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FEBRUARY 2023

- Tuesday 21 School Lunch Orders commence for 2023.
- Wednesday 22 Prep students do not attend school.
- Thursday 23 MARC Library.
Music classes commence for Year 1 to 6 students.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden information session from 2.30pm to 3.30pm in the Kitchen.
HDSA Tennis Tournament in Hamilton (for Year 4, 5 and 6 students).
- Friday 24 SGSSA Swimming Sports to be held at the Dunkeld swimming pool (hosted by our school).
- Monday 27 School Council nominations close.
- Tuesday 28 School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the staff room.

MARCH 2023

- Wednesday 1 Music classes commence for Prep students.
- Thursday 2 MARC Library.
South-West Division Swimming Championships (Warrnambool Swimming Pool).
- Friday 3 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes commence for 2023. Year 6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
Special Assembly commencing at 2.40pm in the school hall.
- Friday 10 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 4 and 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Monday 13 **LABOUR DAY Public Holiday.**
- Tuesday 14 Greater Western Regional Swimming Championships at Horsham War Memorial Swimming Pool.
- Friday 17 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Friday 24 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 4 and 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Monday 27 Year 6 BioCats Excursion to GMHBA Stadium in Geelong.
- Tuesday 28 School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the staff room.
- Wednesday 29 SGSSA Athletics Sports for Year 3 to 6 students at Pedrina Park, Hamilton.
- Friday 31 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
Special Assembly commencing at 2.40pm in the school hall.

APRIL 2023

- Thursday 6 Easter Breakfast (Brunch) - **Hot Cross Buns.**
LAST DAY OF TERM 1 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.
School Buses will run one hour earlier in the afternoon.



FROM Mrs Angela Field, Principal...

What a busy start we have had to the new school year! Our assessment day ran smoothly, with almost all Year 1 to 6 students having completed the assessment. Our Prep students are visiting Mrs Gilbert on Wednesdays to complete the mandatory English Online Interview required by DET, along with the Mathematics Online Interview that all Dunkeld students complete.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our familiar and new Prep families:

Prep

Henry Armytage - Andrea and Nick Armytage
 Esther Beveridge - Cody and Alister Beveridge
 Charlotte Blackwell - Rebecca Crozier-Durham and Charles Blackwell
 Sam Blackwell - Rachel and Edward Blackwell
 Nixon Elliott - Renae Jones, Luke Elliott
 Billy Gaylard - Hayley Glover
 Toby Hyland - Bridget and Adrian Hyland
 Egeria Jones - Pauline Porter and Michael Jones
 Layla Macgugan - Rebecca and Andrew Macgugan
 Phoebe Patterson - Louise and Lachy Patterson
 Isabella Petropoulos - Elizabeth Astbury and Nicholas Petropoulos
 Van Russell - Lea McArthur, Malcolm Russell
 Ned Skermer - Jessica and John Skermer
 Penelope Wickens - Kate and Robin Wickens
 Annabel Wilson - Alyce and Chris Wilson

We also welcome back Nixon (Year 1) and Dempsey (Year 3) Gerring to our school community.

The supportive and committed staff for this year:

Prep: Mrs Anne Gilbert and Mrs Alyce Wilson

Year 1/2:	Ms Dee-Anne Raymond and Mrs Jackie McShane
Year 3/4:	Miss Sarah Gordon
Year 4/5:	Mrs Jackie Mibus
Year 6:	Mrs Naomie Phillips
Tutor Learning:	Mrs Alyce Wilson
Education Support:	Ms Helen Trahar
SAKG Program:	Mrs Lisa McIntyre and Ms Bev Hampton
Business Manager:	Mrs Terrie Nicholson
DET ICT Technician:	Mr Pratik Rathod
MARC Library:	Mrs Bree Porter

Swimming Program: I think it goes without saying that on behalf of the school community we are most grateful for the amazing swimming program that is put together by Jen and Lea McArthur, with wonderful assistance from Jackie McShane, Casey Trotter and Kate Wickens. Our House Swimming Sports were a wonderful day and the improvement and willingness to participate was our best year yet. Well done kids! We still have swimming events taking place and I wish these competitors all the best.

NAPLAN: Year 3 and 5 students will commence NAPLAN from 15 to 27 March. Our Tutor, Mrs Alyce Wilson, will be working with our students to familiarise them with the written (Year 3 Writing) and online testing procedures.

