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CORONA VIRUS REGIONAL VICTORIA UPDATES

12.39pm



Graphic: New regional Victorian restrictions

REGIONAL VICTORIA

From 11:59pm, Sunday, 18 October

-  Visitors to the home: maximum of two people plus dependents
-  Outdoor gatherings would be allowed with up to 10 people from two households.
-  Hospitality venues: increased capacity to 70 people outside and 40 people inside (subject to conditions)
-  Indoor pools: open for 18 and under maximum of 20 swimmers and one on one hydrotherapy with health professional
-  Outdoor religious gatherings: increase to 20 people
-  Libraries/toy libraries: maximum of 20 people
-  Households can visit care facilities (rather than one person at a time)

From 11:59pm, Sunday, 1 November

-  Non-contact indoor physical recreation for under 18-year-olds: e.g. dance classes, with maximum of 20 people
-  Non-contact indoor community sport for under 18-year-olds: spectators limited to one parent, guardian or carer

For more information please visit: <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/statement-premier-77>

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CHURCH TIMES

Saint Patrick's Catholic Church

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Co-Pastor: Father George Kuruvila – 5571 1161

Email: patrick.mugavin@ballarat.catholic.org.au
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4 th Week	Sunday	October 25
1 st Week	Sunday	November 1
2 nd Week	Sunday	November 8
3 rd Week	Sunday	November 15
4 th Week	Sunday	November 22
5 th Week	Sunday	November 29

Please note that public Masses in the Saint Mary MacKillop Parish Western Border have been suspended as of 6 August 2020 due to Stage 3 COVID19 Restrictions. Please click on the following link for our Online Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-blQdgo2Zk0xN9ki93aFjw>

or follow our Facebook page to receive notification of online masses: <https://www.facebook.com/westernbordercatholicparish/>

If you would like to receive regular email links to invite you to watch our Masses, please email our Parish Office on admin@westernborder.church

Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

On Sunday mornings, Morning Prayer will be live streamed at 10:00am followed by the Sunday morning mass at 10:30am on our Parish Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AnglicanHamilton>

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

Services in the Parish are now available on You Tube and Face Book. Also on Google, click in **Hamilton Uniting Church Livestreaming**. Available at **11.00am Sundays** or can be viewed at a later time.

Anyone wishing to speak/or meet with Rev Angie Griffin is welcome to contact her regarding a suitable time and place on **0417 367 227**.

WHAT'S ON IN OCTOBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
19 Dunkeld Arboretum AGM 8.00pm	20	21 Newsletter issue 16 distributed	22	23 PUBLIC HOLIDAY DPLC Working Bee at Salt Creek	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Newsletter issue 17 cut off	31	1 NOV
2	3	4 Newsletter issue 17 distributed	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13 Newsletter issue 18 cut off	14	15

DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE



Dunkeld has been nominated to receive an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) as part of Ambulance Victoria's program to donate 100 AEDs to communities in rural Victoria.

The AED is located outside the office at the Dunkeld Caravan Park. It is available for community use 24 hours a day in the event of someone suffering a cardiac arrest.

This is the only AED in Dunkeld available 24/7.

The Dunkeld Public Lands are very grateful to Ambulance Victoria for this great initiative.

Did you know there is an app available to locate your nearest registered AED? Wherever you are. Just search in the app store for GoodSam.



Working Bee on Friday 23 October 9.00am at Salt Creek

We would like to have a clean-up prior to the Fire Season. Whipper snippers, small chainsaws and rakes will be required. Any help from the community would be very much appreciated. If we can attract a good work group we would hopefully be finished up by 12.00pm. Looking forward to seeing our Taskforce.

Many thanks
Frank Raymond

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Dunkeld Bowling Club News

Annual General Meeting:

This year due to the COVID19 restrictions, we were unable to conduct our AGM at the usual time. However, we managed to hold the AGM recently, the office bearers for 2020-2021 are:

President	Gary Wall
Vice President	Stephen Field
Junior Vice President	Angus Jackson
Secretary	Geoff Hinchliffe
Treasurer/s	Heather McIntyre and Paul Callander
Immediate Vice President	Brian Mathews
General Committee	Christine Scott, Neil Scott, Simon Cullinane, Sandy Riddle, Darren Gordon

Our thanks are extended to last year's Committee members who this year have decided to have a rest, these being – Peter MacLean, Bob Napier and Geoff Montgomery. Your input over the years has been greatly appreciated, enjoy your rest.

