

## Newsletter No. 17 – Wednesday 27 October 2021

### OCTOBER 2020

- Wednesday 27 Kinder to Prep Transition Program – online meeting.
- 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. 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.
- Tuesday 16 Year 3/4 Port Fairy Camp. Children's Laureate Workshop with Ursula Dubosarsky – Year 5/6 students.
- Wednesday 17 Year 3/4 Port Fairy Camp.
- Thursday 18 MARC Library.
- Friday 19 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen. 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. Thank You Lunch for school staff; prepared and hosted by Year 6 students.

### DECEMBER 2021

- Wednesday 1 Year 5/6 Cave Hill Creek Bush Camp Out Adventure.
- Thursday 2 Year 5/6 Cave Hill Creek Bush Camp Out Adventure.
- Friday 3 Year 5/6 Cave Hill Creek Bush Camp Out Adventure. **Last SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes for 2021.** Year 4 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen. School Assembly.
- Monday 6 **PUPIL FREE DAY** – Planning Day for 2022 and First Aid CPR update training session for all staff.
- 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.
- Friday 10 SAKG Kitchen and Garden Clean Up Day.
- Tuesday 14 Year 6 Graduation.
- Wednesday 15 Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp. Prep and Year 1 Sleepover at School.
- Thursday 16 Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp.
- Friday 17 **END OF 2021 SCHOOL YEAR. Early dismissal at 2.30pm.**

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

How wonderful to write this knowing that we are all back on-site for school and that we can continue our strong focus on learning and wellbeing. Students have been amazing with the mask wearing requirement and we continue to keep everyone safe, following the Operational Guidelines set out by DET. Our Terrific Tuesday Fun Day was a hit with the students, and we enjoyed some wonderful weather.

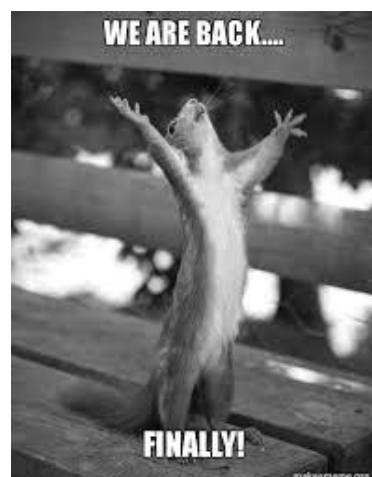
### Facilities Sub-Committee

Recently our Facilities Sub-Committee met to review the grounds. It was noted that the grounds are looking wonderful, with many more positive comments regarding our kitchen garden, the memory garden and works around the new hall.

A project in the near future will be the asphalt area to the west of the school buildings, which needs resurfacing. Many options are being discussed, along with area in front of the new hall which is to be levelled and landscaped. We have applied for a shade sail grant to create an outdoor learning space on the new lawn behind the bike shed.

### Staffing for 2022

We are currently looking at staffing for 2022 and have advertised a position for a full-time Graduate Teacher to commence in 2022. School Council have approved a Planning Day for 2022 on Monday 6 December 2021, the day prior to the



state-wide Transition Day, Tuesday 7 December. We hope to have our new staff member on-site to review curriculum documents and plan for 2022. Staff will also analyse the final draft of the 2022 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) and complete their CPR update on this day.

### Camps

The recent changes with restrictions have ensured our 2021 School Camp programs can proceed. Teachers are very busy ensuring we can reschedule dates and activities to provide our students with a school camp experience. With the Year 3 and Year 4 Camp on 16 and 17 November in Port Fairy, information will be sent home as soon as possible.

### Assemblies

A recent change to the timetable will see school assemblies change from Wednesdays to Fridays (fortnightly). Next week Friday 5 November, Class Captains will present their mid-term reports to the assembly.

### Graduation

Year 5 parents recently met and have commenced planning for the 2021 Year 6 Graduation evening which will be held on **Tuesday 14 December 2021**. Recent guidelines have ensured we can hold this on-site with parents attending.

### PLTs

Staff have been attending Professional Learning Team (PLT) sessions fortnightly to analyse data. We have commenced writing moderation tasks this term and have invited a visiting teacher to share moderating strategies and protocols.

### SAKG Program

Many thanks to the wonderful support from the school and community for their continued support of our SAKG fundraising events, the tomato plant orders and SAKG Calendar 2022.

### World Teachers and Education Support Staff Day – Friday 29 October 2021



This day allows us to shine the spotlight on and thank teachers (and Education Support staff) for their work in improving student outcomes and shaping their lives for success. Teachers (with support from parents and carers) have ensured education continues across the country this year, despite major challenges. It's reinforced the significant role teachers play in the lives of children and students, their families, and communities.

