

Dunkeld & District Newsletter



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DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB DIVISION 4 PREMIERS!

Playing at Hamilton on a true and quick rink our mighty Division 4 teams had a strong win and came away as the 2019-2020 Premiers, defeating Casterton who fought bravely all throughout.

The team of John McIntyre leading, Sandy Riddle as second, Uncle Brian (Mathews) as third and with Monty (Geoff Montgomery) as skipper got away to a very slow start and things did not look promising. But the group held their faith and gradually pared back Casterton finally going down by a small margin.

On the next rink with (I will bowl the backhand) Grub (Graeme Templeton), leading strongly, ably backed up by Peter (full Scotch, please) MacLean as two and Heather McIntyre playing strongly pulling out some great shots as third, the team cooked the cake for skipper Bob Napier, who as usual added the icing.

A solid win with 53 shots to 41 shots at play's end.

Overall, a great day of Bowls, finishing off a very fine year. Congratulations to the group for a great result. It was pleasing to see young Smiley (Matt) Cole and Ray Keilar in attendance and right behind the team despite missing out on playing but both contributed greatly during the season.

Post-game it was back to the clubhouse for a lengthy and well-earned celebration. **This was our first premiership since 1998!**

Next year it appears Division 4 will be elevated to Division 3, and Peshurst will drop back to Division 4. Continued on page 3.



Back row: John McIntyre, Heather McIntyre, 'Sandy' Riddle, 'Grub' Templeton
Front Row: Brian Mathews, Bob Napier (S), 'Monty' Geoff Montgomery (S), Peter MacLean

DONATIONS

Dunkeld & District Community Bank \$60
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CHURCH TIMES

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|----------------------|---------|----------|--------|--|
| 3 rd Week | Sunday | March 15 | 8.30am | Mass |
| | Tuesday | March 17 | 6.00pm | Mass followed by an Irish meal – Saint Patrick's Day |
| 4 th Week | Sunday | March 22 | 9.00am | Assembly of Word and Communion |
| 5 th Week | Sunday | March 29 | 9.00am | Assembly of Word and Communion |

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There will be an **Easter Service** at the Mirranatwa Uniting Church at **11.00am on Good Friday**, with the Rev Angie Griffin. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Contact: Iris Field 5574 0202 or Margo Dark 5574 0222.

WHAT'S ON IN MARCH / APRIL

| MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI | SAT | SUN |
|--|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 9 | 10 | 11 Newsletter issue 3 distributed | 12 | 13 | 14 Printmaking Workshop @ 10am | 15 |
| 16 Dunkeld Arboretum Meeting @ 8.00pm | 17 Red Cross Zone Meeting @ 10am St Patricks Church St Patricks Day Celebration @ 6pm | 18 Dunkeld Arboretum Meeting @ 8.00pm | 19 Dunkeld Museum General Meeting @ 7.30pm | 20 Deadline for Newsletter issue 4 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 Newsletter issue 4 distributed | 26 | 27 End of Term 1 | 28 | 29 Unveiling & launch Old Cemetery plaque & book @ 1.30pm |
| 30 | 31 | 1 APRIL | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

DUNKELD ARBORETUM DEVELOPMENT GROUP INC

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 March at 8.00pm at the Dunkeld Community Centre. All welcome. *Heather Hampton, Secretary*

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From the Lions Den



Since the last newsletter the club has been involved in two social functions. The first was a zone picnic in the Dunkeld Park, hosted by us. Our zone comprises the clubs of Hamilton, Cavendish, Peshurst and Dunkeld, a good day was had by all who attended. Then last Wednesday we were invited to the Willaura Lions Club for a shared dinner. The importance of these functions is that you get to know the other Lions of the area but you also get to exchange ideas and assist each other with various projects.

We have three projects coming up shortly, the Challenge Cancer Camp for children is on in mid-April, the ANZAC Day service where we will be supplying breakfast, and the International Night in May.

Another car story

Recently I was at church and the Gospel was the story about the farmer who had a bumper crop and decided to erect more buildings to keep it in. He thought he was set for years but God was going to call him that night. A powerful story (which I haven't done justice to) and as I was reading it, it reminded me of when I was a young bloke hearing it in Ararat. On that occasion the priest gave a splendid sermon about wealth and that money could not buy everything, including happiness. As we were going home I commented about how good the sermon was and that money wasn't everything.

