



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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FEBRUARY 2021

- Wednesday 3 **Prep students do not attend school.**
- Thursday 4 MARC Library.
- Friday 5 School Assembly commencing at 2.45pm on the small oval. COVID-19 procedures and social distancing to be followed. **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW STARTING TIME.**
- Monday 8 School Swimming Program.
- Tuesday 9 School Swimming Program.
- Wednesday 10 **Prep students do not attend school.**
School Swimming Program.
- Thursday 11 School Swimming Program.
- Friday 12 School Swimming Program.
- Monday 15 School Swimming Program.
Book Club orders and monies due in.
- Tuesday 16 School Swimming Program
Year 6 Transition Day at Baimbridge College (open to all Year 6 students regardless of the Secondary School they shall be attending in 2022).
- Wednesday 17 **Prep students do not attend school.**
School Swimming Program.
- Thursday 18 School Swimming Program.
- Friday 19 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). COVID-19 procedures and social distancing to be followed.
- Wednesday 24 **Prep students do not attend school.**
School Assembly commencing at 2.45pm.
- Friday 26 SGSSA Swimming Sports at the Penshurst Swimming Pool.

MARCH 2021

- Friday 5 First SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes for 2021.
- Monday 8 **LABOUR DAY Public Holiday.**
- Wednesday 10 Didjeribone – whole school performance (School Performance Tours).
- Friday 19 Regional Swimming at the Horsham Memorial Swimming Pool.
- Wednesday 24 SGSSA Athletics at Pedrina Park, Hamilton.

APRIL 2021

- Thursday 1 **Last Day of Term 1 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.**
- Friday 2 **GOOD FRIDAY.**

FROM Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring, Acting Principal...

Acting Principal's Report

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'd 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

Education Support: Ms Helen Trahar and Mrs Clare Kennedy

SAKG Program: Mrs Lisa McIntyre, Mrs Clare Kennedy and Ms Bev Linskens

Business Manager: Mrs Terrie Nicholson

Acting Principal: Ms Dee-Anne Gerring

We also welcome Mrs Hannah Black to our team as our teacher for the Tutor Learning Project, which provides all schools extra funding to focus on 'learning catch up and extension' from 2020, due to Remote Learning. Hannah will work in the Year 4/5/6 area in conjunction with Mrs Field and Mrs Phillips to provide extra support to students. We are very fortunate to gain Hannah's expertise!

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 Days

I'd like to thank all students and parents for their cooperation in attending the assessment days 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 set the academic year off to a flying start.

Learn to Learn

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 8 February to Friday 19 February, where there will be a splash carnival for Prep to Year 1, followed by a picnic in the park and race events for Years 2 to 6 in the afternoon. If you have time to be a helper, please fill out the form and send it into school. Thank you in advance!



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

We can now recommence Assemblies with community members in attendance. Schools are required to adhere to density limits of spaces, so ask parents 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 will be held this **Friday 5 February at 2.45pm** (please note the change to the previously advertised starting time) 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 on the small oval, with parent access from the Dickie Street entrance (turn left before school). (Due to continued building and grounds works, if there is inclement weather, we will postpone the assembly until Monday 8 February, with given notice.)

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. The following are points are directives from the Department of Education and Training.

Stay home when unwell: The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms.

Practise good hygiene: All staff, students and visitors to schools should undertake regular hand hygiene, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet.

Ensure physical distancing: A variety of strategies to support physical distancing among all students and staff should be pursued, where possible on school grounds.

Staff **must** practise physical distancing 1.5m between themselves and other staff members or adults to the extent that is reasonably practicable. Staff should physically distance themselves from students where appropriate and feasible. A face mask provides protection when physical distance cannot be maintained.

Density limits do not apply in classrooms and other spaces for the purposes of student use, including corridors and other shared areas. Density limits of one person per two square metres apply to staff areas such as staff lunchrooms and areas accessed by the public, such as reception areas.

COVID-19 Tracing: Any person who is on-site school grounds for 15 minutes or more is required to sign in at the front office.

What this means for Dunkeld Consolidated School:

Drop off and pick up – We will continue with the same routine developed in 2020 for front of school drop off and pick up. A staff member will meet students in the mornings and deliver to the gate in the afternoons.

