

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE – DUNKELD COMMUNITY MEETING

Hello everyone,

I hope you're all keeping well!

Just sharing with you an opportunity to learn more about the Little (Great) Victorian Bike Ride coming to Dunkeld next year 31 March - 3 April 2022.

The event was initially scheduled for November 2020, as the Great Vic Bike Ride, but has since been postponed twice due to coronavirus restrictions. While running the traditional nine-day event will sadly not be possible, Little Victorian Bike Ride is a special edition four-day format - that delivers all the best parts of the ride and is proving just as popular!

Dunkeld and region local businesses, community groups, musicians and performers are invited to join the Little Vic Bike Ride community meetings next week to discuss opportunities for the ride that will bring more than 3,000 visitors to the region.

The meeting will be held at Sterling Place in Dunkeld on **Tuesday 7 December 2021 at 6.00pm**. Locals will be able to meet the Bicycle Network team, learn more about the Little Vic, and how they can get involved to benefit from the event coming to town.



There are several ways to get involved in the event, with options including extended trading hours, fundraising stalls - selling food, drinks and snacks, shuttle services, activities and performances.

"We often see local sporting clubs and community groups selling bacon and egg rolls for riders, while cafes, hotels, and other local businesses benefit from welcoming the event in town," said Bicycle Network General Manager of Operations and Marketing, Rebecca Lane.

When: 6.00pm on Tuesday 7 December 2021

Where: Sterling Place, Dunkeld

Who: Meetings are open to all locals, businesses, entertainers,

community groups (schools, sporting clubs, charities) who are interested in how the Little Vic works and what they can do to get involved. If you are based in one of the towns the event visits or in the general area you are welcome to participate.

Register your interest to attend here: <https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/rides-and-events/great-victorian-bike-ride/community/get-involved/#meetings>

In the meantime, please reach out if I can help with anything.

Cheers,

Jackie Peacock

Acting Events Marketing & Development Officer

Southern Grampians Shire Council

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1st Week	Sunday	December 5	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Sunday	December 12		No service – Mass at Glenthompson
3rd Week	Sunday	December 19	8.30am	Mass
	Friday	December 24	6.00pm	Christmas Eve Mass
4th Week	Sunday	December 26	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

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Enquiries: Margo Dark 5574 0222; Iris Field 5574 0202; Kristy Beveridge 0428 581 903

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1 DEC Newsletter issue 19 distributed.	2	3 CWL Twilight Christmas Fair	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Newsletter issue 20 deadline LAST ISSUE FOR 2021 Sawmill, Arboretum and Museum Xmas breakup	11	12 Thank You gathering for Mrs Debbie Millard
13	14	15 Newsletter issue 20 distributed – last issue for 2021	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Santa Town Christmas Run in Dunkeld	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26



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Located just 6kms north of Dunkeld on Victoria Valley Road, the 18-hole sand scrapes course is set against the backdrop of Mount Abrupt and the Grampians (Gariwerd) National Park.

Recent investments in machinery and irrigation have meant the course is in great condition all year round. An active and enthusiastic committee and volunteer club members maintain the course and facilities.

You do not have to be a member of the Grampians Golf Club to enjoy a round on our course. Green fee-paying guests and visitors are welcome. An honesty box payment system allows players to choose the timing of their rounds. Hire clubs and buggies are also available.

The club prides itself on the relaxed nature of the golf program, but also accommodates those who seek to continually improve their game and challenge themselves against the course. Regular Club competitions are held each Tuesday and Saturday.

The course and charming clubhouse are available for trade days or fundraising activities. The clubhouse can also be hired for special events or celebrations. If you would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact any of the membership committee – Lindy Hayes, Kerren Collins and Adrian Kelly or any current club member.

The 2022 committee is finalising the program for the coming year, with a number of initiatives aimed at introducing juniors to the game and attracting a diverse group of adult participants of all ages. We will use this newsletter to provide information on these initiatives and other activities at the club.

Remember - Golf is a game for life and fun for all!

Peter Besgrove, President



Ignite the Spirit of Christmas and how to get involved

Southern Grampians Shire Council and the Hamilton Regional Business Association invite you to participate in this free campaign - 'Ignite the Spirit of Christmas'.

As part of a broader economic recovery strategy, this initiative aims to drive awareness of local offerings and encourage the community to support locals when they shop this Christmas.

Residents and visitors can go into the draw to win \$5,000 in Greater Hamilton dollars to be spent locally just by purchasing from any local business within the Southern Grampians Shire. Enter via clicking on a QR code in-store or via the www.clickforchristmas.com.au website.

This campaign is just one of the many exciting activations being delivered as part of the annual 'Ignite the Spirit of Christmas' activities across the region, with festive decorations for townships still to come, festive activities including Santa and buskers being planned where possible, and much more.

