



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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

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## Newsletter No. 14 – Wednesday 1 September 2021

### SEPTEMBER 2021

- Wednesday 1 Remote Learning.  
School hats are required to be worn at school, from today, as per our Sun Smart UV Policy.
  - Thursday 2 Remote Learning.
  - Friday 3 Remote Learning – Specialist Day including MARC, Art, Cooking, Gardening and PE activities.
  - Monday 6 eSmart Week (Monday 6 to Sunday 12 September).  
Remote Learning.
  - Tuesday 7 Remote Learning.  
Policy Sub-Committee Meeting at 5.15pm.  
Fundraising Working Party Meeting at 6.15pm.  
Facilities Sub-Committee Meeting at 7.15pm.
  - Wednesday 8 Remote Learning.
  - Thursday 9 Remote Learning.  
Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp - *POSTPONED*.
  - Friday 10 Remote Learning – Specialist Day including MARC, Art, Cooking, Gardening and PE activities.  
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  - Monday 13 Remote Learning.
  - Tuesday 14 Remote Learning.
  - Wednesday 15 Remote Learning.
  - Thursday 16 Remote Learning.
  - Friday 17 Remote Learning.
- LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.**

## FROM Mrs Angela Field, Acting Principal...

### Newsletter – Week 8

How wonderful that Spring is here! I think it is just what we all needed, brighter days with sunshine, literally and metaphorically speaking. I'm constantly reminded to enjoy the simple, little things in life during this time and reflect on what I have, not what I don't have.

With this in mind, a big thank you to all families for their continued support of our remote learning program. As a staff we have ensured continuity with the way we deliver the program, consistent with the guidelines provided by DET. Teachers are checking in with students and ensuring school continues as best it can, as they focus on students becoming resilient, independent learners, with a focus on their wellbeing and happiness. Students are encouraged to contact their teachers and organise to check-in further if required. Keep up the great work everyone!

With NAPLAN results being released this week, it is so pleasing to hear from the DET about how Victoria has compared. David Howes, Deputy Secretary, Schools and Regional Services, DET states "these results are enormously encouraging, and are a testament to the incredible job that you have done over the past 18 months" and that "in the current context, our NAPLAN results are far from all that matter. The wellbeing of all our students, as always, is our first priority". Furthermore, Howes states "Victoria's comparative performance, as the jurisdiction most impacted by lockdowns in 2020, is nothing short of extraordinary". Howes also stated a direct thank you, to educators and it would be remiss of me to not pass this onto our school community for the role you played in your child's education in 2020 with remote learning.

With the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions and reduced access to parents on-site, we recently opened the second pedestrian gateway, alleviating the congestion of cars queuing to collect their children. We are still awaiting further works from the shire, extending the culvert area to three times the existing completed works. Feedback so far has been positive with faster pick-up times occurring. Thank you to all families for their patience and positivity with this issue.

We await the news of restrictions easing to confirm our Year 2 Camp to Grampians Retreat on 9 to 10 September, with new dates to be locked in as soon as possible. We are so lucky to have the Grampians Retreat at our doorstep in the Grampians and thank them for their continued communication and support with our camp program. Let's hope our remaining camps in Term 4, go ahead as planned:

Year Prep/1 – School Sleepover – date to confirmed.

Year 3/4 - Port Fairy – 16 to 17 November 2021

Year 5/6 – Cave Hill Creek, Beaufort – 13 to 15 October 2021

As you are all aware, Mrs Ann Howard is on Long Service Leave for Term 4, I would like to advise you that at the conclusion of this leave Ann has informed me that she will be retiring. Ann has been involved at Dunkeld Consolidated School for many years, along with her time at the Glenthompson Campus. On the last Friday of Term 3, we hope to hold a special assembly to farewell Ann, as she moves on to the next chapter in her life, enjoying time with her grandchildren and experiencing the city life she thoroughly enjoys.

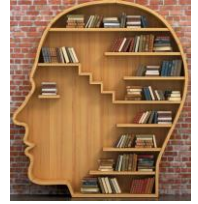
In closing, I want to reiterate our gratitude for the continued support from the entire school community. Warmer weather and better times are coming.

Thank you again and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and productive Spring!

