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DUNKELD CHRISTMAS EVE TOWN SANTA RUN

Santa will visit the
streets of Dunkeld on
Christmas Eve

FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER

Commencing at 7.00pm



*Out of town children are welcome to wait at the Post Office end of the Dunkeld Memorial Park.

*Grandparents are welcome to ring Heather and she will make sure that Santa knows that grandchildren are visiting.

Many thanks to the Dunkeld and District Lions Club, Melissa and Adrian Field from the Dunkeld General Store, Dunkeld Rural Fire Brigade, Victoria State Emergency Service - Dunkeld Unit, Kerri and Alan Jones and Cee Blackwell who make this community event possible.

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Betty Barker \$5

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CHURCH TIMES

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1st Week	Sunday	December 5	8.30am	Mass
2nd Week	Sunday	December 12		No service – Mass at Glenthompson
3rd Week	Sunday	December 19	8.30am	Mass
	Friday	December 24	6.00pm	Christmas Eve Mass
4th Week	Sunday	December 26	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Please note: QR Code check-in and proof of COVID-19 vaccination status required for all services. COVID-19 procedures and protocols to be followed.

Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

DUNKELD UNITING/ANGLICAN CONGREGATION

ANGLICAN SERVICES on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at SAINT MARY's at 5.00pm with Father David Oulton.

Friday 24 December - 6:30pm Christmas Eve Mass.

COVID things. At the time of going to print...

- Proof of double vaccination is required if you haven't already offered it.
- BYO Mask
- Sign in using the QR code or use the sign in book.
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Enquiries: Margo Dark 5574 0222; Iris Field 5574 0202; Kristy Beveridge 0428 581 903

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
13	14	15 Newsletter issue 20 distributed.	16	17 End of Term 4 for Dunkeld Consolidated School	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Town Santa Run Dunkeld Old Bakery Market Day	25 <i>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</i>	26
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MORE MUTTERINGS FROM FATHER DAVID

A colleague and I were talking about all things ‘clergy’ the other day. We also spoke of that thing that we all can’t help talking about and would much rather jeer at it.

My colleague was stretched and struggling. There were a few extra bits on his plate which he found unpalatable and undesirable.

His energy was expended and he was hanging on, not by the tips of his fingers, but his fingernails. (His words not mine) I continue to worry and pray for him.

As I drove home I made a conscious choice to turn off my embarrassing choice of music in the 70’s and do the inevitable post mortem on the conversation. Did I miss something? Was there something I should have said? And what on earth will I say to him next time I check in?

I found myself reflecting back on a few inky patches in my own life. I well recall the colossal amount of energy it took just to hang on by the flimsiest of grips. It was exhausting just getting through the day and there was never enough sleep. It took a long time for the situation to right itself and I sadly suspect that it will take some time for my colleague to arrive in a sunnier place.

It all changed for me when one day I said to myself “blow it”, or at least something like that and let go. And instead of landing with a sickening “THWACK” on the concrete with blood gushing out of my ears, there was an eerie sense of calm. I realised that I had been supported and encouraged all along. Like the safety net for a trapeze artist.

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Grampians Cricket Club

What an interesting couple of weeks it has been at Grampians Cricket Club. Despite COVID interruptions

and changeable weather all teams have had an enjoyable fortnight.

Unfortunately, cricket has been limited for the Under 12 teams due to Covid and school camp. **Under 12 Cubs** had a bye on Wednesday 8 December and are looking forward to their upcoming match against Macarthur at Dunkeld on Wednesday 15 December.

Under 12 Pumas played against St Andrews Blues at Pedrina Park on Wednesday 8 December. This match was played in cold conditions with Darcy Potter and Charlie Linke both taking a wicket each. It was a sound consistent effort by all the team.

Under 14s team completed a comfortable win over Hamilton Cricket Club in the second day of their two-day match on Saturday 27th November. Chasing 208 for victory Hamilton never got close finishing on 129 all out thanks to a disciplined bowling performance from the Pumas. Louis Lazzari took 3 wickets while conceding just 2 runs from his 5 overs and Myles Alderman took 2 wickets. Brodie Phillips, Hayden Phillips, Angus Frost and Tom Gordon all chipped in with a wicket each.

