



Dunkeld
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL No. 6215
'Optima Semper'

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Newsletter No. 1 – Wednesday 2 February 2022

Welcome to our 2022 School year.

FEBRUARY 2022

- **Wednesday** 2 **Prep students do not attend school.**
- Thursday 3 MARC Library.
- Friday 4 Special Assembly commencing at 9.00am in the school hall. COVID-19 procedures to be followed.
- Monday 7 School Swimming Program.
- Tuesday 8 School Swimming Program.
- Wednesday 9 **Prep students do not attend school.**
- Thursday 10 School Swimming Program.
- Friday 11 School Swimming Program.
- Monday 14 School Swimming Program.
- Tuesday 15 School Swimming Program.
- Wednesday 16 **Prep students do not attend school.**
- Thursday 17 School Swimming Program.
- Friday 18 Book Club orders are due in today.
- Wednesday 23 House Swimming Sports at the Dunkeld Swimming Pool (Prep and Year 1 students come back to school after lunch. Parents are welcome to take their Prep or Year 1 children home from the swimming pool after lunch but they are not able to stay at the pool to watch older siblings). SGSC COVID-19 procedures to be followed at the pool, including QR Code check-in, vaccination proof and social distancing.
- Thursday 24 **Prep students do not attend school.**
- Friday 25 MARC Library.
- Friday 25 Special Assembly commencing at 9.00am in the school hall. COVID-19 procedures to be followed. SGSSA Swimming Sports to be held at Dunkeld swimming pool.

MARCH 2022

- Thursday 3 MARC Library.
- Friday 4 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes commence for 2022.
- Friday 11 School Assembly.
- Monday 14 **LABOUR DAY Public Holiday.**
- Thursday 17 MARC Library.
- Thursday 24 MARC Library.
- Friday 25 School Assembly.
- Thursday 31 MARC Library.

APRIL 2022

- Friday 8 Special Assembly commencing at 9.00am in the school hall. COVID-19 procedures to be followed. **Last Day of Term 1 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.**

FROM Mrs Angela Field, Acting Principal...

Welcome to the new school year! It is lovely to see the happy smiling faces of all our students, 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 2022 and look forward to seeing all our students grow through their educational endeavours.

Congratulations to our Year 2/3 teacher, Mrs Mary-Ellen McLachlan and her husband, Ash, on their exciting news of a baby on the way.

I would like to welcome back our familiar families and extend a warm welcome to new families to our school community:

Jess and Leigh Bubb – Max in Prep.
 Sybil and Sam Clark – Annie in Prep.
 Janna Heard and Robert Harris – Thomas in Prep.
 Clare and Simon Roach – Hannah in Prep.
 Emma Stuart and Dean Oliver – Redmond in Prep.
 Elizabeth Lawrence and Ben Andrew – Roy in Prep.

Our other new Preps for 2022 are Spencer Cant-McKindlay, Marli Mibus, Jaylon O'keeffe, Sam Parkinson, Harry Prentice, Liam Riddle, Thomas Roache and Alex Sutherland, all of whom have older siblings at our school.

Welcome again to our wonderful staff for this year:

Prep/Year 1: Mrs Anne Gilbert and Mrs Jackie McShane
Year 2/3: Mrs Mary-Ellen McLachlan and Mrs Jackie McShane
Year 4/5: Mrs Jackie Mibus
Year 5/6: Mrs Naomie Phillips
Tutor Learning Program: Mrs Alyce Wilson
Education Support: Ms Helen Trahar and Ms Clare Kennedy
SAKG Program: Mrs Lisa McIntyre and Ms Clare Kennedy
Business Manager: Mrs Terrie Nicholson

Thank you to all staff for your preparation so far and all the best for a wonderful year with your students. I look forward to working with students, staff, and the community to continue to strive forward with our wonderful school.

Assessment Day

I'd like to thank all students and parents for their cooperation in attending the assessment day to start the year. This has been an invaluable task in providing teachers and students one-to-one time to get to know to know one another and get the academic year off to a flying start. Assessments are continuing this week, where teachers will come together to review the data and set learning programs for their classes.

Learning to Learn Program

We are again running our Learning to Learn program for the first two weeks of schooling. All year levels are involved in this program, which supports every child as they step-up and into their new year level. The unit sets the standard for our curriculum programs (English, Mathematics, Humanities, Science etc) as new skills and understandings will be taught about our expectations in each year level. We believe this will ensure every student is well-prepared and supported for a successful academic year. There is an emphasis on developing a growth mindset, working collaboratively, and utilising learning tools and strategies for effective learning. These learning skills fit well within our Play is the Way and Resilience Project programs, promoting capable, resilient, and confident learners.

