out session).

Don't forget to find us on Facebook

Or on our website www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au



Whilst we would like to show you all the activities that have been undertaken by our students and all of the photos that are taken we cannot physically fit it all into a fortnightly newsletter. We can however put up a number of different photos and or video's and extra information on Facebook or our school website. Check out our lovely students dressed in yellow for 'RU OK? Day' and our school website for our Education Support Officer, Angus Lean's dance videos for the children to follow <https://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au/page/82/Physical-Education-and-Sport>



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



From the Kitchen ... by Bev Hampton

On Thursday 3 September, it was Spring so it was Spring Roll making time but there was a very wintery feel about it.

With the garden still producing lots of silver beet, rainbow chard, celery, spring onions and the last of the pak choy, once harvested the filling for the spring rolls was prepared.

After a demonstration on how to fold a spring roll the children were able to create their own. It was great to see everyone have a go and about 80 spring rolls of varying shapes and sizes were produced. Brushed with a bit of oil they were popped into the oven.

To continue on with our campfire cooking we also made bananas stuffed with chocolate, wrapped in foil and apples that had been cored and stuffed with chocolate and wrapped in foil. One student come up with the idea of sprinkling on some cinnamon sugar so that was soon created and sprinkled on. We then took these out to the fire and thanks to Lisa who has been lighting the fire for us, this week she also cooked our yummy desserts.

Once the children set up the undercover area with tables, stools, vases full of lovely flowers, and cups full of harvested ingredients for their billy tea it was time to tuck into our delicious lunch.

Thursday 10 September greeted us with lots of sunshine. The plover had stopped swooping us so it was very pleasant to harvest some lettuce from the garden. This week in the kitchen I turned up with two batches of dough for the kids to each have a go at making their own bread roll. While these were baking, we headed outside and sat around the fire while Lisa spoke about snake awareness.

To go in our rolls today I had pre-made some burgers, which we cooked on the grill over the fire. The children set up the dining area for us and we also set up a burger making table. Once their bun was found the children went along and chose lettuce, tomato, cheese, aioli and rhubarb relish to have. The feedback from some of the children was this was the best lunch we have had so far.

Competition – Kids in the Kitchen

Hi everyone,

Hit the link below and join in to enter this competition! Create a new recipe or pick one of your family favourites. Remember to take photos while you are preparing and sharing together. 'Kids in the Kitchen' during school holidays is a great activity. Happy holidays and happy preparing and sharing together. Competition closes on Wednesday 30 September 2020 – from Clare Kennedy:

<https://www.coles.com.au/campaign/kids-cooking-competition?fbclid=IwAR2YvdKfFzJTfRBB6z4Q0rvFbzluLv0qS6cu5Nxs8WZ0h8mMswEu1IJAPu8>

ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION FOR 2020

SUN SMART: A timely reminder that we are a Sun Smart school. It is compulsory for students to wear hats when outside during Term 4. If students forget their hat, they do not miss out on play, but rather need to be in the undercover area. It is also important to wear hats to and from school when walking. Students may wear their school hats to and from school, but it must be their responsibility to remember their hat for the following day. Alternatively, a spare hat from home can be worn before and after school. Also if students could have sunscreen on prior to arriving at school please; they are able to reapply during the day.



LOST: School Jumper belonging to Mac Jackson. Pink iron-on label inside the jumper. With return to school could everyone please kindly ensure they have the correct pieces of uniform. Students to each bring a shoebox to school from the beginning of Term 4 (for their time capsule).