For details about the 'Ignite the Spirit of Christmas' campaign, contact dshaw@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or head to www.clickforchristmas.com.au

Want to get your business involved?

The 'Ignite the Spirit of Christmas' campaign has officially started this week, and you can get your business involved by assisting your customers to enter, with the following handy hints.

HOW TO PROMOTE THE CAMPAIGN IN YOUR STORE:

1. Place your QR code Sticker (available on request) at the point of sale.
2. Display poster in your shop window (available on request).
3. Please feel free to incorporate the campaign in your business advertising.

WHEN CUSTOMERS MAKE A PURCHASE:

1. Assist them by advising of how they can enter - either by going to www.clickforchristmas.com.au or scanning the QR code provided on the poster or the sticker.

TO ENTER IN STORE:

1. Simply open the camera app on your phone
2. Hold it over the QR code, which will 'scan' the code
3. A link will appear. Click the link.
4. Customer enters their details and uploads their receipt
5. They will receive a success message, once entered.

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- Balmoral Post Office – 11 Glendinning Street
- Peshurst Licensed Grocery – 80C Bell Street, Peshurst
- MJ's Roadhouse – 24-26 Memorial Road, Glenthompson
- Dunkeld Visitor Centre – Parker Street, Dunkeld

FINALLY:

We are supplying local businesses with our new 'Ignite the Spirit of Christmas' poster. If your business does not have a 'Ignite the Spirit of Christmas' poster or your business requires additional posters, please reach out to our Business Development Officer: dshaw@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or 0429 578 216.




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Friday – Saturday

Lunch 11.30am – 2.30pm

Dinner 5.00pm – 8.30pm

With further easing of restrictions, we are now able to increase our numbers for fully vaccinated people only dining inside and outside. Bookings are preferred but walk-ins welcome if numbers allow. Upon arrival you are required to check in by using the QR Code and we will need to sight your vaccination status. All Covid Safe measures are in place for the safety of our patronage and staff. Opening Hours: 11.00am to 2.30pm then Reopen at 4.00pm.

Tuesday night Parma Night selection of delicious toppings \$18

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DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

OPEN FOR BUSINESS: Opening times
Sunday 1.00pm – 5.00pm and Thursday
1.00pm – 4.00pm.

WEBSITE: Visit our website! dunkeldmuseum.org.au It's a fantastic, user-friendly and you never know what you might discover about Dunkeld and district.

PLAQUE UNVEILING: On 7 November the World War II plaque was unveiled at the new Dunkeld cemetery. Peter Nelson gave an overview of the project; Coral Templeton and Phyllis Leech, wives of two of our veterans



unveiled the plaque. Derek Morse spoke of his father Bill Morse (MC, MID) and Peter Cameron spoke of his father Lin Cameron (MC and Bar).

It was a great day, thanks to all who contributed to this project that recognises our WWII men and women who are buried or memorialised in this cemetery. Descendants of some of those mentioned on the plaque are grouped in the background of the photo on the right.



PRESENTATION TO HEATHER FUNK: After the unveiling ceremony, the Dunkeld Cemetery Trust President, Bill Gordon and Secretary, Heather Macgugan presented

Heather with a sheath of flowers and a certificate of appreciation in recognition of 35 years service on the Cemetery Trust Committee and accepted her resignation with regret.

UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS: The Museum continues to work on the production of James Affleck's book about the Mount Sturgeon Soldier Settlers. It is now in the proof stage and should be available early in the new year. We are now calling for expression of interest for people wanting to purchase one of these books, price will be about \$40.00.

The WWII book we are producing to gather the details and short bio of those mentioned on our recently unveiled plaque is ongoing. Does anyone have a phot of Tubby Griffin or Raymond Newton Howell we could copy? Thank you to the families who have come forward so far with photos and stories.

MUSEUM END OF YEAR FUNCTION: As usual the museum will be combining with the Arboretum and Sawmill for an end of year get together in the open air at the sawmill on Friday 10 December at 6.00pm (bring a salad or sweet, meat supplied). All welcome.



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**DUNKELD CATHOLIC
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FAIR**

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**FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 2021
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RED CROSS NEWS

Red Cross members enjoying the Christmas Lunch on Monday at Izzy's Cafe.



The Zone Meeting in Port Fairy was very fruitful and enjoyable. The main message to take away is that Red Cross is about community, friendship, simplicity, trust and responding to need first, as well as fund raising when possible. It doesn't matter if 'groups just meet for coffee and only raise \$20.00.'

All members are now required to have double vaccination and to register with Red Cross either online or by phone (the easiest way) by calling the Red Cross Hot line 9.00am - 4.30pm weekdays on 9341 7588, by 26 November 2021.

