

Newsletter No. 18 – Wednesday 10 November 2021

NOVEMBER 2021

- Thursday 11 MARC Library.
Remembrance Day – Year 6 students and staff will attend the Dunkeld RSL commemorative service.
Visit by Baimbridge College staff and students – Year 6 to Year 7 Secondary Transition.
- Friday 12 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Thank You Morning Tea for school staff, prepared and hosted by Year 6 students. Kitchen and Garden Friends are not required today, thank you.
MY BUSINESS RULES - Market Day Stalls commencing at 1:40pm. *Students to bring money to pay for their purchases.*
- 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 6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
School Assembly.
- Tuesday 23 Kinder to Prep Transition Program - Kinder children to visit school from 9.00am to 10.45am.
- Thursday 25 **MARC Library – last visit for 2021.**
- Friday 26 Red Cross Pillowcase Project for the Year 2/3 students.
MY BUSINESS RULES - Market Day Stalls commencing at 11:10 am.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Monday 29 House Athletic Sports. All parents and spectators must check in at the school Admin office using the QR Code and show proof of Covid-19 vaccination status. Face masks must be worn.
- Tuesday 30 Kinder to Prep Transition Program - tour of school for new parents. 9.15am to 9.45am.

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. Kindergarten students to attend school all day while all Dunkeld students step up to their new 2022 year level for the day.
Parent information session at 2.45pm in the school hall (Kinder to Prep Transition Program).
- Friday 10 Whole School Excursion to the Dunkeld Arboretum.
- 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...

We are now halfway through Term 4, with many exciting events to happen in the second half of this term, such as camps, athletics sports, and Year 6 Graduation. Let's make the last five weeks of school our best yet, continuing to focus on our learning and wellbeing.

Latest Update to DET Operational Guidelines

All visitors on school grounds (both inside and outside) must have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021. Visitors will need to check-in at the school office, via the QR Code, showing their vaccination status.

All parents and carers attending schools, including for drop off and pick up must also adhere to physical distancing, density limits, face mask requirements and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

Reporting

The Department of Education and Training has recently adjusted the expectations around student reporting for Semester 2 in recognition of the disruption caused by COVID-19. Dunkeld Consolidated School will therefore provide a modified written report for the parent/carer of each student enrolled at the school for Semester 2, 2021.

For English and Mathematics, schools must:

1. provide a short description of what was taught.
2. report achievement by making a teacher judgement against the Victorian Curriculum F-10 achievement standards.
3. report progress since the last time the curriculum area was reported on (this is automatically generated by the reporting software)
4. include an age-related five-point scale.

For all other curriculum areas schools must provide a short description of what was taught. In addition, schools must also provide either a teacher judgement against the Victorian Curriculum F-10 achievement standards, and a five-point scale (this option should be used only if enough assessment evidence is available).

Classroom Structure 2022

Grade Prep/1 – Mrs Anne Gilbert (four days) and Mrs Jackie McShane (one day).
Grade 2/3 – Mrs Mary-Ellen McLachlan (four days) and Mrs Jackie McShane (one day).
Grade 4/5 – new classroom teacher (to be appointed – five days).
Grade 5/6 – Mrs Naomie Phillips (five days).
PE Specialist - Mrs Jackie McShane (one day).
MARC Library – Mrs Bree Porter (Thursday).
Education Support Staff (Terrie Nicholson, Helen Trahar and Clare Kennedy) will continue in their current roles for 2022 and I will continue as Acting Principal.
Clare Kennedy and Lisa McIntyre will continue in their roles as SAKG Kitchen and Garden Specialists, respectively.

SAKG Friends and Visitors

How wonderful to be able to welcome back visitors to our school grounds. With new guidelines in place regarding COVID-19 requirements, I thank our Friends and visitors for abiding by these new guidelines, ensuring our wonderful programs at school can continue.

Kinder Transition

Our Kinder to Prep Transition program has commenced, with us welcoming our 2022 Preps onsite Tuesday. Previously we have held virtual catchups between the school and Kinder, and it was lovely to finally have them here in person.

House Sports Day

Monday 29 November is our House Athletics Sports Day; we hope the weather will be perfect. Students are practising the various track and field events in their PE classes, and we look forward to having spectators back at this event, (aligning with the new Operational Guidelines mentioned above).

I am really looking forward to a newsletter where I do not need to mention, COVID-19, guidelines and so on! Better days are coming! 😊

Ange Field
Acting Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Fun Activity Day Thank You

On Tuesday 26 October it was a Fun Activity Day! Thank you to the staff for running all the super activities including footy, Art, STEAM and Digital Media, and for the delicious sausage sizzle lunch and icy pole treat.