On Saturday 4 December they travelled to Wando Vale to take on Casterton. Bowling first the Pumas bowled Casterton out for just 109, with Brodie Phillips finishing with 5 for 6 off just 5 overs. Grampians opened their batting innings with Tom Gordon (3) and Brodie Phillips (22) with no loss of wicket. The game will conclude Saturday 11 December with Grampians needing just 75 more runs to claim victory.

Under 15 Girls Despite a cancellation of their match on 23 November due to COVID, they were straight back into it on 30 November against Macarthur. Batting first the girls made a total of 56, with Bonnie Jackson top scoring with 13. In the chase, unfortunately Macarthur proved too good despite a wicket each from Ella Peters and Lillian Glazebrook.

On 7 December it was a different result for the girls, who won in a tense finish against College Cricket Club. Bowling first College Cricket Club made 94 with 2 wickets each from Charlotte Alderman and Lucy Fraser. The girls were then able to chase it down for the loss of just one wicket with openers Lucy Fraser and Bonnie Jackson scoring 17 and 19 respectively while Charlotte Alderman held the middle order together with 14.

Under 16s Team After the first day of their two-day match on 23 November against College Cricket Club was cancelled due to COVID, the match was shortened to a one-day game. The Pumas took to the field and thanks to 6 individual wicket takers were able to set a gettable total for their batsmen. Despite 24 from Brodie Phillips and 12 from opener Eddie McShane, the Pumas fell just 4 runs short.

On Tuesday 7 December, it was a tough day with the bat for the Pumas. Despite a patient 23 not out from Levi Templeton

and a careful innings of 21 from Tom Kent, it will have to be a good performance from the bowlers if they are to get the win over Hamilton on Tuesday 14 December.

C Grade Men On 27 November it was a long day in the field against Byaduk despite a handy 2 for 13 from Myles Alderman. Chasing the total was always going to be tough and even though Sheryah Shah made 21 off just 18 the Pumas couldn't get the runs.

On Saturday 4 December, it was a much better result. Batting first, Ash Read's 80 and Greg Millard's quickfire 46 not out, meant the Pumas reached a total of 4-192. Then, with the ball Matt Read put together incredible figures of 7 for 8 as Hamilton were knocked over for just 46. Shaun Peters also proved handy with the new ball collecting 2-17.

A Grade Women whose game on 26 November was able to go ahead despite some COVID uncertainty. Batting first, the women ended up with a solid total of 1-99, with Ella Jackson top scoring with 38 and Grace Potter making 35. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough with Macarthur chasing it down with just an over to spare despite Ella Jackson's 2 for 11.

On Friday 3 December they played Pigeon Ponds. On home turf, the Pumas bowled first and restricted the Pigeon Ponds team to just 5-66 from their 16 overs. In a team effort, five different bowlers took a wicket each. They chased the total down easily. Ella Jackson again top scoring with 35, with good support from openers Grace Lee and Olivia Read, who scored 18 and 25 respectively as the Pumas reached 2-109.

A Grade Men scored a nail biting one wicket win over Saint Andrew's on home turf on Saturday 27 November. Chasing 128 on the back of another excellent bowling effort from Stefan Burnell who took 3-7, the Pumas lost wickets and looked out of it a number of times. However, thanks to a superb innings from Carl Joyce who singlehandedly lifted the Pumas to victory with an unbeaten 76 from 99 deliveries, and ensuring Grampians stay in touch with the top teams.

Last Saturday the Pumas had a bye, but this week they will look to continue the momentum against Pigeon Ponds in a one-day clash at home.

If you haven't already downloaded the My Cricket app give it a go. All games are being scored online by the home team and it is an easy way to keep an eye on the game if you're not able to be there.

Interested in playing? Then find us on Facebook at Grampians Cricket Club. Go Pumas!