Emergency Services: Heather and Marcia Macgugan are soon to do a training exercise at Casterton and are working in with the Glenelg Shire on the Municipal Emergency Plan, hoping of course that there are no fires this summer. Following a recruitment drive, they, with Eda Williamson, have welcomed some eager young members in Penny Fraser, Jo Frost and Priscilla Cuming. There is actually no age discrimination and some ES volunteers across the state are in their 80's and 90's! The Dunkeld team has also checked local police station RFR kits (Register. Find. Recruit) which are now ready to go. We send our best wishes to member Dorothy Blanch, who is having a spell in hospital, at the moment.

Final news for this year will be in the next / last Newsletter for 2021.

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THANK YOU, MRS DEBBIE

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Without "causing too much fuss" we invite students and families, past and present to drop by and say THANK YOU at an informal community gathering.

WHERE: Dunkeld Memorial Park
WHEN: Sunday 12 December 2021
TIME: 3.00pm – 5.00pm
BYO your own picnic afternoon tea if you wish (no sharing of food).

Any questions, please contact Lea McArthur 0417 312 089.



Dan Tehan MP
Member for Wannan

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Grampians Cricket Club

Since our last report Grampians Cricket Club has welcomed another team into the U12s competition and some new players - it is great to see so many enthusiastic cricketers about!

The Grampians teams have been involved in some exciting matches. Due to the news of a Covid outbreak in Hamilton this week some junior matches were cancelled. We are all hoping to see the season back underway as soon as possible.

There are now two Grampians teams in the U12s competition. In the U12s competition the emphasis is on developing the players' skills and being a team player and so all games are recorded as draws.

Under 12 Cubs played their first game against St Marys in Hamilton. New and first time players included Isaac Robbins, Seamus McDonald, Edward Alderman, George and Digby Heazlewood.

Edward took 3 wickets off his bowling and Mitchell Gordon took 2 caught and bowled wickets. Hugh Prentice top scored with 8 runs.

Under 12 Pumas played against St Andrews Saints in Dunkeld. Charlie Linke and Drew Rentsch both retired with 6 runs. Ella Peters, Sean Bird and Lachie Oldfield Mann all took a wicket each.

Under 14s Team Grampians were defeated in their two day match against College Gold by 4 wickets. Brodie Phillips consistent bowling ended with 2 for 7 off 6 overs. Hayden Phillips, Tom Gordon, Louis Lazzari and Myles Alderman took a wicket each.

On Saturday 20 November, Grampians batted first against Hamilton Cricket Club on the opening day of this two day match. The opening partnership of Brodie Phillips and Tom Gordon was very productive with Brodie retiring on 51 and Tom making his highest score of 37. Hayden Phillips chipped in with 31 runs. Grampians finished their batting at 9 for 207 and are hoping to defend their total on Saturday 27 November.

Under 15 Girls defeated College Cricket Club convincingly by 8 wickets at Dunkeld. Bonnie Jackson made 16, Grace Potter 15 and Lucy Fraser 14 runs. In addition to the 14 runs she made Lucy also took 2 wickets. Elivia Robbins took 2 wickets in an over and Grace Potter took a wicket.

Under 16s Team comprehensively defeated Tarrington Cricket Club with accurate bowling and sound fielding. Brodie Phillips' accuracy with the ball resulted in figures of 3 for 3 off 4 overs. Charlie Field and Hayden Phillips proved almost as difficult to face and collected two wickets each. Tom Kent also collected a wicket from his bowling.

C Grade Men were defeated at home by St Andrews on Saturday 13 November by 2 wickets in a close finishing match. The opening pair made the two best scores with Ashley Read making 74 and Greg Millard 47. Sheryar Shah's 32 runs was a valuable innings. Mick Alderman's bowling finished with 3 for 19 and Brendon Paterson took 2 for 21. Mark Lazzari, Angus Heazlewood and Sheryar Shah all chipped in with a wicket each.

On Saturday 20 November they played College Cricket Club in Hamilton and were again defeated in a match that was much closer than the score card suggested. Grampians batted first with Greg Millard making another valuable innings for his team of 76. Angus Heazlewood was next best with the

bat on 29. Juddy Coote was the best bowler taking 2 for 17. Brendon Paterson, Mark Lazzari and Shane Ewing all took a wicket.

A Grade Women played St Andrews on Friday 19 November at home and won by 6 runs. Ella Jackson top scored with 32 runs that include 4 boundaries with Grace Potter hitting 17. Pippa Williamson collected 2 for 11 from 3 overs. Matilda Potter and Bonnie Jackson took a wicket each. They will meet Macarthur Cricket Club at Macarthur on Friday 26 November.

