

Newsletter No. 15 – Wednesday 15 September 2021

SEPTEMBER 2021

- Wednesday 15 Remote Learning - Years 4 to 6.
Footy Week.
Footy / Sports Team Colours Day – students are encouraged to wear their favourite team colours. A jumper, hat, scarf, socks or ribbons etc may be worn.
International Dot Day activities. "The Dot" book - author Peter H Reynolds.
Kinder to Prep Transition Program – Kinder students will do a 'drive by' on the roundabout today during their Bush Kinder outing.
- Thursday 16 Remote Learning - Years 4 to 6.
School Lunch Orders.
Footy Week.
MARC Library.
Kinder to Prep Transition Program – Mrs Howard will meet online with the Kinder students and share a story.
- Friday 17 Online Parent Opinion Survey closes today – please remember to complete the survey.
Remote Learning - Years 4 to 6 - Specialist Day including Library, Art, Cooking, Gardening and PE activities.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden Classes. Prep students will be working in the Kitchen.
Footy Week.
School Assembly for on-site students only.
LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – early dismissal at 2.30pm. School buses will run one hour early.

OCTOBER 2021

- Monday 4 **First day of Term 4.**
- Tuesday 5 Policy and Facilities Sub-Committee Meetings and Fundraising Working Party Meeting.

FROM Mrs Angela Field, Acting Principal...

It was certainly a welcomed return for our Prep to Year 3 students for week 10. While these have been challenging times, I am so proud of the efforts and achievements of our Remote Learning students, their resilience to adapt has been wonderful, along with the support of their families at home.

With the holidays near, a well-earned rest is due for students and their families, and for our WONDERFUL staff. Hopefully we have seen the last of **so much** screen time, planning and preparing slides, attending staff meetings via Webex, as well as the various other Professional Learning or meetings that have taken place on Zoom or Google Meet. I know I'm looking forward to turning the pages of a book instead of logging into another Webex or Zoom meeting. I do enjoy a good laugh and this image sent to me by a teaching friend certainly made sure of that!



With the departure of two of our teaching staff, Mrs Ann Howard and Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring, at the end of this week, I would like to wish them all the best for the next chapter in their lives. I cannot thank them enough for the time and dedication they have given to the school and the students.

With the news of Mrs Gerring's departure from the school we have announced the staffing structure for Term 4. This ensures a smooth transition for our students, with familiar staff continuing at our school. I was most pleased that we were able to accommodate this without too much change, thanking our remaining staff for adapting to a new role for Term 4.

- Mrs Anne Gilbert will move into the Year 4/5 Class for Tuesday to Friday for Term 4. Miss Stephanie Thompson will continue to work in the Year 4/5 class on a Monday.
- Mrs Jackie McShane will be increasing her time to four days (Monday to Thursday) for Term 4, while Ms Hannah Black will work with the Prep/Year 1 class on a Friday.
- Ms Hannah Black will continue the Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) program on Mondays in Term 4.
- Student support will remain in place with extra ES and teacher support across the school.
- I will be assisting in the Writing Hour on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Year 4/5/6 classrooms.



I was lucky enough to sit in with the Prep/Year 1 class for their live chat with Blake Cochrane, Paralympian 2021 Bronze Medallist in Breaststroke. He was in his hotel room in Sydney completing his mandatory quarantine before being able to return home to his family in Queensland. His recap of his journey to becoming a Paralympian was engaging and the students then asked him some questions. What a wonderful opportunity for students!

An assembly will be held this Friday, but obviously due to the ongoing restrictions we cannot have visitors on-site to attend. Class Captain reports will be recorded for this week's assembly and shared with families via Seesaw. Term 4 Class Captains will be announced with their certificates to be presented at the first assembly in Term 4.

In our pick-up and drop-off area, further works from the shire, extending the culvert are, have now been completed. Many thanks to Lachy Patterson for following up on this matter.

Let's hope Term 4 can be uninterrupted, with our normal school programs being able to take place, particularly our camps.