Also, a big thank you to Mrs McShane and her family for spending many hours cleaning up the sports shed! It was very much appreciated.

From the Sports Captains



POLICE TALK ON ROAD SAFETY

On Friday 29 October 2021, Acting Sergeant, Detective Senior Constable Roger McClure, from Hamilton Police visited our school to talk about road safety. He started with bike safety and the rules for riding on the footpath. He explained that when you're an adult you're not meant to ride on the footpath unless you're riding with a child. He then went on to explain about bus safety and how older buses did not have seatbelts. We learnt how to walk safely looking for cars before crossing the road. After Detective Senior Constable Roger McClure had finished his talk we were able to ask questions and look at the cool uniform the Victorian police officers wear. *By Libby Herrmann and Mitchell Gordon*



ASSEMBLY – Friday 5 November 2021

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Academic Honour: Abigail Welsh - Prep, James Cochran - Year 1, Angus Jones - Year 1, Elodie Cochran - Year 3, Freddie Jury - Year 4, Jack Jones - Year 5, Edie Jackson - Year 6, Libby Herrmann Year 6, Mia Russell - Year 6, Isabella Jury - Year 6.



It was lovely to hear all the Class Captains reports and the interesting events they have been participating in. Very grateful to be able to have our parents attending once again. Lovely to see you back.



MY BUSINESS RULES – MARKET DAY STALLS

Children in Year 6 have commenced a project called 'My Business Rules'. Students are asked to come up with a business idea (a product) and market it to our community with the intention of selling as many of their products as they can to make a profit after expenses. They are encouraged to think about who would buy their products, where they could market their product and how they would advertise in order to corner the market in a competitive environment. The school has provided each of the children a small loan to get them started.



Each Year 6 student also creates a logo for the project. The logo chosen this year was designed by Sebastian Aarons.

Families have received a flyer advertising the items our students will have for sale at their first **'Market Day' on Friday 12 November** at lunchtime (1.40pm). A following Market Day will be held on Friday 26 November during morning recess.

Items are for sale to students and staff directly on Market Day and by pre-order. Could children please remember to bring small change (coins are most welcome) to pay for their items and a bag to place their purchases in. Everyone is encouraged to support our young entrepreneurs by pre-ordering items. *Remember Christmas is coming!!*

After the businesses close, Year 6 students will be required to repay their loans ... hopefully. All profits from the businesses will be pooled and the students will then decide what they think they would like to purchase for the benefit of the school.

We hope you are able to help our students in this endeavour.

YEARS 5 AND 6 SHARE BUDDY TIME WITH PREP AND YEAR 1 STUDENTS



Prep Year 1 Buddy Recounts

Last Wednesday 3 November we had Buddies and we made boats for our gingerbread man. It was fun. By Athena Manolas
 We had Buddies. It was so much fun. It was last week and our boat floated on the water. We loved it so much and would like to do it again. By Sailor Grimmer

We made rafts with our Buddies. It was fun. We had masking tape, one egg carton, one piece of tin foil, one cup, one rubber band, ten icy pole sticks and as many matches as we wanted. I had Darcy and Ben. The gingerbread man was in the cup. We had to cross the river it was about two inches wide. By Jed Russell

Last week we had Buddies and we made a gingerbread man boat. We liked it. We got six pipe cleaners and an egg carton. That's how we made it. By Poppy Skermer

Last week we had Buddies. We learnt how to make a boat. We had to make a boat then we had to sail over the other side. My boat worked. By Tilly Alderman

Last week we had Buddies. We made boats with an egg carton, a cup and tin foil. We actually sailed them. It was a sailboat. It was cool and fun and hard. It was amazing and only a short time. Mine floated. By Michaela Roache

Last week at Buddies we made a boat to carry the gingerbread man to the other side. We made the boat with a sheet of foil, an egg carton, ten popsicle sticks and a plastic cup and a rubber band. By Lochie Bird

Last week we had Buddies and we made boats. We had so much fun. Ours didn't sink. By Edwin White

Last week we had Buddies. We made a boat. We put them in the water. It floated. By Annabelle Beveridge



Buddy Session



On Wednesday 3 November, the Year 5 and 6 students were joined by the Prep and Year 1 students in an amazing Buddy session which was full of smiles, giggles and high fives. We were creating rafts that could hold our gingerbread man cut outs and take them safely across the raging river. We had an excellent time designing and creating our rafts, everyone had a different design which made it so much more fun and colourful. The Prep and Year 1 students have written some fantastic and descriptive writing pieces.

