



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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NOVEMBER 2020

- Wednesday 11 Remembrance Day. Year 6 students with Mrs Phillips and Mrs Gerring to attend the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch Remembrance Day Service.
Kinder to Prep Transition Program – Mrs McShane to visit Dunkeld Kindergarten to meet students face to face at 12.30pm..
MARC Library.
- Thursday 12 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 5/6 students in the Kitchen.
- Tuesday 17 Kinder to Prep Transition Program – Dunkeld Kinder students visit the school from 9.00am-10.45am.
Mrs Gerring to hold Parent Information Session with parents of 2021 Prep children.
- Wednesday 18 MARC Library.
- Thursday 19 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 4/5 students in the Kitchen.
Kinder to Prep Transition Program - Mrs Ann Howard to visit Dunkeld Kindergarten to meet students face to face.
School tour led by Mrs Gerring for new parents and Kinder children in a group no larger than ten.
- Friday 20 My Business Rules Market Day – *students please bring their money to pay for their orders.*
- Wednesday 25 MARC Library.
- Thursday 26 Puberty Education Sessions for Year 5 and Year 6.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 6 students in the Kitchen.
- Friday 27 Kinder to Prep Transition Program – Dunkeld Kinder students visit the school from 9.00am-10.45am.

DECEMBER 2020

- Thursday 3 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 5 students in the Kitchen.
- Monday 7 **Pupil Free Day.** No students required at school today. Staff Planning Day for 2021.
- Tuesday 8 Orientation Day (to be confirmed in line with Covid-19 restrictions). Kinder students to attend school all day while all Dunkeld students step up to their new 2021 year level for the day.
- Wednesday 9 Year 6 Graduation.
Year 5 Day Trip to Grampians Retreat.
MARC Library – last visit for 2020.
- Thursday 10 Year 6 Grampians Retreat Camp.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden Clean-Up Day.
- Friday 11 Year 6 Grampians Retreat Camp.
- Monday 14 Year 3 Day Trip to Grampians Retreat.
- Wednesday 16 Year 4 Day Trip to Grampians Retreat.
- Friday 18 **Last day of Term 4 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.**

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

Another couple of weeks has flown by and we are half way through the term again. I continue to commend all our students and staff on the phenomenal effort they have all put in this year. 2020 certainly has been the year of building resilience through constant change!

School Operations

With the easing of some restrictions throughout the state, schools are still very much guided by the Department of Education and Training in keeping strict health and hygiene measures, to ensure the continued safety of students and staff. We cannot have parents on site yet unfortunately, but look forward to welcoming everyone back when we can.

Athletics Sports

Thank you to Jackie McShane and Angela Field for their organisation and coordination of the School Athletics Sports. Thanks also to all staff who contributed on the day and afterwards in running the field events in PE lessons. This year was unique in not being able to have parents involved, so 'thinking outside the box' was done again to provide our students with opportunities so they didn't miss out on yet another event this year. There are still some events taking place – we are working with the weather. Results to be announced once all events are complete and results tallied. Congratulations to all our students who demonstrated great sportsmanship and determination in their events.

Reader's Workshop

Staff have recently been engaged in Deb Sukarna's Reader's Workshop online professional development. Teachers have been working with Deb to implement the program that will complement our Writer's Workshop program, bringing our Reading and Writing together more. We look forward to sharing our whole school focus as we implement the program in 2021.

Transition

Our formal Kinder to School Transition program begins this week with Mrs McShane visiting the Dunkeld Kindergarten today to meet students face to face and Mrs Howard will visit in the coming weeks. Kinder students will then make some short visits to school and we hope they can have a full day interacting with all school children on our 'Step Up' day on Tuesday 8 December 2020.

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition is now able to take place with similar restrictions of small group visits to secondary schools. This will be wonderful for our Year 6 students to start familiarising themselves with their secondary school setting. Information to come from Secondary Schools.

Permanent Modular Building

There has been a lot happening around the place with the new building coming along quickly now. It is looking great and we look forward to sharing it with our students soon. My apologies, there has been a delay on the sharing of the photos and videos. They are now available to view on our school Facebook page.

Parent Opinion Surveys

The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will be invited and encouraged to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey for Dunkeld will be conducted from **Monday 2 to Friday 13 November 2020**. The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. We would love everyone to complete the survey if you can.

Please speak to the school office if you have any questions regarding the survey.