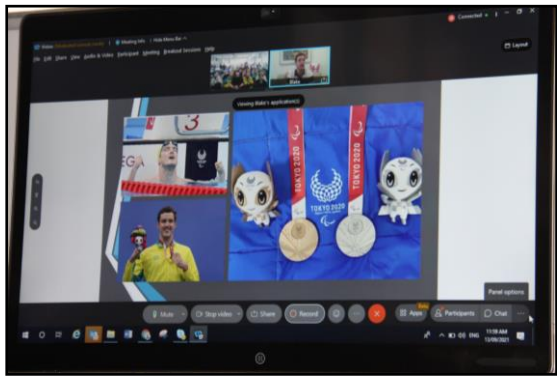
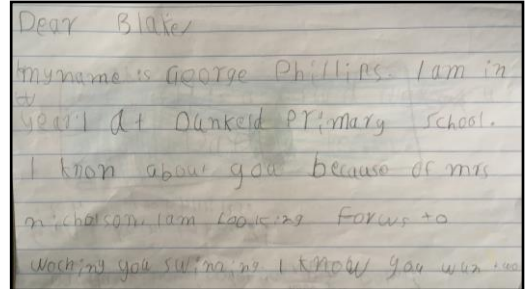
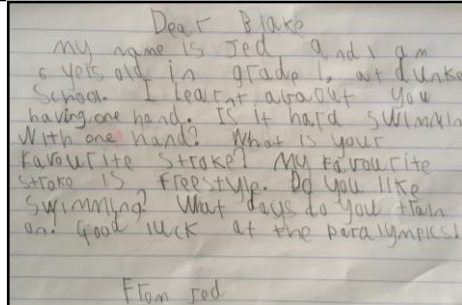
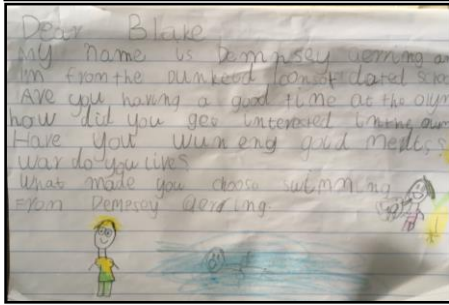
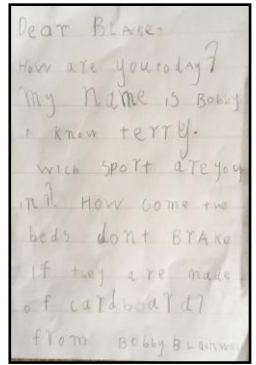
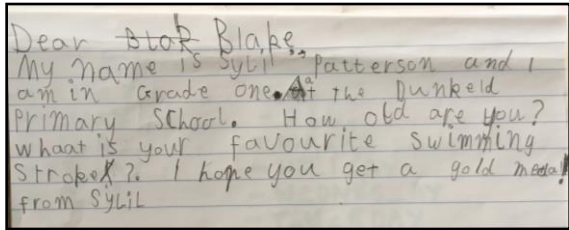
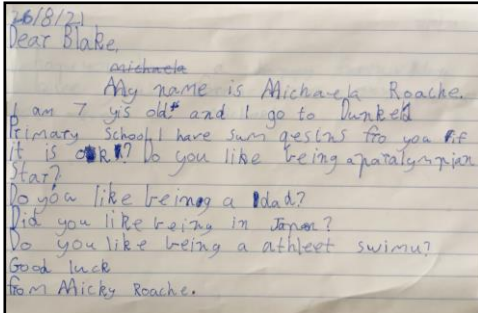
Stay safe and enjoy the holidays! 😊

Ange Field, Acting Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

PREP AND YEAR 1 WEBEX MEETING WITH BLAKE COCHRANE

Today Monday 13 September our Prep and Year 1 students enjoyed a Webex meeting with Paralympian, Blake Cochrane. We were very excited to talk to him and asked him many questions about his life. We have written to Blake and these are going to be made into a book and sent to him.



