



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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AUGUST 2022

- Wednesday 31 Aussie Kids Rock Band's *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. SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 4/5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen. School Assembly commencing at 2.40pm in the school hall.
- *National eSmart Week runs from Monday 5 through to Sunday 11 September 2022.*
- Tuesday 6 School Council Sub-Committee Meetings.
- Thursday 8 MARC Library. Hockey 7s State Finals at Footscray Hockey Club, Melbourne. SSV Primary Schools Golf Tournament at Parklands Golf Club, Hamilton. R U OK? Day.
- 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, beanies, socks or ribbons etc may be worn. Free AFL clinics for Year 4/5 and Year 5/6 students. **FREE 'Sausage Sizzle' lunch provided by the Dunkeld and District Lions Club members. THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS TODAY.** Cultural Understanding Safety Training (CUST) workshop for all staff.
- Wednesday 14 Kinder to Prep Transition Program. Kinder children to visit at 12.30pm and enjoy a play and lunch with the Prep/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. **Parent/Carer/Guardian Opinion Survey closes today.** 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...

We have another new family to welcome to our Dunkeld Consolidated School community, Harper (Year 6); Hamish (Year 4) and Jude Rush (Year 2), along with their parent, Rebecca and Adam.

School Events

Our Book Week parade was fabulous, with lots of visitors attending, in particular it was wonderful to have our 2023 prep children here and their families. For the rest of the day our students completed book week activities in multi-age groups, focusing on different short-listed books.



On Wednesday the students, along with the Kindergarten children (4-year olds), attended the *Rock-it!* performance. It is designed to leave students confident and buzzing with excitement at all the possibilities open to them through music.

Sun Smart

As stated in our policy, students are required to wear their school sunhat from 1 September until 30 April. Please ensure students have a named hat. Students who do not have a hat will sit on the covered walkway during morning recess and lunch. New bucket hats are available for purchase from the office.



Teaching and Learning

Staff and School Council have reviewed the Child Safe Standards PowerPoint presentation with the recent updates from July 2022. Here is a link for information regarding the updates to the 11 Child Safe Standards. <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safe-standards/the-11-child-safe-standards/>

All Dunkeld Consolidated School staff are required to complete Cultural Understanding Safety Training (CUST). "Creating culturally safe and inclusive learning environments is everyone's business, but of course, teachers require a strong foundation of skills, knowledge, and a lot of support in order to deliver Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives within their classroom curriculum"- **Victorian Aboriginal Education Association**. This four-hour training session will take place on Tuesday 13 September 2022.

Staffing News

Ms Dee-Anne Raymond has informed the school that she will be returning to teach at Dunkeld Consolidated School in 2023 after a temporary transfer to Buninyong Primary School.

With our allocated Mental Health Fund, we are appointing Miss Sarah Gordon to a Wellbeing Coordinator position on Mondays from week two in Term 4. Sarah's role will be to continue development and implementation of our Wellbeing Scope and Sequence, aligning Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships. The Resilience Project and Play Is The Way, with the Victorian Curriculum.

We have also extended the Tutor Learning Initiative program into Term 4, with Mrs Alyce Wilson continuing to work with students in the Year 2/3 classroom.

Surveys

Thank you to the parents that completed the Communication Tools survey via SurveyMonkey sent out on Seesaw earlier this term. Some insightful data has been received. Data suggest there is support the concept of two Special Newsletters a term, with important dates and information to be shared via Seesaw on a regular basis. With this in mind, we encourage families to ensure that Seesaw notifications are in use and readily available to read.



The Parent/Carer/Guardian Opinion Survey is still open – if you haven't already done so, we appreciate your time in completing this.

As this is the last newsletter before our Hockey 7's travel to the State Championships in Melbourne, I would like to wish them all the best, so proud of their achievements so far!



Thank you,

Ange Field, Acting Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Daffodil Day - Friday 26 August 2022



Cancer Council Daffodil Day Appeal is celebrated on 25 August each year. Our school celebrated Daffodil Day on Friday 26 August 2022. It was lovely to see staff and students supporting this worthy cause. Together we can make an impact on the lives of other people affected by cancer.

Our school raised a total of \$123.40 for the Cancer Council.

Book Week Parade

On Wednesday 24 August, all students from Prep to Year 6 and staff dressed up as their favourite book character. There were many amazing creative costumes that everyone put together. We had a whole school parade in the hall and the four-year-old Kinder children, all in their costumes, joined in our parade. Many parents came along and were amused and entertained by all of our characters.

We loved reading the short-listed books that were selected for 2022 and really enjoyed the activities that went with them after the parade. After the parade the Year 6 students were partnered with their Prep buddies and the whole school participated in a day of book activities.
By Ben Peters and Charlotte Alderman, School Captains

Charles Prentice: Making my costume was enjoyable because Mum and I were making it up as we went.

Ava Balkin: My favourite costume was the one worn by Sailor Grimmer; she was dressed as a dinosaur. It was fantastic!

Felix Hyland: When I went to school on Wednesday, I couldn't recognise anyone. There were cricket players, princesses and heaps more.

Darcy Potter: My favourite costume was Lachie Gordon's, he dressed up as marshmallow from his own book.

