



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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FEBRUARY 2020

- Wednesday 19 Parent Teacher Interviews.
Prep students do not attend school.
- Thursday 20 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes commence for 2020. Year 5/6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Friday 21 House Swimming events 33 to 36 will be held at the Dunkeld Swimming Pool commencing at 2.00pm. No School Assembly will be held today due to the completion of House Swimming events. Reader's Workshop PD in Melbourne. Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring and Mrs Naomie Phillips will be attending.
- Tuesday 25 Year 6 Transition Day at Baimbridge College (open to all Year 6 students regardless of the Secondary School they intend applying for in 2021).
School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 26 **Prep students do not attend school.**
MARC Library.
School Review – Validation Day.
- Thursday 27 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes. Year 4/5 will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Friday 28 SGSSA Swimming Sports at Peshurst Swimming Pool.

MARCH 2020

- Monday 2 ~~P & F Association Annual General Meeting, followed by a general meeting.~~ **POSTPONED new date TBA.**
- Tuesday 3 Policy-Sub Committee Meeting commencing at 5.00pm.
- Wednesday 4 MARC Library.
- Thursday 5 SAKG Kitchen and Garden Classes. Year 3 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Monday 9 **LABOUR DAY Public Holiday.**
- Wednesday 11 MARC Library.
- Thursday 12 SAKG Kitchen Garden Classes. Year 5/6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Friday 13 Division Swimming at Aquazone, Warrnambool.
- Wednesday 18 **PUPIL FREE DAY – Students do not attend school on this day.**
- Thursday 19 Year 6 Excursion to GRIP Student Leadership Conference in Ballarat.
SAKG Kitchen Garden Classes. Year 4/5 will students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Friday 20 Regional Swimming Championships at the Horsham Memorial Swimming Pool.
- Monday 23 SGSSA Athletics at Pedrina Park, Hamilton (back-up day 25 March).
- Tuesday 24 School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 25 MARC Library.
- Thursday 26 SAKG Kitchen Garden Classes. Year 3 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
National Harmony Day. **Students and staff are encouraged to wear a "touch of orange".**
- Friday 27 **Last Day of Term 1 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.**

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

Schooling is well underway now, with all students settling in to their new classrooms with their new teachers. It has certainly been a busy, yet rewarding start to the year, with many events occurring over the past few weeks.

Thank you to the many families who attended the Welcome Breakfast and Information Sessions. It was fantastic to see the majority of our families come along for a lovely morning get together and be able to hear about what is ahead for your children at school this year. We hope you all feel informed and more importantly, a part of your child / children's education. A special thank you to the Dunkeld and District Lions Club for their early morning start in cooking all the adults some delicious bacon and egg sandwiches, CK Catering for the scrumptious muffins and fruit for the children and our wonderful P & F Association for helping with the set up and clean up. It was greatly appreciated so early in the term.

Our Swimming Program has been taking place over the past two weeks, with our sports being held last Friday in 'trying' conditions. Lea and Jen McArthur have run the swimming program for many years now and to say the standard keeps getting better and better every year is an understatement. We are incredibly lucky to have these women, along with some wonderful parents and volunteers teach our children such a valuable life lesson. Thank you! Our swimming sports were obviously cut short with lightning arriving and the fastest evacuation from a sporting event I've ever seen! We will be taking the children who missed out on their last individual events, to the pool on Friday afternoon to complete the program and allow for a true overall and individual result. Therefore, no Assembly will be held this Friday and we will instead hold one the following week to announce the results of our swimming sports. Please also take note that many races were held in heats, so although your child might have won their particular race, the times were taken for both heats and an overall result collated for the full age group.



This year has seen a different start to learning with the introduction of our Learning to Learn Program for the first two weeks of schooling. All year levels were involved in this program which supports every child as they step-up and into their new year level. Our expectations for learning are high! The unit sets the standard for our curriculum programs (English, Mathematics, Humanities and 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* program, promoting capable, resilient and confident learners.

Today sees our Parent-Teacher Interviews take place. Teachers are looking forward to meeting the parents of their students and learning more about their child. We thank you for taking the time again to invest in your child's / children's education and creating strong partnerships between home and school.

Thank you, Dee Gerring

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council Elections 2020

Dunkeld Consolidated School will be holding its annual elections for School Council during February and March in 2020. 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 24 February Call for nominations.
Monday 2 March Nominations close at 4.00pm.

