



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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NOVEMBER 2020

- Wednesday 25 First Aid Training for Staff
- Thursday 26 Puberty Education Sessions for Year 5 and Year 6 students.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 6 students in the Kitchen.
Thank you lunch for school staff hosted by Year 6.
- Friday 27 Dress to Impress. Gold coin donation supporting children's cancer research.
Kinder to Prep Transition Program – Dunkeld Kinder students visit the school from 9.00am-10.45am.
Prep and Year 1 students "My Place" local excursion 9.00-11.00am.
- Monday 30 Year 2 "My Place" local excursion 11.00am – 1.30pm.
Prep SAKG Kitchen Experience 9.30am-11.00am. Students to bring \$2.00 for their kitchen class.

DECEMBER 2020

- Tuesday 1 Dunkeld Scholarship interviews for Year 6 Students.
Year 1 SAKG Kitchen Experience 9.30am-11.00am. Students to bring \$2.00 for their kitchen class.
Last School Council Meeting for 2020 commencing at **7.00pm at school.**
- Thursday 3 Last SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes for 2020. Year 5 students in the Kitchen.
- Friday 4 Fun Fair Friday. Students to come dressed in casual active wear.
Year 2 SAKG Kitchen Experience 9.30-11.00am. Students to bring \$2 for their kitchen class.
- 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. Picnic in the Dunkeld Park for Grade 6 students and their parents followed by an official ceremony at the Dunkeld Community Centre.
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.
- Tuesday 15 Christmas Activities Day.
Students and staff are encouraged to come dressed in Christmas spirit. Santa hat, tinsel etc
- Wednesday 16 Year 4 Day Trip to Grampians Retreat.
- Thursday 17 Art/Craft Activity Classes.
- Friday 18 **Last day of Term 4 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.**

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

Well the end of the year is approaching very quickly now. Although the end of year will be welcomed by many I'm sure, we still have a very full calendar for the last few weeks that we hope will give our students some wonderful experiences as well as help in their transition into next year. We have created many opportunities for Year level groups to come together to spend quality time with one another.

Staffing

It's that time of year again, where we have been planning what is next in 2021. Our school will have a further drop of enrolment numbers in 2021 with a larger Year 6 class moving on this year and smaller number of new students entering our school. Funding received by a school is based on enrolments, which in turn dictates our staffing and class structures. We need to work within our budget and therefore need to plan class structures and staffing around this. Many hours have again gone into planning the best options for our students, so that all areas of the curriculum are offered and exciting learning can take place.

I would like to let the school community know that Mrs Jane Higgins has announced her retirement from the beginning of 2021. We would like to thank Jane for her many years of service to Dunkeld Consolidated School and wish her all the very best in her retirement. We will hold a farewell at the beginning of the 2021 school year.

We also farewell Mrs Laura Matthews after having her with us for the past six months. Thank you to Laura for stepping in to co-teach the Prep / Year 1 class from mid-year. She has been a wonderful addition to our staff. We wish Laura well as she returns to Hamilton North Primary School next year. We still hope to see her for some CRT days!

Christy Lazzari's contract comes to an end this year and unfortunately due to budget restraints, we cannot re-advertise. We thank Christy for all her time as a staff member, especially in office and delivering our School Newsletter each week.

In other staffing news, Mrs Jayne Greig will continue her Maternity Leave for the 2021 school year. Jayne is loving being a new Mum to baby Liam. Angus Lean, one of our Education Support staff, has requested to take twelve months leave to follow his dance school ambitions and further education. We wish Angus well next year and hope to have him out at Dunkeld for some dance classes! Miss Mary-Ellen Evans has requested a time reduction to three days to pursue further education also, so will now share a class. All other staff are set to continue in their positions at this point in time.

For 2021 our classes will be structured as follows:

Prep/Year 1: Jackie McShane and Ann Howard

Year 2/3: Mary-Ellen Evans and Anne Gilbert

Year 4/5/6: Angela Field and Naomie Phillips (Team Teaching)

Note: Angela Field will be replacing Dee-Anne Gerring while in the Acting Principal role.