Swimming Program

Our swimming program begins next Monday 7 February to Friday 18 February, where there will be a splash carnival for Years Prep – Year 1, followed by a picnic in the park and House events for Years 2 to 6 in the afternoon. A little reminder that all spectators that attend will need to have proof of double vaccination in order (and will need to check-in via the QR Code) with Southern Grampians Shire Council guidelines.

Sun Smart

A timely reminder that we are a Sun Smart school. It is compulsory for students to wear hats when outside until the end of April. If students forget their hat, they do not miss out on play, but rather need to be in the undercover area. 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 and they are able to reapply during the day. **School bucket hats are available for purchase from the school office.**



Drop off and pick up times

A reminder that students may be dropped off at school from 8:40am and picked up at 3:25pm. If a change in pick up arrangements is made, please write a note in your child's diary, or let the School Office know. If students have sport around on the cricket oval, parents are expected to pick up from outside classrooms or the front gate and supervise from there on please.

Assemblies

The first School Assembly will be held this **Friday 4 February at 9:00am**, where presentations of Year 6 Leadership badges and Class Captain announcements will be made. We encourage all Year 6 parents to come along. The assembly will take place in the school hall. Future assemblies will be held on alternate Fridays at 2:40pm (unless stated otherwise).

Vital COVIDSafe Steps

We continue in 2022 to adhere to strict hygiene measures, including hand washing and sanitisation, with continued education on best hygiene practises. Students in Grade 3 and above must wear masks indoors at school, even if vaccinated. Prep to Grade 2 students are strongly recommended to wear a face mask indoors at school. Grade 2 students in the Grade 2/3 composite class are strongly encouraged to wear masks. Students are not required to wear masks outside. We will also make sure that classrooms are well ventilated by opening windows and doors, to minimise the risk of infection. We have received ten air purifiers, which will be used around the school as an added safety measure.

Volunteers

We are thrilled to be able to have family members and friends onsite again for volunteer purposes, such as our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. All volunteers are required to sign in and out at the front office. More information on how you can volunteer at our school in 2022 will be made available soon. We appreciate our community involvement.

Open Morning

We will be holding an Open Morning to officially welcome all our families back to the school. A confirmed date will be made in the coming weeks.

Thank you.

Ange Field
Acting Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

2021 YEAR 6 GRADUATION AND AWARDS

Our Grade 6 Graduation, which was held on 14 December 2021 at the Dunkeld Consolidated School, 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 their experiences at school and where they hope to be in the future. It was amazing 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 Grade 5 parents and students who prepared all the decorations for a masquerade theme. The Grade 6 students were extremely excited and had a wonderful night.

Each parent from the following families (who were leaving our school at the end of last year) was presented with a parting gift:

- Jo and Daniel Aarons
- Sally Armytage and Anthony Graham
- Karyn and Andrew Hassett
- Annette and Andrew Huf
- Bev Hampton and Jason Linskens
- Erin Pimm and Adam Rappaport
- Anna Topia and Nick Reynolds

Award recipients on the night were:

- **Dux:** Edie Jackson
- **Dunkeld Scholarships:** Cadence Huf and Mitchell Gordon
- **Williams Family Sports Scholarship:** Sebastian Aarons
- **Citizenship Award:** Louis Lazzari



SCHOOL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS 2022

Congratulations to the following students on their appointments for 2022:

- **School Captains:** Charlotte Alderman and Ben Peters
- **Wannon House Captains:** Phoebe Lazzari and Indi Mibus
- **Sturgeon House Captains:** Ella Peters and Phoebe Ross
- **SAKG Captains:** Charlie Linke and Ella Peters
- **Student Voice:** Ava Balkin, Sean Bird, Heidi Burger and Darcy Potter
- **Mirranatwa School Bus Captain:** Heidi Burger
- **Woodhouse School Bus Captain:** Jack Jones

Presentations of Year 6 Leadership badges and Term 1 Class Captain announcements will be made at this week's Special Assembly on Friday 4 February commencing at 9.00am in the school hall. Prep students will also be presented to the whole school, with their Year 6 Buddy. Parents and visitors are required to follow COVID-19 procedures including QR Code check-in and sign-in at the school office and proof of full vaccination (or valid medical exemption), social distancing, mask wearing and hand hygiene.

