

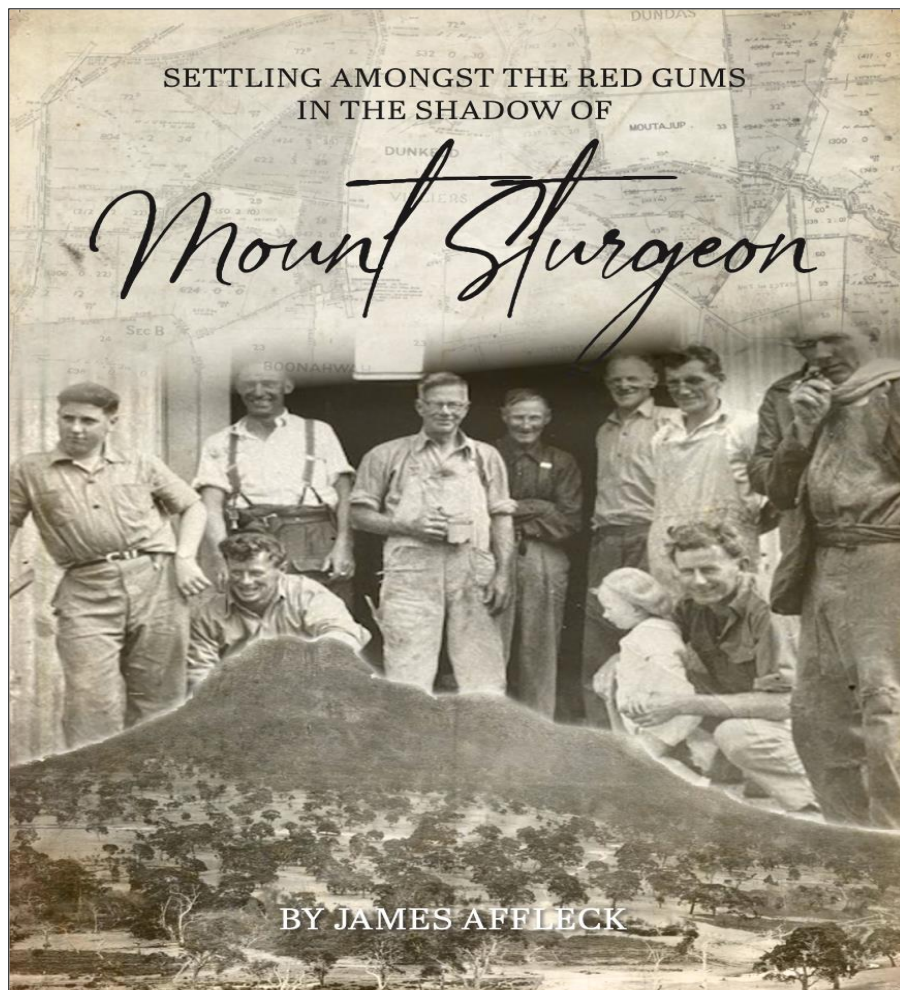
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SAVE THE DATE

The Dunkeld Museum invites you to the launch of James Affleck's publication

“Settling Among the Redgums in the Shadow of Mount Sturgeon”

(A publication capturing the lives of Mount Sturgeon Soldier Settlers)

TO BE HELD AT STERLING PLACE, DUNKELD

2.00pm on Sunday 10 April 2022 (tentative date)

(More information next newsletter)

The purpose of the Dunkeld & District Community Newsletter is to share information about activities, events, projects and services in our local district and surrounds, including historical information. It is not a platform for political or public argument. The newsletter is supported by local business advertising. The Dunkeld & District Community Newsletter reserves the right to accept or reject any submissions at its discretion without notification.

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Dunkeld & District Community Bank	\$120
Derek and Sue Morse	\$ 50
Anonymous	\$ 50
Olwyn Hogan	\$ 25

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CHURCH TIMES

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Co-Pastor: Father Pat Mugavin - 5571 1161

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Co-Pastor: Father George Kuruvila – 5571 1161

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4 th Week	Sunday	February 27	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
1 st Week	Sunday	March 6	8.30am	Mass
2 nd Week	Sunday	March 13		No service – Mass at Glenthompson
3 rd Week	Sunday	March 20	8.30am	Mass
4 th Week	Sunday	March 27	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

1st and 3rd Sundays at Saint Mary's opposite the Post Office at 5.00pm with Father David Oulton.

