

## Newsletter No. 2 – Wednesday 16 February 2022

### FEBRUARY 2022

- Wednesday 16 **Prep students do not attend school.**  
School Swimming Program.
- Thursday 17 School Swimming Program.
- Friday 18 Book Club orders are due in today.  
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.
- Tuesday 22 **School Lunch Orders commence for 2022.**
- Wednesday 23 **Prep students do not attend school.**  
NAPLAN Online PD for staff.
- Thursday 24 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 the Dunkeld swimming pool (hosted by our school).

### MARCH 2022

- Tuesday 1 Parent / Teacher Interviews.
- Thursday 3 MARC Library.
- Friday 4 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 4/5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.  
**FUN** Friday.  
Schools Clean Up Day (Clean Up Australia Day).
- Friday 11 School Assembly.
- Monday 14 **LABOUR DAY Public Holiday.**
- Thursday 17 MARC Library.
- Friday 18 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 5/6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.  
**FUN** Friday.
- Monday 21 **Harmony Day - students and staff encouraged to wear 'a touch of orange'.**
- Tuesday 22 Year 6 Transition Day at Baimbridge College from 8.45am to 3.28pm. All students are welcome to attend.
- Thursday 24 MARC Library.
- Friday 25 School Assembly.
- Tuesday 29 SGSSA Athletics Carnival at Pedrina Park, Hamilton.
- Thursday 31 MARC Library.

### APRIL 2022

- Friday 1 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 4/5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.  
**FUN** Friday.
- Tuesday 5 National Alvis Car Rally (light lunch at the Dunkeld Consolidated School).
- Friday 8 **Special Assembly commencing at 9.00am in the school hall.** COVID-19 procedures to be followed.  
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 5/6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.  
**LAST DAY OF TERM 1 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.**

## FROM Mrs Angela Field, Acting Principal...

It is so wonderful to see the Prep students arriving at school with a sense of independence and confidence, many of them greeting me with "hello Mrs Field" to start the day. They have settled in extremely well and continue to develop the daily routines of school life.

Our **Swimming Program** wraps up this week, and I wish to express my gratitude for the work Lea and Jen McArthur put into our swimming program, along with their group of helpers. Our students have access to their amazing knowledge of water safety and stroke techniques, and their support of this vital school program is amazing. Thank you! 😊 We look forward to our **House Sports** for students in Years 2-6 and the water skills demonstration for our Prep and Year 1 students. We will be hosting the **SGSSA District Swimming Sports**, at the Dunkeld Swimming Pool on Friday 25 February. Students who progress from our House Swimming Sports will attend.

The **Learning to Learn** program has occurred during the first two weeks of school to establish a positive and productive classroom. Topics covered across the 10 days include:

- Great Expectations
- Pride
- Being Healthy
- Being Happy
- Being Engaged
- Being Inclusive
- Student Voice
- Self-Awareness
- Growth Mindset
- Social/Relationship Skills

Teachers work with the students to develop expectations with the aim of the program to create a TEAM mentality. **"Together we support each other to be passionate learners, growing to be our best for a positive future in our community."**

With classrooms commencing **The Resilience Project** lessons, the parent/carer information has also been sent out via email last Friday, informing our families of the work we are doing within our school community. Late in 2021, The Resilience Project was highly recommended for use in schools, with many regional schools contacting me to ask how we have incorporated the program into our timetable. We are trialling the weekly diary that is available, for students in the Year 4 to 6 classes, with reflectional items built into the diary, further embedding the program with home and school.

**Vaccination Update**

The [COVID-19 Vaccinations – Visitors and Volunteers on School Sites](#) requirements have been updated. **From Tuesday 15 March 2022**, parents, carers, and other adult visitors who enter school buildings must have had their third dose of COVID-19 vaccine or have a valid medical exception. Parents, carers, and other adult visitors attending school sites for drop-off and pick-up who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements.

Our **SAKG program** will commence on Friday 4 March. If you would like to volunteer to help on Fridays in the Kitchen or Garden, a Working With Children Check (WWCC) and vaccination status (including booster) will need to be provided.

Naomie Phillips and I will be attending a **NAPLAN Professional Learning** session on Wednesday 23 February. The three-hour session will cover NAPLAN Online testing and the Online National Assessment Platform (the platform) used to deliver the tests including guided practical activities. The session will also cover staff roles for the administration of NAPLAN Online in May and the associated school and student readiness activities, including the Practice Test Window and the Coordinated Practice Test Day in March.

