

Newsletter No. 16 – Wednesday 13 October 2021

OCTOBER 2021

- Wednesday 13 Walk for a Kinder World begins.
School Assembly.
Kinder to Prep Transition Program – online meeting.
- Friday 15 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Wednesday 20 Kinder to Prep Transition Program – online meeting.
- Thursday 21 MARC Library.
- Friday 22 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Monday 25 Meeting (off-site) with Year 5 parents regarding Year 6 Graduation – decorations, setting up etc.
- Tuesday 26 **All Students return to face-to-face learning.** 😊
'Welcome Back to School' activities including a free sausage sizzle lunch.
- Wednesday 27 Kinder to Prep Transition Program – online meeting.
School Assembly.
- Thursday 28 MARC Library.
- Friday 29 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 4 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
World Teachers and Education Support Staff Day.

NOVEMBER 2021

- Tuesday 2 **MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY.**
- Thursday 4 MARC Library.
- Friday 5 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Wednesday 10 School Assembly.
- Thursday 11 MARC Library.
Remembrance Day.
- Friday 12 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Thursday 18 MARC Library.
- Friday 19 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 4 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Wednesday 24 School Assembly.
- Thursday 25 **MARC Library – last visit for 2021.**
- Friday 26 Red Cross Pillowcase Project for the Year 2/3 students.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.

DECEMBER 2021

- Friday 3 **Last SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes for 2021.** Thank You Lunch for school staff; prepared and hosted by Year 6 students.
- Tuesday 7 Orientation Day (to be confirmed in line with Covid-19 regulations). Kindergarten students to attend school all day while all Dunkeld students step up to their new 2022 year level for the day.
- Wednesday 8 School Assembly.
- Friday 10 SAKG Kitchen and Garden Clean Up Day.
- Tuesday 14 Year 6 Graduation.

FROM Mrs Angela Field, Acting Principal...

With Term 4 underway and the Covid-19 Roadmap tracking nicely, it has been wonderful to have students back on-site staggered across the week. We are so excited for **Tuesday 26 October**, when all students from Prep to Year 6 will be on-site. We have planned a special day for the return of all students including a free lunch, Footy clinics for all ages with Jock Whiting, Art, STEAM and Digital Media activities. Farewell and good luck to Dempsey Gerring as she starts at her new school, Buninyong Primary School. We have also welcomed three new students for this term, Indigo (Prep), Jet (Year 2) and Kai Roads (Year 4) to Dunkeld Consolidated School.

Face Masks

From Monday 18 October students from Years 3 to 6 are required to wear facemasks inside school buildings. We ask that student bring a **named mask and a named zip-lock bag** to place their mask in at recess and lunch. Masks will need to be sent home each night for washing or replacing. I thank you for your support and understanding with this state-wide requirement.

Shade Sail Grants

The Education Department is supporting schools with measures to maintain the health and wellbeing of students and staff in the transition back to face-to-face learning. As part of this transition, schools are encouraged to maximise the use of outdoor learning areas. To support this, grants of up to \$25,000 per government school campus are available to fund the installation of new shade sails to renew outdoor environments so they are suitable for learning. We have applied for a shade sail to be placed in our new lawn area (the old basketball court space), to develop an outdoor learning space for our students.

Camps

At the time of print, camps in Regional Victoria are not taking place. Camp locations have been contacted and we await further information from DET, as to whether they may be able to go ahead later in the term. Staff are discussing ideas if camps are cancelled for 2021. Thank you for your understanding and patience with this matter.

Vaccinations

From 18 October 2021, unless an employee has a valid medical exception, employees will not be permitted to attend a school if:

- they have not received any COVID-19 vaccine doses and have not made an appointment to receive a dose before 25 October 2021 or
- they have not provided information regarding their vaccination status as set out above, including if the employee has not provided evidence that a medical exception applies.

The deadline for a second dose is by 29 November 2021.

This applies to all staff including Casual Relief Teachers (CRTs), Education Support Staff and Visiting Support Services. I am very grateful to all our staff at Dunkeld Consolidated School for supporting this program.

Tutor Learning Initiative

We would like to thank Ms Hannah Black for her role as our Tutor in 2021 and wish her well next year as she continues her Art teaching at Saint Mary's Primary School in Hamilton.

We are pleased to advise that the Victorian Government is investing in the Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI) for the 2022 school year. The additional funding will provide all Victorian government schools with targeted learning support to address the continued impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. A new tutor will be employed at our school to continue this important role.



We're taking part in Walk for Kindness to support Flyhighbillie Limited.

flyhighbillie empowers children to make a difference through human kindness. Your support will go to providing kindness workbooks and programs to children in Australian primary schools. These kindness resources help children to explore and express what it means to be kind. Our actions do matter and we each have the power to make a difference.

Together we can spread kindness significantly reducing severe mental health issues, bullying, and suicide in children and young people.

Please consider joining our school team and walking in our beautiful region in Spring. You can use the link below in your browser:

<https://fundraise.flyhighbillie.org/fundraisers/dunkeldcs>

Thank you to those who have registered already! 😊

Ange Field, Acting Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

WELCOME BACK CHILDREN



Wow! Our deck is looking bright, colourful and welcoming. An inviting spot to enjoy eating and a lovely area to engage in outside learning. Our students love it!



PREP AND YEAR 1

The Prep and Year 1 students have been working in our new outdoor spaces in the beautiful sunshine. We completed our Smart Spelling program outside on Tuesday 12 October. We have been studying "Fairy Tales" in writing and reading and having lots of fun. This week we will be performing "The Three Little Pigs" at assembly on Wednesday and we will post on Seesaw for the Prep/Year 1 parents to watch.