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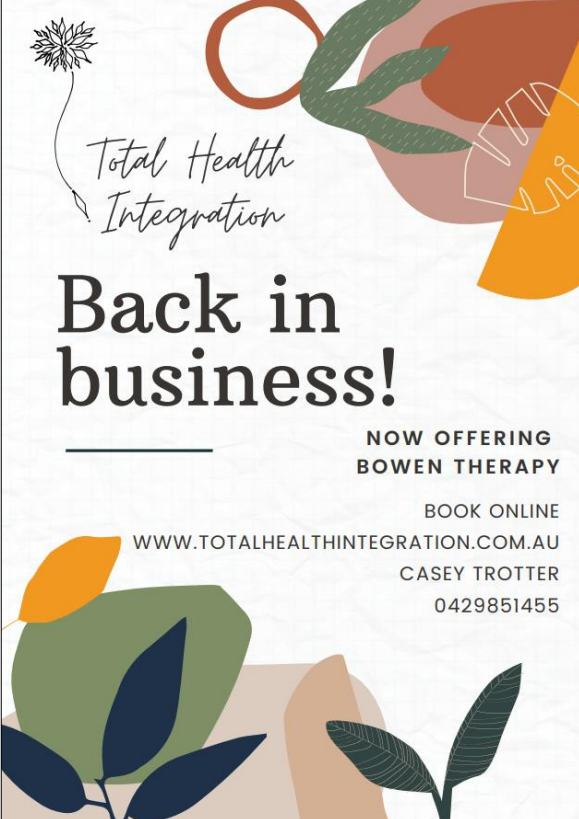


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DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

OPEN FOR BUSINESS: Opening times Sunday 1.00pm – 5.00pm and Thursday 1.00pm – 4.00pm (closed on 26 December 2021).

WEBSITE: Visit our website! dunkeldmuseum.org.au It's a fantastic, user-friendly website, and you never know what you might discover about Dunkeld and district.

UN-NAMED GROUP: The museum has been donated a photo of a group of Guides and Brownies taken in 1975. We do not know the names of anyone in the photo except Mrs Whelan (on left). Can anyone help us with names please?



MUSEUM DUTY ROSTER FOR JANUARY:

Sun 2 Jan: John Kay & David Gordon

Sun 9 Jan: David Baker & Greg Gardner

Sun 16 Jan: Bill & Fay Gordon & Mary-Ann Brown

Sun 23 Jan: Simon Armytage, Jenny & Pauline Crawford

Sun 30 Jan: Heather Funk & Beryl Gordon

GUEST SPEAKER MEETINGS:

After a disruptive year due to Coronavirus, the Museum was not able to hold our usual activities. We hope to hold a series of Guest Speaker Meetings next year, starting at the end of February. Subjects will include stories and experiences passed down to family members and friends by those who served in the Second World War, also stories and happenings involving the Dunkeld Racing Club ... more about this in next newsletter.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Museum Committee wishes everyone a very enjoyable festive season. Thanks to everyone who has supported the Museum during the past year.



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We hope things are returning to normal and hope to have our Open Day in April. It has been some time since we were able to have one. It is sad that we have lost two important contributors to our Open Days. Angie Polglaze the chainsaw sculptor and Kevin Kingwell the man with the big chainsaws, have both passed away recently. We mourn their passing.

It is amazing the number of tourists who drop in to look at the Sawmill. They are amazed that we have been able to preserve the past and demonstrate a working sawmill.

We wish everyone a safe and happy festive season.

John Smith

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***NOTE CHANGE OF HOURS**

MONDAY TO THURSDAY - 7.00am – 4.30pm

FRIDAY – 7.00am – 5.30pm

SATURDAY - 7.30am – 4.00pm

SUNDAY - 8.00am – 1.00pm

(Times may vary on Public Holidays)

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delivered Tues and Fri

Meat orders taken Tuesday
for Thursday arvo pick up

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RED CROSS NEWS

The **good news** is that our very senior member **Dorothy Blanch** is home from hospital and being 'spoilt' by her lovely family. We wish her well in recovery.

Brenda Cullinane has submitted a collection of her colourful **Trauma Teddies** to the **Hamilton Spectator** for their Christmas parcels and she has also been saddened recently by the passing of her last surviving sister. Our **condolences** to **Brenda, Con and family**.

We thank **Carol Burger** and **Terrie Nicholson** at the school for continuing the important distribution of local news via the Newsletter. We also wish the community a **COVID-free Christmas** and once again being able to meet with family and friends.

All being well, **Red Cross** will commence in **2022** with a meeting at the **Henry Leech RSL Room** on **Monday 28 February** at 2.00pm.

Iris Field, Secretary



DUNKELD PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE

Working Bee

The Dunkeld Public Lands Committee will be having a working bee along Salt Creek on Sunday 19 December. Any help would be very much appreciated, as we are a small ageing committee who work hard to keep the public spaces around Dunkeld looking good. If you are able to attend and have a whipper snipper this would be very useful. I know this is close to Christmas, but we have been waiting for this area to dry out. We will have a sausage sizzle and drinks at the Caravan Park on completion.