2nd Sundays - an Ecumenical gathering and sharing in the Round at 5.00pm at Sterling Place Community Centre led by the Uniting Church. We look forward to meeting you. All welcome. Enquiries to Father David phone: 5571 1317.

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

Enquiries: Margo Dark 5574 0222; Iris Field 5574 0202; Kristy Beveridge 0428 581 903

WHAT'S ON IN FEBRUARY / MARCH

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
21	22	23 Newsletter issue 2 distributed.	24	25	26	27
28 Red Cross meeting 2.00pm Henry Leech RSL Room	1 MARCH	2	3	4 Newsletter issue 3 deadline	5	6
7 DPA meeting 7.30pm Sterling Place	8	9 Newsletter issue 3 distributed	10	11	12 Dunkeld Farmers/Makers Market	13
14 Labour Day Public Holiday	15	16	17	18 Newsletter issue 4 deadline	19	20



DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

OPEN FOR BUSINESS: Opening times

Sunday 1.00pm – 5.00pm and

Thursday 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

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.

MUSEUM DUTY ROSTER FOR MARCH

Sun 6 March Joyce Gordon, David Gordon

Sun 13 March David Baker

Sun 20 March Bill and Fay Gordon, Mary-Ann Brown

Sun 27 March Simon Armytage, Jenny Crawford

NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Welcome new life members Patsy Waller (Griffin) and Meg Campbell (Howard).

Patsy was a local girl who grew up in Dunkeld, joined the teaching profession, taught at our local school and has now come back to Dunkeld in retirement. Meg Campbell was the daughter of Mount Sturgeon Soldier Settler Mark Howard, she is eagerly awaiting the publication of James Affleck's "Settling Amongst the Red Gums in the Shadow of Mount Sturgeon". Meg contributed to the story about her father Mark Howard and his life as a soldier settler near Dunkeld. Meg has joined as a life member, also made a generous donation to the museum in appreciation of our generosity to sponsor the publication of this important book James has written.

Although the Museum has recently been closed to the public due to Covid, the committee has been working behind the scenes and planning activities for the coming months, including guest speaker meetings, orientation days for new volunteers and the launch of James Affleck's book.

We are seeking more volunteers and members, so come along on Sunday or Thursday afternoon and have a look at our local history keeping house and hear the fascinating stories relating to each object on display, even join in to help us record and preserve our local history and heritage items.



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Over the past year, Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre has been working towards being Dunkeld's Neighbourhood Safer Place in the event of an emergency. The signage from the previous site has been relocated and we are about to install 'Break Glass in the event of an emergency' key safes at front and rear doors. Southern Grampians Shire will provide some locational street signage and communicate the changed NSP location. Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre is also the designated Emergency Relief Centre.

We were fortunate to receive funding for increased solar panels and a Tesla Solar Battery. This will provide an emergency power back up to the facility in the event of an emergency. The installation is almost complete.

NBN Sky Muster has been installed this will provide NBN coverage even if the service is unavailable elsewhere in town.

We appreciate the support and funding we have received from Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

Bookings have been slow over the Christmas and New Year period but things are starting to pick up. We look forward to a Regional Arts touring production coming later in the year and hopefully the Comedy Festival will make it in June, fingers crossed!

Take care and pop in and say hello if you are passing. The office is open Tuesday – Thursday mornings.

Annette Jones, Manager

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***NOTE CHANGE OF HOURS**

MONDAY TO THURSDAY - 7.00am – 4.30pm

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DATE: Saturday 12 March 2022

VENUE: Off the Rails Gallery

(old Dunkeld Railway Station)

TIME: 9.30am - 1.30pm

STALL COSTS: \$25 (\$35 - with power)

ENQUIRIES: Leonie Tyson 0458 212 058 or
the.diggings@bigpond.com



SOME OUTSIDE SITES STILL AVAILABLE

We would love to see you there to help support our wonderful and creative local producers and artists.



Eel Festival 2022 – Call for Volunteers!

Volunteers are needed to help with this year's Lake Bolac Eel Festival.

The festival is 25 to 26 March 2022.

Volunteers who commit to a minimum of two hours work receive a complimentary pass to the festival program on Saturday, March 26; they must be fully vaccinated.