YEAR 2/3

During our non-fiction unit in Term 3, students in Year 2/3 created posters for a book response they completed. Students learnt about the plot, the purpose of the text, the genre and new vocabulary. Zoe and Henrietta have also used their ICT skills to place photos from their book onto their posters using Seesaw!

Science - Popcorn

Fun in the Kitchen: As an end of Term activity, students got to experience and assist cooking popcorn on the stove top. The students were very excited when the popcorn started exploding eagerly out of the pot and all over the kitchen bench!



High Tea

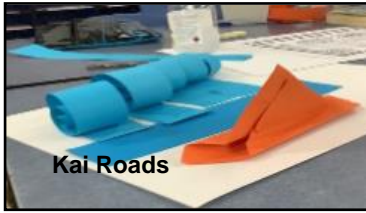
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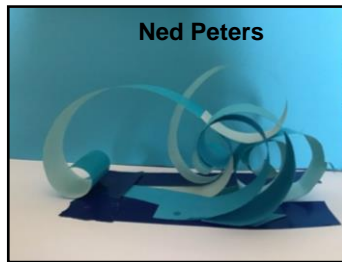
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PAPER SCULPTURE



KINDER TO PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM

As part of the Kinder to Prep Transition Program, we recently had the Dunkeld Kindergarten students 'visit' on the bus, en route to Bush Kinder, on our Footy/Sports Team Colours Day (Wednesday 15 September). The bus parked on the roundabout and our students enthusiastically welcomed the Kindergarten students as they peered out through the bus windows. Then on Thursday, Mrs Howard, Mrs Field and the Prep/Year 1 students met with the Dunkeld Kindergarten students online via a Webex meeting. Mrs Howard, ably assisted by the Prep/1 students, read the very popular story book, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" (by Bill Martin Junior and Eric Carle) to the Dunkeld Kindergarten students. Our school is really looking forward to possibly having the Kindergarten students on-site during Term 4, as part of our annual Kinder to Prep Transition Program!



Staff and students dressed for Footy/Sports Team Colours Day.



ASSEMBLY - Friday 17 September 2021

FAREWELL TO MRS ANN HOWARD AND MRS DEE-ANNE GERRING

A School Assembly was conducted by our School Captains, Libby Herrmann and Mitchell Gordon, on Friday 17 September, which included a special farewell ceremony to two of our teaching staff, Mrs Ann Howard and Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring. Acting Principal, Mrs Field said, "I would like to wish them all the very best for the next chapter in their lives. I cannot thank them enough for the time, commitment, passion and dedication they have both given to our school and to our students."



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

Kitchen Report:

In the Kitchen (with Mrs Howard and Clare Kennedy) – Friday 17 September 2021



- James: We got to go outside to get some rosemary to smash up in the salt. We put it on the pizza.
- Athena: I liked it when we crushed the salt up with the rosemary.
- Ruby: My job was to put fruit on a stick.
- Tilly: It was fun making the pizza.
- Poppy: It was fun making pizza.
- Sailor: It was exciting coming to the kitchen because we have never really made anything before.
- Abigail: You had to push the dough down with your hands and fingertips.
- Liv: I liked making the fruit on the sticks.
- Annabelle: I put the pizza dough in the flour.
- Edwin: I tried pineapple and I really liked it and I washed the dishes.
- Xavier: It was yummy especially the pizza dough.
- Angus: It was amazing because the pizza was very nice.

(Prep students and two Year 1 students).



On Friday 8 October, Year 3 students experienced cooking “Okonomiyaki” – Japanese Sweet or Savoury Pancakes. The students went to the garden to harvest what they needed to prepare their meal and decorate the tables.



Garden Report:

On Friday 8 October, Prep and Year 1 students enjoyed the beautiful sunny day in the garden, picking bunches of flowers to decorate their tables at home.



SAKG Tomato Plants Fundraiser – Order Forms due in by Monday 18 October 2021

The Dunkeld Consolidated School's SAKG Program would like to sincerely thank everyone for the interest shown on our school Facebook page regarding our 'Tomato Plants Fundraiser'.

Orders will be filled on a 'first come, first served' basis. You will receive an email confirming your order with payment details and collection/delivery date. (Order forms have been emailed to all families and a hard copy provided to each student – please contact the school office on 5577 2384 if you require extra copies).

Order Forms are to be forwarded to the Dunkeld Consolidated School, 93 Victoria Valley Road, Dunkeld **BY MONDAY 18 OCTOBER 2021**, via post or email: dunkeld.cs@education.vic.gov.au or left in the school mailbox at the front entrance of the school (please mark the envelope 'SAKG Tomato Plants'). Thank you for supporting the school's SAKG Program!

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 – 382,00 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/fundraisers/dunkeldcs>

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. 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 -

School Lunch Orders

At this stage, School Lunch Orders, are available on a Thursday only. Izzy's Café has included a new menu item for this term – Cheese Burger with the lot – meat patty, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato, fried egg, tomato sauce, mayonnaise. Please refer to the school website for the updated menu and pricelist: <https://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au/page/77/School-Lunch-Orders>

If your child requires a lunch order, **you** will need a suitable sized brown paper bag for the food and drink items to be placed in. For the order to be easily processed, please make sure the order is written (in black or blue pen) at least two-thirds of the way down the brown paper bag.



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.