Dad said, "True, money can't buy happiness but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Rolls Royce than in a Ford."

(Thinking about it, I have never owned a Rolls Royce, but I have owned two Rolls Canardleys – vehicles that rolls down the hills all right but canardley get up them).

Peter Hinchey

DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB NEWS

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Upcoming Events:

- Edna and Ian McFarlane Memorial Day – Tuesday 17 March 2020
- The Stuart Darroch Day - Saturday 21 March 2020 – FULL FIELD

TWILIGHT BOWLS

I forgot to mention in the last newsletter that after a good season of Twilight Bowls and a successful one financially, the club decided this year to donate the takings from entries and raffles to Blaze Aid, who received \$350.00 and to the Dunkeld Fire Brigade who received \$350.00.

FOOTY TIPPING

Again, just a reminder that Footy Tipping is on again at the Bowls Club, entry is \$45.00. All proceeds are paid out at year's end.

Those interested either enter at the Dunkeld Bowls Club or contact Gary on 0488 715 705.

Gary Wall, Publicity Officer



DUNKELD MUSEUM NEWS

INVITATION:

All are welcome to attend the official unveiling of the **Old Cemetery plaque** and launch of the book, "**The Old Dunkeld Cemetery 1855 to 1905**", on Sunday 29 March at 1.30pm. This event is the culmination of many hours of research, writing and compilation undertaken by the Museum over the past few years. Those buried in the cemetery have been identified and details of their lives and deaths recorded.

The book is now available for purchase for \$35.00. Order one via email or visit the Museum (details below).

There is no cost to attend the unveiling and launch, but as a light afternoon tea is being provided, please RSVP Kay on 0439 992 250 for catering purposes.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Museum meeting is a general meeting, on Thursday 19 March at 7.30pm, with the focus on planning. All members are welcome to attend to contribute ideas.

RESEARCH:

The Museum responds to many requests for information about relatives by their descendants. Most recently we have provided family history details for the Skermer-Hardy family.

DUTY ROSTER

SUN MAR 15: Joyce Gordon, John McIntyre

SUN MAR 22 David Baker, John Kay

The Museum is open to the public Sundays and Thursdays 1.00pm to 5.00pm. Admission is \$10.00 (\$8.00 concession). Members free.
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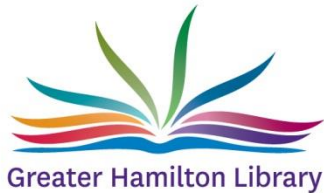
DUNKELD KINDERGARTEN

Congratulations to the people of Dunkeld community!!

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RED CROSS NEWS:

The good news is that **Vice President Helena** is home and being nursed to better health by her caring husband Peter. We wish her a complete recovery over time.

Red Cross Calling is underway for March. Collection boxes will be in two stores and the raffle will be ready shortly. Some donations are still done door to door. Red Cross is now in its **106th year** in Australia and, like the CFA, guards its history of volunteering.

The first **Zone Meeting** for 2020 is on Tuesday 17 March at 10.00am in the Daisy Turner Room ... entry from the carpark at the back. Please notify me if you wish to attend for catering purposes. Casterton is providing the lunch.

Bush Fire Update: Over 2,800 volunteers and staff are administering grants and providing support to those who need it most, thanks to 'the amazing generosity of Australians and those overseas.' **Cricket Australia** has recently given \$7.7 million through their *Big Appeal Weekend* of cricket initiative. **Emergency Grants** of \$44 million have gone to 2,226 people, delivering more than \$1m per day. Some of the 3,000 people who lost their homes are still to apply and **outreach services** are deployed to find and help those and to check on their wellbeing. Red Cross is now focussing on **recovery services**.

The panel of volunteer independent experts guiding on the best use of the donated funds consists of: **Ann Leadbeater** OAM, worked in emergency management and community development; lived through 2009 Black Saturday fires at King Lake. **Karlene Maywald**, former SA Minister for Water Security during worst droughts in living memory; worked as local recovery coordinator for Sampson Flat bushfires; duty Minister for Port Lincoln Fires. **Patrick McNamara**, former Deputy Premier of Victoria; current chair Victorian Government's Victorian Bushfire Appeal. **Ivan Simon**, President of Aboriginal Children's Advancement Society; member of Kurrnulla Aboriginal Corporation; Co-chairperson of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Authority.

