



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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*'Optima Semper'*



## Newsletter No. 15 – Wednesday 14 September 2022

### SEPTEMBER 2022

- Wednesday 14 Kinder to Prep Transition Program. Kinder children to visit at 12.00 noon 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 Sleepover activities.  
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.**

### OCTOBER 2022

- Monday 3 **FIRST DAY OF TERM 4.**
- Friday 7 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.  
**FUN Friday.**
- Thursday 13 SAKG Year 6 students' Royal Mail Hotel Kitchen Garden Tour and Dining Experience.
- Friday 14 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.  
Cricket Blast Competition for Year 5 and 6 students at Pedrina Park, Hamilton.  
School Assembly.
- Friday 21 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.  
**FUN Friday.**
- Monday 24 Weird School and Mayor for a Day workshop with Damian Callinan - Year 4/5 and 5/6 students.
- Friday 28 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.  
School Assembly.
- Monday 31 **PUPIL FREE DAY** (Student Report Writing Day for staff).

### NOVEMBER 2022

- Tuesday 1 **MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY.**
- Friday 4 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.  
**FUN Friday.**
- Tuesday 8 House Athletics Day.
- Friday 11 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.  
**Special Assembly.**  
Remembrance Day – Year 6 students and staff will attend the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch commemorative service.

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

### School Events

After travelling to Melbourne last week to support our Hockey 7's team, I came away reflecting on how lucky our students are to have access to a variety of sports, with experienced coaches to assist. Listening to Jen and Lea McArthur address our team was wonderful, our players are inevitably going to come away with good sportsmanship practices and the qualities you need to make a good team member. I was so proud to wear our school colours and be there to support the team. **Well done, Ben Peters, Phoebe Lazzari, Ella Peters, Phoebe Ross, Darcy Potter, Ned Peters, Max Russell, Elodie Cochran and Henrietta Patterson.** Thank you to their families for also taking the time to transport them to Melbourne and form our support crew.

Our Year 6 leaders are really starting to step-up their leadership skills. Last Friday, an eSmart Fun Friday session was planned, organised and implemented exceptionally well, by our Student Voice and School Captains. Footy Colours Day also saw our Sports Captains plan and implement an afternoon of football activities, leading the way alongside our School Captains to ensure a fun afternoon. Through use of our Seesaw for Schools platform, I am able to message our leaders and vice versa, teaching them the skills of organisation, responsibility, time management and accountability.

Thank you to the Dunkeld Lions Club who provided students and staff with a free barbecue lunch on Tuesday 13 October. The Dunkeld Lions Club also answered questions about the Lions Club, including why it exists, where it was established and how long they have been members for. Thank you to Todd Burger, Ian Macgugan and Noel Mibus for volunteering their time, sharing with us why they like to give back to the community and help others when needed.

Our new drop off/pick up zone is almost ready to be used. We are awaiting the finishing touches ensuring both gateways are accessible, which has been affected by the recent wet weather.

### Teaching and Learning

NAPLAN results have been sent home and teachers have reviewed the data on our Panorama Dashboard. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is only one indication of their learning progress. As a staff we encourage all of our students to focus on their strengths and other

indicators of achievement. These may be achievements in subjects not assessed by NAPLAN, or involvement in extra-curricular activities. Next year's NAPLAN will take place in Term 1 from 15 to 27 March 2023.

### Surveys

Based on results from our Communication Tools survey, we will commence with two special newsletters a term. Important dates/special events/notices will be sent via Seesaw on a regular basis, along with the school email where applicable. We encourage families to ensure that Seesaw notifications are in use and readily available to read.



The Parent Opinion Survey is open until Friday 16 September 2022 – if you haven't already, we appreciate your time in completing this.



**Chess Club** is now operating in our shelter shed, with our inaugural members Freddie Jury, Mac Jackson, Will Griffin-Wilson, Tyson Riddle, Jim Herrmann and Nate Elliott, giving the shed a good tidy up and setting up tables for beginners and experienced players. The boys have shown great organisational skills and are looking to entice more children to learn the game of Chess. Well done boys!

