



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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MARCH 2023

- Thursday 23 The Resilience Project 'Parent and Community Presentation' webinar commencing at 6.30pm. "Standing Tall" Community Gathering at the Bunyip Hotel commencing at 5.30pm.
- Friday 24 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 4 and Year 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
Earth Hour Schools Day.
National Ride2School Day.
- Monday 27 Year 6 BioCATS Excursion to GMHBA Stadium in Geelong.
- Tuesday 28 School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the staff room.
- Wednesday 29 SGSSA Athletics Sports Day for Year 3 to 6 students at Pedrina Park, Hamilton.
Prep to Year 2 students will attend school as normal.
- Friday 31 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
Special Assembly commencing at 2.40pm in the school hall.

APRIL 2023

- Monday 3 Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal Easter Raffle tickets and monies are due back today.
Casual Dress Day - gold coin donation.
- Thursday 6 Easter Hot Cross Bun Morning commencing at 8.00am at the school.
Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal Easter Raffle drawn today.
LAST DAY OF TERM 1 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.
School Buses will run one hour earlier in the afternoon.
- Monday 24 **FIRST DAY OF TERM 2.**
- Tuesday 25 **ANZAC Day Public Holiday.**
Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service commencing at 6.30am at the Dunkeld Cenotaph, Memorial Park.
- Friday 28 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 4 and Year 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.

MAY 2023

- Thursday 4 Caulfield Grammar School Music students visit and concert for the whole school. SAKG Program will cater for lunch for the Caulfield Grammar School students and staff.
- Friday 5 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Tuesday 9 **School Annual Photos** – students are required to wear full winter school uniform with black shoes/black runners.
- Wednesday 10 SGSSA Cross Country at Tarrington Lutheran School.
Parliament of Victoria 'Community Engagement and Education Program' for Year 5 and 6 students.
- Thursday 11 Year 6 Excursion to attend GRIP Leadership Conference in Ballarat.
- Friday 12 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 4 and Year 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Wednesday 17 Saint John Ambulance 'First Aid in Schools Program' (for all year levels).
- Wednesday 24 National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) – *The Speedy Sloth by Rebecca Young*.
- Tuesday 30 Somers Camp (Year 5 and Year 6 students).

FROM Mrs Angela Field, Principal...

On Wednesday 15 March our school was fortunate to receive a **Lone Pine** seedling under the Friends of Gallipoli's '100 Lone Pines Project'. Dr John Basaran OAM and The Hon Kelvin Thomson of Friends of Gallipoli Inc personally delivered the Lone Pine seedling to our school, with invited guests Ms *Emma* Kealy MP, Member for Lowan and Mr Terry Noble, President, Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch, also in attendance. Our School Captains, Yvette Fanning and Harry McShane, welcomed them and expressed their gratitude for being selected as a school for the project.

Dunkeld Consolidated School had seven students compete at the Regional Swimming Championships in Horsham on Tuesday 14 March, once again a fine example of what our amazing swimming program can produce. Thanks to Mrs Jen McArthur for attending this day and encouraging the children with their events.

Friday 24 March is National Ride2School Day, and we are encouraging our students to ride their bikes (or walk, skate or scoot) to school if possible. Younger students are encouraged to ride with an adult.

At the last Principal Forum, I attended the recent rise across our region in behavioural issues was highlighted. The number of suspensions recorded for the year so far was hard to believe. As a school we have decided to share with families our behaviour management processes/tools, as we too have noticed a rise in the level of behaviour that is not desirable at Dunkeld Consolidated School. Keep an eye out on Seesaw for this information.



Attendance is also a concern across our Wimmera South West (WSW) Region, with schools being contacted regarding students who have had absence days above the expected rate. A reminder to parents/carers to please ensure that student absences are notified, via school website, email or phone call to the office, Seesaw direct to classroom teacher, or student diary if it is a future absence. Staff are required to note absences with specific codes for DET, with regular absences being flagged with DET and school contact made.

Year 3 and 5 students have completed NAPLAN assessments (Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy). Staff were very pleased with the way the students conducted themselves during these assessments and we are proud of their efforts. Results will be available to staff late in term two, with parents reports due early in term three.

Mrs Naomie Phillips and I have commenced our Professional Learning Community training, working through modules online, and attending a face-to-face workshop at Sterling Place in Dunkeld. Ms Dee-Anne Raymond and I have also commenced the WSW Numeracy Learning Community, focusing on refining our instructional model, developing the mathematics proficiencies and focusing on student outcomes.