The volunteer work includes helping to set up the festival stage, stalls and seating; assisting with the running of the festival on the day; and packing up at the end on Sunday 27 March.

Some 50 plus volunteers are needed.

Festival Chair, Rachel Taylor, said, "The Festival marks a significant historical gathering of Aboriginal clans when the eels were most abundant in Lake Bolac, helps to identify regional environmental issues and aims to raise awareness of Indigenous cultural values."

"We are seeking volunteers who support the aims of the festival," Ms Taylor said.

Volunteers will receive an email with instructions, including a position description and a list of tasks, about a week prior to the festival.

If interested, email the Lake Bolac Eel Festival Volunteer Coordinator at festival@eelfestival.org.au

The festival will be a fully vaccinated event at which all attendees (artists, stall holders, volunteers, audience) able to be vaccinated will need to be fully vaccinated and show their vaccination certificate on arrival.

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Dunkeld Fitzpatrick Sawmill

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We are not holding our Open Day in April. At this stage anything can happen. Perhaps we will try for later in the year. We are still on the lookout for saw logs.

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Next meeting: Monday 7 March. Time: 7.30 pm

Please feel welcome to attend. Notification of guest speakers will be advertised.

Would you like greater involvement in the DPA? Please consider the following:

Committee vacancies – Secretary and/or Minutes Secretary
- Media Liaison

Please contact us ASAP should you be interested
(dunkeld.progress@gmail.com)

Membership (February 2022 - January 2023): open to Dunkeld residents and Dunkeld-based business owners with a 3294 postcode, with voting rights, current information and minutes of meetings.

Residents and Not-For-Profit Groups: Membership Fee \$5.00 per annum.

Business: Membership Fee \$10.00 per annum

- Business promotion on DPA Website
www.dunkeldvictoria.org.au

Membership forms available at the Dunkeld Post Office, meetings and on the website. Membership can also be paid via internet transfer (details at the end of this statement).

The DPA streetscape sub-committee is currently formulating a document for the Southern Grampians Shire Council regarding new waste bins (not wheelie types), bins locations, collection of waste and parking bays line marking. The shire will expedite these requests. Speed limit reduction in Parker Street to 40kph and the caravan park/fuel station/ emergency services corner are issues also being negotiated. The shire has released a draft Waste Management Strategy to which DPA will send a submission. If you would like to have input on this management strategy, refer to www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au then send your feedback, inclusions etc by 27 February to dunkeldprogress@gmail.com

A further sub-committee is being formed to create walking pathways and bike tracks for leisure, in and around the township. If you interested in establishing these tracks, please contact DPA on dunkeldprogress@gmail.com

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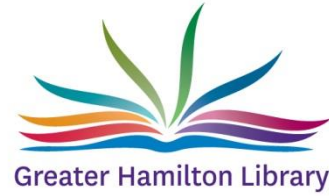


RED CROSS NEWS

Just a reminder that the first meeting for 2022 will be in the **Henry Leech RSL**

Room at 2.00pm on Monday 28 February. Please bring some fresh ideas and remember your vaccination dates if not already registered.

Iris Field, Secretary



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Golf Day

The Lions Club will be conducting a charity golf day at the Grampians Golf Course, Dunkeld on Sunday 1 May 2022.

Proceeds from the day will go to Lions Diabetes Awareness Foundation. Some statistics about diabetes:

- The World Health Organisation reports 2.75 million Covid deaths globally in 2021, while the International Diabetes Federation reported the global deaths attributed to diabetes is 4.2 million in 2019.

There will be more details regarding the Golf Day in further newsletters, so if you can please support this worthwhile day. Simon Macgugan is the co-ordinator.

One the Catholic Priest did not win

A priest from a nearby parish bought a lawn mower at a garage sale. Back home, he pulls on the starter rope a few times with no results. He storms back to the garage sale and tells the previous owner, "I can't get the mower to start."

"That's because you have to curse to get it started," says the man.

"I'm a man of the cloth. I don't even remember how to curse."
"You keep pulling on that rope, and it will come back to you."

(I have a mower just like that, must have been made by the same crowd, mine is a Rover, but I reckon the worst thing to get me upset is the Stihl chainsaw.)

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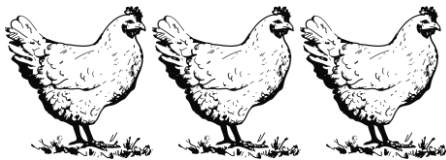
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Grampians Cricket Club

Special Shoutouts Part 2!