Pennant:

This year our club has entered a team in the South Western Region (Warrnambool), this team will join Division 2. As part of this team we welcome into our fold, Troy Greed, a very accomplished bowler and gentleman, welcome Troy, we hope you enjoy your time at Dunkeld.

Last year our Division 4 Premiers' team have been elevated to Division 3 and will continue in the Far Western Region.

Life Membership:

Life membership to the Bowls Club is highly regarded and only awarded to members who have greatly contributed to the club and bowls in general.

This year we have great pleasure in welcoming to the Life Member's Club, **MR FRANK RAYMOND**, who duly received his award on our Opening Day on Saturday 10 October 2020.

Frank has been a member of the Dunkeld Bowls Club for some 40 years, in that time he has held the position of President twice, has been a constant Committee member involved in all sub-committees including Match, Greens, Bar, Pennant and Building. He has been our delegate to the Far Western Association as well as our resident mechanic keeping all our machinery in top condition.



Frank's prowess as a bowler is well noted, Club Champion 2003/2004, he is on all honour boards as winning the Rinks, the Pairs and as a member of many other team events.

Frank has been strongly admired for his openness, honesty, general demeanour and sportsmanship; these attributes have been highly regarded and respected, not only within our club, but also throughout the district.

Congratulations Frank, an award thoroughly deserved.

On Saturday 10 October, we played the 100 Up, results will be published in the next edition of the Community

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RED CROSS NEWS

As **Sterling Place** is still closed at this stage, it has been decided to hold our final meeting for 2020 at **Cafe 109, at 2.00pm on Monday 26 October**. Ten people can gather and by then it may be more than ten. Covid-safe regulations will be in place.



For discussion, a leaflet has arrived on **Future areas of focus and some suggestions on how Branches can be involved**.

The CEO **Judy Slatyer**, has resigned and a world-wide search has gone out for her replacement; **Anne McArthur** AOM, Victorian division Advisory Board Chairman, who represented Victoria at Geneva last year, is stepping down and concentrating on her local Lindenow Branch.

On 23 November, the **Trauma Teddy** concept turns 30! This *'magical little teddy has found its way into the lives and hearts of thousands of people all across Australia. Each...is unique. Teddies are handed out to people in need at surgeries, childrens' hospitals, womens' hospices, bushfire evacuation centres and more.'* During lock-down, the HQ supply of Trauma Teddies has grown, which is very pleasing. To **celebrate**, Red Cross is collecting **photos** and **stories** (100 words or less) on *'what the TT means to you,'* from those who **made, distributed, or received a Trauma Teddy**.

These are to be in by **9 November** and can be sent by **text to 0467 781 287** or **emailed** to samtaylor@redcross.org.au
By submitting stories, it means giving **permission** for these stories to be shared on Facebook and Instagram and by newsletter to supporters.

Iris Field, Secretary

DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

Annual General Meeting

We finally held our AGM on Sunday 27 September, making a bit of history ourselves with an outdoor meeting. The Annual Reports of the President, Treasurer and Research were tabled, and reflected again the significant achievements of the Museum volunteers in conserving and recording the district's history, as well as resourcing the many people who are researching their families' pasts. If you would like a copy of any of the reports, please contact the Museum via email: admin@dunkeldmuseum.org.au



Virtual Museum

While the Museum is closed to visitors, visit our website! dunkeldmuseum.org.au. It is a fantastic, user-friendly compilation of Museum resources, including the collection, photos, stories, family histories, historical timeline of the district...

Lighting upgrade

The Museum was successful in its application to the Southern Grampians Shire Council Greater Grants Program 2020/2021, for funding to upgrade lighting in the Museum. This has enabled us to employ Alan Fort to install energy efficient lighting in the building interiors, and lighting in the cabinets which is kinder to the exhibits. The Committee sincerely thanks SGSC for their support for the Museum.

Work goes on

Although the Museum has been closed to visitors for some months, we have continued to respond to family history enquiries and are in the process of refreshing some displays and exhibits.

New members and membership renewals

During the past few months, we have welcomed new life members, Nicole Hood and Mary-Ann Brown, and new annual member, David Tyson.

Annual members are reminded that membership renewals are overdue. Membership details and payments can be made through our website: dunkeldmuseum.org.au or email us admin@dunkeldmuseum.org.au



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Café 109 are open for sit-in dining

Café 109 are now open for sit in dining, we request that people call us on **5577-2288** or contact us via our Facebook page to book their table as we have limited seating available, walk-ins will be allowed if we have space available and the bar will be open for those dining in, takeaways and delivery remain the same.

