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Heather Napier	\$20
Anonymous	\$ 5
Dunkeld & District Community Bank	\$60

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CHURCH TIMES

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1st Week	Sunday	February 7	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Sunday	February 14		No service (mass at Glenthompson)
3rd Week	Sunday	February 21	8.30am	Mass
4th Week	Sunday	February 28	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

Uniting Church Worship at Sterling Place Dunkeld Community Centre on Sunday 14 February 2021 at 5.00pm. All very welcome to attend. Rev Angie Griffin.

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

The next Service will be held on Sunday 14 February 2021 at 2:30pm, and will be conducted by Wendy McDonald. We will have a shared Afternoon Tea at the close.

We hope you will be able to join us.

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY / MARCH

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
8	9	10 Newsletter issue 1 distributed	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Newsletter issue 2 deadline	20	21
22 Red Cross Meeting @ 2.00pm	23	24 Newsletter issue 2 distributed	25	26	27	28
1 MARCH	2	3	4	5 Newsletter issue 3 deadline	6	7



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250 WORDS FROM FATHER DAVID

The gifts we never knew.

I saw them at 7:00am on Sunday. Three smartly dressed police officers on Griffin Street. They had captured three recalcitrant horses that had been spooked by the storms. Thanks to their calming vibe, the horses were now grazing happily on the nature strip.

I thought of our police force as I went inside. Like me, they probably had no idea what they signed up for. Each day had its surprises, challenges, rewards, excitement and its tedium. We did not realise that expectations, joys, tears, giggles, reprimands and COVID were all coming.

We never knew what hoary dragons we would slay, or chocolate flavoured liqueur we would savour. We did not know the emails we would write and the ones we wish we hadn't. We did not know the friendships we would make, the lives that would be entrusted to us. How fortunate, how lucky, blessed we were; how blessed we are still. We did not know the gifts that would be given to us and the gifts that we would bring. The gifts we never knew.

All the time we were maturing, growing, being pruned, loving and being loved. We made mistakes and sometimes we got it right. We were rewarded not with large bouquets of flowers or limitless cash bonuses, but with that sweet, elusive sense of a job well done and the realisation that no matter the outcome, we could have done nothing more.

And while this cauldron gurgled, our gifts and talents gradually came bubbling to the surface. Shiny, glossy unexpected. "Oh, I never knew I had it in me". The gifts we never knew.

In a delicious irony that occurs only once a millennium, the reading that Sunday morning was the story of the three wise men bringing their gifts to the squawking Christ child. I thought of those three police officers, and the three horses. Again, we had all discovered the gifts we never knew.

Father David Oulton

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DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

OPEN FOR BUSINESS AGAIN!

Our opening times are ... Sunday 1.00pm – 5.00pm and Thursday 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

The Museum had its first day "*back to business*" last Sunday with several people visiting and using our new QR code and Square terminal facilities. The displays have been refreshed and the new lighting has made everything look much brighter. Thank you to Alan Fort for doing a great job with the new lights.

The Information Centre has informed us that our "Museum Open sign" has gone missing, has anyone seen it? Please let us know.

WEBSITE

Visit our website! dunkeldmuseum.org.au It's a fantastic, user-friendly compilation of Museum resources, including the collection, photos, stories, family histories, historical timeline of the district...

THANK YOU FOR DONATING

Thank you to the Leech family, Mary Fenech and The Estate of PC Armytage for their generous donations towards our new display cabinet.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Thank you to Simon Armytage for donating a framed photo collection of golf days at the Mount Sturgeon Golf course, Doug Craig for donating the WW2 field telephone, and the Jones family for items from the estate of Bill Godfrey, including a beautiful full-length fur coat, a stole and a framed portrait of Bill as a younger man.

ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Kerren Collins has generously offered to record oral history stories of people in the district. We intend to apply for a grant to assist her with some appropriate equipment to do this job.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to Greg Gardner as a Life Member of the Museum. Greg has been a great team member, especially with our IT equipment and subscribing our school records.



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DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Happy New Year.

It has been a busy time the last two months.

Wendy secured a grant to replace the walk bridge at the Caravan Park and solar lighting for the unpowered area. The ablution block is almost completed.

There was a fire in the BBQ after Christmas, luckily contained to that area. It was seen early and Geoff had it under control along with the Fire Brigade, many thanks.