In Term Two, we will be beginning **electives** every fortnight on Fridays. We have a large list of elective ideas and again we are encouraging Dunkeld community members to be involved, sharing their skills with our students. Some of the elective choices that have been discussed are billycart making, knitting, photography, painting/drawing lessons, cooking, chess, just to name a few. **If you have a skill and would like to be involved, please contact the school.**

Ange Field, Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Assembly on Friday 17 March 2023 – School Captains' Report

- The first term is coming to an end! We have had many events this term.
- Recently our school was fortunate enough to receive a juvenile Lone Pine Tree, grown from a seed directly linked to the one Lone Pine Tree in Gallipoli linking the ANZACs with the Turks, in friendship. It was an honour for our school to be chosen and all staff and students enjoyed this ceremony on a lovely sunny day.
- The Year 6 students are going on an excursion to BioCATS in Geelong.
- Mrs McShane acknowledged the swimmers and the tennis players for their sporting achievements.
- The Prep students did a presentation about *Hairy Maclary*, with rhyming words.
- Honour Certificates were presented.

By Yvette Fanning and Harry McShane



HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Friday 3 March 2023

Prep: Henry Armytage and Layla Macgugan.

Year 1/2: Liam Riddle and Maxi Bubb.

Year 3/4: Jet Roads and George Heazlewood.

Year 4/5: Zoe Trotter and Matilda Pattullo.

Year 6: Alex Bird and Lachie Oldfield Mann.

Friday 17 March 2023

Prep: Charlotte Blackwell and Ned Skermer.

Year 1/2: Indigo Roads and Tilly Alderman.

Year 3/4: Bobby Blackwell and Chloe Skermer.

Year 4/5: Annie Jackson and Banjo Hyland.

Year 6: Max Russell and Clementine Blackwell.

GALLIPOLI LONE PINE TO WESTERN DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOLS

As part of the 100 Lone Pines Project, Friends of Gallipoli Inc wishes to commemorate the ANZAC spirit and to celebrate the Centenary of the Republic of Turkey. On 29 October 1923, the Republic of Turkey was declared and Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the commander facing Anzacs at Gallipoli, became its first President.

Giving ANZAC memories, a new life; the juvenile 100 Lone Pines initiative will represent a symbolic link between the ANZACs, Gallipoli, the Turks and the Australians and the primary school children of Victoria by encouraging local communities to celebrate and preserve their environmental and historical heritage through new growth.



Australians at the Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey

One Lone Pine survived all the odds, during the nine-month campaign. Several cones from that Lone Pine found its way to Australia. The juvenile Lone Pine trees, grown by Botanist Dr Lex Thomson will be planted at four Western District Primary Schools (Maroona, Dunkeld, Gray Street Primary School Hamilton and Branxholme) on 15 March 2023. Dr John Basarin OAM and The Hon.

Kelvin Thomson of Friends of Gallipoli will be joined by the students, staff and local dignitaries at the ceremony of delivering the Lone Pine trees.

Our school community is extremely fortunate to be one of four Primary Schools in the Western District to receive a Lone Pine tree. We wish to sincerely thank the Friends of Gallipoli members, namely Dr John Basarin OAM and The Hon Kelvin Thomson, for personally delivering this precious tree to our school, as part of their historical 100 Lone Pines project, we are truly grateful. Thank you also to Ms Emma Kealy MP, Member for Lowan and Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch President, Mr Terry Noble and his wife, Rose, for their attendance, interest and support.



Our guests, Class Captains and staff members helped place soil around this historical tree. Dr Basarin presented the School Captains, Yvette Fanning and Harry McShane with a framed memento with the memorable words of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk from 1934. This memento is proudly displayed near the front office.



Happy Birthday Dr Seuss



Students and staff recently acknowledged Dr Seuss' birthday by decorating the school walkway with colourful artwork and participating in various Dr Seuss-related activities in their classrooms.

Prep Class

Prep students have had a great time participating in fortnightly STEAM sessions (a mix of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) on a Friday afternoon. These lessons often involve a design challenge, with students working in small groups. So far, we have created a marble run using only small wooden planks, and a home to protect one of our classroom teddies from the 'Big Bad Wolf' using newspaper.