Heidi Burger: When I got to school everybody was in fantastic costumes. I dressed up as Snow White. After the parade we went to our activities. My favourite activity was with Mrs Mibus. We wrote our name in pastels and then painted over it in watercolour. We also made bracelets with our name on it. We did all of this because we read the boy who tried to shorten his name.





Halls Gap Zoo Excursion – Prep, Year 1 and 2 Students

What a beautiful day to enjoy an excursion! Prep to Year 2 students, and staff, eagerly shared in a thrilling experience at the Halls Gap Zoo on Friday 19 August, as part of their Inquiry unit (Living Things). A zookeeper provided the students with a personally guided 'Habitats' tour; where they visited five different animal enclosures - Forest, Desert, Water, Grassland and Alpine to learn all about the different habitats that living things need to survive.

Our guide, Courtney, arranged hands on experience with some animals and our students were brave and met the challenge.

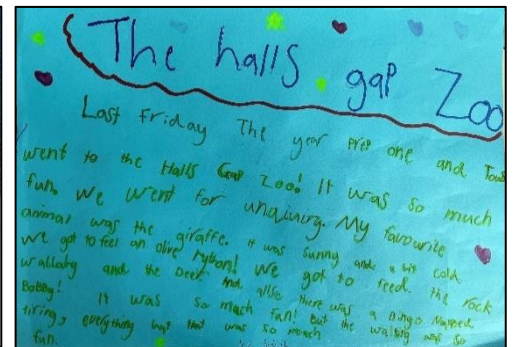
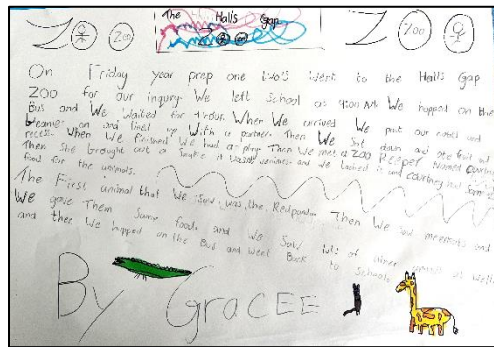
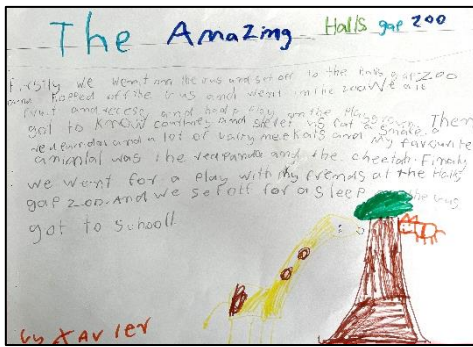


The baby male goat Lolli, one of identical twins was extremely popular. His sister Pop was left sleeping in a hollow log. Their mother was lurking closely in the background.





Year 2 students made a book about their trip to the Halls Gap Zoo.



Victorian Police Presentation on Friday 26 August 2022



On Friday 26 August, Leading Senior Constable Roger McClure from Dunkeld Police Station visited our school and presented an information session for all our students. Topics included police officer's role, road safety, bike safety, school bus travel, being respectful of others at school and in the community and respecting property and equipment. Students participated by asking many varied and interesting questions. Thank you, Leading Senior Constable Roger McClure for your informative chat.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains – Charlie Linke and Ella Peters
From the Kitchen...

On Friday 26 August 2022, the Year 5 and 6 students made Egg, Bacon and Warrigal Greens Pies, Potato and Rosemary Pizza, Coleslaw or Salad of the imagination and for dessert, Persimmon Sorbet. For Father's Day we made hot chocolate spoons and biscuits.



Today's Menu
Preparing & Sharing Together
Egg, Bacon & Warrigal Greens Pies
Potato & Rosemary Pizza
Coleslaw or Salad of the imagination
Persimmon Sorbet
Friday 26 August 2022



From the Garden...

The Year 4/5 students made Gardening Dunkeld videos.

Millie McShane and her group are showing how to make billy tea. Alex Bird's group was doing how to take care of the cheeky chickens.

Year 2/3 students trimmed the trees because they were growing through the net.

Prep/Year 1 class found worms in the garden beds and used magnifying glasses to look at them more closely. Annabelle Beveridge found the biggest worm!

School Council

School Council held a meeting on Tuesday 30 August, which included the following items of business:

- Principal Selection Process briefing conducted (via Webex) by Dr Joanna Day, Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL), Wimmera South West Area, Department of Education and Training, and the importance of confidentiality during the whole process.
- Child Safe Standards School Council Training - PowerPoint presentation by Mrs Angela Field.
- The Staff Report highlighted various school events including Science Week, Book Week, Professional Development workshops, excursions, Daffodil Day, Rock-it! (Aussie Kids Rock Band) musical performance, Kinder to Prep Transition Program and the Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp.
- Parent/Carer/Guardian Opinion Survey being held from Monday 15 August to Friday 16 September.
- Policy Sub-Committee update.

Footy/Sports Team Colours Day on Tuesday 13 September 2022

Students and staff are encouraged to wear their footy/sports team colours e.g. scarves, ribbons, socks, jerseys, shirts to school on Tuesday 13 September 2022. There will be free AFL Clinics for the Year 4/5 and 5/6 students. The Dunkeld & District Lions Club members will conduct a free 'sausage sizzle' lunch for all the students and staff. **There will be NO SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS TODAY.**

- REMINDERS -

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.