It would be great to see you there. Many hands make light work!

Jetty Official Opening

Preliminary notice as there will not be another newsletter before this event. An event will be held at the Arboretum on Sunday 6 February.

This will be a family event with children's entertainment. From 4.00pm until 7.00pm.

Bring a picnic tea and enjoy the festivities, barbecue facilities will be supplied if you would like to cook something. Final details will be advertised on the notice board at the Post Office and on the Dunkeld Community Facebook page.

Water Fountain

We have been successful in securing a grant from Wannon Water to install a permanent drinking water station in Memorial Park. This will be installed sometime in the New Year.

*Wendy Trotter-Prust
Secretary/Treasurer
DPLC Inc*



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Dinner 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Friday – Saturday

Lunch 11.30am – 2.30pm

Dinner 5.00pm – 8.30pm

Bookings are preferred but walk-ins welcome if numbers allow. Upon arrival you are required to check in by using the QR Code and we will need to sight your vaccination status. All Covid Safe measures are in place for the safety of our patronage and staff. Opening Hours 11.00am to 2.30pm then reopen at 4.00pm.

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Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed

CHRISTMAS EVE
MARKET DAY
FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER

Christmas Trading Hours
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Scraps from the Scrapes - December 2021

As 2021 draws to a close, so does the season for the members and guests at Grampians Golf Club, Dunkeld. 2021 was obviously a disrupted year for the Club, like all other sports. For example, our Annual four-day Tournament in August was cut in half by a new Chief Health Officer's directive about the playing of golf in Victoria.

We eventually completed the Ambrose event last Sunday 5 December, when 13 teams competed over 18 holes in perfect conditions. Our members were joined by visitors from Parklands, Mooralla and Balmoral in Ladies, Gents and Mixed teams. Prizes were awarded for each event and the club acknowledged the generous support of our sponsors who made the event and prizes possible.

The Club also was able to eventually complete the most prestigious event of the year. Our 2021 Champions are:

Ladies A Grade – Martina Whelan, Runner Up Nikki Wardlaw

Ladies B Grade – Pam Howell, Runner Up Jenny Crawford

Men's A Grade – 18 year-old Bailey Borgmeyer, Runner Up Angus Jackson

Men's B Grade – Simon Macgugan, Runner Up Cahal McNaughton

Our last major event for 2021 is the traditional TURKEY RUN on FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER – 9 Hole Stableford event sponsored by the HAMILTON MOTOR GROUP. All members and guests welcome for a 3.00pm start.

The committee is finalising the program for 2022 as the summer competitions continue and our enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers continue to maintain the course in great

condition. Members have also signed up to an "Adopt a Fairway" program to further assist the Greens Committee and volunteers to maintain the course.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY - for all players, not just our members!

We are really keen to see more junior players take up the game, so the club is offering the opportunity for an adult playing with a junior over the holidays to pay only a gold coin donation, rather than the normal green fees. Just record your round in our register and check in using the QR Code, to comply with the current directives for playing golf in Victoria.

Through this newsletter and the community Facebook page, we will continue to let the local community know of activities and events at the club, for both members and visitors. Early in the New Year we will give details of an exciting program aimed at introducing primary aged girls and boys to the game.

Again, you don't have to be a member to enjoy a round on our spectacular course. If interested in becoming a member please contact any current member or the committee or myself on peter.besgrove@gmail.com.

Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year to all!

Peter Besgrove, President

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Thank You from Mrs Debbie

Today I had the most wonderful day with past and present families of Dunkeld Kindergarten.

It was with mixed emotions that I made the decision to resign from Dunkeld Kinder. Today I felt very honoured to have my career at Dunkeld Kinder acknowledged.

I am very grateful for the opportunity I have had; to work with so many children, families, and educators over the time, especially Lynne Leech and Kim Burgess.

There have been many times when I really can't call it work. Having a picnic, listening to frogs, discussing the gender of Santa's reindeers and is a honeyeater an omnivore or herbivore?

One regret of my career I do have – is not writing down all the incredible quotes that little people make. From the story about the doctor helping Mummy hatch the baby sister, to who does the shopping for Mrs Kim's and my house, 'cos of course we live together at Kinder.

However, I do like one of the latest comments about me being 'too young' to retire. According to these children, "I'm going to walk to Halls Gap each day to eat ice-cream."