Parents and friends are welcome to enter the school for office matters, volunteer purposes and appointments with teachers etc, in which you may park in the car park or on the roadside past the front entrance. If parents and community members do not have a reason to enter school grounds, we ask that people do not, to avoid the need for signing in and to help with physical distancing and tracing measures, should the instance arise.

If parents are wishing to see a teacher, please place a note in the diary or send a message through Seesaw and they will arrange a time to meet.

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.

Building and Grounds Works

There have been some delays in finishing off our new building, due to availability of services and delivery of products over the Christmas period. We hope to see the building finalised over the next month.

We also have some grounds works occurring over the coming weeks, with landscaping of the gardens surrounding the buildings and some works in our SAKG garden.

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.

Thank you, Dee Gerring

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS 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

FUNDRAISING AMOUNTS FROM 2020

During 2020, the students (with their families' amazing support) have raised \$733.20 through the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, Funky Hair Day, Pyjama Day, Casual Dress Days, My Business Rules and Dress to Impress.

This is a fantastic 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 2020:

1. Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal	\$240.30
2. Children's Cancer Foundation	\$189.40
3. Leukaemia Foundation	\$203.00
4. The Pyjama Foundation	\$100.50

The Year 6 students raised a total of \$1,179.90 through their 2020 My Business Rules project and they decided to donate the proceeds to the following charities/organisations:

1. Cancer Council Victoria	\$393.30
2. Hamilton Wildlife Shelter	\$393.30
3. Save The Children Australia	\$393.30

WELCOME TO THE 2021 NEW PREPS!

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

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. Here are a few pictures of them.



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.



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

- Penny and Rob Fraser
- Jo and Anthony Frost
- Fiona King and Rob Glazebrook
- Emma and Darren Gordon
- Lucinda Peterson and Patrick Jackson
- Melissa and Adrian Field
- Annette Jones and James Falla
- Sam and Trevor Morelli
- Brooke and Chris Robertson
- Kathy Young

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION FOR 2021

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).
- 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)

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 2021, you do not need to complete an application form in 2021 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 2021 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- New student enrolments: your child has started or changed schools in 2021 or you did not apply at the same school in 2021.
- Changed family circumstances
 - Change in custody
 - Change of name
 - Concession card number
 - New siblings commencing at the school in 2021.

Please contact the office if you require a form and return it to us BY FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2021.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

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 12 February 2021. 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 2020 will not be carried over to the new school year. Please forward any Standing Orders for the 2021 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 SWIMMING SPORTS

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Swimming Program (co-ordinated by Lea and Jen McArthur) for this year commences on Monday 8 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 19 February at the Dunkeld Swimming Pool.

The Program of Events will be sent home with students in the near future, please ensure you bring this with you on 19 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 Wannan and **BLUE** Sturgeon.

STURGEON House: James Cochran, Sailor Grimmer, Liv Lance, Athena Manolas, Edwin White, Audrey Black, Michaela Rappaport.

WANNON House: Sean Bird, Alex Bird, Lochie Bird, Tilly Alderman, Annabelle Beveridge, Ruby Mibus, Poppy Skermer.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS – DUE IN BY MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2021

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 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 Monday 15 February.

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.

FORMS

Please find enclosed forms as indicated below (hard copies have been sent home with each student). 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 5 February 2021.
- Helpers for the School Swimming Program – return by Friday 5 February 2021.
- Head Lice Inspections Consent Form – return by Monday 8 February 2021
- Digital Technologies Code of Conduct and User Agreement – form to be completed for each student – return by Monday 8 February 2021
- Photography Permission Form – (IF CHOOSING TO OPT OUT) return by Monday 8 February 2021.
- Statement of Values and School Philosophy (information only) - no return form required.

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

PICK & MIX

SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP

1-6!