On Sunday 13 February some of our very talented younger Grampians

players were playing representative cricket.

U14 Female All Star Series This team is made up from players from Western Victoria. Both Grace Potter and Lucy Fraser were selected to play for the Western Waves. The girls travelled to Horsham to play the Mallee Murray team. The Western Waves won convincingly under hot conditions. Grace Potter made 17 runs not out and took a wicket. Lucy Fraser kept for the team.

U15 Male All Star Series This team is made up of players from Western Victoria. Eddie McShane was selected for the Western Waves team. He too played at Horsham and made 13 runs for his team who were just too good for their Mallee Murray opposition.

Dukes-VCCL U18s Zac Burgess and Josh Gordon playing for Western Waves travelled to Bendigo to play North-East Country in the Grand Final. They proved to be too strong for their opposition. Zac Burgess top scored with 56 runs and then kept for his team. Josh Gordon finished with very impressive figures of 3 for 26 off 9 overs.

Congratulations to all these players! A fantastic achievement.

Learn to Play Cricket

The Club is running a Learn to Play cricket program for children in Grades Prep to 3.

Where: Dunkeld Consolidated School (Dunkeld Turf wicket)

Date: Tuesday 8 March (for four weeks)

Time: 4:00pm to 4:40pm

Cost: \$30.00

You can register your interest to Sarah Alderman on 0407 729 201.

Meanwhile in the regular competition...

Under 12 Cubs played the Pumas on the turf on 2 February. The Cubs batted first and both times talent was on display with Charles Prentice scoring 14 and Darcy Potter taking 2 wickets. In the chase the Pumas had a whole team performance with the bat, with Ben Peters top scoring with 12 and Freddie Jury and Ned Peters scoring 10 each. George Heazlewood was the best of the bowlers with 2 for 6.

On 9 February the Cubs played Hamilton on the turf. Bowling first George Heazlewood took 3 for 8 before backing it up with 9 retired. Edward Alderman also had a good game making 19 runs and taking a wicket.

The Cubs played College Blue at Hamilton on 16 February. College Blue won the toss and batted first. Charles Prentice took 2 wickets and Harry McShane and Seamus McDonald both took a wicket each. Hugh Prentice made an impressive 34 before retiring and Lachie Gordon 16.

Under 12 Pumas took on Macarthur on the 9th of February. Darcy Potter was the best of the bowlers with 1-7 while Charlie Linke and Ben Peters equal top scored with 10 runs.

The Pumas had the bye and will next play the Cubs at Dunkeld on 23 February.

Under 14s Team travelled to Myrning to play College in a one-day match on Saturday 5 February. Bowling first, the Pumas bowled College out for 98 with Louis Lazzari taking 4 for 8. He was well backed up by Hayden Phillips and Taylor Haley who both took 2 wickets. With the bat the Pumas completed a strong performance finishing at 3-136 off their 24 overs. Brodie Phillips and Hayden Phillips, Tom Gordon and Angus Hazelwood all retired on 25.

On 12 February they took on Tarrington at home in day 1 of a 2-day match. Bowling first they had Tarrington all out for just 51 with Brodie Phillips, Hayden Phillips and Tom Gordon taking 2 wickets apiece. With the bat, Angus Heazlewood's 17 and Myles Alderman's 16 meant the Pumas finished with 1 for 37 at stumps. They will resume their innings on Saturday needing just 15 more runs to win.

Under 15 Girls took on Tarrington at home on 1 February. Bowling first, they bowled the visitors out for 99 with Lucy Fraser taking 3 for 15. In the chase the girls fell an agonising 7 runs short. Lucy Fraser completed a good all-round performance with 27 not out.

On 8 February the girls travelled to Macarthur. Unfortunately, it was a long day in the field despite the best efforts of Bonnie Jackson who took 1 for 14 off 3 overs. Charlotte Alderman was the best of the batters for the Pumas with 16 not out.

At home against College on 15 February they had a great win. College struggled with the bat finishing with 2 for 74. Bonnie Jackson and Lillian Glazebrook took a wicket each. In reply Grace Potter and Bonnie Jackson retired on 35. They were well supported with Ella Peters, Charlotte Alderman and Lucy Fraser all making double figures.