Enjoy the holidays! 😊

Thank you,  
*Ange Field, Acting Principal*

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

### AUSSIE KIDS ROCK

#### Rock-it Performance

BANG! Deano was hitting the drums to hard! In a matter of seconds, the whole school was shouting at Deano saying, 'Stop drumming Deano!'

On Wednesday 31 August CJ and Deano from Aussie Kids Rock came to our school and performed four different styles of music.

The four styles of music were Country, Blues, Heavy Metal and Hip Hop.

The music was amazing, it got everyone up on their feet, dancing! They taught us actions to go with the songs that everyone did in-sync. It was amazing entertainment!

We also learnt that CJ is a ventriloquist! He had a 'puppet' called Nigel that he voiced without moving his mouth! It was incredible!

Thank you so much CJ and Deano! Your performance was amazing! Rock-it!

By Indi Mibus



### YEAR 2 GRAMPIANS RETREAT CAMP – 1 to 2 September 2022



Year 2 campers arrived at Grampians Retreat on Thursday 1 September. We were greeted by camp owners, Kerryn and Wayne. We grabbed our bags and took them down to the cabins. Once cabins were allocated, beds were made, and we were all set off for our walk up Mount Piccaninny (Bainggug). The bush was quiet, and we stopped on the way up to look out through an opening at a large dam and the view. Once we reached the top, we dropped our backpacks down under a tree and went exploring. We gathered on top of some large rocks and had our photo taken, then we climbed down through bush and rocks and found a rock cave. We were all in the cave, it was cool and a bit dark. We took a quicker way back up to the top. Looking around we could see our school and all of Dunkeld. George Phillips even pointed out the racecourse. We were high, the view was great, and we saw a variety of coloured flowers. After eating lunch, we made our way down the mount, back to camp.

We went to the recreation room to do some indigenous artwork with Jardwardjali elder, Nerissa Major. We painted on bark and Nerissa told us what our indigenous signs were. We painted our names on a small canvas and decorated around it. Nerissa took us outside to look around for signs of animals. We found kangaroo and wallaby droppings, dead ants' nest and rabbit holes. We were told how indigenous people used to smoke them out of their burrows so they could catch them.



After afternoon tea, we made our way down to the Giant Swing. Wayne explained that we would be very safe as we would be fitted with a harness that would be connected to, two safety ropes. It was scary yet we all wanted to have a go. Helen fitted our harnesses, helmets and safety glasses. You got to hang until the other children and Miss Gordon began to pull you up. Higher and higher, until you called out STOP and that would be the height you would swing from. We all got to have two turns and on the second go we all went higher than the first, except for those who went to the top on their first go! It was extremely high, and it took your breath away when you first dropped. You went so high and fast it was a like flying. Even though it was scary, we still wanted to do it again. We were all brave. Full of excitement we walked back up the hill chatting about our experience on the Giant Swing. We went into our cabins and worked on our booklets until the dinner bell rang.

We didn't get to go on the night walk or have our campfire because it was raining, however we still went out in the dark with our torches to find sticks for our giant marshmallows. We went into the dining room and toasted our marshmallows in the fire. The lights were turned off and we turned our torches on and shone them out the windows to see if we could spot any animals. All of us were rather sleepy after our exhausting yet amazingly exciting day, off to bed we went.