*Ange Field, Acting Principal*

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



*Wonderful to have all students back at school.*



### ASSEMBLY - Wednesday 13 October 2021

Our Term 4 Class Captains were presented with their badges and certificates.



### CLASS CAPTAINS – TERM 4 2021



Jed – Prep/Year 1



Tyson – Year 2/3



Mac – Year 4



Sean – Year 5



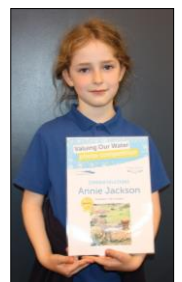
Jake – Year 6

### Wannon Water Valuing Our Water – Photo Competition



This year, Wannon Water partnered with Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority, on their photo competition for school students in our regions to show us how they value water.

Students grabbed a phone, camera or iPad and got creative by showing us why water is important. Congratulations to Annie Jackson for being one of the winners of Wannon Water's Valuing Our Water Photo Competition in Foundation – Year 2 Category which included a \$200.00 gift voucher.



**Prep and Year 1 students performed, 'The Three Little Pigs' play at Assembly.**



**PREP AND YEAR 1 MUSIC**

This week in Music we got to play the Marimbas and it was great fun. We have been learning about Nursery Rhymes in reading and writing. This week in Music we got to sing about Goldilocks and the Three Bears and also the Three Little Pigs. The children and I just love Mrs Mac and all the fun things she does with us. We get to use shakers, drums, sticks and the list goes on. This week we also had fun doing Drama. We had to take it in turns to be the different characters of the plays. Mrs Macguan, we thank you for all the planning and enthusiasm you put into our lessons each fortnight.



Last Thursday 21 October Bailey came to school for a visit so the class could meet my new puppy. He stayed in the Grade 2/3 classroom for the first two hours and visited the Prep/One's as well. The Prep/Year 1 students learnt how to approach a dog and how to act around dogs. They were very calm and considerate. He spent the rest of the day sleeping in the staff room as he was super exhausted after running around with students all day! Bailey is now eleven weeks old and is learning lots of tricks every day.  
By Mrs McLachlan

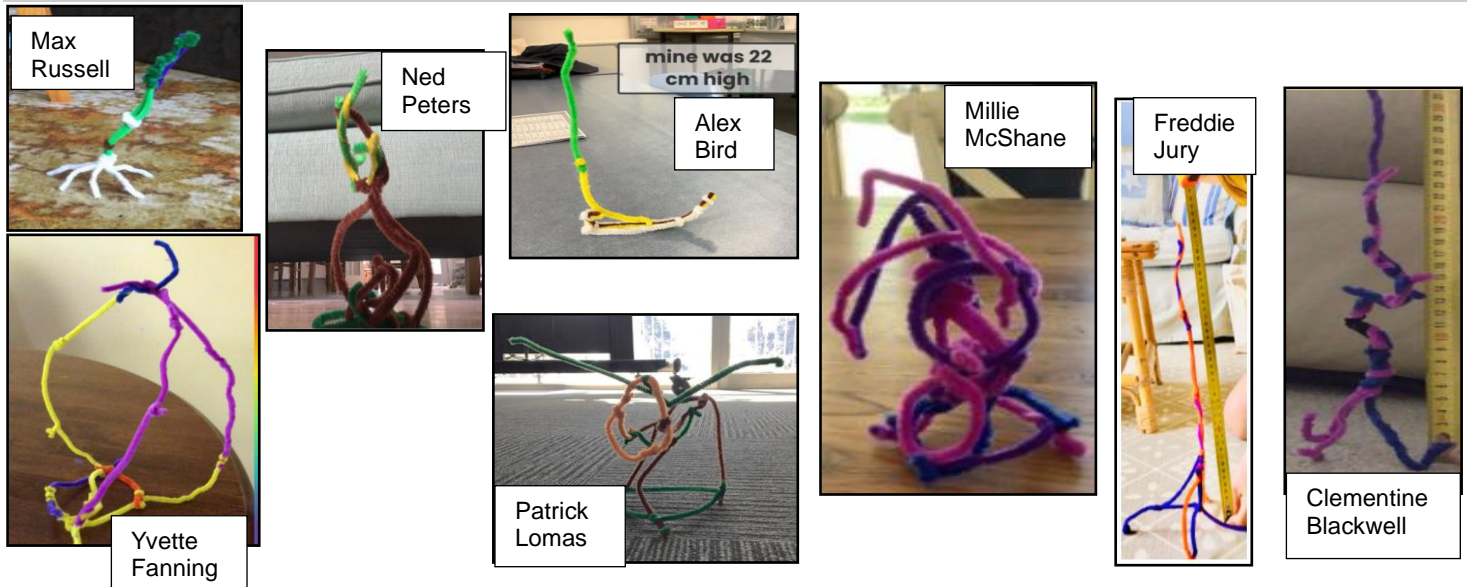


**YEAR 2/3 ARTWORK**



Year 2 and 3 students have some lovely Warm and Cool Sunsets.