A Grade Men were defeated by Pigeon Ponds Cricket Club in their 13 November match. Grampians batted first with Will Collins making an exciting 77 that included 6 sixes and 4 boundaries. He was supported by Carl Joyce who made 49 from 31 balls. Tom Polkinghorne and Joseph Sutherland took 2 wickets each with Carl Joyce and Will Collins taking a wicket each.

On 20 November they defeated Casterton Cricket Club by 9 wickets with an outstanding bowling display. Stefan Burnell took 4 for 3 off 4 overs. Josh Gordon, Edward McShane and Carl Joyce all took a wicket each. Josh Gordon was best with the bat making 27 not out. This now concludes the T20 format with the A Grade team due to play their first one day match against St Andrews Cricket Club in Dunkeld on Saturday.

If you haven't already downloaded the My Cricket app give it a go. All games are being scored online by the home team and it is an easy way to keep an eye on the game if you're not able to be there.

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SCHOOL NEWS

With only two and a bit weeks of school to go, I write this in hope that the final newsletter of the year will not require anything COVID! But as for this newsletter...sorry!

COVID-19

With an increase in local COVID-19 cases in our area, we ask that our school community continue to follow the COVID Safe guidelines and remind families that even with the mildest symptoms to get tested. You can refer to the WDHS website for more information. <https://wdhs.net/v2/>
I thank all our school community for the efforts in keeping us safe, especially the students required to wear masks, along with the check-in and vaccination procedures.

School Events

On Tuesday 23 November, Year 6 students participated in the Dunkeld Scholarship interviews, with Fiona Mitchell and I, what a wonderful experience to hear these fine young people speak. Staff are also reviewing the 2022 Leadership applications, as we head towards the final assembly on Friday 10 December.

We are looking forward to holding our House Athletics Sports Day on Monday 29 November, hopefully the weather is kind. Thank you to Paul Phillips for coordinating the line marking for our sports day, along with the Grampians Cricket Club for mowing the grass in preparation for the markings. ***A reminder that evidence of double vaccination is required when checking-in at the office, for all spectators to attend our sports day.** Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

It was fantastic to hear all the positive comments from the Grade 3/4 Camp to Port Fairy last week. It sounds like the surfing was a hit, along with the visit to Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village. Thanks to Andrew Peters for volunteering his time to attend. I am sure the Grade 5/6 students are looking forward to their camp at Cave Hill Creek, near Beaufort this week. This is an amazing venue with all activities to take place within the campgrounds. It's going to be a hoot!



Survey Data

The Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS) data is now on DET's Panorama platform. A highlight from this data is the Social Engagement domain, where an increase from 84% in 2020 has grown to 95% in 2021. The Individual Social and Emotional Wellbeing domain also provides some positivity with our students, recording 93% on the Life Satisfaction factor, compared to the state norm of 71%. With wellbeing a priority for schools, it is pleasing to know that programs we have in place such as Play is the Way, and The Resilience Project are having a positive impact on our students. It is wonderful to report that 100% of our students stated they were 'Not Experiencing Bullying'.

Staffing / Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI)

As we made no appointment for the Graduate Teacher position that was advertised, we have since advertised for a Classroom Teacher level 1 or 2, broadening our search for the right applicant. Interviews are being held in the near future, with hopefully an appointment to be made by the end of the week. Regarding our Tutor position, we hope to also announce this position soon.

Baby News!

Congratulations to Mrs Jayne Greig and her husband, Stuart, on the recent arrival of their baby daughter "Violet Jayne".

Ange Field, Acting Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Assembly – Friday 19 November 2021

The school deck is a lovely area to be holding our assembly. During October a Terrific Tuesday Fun Activity Day was held. During one of the sessions Mrs Gilbert's students worked on Stop Motion Animation and stick figures. Mrs Gilbert presented the students work at assembly. Honour Certificates were also presented.



Honour Certificates:

School Values Honour: Year 6: Seth Welsh, Claudia Cochran and Mitchell Gordon; **Year 4:** Ned Peters, Lachie Gordon and Patrick Lomas; **Year 3:** Tyson Riddle and Zach Lance.

Prep and Year 1 – MONSTER MADNESS



The Prep and Year 1 students have been working hard learning numbers and understanding that numbers can be represented as bundles of 10 and ones, a tens frame or numbers in the form of

MAB (where a stick represents 10 and a small cube represents one or even larger numbers can be represented using a block of 100 or 1000).

During this task each child was given a number ranging from 10 to 1000. The children then created a number monster. It was lots of fun and we hope you like them.

Year 3 and 4 Port Fairy Camp

We went straight to Flagstaff Hill in Warrnambool and Ms Jan Barkla met us there. She was wearing a woman's outfit from the 1870s – a long dress with a hooped petticoat and a long-sleeved jacket with buttons up the front. As well as a hat to stop the spread of nits because there were a lot of them around as people only bathed once a week and washed their hair two to three times a year!