For those of you wondering what I'm going to do - this is almost correct.

I'm going to be working for Parks Victoria in Halls Gap and it will involve some walking, but maybe not ice-cream.

The celebration in the park was very special. Special thanks to Lea for all the work in organising this event. Not easy with COVID restrictions etc.

I literally walked down memory lane with beautiful written messages by a child from each year level since 1997. This was incredible.

Thank you to the Dunkeld Kindergarten community for my very special gifts, and all your beautiful messages.

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It's been an absolute pleasure and I thank you all so much. I'll see you round.

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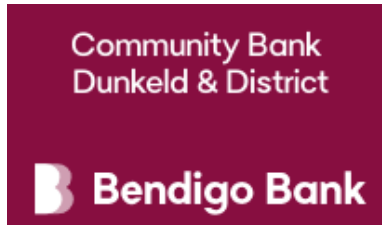
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Merry Christmas, always
Some things may be different this Christmas, but there's always something to be grateful for. No

matter what your Christmas looks like this year, make it merry.

From Anna, Sue, Louise, Robyn and Carly at Community Bank Dunkeld & District.



Christmas trading hours

Friday 24 December – 10.00am to 4.00pm
 Saturday 25 December – Closed
 Sunday 26 December – Closed
 Monday 27 December – Closed
 Tuesday 28 December – Closed
 Wednesday 29 December – 10.00am to 4.00pm
 Thursday 30 December – 10.00am to 4.00pm
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OUTDOOR POOL SEASON IMPACTED BY LACK OF LIFEGUARDS

Outdoor swimming pools across the Southern Grampians will open from this week with reduced operating days due to a shortage of trained lifeguards in the region.

Southern Grampians Shire Council Manager Community and Leisure Services Susannah Milne said unfortunately hours of operation for outdoor swimming pools will be impacted this summer by a lack of available trained staff.

"We have been working hard over the past few months to recruit and train lifeguards so that our outdoor pools are able to open. Unfortunately our numbers are down on the last couple of years significantly which will impact on our ability to operate outer town pools every day this summer," said Ms Milne.

"We understand that expectation for our pools is to be open for all of our communities to enjoy – which is what we are ultimately working to achieve but the reality is with the lack of trained lifeguards available this season we don't have the staff to operate seven days a week across all townships.

"We know that this issue is not just something we face here in the Southern Grampians but seems to be an industry wide shortage. Typically, these positions are filled by returning university students or by secondary students who have just finished school. Many of our lifeguards have advised Council they don't plan to return to the region this year for the summer break and so far there has been little interest from school leavers. Whilst there isn't a specific reason for this

shortage, COVID, lockdowns and the challenging year we have had, has certainly contributed.

"We have previously recruited and trained senior lifeguards as well and while they are prepared to assist this year, their ability to commit to regular shifts is more challenged with work-life balance. Localised staff shortages are more likely to impact our Coleraine, Dunkeld and Glenthompson pools.

"We ask that if you have the relevant lifeguard qualifications and would like to help support your community swimming pools to stay open, we encourage you to get in touch with us at Council on 5573 0444 as soon as possible," concluded Ms Milne.

Community members can stay up-to-date with pool opening hours via the Southern Grampians Shire Outdoor Swimming Pools Facebook page. Subject to staff availability, as per the Outdoor Pool Operations Policy, pools will be opened from 3:00pm to 7:00pm seven days a week, when the forecast temperature is 21 degrees + for all heated pools and 23 degrees + for unheated pools. Pools will open 12:00pm to 7:00pm on weekends and throughout January when the air temperature forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology at 4:00pm for the next day is more than 35 degrees.

Season's Greetings



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the sick and lonely people in our community.

Best wishes from Betty Barker

From the Lions Den

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Our deeds determine us ... as much as we determine our deeds.

Code of Ethics

5. To hold friendship as an end and not as a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

God works in mysterious ways

Recently in a newsletter I mentioned my mate at the police station in Koroit, anyhow, recently I caught up with him and he drove me around the town, showing me the area. We drove past the Catholic Church and it has had a new paint job on the outside and looks really good. I commented on this and he told me the story about how it was painted.

