

Newsletter No. 19 – Wednesday 24 November 2021

NOVEMBER 2021

- Thursday 25 **MARC Library – last visit for 2021. ALL MARC LIBRARY BOOKS to be returned to school.**
- Friday 26 Red Cross Pillowcase Project for the Year 2/3 students.
MY BUSINESS RULES - Market Day Stalls commencing at 11:10am.
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 from 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.
- 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 Special Assembly commencing at 9.00am (last assembly for the school year).
Whole School Excursion to the Dunkeld Arboretum. Free 'Sausage Sizzle' lunch provided by Lions Club.
- Tuesday 14 Year 6 Graduation dinner and official ceremony.
- Wednesday 15 Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp.
Prep and Year 1 Sleepover at School.
- Thursday 16 Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp.
Student Reports sent home.
- Friday 17 **END OF 2021 SCHOOL YEAR. Early dismissal at 2.30pm. School buses will run one hour early.**

JANUARY 2022

- Wednesday 26 Australia Day Public Holiday.
- Friday 28 **PUPIL FREE DAY.** Staff commence Term 1 2022.
- Monday 31 Student Assessment Day.

FEBRUARY 2022

- Tuesday 1 **All students commence Term 1 2022.** First Whole School Day for students.

FROM Mrs Angela Field, Acting Principal...

With only three 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 next 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 on Wednesday 24 November, 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".

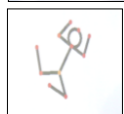
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Acting Principal

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:

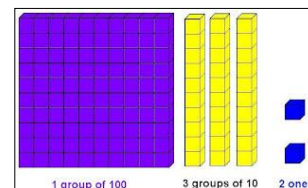
School Values Honour: Year 6: Seth Welsh, Claudia Cochran and Mitchell Gordon. **Year 4:** Ned Peters, Lachie Gordon and Patrick Lomas. **Year 3:** Tyson Riddle and Zach Lance.

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.



MY BUSINESS RULES – MARKET DAY STALLS



Market Day - Friday 12 November

Congratulations to our Year 6 student group, who have all worked extremely hard to create the following amazing products: Cadence's 'You Rock' Quotes, Claudia's Seedling Surprise, Drew's Flying Saucers, Edie's Super Stress Balls, Hugh's Pounding Playdough, Bella's Bracelets, Jack's Money Savers, Jake's Fishing Lures, Libby's Lavenders Pets, Louis' Hallow Rings, Mia's Fidget Rings, Michaela's Dragon Models, Mitch's Hairy Harry's, Oscar's Bazza's Bag Tags, Penny's Glorious Glitter Jars, Sebastian's Copper Airline, Seth's Moo Fert, Zander's Doggy Delights and Maxi's Slimax.



The next Market Day will be held on Friday 26 November.

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. More photos are available on our School Facebook page.

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 PORT FAIRY CAMP



Year 3/4 Camp Report

We went straight to Flagstaff Hill in Warrnambool and Jan 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 was a lot of them around because they 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 helping us and organising the camp.

By Mac Jackson and Lachie Gordon



AUTHOR - URSULA DUBOSARSKY

Ursula Dubosarsky Webinar

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



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. 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's 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 2021



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. 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 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).

FUN FRIDAY ON 12 NOVEMBER 2021

Fun Friday – Kahoot Scavenger Hunt

Last Fun Friday we split into two groups, one participated in sport and the other group enjoyed Kahoot Scavenger Hunt! Everyone was divided into groups of three or four to play together in teams. We made a Kahoot quiz that had clues of where to find the answers, an

example would be “Don’t get spooked,” and the answer would be on a sticky note near the spooky art pieces. When you found the answer, you chose the same word that was on the sticky note using the Kahoot quiz. We interviewed some children who participated in this activity.

Ruby Mibus – I felt happy because I had someone to help me find the clues.

Henrietta Patterson – I loved how the Student Voice hid sticky notes around the room for us to find.

Ella Peters – It was awesome to be in teams with the younger students.

Jack Oldfield Mann – It was exciting and I liked it because it was very competitive.

Charlie Linke – Winning was fun because I had never won a Kahoot before and we had fun hunting for clues!