We viewed the museum and the shipwreck artefacts. We saw what the inside of a ship would look like. Jan took us into the village and then into the school. She grabbed her cane and became our teacher called Ma'am. She was very strict with us. We had to sit with our hands together on the table, no elbows on top, looking at Ma'am. We also did a scavenger hunt around the village, which was lots of fun.

We stayed at Southcombe Lodge in Port Fairy. It was a great place to stay because it had a big TV and lots of rooms for everyone to sleep in. We had a competition to see which cabin could go to sleep first. The boys sleeping in 'Orwell' and 'Thistle' won. We all went surfing the next morning at East Beach. It was awesome because we got to wear wetsuits and the waves were big. Lots of people got to stand up on their surfboards. We did warm up drills before we got into the water.

We went to a historical park called Battery Park where there were cannons that had been disassembled. There were two more huge cannons and next to them there was a flagpole that they could put flags on to show how high the tide was.



We really loved camp because we got to go surfing and see heaps of cannons. Thank you to Jan, Mimi and Raf (surfing coaches) Steve (the bus driver), Mrs McLachlan, Mrs Gilbert and Andrew Peters for looking after us and organising the camp. | *By Mac Jackson and Lachie Gordon*

Author – Ursula Dubosarsky



On Tuesday 16 November we had a webinar with Ursula Dubosarsky, the 2020 - 2021 Children's Laureate. Ursula talked about all the novels she has written.

We were talking about her book, *Pierre's Not There*. It is about a girl called Lara. Lara and her Mum go to clean up a house, and no one was supposed to be in the house. But when Lara goes upstairs, she meets Pierre. He is looking for a way to start a puppet show but he doesn't know how. The story goes on and Lara is sucked into the play, with a mysterious journey that awaits. We did an activity with Ursula where we made sock puppets. We had to bring an odd sock from home and turn it into a puppet. You could have multi-coloured eyes, big red lips, sharp teeth and curly hair.

Ursula showed us a slide show of all the different puppets in the world. I found it very interesting, humorous and exciting. Thank you, Ursula, for keeping us so captivated in the webinar, it was such a joy!

By Cadence Huf and Libby Herrmann

Year 6 Secondary Transition Day

On Thursday 12 November Ms Adams, Bonnie Jackson and Alisha Cross came to our school to talk with Mia, Edie, Isabella, Jack and Michaela who are going to Baimbridge College next year. Ms Adams is the Year 7 Coordinator and Bonnie and Alisha are students there, and also ex-Dunkeld Consolidated School students. They talked to us about what was going to happen on Orientation Day and what we should expect next year. On Orientation Day we get our timetable, booklist, lockers and class lists. Ms Adams said in the first few weeks she thinks it is important for students to get to know each other and find their way around the school. Early in first term, Year 7 students get to experience camp at Cape Bridgewater, this also helps with the process of getting to know each other. *By Mia Russell, Isabella Jury and Edie Jackson*

RSL Remembrance Day Service

On Thursday 11 November, the Year 6 students stood in front of the War Memorial ready for the ceremony. Mr Noble, the President of the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch and ex-Air force personnel spoke at the Remembrance Day ceremony. He spoke about the Afghanistan War and how it affected Australians. The School Captains, Mitchell Gordon and Libby Herrmann, laid the Dunkeld Consolidated School wreath



below the Cenotaph in the Memorial Park. After all the wreaths were laid and we paid our respects, Mitchell recited The Ode during the service. At the 11th hour we stood for one minute's silence to remember the fallen soldiers in the wars around the world. We had

some photos taken and then hopped back on the bus back to school. *By Sebastian Aarons and Mitchell Gordon*

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. These first visits were held on Tuesday 9 and Tuesday 23 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 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).

World Kindness Day

The Year 6 class and Mrs Phillips have implemented a twenty-day Kindness Challenge at our school, from Monday 15 November, for the whole school community. The daily kindness challenge is placed on the noticeboard outside the Principal's office each morning.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM

Kitchen Report:

On Friday 12 November, Year 6 students, guided by SAKG Kitchen Specialist, Clare Kennedy and their classroom teacher, Mrs Phillips; prepared and hosted an exquisite 'Thank You' Morning Tea for all school staff. The variety of food was simply amazing, which included bite-sized Portuguese tarts with colourful Borage flowers, fluffy scones with jam and cream, delectable brownies, sensational sushi, mouth-watering sausage rolls with delicious rhubarb relish and slices of fantastic frittata. Staff were greeted at the door by a Year 6 student and handed a small posy then escorted to our seats. A heartfelt 'thank you' to all the Year 6 students ... such a beautiful gift of thoughtfulness and kindness.