FRUIT 1

FRESH FRUIT

- Apple
- Banana
- Mandarin
- Orange quarters
- Passionfruit halves (with spoon)
- Watermelon, honeydew, rockmelon chunks
- Pineapple chunks
- Grapes
- Plums
- Nectarines, peaches, Apricots
- Strawberries
- Cherries
- Kiwifruit halves (with spoon)
- Pear

MIXED FRUIT

- Fruit salad
- Fruit kebabs

DRIED FRUIT

- Dried fruit, nut, popcorn mixes*

TINNED FRUIT/SNACK PACKS/CUPS

- In natural juice (not syrup)

VEGETABLES 2

FRESH CRUNCHY VEGIES

- Corn cobs
- Carrot sticks
- Capsicum sticks
- Green beans
- Cucumber sticks
- Celery sticks
- Snow peas
- Tomatoes (e.g. cherry and Roma tomatoes)
- Mushroom pieces

Can serve with either:

- Hommus
- Tomato salsa
- Tatziki
- Beetroot dip
- Natural yoghurt

SALADS

- Coleslaw and potato salad (reduced fat dressing)
- Mexican bean, tomato, lettuce and cheese salad
- Pesto pasta salad*

BAKED ITEMS

- Grilled or roasted vegetables
- Wholemeal vegetable muffins or scones
- Vegetable slice (with grated zucchini and carrot)
- Popcorn

SOUP (In small thermos)

- Pumpkin soup
- Potato and leek soup
- Chicken and corn soup

MILK, YOGHURT AND CHEESE 3

- Milk
- Calcium-enriched soy and other plant-based milks
- Yoghurt (frozen overnight)
- Custard

Tip:

- Freeze the night before to keep cool during the day

- Cheese cubes, sticks or slices
- Cottage or ricotta cheese
- Cream cheese
- Tatziki dip

Can serve with either:

- Fruit
- Wholegrain cereal, low in sugar
- Vegetable sticks
- Rice and corn cakes
- Wholegrain wheat crackers

MEAT OR MEAT ALTERNATIVE 4

- Tinned tuna or salmon in springwater
- Lean roast or grilled meats (e.g. beef, chicken, kangaroo)
- Falafel balls
- Lean meat or chicken patties (e.g. ham, silverside, chicken)
- Tinned tuna or salmon patties
- Lentil patties
- Lean deli meats
- Boiled eggs
- Baked beans (canned)
- Tofu cubes
- Hommus dip
- Lean meat or chicken kebab sticks
- Peanut butter*

Can serve with:

- Wholegrain sandwich, roll, pita or wrap bread with salad
- Rice and corn cakes
- Wholegrain wheat crackers
- Side salad

- Vegetable frittata
- Skinless chicken drumsticks
- Savoury muffins or scones (e.g. lean ham, cheese and shallots)
- Homemade pizzas with lean roast or deli meats and vegetables

Can serve with:

- Side salad
- Steamed or roasted vegetables

GRAIN AND CEREAL FOOD 5

MAINS

- Wraps
- Sandwiches
- Rolls
- Toasted sandwiches

Tip:

Use breads such as wholemeal, multigrain, rye, sourdough, pita, flat, corn, mountain, lavash, white fibre-enriched, soy and linseed, herb, naan, bagels, foccacias, fruit bread and English muffins.

- Pasta dishes
- Rice, quinoa or cous cous dishes
- Noodle dishes
- Sushi

SAVORY BAKED ITEMS

- Homemade pizzas
- Wholemeal savoury muffins or scones (e.g. ham, cheese and corn muffins)
- Vegetable based muffins
- Pasta or noodle bake

SWEET BAKED ITEMS

- Fruit loaf
- Wholemeal fruit based muffins

SNACKS

- High fibre, low sugar cereal (e.g. muesli)
- English muffins
- Crackers
- Crisps/spreads
- Rice cakes
- Corn thins
- Wholemeal scones
- Pikelets
- Crumpets
- Hot cross buns (no icing)

WATER 6

- Take a water bottle (for refilling throughout the day)

Tip:

- Freeze overnight to keep foods cool in lunchboxes

Sweet and savoury snack foods (e.g. muesli/fruit/nut bars, biscuits, crisps, cakes, muffins, slices) should be limited in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake if consumed in large amounts.

Sugar sweetened drinks and confectionery should not be provided in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake and tooth decay.



*Check your school's policy regarding the use of nuts and products containing nuts.

For more information about healthy eating and for many tasty recipes, visit the the Healthy Eating Advisory Service: <http://heas.health.vic.gov.au/>