Our operating hours are as follows:

Monday - Closed
Tuesday – Chicken Parma Night 4pm – 8pm
Wednesday – 4pm – 8pm
Thursday – Burger Night 4pm – 8pm
Friday - 4pm – 8pm
Saturday & Sunday - Lunch 12pm - 2pm
Dinner 4pm – 8pm

Takeaway Meals

- Flake • Whiting • Calamari
- Scallops • Crumbed Prawns
- Dim Sims • Spring Rolls • Chips & Gravy
- Pizza Varieties • Pasta
- Risotto • Chicken Schnitzel/ Parma
- Tennessee Ribs • Garlic Prawns
- Salt 'n' Pepper Squid • Chips
- Hamburgers/ Vegie Burger

Takeaway Family Meal Packs

- Pizza Bundle – 2 x Pizza's, garlic bread & 1.25L Soft Drink \$40
- Fish & Chip Bundle – 4 x pcs Fish, chips & salad \$30
- Chicken Parma's – 4 x Parma's, chips & salad \$70
- Chicken Schnitzel – 4 x Schnitzels, chips & salad \$60

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*******Delivery available in Dunkeld town boundary with minimum spend of \$20*******

Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade News

Now is the time to start preparing your property for summer. With a wet spring forecast it is likely that there will be plenty of grass around which can pose a significant fire risk as the temperatures warm up into summer. Fallen limbs and timber around your property should be cleared and long grass maintained so as not to pose a fire risk into summer. It is also a good time to check the batteries in your smoke alarms to ensure that they are operating as they should.

Covid-19 restrictions has put a stop to all training within the brigade, however as we prepare for the upcoming bushfire season we will soon be starting our pre-season preparedness which includes some basic skills and safety maintenance training. A number of our members are currently working through gaining their truck license through the CFA which will see our driver numbers boosted this fire season.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Sally Armytage and Niki Vrankovic to the roles of secretary and treasurer of the brigade respectively. We thank outgoing officer Leighton Wraith for his services over the last couple of years and wish him all the best with his projects at the CFA airbase in Hamilton.

The brigade was successful in the 2019 round of VESEP (Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program) funding to secure a replacement tanker to replace the brigade owned, 31 year old Isuzu tanker (Dunkeld Suzi). This new tanker will provide the brigade with a modern fully equipped 4x4 firefighting platform that will allow safer firefighting capabilities in the bush, farmland and township. We are hoping to see this new truck early in the New Year and hope to hold a community open day to showcase the new vehicle.

The brigade contribution for the new truck is \$50,000 which has been fundraised 100% by local donations over the last 30 years. As a brigade we are extremely grateful for the community support we have received which allows us to update and maintain our brigade owned equipment to better protect the community from all fires.

We are again seeking your support. All Dunkeld residents are asked to consider a voluntary donation for the provision of sundry equipment necessary for our continuing operational efficiency

- a. \$50 for rural landholders, or;
- b. \$30 for town residences.

Donations can be forwarded to:

Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade, c/o Sally Armytage, P O Box, Dunkeld or
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***NOTE CHANGE OF HOURS**

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SATURDAY - 7.30am – 4.00pm

SUNDAY- 8.00am – 1.00pm

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SOME WORDS FROM FATHER DAVID

I have often read with frustration the call of Matthew. It's infuriating because it's all over in just one verse. Jesus simply bowls up to Matt's office and says "Follow me". And Matthew does. The whole incident is over in just 30 words. What's going on?

Presumably, this is not the first time that Jesus and Matthew had met. I mean, you just don't leave a well-paying job, a plush office, company car and bonuses at a moment's notice to follow some itinerant who's wandered in off the street.

No, this is the culmination of a relationship that has been bubbling along for some time. Straight after this little verse Jesus is at Matthew's place and having a dinner party with some pretty shady characters. Probably this is not the first time Jesus had been at Matt's to enjoy a couple of glasses of red ned and a roast lamb.

But there is something else that is puzzling. The Master's selection criteria for one of the most important jobs on the planet. This would not be a popular choice for the electorate. Matthew was not the sort of guy you promote to the cabinet, not even the back bench or the local council.

So I must conclude that The Master saw something in Matthew that we of course can't. Not now in the 20th century. When Jesus sits down at the highly polished large oak desk, he doesn't see a tax collector, smartly coiffured with a Gucci suit. He sees Matthew for who he *truly* is.