Last Friday 19 November, the Year 6 students had a great cooking experience. This was a very special day because it was the Year 6 students last ever cooking experience after seven years. Half of the group did a mosaic tile and the other half were preparing lunch. We cooked sausage rolls, egg and bacon muffins and tacos. In the sausage rolls we used parsley, spinach and silver beet that was freshly gathered from the garden. The eggs for the egg and bacon muffins were freshly produced by the chooks. We also made Persimmon Sorbet from harvested fruit that we had preserved in the freezer.

Cadence Huf: it was always enjoyable to be in the kitchen, over the years I have gained experience cutting food with knives, I will forever miss cooking with Clare and Friends. Sebastian Aarons: I have loved cooking with Friends and helpers, it has been a great experience seeing my friends grow.

By Max Graham and Jake Linskens

Garden Report:

In the Garden, the Prep and Year 1 students experienced an awesome time drawing and labelling sunflowers to identify their parts.

They created great drawings and the detail was well done. The Year 2 and 3 students did an exciting magazine scavenger hunt, where they found lots of garden produce and plants to identify. This helps the younger students get to know the garden better.

By Oscar Fanning and Isabella Jury

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!

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.



*Season's Greetings
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all
the sick and lonely people
in our community.*

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Big Summer Read in Southern Grampians

The Greater Hamilton Library is participating in the state-wide BIG Summer Read program this year to help curb the 'Summer Slide' for young readers across the region.

The 'Summer Slide' is a well-known phenomenon that describes the enormous loss of literacy that occurs over the summer school holidays for children who don't continue to

read. Extensive studies have shown that these children lose up to two - three months reading proficiency.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Senior Library Services Officer Chris Jenkins said the program developed by Public Libraries Victoria is a great way to keep young readers across the region engaged and active through the warmer months.

"The Big Summer Read is an incentivised program targeting primary aged children to keep reading during Summer. Participants can easily track their reading with a free downloadable app Beanstack or by using the Big Summer Read booklet," said Ms Jenkins.

"The booklet is provided by the library as part of the welcome pack for all those who register for the program. The Beanstack app works like a "Fitbit" but for reading, and can motivate children to continue reading and sustain their literacy levels through summer."

"We have some great prizes on offer this year from our valued local sponsors so get involved and register today. The more you read, the more entries you have in the final prize draw," concluded Ms Jenkins.

The program runs from 1 December 2021 through to 31 January 2022. Local sponsors for the program include Bellcourt Books and Toyworld Hamilton who have generously donated some great prizes to be won along with other major prizes including a Samsung Tablet and a Fitbit Ace 3 with the winners to be drawn 4 February 2022.

Children can register for the program at the library, online at www.plv.beanstack.org or simply pick up a registration form from the Greater Hamilton Library.

JOIN. BORROW. PLAY. WIN!

Pictured: Mitch Walker, age 9, from Gray Street Primary School who is the first participant for the program.



From the Lions Den

- L** Liberty
- I** Intelligence
- O** Our
- N** Nations
- S** Safety



Our deeds determine us ... as much as we determine our deeds.

Code of Ethics

4. Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

Australian and Proud of it

Every now and then something happens that really makes me proud to be Australian, very much so when it shows the Australians are world leaders in science and technology. One example that springs to mind is the following:

Last year whilst doing preliminary investigations prior to the commencement of excavations for extensions to the underground railways in London, archaeologists unearthed copper wire at a depth of three meters and dated at 200 years old. Scientists reached the conclusion that the British had a telephone network more than 150 years ago.

Early this year, American archaeologists dug down six metres and found traces of copper wire dating 250 years. Scientists there have concluded that America had a telephone network at least 200 years ago.

But last week Australia's Northern Territory Times reported the following: "After digging as deep as ten metres in his backyard in Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, Knackers Johnson, a self-taught archaeologist reported that he found absolutely nothing and has reached the conclusion that 250 years ago, Australia had already gone wireless."

Now after that you have to feel proud to be Australian. Thanks, Knackers!

Peter Hinchey

DUNKELD CHRISTMAS EVE TOWN SANTA RUN



Santa will visit the streets of Dunkeld on Christmas Eve.

**FRIDAY 24
DECEMBER**

**Commencing at
7.00pm**

*Out of town children are welcome to wait at the Post Office end of Memorial Park.

*Grandparents are welcome to ring Heather and she will make sure that Santa knows that grandchildren are visiting.

Many thanks to the Dunkeld and District Lions Club, Melissa and Adrian Field from the Dunkeld General Store, Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade, Victoria State Emergency Service – Dunkeld Unit, Kerri and Alan Jones and Cee Blackwell who make this community event possible.