Trauma will sink in over the next 12 months and Red Cross plans to be there every step of the way with help, support and financial assistance.

Positive stories can be found on redcross.org.au/stories/emergency-services
Iris Field, Secretary



Dan Tehan MP
Member for Wannan

As your representative in the Federal Parliament, listening to your views about our local area is my priority.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.
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Printmaking workshop

Saturday 14 March

10am – 2pm at

Off the Rails Gallery

Register your interest with

Susan Clarke the artist,

phone 0409 431 960

Cost \$70 includes materials and morning tea.

For more information refer to posters in Dunkeld or phone 0407 833 515

U13 Girls Cricket report

This season has been FABULOUS for the under thirteen girls' cricket team for many reasons.

We have a wonderful coach in Craig Williamson, we would like to sincerely thank him for being coach of our team and putting up with us for about four months.

We have amazing players who turn up to every game and training. Thank you to Amity H, Matilda P, Pippa W, Olive J, Lucy F, Georgia A, Bonnie J, Lillian G, Grace P and last but definitely not least, Penny B, everyone has improved so much, you should be very proud.

We would especially like to thank our amazing parents who volunteer to score, drive us to trainings, games and extra competitions. You guys are amazing!

We cannot wait until next year's season!

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- How much screen time is too much?
- How does excessive screen time affect physical and mental health?
- Practical tips and tricks to manage screen time for kids and parents
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Speed Shear Success

The Cavendish Football Netball Club conducted a very successful 'Speed Shear' event recently and we were very pleased to support them with our sponsorship.

With categories catering for all levels of ability, along with \$7000.00 available in cash and prizes, competitors travelled from far and wide to participate in what the Club is hoping will now become a regular occurrence.

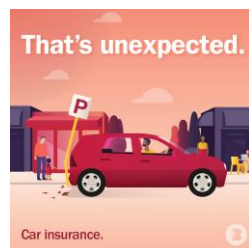
The Club's main aim was to raise much needed funds to support the ongoing upgrade to the Club's facilities and equipment. The implementation of junior teams to the Club, also requires extra assistance.

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Rodeo Dedication

The annual Branxholme Wallacedale Football Netball Club Rodeo was held recently. It

was again hailed a great success by organisers, all be it tinged with a little sadness. The fundraising event was this year dedicated to the memory of local 13 year old girl, Natalie Bell, who passed away suddenly in May 2019. Natalie's short life centred around her love of horses and more particularly rodeos, with the Club presenting the Natalie Bell Memorial Buckle, on the night. It was our pleasure to support the event with sponsorship of \$1500.00.

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration

All welcome!

Saint Patrick's Church, Dunkeld

Tuesday 17 March 2020

Mass at 6.00pm

Followed by an Irish meal

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PROGRESS ON DUNKELD ARBORETUM DAM WALL

Works begin this week on the reinstatement of the Dunkeld Arboretum dam, damaged in the 2016 floods.

The flood event caused significant water to flow over the wall outside of the spillway footprint. The spillway and discharge channel were significantly damaged, causing erosion and narrowing of the wall structure.

The State Government of Victoria made a budget allocation in the 2018/2019 budget to reduce the risk rating on a number of regional dams, and the Dunkeld Arboretum Dam was part of this funding initiative. Inspection by Southern Rural Water found the dam to be in an unsatisfactory condition with some serious issues identified, most notably relating to failure from piping, stability and lack of flood capacity.

Following engineering design work completed by consultant SMEC, contractor LincRoads have been engaged to repair the wall and spillway to pre-flood condition. This includes adhering to current engineering standards for large dams, in order to reduce the risk associated with stability and potential dam failure, improving safety for Dunkeld residents.

The project is being delivered in partnership with Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) through National Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements. Funding of \$1million has been released by DELWP to complete the project, with Council to contribute the remaining approximately \$400,000.

- Major construction activities at the site include:
- de-watering of the dam;
 - construction of a new spillway;
 - re-strengthening of upstream embankment;
 - removal of the trees along the upstream embankment,
 - removal of the existing jetty; and
 - relocation of the existing pump infrastructure on the reservoir embankment.

The project is due for completion by the end of April 2020, subject to weather conditions.

For more information, contact Manager Assets, Rohit Srivastava on 5573 0444.