Year 4/5 Class

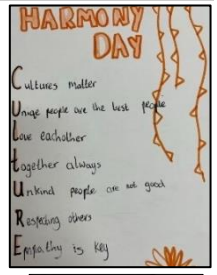
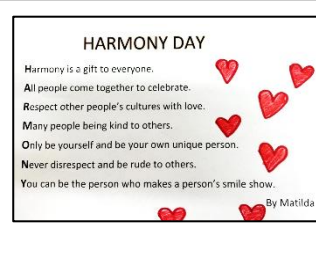
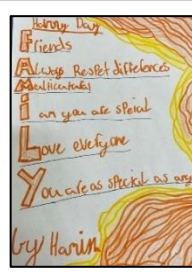


World Wildlife Day

On Friday 3 March, Mr Nick Petropoulos from "Wicked Wildlife" came to our school to tell us what World Wildlife Day was all about. He showed us some animals and talked about how to look after our native wildlife and the environment. Some of the things Nick told us about was keeping the environment clean, and how important it was not to feed the native animals because they can look after themselves. If you feed them, they will keep coming back and will annoy people. The animals that were at school were snakes, blue tongue lizards, a sugar glider and many more. We thank Freddie and Korey, who on behalf of the Student Representative Council, invited Nick to come to our school.

By Hamish Rush, Year 5

HARMONY DAY by Year 4/5 Class



Gotcha' Awards for week ending Friday 17 March 2023

Our school recently introduced Gotcha' Awards (Gotcha' doing something amazing). The following students received an inaugural Gotcha' Award for the week ending Friday 17 March 2023:

- Prep: Egeria Jones
- Year 1/2: Marli Mibus
- Year 3/4: Jude Rush
- Year 4/5: Jim Herrmann
- Year 6: Clementine Blackwell and Max Russell





Easter Hot Cross Bun Morning

Thursday 6 April 2023 at 8.00am

Pop the date in your diary

See you there!

Casual Dress Day

On Monday 3 April there will be a CASUAL DRESS DAY to help raise money for sports equipment for example, basketball tower and soccer nets. Children are asked to bring a gold coin donation.

EASTER RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN ON 6 APRIL 2023

The Easter Raffle will be drawn on **Thursday 6 April 2023**. All raffle proceeds will be forwarded to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Please remember to return your raffle tickets and monies to the school office by Monday 3 April.



2023 Somers School Camp

Every two years our school is offered a limited number of places at the Department of Education and Training's Somers School Camp. Children from our school will join with 160 Year 5 and 6 children from our school district in this very special Outdoor Education and Personal Development program. The camp has both indoor and outdoor activities all run by specialist permanent teaching staff with the assistance of eight local teachers who will accompany the children to and from the camp.



Twelve students from our school will be attending this year's Somers Camp from Tuesday 30 May to Wednesday 7 June 2023: *Freddie Jury, Hamish Rush, Charles Prentice, Harry McShane, Edward Alderman, Felix Hyland, Ned Peters, Elodie Cochran, Zoe Trotter, Yvette Fanning, Amelia (Millie) McShane and Clementine Blackwell.*

SPORTS REPORTS

Regional Swimming

On Tuesday 14 March, seven swimmers from Dunkeld Consolidated School went to Horsham to compete in the Greater Western Region Swimming Championships. Everyone swam wonderfully and it was a great sunny day to be participating in swimming sports. It was wonderful to have Mrs Jen MacArthur there to support us.

Hamilton District Sports Association Tennis Tournament

On Thursday 23 February some of our students competed in the Hamilton District Sports Association (HDSA) Tennis Tournament in Hamilton. Everyone played fantastically even though the day was scorching hot. Alex Bird and Jack Oldfield Mann deserve a special mention because they made it to the semi-finals, and a big congratulations to Jack who advanced to the next event on Thursday 9 March in Warrnambool.

Sports Captains' Report by Lachie Gordon, Jack Oldfield Mann, Millie McShane, Gemma Kyle.

Swimming Sports



Congratulations to our seven students who qualified for the Greater Western Region Swimming Championships, which were held in Horsham on Tuesday 14 March:

Clementine Blackwell, Felix Hyland, Lachie Gordon, Gemma Kyle, Hamish Rush, Elodie Cochran and Banjo Hyland.

Congratulations to Gemma Kyle who recently broke records in the 12-13-year-old Girls' Freestyle 50m and Butterfly 25m at our House Swimming Sports and was also awarded the 12-13 years Girl Age Champion at the South-West Combined Division Swimming Championships in Warrnambool. Wonderful effort, Gemma!



HDSA Tennis Tournament



On Thursday 23 February twelve of our Dunkeld Consolidated School students participated in the Hamilton District Sports Association Tennis Tournament:

Clementine Blackwell, Jack Oldfield Mann, Ned Peters, Kai Roads, Alex Bird, Lucy Rennie, Henrietta Patterson, Hamish Rush, Korey Rennie, Isla Oldfield Mann, Elodie Cochran and Max Russell.



SGSSA Athletics Sports on Wednesday 29 March 2023

As per recent years, the inter-school Athletics Sports are for students in Years 3 to 6 only and will be held on Wednesday 29 March 2023 at Pedrina Park, North Boundary Road, Hamilton, commencing at 9.30am sharp.