Apparently, the priest and parishioners decided that the building had to be painted and they called for quotes. One quote was well below the others and was from a person who was known to water down the paint (Fred Nark, not his real

name). During the meeting held to discuss the quotes, Paddy said, "Before you jump up and down remember this is a church and God works in mysterious ways so I move that we accept the quote from Fred because I have a good feeling about it." The priest, remembering that Paddy was a regular church goer and always put a nice sum on the plate, said, "Paddy is right, we should give him a chance."

Fred got the job but couldn't help himself and watered down the paint. He was high up on the ladder painting the eaves. My mate was parked out the front of the church in the police car and talking to the priest. Fred had his back to them and had not seen them arrive. Suddenly there was a loud clap of thunder and a very heavy downpour of rain (this does happen on occasions in Koroit through to be because of the town being situated between the sea, the mountains and the volcano). Fred got such a fright that he fell off the ladder, fortunately onto a freshly turned garden bed and although shaken up was not hurt. Fred was a bit of a rogue but no fool and he took this as a warning from God, shouted with his arms held towards the sky, 'Lord, forgive me'.

At this the priest grabbed the police car microphone and said loudly in his best Charlton Heston voice "REPAINT, REPAINT, and THIN no more."

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for your support!

Peter Hinchey



SCHOOL NEWS

As we approach the end of the school year, organisation for 2022 is being finalised and I ask parents to please let the school know as soon as possible if your son or daughter is not returning to Dunkeld next year. This information is vital to planning for 2022, as the majority of funding provided to schools is specified as per-student rates. Student based funding represents the main funding source for all schools and comprises approximately 90% of the total Student Resource Package (SRP) provided to schools. This funding is designed to cover core teaching and learning, leadership, teaching support, professional development, relief teaching, payroll tax and superannuation costs for the school.

Week 11 events

With one week left of school we still have many events taking place this week:

- The whole school will attend a Christmas Concert at the Hamilton PAC at 11.00am on Tuesday 14 December.
- Year 6 students will attend their Graduation on Tuesday 14 December. We look forward to a wonderful evening back on-site with our first students to graduate in our new hall.
- Prep/Year 1 students will enjoy a sleepover at school on Wednesday 15 December.
- Year 2 students will attend Grampians Retreat for their school camp (Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 December).
- Thursday 16 December students will have their Christmas Mystery Gift exchange with class parties. (Year 2 will have their class party on camp).

Staffing

Our recruitment process has finally completed, and I would like to thank Mr Ben Kelson, Principal at Gray Street Primary School Hamilton, for giving up his time to be on our selection panel. His expertise, particularly with merit and equity processes, was greatly appreciated. The recruitment process has been quite difficult across the region, with a concern in the lack of graduate and experienced teachers, a possible result of the last two years. Hence, why we are so excited to have Mrs Jackie Mibus join our teaching team for 2022, bringing her expertise and enthusiasm for teaching. Welcome, Jackie!

At the conclusion of the 2021 school year, we say goodbye to Miss Steph Thompson who has accepted a full-time role at Cavendish Primary School in 2022. We thank her for her time with us and her enthusiastic role as our PE teacher for Semester 2. We also farewell our Learning Tutor, Ms Hannah Black, who has taken on the Art Teacher role at Saint Mary's Primary School Hamilton. Hannah's teaching experience has been most appreciated by many of our students and their families. I am so pleased to announce that our new Learning Tutor for 2022 is Mrs Alyce Wilson. Alyce lives locally in Dunkeld and has been performing the tutor role at Hamilton North Primary School. We welcome Alyce to our school community and teaching staff.

2022

The Dunkeld Consolidated School will be holding an Assessment Day on Monday 31 January 2022. This will allow for one-on-one time for your child and teacher to get to know one another and to complete some Reading and Numeracy assessment. These assessments, along with mapping tools will allow teachers to pinpoint instructional levels for each child and allow an efficient beginning to the academic year. Students will be asked to attend at a specific time. Details to be sent home next week. The first official whole school day for students is **TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2022**.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

As this is the final newsletter for 2021, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the wonderful school community which includes staff, parents, friends and most importantly students, for their increasing resilience during these changing times. I am sure that the students of today will become strong, independent citizens, willing to adjust to life's challenges. As the school year comes to an end, I encourage families to reflect over the last two years and think about all the little things.



Ange Field
Acting Principal

ASSEMBLY on Friday 3 December 2021

Honour Certificates:

Academic Certificates: Year 4: Max Russell and Patrick Lomas, Year 2: George Heazlewood, Year 1: Michaela Roache, Prep: Athena Manolas.