Kind regards, Dee-Anne Gerring

SCHOOL HOUSE ATHLETICS – TRACK EVENTS 2 NOVEMBER 2020



Wannon Sport Captain Report by Lucy Fraser

On the 2 of November was the athletics carnival, the school only did track events such as 100 metre sprint, 200 metres, hurdles and 800 metres. Here is what some children thought of the athletics carnival.

Indi Mibus enjoyed the athletics because 'We got to experience a fun day, it was very exciting and enjoyable.' Indi Mibus, Grade 4

Jackson thought the athletics was fun, he tried his best and liked having an enjoyable time with his teammates. Jackson O'Keefe, Prep

Edward Alderman thought the athletics was wonderful and astonishing. His favourite event is high jump, and he won the sportsmanship award for Wannon. Edward Alderman, Grade 3

STUDENT REPORT -TRACK ATHLETICS 2 NOVEMBER 2020

On 2 November it was the athletics. I didn't get a ribbon but all that matters is having fun. It was a bit hot, I was very proud of myself. I am in Sturgeon and we had a blue marquee. There wasn't a gust of wind in the air. Henrietta Patterson, Year 2.

On Monday it was school sports. It was a challenge but we tried. The first thing my group did was a 200 metre run. Zoe and Isla aren't in my group but they ran with my group because they missed their run!! They did a fantastic job!! I came third, I thought I tried my best. I was very proud of myself because I got a ribbon! I clapped for Lucy because she came first. I cheered for lots of people. After recess we did the hurdles. I came third again! I was still very proud. After the hurdles we did the relays, which was lots of fun. We did not get a ribbon because it was a fun activity. I love athletics! Wannon did a great job but I am in Sturgeon. Elodie Cochran, Year 2.

Last Monday on the oval at school we were running around the oval. The Preps and Year 1 had to run half of the oval. We did hurdles, we did sprints, we also did relay. The Preps and Year 1 did the tiniest hurdles in the world. Jed Russell, Prep.

On Monday we had athletics day on the oval at school. First we did running, second we did hurdles. Lastly we did running and running relays. Sybil Patterson, Prep

Last Monday we ran a quarter of the oval. Next we did hurdles then we did relay then we did Melbourne Cup stuff. It was a great day.

Bobby Blackwell, Prep.

Last Monday we did athletics, First we met in our house groups. So second we went to the oval. Next we did hurdles. Last we had relay races. I loved it very much. *Nellie Wickens, Prep.*

First we waited for our captains and had a meeting. Then we got to do a race it was a running race. Second we did hurdles and running and then relays. *Xavier Macgugan, Prep.*

On Monday we did athletics. We did run, we did hurdles, we did relays. It was hot, it was fun. *Michaela Roache, Prep.*

On Monday the whole school did running, then we did hurdles and relays. It was hot and great fun. *Dempsey Gerring, Prep.*

We had Athletics Day. I ran fast. I got two green ribbons for running and hurdles. It was great fun. *Jackson O'Keeffe, Prep.*

On Monday we did Athletics Day. I got two ribbons they were green. I got a purple ribbon from Kinder. *Ruby Ryan, Prep.*

MY BUSINESS RULES

On 30 October 2020 the Year 6 students had their first market day for My Business Rules. It was a little different to last year because we had to sanitize after handling money. Everyone did very well under the circumstances and they all had great products. The Year 6 students were a little nervous but now they are ready for the next market day.

We had to present a business pitch to the class to show what our product is and how much it cost to earn our \$30.00 loan. We also made advertising posters that can be found on the walk way. Everyone's table looked very fancy with table cloths and a great set up of their items. All of the customers were spoilt for choice.

The next market day is on **22 November 2020**. We would like to thank everyone for supporting our businesses. Make sure to bring your money on the day of the next market!

Bonnie Jackson, Hayden Phillips and Georgia Adams, Year 6



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



From the Kitchen...Year 4/5

The Kitchen (acrostic)

Kitchen is one of the best subjects ever!

I see delicious looking sausage rolls in the distance.

The yummy fennel was swallowed whole by my big cave looking mouth.

Come here sausage rolls, as the first one enters my mouth.

Here comes a burned tongue, I screech in fear, as I gasp for water. Everyone humming yummmm, putting layers of crispy fresh batter in their mouth.

Now we can appreciate Clare and Bev for setting everything up.

Giving up on making these would be a huge life mistake.