Enquires – Heather Hampton 5577 2240 or 0437 947 951.



Garden Notes – December

Last month we looked at water in the garden and how to use it more efficiently. Your indoor plants need special care regarding watering, incorrect (usually excessive) watering is the most common cause of problems with your house plants. Basically, there are three different groups of house plants, each group having particular water requirements. The first group comprises

ferns and palms, these need to be kept moist but not wet. At the other end of the scale are the cacti and succulent group which should be kept dry with just an occasional watering. Most of your other house plants are between these two extremes and should be watered thoroughly as the potting mix begins to dry out. Potting mix moisture content can be judged by colour, feel and weight. If you do not trust your judgement, small handheld moisture meters are available. December and January are good months to repot your house plants if they have overcrowded their present pots. Use clean, free draining pots of a suitable size and make sure that the potting mix you use meets Australian Standard 3743, water carefully after potting. In warm weather take care that your plants are not placed too close to north or west facing windows to avoid sunburn. Hard shiny leafed plants can be placed outside occasionally in a warm gentle rain or hosing to clean the leaves. Take care with aerosol fly sprays as many are toxic to plant growth. Don't forget to continue with your fruit tree spray program and make sure to continue to water your trees even after harvest as this is when next season's fruit buds are being formed.

Main vegetable plantings during December are lettuce, carrots, parsnips, beans, beetroot, cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli and Brussels Sprouts. Flowering annuals for summer plantings include petunia, marigold, impatiens, salvia, begonia, vinca and portulaca.

Keeping your garden tidy, with weeds under control, will reduce problems with earwigs, snails and harlequin bugs. Finally, don't forget that nurseries have a good range of Christmas gifts.



May you all have a joyous and peaceful Christmas.

Happy gardening!

Stephen Hughan, Ararat Nursery – phone: 5352 1123

DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH



RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. Membership renewal for 2022 is \$40.00 per person. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women, you can also join the RSL.

Affiliate memberships are also available to members of emergency services (police, fire brigade, CFA, ambulance and/or SES). By becoming a member of the RSL, you will enjoy the privilege of having joined one of Australia's oldest and most revered organisations and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. An organisation committed to selfless service on behalf of the nation, which is dedicated to honouring those who have served our nation through military service, and that focuses on the care of veterans and their dependants. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson - phone: 5573 3353.

Region 8C Forum on 14 December 2021: The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch will be hosting the Region 8C Forum at the Dunkeld Community Centre on Tuesday 14 December, commencing at 11.00am. A light lunch will be provided.

Members will need to sign in at the Community Centre using the QR Code or sign-in sheets and show your COVID-19 digital certificate or vaccination history or provide evidence of your exemption.

Dunkeld RSL members are invited to attend this forum. For catering purposes, could you please let Terrie Nicholson know by Thursday 2 December - phone 5573 3353 or email: thevicnics18@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.

Victorian Veterans Council vacancies: The Victorian Government is seeking expressions of interest for two upcoming vacancies on a Victorian Government board in the Veteran portfolio, the Victorian Veterans Council.

As well as advising the Minister for Veterans on veterans' issues, the Council promotes collaboration and coordination across Victorian ex-service organisations and provides advice to the Minister and Director of Consumer Affairs on the use of patriotic funds. The Council supports veterans' welfare, commemoration and education programs through the distribution of grants from the Victorian Veterans Fund and the ANZAC Day Proceeds Fund.

Candidates for these vacancies do not need to be veterans, and family members of veterans who meet the eligibility criteria are also encouraged to apply.

One of the current vacancies must be filled by a 'member of the ex-service community' who is recommended to the Minister for Veterans for appointment to the Council by a Victorian ex-service organisation, other than RSL Victoria State Branch or Melbourne Legacy. Recommendations however can be considered from RSL sub-branches and other Legacy Clubs. Under the Victorian Veterans Act 2005, a 'member of the ex-service community' means all veterans, all surviving partners of veterans and all dependants of veterans.

The other vacancy may be filled by a person, who in the opinion of the Minister, has other appropriate skills to enable the Victorian Veterans Council to achieve its objectives and perform its functions.

Visit boards.vic.gov.au for more information about the positions, including eligibility criteria, position descriptions, and how to apply.

Applications close on 21 December 2021. Shortlisting and interviews will be held in January 2022.

2022 CAS Hawker Scholarships

Applications for the 2022 Charles Hawker Scholarships open today and close on Friday 7 January 2022. An application form and further information about CAS Hawker and the scholarships named in his memory are available from www.hawkerscholarship.org or by contacting the Secretary to the Trustees on (08) 8127 1654.

Hawker Scholarships are valued at up to \$60,000.00 over three years and are amongst the most generous, privately funded, residential scholarships available to Australian undergraduate and postgraduate students.