Staff Professional Learning: This semester our teaching staff are engaging with various Professional Learning modules and meetings. Naomie Phillips and I are completing the formal Professional Learning Community (PLC) training in line with the DET directive, while Dee-Anne Raymond and I are completing a Wimmera South West Region Numeracy Learning Community, focusing on improving numeracy student outcomes for our region.

SAKG Program: Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program commences on Friday 3 March. Rosters for our volunteers/friend will be sent home soon and we look forward to welcoming many new Friends of the SAKG program.

School Council: I would like to take this opportunity to thank two of our retiring councillors, Mark Lazzari (October 2015 – December 2022) and Simon Ross (March 2018 – December 2022). Their dedication to our school has been wonderful and in particular during my time as Acting Principal, to complete our new roundabout, ensuring the safety of our children and families. Thank you, Mark and Simon! 😊

In Term Two, we will be beginning electives every fortnight on Fridays. We have a large list of elective ideas and again we are encouraging Dunkeld community members to be involved, sharing their skills with our students. Some of the elective choices that have been discussed are billycart making, knitting, photography, painting/drawing lessons, cooking, chess, just to name a few. **If you have a skill and would like to be involved, please contact the school.**

Ange Field, Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

2022 YEAR 6 GRADUATION AND AWARDS

Our Year 6 Graduation was held on 15 December 2022 at the Dunkeld Consolidated School. It was a platform displaying our students' talents and how much they have achieved in seven years of Primary School. Each student gave a speech detailing their experiences at school and where they hope their lives may lead in the future. It was gratifying to see the confidence they all showed speaking in front of a crowd.



School Council presented each student with a pen and a class photo as a memento of their time at Dunkeld Consolidated School. Thank you to Izzy's Cafe who generously provided catering and to the Year 5 parents and students who prepared all the decorations for the Dr Seuss theme, "Oh! the places you'll go". The Year 6 students were extremely excited throughout the evening and somewhat emotional during the presentations. It was particularly gratifying to see the impact Dunkeld Consolidated School has had on their lives.



Award recipients on the night were:

- **Dux:** Ben Peters.
- **Dunkeld Scholarships (Myers Family):** Heidi Burger and Darcy Potter.
- **Williams Family Sports Scholarship:** Ella Peters and Phoebe Ross.
- **Citizenship Award:** Charlotte Alderman

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP 2023

Congratulations to the following students on their appointments for 2023:

- **School Captains:** Yvette Fanning and Harry McShane
- **Wannon House Captains:** Milly McShane and Jack Oldfield Mann
- **Sturgeon House Captains:** Gemma Kyle and Lachie Gordon
- **SAKG Captains:** Felix Hyland and Patrick Lomas
- **Student Representative Council:** Yin Vass, Clementine Blackwell, Alex Bird, Mac Jackson, Charles Prentice, Kai Roads, Lachie Oldfield Mann, Max Russell, Corey Rennie, Ned Peters and Freddie Jury.



2023 Class Captains – Term 1



Van – Prep



Poppy – Year 1/2



George – Year 3/4



Elodie -Year4/5



Lachie – Year 6

Welcome to our wonderful 2023 Prep Class



What a start to 2023!

The excitement was abundant as students were welcomed back for the commencement of 2023 school year. Our new Prep students enthusiastically arrived to start their first day of school. There were a few nerves, but also many big smiles as the year began. We were delighted to see happy faces and hear laughter throughout the day.

Friends were together again. Students chatted and played and the possibility of budding new friendships were obvious. Students were

excited to be together and classes were back into routine for 2023 school year.



Year 6 students joined their Prep Buddies and enjoyed the time chatting, playing games and drawing with them.



2023 Australia Day Ceremony



One of our School Captains, Harry McShane, attended this first official function as a school representative at the 2023 Australia Day Ceremony in Dunkeld. Harry was involved in raising the Australian flag during the ceremony.

School Captains' Report

We have had a great start to Term 1 and have presented our first Assembly. There has been great weather so far. The Year 6 students are going to be trying out new secondary schools for next year and on Tuesday 21 February they attended Baimbridge College Transition Day.

By Yvette Fanning and Harry McShane



Our fifteen Preps have settled into school beautifully and they are all very enthusiastic learners. Here is a photo of some of our Preps making necklaces last week at school. We were sorting the beads on our necklaces according to colour, size, shape or the material they were made from. It also happened to be the day we were learning about the letter "Nn" and the sound this letter makes at school. Keep up the great work, Preps!