School Operations

We are yet to receive further advice from the Department of Education and Training following further easing of restrictions throughout the state over the weekend. We therefore continue with current practices, including staff wearing masks in school, until advised otherwise. Strict health and hygiene measures remain in place also, to ensure the continued safety of students and staff.

Athletics Sports

Thank you again to Jackie McShane, Angela Field and staff for their organisation and coordination of the School Athletics Sports. With all events now complete, we announced the overall House winner after a close contest. Congratulations to Sturgeon and also to all students for their events and sportsmanship. We will be making announcements and presenting medallions to Individual Age Group Champions this week and will add the videos to Seesaw for all to see.

Transition

Kinder to School Transition is now in full swing with staff visits to the Kindergarten and Kinder Students visiting the school last week and again this Friday. We are very impressed with the children's confidence in entering our school and sure they will happily slip in to school life. Year 6 to Year 7 Transition is now taking place, which is wonderful for our students before starting their Secondary School journey. We have been lucky to have staff from Baimbridge College and Monivae College in the past week to talk to enrolled students about their schools and answer any questions they may have.

Permanent Modular Building

Our new building is coming along very well and close to finishing, with some surrounding works of the building to go. It's looking fantastic and will be a wonderful addition to our school!

eSmart and Cyber Safety

Our staff are becoming increasingly aware of students using online gaming and social interactive apps and spending large amounts of time on their iPads outside of school hours. Some of these apps and games are not age appropriate for Primary Age students and certainly not condoned for use at school. In a year where digital technology has been relied upon for learning, we are also seeing signs of anxiety and to an extent, addiction to technology. These behaviours do become prevalent at school. We ask parents to please spend time with your children looking at their iPad and make informed decisions on which apps and games you are comfortable with them using and for how long each day. I have also included a Family Media Plan Agreement for families who might like to create one together.

Kind regards, Dee-Anne Gerring

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

School Council Update and School Camp/Day Trips

- School Council has approved subsidies for the Year 6 two-day Camp and Year 3, 4 and 5 day trips to Grampians Retreat. The cost to families will be as follows:
 - Year 6 Camp – 10 and 11 December 2020: \$75.00 per student.
 - Year 3 day trip on Monday 14 December 2020: \$25.00 per student.
 - Year 4 day trip on Wednesday 16 December 2020: \$25.00 per student.
 - Year 5 day trip on Wednesday 9 December 2020: \$25.00 per student.
 - School Council will also cover bus hire costs to transport students and staff to and from the Grampians Retreat site.
- Thank you to Mr Brendan Kelly, Kelly's Merchandise Dunkeld for the donation of paint toward the Year 6 art project.
- The final School Council Meeting for 2020 will be held on Tuesday 2 December commencing at 7.00pm, on-site at the school.

TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETICS RESULTS

On Monday 23 November 2020 an overall team result was announced for our longest ever House Athletics event. Congratulations Sturgeon! While our students were bursting at the seams awaiting results they have still been left in a little suspense as we await the arrival our medallions to be presented to individual age group champions at Friday's assembly. Sorry students, only a little longer to wait...

MY BUSINESS RULES

On 20 November the second My Business Rules Market Day was held on the walkway. Year 6 students set up their stalls anxious for what was about to come but, in the end it was all well and good.

Some of the products that were sold were lava bottles, personalised doormats, terrariums, key rings and much more. Most people have already paid back their loan. For anyone who is still going to be here, I can only wonder what the next Year 6 group will do. *By Grace Potter, Year 6.*



A sincere thank you to Ms Marion Colton for her generous donation to the My Business Rules Project.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

On the 11 November 2020 our School Captains proudly represented the school laying a wreath at the Dunkeld Cenotaph for the RSL Remembrance Day Service. While the weather was not kind to the attendees, our fallen were still remembered.



TRANSITION DAYS



Year 6 to Secondary School

Transition Days have had to run a little differently this year but we were still able to introduce some of our students to Ms Sam Adams from Baimbridge College on Monday 16 November 2020.