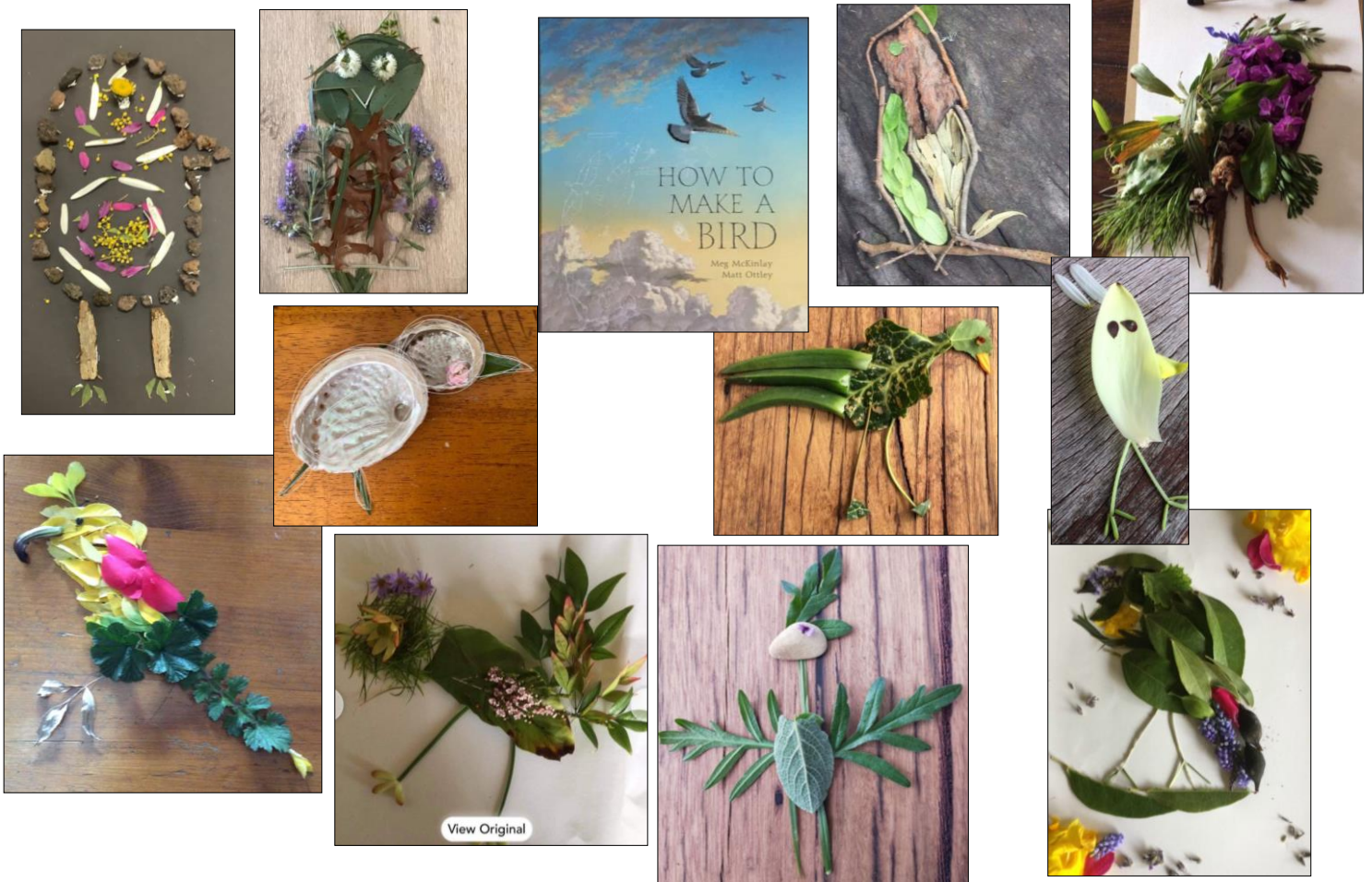
*Angela Field, Acting Principal*



# CELEBRATING BOOK WEEK



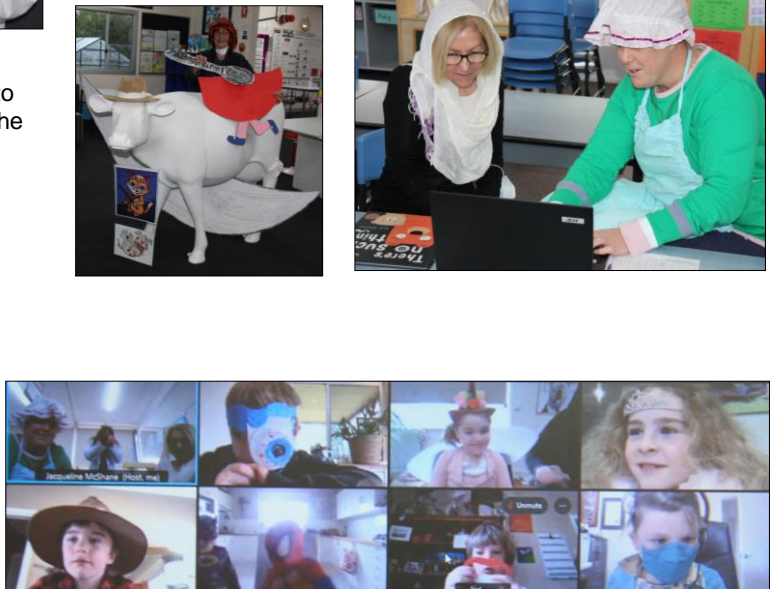
YEARS 4, 5 AND 6 SHOW THEIR CREATIVE TALENT ON HOW TO MAKE A BIRD OUT OF NATURE'S OBJECTS



BOOK WEEK THEME "OLD WORLDS, NEW WORLDS AND OTHER WORLDS"



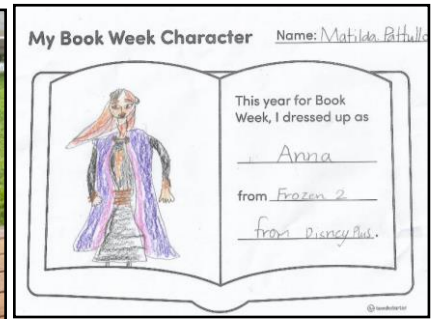
Even during lockdown, you can see the children and staff still got to take part and enjoy Book Week. Even Piccaninny the cow joined the fun.



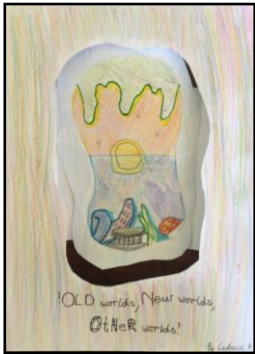


Here are some pictures from Book Week Dress-Up Day from Year 2 and Year 3.

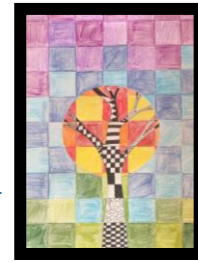
I am Barkley from the Under Dogs by Kate and Jol Temple



**OTHER WORLDLY TUNNEL BOOK ART ACTIVITY**



YEAR 6 ART ACTIVITY ZEN TANGLED TREES



**YEAR 2 AND YEAR 3**

The Year 2/3 students have been working hard in Remote Learning. Today we learnt about Blake Cochrane, Paralympian swimmer and here are some facts we learnt from Isla, Edward and Zach.

swimming australia  
**Blake Cochrane**  
SWIMMERS FOC: 89242  
"Hoping is wishful speaking, determination is positive thinking."

Year 2:  
-How old is Blake? **30**

-How many Paralympics medals has he won? **4**

-What is the Australian swimming team called? **Dolphins**

Year 3: (answer the above questions as well as the next 3 questions)  
-Where is Blake Cochrane from? Which state? **Queensland**

-What colour medal did Blake win at the Beijing Paralympics in 2008? **Silver**

-What was Blake Cochrane's favourite swimming moment? **When winning gold in the London Paralympics**

By Edward Alderman

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-What colour medal did Blake win at the Beijing Paralympics in 2008? **A silver**

-What was Blake Cochrane's favourite swimming moment?  
**my personal favourite moment was wining gold at the London Paralympics in the 100m breaststroke**

By Isla Oldfield Mann

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-What is the Australian swimming team called? **AUSTRALIAN DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM**

Year 3: (answer the above questions as well as the next 3 questions)  
-Where is Blake Cochrane from? Which state? **QLD**