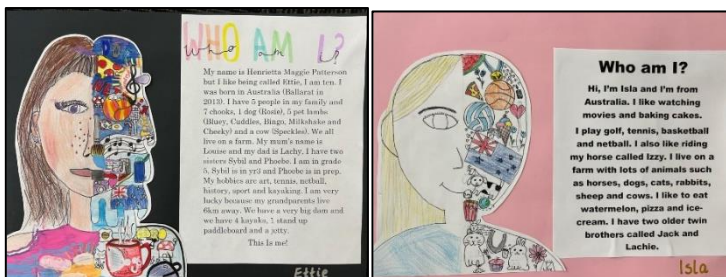
Year 3 and 4 Students - Self Portraits

At the beginning of this Term, we made self-portraits, each of us were given a different colour from either the cool colours or the warm colours. Then we drew ourselves with grey leads and coloured in with pastels and coloured pencils. We enjoyed our two-week swimming program, my favourite stroke to practise was breaststroke. Thanks Lea, Jen, and Casey for helping us! By Chloe Skermer



Year 4 and 5 students Writer's Notebook Covers and Self Portraits

Students have been busy decorating their Writer's Notebook front covers. Students have focused on their interests and things that are special to them. They used pictures from online or photos from home.



Self Portraits

We have been looking at our identity and what makes us who we are - our interests, hobbies, family, etc. Students drew a self portrait of half their face and in the other half drew things listed above. They then wrote a short description about themselves.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2023

Dunkeld Consolidated School will be holding its annual elections for School Council during February and March in 2023. In accordance with the Department of Education and Training's (DET) requirements, the election process must be concluded by the end of March. The timeline for the Council elections is given below:

- Monday 20 February Call for nominations.
- Monday 27 February Nominations close at 4.00pm.

Following the closing date, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership Category	Term of Office	Number of Positions
Parent Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025.	4
DET Employee Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025.	2

If an election is required:

- Friday 3 March Distribute ballot papers on or before this date.
- Friday 10 March Close of ballot.
- Monday 13 March Count votes and declare the poll.

- Tuesday 28 March New School Council will meet.

Nomination forms for election to School Council are available from the school office. Membership is on a two-year basis (2023 - 2025). Retiring councillors are also eligible for nomination. If you have any queries about School Council membership, please contact the school office.

If Council elections proceed according to the timeline, then the new Council will be able to meet during March. The proposed date is Tuesday 28 March at 7.30pm at school.

The retiring councillors are as follows:

Parent Members: Rachel Blackwell
Sarah Alderman
Lachy Patterson
Ben Parkinson

DET Members: Anne Gilbert
Jackie Mibus

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Easter Breakfast - Hot Cross Buns

Thursday 6 April 2023 at 8.00am

Pop the date in your diary!

See you then!

Order forms will be sent home soon.



SWIMMING SPORTS



Our School Swimming Program commenced on Monday 6 February and finished on Friday 17 February with our House Swimming Sports. It was a great day at the pool and all students got to display what they had achieved over the two-week program. It was an amazing sunny day and everyone did a great job completing their laps with a smile on their faces! Prep and Year 1 students presented a water display and activities. They were wonderful. All the competitors did an incredible job and congratulations to Sturgeon for being the 2023 winners! Our swimming program would not be possible without Lea McArthur and Jen McArthur's time and effort that they generously provide to us and our swimming program. A big thank you to Lea, Jen and their helpers and also our teachers.

AGE CHAMPIONS

Age Group	Girls	Boys
8 Years	Indigo Roads	Bobby Blackwell
9 Years	Nellie Wickens	Xavier Macgugan and Jude Rush
10 Years	Grace Macgugan	Banjo Hyland
11 Years	Elodie Cochran	Edward Alderman
12/13 Years	Gemma Kyle	Lachie Gordon



Twenty-eight students have qualified for the SGSSA Swimming Sports, which will be hosted by the Dunkeld Consolidated School and held at the Dunkeld Swimming Pool on Friday 24 February: *Clementine Blackwell, Felix Hyland, Lachie Oldfield Mann, Kai Roads, Jack Oldfield Mann, Lachie Gordon, Millie McShane, Gemma Kyle, Ned Peters, Hamish Rush, Nate Elliott, Jim Herrmann, Henrietta Patterson, Elodie Cochran, Zoe Trotter, Isla Oldfield Mann, Edward Alderman, Olivia Balkin, Audrey Black, Grace Macgugan, Jet Roads, Will Beveridge, Banjo Hyland, George Lomas, Nellie Wickens, Jed Russell, Jude Rush, Xavier Macgugan.*

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

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We wish to welcome you to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program at Dunkeld Consolidated School for 2023! 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 and/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

The Kitchen and Garden Rosters are currently being finalised, but if you have not had a chance to submit your preference forms could you please contact the school Admin office on 5577 2384.