School Values Honour: Year 4: Harry McShane, Year 3: Zachary Lance, Year 1: Jackson O'keeffe and Nellie Wickens.

Performance:

The Prep/Year 1 students, accompanied by Mrs Heather Macgugan, presented a small musical performance at Assembly, supported by some of the older students. Year 4 students put together a little video presentation of their camp while some Year 3 students read out a report on camp.

RED CROSS PILLOWCASE PROJECT

On Friday 26 November 2021, the Year 2/3 students participated in the Pillowcase Project, which is a Red



Cross initiative. Mrs Heather Macgugan from the Dunkeld Red Cross led the workshop. The Pillowcase Project was originally inspired by events during Hurricane Katrina in the United States. While evacuating campus, students at a local university used pillowcases to carry their cherished and basic possessions. After hearing this, American Red Cross staff developed the concept of using a pillowcase as an emergency kit. The program quickly grew into a preparedness education program that has since become known as the Pillowcase Project.

The students learnt about natural disasters and how bad they are and how they sometimes require people to evacuate their homes. During the workshop each student decorated their own pillowcase and labelled what things they would take with them that would fit in a pillowcase, for example medicine, food and water, torch, batteries, blanket and phones. Each student was able to take their pillowcase home with them, to start their own personal emergency kit.



HOUSE ATHLETICS SPORTS

We had perfect weather conditions for our House Athletics Sports Day on Monday 29 November. It was a memorable day of fantastic fun, sensational sportsmanship and camaraderie. Students shone not only on the track and field but also by their actions, in their genuine support for one another. Thank you to everyone that supported and contributed to the success of our House Athletics, including staff, students, parents and spectators!

Special mention to Sturgeon House for winning the day.

Sturgeon House Sports Captains, Sebastian Aarons and Mia Russell are proudly holding the winning trophy.



Age Champions:

Congratulations to this

year's House Athletics Age Group Champions:

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| 6 Years: | George Phillips and Ruby Mibus |
| 7 Years: | Lochie Bird and Xavier Macgugan (tie) and Michaela Roache |
| 8 Years: | James Manolas and Grace Macgugan |
| 9 Years: | Edward Alderman and Elodie Cochran |
| 10 Years: | Jack Oldfield Mann and Phoebe Lazzari |
| 11 Years: | Jack Jones and Phoebe Ross and Indi Mibus (tie) |
| 12/13 Years: | Louis Lazzari and Cadence Huf |



Sportsmanship Awards:

This following students received Sportsmanship Awards for this year's House Athletics, the certificate wording reads as "Congratulations on demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout our carnival. You are an excellent role model and we are proud to see you demonstrating the 'Play Is The Way' values."



6 years & Under	Edwin White and Abigail Welsh
7 years	Jed Russell and Nellie Wickens
8 years	Angus Jones and Minu Sutherland
9 years	Tyson Riddle and Clementine Blackwell
10 years	Mac Jackson and Heidi Burger
11 years	Ben Peters and Ava Balkin
12/13 years	Mitchell Gordon and Isabella Jury

YEAR 5/6 CAVE HILL CREEK BUSH CAMP OUT ADVENTURE – 1 to 3 December 2021

On arrival we parted ways with our bus because it could not travel down the bush tracks. All our luggage was transported to camp via a trailer. A lovely lady named Lizzy greeted us and tracked us through the bush for about half an hour to our campsite. We unzipped our tent bags and opened them up and out popped instant sleeping quarters. All we needed to do was peg them down and our tent city was all set up. Lizzy was our camp instructor and she stayed at the camp with us and was with one of our groups all the time. Lizzy took care of all our camp needs and was extremely kind and accommodating to all of us.