Matthew gets this. He understands that he is being approached for no other reason than he is wanted for himself.

No wonder Matthew quickly emails his boss and quits. He's got a better offer. Now if we had eyes to see and hearts to understand...

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From the Lions Den

**Victorian Lions Foundation
continued:**

Hearing Research Fellow - Bionics Institute
Lions were instrumental in assisting the development of the Bionic Ear and we support the Lions Hearing Research Fellow at the Bionics Institute.

Our Fellow is improving outcomes for hearing impaired people by determining ways to predict their speech perception outcomes using hearing devices.

Some days it pays to stay in bed

The following is a true story. A woman was sitting in her lounge when a small black snake suddenly appeared, slithered across the floor, and made its way under the sofa. Being deathly afraid of snakes, she ran to the bathroom to get her husband, who was taking a shower. He came running from the shower with just a towel around his waist, grabbed an old broom handle from the cupboard, and began poking under the sofa. At this point the family dog awakened.

Curious to see what was happening, the dog came up behind the husband and touched his cold nose to the back of the man's heel. The man, thinking the snake had bitten him on the heel, fainted. The woman concluded that her husband

had collapsed with a heart attack, so she ran from the house to a hospital just a street away.

The ambulance drivers promptly came to her house and placed him on a stretcher. But as they were carrying him out, the snake reappeared from underneath the sofa. One of the drivers got so frightened that he dropped his end of the stretcher and broke the man's leg. Seeing her husband's twisted leg, the wife collapsed on the spot. Meanwhile, the snake slithered quietly away.

(I have to say it, I cannot read the story without thinking of Canberra or Spring Street).

I will quote Teresa de Cepeda Y Ahumada: 1515 – 1582:

<i>Nada to turbe;</i>	Let nothing worry you;
<i>Nada te espante;</i>	Nothing dismay you;
<i>Todo se pasa;</i>	Everything passes;
<i>La paciencia;</i>	If you have patience.

Dad would have said, either: "They are born at the rate of one a day and they never die", or he would have quoted the old African saying, "There are forty kinds of lunacy, but only one kind of common sense."

Peter Hinchey



GREATER HAMILTON LIBRARY BRINGING OUT THE LARRIKINS FOR CHILDREN'S WEEK

Greater Hamilton Library will be hosting the "Larrikin Puppets" online this year to celebrate Children's week.

Larrikin Puppets' popular puppet shows are colourful and exciting theatre performances for children and their families featuring intriguing characters, catchy original songs, funny skits, jokes, games and live interaction. The puppeteers have received training in the USA under Jim Henson puppeteers from The Muppets and Sesame Street. Highly entertaining and captivating, Larrikin Puppets' fast-paced, feel-good puppetry celebrates fun, kindness and play while nurturing child development, encouraging audiences to talk, dance, sing and play along with wide eyed wonder, joy and laughs from beginning to end.

The virtual event, supported by the Victorian Government, will run over three days, Monday 26, Wednesday 28 and Friday 30 October at 11.00am on the Greater Hamilton Library Facebook Page.

The "Larrikin Puppets" will aim to raise awareness of the Children's Week theme "Celebrating the right of all children to choose their own friends and safely connect with others". The children will engage in creative play with the puppets through dance, songs and story times.

Greater Hamilton Senior Library Officer Ms Jenny Poynton said she was really looking forward to being able to host an event like this for children in the Southern Grampians Shire community.

"Children learn so much when they engage through play. The Larrikin Puppets will work with the children to expand rhyming skills, build on vocabulary, fine and gross motor skills as well as working on social and emotional well-being for themselves and others."

"This year has been a challenging one for our kids. We can't wait to see the Larrikin Puppets share a positive and uplifting experience with our children, while also promoting these important skills", Ms Poynton said.

Although the Greater Hamilton Library remains closed until the lifting of further State Government restrictions, there are still a range of free resources services and available for residents.

Online story-time sessions are being held on Thursdays at 11.00am on the Greater Hamilton Library Facebook page. Library members are able to access 'Storybox' and a great range of online content through the Central Highlands Library Group webpage. Library staff are also offering a 'click and collect' service. If members wish to borrow books, please contact the Library directly on 55730470.

INTERNET SPEEDS



Bendigo Telco is partnering with Southern Grampians Shire to develop a proposal in response to a federal government



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If you have any further inquiries, please contact:

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Landcare News

Grampians Ark

To all residents, landholders and visitors - Fox Baits are currently being laid on participating properties - our Spring Baiting Pulse - from Monday 21 September 2020 - Monday 23 November.