Under 16s Team took on Saint Andrews at the Monivae Turf in a two-day match. Fielding first they kept Saint Andrews to 7-161 with Wynn Rentsch the best of the bowlers taking 2 wickets. The following week in the chase they fell short of the total by 22 runs. The best of the batters were: Campbell Glazebrook retiring with 50, Eddie McShane 20 followed closely by Brodie Phillips with 18.

On Tuesday 15 February they made the trek to play Casterton at home. Grampians batted first with Campbell Glazebrook making a steady 42 runs and Lachie Phillips making 41 off 52 balls that included 4 fours. Brodie Phillips was next best making 36 runs. At the end of their innings the Pumas were 7 for 165. They will be hoping to defend the total when they return to Casterton next Tuesday.

C Grade Men travelled to Byaduk on 5 February. Batting first, even with Greg Millard's unbeaten 82, the team finished with 7-127. With the ball, the Pumas put up a fight with Hayden Phillips and Mick Alderman the best of the bowlers with two wickets each.

On 12 February the Pumas were on home turf against Casterton. Fielding first, they restricted Casterton to 9-141 with Hayden Phillips collecting 3-23. In the chase that luck was not replicated.

A Grade Women played on Friday 4 February when they travelled to Casterton to take on the Maroons. Batting first, openers Ella Jackson and Grace Potter both retired on 35 to guide the Pumas to 1-105. Unfortunately, Casterton chased the runs down in the final over with Grace Potter collecting 1 for 7 with the ball.

The following Friday it was a better result. Bowling first Tarrington were bowled out for just 66 in the final over with Grace Potter taking 3 for 6 and Bonnie Jackson collecting 2 for 7. Then in the run chase Grampians raced to 1-135 from their 16 overs with Ella Jackson and Marni Luhrs both making 35 (retired) and Olivia Read making 28 not out.

A Grade Men took on Saint Andrews at Clem Young Oval on Saturday 5 February. Bowling first they were able to restrict Saint Andrews to just 151 from their 45 overs with Carl Joyce taking 1-15 off 9 economical overs. In the chase the Pumas never got going and were beaten to drop to sixth on the ladder.

After that tough loss, they then played College Cricket Club on 12 February. Batting first, Tom Polkinghorne and Josh Gordon equal top scored with 37 to lead the Pumas to a steady total of 7-181. When it was their turn with the ball, they had College 9-130 with Justin Coote taking 3 for 22, before an unbeaten final wicket stand of 56 saw College to victory.

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.

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SCHOOL NEWS

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** wrapped up on Friday 18 February, and I wish to express my gratitude for all 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! Last Friday, we held a successful House Swimming Sports for students in Years 2 to 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. This is an opportunity for families to meet teachers and discuss the academic, social and emotional needs of their child.

Ange Field
Acting Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Humpty Dumpty – 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 2/3 students created art pieces about what we enjoy and what makes us curious.

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.



Term 1 2022 Class Captains

Congratulations to the below students who have been appointed Term 1 Class Captains for their individual grades: Ruby Mibus, Prep/Year 1, Olivia Balkin – Year 2/3, Millie McShane – Year 4/5, Darcy Potter – Year 5/6



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

Please complete and return the preference form/s to school BY FRIDAY 25 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

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.

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FATHER DAVID MUMBLINGS Volunteering is good for you

The good news is that I was able to volunteer for Park Run the other day. You can even look up the Hamilton Facebook page and find a photo of the occasion.

It was a simple task really. Just hand out the plastic token barcode thingy as people crossed the line and congratulate them on a fantastic effort! I've done that five kilometres and it is quite a way.

It was lovely to chatter and work with others who knew exactly what they were doing and to be part of a team. It also reminded me that I was part of something much bigger. In fact, Park run, like Mother Church is world-wide.

On the way home I reflected that everyone who comes to Church is also a volunteer. No-one gets paid to come to Church, in fact folk put money in as they come into the building. Some of them have visible jobs like serving at the altar, playing the organ or handing out the books. Some of them have hidden jobs like vacuuming the vast amount of carpet we have, washing the dishes after mass or folding pew sheets. All are important, all are necessary, all are valued, and all are deeply appreciated!

I also realised again that volunteering is a privilege. To serve others and to put something back into a community whether Parish or Park run is a fabulous experience. The collegiality, the sense of participation, being able to help out, is infinitely rewarding. It not only helps the organisation but the volunteer is also enhanced and enriched. Something about being needed and appreciated?

