



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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OCTOBER 2020

- Wednesday 14 MARC Library.
- Thursday 15 SAKG Kitchen and Garden Classes. Year 3 in the Kitchen.
- Monday 19 Commencement of Book Week. Theme: *Curious Creatures and Wild Minds*.
- Tuesday 20 Online Readers Workshop PD with Debra Sukarna.
- Wednesday 21 Book Week Parade.
MARC Library.
- Thursday 22 Last day of Book Week activities.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden Classes. Year 5/6 in the Kitchen.
- Friday 23 'Thank You Day' **Public Holiday**.
- Tuesday 27 School Council Meeting via Webex commencing at 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 28 MARC Library.
- Thursday 29 SAKG Kitchen and Garden Classes. Year 4/5 in the Kitchen.
- Friday 30 World Teachers' Day – "Teachers: Leading in crisis, reimagining the future".

NOVEMBER 2020

- Tuesday 3 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
- Thursday 5 SAKG Kitchen and Garden Classes. Year 3 in the Kitchen.
- Monday 9 NAIDOC Week.
- Wednesday 11 MARC Library

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

Return to School – Term 4

It is with much excitement that we welcome students and staff back to school to begin Term 4 after another long period of Remote Learning. Considering this is our students' third start to school this year, we are incredibly proud of their resilience in returning to school and classroom routines with confidence. We have lots of eager children ready to take on the remainder of the year.

Again, we know remote learning has not always been easy, but through our collective efforts, our students have continued to make valuable progress in their learning. Although it was simply impossible to cover the curriculum as we would at school, families can be confident that our school will support all students in finding the gaps that may have occurred in their learning and focus on these areas throughout Term 4 and 2021. Our school, working with you, has shown it can be flexible and adaptable in responding to the challenges of coronavirus (COVID-19) and will continue to meet student needs.

Term 4 is important for every Victorian student, and our teachers will strive to deliver high-quality learning for everyone. Our focus for Term 4 is on making sure that every student is supported and will be focused on three key priorities:

Mental health and wellbeing: Our highest priority will be the wellbeing, particularly the mental health, of every student and member of staff. This means effectively mobilising all available resources to support our students and enabling staff to access the relevant support services.

Learning and excellence: Some of our students have thrived in the remote and flexible learning environment, others have maintained their learning progress, and some may have fallen behind, despite their best efforts and those of their families and teachers. Our priority will be supporting both those who need to catch up and those who have progressed to continue to extend their learning. The major areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Physical Education are key priorities across the State.

Transitions: With recent news that we can now start Kinder to Prep Transition, this will allow some small group visits to school and teachers to visit the Kinder. We are busy setting some dates for this and will let Kinder parents know as soon as possible. It will be lovely to welcome our new little people!

Unfortunately Year 6 to Year 7 Transition is still on hold. Rest assured, we are also working on avenues to get transition happening remotely for the time being, until students can visit their Secondary School for next year.

School Operations

Strict health, safety and hygiene measures remain in place for Term 4. Staff and students will be kept up to date and reminded of school procedures at all times. Staff must wear masks when not teaching face-to-face. Students 12 years and over only need to wear a mask to and from school, but do not need to wear one whilst at school. 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. Could visitors also please phone ahead if needing to drop something off to the school and you will receive guidance from the front office.

Assessment, Reporting and Parent Teacher Interviews

Guidance has recently come out stating that Semester Two Reporting will consist of mainly focusing on Literacy & Numeracy with the inclusion of progression points for these areas, while all other subject areas will have a comment on areas covered throughout Remote Learning, but no progression point due.

We would have been holding Parent/Teacher Interviews in Term 3, however the move to Remote Learning again put a hold on that. All Parent/Teacher Interviews are to still be held remotely via Webex. We will not be holding formal Parent Teacher interviews this term, however, if you feel you would like to speak to your child/children's teacher at any time, please put a note in their diary, or via Seesaw and they will get back to you to make arrangements.

Permanent Modular Building

As many would have seen, we had our new Permanent Modular Building arrive last Tuesday. What a sight to behold and learning experience for our students on their second day back, having the building arrive on trucks and craned into place in three sections. There were many excited little people watching out the window in awe at all the machinery and busy workers. The building will now have much of the internal and external works completed over the next month or so, which will have little disruption to school life and learning. We can't wait to see our finished hall and library space, which will be a wonderful addition to our school.

We also look forward to sharing photos and videos of the process once approved by the Victorian School Building Authority.

Kinder Transition

We have now held two Webex sessions to say hello to the Kinder children and introduce our current Prep/Year 1 Teachers, Mrs McShane and Mrs Matthews, as well as myself. It has been lovely to meet the children, albeit remotely. We look forward to setting up some more sessions, now teachers can visit Kindergartens and Kinder children may visit schools in small groups.

Kind regards, Dee-Anne Gerring

TERM 4 CLASS CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students who have been appointed as their individual Class Captain for Term 4.



Prep/Year 1 – Dempsey



Year 1/2 - Grace



Year 3 – Yvette



Year 4/5 – Ben



5/6 – Sebastian

WELCOME BACK!

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

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MINI OLYMPICS DAY AND OUTSIDE DISCO

What a cracker of a day! Our school cohort back together with perfect weather condition for our Mini Olympics and Disco. Participating Countries Solomon Islands, Tonga, Kiribati and Vanuatu.