Following the closing of nominations 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 2020 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022.	4
DET Employee Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2020 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022.	2

If an election is required:

Friday 6 March Distribute ballot papers on or before this date.
Friday 13 March Close of ballot.
Monday 16 March Count votes and declare the poll.
Tuesday 24 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 (2020-2022). 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 24 March at 7.30pm at school.

The retiring councilors are as follows:

<p>Parent Members:</p> <p>Melissa Field Luke Balkin Mark Lazzari Simon Ross</p>	<p>DET Members:</p> <p>Terrie Nicholson Vacancy</p>
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TERM 1 CLASS CAPTAINS 2020

Congratulations to the below students who have been appointed Term 1 Class Captain for their individual grades.



Annie – Prep / 1



Zoe – Year 1/2



Lachie – Year 3



Cadence Year 4/5



Maxi – Year 5/6

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

On Friday 14 February 2020 the spectacular Dunkeld Consolidated Swimming Sports were held. Everyone tried their best and had a fun and enjoyable day. The winner of the sports is still to be determined. We would like to thank Lea and Jen McArthur for helping us refine our stroke technique over the past two



weeks during swimming lessons. The remaining races will be held this Friday at 2.00pm at the Dunkeld Memorial Swimming Pool so results can be finalised.

George, Grace, Angus and Lucy (Sturgeon and Wannon House Captains)



EVENTS 33-36 RESCHEDULED

Unfortunately due to a thunderstorm our House Swimming Sports ended early on Friday 14 February. The remainder of the individual swimming events which we were unable to complete will now take place on Friday 21 February 2020 at the Dunkeld Swimming Pool. The students who were scheduled to compete in the 8 years Freestyle and the Open Butterfly (events 33 to 36) will be transported to the pool on Friday at 1.45pm and subsequently transported back to school at approximately 3.15pm. There will be no relay events held this year.

SPORTS HOUSES FOR PREPS AND NEW STUDENTS

Congratulations to all our Preps and new students for competing in their first House Swimming Sports. It was fantastic to see our students and many family members cheering on all our swimmers. Will Sturgeon or Wannon be our winner??

STURGEON House (House Colour: Royal Blue): Bobby Blackwell, Dempsey Gerring, Jackson O'Keeffe, Sybil Patterson, George Phillips, Jed Russell, Nellie Wickens, Michaela Roache, Owen Griffiths and Grace Myers.

WANNON House (House Colour: Red): Xavier Macgugan, Anieka Ryan, Ruby Ryan.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen ... by Clare Kennedy

Welcome back to our Kitchen Garden sessions for 2020. We begin with Year 5/6 who during the Learning to Learn program in the first weeks of school discussed "Healthy Body, Healthy Mind". We will prepare our healthy lunchbox in kitchen this week. Thank you to our many friends who will be *planting, harvesting, preparing and sharing* during Semester One. This program is effective because of your willingness to support us in our delivery. You will have received your roster and further information about the school's program and we look forward to working together to provide good food education to our students.



SAKG Kitchen Classes 2020

Year 3 to 6 students will alternate in weekly cooking lessons in the home-style kitchen with our Kitchen Specialist, Clare Kennedy. Students have a shared meal at the end of their Kitchen lesson and contribute \$4.00 each to help cover the cost of ingredients.

This year, the school office will include this charge on your family statement e.g. if you have a Year 3 student their SAKG Kitchen charge for Term 1 will be \$8.00.

From the Garden ... by Lisa McIntyre

Welcome back to our Garden, and what a beautiful start we have had, with glorious rain gently falling.

Thank you to our wonderful Garden Angels and their families, for caring for our chooks and keeping water up to some treasured plants, over our warm and dry summer. We had some particularly bad, extremely hot days, and knowing they were there close by to check the chooks, was very comforting. Bev Hampton, Ruth Kyle, Fiona King and Kate Brian - you are so generous and professional ... perhaps there's a new business venture there for you?!!!

I am really looking forward to our first Garden day this Thursday (20 February). We have had a wonderful response from families and the community, willing to help us as Friends in the Garden. As we can have up to eleven groups of children in one class, to make it work really well, it would be great if we had a Friend for each group. If you have any thoughts of being involved, please get in touch, and I will let you know how it all works, and how rewarding it is to work with these children, all eager to learn about growing and harvesting, and about the world around them.

I hope you will have noticed our beautiful greenhouse sitting on the old basketball court. This was *given* to the school by the Hamilton North Rotary Club, who also helped prepare the site, with parents and past students helping, and with Andrew Peters installing it. Thank you everyone, and to Terrie, who handled much of the administration. It is nearly ready to use.