The fox cages are still in use, and are available to borrow - please get in touch with me and I will find one for you!

Canola Chemical Ban

Landline episode involving the EU wanting to ban an insecticide but also talks about EUs requirements for sustainable canola too. <https://www.abc.net.au/landline/canola-chemical-ban-warning-from-european-buyers/12633818?nw=0>

Best-practice guidelines for Fox Management

This article describes the partnership between wildlife managers and scientists. The research identifies the characteristics that underpin successful fox control programs. And our own "Grampians Ark" program is mentioned!

<https://www.ari.vic.gov.au/research/pests-weeds-and-overabundant-species/best-practice-guidelines-for-fox-management>

1950s Aerial photographs

Have you ever wondered what your place looked like, about 70 years ago?! Wonder no more! Follow this link to access old Victorian photos

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-806278912>

"Click on the maps' index, and then you can chose the maps for your area of interest.

The photos were taken in about 1948, probably when there was plenty of expertise following the Second World War. They put in a huge effort cutting and splicing photo negatives together to make a seamless set of photos.

When you get to an individual image of an old map, down towards the bottom right hand corner there is a grid with the reference number of the adjoining maps. Once you get your bearings, it is very interesting to compare how things have changed compared to later Google Earth images".

Do you have a woody weed problem?!

If you do, please get in touch! There is a great possibility that Dave Nichols (GHCMA) and the Working for Victoria crew that he works with, will be able to help you. They are currently flat out planting trees in our region and when that task is finished, they may be able to help you tackle your woody weed problem. I am collecting a list of people who would love some help, so please get in touch with me. If you have already, you do not need to again, as you are already on the list!

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Our customers and the community, make our job very rewarding. We asked Jo Frost, one of our customers about their experience with the Dunkeld and District



Community Bank. Here are her responses:

1. *For those who are not familiar with you, can you give us a bit of information about yourselves?* We moved to Dunkeld from Nareeb five years ago. I am a real estate agent with Elders Real Estate and

Anthony is the Operations Manager with the P & A Society and has a private gardening business. Chloe is 14 and Angus is 12. They both love playing sport with the local Rams Football/Netball Club.

2. *What decided you to commence banking with the Dunkeld & District Community Bank?*

We built a house last year in Dunkeld and decided this was a great time to move all our banking across to the Dunkeld & District Community Bank, to not only makes things easier, but to support the local branch which in turn supports our local community.

3. *How long have you been associated with Dunkeld & District Community Bank?* We bought shares when it first opened and moved all our banking needs across 12 months ago.

4. *What has been the highlight of your involvement with Dunkeld & District Community Bank?* The fabulous, personal, caring service we receive from all the staff, who will always go the extra mile to meet our needs and answer questions.

5. *What would you say to anyone contemplating becoming a customer of the Dunkeld & District Community Bank?* Do not hesitate! You will be delighted with the attention to detail, excellent service and it's a great feeling knowing your support is benefiting the wider community whether you are involved directly or not and that's a good thing.

Thank you Jo for sharing your experience!

Little Blue Towels

They're back! The Little Blue Towels are again available to purchase at the branch. 100% re-purposed, lint free, super absorbent towels with all funds going towards funding Breast Cancer Support Services. \$7.00 for a pack of 5 towels. Be quick - limited supplies!



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.


Kind regards, Dee-Anne Gerring

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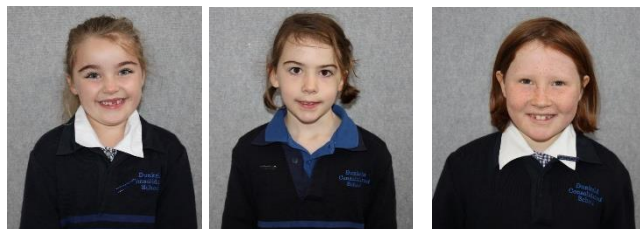


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TERM 4 CLASS CAPTAINS

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, Year 5/6 – Sebastian

MINI OLYMPICS DAY AND OUTDOOR DISCO

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

On 12 October we, the Sport Captains', organised 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 to 6 students 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 outdoor 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 – third 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.