On 12 October we, the Sport Captains', organized a Mini Olympics. First we did rotations around the oval with games like the sack race, flags and one of our favourites, the dress up relay. In the afternoon Year 3-6 played four games of soccer. In the end Tonga took the victory and everyone had a blast! *Grace Potter, George Field, Lucy Fraser and Angus Frost*

Our students have written about our mini Olympics and disco held on Monday 12 October 2020. They have tried incorporating literary devices such as similes and onomatopoeia's to try and engage the reader.

Year 4/5

Mini Olympics - Ben Peters (Year 4)

As I stood there cooking in the sun like a marshmallow on a fire, I was wondering what team would win. I was as tired as a bear in the sun today but a soccer game would decide it all! First, we were going against Solomon Islands, it started well! We were defending like warriors! But then they scored. NOOO!! It was as annoying as a fly buzzing around your head. We lost! Alright, second chance against Kiribati. GOAL!! Yes good start, goal AGAIN! Woohoo! Oh no, Kiribati scores the whistle blows and we have won- 3rd place!

The intense soccer game - Seth Monaghan (Year 5)

The soccer game was intense. Everyone was trying to get the ball! The game was exploding with cheers. A wave of ash has come to this last shot. BOOM! The ball went in the goals. Everyone was exploding with cheer like land mines in a field. All you could here was YAY! YES! BOOM! It was the money shot! The game has now ended and we said "good game" to each other.

Mini Olympics -Mitch Gordon (Year 5)

Boom! Boom! I was listening to my heart pound. I had other things to worry about. I knew my team didn't want to settle for fourth place. I had to lift my game and the scores were 1-1. Then the ball was open, it was a miracle! In my mind I knew we needed this. 3,2,1... He shoots and he... SCORES! The pressure was off but there was work to be done!

Olympics - Mia Russell (Year 5)

My cheeks were as red as a tomato. As we moved around I got hotter and hotter. My face was burning into flames as I ran in the dress-up relay. We looked crazy with wigs, skirts and so much more on! It felt like I couldn't move a muscle. When the day was over, I was tired and sore but it was fun.



Year 2

On Monday it was our Mini Olympics. There were lots of fun activities like sack races and egg and spoon races. There was a

disco and soccer games. It was terrific. *Lucy Rennie*

The Mini Olympics were awesome! My first event was the sack race and my favourite event was the one where you had to dress up and run. *Jim Herrmann*

Year 3

At the end of the day we had the soccer match. The sun lit up the day like fireworks. *Charles Prentice*

Boom! The music started. Excitement rushed around like sugar. *Clementine Blackwell*

The day went so quickly, like a balloon popping. *Gemma Kyle*

I stood up and ran to the nearest flag. Every footstep sounded like a drum. *Emily Lomas*

The sack race – We went the speed of a racing car. I came third but first and second were cheering as loud as a thunderstorm. *Max Russell*

BOOK WEEK AND BOOK WEEK PARADE MONDAY 19 TO FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER

Every year Dunkeld Consolidated School participates in Book Week. This year the theme is *Curious Creatures and Wild Minds*. The theme may evoke thoughts of nature, jungles, sea creatures and dinosaurs, mythical animals, adventurers, explorers, scientists and more.

As part of Book Week we will be conducting a parade for children to dress up as their favourite book character. Unfortunately we are unable to host any Kinder students at the parade this year and book week activities will take place in students' individual classrooms but students are invited to wear their costume for the whole day on **WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2020**.

(*NB 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. 😊)

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



During Term 4 our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden classes will continue with Lisa McIntyre (garden), Clare Kennedy (kitchen) and Bev Hampton (kitchen support for a time). Unfortunately we are still unable to have our parent volunteers but it is great that these programs can continue under the appropriate safe conditions.

Please refer below for the current schedule of dates. Any year not listed as cooking, will be gardening on the date listed. Should there be changes we shall notify you accordingly.

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| 15 October 2020 | Year 3 in the Kitchen |
| 22 October 2020 | Year 5/6 in the Kitchen |
| 29 October 2020 | Year 4/5 in the Kitchen |
| 5 November 2020 | Year 3 in the Kitchen |
| 12 November 2020 | Year 5/6 in the Kitchen |
| 19 November 2020 | Year 4/5 in the Kitchen |
| 26 November 2020 | Year 6 in the Kitchen |
| 3 December 2020 | Year 5 in the Kitchen |

ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION FOR 2020

WRITING INSTRUMENTS RECYCLING PROGRAM - COMMUNITY COLLECTION HUB

One of our school parents, Ms Kate Brian, has registered with TerraCycle as the contact for the Writing Instruments Recycling Program, on behalf of the Dunkeld Kindergarten.

Accepted waste in this program includes:

- All writing instruments (except for wooden pencils, crayons and chalk) are accepted - any brand of pen, felt tip, highlighter, marker, correction fluid pot (must be empty), correction tape, mechanical pencil and eraser pen regardless of their composition.

Please note that the TerraCycle program does not accept glue sticks, erasers, rulers or other cutting objects that could disturb the recycling process. **Please be careful not to include any of these items.**

There is a collection box located near the school admin office where students and staff may place their used writing instruments. Students are welcome to bring old pens from home to place in the collection box.

BOYS UNDER 10 BASKETBALL – HAMILTON BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

If any boys are interested in joining our team in the upcoming basketball season in Under 10s please contact: Vicki Heazlewood on 0403 900 504 or Sarah Alderman on 0407 729 201.