SAKG Calendars and Cards

We still have some 2020 SAKG calendars in stock which are available for \$15.00 each and packs of assorted gift cards (five to a pack) at \$5.00 each. Please contact the school office if you wish to purchase any items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION FOR 2020

2020 DUNKELD HOCKEY

We are registering expressions of interest for junior hockey players to field our Division 5 Team (7-10 years) and Division 4 Team (under 14 years). Both teams are mixed and play on Saturdays at Pedrina Park during Terms 2 and 3 (excluding holiday period).

Trainings will commence after school towards the end of Term 1 - more details to follow. Please contact Lea for more information or to register interest.

Lea McArthur - 0417 312 089 / email: lea2812@hotmail.com

MUSIC PROGRAM

This year we are very excited to have Mrs Heather Macgugan and Mr Jody Stephens working with teaching staff to deliver our Music Program. Mrs Macgugan will be working with Prep to Year 2, fortnightly for each class. Jody will be working weekly with Year 3 to 6 students. We look forward to having these wonderfully talented musicians teaching our students.

Mrs Macgugan has already had a lesson with Prep/Year 1 this week and Jody will begin lessons the week of Monday 2 March. Jody has asked that all students in Years 3 to 6 have their own recorder. Some students may wish to bring one they already have at home, or they will be available for purchase from school.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY AT BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE

Each Year 6 student has received an invitation to attend the Baimbridge College Year 6 Transition Day on Tuesday 25 February. Students are encouraged to attend the day even if they might be enrolling at a different Secondary School. The day is a great opportunity to meet new students and experience what a day at Secondary School is like. The day is followed by an Information Session for parents at 6.00pm.

CHILD SAFETY AND TRAFFIC GUIDELINES

The safety of your child/children is of the utmost importance. The children should only be in school buildings when the teacher is present. Children will be supervised from 8.45am to 3.30pm unless they are with their parents or at a supervised program.

If you wish to collect your child early you must notify the office and/or the child's teacher. It is important for safety reasons that behavior on the school buses is of the highest standard. Parents are asked to support us by reinforcing this. For any change of travel arrangements, please send a note or make an entry in the child's diary so it may be noted on the relevant school bus roll. A late change may mean a phone call to the office. The school will not take the student's word for a change in school bus travel.

Please refer to the attached guidelines regarding school traffic, which have been distributed previously and are also listed in the school's Information Booklet, available on our school website: <http://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au/page/61/Enrolment>.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

The external school lunch provider is Izzy's Mountain View Café, Dunkeld will recommence taking lunch orders on Monday 18 February. Lunch orders are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. **Students are responsible for placing their orders, written on a brown paper bag with money enclosed, in a specially marked box in the BER building. Please send correct money if possible.** The menu and pricelist are also available on the school website: www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au.

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.

SCHOOL BANKING

Student banking is Tuesday. Student bank books are brought to school and handed to the classroom teacher. A staff member of the Bendigo Bank, Dunkeld and District Community Bank branch will collect bank books and return them to school.

SCHOOL MEDICATION

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 an Asthma Plan is provided. The school must also be notified of any allergies that their child may have.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE/AMBULANCE COVER ARRANGEMENTS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that the Department of Education and Training (DET) does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Insurance policies may be purchased from commercial insurers.

Personal property brought to school by students, visitors or staff including iPads, electronic games, mobile phones, personal computers, calculators, toys, musical instruments, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises are not covered by insurance. The DET does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

REMINDERS

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS ON WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2020

Thursday 20 February 2020:

SAKG Garden Friends – Dennis Dawson, Carol Burger, Miranda Ahearn, Vivien Brodsky, Kaye Wraith, Margaret Cooper, Kate Wickens.

SAKG Kitchen Friends – Priscilla Jury, Jackie Mibus, Emma Gordon, Maria Myers, Stacey Balkin, Casey Trotter.

Thursday 27 February 2020:

SAKG Garden Friends – Dennis Dawson, Jacqui Bagnall, Miranda Ahearn, Vivien Brodsky, Jo Lance, Erin Parker, Casey Trotter, Lyndal Smith, Brian Mathews, Carol Burger, Margaret Cooper, Stacey Balkin, Kaye Wraith.

SAKG Kitchen Friends – Connie Lomas, Kaye Wraith, Holly Herrmann, Jackie Mibus, Heather Hampton, Carol Burger.

FORMS

Headlice Inspection Consent Form – Please return by 27 February 2020.

Dunkeld Consolidated School Traffic Guidelines