**Parent/Teacher meetings** will take place on **Tuesday 1 March**. Forms have already been sent home for parents/carers to select an appropriate time to meet with their child/rens teacher(s). This is an opportunity for families to meet teachers and discuss the academic, social and emotional needs of their child.

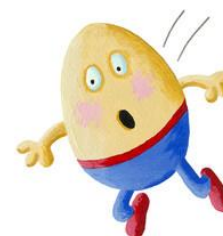
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*Acting Principal*

**SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

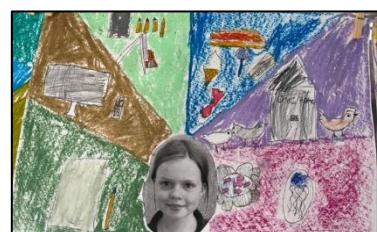
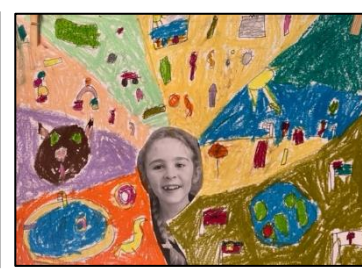
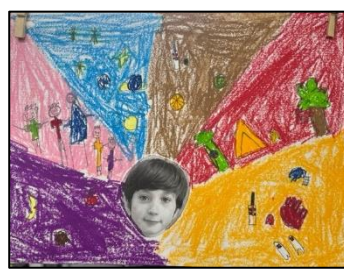
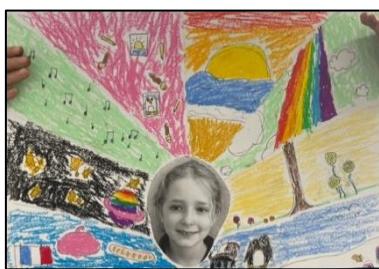
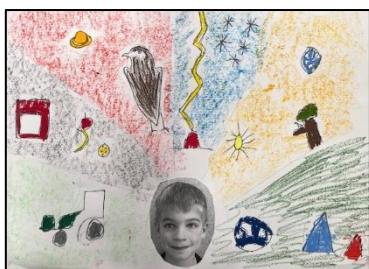
**'Humpty Dumpty' Nursery Rhyme by Prep/Year 1**



This week the Prep/One class have focused on the nursery rhyme 'Humpty Dumpty' during their Reading and Writing classes. They have sequenced pictures (Preps) and sentences/words (Year Ones), made their own Humpty Dumpties and they also created their own book pages about Humpty sitting on a variety of different things. Another class book has been compiled with these pages for the Prep/Year 1 students to share at home with their families. We've had lots of fun!



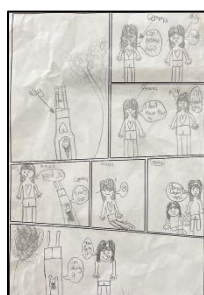
**My Curious Mind – Year 2/3**



During the Learning to Learn program, students learnt about the importance of using a 'Growth Mindset' and positive self-talk during challenging times or if a mistake is made. The Year 2/3s created art pieces about what we enjoy and what makes us curious. These are some of the things that make us happy and help with having a Growth Mindset!

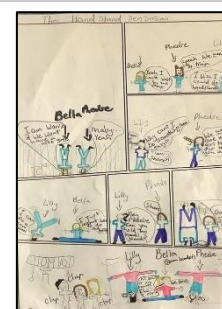
Artwork by: Will, Annie, George, Michaela and Audrey.

**Learning to Learn - Year 4/5**



*During Learning to Learn we discussed inclusion and created comic strips about how we can include people. My comic strip is about a group of friends doing hand stands and they included and taught a new person how to do them. By Millie McShane*

*We have been learning about being kind and including people. We made a comic about it. My comic strip is about a girl that couldn't do gymnastics but then she got included in the gymnastics team and they ended up winning the competition. By Elodie Cochran*



## School Swimming Program



Our students enjoying the cool water on a hot day during our swimming program.



Our Specialist PE teacher, Mrs McShane added to the students' entertainment and cooled off with them.



## TERM 1 CLASS CAPTAINS 2022

Congratulations to the below students who have been appointed Term 1 Class Captain for their individual grades.  
 Ruby - Prep/Year 1, Olivia - Year 2/3, Millie - Year 4/5, Darcy – Year 5/6.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2022

Dunkeld Consolidated School will be holding its annual elections for School Council during February and March in 2022. In accordance with the Department of Education and Training's (DET) requirements, the election process must be concluded by the end of March. The timeline for the Council elections is given below:

- Monday 21 February Call for nominations.
- Monday 28 February Nominations close at 4.00pm.