By Jack Reynolds and Claudia Cochran

FUN FRIDAY

Fun Friday Report

For Fun Friday on 29 October, we had three different awesome activities. We had arts and crafts, dodgeball and giant games. Everyone loved it! We went and collected some amazing feedback from our peers to share with you all. Here is some of our feedback! Sybil: "I loved doing the dodgeball!" Ruby: "It was so much fun!"

Elodie: "I think Fun Friday is really exciting and I liked having fun with my friends."

Matilda: "Fun Friday is fun and I like playing the activities and doing dodgeball."

Patrick: "You come up with the best ideas for Fun Friday and dodgeball was awesome!"

Darcy: "Fun Friday was really fun and dodgeball is such a great game."

Mia: "I had a great time and got to hang out with my buddy, which was super."

By Claudia Cochran, Edie Jackson and Zander Mibus



KINDER TO PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM

During Term 4, the school operates a Transition Program whereby next year's Prep students get to know our school, teachers and students. The first of those visits was held on Tuesday 9 November when Dunkeld Kindergarten students came to school for the first time, without their teachers, between the hours of 9.00am - 10.45am.



The Kinder to Prep Transition Program will continue as follows:

- **Tuesday 23 November:** Kinder students will attend school from 9.00am to 10.45am, before attending their Dunkeld Kinder session.
- **Tuesday 30 November:** School tour available for new parents with the Acting Principal, Mrs Angela Field, from 9.15am to 9.45am.
- **Tuesday 7 December: Orientation Day** - Kinder students to attend the Dunkeld Consolidated School from 9.00am – 3.25pm. Parents to make their own arrangements to deliver their children to and from school. A parent information session will be held at 2.45pm in the school hall. (Dunkeld Consolidated School students will step up to their new 2022 year level for the day).

ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING TO BE NAMED INCLUDING SECOND-HAND UNIFORM ITEMS

Children lose clothing very easily so please label ALL items of clothing with your child's name, including any uniform items that are purchased from the second-hand clothing stall. If items of clothing are unnamed, we cannot return the clothing to the rightful owner. Unnamed items of clothing are placed in the lost property box.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

Kitchen Report:

From our garden to the plate.



Last Friday 29 October the Year 4 students were eagerly gathering goodies from the garden. They made Focaccia using produce from our well stocked garden. Here are some reviews from the Year 4 students:

Freddie Jury - It was amazing fun making the breadcrumbs in the food processor.

Patrick Lomas - The pasta with cauliflower sauce was delicious and it tasted amazing.

Yvette Fanning - We used our produce from the garden, this including lettuce, beetroot leaves and flowers. We harvested lemons then added honey and olive oil and it was amazing.

Mac Jackson - We harvested herbs from the garden, they were rosemary, chives and thyme to make the focaccia. The focaccia was fun to make because we got to eat it and it tasted astonishing.

Friday 5 November Year 5 students were excited to be in the kitchen. The Year 5 students made Focaccia Art with edible flowers, to decorate the crispy warm Focaccia. The chive, borage and calendulas provided an outstanding electric blue and sunny yellow and orange, added stunning colours to the dish. Here are some reviews from the Year 5 Chefs:

Darcy Potter - Preparing lunch was extraordinary. I felt very proud that I was able to harvest the cauliflower and it inspired me to cook more at home.

Charlie Linke - Preparing lunch was very exciting because we had to go and explore the garden for our ingredients.

Heidi Burger - I enjoyed making the breadcrumbs for the cauliflower pasta.

Other ingredients in the breadcrumbs included olive oil and cauliflower leaves.

Clare commented how special it was to welcome back friends of the SAKG Program.

By Max Graham and Jake Linskens

Garden Report:



Year 6 and Year 4 students were enjoying a fun plant identification hunt and found lots of cool new plants that we never knew were in the garden. The Year 4 students thought it was a great experience and they even got to pick up a chicken. The chickens are really happy in the garden and enjoy being out of their coop with everybody else. The Year 3 class were having fun planting sunflower seeds and finding out all the information about sunflowers. Jim found out that inside their protective sunflower seed shell there is a case with enough nutrients and food for them to

sustain themselves until they begin to grow. Prep and Year 1 class were planting sunflower seeds. Angus and Tilly learnt that if you don't wash the pots before you use them then they are more likely to grow more weeds and have

unwanted bacteria. That concluded a very successful and productive day in the garden and we can't wait to see some more of our Friends in the garden again soon. *By Oscar Fanning and Isabella Jury*

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.



FOUND – Lenovo device

A Lenovo device (with a cracked screen) has been found in the Prep/Year 1 classroom. If you are missing this electronic device, could you please contact the school Admin office on 5577 2384.

- REMINDERS -

School Lunch Orders – are now available on Tuesday and Thursday

School Lunch Orders, are now available on a Tuesday and Thursday. 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 resumed 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 Linsens 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.