Park run is on Saturdays at 8.00am. Sunday Morning Mass at Hamilton is at 10:30am. Volunteering is good for you. All are welcome!
Father David Oulton

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One Summer Morning by Marion Colton

I set off up the gravel section of Wills Street in the cool of the morning, walking from shadow to shadow of the ancient River Red Gums, crossed the highway, wandered down Armytage Street through the Arboretum to the second lagoon. I placed my wet-pants (always in my pack for erratic weather) on the dry earth in the shade of a large River Red Gum facing west. Around me the dry terrain was littered with gum leaves of every shape and colour and stage of desiccation. The Water-milfoil, *Myriophyllum crispatum*, was reduced to dwarfs by the receding waters of the lagoon, a few feathery leaves remaining green, but the majority transformed to a deep Indian-red, dried by hot summer suns, winds and lack of moisture.

I sat down, glad to be in a cool, beautiful and tranquil spot, and enjoyed my muesli breakfast, gazing over the sparkling waters. The reflections were so clear and sharply defined, and the colours so truly depicted, that it was difficult to distinguish water from land. Only when an emu strutted elegantly on the rise of golden turf opposite, did I see where reflections began, and land ended. A smidgen of a grey line in the water designated the asphalt walking path on the far side of the lagoon.

I'd been watching the emus for some time. There were two of them, adults. I first became aware of one near the old River Red Gum next to the entrance to the Old Ararat Road. It was slowly wandering along the tree line. I presumed it was the male I had watched the previous day and I was looking for its young which accompanied it ... just one. But there was no sign of a younger bird. I then became aware of a second adult emu under a clump of trees directly opposite me. The former emu, perhaps the male, turned around and slowly glided towards its mate, where they both seemed to fossick near the trees. They seemed to be heading in the direction of the lagoon, maybe to drink, but no, they retraced their steps to the shade of the trees where they were well-camouflaged. Later the 'male' strode off to its former position and after a short time following the hedge line, decided to head across the bleached grass to the most northerly lagoon. Was he impatient waiting for his mate, or is that merely a human projection? After a little while 'she' decided to leave whatever was tempting her in, or under, the trees, heading elegantly after 'him', with a few dainty runs just before the path, and then out of vision.

My attention returned to the water and the Eurasian Coots. Opposite, at the foot of two sapling gums, one was swimming near the reeds by the shore. Every so often, it would dive, completely submerge itself, resurface and appeared to be eating something it had found. This seemed to be its favoured spot for dining.

When it tired of this activity, or was sufficed, it paddled in a diagonal line across the tall, reed-reflected waters and perched on some fallen reeds near the shore to my left. Midway, it met another young coot, still with blackened bill, its feathers a dark grey. They seemed to greet. The young coot turned around and accompanied the other for a short distance, then resumed its chosen direction. The mature coot spent a considerable time preening itself on the jumbled reeds in the shade of a large River Red Gum.

These "reeds" are actually sedges and are in the prime at the time of the year. They are one of the Spike-sedges, possibly the common one, *Eleocharis acuta*. They are tall, blue-green, with fat, rounded stems which end in a pale, rusty, pointed tip, or spike. They are massed together in this lagoon and form two large sedge 'islands' with a channel between them, and they are much favoured by the wetland birds. The Purple Swamp Hens make their nests among them, either on fallen stalks or trampling them to form a rough platform. At the

moment, one is strutting through the Water-milfoil in front of me.

My attention returned to the young coot which had, by this time, arrived at the 'feeding ground' of the former adult coot. There it was joined by another mature coot, distinguished by its white bill and jet-black feathers. They are often solitary birds, so today was an exception.

Dragonflies streaked back and forth in their speedy but jerky flights. At times they zoomed rapidly to the water's surface, and then rose, equally rapidly. The Water-milfoil created a bright green border contouring the lagoon. A black cormorant circled overhead, then repeated its flight and disappeared. On the opposite grasslands a lone ibis, with its curved bill, strutted, fossicking for food, then took to the air, circling over the trees with its huge wings. Every so often, a Cabbage-White butterfly settled on the Water-milfoil, or spiralled with its mate. A Little Wattle Bird landed on a sapling on the far shore.

The sky was woolly-white, the strands of wool broken by celestial blue. Behind Wurgarri's rocky summit, the whiteness thickened and yellowed.