The park has been very well patronised the last three months.

We will be replacing the swings at the Memorial Park soon and painting the framework.

There will be fish fingerlings put in the Reservoir on 13 or 14 February, cost is \$2400.00, we have received about \$1200.00 in donations at the moment and would appreciate some more to offset the cost. Donations can be sent to Dunkeld Public Lands or to Jason Linskens at KELLYS.

Frank Raymond



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RED CROSS NEWS

Firstly, **thank you** to **Carol** for taking on the Newsletter for 2021 and to the **RSL** for allowing Red Cross to meet in their **Henry Leech RSL** room. We also send our greetings and best wishes to **Helena Flinn**, still travelling from home to Geelong for treatment. Our new card lady is **Heather Napier**, as **Dorothy Blanch** has signed off in her 90th year. Thank

you Dorothy, for such a marathon effort and so appreciated by everyone.

All being well, the **first meeting** for the Dunkeld Red Cross Branch will be **Monday 22 February at 2.00pm**. Hand sanitiser, masks (at this stage) and distancing will be in place. Bring along your ideas for this year's activities and fund raisers. We will need to do a **check list** for the meeting, which can be done by phone, to our Region Coordinator **Carolyn Ratnik**.

Memberships are also due (last year's were either late or missed altogether.) We thank **Marion Coulton** for her donation and stamps at the end of 2020.

Red Cross Calling kits are now being produced for distribution before March.

Kym Pfitzner has been appointed the new **CEO** of Red Cross and has stated that in 2020, five thousand retail staff and volunteers served 200,000 customers, generating \$2.5 m in sales! The Bush Fire Grants team distributed \$17.5m in additional support grants to 1,850 eligible people in time for Christmas. Fewer emergencies so far this summer have allowed teams to re-charge somewhat.

The **Zone Meeting** for Region 5 will be on **Tuesday 16 March** in **Hamilton** and delegates will probably be asked to take their own food, because of COVID safe rules. More in the next newsletter.

Iris Field, Secretary

With summer at its peak, we can enjoy the colourful displays of warm weather loving annuals, which we planted in spring. You should start to think about planting winter flowering annuals such as pansy, stock, Iceland poppy, calendula, wallflower and many more. Also, to begin to plan ahead with February, March and April the main planting months for spring flowering bulbs. They prefer an open sunny position, reasonable quality soil with good drainage. Most bulbs can be grown in pots so that you can move them to different positions. Full information regarding specific requirements, planting depths etc is printed on packages in which bulbs are sold.

Winter vegetables can often be scarce and expensive. You can plant now for winter harvest such crops as cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, celery, silver beet, carrots, parsnips and turnips.

Harvesting and storage of your fruit crop requires thought and planning. Soft fruits such as plums and peaches will only maintain their freshness for a limited time after picking; however, this time can be extended by placing in the vegetable compartment of your refrigerator. Drying, bottling, stewing and freezing are your main long-term storage options.

Apples and pears should be picked when ripe. The main ways to determine when a fruit is ripe include skin colour, firmness, ease of harvesting timing (i.e. calendar date) and most reliable of all – taste. Fruit should be handled carefully and graded for quality with only the best fruit selected for long-term storage. They should be carefully packed into well-ventilated boxes and stored in a cool, airy position sheltered from extremes of temperature and sunlight. Regularly check your stored fruit, removing all which 'go off' before they spoil the rest. Apples and pears can also be dried or bottled or stewed or frozen.

It is not too early to order any particular varieties of roses, fruit trees and deciduous ornamentals for winter planting. Talk to your nursery today.



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GARDEN NOTES – FEBRUARY

February is a good time to prune your geraniums and pelargoniums. This is a very simple job, which consists of removing any dead, weak or broken shoots and reducing all other growth by approximately half. Daisies and lavenders can also be trimmed now.



HLTC SATURDAY JUNIOR COMPETITION

Starts Saturday 13 February @ 9.00am

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- Engage Followers on Instagram – 16 February 10.00am – 12.00pm.
- How to plan and create content for your business 17 February 5.00pm – 7.00pm.
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Azolla and Sweet Bursaria

Marion Colton – 10 January 2021

Well, here we are in 2021! I wonder what kind of year it will be for everyone. I hope happy, peaceful and constructive and full of wellbeing. It was a gusty, showery day when I set off for my walk. It was lovely breathing in the fresh air deep into my lungs as my eyes and being admired the view of the Three Peaks, so familiar yet so awesome, and never the same. I was hiking up the Victoria Valley Road on my way to the Mount Abrupt Dams Walk.