GARDEN NOTES – MARCH

The combination of warm daytime temperatures and cool often dewy nights during autumn can encourage the development of fungus diseases on some vegetables e.g. the pumpkin group also parsnips. Removal and correct disposal of damaged leaves and light regular dustings with a fungicide dust such as sulphur will usually contain these problems. Pest and disease control is important especially in vegetables and annual flowers which are allowed to set seed for gathering. Only save seed from the strongest and healthiest plants.

Most potato crops should be ready for harvest now – wait until the green tops have nearly died away. Carefully lift the tubers with a garden fork or similar tool and only store undamaged tubers, these are best kept in a cool, dark, dry place with good air circulation.

Your long keeping onion crop should also be ready for lifting and storage. Also early maturing pumpkins (usually poor keepers) may be harvested and used, make sure that long keeping types are protected from frost to ensure good storage life. When harvesting pumpkins, always cut the stems from the vines leaving three to five centimetres of stem intact and handle very carefully as despite their hard skin, they do bruise easily.

Early plantings of peas and broad beans can be made now into well drained positions which have been prepared with a dressing of garden lime or dolomite together with a balance fertiliser or superphosphate. Animal manure should NOT be used on legume crops.

Sweet peas make a very colourful display during the late winter – early spring period when planted against a fence or trellis in a well-drained, sheltered position. Soil preparation is as for peas and other legume crops. New lawns can be sown during March to take advantage of war soil temperatures.

March is a good time to visit your nursery for a wide range of winter and spring flowering annuals and perennials.

Also don't forget to order roses, fruit trees and deciduous ornamentals for winter planting.

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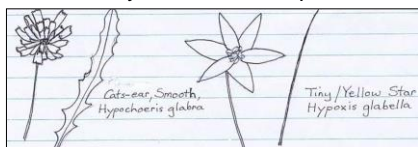
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A LIVING PLANET by Marion Colton

It is so wonderful to see the diversity of natural life around us. Every day there is something “new” to discover, no matter what season, and the more we look, the more we see. The more we see, the more we become aware and the more we care, hopefully.

Walking recently across the grassed area of Dunkeld Arboretum, a bright sea of small yellow flowers spread before me. I presumed they were all the introduced species of Cats-ear. Then a slight difference in the character of the yellows made me pause and look more closely. The flowers of the familiar Cats-ear are daisy-like with alternating long and short petals and their basal leaves form a dense rosette around the base of the stems. This species of Cats-ear, *Hypochaeris glabra*, Smooth Cats-ears, has narrow leaves and is gently toothed or wavy with a few tiny hairs on the upper surface. The other yellow flower, almost the same hue, was star-like with six pointed petals and its leaves resembled short blades of grass. They often go unnoticed for the flowers only open when it is sunny. It is a native species called *Hypoxis glabella*, Tiny Star/Yellow Star, from the Lily Family.



At this time of year, it is lovely to walk in the shade of the mature, majestic River Red Gums, or to sit beneath them and watch all the forms of life they harbour. How indebted human life is to these trees, and indeed, to all plant life, for they are so essential as carbon sinks in this time of rapid industrialisation, incessant when development creeping into rural areas and vast increase of vehicles, both on the road and on the land. These wonderful trees and all plants convert the carbon dioxide into oxygen, both creating and purifying the air around us, so that we can breathe. The quality of our

breathing keeps us healthy, for our breath carries the essence of life itself.

Trees have, and do, give us so much, yet so often we take them for granted or are irritated by them. We live in a dry land where droughts are common and where there are extended areas of aridity. Trees store precious water, millions of litres of it, in their limbs, leaves and roots. When this evaporates and condenses by means of the leaves, we have precipitation. Haven't you ever walked under a tree when the path/road is dry and the area immediately under the canopy is wet?

Trees are an amazing source of water storage and interaction with the cosmos to produce much needed rain as well as stabilising banks and stopping erosion. In these days when many people are concerned about climate change, I was interested to read of a project suggested by Darwin, way back in the 1800's. He was visiting Green Mountain on the volcanic Ascension Island and was dismayed at how it was, creating many challenges for its inhabitants. Darwin suggested this might be ameliorated by planting a mixed variety of trees on the slopes of Green Mountain in the hope that they would attract, and interact with, the rain clouds and so bring much needed water to the island. This scheme was acted upon and after some years the initiators returned. They were delighted to be greeted by clouds hanging over Green Mountain and by the local information of regular rainfalls.