YEAR 2 WEBEX MEETING WITH BLAKE COCHRANE



Today Tuesday 14 September Year 2 and 3 students had a Webex meeting with Blake Cochrane while still in lockdown, in Sydney. Blake taught us a lot about the Paralympics, like when he was in London the events were very close together however at other Paralympics they have been all spread out. *By Jim Herrmann.* Blake was bullied when he was in Primary School because of his disability. He told us that he can do everything we can do and even more. *By Tyson Riddle.* We made Blake a podium out of cardboard and placed him in his bronze position alongside the other winners. *By George Lomas, James Manolas and Zach Lance.*



YEAR 4, 5 AND 6 RESEARCHING THE PARALYMPICS



Hi, my name is Jack Jones, Year 5. This is about Jared Clifford and Amber Merritt. Jared does athletics and Amber does wheelchair basketball and they both have disabilities. We have been researching the Paralympians and we just talked to them on the big TV. We submitted questions and they were answering them. Their disabilities were: Jared was losing his eyesight and Amber has clubfoot. I came back from that meeting with a lot of



understanding that you can't judge a book by its cover and you have to look on the bright side. Also, to be nice to everyone you meet and never judge someone you don't know on how they look because they might be really nice on the inside.

YEAR 2 AND 3 HOW TO DRAW A DRAGON AND MATH PIZZA SHOP

All About My Dragon

Imagine you had your own dragon. Draw a picture of your dragon.



Name: **Flappy**

What does it look like? *Flappy has an orange head and a blue body also wings that are yellow and orange and feet of all green feet*

What does it eat? *Flappy eats rock cookies dirt cake and slimy grasstoast each*

What is the coolest thing about your dragon? *day*
The coolest thing about Flappy is he can fly me to school and breathe fire.



How to draw a dragon
By Zoe Trotter

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By Zoe Trotter

Name: **Emerald**

What does it look like? *rainbow*

What does it eat? *crystal and jems*

What is the coolest thing about your dragon? *that it is sisters with Ember*

All About My Dragon

Imagine you had your own dragon. Draw a picture of your dragon.



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Name: **Sasha**

What does it look like? *Colorful and firey.*

What does it eat? *Heart shaped biscuits.*

What is the coolest thing about your dragon? *She can shoot hearts out of her mouth and she is very nice and protective to nice people.*



this is my dragon!

my dragon eats annoying kids and fish

Nate Elliott

All About My Dragon

Imagine you had your own dragon. Draw a picture of your dragon.



Name: **Iron Dragon**

What does it look like? **small Dragon but has big eyes**

What does it eat? **meat**

What is the coolest thing about your dragon? **He is small so you can't see him**



Pizza Shop

The Year 2/3 students were busy making and eating pizzas to finish off their Maths Money Unit. The Year 3's had to work out how much change they were going to receive and the Year 2 students were busy adding up how much the pizza was going to cost. The Year 2's were also the waiters and waitresses for the Year 3 students.

The Year 2's thoroughly enjoyed their delicious cooking session on Friday 10 September with Clare Kennedy where they also made yummy pizzas and scones!



YEAR 6 LOCKDOWN QUIZ SHOW

For Genius Hour, (a subject where we create something based around our passions) we chose to make a quiz show with our classmates. We wanted to create something that would cheer everyone up in Covid 19, and that's what we have achieved. Something to watch over and over again without getting sick of it.
By Edie Jackson and Isabella Jury



Quiz Show Rounds



Grand Final

INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY



The Dot is the story of a caring teacher who dares a doubting student to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to "make her mark". What begins with a small dot on a piece of paper becomes a breakthrough in confidence and courage, igniting a journey of self-discovery and sharing, which has gone on to inspire countless children and adults around the globe. Each year on International Dot Day – with the help of people just like you – the inspiration continues. What started as a story in the pages of a book is transforming teaching and learning around the world as people of all ages re-discover the power and potential of creativity in all they do.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains ...