Friday morning, we were all up, dressed and packed by 7.30am and played football or shot some hoops, until the breakfast bell sounded. After breakfast we headed off down to the rope course. There were many different rope challenges, and we went in groups of three. We pretended to be Ninjas and while one was on the rope the other two had to be either side to help. We spent about an hour and a half, climbing, swinging, hanging and having a go or attempting all the rope course had to offer. We met up with Steve and he took us down to the Flying Fox where we were fitted with harnesses and helmets. When asked, we climbed up the steps to Steve, he attached us to the Flying Fox and opened the railing. Leaping we dropped down and went zooming along the cable to a large tree down the other end, you slowly came back to the middle of cable, where we stood on a ladder and got disconnected. Then took off back up the hill for our second turn. It was the best feeling zipping along, hearing the others calling out your name as you zoomed past them. We headed back up the hill for lunch, chatting

about zipping along on the Flying Fox. Wow! What a jammed packed camp we all experienced. Tired yet still excited about all we had just experienced at camp we headed back to school. The Year 2 students' thoughts about going on camp: Sybil and Gracee – FUN, Nellie – COOL, Michaela – EXCITING, Xavier - SUPER FUN, George and Jed - SUPER AMAZING, Bobby – AWESOME, Jackson – SURPRISING, Ryan – HAPPY, Lochie – CHARMING, Jude - THE BEST.

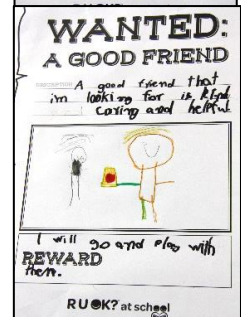
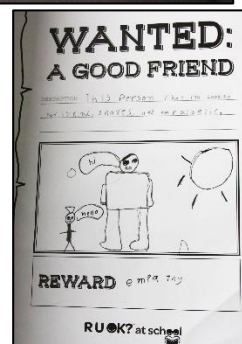


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### 'R U OK?' DAY – Thursday 8 September 2022

R U OK is a National Day of Action to remind us that every day is a day to ask, 'are you okay?' Start a meaningful conversation whenever you spot someone you care about that might be struggling.



### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 2 September 2022

The SAKG Captains, Sports Captains and Student Voice presented their reports to the assembly. Prep and Year 1 students presented their Book Week writing.

### HONOUR CERTIFICATES – Friday 2 September 2022

- Prep/Year 1: Sam Parkinson and James Cochran.
- Year 2/3: Michaela Roache, Jed Russell, George Heazlewood and Minu Sutherland.
- Year 4/5: Zoe Trotter and Will Griffin-Wilson.
- Year 5/6: Freddie Jury, Felix Hyland, Phoebe Ross and Ava Balkin.

Friday 9 September was the last Fun Friday of Term 3. Because it was eSmart week, the Student Voice crew and the School Captains put together an eSmart related activity. The activity was that you got a strip of laminated paper with eSmart related prompt. Then you had to either show your ideas, thoughts and solutions on a piece of A3 paper or a video. Hope everybody enjoyed Fun Friday. Have a safe and happy week and holidays.

By Student Voice – Ava Balkin, Heidi Burger, Sean Bird and Darcy Potter.



While the internet is great for learning and socialising, we hear stories every day about its pitfalls. These range from children being exposed to inappropriate content, fraud and scams, and being bullied – which can and does contribute to anxiety and depression. Sadly, it probably happens more often than you think. As a nation, we should all be working to ensure we invest time and resources into raising a generation of smart, safe and responsible children who are capable and compassionate – both on and offline.

**SAKG Year 6 Students' Royal Mail Hotel Kitchen Garden Tour and Dining Experience**

The school has been given the opportunity by way of invitation to visit the Royal Mail Hotel and Kitchen Garden on Thursday 13 October 2022. The Royal Mail Hotel has one of the largest most productive Kitchen Gardens in Australia. Year 6 students and staff will tour the garden, which will show them a diverse range of organic vegetables, herbs, edible flowers, fruits and nuts. They will also experience the large 'igloos' which help to extend the growing season.

The group will then visit the Royal Mail Hotel dining room, which offers nature-based cuisine focusing on locally sourced produce and share a dining experience together in the Royal Mail Hotel Dining Room. The Royal Mail Hotel has kindly offered to cover the cost of this excursion.