There are a number of scholarships awarded each year. The Trustees offer them to capable students of principle and character who have demonstrated a commitment to the wider community. Selection is based on personal qualities as well as academic ability.

These scholarships are potentially life changing. For further information please contact Mr Ian Doyle OAM, B Ec. Dip Ed, School Co-ordinator, CAS Hawker Scholarship on 0417 819 189.

Hanging on by your fingernails

A colleague and I were talking about all things 'clergy' the other day. We also spoke of that thing that we all can't help talking about and would much rather jeer at it.

My colleague was stretched and struggling. There were a few extra bits on his plate which he found unpalatable and undesirable.

His energy was expended and he was hanging on, not by the tips of his fingers, but his fingernails (his words not mine). I continue to worry and pray for him.

As I drove home I made a conscious choice to turn off my embarrassing choice of music in the 70's and do the inevitable post mortem on the conversation. Did I miss something? Was there something I should have said? And what on earth will I say to him next time I check in?

I found myself reflecting back on a few inky patches in my own life. I well recall the colossal amount of energy it took just to hang on by the flimsiest of grips. It was exhausting just getting through the day and there was never enough sleep. It took a long time for the situation to right itself and I sadly suspect that it will take some time for my colleague to arrive in a sunnier place.

It all changed for me when one day I said to myself "blow it", or at least something like that and let go. And instead of landing with a sickening "THWACK" on the concrete with blood gushing out of my ears, there was an eerie sense of calm. I realised that I had been supported and encouraged all along. Like the safety net for a trapeze artist.

Frantically holding by our fingernails is not necessarily the best use of our limited energy.

Father David Oulton

Spring has Sprung

How everything seems to happen at once during this time of year! It is sometimes a challenge to stay balanced. Yet Nature, no matter how out of balance it appears, always maintains its balance.

So today, I left everything and went to renew myself in the bush. It is wonderful how quickly harmony is restored ... this connection with the natural world is so vital in our lives, yet modern lifestyles and trends lead us further and further away.

Today I noticed large clumps of Fireweed Groundsel, *Senecio linearifolius*, were now giving brilliant displays of clusters of bright yellow flowers. If you look closely, especially with a magnifying glass, you will find that each small globular consists of several minute flowers densely packed together. They grow on tall, branched stems, forming corymbs, flat-topped clusters of flowers. Their fragrance is slightly sweet and their leaves vary from small and elongated to very large as they descend to the base of the stem. Each individual leaf has an interesting habit of projecting itself around the main stem at its axil. The leaves are gently toothed. These plants are really attractive growing at the base of Brown Stringybarks.

I stopped in delight several times along the track to gaze at carpets of exquisite, yellow-flowered *Goodenia geniculata*, which grow close to the earth. This year, maybe due to copious rain, there is a profusion of them.

Also yellow, and growing with single flowerheads but ubiquitously, were very tiny, daisy-like flowers, their short,

slender stems emerging from basal rosettes of small, indented leaves.

It is obviously the season for daisies, for as I was looking at the abovementioned flower, I became aware of a multitude of minute purple to mauve daisies, about six centimetres high, also with basal leaves, indented and hairy. They are probably the Common Bottle Daisies, *Lagenophora stipitata*.

Abundant too, especially in Wurgarri's landslide area, are the lovely, soft white daisies with yellow centres. These have a few tiny stem leaves and larger loved, basal leaves, also covered in fine white hairs. These are known as Branching Daisies, for obvious reasons, *Brachyscome aculeata*. Their buds are also very attractive, the back of each petal a soft magenta curving into the centre. When mature and fully opened, the back of the petals is just a slight mauve.

The pretty Prickly Starwort, *Stellaria pungens*, creates a lovely ground cover with its pure white starry flowers, especially when it tumbles over logs or stones, but beware, its leaves are prickly.

A much finer groundcover is that of the minutes, blue-flowered Poison Lobelia, *Lobelia pratioides*, which frequents open areas in masses amongst dwarf Wallaby grasses. It's as though fragments of sky have fallen to the earth, quite beautiful to behold.

The Acacia paradoxa, so numerous everywhere, are dangling their tiny seed pods, often in pairs, sometimes in clusters of up to five. The little, two and a half centimetre pods are covered with soft, silvery-white hairs and curve outwards. Massed on the shrubs, they produce an attractive sight.

A beautiful honey fragrance permeates much of the air. It emanates from the masses of creamy flowers of the Black Wattle, *Acacia mearnsii*. You have probably noticed one heavily laden tree beside the bridge over Salt Creek.

So, on this note, I'll wish you all a healthy, happy and peaceful Christmas and 2022, and may our lovely flora and fauna enrich your days.

Marion Colton

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