That afternoon we split into two groups. Group 1 did Archery, while Group 2 walked down to the lake for canoeing, then we did a swap. Luke was our leader, and he gave us instructions on how to use the paddles and not to both lean to one side of the canoe or it would capsize. This advice was taken on board by most, apart from three teams that ended up in the drink. Luke showed us two games to play in the canoes, these were really fast and kept us paddling most of the time, except when we were splashing each other. The canoeing was so exciting and cooling because it was 28 degrees, and the water was very refreshing. After we had finished canoeing, we got to splash around in the water. Luke also navigated us up the mountain, where we got to abseil down a five-metre rock face. Scary, yet so exhilarating and we wished we could do it again. Thank you, Luke, for your patience, support and encouragement to get us over the edge. Thank you for getting us safely past the snake on the way down the mountain and back to camp. In the evenings we got to fill in our camp booklets and chill playing cards and board games. The last morning, we were up and packed and after many tries to get the tents folded the right way, we finally achieved it. Looked so easy when our camp leader Lizzy showed us. Looking easy and doing, were very different. We finished our morning off with tug a war against numerous teams. After all the gear was packed onto the trailer Lizzy led us back through the bush to meet our bus. Steve our bus driver was there when we arrived and so were our salad rolls that we had prepacked earlier that morning. Delicious food for every meal and plenty of it. Students' description of food - *The best. Healthy but also really yummy.*

During our stay we had a competition to see who could find the longest leaf. Lizzy announced Mia Russell as the winner and her prize was a t-shirt with the camp's name on it. Lizzy asked the students to vote on the activity they enjoyed the most and the canoeing was the overwhelming favourite. Some words from Year 5 and 6 students to express how they felt about camp: EPIC, DAMP, MARVELLOUS, NERVE WRACKING, STORMY, FANTASTIC, STICKY, EVENTFUL, TERRIFIC, AWESOME, TREMENDOUS.

The children participated in all activities - canoeing, archery, games, bike riding through the bush, bush walking, abseiling, bush cooking and team games. They

encountered - thunder, lightning, torrential rain, leeches, a snake, wet shoes, wet bedding and being drenched. There wasn't a complaint from any of them. Staff were extremely proud of every



one of them.

KINDER TO PREP TRANSITION - ORIENTATION DAY



On Tuesday 7 December, a happy (but slightly nervous) group of Kinder/Prep 2022 students walked through the Prep/Year 1 classroom door on Orientation Day to work with Mrs Gilbert for their

first whole day at school. The theme for the day was 'Bears' based on Michael Rosen's book – 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We iced Teddy Bear biscuits, cut out bears, traced bear tracks and words from the story, created a sensory map of the story and played with Lego. We took our bears out onto the playground to explore location words – beside, under, above, over, next to, between – and wrote about the experience. We watched Michael Rosen perform his poem. We had a PE lesson with Mrs McShane and interacted with our 2022 Year 6 Buddies. What a busy day!



STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM

From the Kitchen and the Garden...

I want to say thank you to all those generous people who have helped in the SAKG Garden, in any way this year. Your help, donations and advice have been very much appreciated, and is one of the things that I really love about this program - these connections and friendships that really make this garden flourish. I hope all you have a Happy Christmas and a lovely summer holiday, and may your sunflowers grow tall, strong and beautiful, just like the children you are helping.

PS, but one last thing! If anyone is available to help feed and water the chooks over the summer, please let me know (with your preferred days and dates) so I can draw up a roster - thank you! Please contact Lisa McIntyre via email: advancel@bigpond.com or phone: 5574 9235 or 0428 749 235.

To our Dunkeld Consolidated School and general community, THANK YOU for your continued support for our SAKG Program. We look forward to 2022 'planting, growing, harvesting and sharing' together.

Clare, Lisa and the Dunkeld Consolidated School staff

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 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.



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 for 2021 is \$40.00 per person. If you are a relative of ex-

service men or women, you can also join the RSL. Affiliate memberships are also available to members of emergency services (police, fire brigade, CFA, ambulance and/or SES). By becoming a member of the RSL, you will enjoy the privilege of having joined one of Australia's oldest and most revered organisations and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. An organisation committed to selfless service on behalf of the nation, which is dedicated to honouring those who have served our nation through military service, and that focuses on the care of veterans and their dependants. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson - phone: 5573 3353.

Region 8C Forum: The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch hosted the Region 8C Forum on Tuesday 14 December at the Community Centre, commencing with a welcome from President, Terry Noble. Representatives travelled from several RSL sub-branches, including Camperdown, Terang, Warrnambool, Cavendish and Portland to attend the meeting. Presentations were also made by RSL Victoria staff members. Information was provided on a new round of Veterans Grant Programs which have been opened by the Victorian Government including:

- Victoria Remembers Grant Program
- Restoring Community War Memorials and Avenue of Honour Grant Program
- Veterans Capital Works Grant Program



The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members, supporters and the Dunkeld and district community a peaceful and joyous Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

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