We look forward to planting, harvesting, preparing and sharing with you and seeing our many ‘Friends of the Kitchen Garden Program’ once again, and welcoming new ‘Friends of the SAKG’ from our school families and community.

Open Invitation – SAKG Information Session Thursday 23 February 2023 - 2.30pm to 3.30pm

If you ever wondered what our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program is all about or are a current Friend of the program, Lisa McIntyre and Bev Hampton would love to invite you to ‘come and see’. The afternoon will include a tour of the Garden and Kitchen, a Dunkeld Consolidated School SAKG information pack and afternoon tea. We want to support all our Friends (volunteers) who help us, and welcome any ‘new’ Friends, by inviting you to an information session and the opportunity to share afternoon tea together in the SAKG Kitchen. All welcome to the information session, including pre-school age children!

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

SAKG Captains’ Report by Patrick Lomas and Felix Hyland

We have been selling extra eggs that we have collected from the chooks. There are only two dozen left so you can only buy one carton per family. Kitchen and Garden classes start on Friday 3 March and we would be delighted to have lots of parent/community helpers come in and help, become one of the ‘Friends’ of the program.



Chook Roster over the Summer Break

A Big Thank You to everyone that helped look after the chooks over the summer break. It was very much appreciated.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS FOR 2023

This year school lunch orders will be available on a TUESDAY and THURSDAY of each week. The external school lunch provider is Izzy’s Café, Dunkeld and they commenced taking lunch orders for Term 1, from Tuesday 21 February 2023.

Students are responsible for placing their orders, written on a brown paper bag with money enclosed, in a specially marked box near the School Admin Office. Please send correct money if possible. The menu and pricelist are available on the school website: <https://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au/page/77/School-Lunch-Orders>

For the order to be easily processed, please make sure the order is written (in black or blue pen) on the **bottom third** of the brown paper bag. **It would be very helpful if families could please provide their own paper bags for the lunch orders.**

Late orders are unable to be accepted by the school office. Students who fail to put in their lunch orders (or bring their lunch) will be given school supplied lunches. **A charge of \$1.00 per supplied food item will apply.** This charge will be paid to the school using the child’s lunch order money or a note sent home in the child’s diary.

Mobile Area Resource Centre (MARC) Library

The MARC van visits a range of schools in the Hamilton region and offers your children regular library lessons and access to a large range of books from which they can borrow. This year, Dunkeld’s MARC Library Day is on a **THURSDAY**.

By now all children have had the opportunity to borrow from the MARC van and Mrs Bree Porter would really appreciate it if you could help your child properly care for their MARC library books at home:

- Keep books clean and dry.
- Turn the pages gently from the corner.
- Read with clean hands.
- Keep away from little children and pets.
- No food or drink around your books.
- Do not colour or draw in the books.
- **Please return your library books on time.**

Unfortunately, if your child does not return their book they are not able to borrow again until the book is returned. Our school will receive a \$15.00 replacement fee for any badly damaged or lost books, which may be passed on to your family.

SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL

If a student is an eligible bus traveller and is listed on the Mirranatwa or Woodhouse School Bus Rolls, the school will assume that the student is travelling home on the bus each afternoon, unless otherwise advised by parent/s.

Please advise the school office via the student diary, email or phone 5577 2384 if your child/children will not be travelling home on the school bus. Standing Orders from last year will not be carried over to the new school year. Please forward any Standing Orders for the 2023 school year to the school office.

An application form must be completed for any 'ad hoc' school bus travellers. Please contact the school office for an application form and approval.

As Dunkeld Consolidated School is a bus co-ordinating school, any queries should be directed to the school not the school bus drivers. Thank you for your support and assistance, in helping our School Bus Program run smoothly.

SCHOOL MEDICATION, ASTHMA AND ANAPHYLAXIS PLANS

In the interest of safety, no medicines will be administered by staff unless written permission and instructions are given by parents.

All medication and instructions must be given to staff to look after. If this is necessary, please assist us by providing medication in the original packaging that indicates your child's name, the dose required and the time the medication is to be given. Signed parental permission is required.

Parents must notify the school of any asthma attacks their child has had and a current Asthma Plan/Anaphylaxis Action Plan provided at the beginning of each school year or if medication changes etc. The school must also be notified of any allergies that their child may have.

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.

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.

Thank you for your continued support!