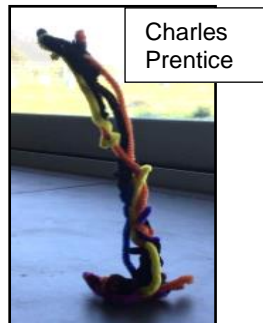
**YEAR 4 REMOTE LEARNING – STEAM PIPE CLEANER CHALLENGE**



The Year 4 students enjoyed a Pipe Cleaner STEAM challenge while they were Remote Learning last Thursday. Who could design and construct the tallest free-standing tower using just 15 pipe cleaners? Freddie's tower was approximately 42cm tall, Clementine's was 31cm tall and Alex had a 22cm tall tower. **Their designs were very creative!**



Harry McShane



Charles Prentice



Lachie Gordon

## YEAR 6 SHARE BUDDY TIME WITH PREP AND YEAR 1 STUDENTS



The younger children read to their Buddies and shared fruit time. It is clear to see they enjoy their time together.

## SCHOOL CAMPS – TERM 4 2021

The following bookings have recently been confirmed for our school camps, which were influenced by the DET Operations Guide and availability of dates:

- Year 3/4 Port Fairy Camp – Tuesday 16 to Wednesday 17 November 2021 (accommodation at Southcombe Lodge).
- Year 5/6 Cave Hill Creek Bush Camp Out Adventure – Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 December 2021.
- Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp - Wednesday 15 to Thursday 16 December 2021.
- Prep/Year 1 Sleepover at School – Wednesday 15 December 2021.

Due to this short time frame, which was beyond our control, itineraries and costings (including School Council subsidies) are currently being finalised. Further information will be provided to families in the near future.

## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

### Kitchen Report:

Friday 22 October Year 6 enjoyed preparing and eating delicious quiche and salad. Our produce for lunch was picked from our garden and the eggs were gathered from our chickens.

### Garden Report:

Last Friday 22 October the Preps and Years 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 students were busy in the garden. They were working on a couple of tasks like spreading sheep manure to enhance the growth of crops and making Billy Tea to sit and sip while enjoying the garden. They were busy and very productive.

By Isabella Jury and Oscar Fanning

### THANK YOU

We are very grateful and thank you for the support given to our fundraising for our SAKG program for 2021, with our calendars and tomato plants. A big thank you to Annette Huf for assisting with the beautiful calendar and Terrie Nicholson, once again, organising orders through the office.

We have some tomatoes still available, which need to go into the ground. If you are yet to order, please do so as soon as possible by phoning the school on 5577 2384.

We are both very keen to have our Friends of the Kitchen Garden back and hope this is possible very soon. We miss you.

Lisa McIntyre and Clare Kennedy



## 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.



## 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) on the bottom third of the brown paper bag. **It would be very helpful if families could please provide their own paper bags for the lunch orders.** Twice a week lunch orders (Tuesday and Thursday) will resume on Tuesday 9 November.



## 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.

## FORMS

*Managing Illness in Schools and Early Childhood information sheet attached.*

## DUNKELD SWIMMING LESSONS

### Dunkeld Swimming Lessons with Jen and Lea McArthur

Dunkeld Swimming Lessons will be held from Monday 27 December 2021 to Friday 7 January 2022. Forms are available online at Dunkeld Swimming Facebook page or contact Lea for one to be emailed.

Jen and Lea McArthur

Lea – phone: 0417 312 089

One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

## What you need to know

### 1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

### 2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

### 3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or been identified as a close contact they must isolate/quarantine until they receive clearance from DHHS.

**Children with persistent symptoms due to underlying conditions such as hay fever or asthma** whose symptoms are clearly typical of their condition can continue to attend ECEC/school. They should be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms. They should consider getting a medical certificate from their GP to attend ECEC/school if they have persistent symptoms that may overlap with symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose.

**Younger children (pre-school up to Grade 2) may have prolonged post viral symptoms** such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school/ECEC following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

### 4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

**Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.**



This advice has been prepared by the Department of Education and Training, Safer Care Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services