Kitchen Report:

Year One Kitchen Experiences on Friday 10 September

Bobby - It was really fun. The thing that I liked the best was the pizza because it had potato and cheese.

George – Jed and I got to cut up the strawberries. I liked putting the strawberries into the bowl.

Jed - George and I washed the dishes. I liked eating the scones because I liked the strawberries.

Lochie - It was fun and the pizza was very yummy. We put cheese, potato and rosemary on the pizza.

Nellie - I liked the pizza. I shaped the scones. We smashed the rosemary salt for the pizza.

Sybil - I liked the scones with strawberries and whipped cream. I shaped some of the scones.

Jackson - I liked the pizza. I sprinkled the cheese on the pizza.

Michaela - It was fun and the food tasted delicious. I had to knead the dough and sprinkle cheese on the pizza.

Dempsey - It was exciting. I had to make some rosemary salt for the pizza. We made some scones. They were delicious.



Year 2 students also were lucky to share the same cooking delights that day.



Garden Report:

On Friday 10 September Prep, Year 1 and 2 students were split into 2 groups. While one group were preparing food in the Kitchen the other group was hard at it in the garden.

Prep got to meet our new chickens and collected green grass and plants for them. We also gave them fresh water and topped up their food in the feeder. We gather whatever plants from the garden to make Billy tea. Lisa had Billy's boiling on the campfire, with lemon or rosemary mint tea and the Preps could add their plants if they wanted.

Year 1 and 2 were interdicted to the chickens and then proceeded to make potato towers and covered them with hay. Year 1 and 2 also got to enjoy the Billy tea.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

An online School Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 14 September, which included the following items of business:

- Whole school farewell and presentation ceremony for Mrs Ann Howard will be held at a later date, due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- The Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp will now be held on Monday 25 to Tuesday 26 October 2021.
- The Graduation, Anaphylaxis, Digital Technologies and Staff Registers Policies were approved and the Implementation of the DET Schools' Privacy Policy and DET Sexual Harassment Policy Implementation were noted.
- A comprehensive presentation about our 2021 NAPLAN results (for Year 3 and 5 students) was conducted by Angela Field.
- Kinder to Prep Transition Program has commenced (with the Dunkeld Kindergarten).
- Bushfire Preparedness (Vegetation) Program works have commenced.

ONLINE PARENT OPINION SURVEY – CLOSING ON FRIDAY 17 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 17 September 2021 (please note the new closing date).

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.

ORDERS FOR SCHOOL JUMPERS

Please find enclosed with this newsletter an order form for school jumpers. **We do not require money with your order but we would appreciate the return of orders by Friday 8 October 2021.** It is anticipated that the price will range from approximately \$80.00 to \$89.00 per rugby jumper and invoices will be forwarded once your order has arrived.

WALK FOR A KINDER WORLD – FLY HIGH BILLIE

Our school has registered to participate in this year's 'Walk for a Kinder World' (13 October to 13 November 2021). This year the walk for a kinder world is heading for the moon – 382,000 kilometres! To quote Neil Armstrong, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." Then he added, "For one priceless moment, all the people of this world are truly one." The flyhighbillie charity was set up to honour the amazing legacy of 12 year old Billie Kinder. flyhighbillie is a fully registered charity with DGR status committed to spreading empathy, kindness and compassion to reduce mental health issues, bully and suicide in children and young people. Our school has created a fundraising page and students/families may register (parents or guardians must register on behalf of any students aged under 18 years) under the Dunkeld Consolidated School 'team': <https://fundraise.flyhighbillie.org/register/walkforkindness>

Remember to be Sun Smart

SUN SMART: A timely reminder that we are a Sun Smart school. It is compulsory for students to wear hats when outside from the beginning of September. 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.



- 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, after school hours and on the weekends, under current COVID-19 guidelines.

Also, a reminder that the school should only allow on-site access to essential visitors. Parents should be using the pedestrian gateways 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.