-What colour medal did Blake win at the Beijing Paralympics in 2008? **SILVER**

-What was Blake Cochrane's favourite swimming moment?  
**LONDON 2012 100 METRE BREASTROKE. GOLD MEDAL**

By Zach Lance

**YEAR 6 WRITING**

On Saturday 7 August we put twenty-two eggs in the incubator and on Saturday 21 August we counted them and eleven had chickens in them and the others didn't. The next day we placed the eleven hatchlings in a tub however we only had one hexagon lamp, which was over in the wool shed keeping the other chickens warm. We ordered a new one and during the meantime we sat the chickens in the sun to keep them warm. Twenty minutes later Dad arrived home with the new hexagon lamp and the chickens were nice and warm, sleeping in their tub.

By Drew Hassett



### Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains ...



#### Kitchen Report:

On Friday during remote learning the students and staff were in the kitchen cooking. For lunch we cooked chicken skewers and roasted potatoes which we cooked on the fire in the garden. For dessert we cooked golden syrup dumplings. Isla, Zoe and Audrey made the tea and gathered the herbs and the flowers. We thought the dumplings were deliciously, soft and yummy. I thought the tea was delicious, like always and I did not want to stop drinking it. I finally got to finish my tea. The chicken skewers were 100% yummy and the potatoes looked 100% cool. *By Zoe Trotter, Year 3*

The dumplings with golden syrup and chicken skewers were amazing! I loved the potatoes, too. Thanks so much to Clare Kennedy and Lisa McIntyre for cooking with us. We had a blast! *By Isla Oldfield Mann, Year 3*

#### Garden Report:



Perfect back drop and one can imagine the aromas coming from the delightful food.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

### School Council Update

An online School Council Meeting was held via Webex on Tuesday 31 August 2021, and items of business included:

- Net profit of \$15,813.17 was raised for the recent Sheep Drive Fundraiser. A sincere thank you to everyone who kindly donated livestock for this fundraiser. A big thank you to Simon Ross and Richard McShane for all their hard work and efforts with organisation and co-ordination.
- The Used Battery Fundraiser has raised \$3,937.50 during 2021, and we thank Jason Linskens, Kelly's Merchandise Dunkeld and Grampians Tyre Serviced for their ongoing support.
- Homework Policy, Recognition Awards and Memorials Policy, Mobile Phones – Student Use Policy and Environment and Sustainability Policy were approved.
- DET Equal Opportunity Policy was noted.
- Year 3/4 Camp at Southcombe Caravan Park, Port Fairy was approved for Tuesday 16 to Wednesday 17 November 2021.
- The Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp has been postponed.
- Investigating the installation and costs of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) to strengthen our school's security by providing an appropriate level of surveillance of the school grounds and assist our school to take all reasonable steps to prevent reasonably foreseeable harm on/to school premises.
- Discussion about surface options for the school's asphalt playground areas.
- Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) Program will cease at the end of Term 3, due to funding. Thank you to Hannah Black for her time, expertise and dedication in this role.
- Mrs Ann Howard has announced her retirement, from the beginning of the 2022 school year.
- The next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 September 2021

### "STAYING CONNECTED" INITIATIVE

Staff member, Clare Kennedy, suggested a 'Staying Connected' initiative for the Year 4/5/6 students to be involved with during this recent lockdown period. Students are writing to various members of the community, including SAKG Friends, community groups and local business owners. Each student has been provided with a person to write to, along with a stamped envelope for them to post their card, letter or note in, via the Post Office or local mail runs. We are sure that the letters have brought a big smile to lots of people's faces! Please feel free to send a response to the students, marking the envelopes c/- Dunkeld Consolidated School, 93 Victoria Valley Road, Dunkeld.



### ONLINE PARENT OPINION SURVEY – CLOSING ON FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2021

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](mailto: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 are 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 -

A reminder to the school and the wider Dunkeld community that the school grounds, including playground equipment, ovals, sports areas, drinking taps etc are closed under the DET's current COVID-19 Operations Guide.

Also, a reminder that the school should only allow on-site access to essential visitors. Parents should be using the pedestrian gateway on Victoria Valley Road for drop-off and pick-up for on-site learners. Please phone the school beforehand on 5577 2384, if you need to call into the office. Face masks must be worn and any parents or visitors must 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.