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and the Royal Mail Hotel have very similar programs – growing, harvesting and preparing seasonal produce. This experience will enhance the students' knowledge in seasonality, hospitality and how seasonal produce may be prepared and presented.

**SPORTS**



**Hockey 7's State Titles**

Absolutely an amazing achievement for our Hockey 7's team! They played three games; two draws (1-1) and then won their last game 11-0, Unfortunately just missing out on the finals. Our team was ready for the event thanks to their coaches Lea McArthur and Jen McArthur, with game plans and team play combining well to create scoring opportunities. They were wonderfully supported by their parents, siblings and grandparents who attended the event to cheer them team on. The team represented our school, displaying great sportsmanship, skill, and most of all the enjoyment of playing at this level. So proud of you all!



**Footy/Sports Team Colours Day on Tuesday 13 September 2022**

Students and staff proudly wore their favourite team colours of the many different sporting teams they support including AFL, Rugby League, Basketball, Soccer, Hockey etc to celebrate our Footy/Sports Team Colours Day. We are very grateful to the Dunkeld and District Lions Club members who kindly provided a free 'sausage sizzle' lunch for everyone! Thank you to Lauren Dennert, AFL Participation Officer, who conducted free clinics for the Year 5/6 and Year 4/5 students. The day was right on the mark!



**Cricket Blast Competition on Friday 14 October 2022**

This year's Cricket Blast Competition for Year 5 and 6 students will be held at Pedrina Park, North Boundary Road, Hamilton on Friday 14 October commencing at 9.30am.

This involves a Round Robin of Cricket Blast games, followed by a final. The Division Cricket Blast Primary School Cup finals will be held at Pedrina Park on Friday 4 November 2022. Regional finals will be played on Tuesday 15 November 2022 – venue to be confirmed.

Parents will be required to transport students to this event. There are no registration fees for this sporting event. Staff members in attendance on the day will be Mrs Angela Field and Mrs Naomie Phillips.

Expression of Interest forms need to be returned to the school office by Thursday 15 September. 2022.



**From the Kitchen ...**



On Friday 2 September, the Year 4/5 students harvested, prepared and shared in the Kitchen. The menu included Egg, Bacon and Warrigal Greens Pies, Potato and Rosemary Pizza, Stir-fry of the Imagination and Persimmon Sorbet. Students also made some Big Blokes Bikkies and Hot Chocolate Spoons as special treats for Father's Day.

Year 5/6 students were busy in the Kitchen on Friday 9 September, and they prepared the following items for their shared lunch with students, staff and SAKG Friends – Spring Focaccia, Baked Ricotta and Spinach Gnocchi, Meringue with Lemon Curd and Rhubarb Relish.



**From the Garden by Lisa McIntyre ...**

Our two senior garden classes - Grade 4/5 and Grade 5/6 - have been working on a project we hope to show you all in Term 4. They are producing "Gardening Dunkeld" videos - and they take inspiration and learning from the ABC's Gardening Australia program.



Our students learn how to produce a short film that not only teaches the viewer about a particular gardening topic, but also aims to captivate and enchant them, resulting in their viewers wanting to see and learn more about a topic. The children have researched their chosen topic, and then learn how to use their voice, their body language, music, camera techniques and angles, to engage their viewers - teaching them in an enjoyable way.

Costa Georgiadis (host of Gardening Australia) has heard that your children were doing this project and very kindly offered to send them some fantastic advice to help them with it. So, he made them two videos - just for your students - to help them with their work. He really is an amazingly friendly and very generous person.



The Grade 5/6 students sent him a note of thanks and below is his reply:

*So lovely to hear from you and receive your note of thanks and the photo with all the students. I can't wait to see some of their videos.*

*Much love to you all.*

*Costa*

**MISSING - School Rugby Jumper (size 14)**

Name on tag - Charlie Linke. It has been missing for several weeks, please check your School Rugby Jumpers to make sure it hasn't been picked up accidentally.

**- 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.