Welcome to our wonderful 2022 Prep and Year 1 Class



What are start to 2022!

The excitement was real as we welcomed our Year 1 students back and we were extremely proud of how our new Prep students enthusiastically arrived and behaved throughout the day. There were a few nerves, but also many big smiles as the year began.

We kicked off our day by playing in our new classroom. New friendships were made and the Year 1 students were very happy to be playing together again. A quick tour of the school and a run around in the fresh air

before we had our fruit was just the perfect start to our day.

The Art room was a huge hit where we created our first day back 'crowns'. We used the school pastels and feathers and made our crowns look smashing! The day flew by and just before lunch we were introduced to our Prep/Year 6 Buddies. We enjoyed lunch with them and loved playing outside. We concluded our day with a story and packing our new satchels and bags.



Australia Day Ceremony

Our School Captains, Ben Peters and Charlotte Alderman, attended their first official function as school representatives at the recent Australia Day Ceremony in Dunkeld. Ben and Charlotte were involved in raising the Australian flag during the ceremony.



FUNDRAISING AMOUNTS FROM 2021

During 2021, the students (with their families' amazing support) have raised \$578.85 through the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, Funky Hair Day, Do It For Dolly Day, Casual Dress Days and My Business Rules. This is a great result, from a small school. Even more special is that the senior students decide which charities/organisations to donate to, and why. They have demonstrated a great deal of knowledge and compassion, and we are very proud of them. Thank you all for your support of this very worthwhile activity. The following not-for-profit organisations received support from our school in 2021:

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| 1. Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal | \$349.65 |
| 2. Leukaemia Foundation | \$ 97.00 |
| 3. Dolly's Dream | \$132.20 |

The Year 6 students raised a total of \$1,283.45 through their 2021 My Business Rules project and they decided to donate the proceeds to an upcoming project at our school, our new outdoor learning space.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes will commence on Friday 4 March 2022..

Information about the school's SAKG Kitchen and Garden Program will be forwarded in the near future.



Dunkeld Arboretum Excursion

On Friday 10 December 2021; Year 4, 5 and 6 students carried out research on some of the river red gums at the Dunkeld Arboretum. Students were given a map and reference numbers to find the trees and they used calculations to estimate the age of each tree. Their task was to measure the circumference, 1.3 metres above ground level and the diameter of these tree. The measurements will help calculate how much plastic sheeting will be needed to wrap around these magnificent trees as guards to protect against local animals climbing them and eating the foliage. Prep to Year 3 students joined them to participate in a flora and fauna survey. Students, staff and the SAKG Friends enjoyed a lovely barbecue lunch supplied by the Dunkeld and District Lions Club members. It was lovely to be able to enjoy time with the committee once again. Thank you to the SAKG Friends and the Dunkeld and District Lions Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION FOR 2022

SCHOOL POLICY DOCUMENTS AND FORMS

The school would like to bring the following Policies to your attention, which may be viewed on the school's website:

www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au

- Mobile Phones - Student Use Policy.
- Implementation of the DET Schools' Privacy Policy and Dunkeld Consolidated School's Collection Statement (our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the DET Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website: <https://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au/page/111> For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx>
- Statement of Values and School Philosophy.
- Head Lice Policy – *please complete and return Consent Form for Head Lice Inspections.*
- Digital Technologies Policy (*Agreement and Permission page attached for all students – please complete and return.*)
- Photography, Filming and Recording Students Policy (*please complete and return the Opt Out Form if required*) – if you are comfortable with the school using photos, video or recordings of your child as described in this Policy you do not need to take any further action. **However, if you have decided that you DO NOT want images of your child collected or used by our school please complete the Opt Out Form.**

You will see that some policies require your acknowledgement by returning a form while others are for information purposes only.

CAMPS, SPORTS, EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) – Application Forms

The DET Camps, Sports, Excursions fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like;

- School camps and trips
- Swimming and school-organised sport programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions and incursions

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2022, you do not need to complete an application form in 2022 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. Your child's school will apply for the CSEF on your behalf. You will only need to submit an application form in 2022 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- New student enrolments: your child has started or changed schools in 2022 or you did not apply at the same school in 2022.
- Changed family circumstances
 - Change in custody
 - Change of name
 - Concession card number
 - New siblings commencing at the school in 2022

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM (CAP) – Application Forms

The Conveyance Allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. The Conveyance Allowance is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus.