A reminder that the Prep to Year 2 students will not be attending the SGSSA District Athletics Sports, they will attend school as normal. Please note that Woodhouse and Mirranatwa School Buses will run as normal for any Prep to Year 2 school bus travellers.

A program of events has been sent home with students in Years 3 to 6. **Please take your program to the sports day as there will be no other copies available on the day.**

Parents are responsible for transporting their child/children to this event. However, if some parents are unavailable, we suggest organising with another family for travel and supervision arrangements. Students are to wear their school polo shirt (royal blue), navy blue shorts and runners as their sports uniform.

If your child has medical needs, we recommend that they bring their own medication to the sports day e.g. EpiPen, Asthma puffer etc. Parents need to be responsible for administration of medications needed on the day.

Please ensure that children have their school hat to wear, plenty of water to drink and sunscreen for the day and packed lunch/snacks. There will be no canteen operating this year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council Elections 2023

After calling for nominations for School Council, four have been received filling all our parent member vacancies and two have been received for the DET employee member vacancies, therefore a ballot is not required.

The four parent school councillors for the two-year term (2023 - 2025) are Rachel Blackwell, Sarah Alderman, Lachy Patterson and Ben Parkinson. The elected DET members for the same two-year term are Anne Gilbert and Jackie Mibus. The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Tuesday 28 March in the school staff room commencing at 7.30pm. This meeting will also include election of office bearers and discussion about co-option for casual vacancies.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program

WOW! It was lovely to see the amazing brightly coloured aprons in the Kitchen recently, with fabric kindly donated by the Balkin family and handmade by a generous 'volunteer' Grampians Retreat family member! *Thank You!!*



Kitchen...

Friday 10 March:
In cooking, the Year 4 and Year 5 students had fun preparing Burgers and Chips, with an Autumn twist. It was different and tasted delicious.



Friday 17 March:

In cooking this week, the Year 6 students had a Saint Patrick's Day theme and we all enjoyed Colcannon, Irish Nettle Soup, Potato and Rosemary Soda Bread and Irish Boxty (potato pancakes).



Garden...

This fortnight in gardening the Year 6 students found out which garden beds they would be looking after and named their groups. There are six groups and these are the names that were chosen - Bruising Brussels, Enormous Eggplants, Perfect Peaches, Cool Cucumbers, Chunky Potatoes and the Oversized Oranges.



We also potted plants for Mother's Day.

SAKG Captains' Report by Felix Hyland, Alex Bird and Kai Roads.

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS FOR 2023

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 commenced taking lunch orders for Term 1, from Tuesday 21 February 2023.

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 available on the school website: <https://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au/page/77/School-Lunch-Orders>

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.



LOST PROPERTY

There is currently an accumulation of lost property at the school. If you are missing any items, please feel free to look through the lost property box located in the sick bay.

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.

(All small batteries including A, C, D, AA, AAA, 9 volt, button batteries may be dropped off to the relevant supermarkets in Hamilton for recycling).

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.

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.

Thank you for your continued support!

Parent & Community Presentation

At The Resilience Project, our mission is to teach positive mental health strategies to help people build happiness and resilience.

Some of the mental health statistics in our country are startling. Looking after our mental health doesn't have to be.

We are especially committed to delivering programs in primary and secondary schools. These settings have the greatest opportunity to instil positive wellbeing habits in our youth, and rewrite the confronting mental health statistics.



One in four adolescents will experience mental health problems this year and nearly two thirds of them will not seek help.



Alarminglly, **one in seven** primary school students are also likely to experience mental health problems this year.



Through engaging presentations, student curriculum, teacher resources and digital content, our School Program supports mental health not just in the classroom, but also in the family home.

During our Parent & Community Presentation, Hugh van Cuylenburg or Martin Heppell will share their experiences and combine them with practical strategies that can be implemented every day to improve our overall wellbeing.

The research is clear; the more positive emotion you experience, the more resilient you will be. For that reason we focus on three key pillars that have been proven to cultivate positive emotion; **Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM)**.

Key Takeaways

As parents and carers, we know you want to show up for your kids, support their mental health, and encourage them to be the best they can be. An important part of showing up for our children, however, is first showing up for ourselves.

Our Parent & Carer Presentation will help you...

- **Equip yourself with simple, practical tools** to look after your own wellbeing.
- **Be informed** of the confronting mental health statistics in our country, and **understand why prevention is the key** to changing this narrative (especially for our children).
- **Learn about GEM (Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness)** - the evidence-based principles your kids' are living and breathing at school to feel happier and build resilience.
- **Feel confident** in holding positive wellbeing discussions with your family.