I paused to gaze over the bridge's parapet, curious how the river Wannon presented itself today. It was as though someone had thrown a roll of aqua shot-silk along the river ... gone were the familiar brown waters, except for little sneaks. It was the season of a minute but expansive wetlands, plant friendly, flowerless, on the waters. I wonder if, as well as indicating a healthy waterway, it might also quell evaporation and slow the summer process of a drying river bed? These sheets of aqua, highlighted by the sun and shadows of the trees, were made up of the minute leaflets and irregular fronds of Pacific Azolla, *Azolla filiculoides*, from the Azollaceae family. I scooped some out on a dried gum leaf to observe more closely. White to translucent, threadlike filaments, finer than a spider's web, held small clusters of minute, rounded, green leaves, sometimes in the shape of a cross, sometimes in minute irregular fronds. The filaments hang down in the water as floating to support the leaves and seem to bunch together like dangling roots, which they were. They are carried by the current, by the wind rippling the water, or by any little movement, such as a leaf or twig falling



From the Lions Den

Any other year and the first thing I would be mentioning would be the 'Australia Day Celebrations' that we had conducted in the park. But this year we had to cancel them because of the virus and all the requirements laid down by the health experts. It was decided not to have them because we did not think that we could do the celebrations justice. We had everything lined up; the recipient, the guest speaker, the MC and the music, and to these people we thank them for being available for the ceremony. This year's recipient was to be Peter Flinn for the work he has done in our local and regional CFA, and also the scientific work he did over many years. Thank you Peter for your commitment over the years.

Relationships

One of the most important things for the health and welfare of a human being is to have strong loving relationships to help you through the hard times in life. Recently a local couple who had been together for nearly 45 years went to see the doctor because the husband (we will call him Charlie and his wife Lorraine, although these are not their real names), was not feeling well. After he had examined him, the doctor took Lorraine aside and said to her, 'Charlie has a heart condition and he's not going to make it unless he has total rest. He is not allowed to do anything at all. You will have to do everything for him, 24 hours a day. You will have to be at his beck and call and treat him like a king.'

As they walked back to the car, Charlie asked worriedly 'what did the doctor say?'

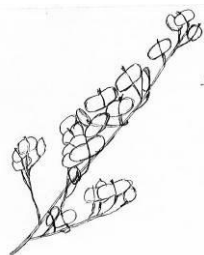
"Well", said Lorraine, "it looks like you probably won't make it."

Peter Hinchey

into the river. As they are carried along, they amass together, sometimes at the water's edge, sometimes along and over the long, floating leaves of water ribbons, *Triglochin procerum*, or against a partly submerged branch, eventually spreading rapidly from one bank to the other. In this area, there are long stretches of river totally covered and it makes an impressive sight.

Pacific Azolla prefers slow flowing or stationary water and is a sign of high nutrient levels, known by ducks and swans, which enjoy feeding on it. There is also a reddish species of Azolla. A sudden heavy downpour made me run for the shelter of the trees, giving me the opportunity to enjoy a cuppa. It soon passed, and I was on my way again, all the vegetation silvered with light reflecting from the moisture; so enchanting.

I stopped to look at some Bursaria (Sweet), *Bursaria spinosa*, trees on the edge of the Grampians Tourist Road. They were covered in masses of new, pendant seedpods. Only a few panicles of flowers were now visible but their tiny, white, five-petalled blooms still filled the air with their sweet fragrance. This season the Sweet Bursaria have looked stunning, their branches heavily laden with creamy-white blossoms. Now they are heavily laden with exquisite, pale green, double-lobed seedpods.



Seed-pods of Sweet Bursaria
Bursaria spinosa
Pittosporaceae
18.01.2021
Grampians Tourist Road.

Mostly, the Bursaria's were shrub-sized but one specimen was a large tree, its trunk consisting of little, rectangularish blocks of deep grey-brown bark. They seem to enjoy the clayey area edging the road, yet they also grow in abundance in riverine areas, for I have often admired them skirting Fyan's Creek in the Halls Gap area. However, once I entered the bush in the Mount Abrupt Dams area, I rarely saw one. Kevin Simpson, in his book, "Plants of the Great South West", mentioned that there is a 140-year-old Sweet Bursaria tree growing in the Warrnambool Botanical Gardens. I must have a look next time I visit.