To be eligible a student must:

- Be a Victorian resident;
- Be school aged and enrolled three or more days per week at a school;
- Attend their closest government or non-government school/campus, appropriate to their year level, at which admission is permissible, and is located outside the Melbourne metropolitan conveyance boundary, and
- Reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended.

(Students who are privately transported 4.8km or more to a public transport or government funded school bus stop may be able to claim a private car conveyance allowance as well to cover this distance.)

If you are eligible for Conveyance Allowance, please contact the school office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE as forms need to be completed and returned by Friday 11 February 2022.

Families who have received the Conveyance Allowance in the past must submit a NEW application form.

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 or phone 5577 2384 if your child/children will not be travelling home on the school bus. Standing Orders for 2021 will not be carried over to the new school year. Please forward any Standing Orders for the 2022 school year to the school office.

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 teachers unless written permission and instructions are given by parents. All medication and instructions must be given to the teacher 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 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.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM AND HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Swimming Program (co-ordinated by Lea and Jen McArthur) for this year commences on Monday 7 February and will run for two weeks. After two weeks of lessons, students will take to the pool to compete for their respective Houses at the annual House Swimming Sports on Friday 18 February at the Dunkeld Swimming Pool.

As we are a SunSmart school we strongly encourage all students to wear an appropriate swimming shirt/rash vest for the swimming program. Hats, sunscreen and swimming shirts will make us all smart in the sun! It would be very helpful if all articles of clothing and towels, etc ARE CLEARLY NAMED. Please assist your child with the management of their wet swimming gear by providing a waterproof/plastic bag.

Please ensure your child comes to school with their swimming gear each day as it will not be possible to give advance notification of whether swimming lessons are to be cancelled on the day. Installation of solar heating at the Dunkeld Pool has made the water temperature very pleasant.

The Program of Events for the House Swimming Sports will be sent home with students in the near future, please ensure you bring this with you on 18 February, as there will be no programs available on the day.

SPORTS HOUSES FOR PREPS AND NEW STUDENTS

Each year it can be difficult placing students into houses. New students automatically go into the same sports houses as their siblings then the remainder of students are allocated to either house. On House sports days, students wear their relevant polo shirt colour: **RED** for Wannon and **BLUE** for Sturgeon.

- **STURGEON House:** Roy Andrew, Spencer Cant-McKindlay, Annie Clark, Tom Harris, Jaylon O'Keeffe, Sam Parkinson, Hannah Roach, Thomas Roache, Redmond Stuart-Betheras, Alex Sutherland.
- **WANNON House:** Maxi Bubb, Marli Mibus, Harry Prentice, Liam Riddle.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS – DUE IN BY FRIDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2022

Book Club issue 1 has arrived and a copy will be sent home with each student. When submitting your Book Club orders to school could you please ensure that the following sections are completed:

- Name of Student and Home Group i.e. Prep/Year 1, Year 2/3, Year 4/5, Year 5/6
- Quantity of items ordered
- Amount due
- Total quantity of items ordered
- Total cost of the order
- Ensure the whole order form is returned to school
- Cheques to be made payable to the "Dunkeld Consolidated School"

Order forms and monies to be placed in an envelope and clearly marked with "Book Club" and the "student's name" on the front of the envelope. Orders for issue number 1 must be returned to school by Friday 18 February 2022.

Orders may also be placed online via the Book Club Loop system.

If you would like any items to be held for gifts, birthdays etc or if you have any queries please contact the Book Club Co-ordinator, Mrs Holly Herrmann on 0428 791 232.

- REMINDERS -

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

Private Music lessons for Piano, Drum Kit, Guitar/Ukulele are available for Grade 3 to 6 students. Please contact Mrs Tara Stephens on 0427 723 409 for more information.

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.



FORMS

Please find relevant forms as listed below (hard copies have been sent home with students).

Could you please complete and return by the indicated dates:

- School Swimming Program – Permission Form to travel by bus to and from the pool – *return by Friday 4 February.*
- Digital Technologies Code of Conduct and User Agreement – form to be completed for each student – *return by Monday 7 February* (full policy is available for viewing on the school website: <https://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au/page/111>)
- Photography Permission Form (**ONLY IF YOU ARE CHOOSING TO OPT OUT**) - *return by Monday 7 February.*
- Head Lice Inspections Consent Form – *return by Friday 11 February.*
- Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund Application (if eligible) – *return by Friday 11 February.*
- Statement of Values and School Philosophy (information only) - *no return form required.*