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. *By 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. *By Jim Herrmann*

Year 3

At the end of the day we had the soccer match. The sun lit up the day like fireworks. *By Charles Prentice*
Boom! The music started. Excitement rushed around like sugar. *By Clementine Blackwell*

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

I stood up and ran to the nearest flag. Every footstep sounded like a drum. *By 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. *By Max Russell*



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.

Writing Instruments Recycling Program – Community Collections 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.

SOME MORE WORDS FROM FATHER DAVID

I've just come from the stimulating experience of vacuuming the car. Something that I have been putting off for far too long. Why is that? It's not painful, it didn't cost anything and yet for some indiscernible reason I was happy to let the grime, the grit and the lolly papers accumulate in nasty dark corners where I could cheerfully ignore them. Yet when this 'car birthday' experience is over I wonder what all the fuss is about. There is a shiny irrepressible sense of virtuous self-righteousness. More of that 'What a good boy am I' syndrome.

I find this too in my relationship with the Master. There is some stuff that I allow to settle in the interior places deep within me. To my detriment and often to others as well, somehow it is easier to allow it to stay there, ignore it, pretend that it isn't there or worse, kid myself that it doesn't matter, when of course, it does matter. It matters very much. So I take a deep breathe, put a line through the diary and go and do my spiritual vacuum. Again I am surprised at the brevity and the ease of the process. Why did I dread this moment of liberation and joy? This is what has been needed for so long. How did I forget the exhilaration of finally getting my stuff together?

We all have these 'cleansing tasks' to accomplish. Scrubbing the floor, weeding the garden, that exercise regime, the card that needs writing. Fessing up and saying sorry. We procrastinate about them for far too long. So I cheer you on friend and encourage you. Take a deep breath and do what you know to be right. Go on... you know you want to. OK ... so you know you need to.

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DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership (\$40.00 per person) to ensure the future of the RSL locally. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson - phone: 5573 3353.



Origins of Remembrance Day

Why is this day special to Australians?

At 11.00 am on 11 November 1918 the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The allied armies had driven the German invaders back, having inflicted heavy defeats upon them over the preceding four months. In November the Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted allied terms that amounted to unconditional surrender.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. The moment when

hostilities ceased on the Western Front became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war. This first modern world conflict had brought about the mobilisation of over 70 million people and left between 9 and 13 million dead, perhaps as many as one-third of them with no known grave. The allied nations chose this day and time for the commemoration of their war dead.

On the first anniversary of the armistice in 1919 two minutes' silence was instituted as part of the main commemorative ceremony at the new Cenotaph in London. The silence was proposed by Australian journalist Edward Honey, who was working in Fleet Street. At about the same time, a South African statesman made a similar proposal to the British Cabinet, which endorsed it. King George V personally requested all the people of the British Empire to suspend normal activities for two minutes on the hour of the armistice "which stayed the worldwide carnage of the four preceding years and marked the victory of Right and Freedom". The two minutes' silence was popularly adopted and it became a central feature of commemorations on Armistice Day.



Photo description: Sydney, NSW, 11 November 1919. The view from Castlereagh Street looking down towards George Street, of a large crowd which has gathered in Martin Place to celebrate Armistice Day. The clock on the GPO building says twelve o'clock and a replica sailing ship float has been set up in the centre. A bandstand with a domed roof is visible in the background.

On the second anniversary of the armistice in 1920 the commemoration was given added significance when it became a funeral, with the return of the remains of an

unknown soldier from the battlefields of the Western Front. Unknown soldiers were interred with full military honours in Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triumph in Paris. The entombment in London attracted over one million people within a week to pay their respects at the Unknown Soldier's tomb. Most other allied nations adopted the tradition of entombing unknown soldiers over the following decade.

After the end of the Second World War, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day. Armistice Day was no longer an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead.

In Australia on the 75th anniversary of the armistice in 1993 Remembrance Day ceremonies again became the focus of national attention. The remains of an unknown Australian soldier, exhumed from a First World War military cemetery in France, were ceremonially entombed in the Memorial's Hall of Memory. Remembrance Day ceremonies were conducted simultaneously in towns and cities all over the country, culminating at the moment of burial at 11 am and coinciding with the traditional two minutes' silence. This ceremony, which touched a chord across the Australian nation, re-established Remembrance Day as a significant day of commemoration.

Four years later, in 1997, Governor-General Sir William Deane issued a proclamation formally declaring 11 November to be Remembrance Day, urging all Australians to

observe one minute's silence at 11 am on 11 November each year to remember those who died or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflicts.¹

¹<https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/remembrance-day/traditions>