We have this knowledge of the benefit of trees and plants, yet individuals, organisations, departments, councils and governments still continue to clear and massacre trees for their own reasons. Why? In this time of increasing temperatures and drought throughout the world, surely planting trees and shrubs should be of major priority? Perhaps, if the removal of a tree is absolutely necessary, three or more saplings should be lovingly planted in its place. Most of the time it is not absolutely necessary in the long term. This passage is from “Plants: from Roots to Riches” by Kathy Willis and Carolyn Fry: page 296 ... “As for the trees that decorate our urban landscapes, they too offer potential to influence the carbon ‘budget’. A recent study estimated the total storage of carbon by trees in US urban areas to be approximately 643 million tonnes. These trees absorbed approximately 25.6 million tonnes of atmospheric carbon a year, about 1 percent of the global total. It is a small, but significant contribution, encouraging city dwellers ... to breathe the air they (the trees) help to regulate...”

In Australia we are blessed with many flowering trees and shrubs. These have many benefits for humans as well as looking beautiful. They attract a whole host of different insects, birds and creatures, all essential for the interaction of LIFE. Both in this country and in many others in the world, there is concern amongst farmers and growers about the lack of pollinators for their crops and plants, many of which produce our food and beverages. When there is no pollination of plants, biodiversity is affected and many species, including food crops, are lost to this and future generations. Insects are essential for pollination, as are birds and certain creatures. They also help control pest levels in crops. Trees and plants are vital habitats for them. Has it occurred to people that our incredible overuse of poisons, both pesticides and herbicides, is creating this situation? We seem, as humans, so called civilised, to be continually eliminating the LIFE that we so wish to enjoy, not to mention creating many human diseases which could possibly be avoided.

On a personal level, I am dismayed, angry and extremely saddened by what is happening to many of our trees and wildlife in the Dunkeld area. It seems to me very short-sighted as well as destroying habitat urgently needed, plus

the visual aesthetics and the health of the area and ourselves.

I'll end by some photos of trees, some of which are already gone, for I no longer know what to say, apart from a plea ... please CARE for our earth, our world, our planet.



Landcare News

Finding Nature

We invite you to join us at "**Crombie**" (Gaye and Rex Beveridge's farm in Mirranatwa) on **Friday 20 March at 5.00pm – 7.00pm ish.**

Led by Bill Weatherly, and with Gaye and Rex's help, we will see and learn about what is living in their wonderful garden and surrounding bushland (they very recently saw a magpie goose in their callistemon!)

A light supper will be provided, so please RSVP! This is a free event, we would love to see you there. Speaking from experience, this is a beautiful and relaxing way to finish a busy week, and where learning and appreciating something does not seem like another chore at all!

Please wear appropriate clothing for walking through paddocks and bushland.

Please RSVP to Lisa on 5574 9235 or 0428 749 235 or advancel@bigpond.com by Tuesday 17 March 2020.

National Eucalypt Day - Bus Tour

As part of the National Eucalypt day, Jo Tully (committee member of the Cavendish Red Gum Festival) has organised expert speakers and a bus tour of a local farming property, to demonstrate how sustainable farming practices are helping these mature red gums survive, thrive and regenerate.

Please join them on Sunday 22 March, our local National Eucalyptus Day - mini bus tour (Cavendish Coaches) - Sponsored by Eucalypt Australia.

Departing Cavendish 9.00am to the Dunkeld Off the Rails Gallery for morning tea and a presentation by both Craig Oliver – President of the Panyyabyr Landcare Group and David Nichols – CMA Facilitator for the Woodland Birds Monitoring Program.

11.15am we will take the bus/s to "Wandobah" - Craig and Woody Oliver's property for a guided tour of their 9 years plus regeneration project.

Please be aware, suitable footwear and clothing for walking (500m) in long grass paddocks.

Hopefully returning to Cavendish by 1.00pm.

This particular tour is leading up to the Festival and will not be repeated with the planned bus tours on Sunday 5 April of the Festival.

To book, please contact Jo Tully on 0407 042 701.

Grampians Ark Fox Control Program

Residents, landholders and visitors, please be aware that fox baits are being laid on participating properties between 3 February 2020 and 6 April 2020.