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

Membership Category	Term of Office	Number of Positions
Parent Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024.	4
DET Employee Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024.	2

If an election is required:

- Friday 4 March Distribute ballot papers on or before this date.
- Friday 11 March Close of ballot.
- Monday 14 March Count votes and declare the poll.
- Tuesday 22 March New School Council will meet.

Nomination forms for election to School Council are available from the school office. Membership is on a two-year basis (2022 - 2024). Retiring councilors are also eligible for nomination. If you have any queries about School Council membership, please contact the school office.

If Council elections proceed according to the timeline then the new Council will be able to meet during March. The proposed date is Tuesday 22 March at 7.30pm at school.

The retiring councillors are as follows:

**Parent Members:**

Mark Lazzari  
Richard McShane  
Simon Ross  
Holly Herrmann

**DET Members:**

Naomie Phillips  
Terrie Nicholson

## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

We wish to welcome you to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program at Dunkeld Consolidated School for 2022. Classes will be held on a Friday this year, commencing on 4 March:



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

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

All students will participate in growing and harvesting produce in our Garden classes and Year 4 to Year 6 students will participate in preparing and sharing lunch together in our Kitchen classes (students do not have to bring lunch on their Kitchen day). Prep to Year 3 students will have an introduction to Kitchen classes throughout the year.

All Friends will be required to have full up-to-date COVID-19 vaccination status and a Working With Children Check, applications may be completed online: [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au)

**Please complete and return the preference form/s** (which were sent home earlier this week) **to school BY FRIDAY 18 FEBRUARY** (the sub-committee will do their very best to include your preference when they publish the final Kitchen and Garden Rosters for Semester 1, 2022).

Clare and I are really looking forward to starting our SAKG Kitchen and Garden days again. I invite anyone who is thinking about coming along to help us in the Garden, to give me a call or send an email, if you would like to know more about it. If you have small pre-school children, they are most welcome to come along with you (during Garden classes) - never too young to start gardening!

We offer grateful thanks and acknowledge the fantastic support of Ruth Kyle, Kate Brian, Margaret Cooper, Jackie Grimmer and Kate Wickens (and their families), as they helped look after our chooks over the hot summer holidays, meaning we have happy and healthy hens - all laying - to come back to - thanks girls!!

Lisa McIntyre – phone 5574 9235 or 0428 749 235 – email: [advancel@bigpond.com](mailto:advancel@bigpond.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION FOR 2022

### 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 from last year 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 SWIMMING PROGRAM AND HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Staff and Students would like to thank the co-ordinators Lea and Jen McArthur for their enthusiasm and brilliantly organised program. We are also very grateful to our volunteers for their many hours of dedication to our students in and out of the pool. After two weeks of lessons our 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 Sports. Hats, sunscreen and swimming shirts will make us all smart in the sun!

The Program of Events for the House Swimming Sports was sent home with students today, please ensure you bring this with you on Friday, as there will be no programs available on the day.

### BOOK CLUB ORDERS – DUE IN BY FRIDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2022

Book Club issue 1 (catalogue) has been distributed to all students. 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.

## SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS WILL COMMENCE ON TUESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2022

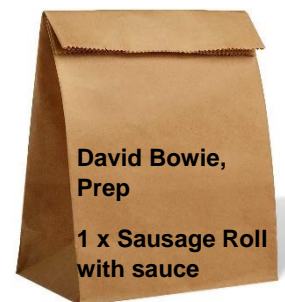
**This year school lunch orders will be available on a TUESDAY and THURSDAY of each week.**

The external school lunch provider is Izzy's Café, Dunkeld and they will commence taking lunch orders for Term 1, from Tuesday 22 February 2022.

**Students are responsible for placing their orders, written on a brown paper bag with money enclosed, in a specially marked box near the School Admin Office. Please send correct money if possible.** The menu and pricelist are being finalised and will be included in the next edition of the School Newsletter and will also be available on the school website.

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

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



## - REMINDERS -

### GRAMPIANS CRICKET CLUB INC – “THE PUMAS”

Grampians Cricket Club is running a learn to play cricket program for children in Prep to Grade 3.

Where: Main Dunkeld Consolidated School Oval (Dunkeld Turf)

Date: Tuesday 8 March 2022 (for 4 weeks)

Time: 4:00pm to 4:40pm

Cost: \$30.00

Register your interest to Sarah Alderman on 0407 729 201.

### 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

SAKG Kitchen and Garden Rosters – Preference Forms – *return by Friday 18 February.*