I'd like to end with a quote from the late John Fenton in his book, "The Untrained Environmentalist":

Pp77/78 ... "The smaller, understory plants had long disappeared, too, and they had to be brought back. One of these was Sweet Bursaria, *Bursaria spinosa*, a native shrub that is usually thorny. It is an extremely valuable plant in the Australian environment because it flowers are a key source of food for certain wasps, one of which preys on the scarab beetles that do a lot of damage to eucalypts ... this wasp protects the eucalypts by keeping the beetles under control. Sweet Bursaria is also a haven for small birds ..."

In George Adams "Birdscaping", he mentions that Sweet Bursaria is a favourite for insectivorous birds. Birds, such as the Superb Fairy Wren, Double-barred Finches and Silver-eyes seek shelter in it, build their nests in it and also feed from it.



SCHOOL NEWS

From the Acting Principal, Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring

Welcome to the new school year! It is lovely to see the bright faces of all our students back and excited to get into their classes. We hope everyone had a lovely, relaxing break and look forward to the year ahead. We certainly hope for a much more settled time in 2021 and look

forward to seeing all of our students grow through their educational endeavours.

I would like to welcome back our familiar families and extend a warm welcome to new families to our school community; Malcolm and Jacqui Grimmer with daughter Sailor; Joshua White and Lauren van Katwyk with son Edwin; Ben Parkinson and Hannah Black with daughter Audrey; Erin Pimm with daughter Michaela; and Ken and Rebecca Bird with sons, Sean, Alex and Lochie. And a warm welcome to our Prep students – Tilly, Annabelle, James, Sailor, Liv, Athena, Ruby, Poppy and Edwin.

Welcome again to our wonderful staff for this year:

Prep/Year 1: Mrs Jackie McShane and Mrs Ann Howard
Year 2/3: Miss Mary-Ellen Evans and Mrs Anne Gilbert

Year 4/5/6: Mrs Angela Field and Mrs Naomie Phillips
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Acting Principal: Ms Dee-Anne Gerring

Assemblies: We can now recommence Assemblies with community members in attendance. Schools are required to adhere to density limits of spaces, so ask parents and community members to please follow directions for the space being used on the day (a sign in sheet or QR code will be made available for all).

The first formal School Assembly was held on Friday 5 February where presentations of Year 6 Leadership badges and Class Captain announcements were made. Future assemblies will be held on a Wednesday afternoon at 2:45pm, beginning Wednesday 24 February.

Operational guidelines: COVID-19 protocols and procedures are going to be something we live with for the foreseeable future. We therefore need to put ongoing structures in place to keep our school as safe a place as possible. Strict hygiene measures remain in place, including hand washing and sanitisation, increased cleaning throughout the school and continued education on best hygiene practises.

Volunteers: We are thrilled to be able to have family members and friends onsite again for volunteer purposes. All volunteers are required to sign in and out at the front office. More information on how you can volunteer at our school in 2021 will be made available soon. We appreciate our community involvement.

Open Morning: We will be holding a morning tea during our Open Morning to officially welcome all our families back to the school once our building and grounds work are complete. A confirmed date will be made in the coming weeks.

School Leadership Positions for 2021

Congratulations to the following students on their appointments for 2021:

- **School Captains:** Mitchell Gordon and Libby Herrmann
- **Wannon House Captains:** Louis Lazzari and Cadence Huf
- **Sturgeon House Captains:** Sebastian Aarons and Mia Russell
- **SAKG Captains:** Oscar Fanning Maxi Graham, Isabella Jury, Jake Linskens
- **Student Voice:** Penny Burger, Claudia Cochran, Edie Jackson, Zander Mibus, Seth Monaghan, Hugh Prentice, Michaela Rappaport
- **Mirranatwa School Bus Captain:** Jack Reynolds
- **Woodhouse School Bus Captain:** Drew Hassett

Welcome to the 2021 new Preps

We would like to welcome all our new Preps to Dunkeld Consolidated School.

Last Monday morning was a buzz of excitement as the new Preps stepped out of their parents' cars and began walking into school.

They unpacked their belongings and began to play. We had an action packed day full of singing, dancing, reading stories, drawing, writing our names as we began our Learning to Learn Program.