The coot stirred again, having finished its preening, and set off for its 'feeding ground' on the other side. I watched the huge ripples from its wake gathering the light and bisecting the reflections. Then all was calm once more.

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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 (\$40.00 per person) for 2022 is now due. If you are a

relative of ex-service men or women, you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson, 341 McIntyre's Crossing Road, Moutajup or phone: 5573 3353.

Annual General Meeting: An Annual General Meeting, followed by a general meeting, will be held on Sunday 20 March 2022 commencing at 11.00am in the Henry Leech RSL Room. A light finger food lunch and beverages will be served at the conclusion of the meeting. All are welcome to attend. (COVID-19 procedures will apply including full vaccination status and social distancing).

Lieutenant Colonel Vivian Bullwinkel: Vivian Bullwinkel, sole survivor of the 1942 Banka Island massacre, was born on 18 December 1915 at Kapunda, South Australia. She trained as a nurse and midwife at Broken Hill, New South Wales, and began her nursing career in Hamilton, Victoria, before moving to the Jessie McPherson Hospital in Melbourne in 1940.



In 1941, wanting to enlist, Bullwinkel volunteered as a nurse with the RAAF but was rejected for having flat feet. She was, however, able to join the Australian Army Nursing Service; assigned to the 2/13th Australian General Hospital (2/13th AGH), in September 1941 she sailed for Singapore. After a few weeks with the 2/10th AGH, Bullwinkel rejoined the 13th AGH in Johor Baharu.

Japanese troops invaded Malaya in December 1941 and began to advance southwards, winning a series of victories and, in late January 1942, forcing the 13th AGH to evacuate to Singapore. But the short-lived defence of the island ended in defeat, and, on 12 February, Bullwinkel and 65 other nurses boarded the SS Vyner Brooke to escape the island.

Two days later, the ship was sunk by Japanese aircraft. Bullwinkel, 21 other nurses and a large group of men, women, and children made it ashore at Radji Beach on Banka Island; they were joined the next day by about 100 British soldiers. The group elected to surrender to the Japanese, and while the civilian women and children left in search of someone to whom they might surrender, the nurses, soldiers, and wounded waited.

Some Japanese soldiers came and killed the men, then motioned the nurses to wade into the sea. They then machine-gunned the nurses from behind. Bullwinkel was struck by a bullet and pretended to be dead until the Japanese left. She hid with a wounded British private for 12 days before deciding once again to surrender. They were taken into captivity, but the private died soon after. Bullwinkel was reunited with survivors of the Vyner Brooke. She told them of the massacre, but none spoke of it again until after the war lest it put Bullwinkel, as witness to the massacre, in danger. Bullwinkel spent three and half years in captivity; she was one of just 24 of the 65 nurses who had been on the Vyner Brooke to survive the war.

Bullwinkel retired from the army in 1947 and became Director of Nursing at Melbourne's Fairfield Hospital. She

devoted herself to the nursing profession and to honouring those killed on Banka Island, raising funds for a nurses' memorial and serving on numerous committees, including a period as a member of the Council of the Australian War Memorial, and later president of the Australian College of Nursing.

In the decades following the war, Bullwinkel received many honours and awards, including the Florence Nightingale Medal, an MBE and the AM. She married in 1977 and returned to Banka Island in 1992 to unveil a shrine to the nurses who had not survived the war. Vivian Bullwinkel died on 3 July 2000.¹

¹ <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/P10676383>

80 years since the bombing of Darwin: Just before 10.00am, on 19 February 1942, World War II forced itself onto Australia's mainland for the first time, when formations of 188 Japanese aircraft mounted a deadly air raid on Darwin, dropping more bombs than were used in the attack on Pearl Harbour. On that fateful day at least 235 people were killed, more than 400 were wounded, 30 aircraft were destroyed, 11 ships were sunk and many civilian and military facilities were damaged. This attack marked the first of at least 64 air raids on Northern Australia and attacks continued until 12 November 1943. The devastation suffered was profound.



In 2011 Bombing of Darwin Day joined ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day as a National Day of Observance. On Bombing of Darwin Day we reflect on our past, pay tribute to the service men and women who courageously defended our country, and remember all those who were affected by the war fought over Northern Australia.²

² <https://www.rslaustralia.org/bombing-of-darwin>