Everyone had a great time doing this scavenger hunt!

By Edie Jackson and Claudia Cochran

Crab Soccer

Crab Soccer is a game played using only your feet in a crab formation.

Mac Jackson: Crab Soccer was terrific fun and the teams were very fair.

Heidi Burger: Crab Soccer was exciting and I liked how it was boys versus girls.

Athena Manolas: Crab soccer was amazing and I was really tired.

Charlotte Alderman: Crab Soccer was super and the teams were brilliant.

Fun Friday was really enjoyed by the leaders because everyone was respectful and listened when we had something to say. We enjoyed Fun Friday because everyone was kind and supportive to each other.

By Zander Mibus and Hugh Prentice

WORLD KINDNESS CHALLENGE



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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Phoebe Ross’ Under 13 Country Week hockey team that won the Hamilton Sportswomen’s Association Team of the Year, has now been nominated for a National Sports Award in the Junior Team Achievement category. The awards ceremony is on Thursday 9 December. We wish Phoebe’s team all the best, which also included some past students Grace Potter, Jemima Ross, Bonnie Jackson and Lucy Fraser.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

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 on Friday. 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



SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

School Council held its final meeting for 2021 on Tuesday 23 November. The following items of business included:

- Used Battery Fundraiser – a total of \$4,987.50 has been raised during the 2021 school year. Thank you to Jason Linskens, Kelly’s Merchandise, Dunkeld and Simon Ross for their ongoing support and assistance with this project.
- Approval for Monday 31 January 2022 as an Assessment Day – the first whole school day for all students will be Tuesday 1 February 2022.
- Two-week School Swimming Program confirmed and approved for Monday 7 to Friday 18 February 2022.
- 2022 Pupil Free Days approved for Terms 2 and 3 (dates to be advised based on Professional Development needs) and for Monday 5 December for a 2023 Planning Day.
- School Camp subsidies approved for Year 3/4 Port Fairy Camp and Year 5/6 Cave Hill Creek Bush Camp Out Adventure.

- House Athletics Sports Day to be held on Monday 29 November 2021.
- Year 6 Graduation dinner and ceremony to be held at the school on Tuesday 14 December 2021.
- School to purchase more laptops and/or iPads for student use in 2022, therefore Year 3 students will not need to purchase a BYO device for next year. Year 5 and 6 students will still be able to bring their own devices.
- Bushfire Preparedness (Vegetation) Program works have been undertaken.
- Application has been approved under the VSBA School Shade Sails Funds.
- CCTV cameras to be installed on school grounds.
- 2022 Staffing.
- Approval for a Regional Music Conference to be held in the school hall in 2022. SAKG Program to provide catering for this event.

Richard McShane, President, extended a sincere thank you to all councillors for their dedication, support and commitment throughout the year.

HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY – Monday 29 November 2021

QR Code check-in and proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Status required for all parents and spectators

The House Athletics Sports Day will be held on Monday 29 November 2021 commencing after students have had their House meetings and classroom rolls marked. **All parents and spectators MUST check-in at the School Admin office using the QR Code and show proof of COVID-19 vaccination status.** COVID-19 procedures must be followed and face masks are to be worn.

The day will commence with 200 metre races and sprints for all age groups. Rotations (Shot Put, Long Jump, Hurdles, Discus and High Jump) will commence after morning tea. A program of events will be sent home with each family. Parents will be required to help at most events, acting as starters, markers and place referees. Please remember to bring your program of events, sunscreen, hat, snacks, drink bottles, picnic hamper, rug and chairs. A Future Dunkeld Super Stars (little) People Race will conclude our day (no official time – this race will be run as the day draws to an end). We encourage all students to stay until the end of the Sports Day - we are looking forward to a fun-filled day!!

Students in Wannon Sports House to wear a red polo shirt and those in Sturgeon to wear a blue polo shirt (their normal school shirt).

SCHOOL BUS TRAVELLERS: Could you please advise the school Admin office, via note in the student diary or email: dunkeld.cs@education.vic.gov.au if your child/children will or will not be travelling on the school buses on Monday afternoon.

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.

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 -

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.