Our focus was 'What makes a good Learner?' With the help of the Year 1's the new students soon realised that school was a little different to Kindergarten. The students worked hard all day making and creating some beautiful displays for our rainbow themed classroom.

During the afternoon session, the students were paired up with their 2021 Buddy from the Year 5/6 classes. Together they worked on making a self-portrait.

We are more than excited to watch these 'little' people grow and learn along their educational journey.



2020 Year 6 Graduation and Awards

Our Grade 6 Graduation, which was held on 9 December 2020 in the Dunkeld Memorial Park and the Dunkeld Community Centre, was a showcase of our students' abilities and how much they have achieved in seven years of Primary School. Each student gave a speech detailing advice they would give to their younger selves, their experiences at school and where they hope to be. It was amazing to see the confidence they all showed speaking in front of a crowd.

Each student was presented with an engraved pen (donated by the P & F Association) and a class photo (donated by School Council) as a memento of their time at Dunkeld Consolidated School. Thank you to CK Catering (Clare Kennedy) who provided catering and to the Grade 5 parents and students who prepared all the decorations for a 'Picnic in the Park' theme. The Grade 6 students were extremely excited and had a wonderful night.

Award recipients on the night were:

- **Dux:** Bonnie Jackson
- **Dunkeld Scholarships:** Alisha Cross and Lillian Glazebrook
- **Williams Family Sports Scholarship:** Lucy Fraser and Hayden Phillips
- **Citizenship Award:** Jemima Ross



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



We wish to welcome you to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program at Dunkeld Consolidated School for 2021. Classes will be held on a Friday this year, commencing on 5 March:

Garden: 10.00am – 11.00am	Year 2/3
11.30am – 12.30pm	Prep/Year 1
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Year 4/5/6 Group 1 or 2

Kitchen: 11.15am – 2.00pm (Year 4/5/6 students will be split into two groups and will be in either the Kitchen or Garden on a fortnightly basis).

All students will participate in growing and harvesting produce in our Garden classes and Year 4 to Year 6 students will participate in preparing and sharing lunch together in our Kitchen classes. Prep to Year 3 students will have an introduction to Kitchen classes throughout the year.

Each year we rely on many people our –'Friends of the SAKG' – to help make our Kitchen Garden program a success in our quest to provide good food education to our students.

We invite you to become a Friend of the SAKG and be on the roster to help us on a Friday in the Kitchen or the Garden.

You do not need to be an expert in anything; you only need to have a passion for providing good food education to children with assistance, guidance and support provided.

All that is required is a Working With Children Check, applications may be completed online:
www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au

If you require any further information about the work of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation, please visit www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au

If you have any questions about our program at the Dunkeld Consolidated School please phone the school on 5577 2384.

We look forward to seeing our many 'Friends of the Kitchen Garden Program' once again, and welcome new 'Friends of the SAKG' from our school families and community.

We invite you to contact the school via email by Friday 12 February 2021: dunkeld.cs@education.vic.gov.au if you would like to be involved.

We will then be able to create a roster for the first semester of 2021 for both the Kitchen and the Garden. We look forward to planting, harvesting, preparing and sharing with you.

Ann Howard, Co-ordinator; Clare Kennedy – Kitchen, Lisa McIntyre - Garden



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 (\$40.00 per person) for 2021 is now due. If you are a relative of ex-service men or women, you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Application forms are available from

the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson, 341 McIntyre's Crossing Road, Moutajup or phone: 5573 3353.



ANZAC Day Schools' Awards 2021

What does commemoration look like in your community?

Ideas for your entry:

- Commemorating ANZAC Day or Remembrance Day in the 21st century.
- Changing attitudes towards commemoration over time.
- Engaging with veterans, hearing their stories.
- Experiences of families of service men and women.
- The changing roles of women in war.
- Commemoration in a multicultural community.

Prizes

National, State and Territory Awards:

1 x National Winner \$5000

8 x State and Territory Winners \$3000

Special Categories

1 x Award for Veteran Involvement \$2000

1 x Award for Innovative Commemoration \$2000

1 x Award for Creative Use of Technology \$2000

1 x Remote Schools Award \$2000

1 x Specialist Educational Settings Award \$2000

Entries close on Wednesday 30 June 2021 – for more details please go to: anzacportal.dva.gov.au