Assisting Ms Adams convey information relating to Baimbridge College to some of our current Year 6 students were past pupils Jasmine Crawford and Antonia Huzony. It is always good to have a student perspective.

Kindergarten to Primary School

"We can't believe we are actually at school!" a little voice said as they walked through the door. Not a tear to be seen. From there the excitement continued!

We played, drew, wrote our names, sang songs and danced using ribbons, made rainbows, went on a school tour, ate some fruit and shared our favourite stories. All in an hour and a half!



We have nine new Foundation (Prep) students ready to begin school in 2021. We can't wait to see them all again!

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



From the Garden...by Lisa McIntyre

Last week was too hot to be outside - so we bought the garden in! The children first used their memories and map drawing skills to draw a bird's eye view of the garden. They worked out where north was, and from there, worked out the garden beds, fire pit, sheds and Chook Palace, and placed them all in relation to each other, drawing their sizes compared to other structures, and also their orientation to north. It is much harder than you think - I know, I've tried to do it quite a few times.

Then they had to identify 28 different plants that were laid out on the table. And they were not all vegetables, which made it harder. As we discussed the answers after they all wrote theirs, we worked out how to spell them correctly.

From the Kitchen and Garden...by Lillian Glazebrook and Myles Alderman

This week Year 4/5 were in the SAKG Kitchen and they cooked burgers with a few bush tucker ingredients with other ingredients like curry powder, cumin, silverbeet and parsley. Burgers were served with potato chip rosettes. Phoebe Ross said "It was very fun and interesting and there were lots of spices and herbs to put in your burger".

In the SAKG Garden everything is in full swing, it is full of flowers and insects and we have been weeding and harvesting spring produce.



NOTICE BOARD

SCHOOL CAPTAINS WEEKLY MESSAGE



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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Our senior students have come up with some ideas to help bring the school together during Term 4. As already advised, Dress to Impress is happening this Friday 27 November to support children's cancer research. Other upcoming/ongoing activities include:

Eco bins class competition - Each class has been given a rubbish bin BUT the idea is not to use it! Each class is to attempt limiting the amount of rubbish they produce. At the end of each week, the eco bin for each class is weighed and the class with the least amount of rubbish wins. This activity is happening now and will continue through to the end of the year. **Nude food in the lunch box please** (if possible) to help our competing grades!

Kindness Jars – Each class has been provided with a Kindness Jar. A jar filled with kindness tasks. Every morning teachers will pull out a task that the whole class has to complete by the end of the day. If the task is completed by the whole the class by the end of the day, they may earn a small treat.

Handmade certificates – Handmade certificates use a compilation of digitally drawn and hand drawn pieces of art that are presented to students who have made significant achievements or have been a kind class member.

Mini Movies – 20 November 2020- On mini movies day Year 2-6 will form groups of mixed aged to script and produce their own mini movie. This task will require the cooperative teamwork of all involved.

Fun Fair Friday – 4 December 2020 – Come to school in casual active wear to enjoy an hour of Fun Fair Games. Each game will be run by a student in Year 6.

Christmas Activities Day – 15 December 2020 - After lunch the school will divide into three groups and each group will undertake a different activity. On completion of the activity, each group will rotate through to the next activity, undertaking three different tasks in all.

Art /Craft Activity Classes- 17 December 2020- to be held over morning recess and lunch.

ORDER FOR A SCHOOL JUMPER

Please find enclosed with this newsletter an order form for school jumpers. We do not require money with your order but we would appreciate the return of orders by Monday 30 November. It is anticipated that the price will range from approximately \$80.00 to \$89.00 per rugby jumper and invoices will be forwarded once your order has arrived.

JAYNE GREIG - INTRODUCING LIAM

While attending the school recently (in her capacity as a teacher), Mrs Greig took the opportunity to introduce her new son Liam to students. It was lovely to see the Prep/1 class reconnect with Mrs Greig and for them to see why Mrs Greig has been away from teaching recently.



FORMS

School Jumper Order Form. Please ensure order forms are returned by *Monday 30 November 2020*.
Smash Screen Time – Creating a Media Plan by Dr Lauren Arundell