A thought of joy filled the room as the juicy nutrients enters my mouth.

Right now I'm about to make more, because they are so delicious. Darcy Potter overlooked by a sausage roll.

Even though I only got 8, it was worth the taste.

Never again will I ever taste this scrumptious, delicious, breathtaking food. *Darcy Potter, Year 4.*

Golden Crispy sizzling sausage rolls.

As the sausage rolls were getting taken out, my face was wide open ready to eat Gods food. When my plate of sausage rolls came I screamed in happiness. When I took my fist bite I was in food heaven. It was Delicious! *Jack Reynolds, Year 5.*

Ketchup dripping off my crispy sausage rolls.

It was sizzling in the hot oven.

Terrible dirty hands hitting the knives and cutting up celery.

Crispy Sausage rolls going into my watering mouth.

Hiccupping while scoffing the sausage rolls down my mouth.

Ella talking to me but I am too busy eating my sausage rolls to respond.

Never ever going to eat that many sausage rolls again. *Ava Balkin, Year 4.*

It's almost time to go out in the cold, wet rain then "RUN!" someone yelled out. My ears burst. I found the silverbeet then the parsley and rosemary! I went inside shivering like I was buried in the snow. I've done it, I've mixed the peeled sausages and the herbs. Now the salad, back out I go. I got lettuce mint and fennel I put it on my plate. Now I'm wrapping the sausage roll mix in the pastry it looked like i was wrapping it in a blanket. Now I'm cutting it into eight pieces. We waited for what felt like hours then it was ready. "Wow." I thought "this tastes like heaven." *Heidi Burger, Year 4.*

As I bit into the sausage roll it felt like a little fire ball jumping around in my mouth. It was the spiciness of the curry powder. The sound of the golden pastry crunched like stepping on lolly wrappers. *Charlie Linke, Year 4.*

From the Garden...by Lisa McIntyre



These last two weeks has seen us flower gazing.....not a bad way to spend some time - especially when it was raining! There are so many beautiful flowers appearing right now, of all shapes and sizes and colours and fragrances. But why are there flowers at all? Why do these plants produce flowers? That is what we have been investigating. We observed the different ways plants entice pollinators to their flowers, by producing beautiful coloured and patterned petals, fragrances, pollen and nectar. We found out that it was not only European honey bees that pollinate



flowers - so many other insects, birds and small critters help pollinate as well. Even humans! (And also the wind). Looking closely, we could see tiny insects in action. We dissected the flowers to see the different structures - sepals, petals, stamens, anthers, pistils, stigmas and ovaries. Even learning how to use a magnifying glass to observe the different structures that make up the flowers, was a great exercise. Even the most hardened students let out gasps of amazement as they identified each part, and saw the small insects actually pollinating.

From the Garden...by Lillian Glazebrook and Myles Aldermann

In the past week, all students have been working hard in the garden, cooking up sheep poo tea, removing snails from garden beds and cleaning chicken hay.

We have also been very busy harvesting snap peas, snow peas, and green peas. Year 5 and 6 had a very refreshing snack during gardening as there were so many peas!

The Year 4/5 students had an interesting gardening session last week, learning about the different parts of a flower and how flowers reproduce. One Year 5 (Mitchell Gordon) got quite a fright when he pulled back some hay in the chook shed to find a nest of baby mice underneath it.

REMINDER:

As there is a fair bit of hot weather coming up please be aware of snakes especially when you are out and about gardening at home. Remember, if you see a snake, stay still, tell others and never put your hand where you can't see it, for example, hedges or behinds rocks.

NOTICE BOARD

SEXUALITY AND PUBERTY EDUCATION SESSIONS – YEAR 5 AND 6

Every year the school offers Sexuality and Puberty Education sessions at the Dunkeld Consolidated School for Years 5 and 6. This year the sessions are to take place on Thursday 26 November. The first session is for all Year 5 and 6 Students while the second session is optional for Year 5. In the second session, boys and girls are divided into separate groups. These sessions will be conducted by WDHS staff (Ms Sue Watt and Mr Stuart Willder) and will include information on body changes, how to manage body changes, who children can talk to with their concerns, respect and responsibility for themselves and others. Year 5 and 6 students have received a permission slip that contains further information regarding the topics to be covered during the education sessions. Please ensure these forms are returned to the office by Monday 16 November 2020.

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 support!

Lost – Size 10 School Jumper labelled Burger