Lisa McIntyre



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 2020 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



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RSL Sub-Branch. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson, 341 McIntyre's Crossing Road, Moutajup or phone: 5573 3353.

The National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association of Australia Tasmania Inc - Pilgrimage to Malaysia 2020:

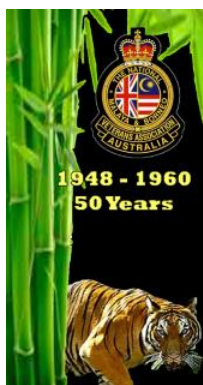
The NMBVAA runs this Pilgrimage each year to hold a service of Commemoration for the twenty-eight Australian Diggers who lie in the Christian Cemetery in the Northern Malaysian town of Taiping.

Annual services are held at the Kamunting Road Christian Cemetery Taiping, the Ipoh Cenotaph, God's Little Acre at Batu Gajah, and the 2nd Battalion Royal Rangers Camp at Kem Syed Putra.

Remembrance Services are conducted each year in June, as close to the 16th as possible – see the Malaysian Pilgrimage Page 2020 for more details: <http://www.nmbvaatasinc.com/30567934>

They also join in Services for all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in Services in Ipoh, Malaysia; this is where most of the severest fighting was conducted during the "Malayan Emergency 1948 – 1960"

For further information regarding the 2020 Pilgrimage, please contact the Liaison Officer, Mr Ian Holthouse on 0477 160 097 - email: iholthouse@hotmail.com or phone Mr Ken McNeill, NMVAATASINC Secretary on (03) 6383 4677 – email: info@nmbvaatasinc.com



Access the online survey at: <http://tinyurl.com/HealthandDriving>

This link may be shared with your friends and family! Contact Renee at renee.stlouis@monash.edu or 9905 1331 with questions or for a paper copy of the survey. This study has approval from the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee – Project Number 18977.



SCHOOL NEWS

From Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring, Acting Principal

It's hard to believe we are more than half way through the first term. It has been lovely to walk through our new classroom settings seeing and hearing calm, happy children who are immersed in their learning. The playground is a similar scene, with engagement and fun amongst peers through games and play. Having worked in a number of schools, I am constantly reminded of how great our school is. Students, staff, parents and community – you are what makes us great! Well done and thank you!

Our School Review is underway with one day completed and two to go. Our Validation Day entailed the Review Panel completing classroom observations; a presentation from our School Leaders; an assessment of the school's performance against the goals and targets of our Strategic Plan; validation of the school's proficiency status against the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO) Continua for School Improvement; and, a discussion around the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) requirements and Child Safe Standards and how our school is meeting these requirements.

The highlight of the day was the presentation from our School Leaders. To witness our students stand in front of a group of mostly unfamiliar adults and confidently talk about their experiences at, and 'sell' our school was simply inspiring. Public speaking is a task that many adults find confronting, so to witness students of this age developing this skill is fantastic. The future is looking good with these terrific leaders! On Friday 6 March, we had our Fieldwork Day, where some parents, staff and students will be interviewed and more Classroom Observations take place. A thorough and informative process for the future growth and betterment of our school.

The SGSSA Swimming Sports were held in Penshurst on Friday 6 March. Thank you to Mrs McShane, Mrs Phillips, Lea McArthur, Jen McArthur and parents for taking and supporting our squad of students. Congratulations on taking out the overall shield for the day and more so, well done to the students and supporters competitive, yet sportsmanship like attitude to the day. We now have twenty students heading to the next stage of Division swimming in Warrnambool. Well done!

A reminder that Wednesday 18 March is a Pupil Free Day for students. All our teaching staff members will be attending *The Resilience Project Teacher Seminar* at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. In evaluating Staff, Student and Parent Community feedback received in 2019, 'Wellbeing' was one area which was strongly recommended for development, which we as staff agree and would like to develop further skills and knowledge in. Staff have looked at programs to begin to address this area. With a few of us having personally attended a two hour talk by Hugh Van Cuylenburg of 'The Resilience Project' previously, we believe in the



Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service: The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service will be held on Saturday 25 April 2020 commencing at 6:30am sharp at the Dunkeld Cenotaph in the Memorial Park. Guest Speaker to be advised.

Following the service there will be a complimentary barbecue breakfast and tea and coffee, generously provided by the Dunkeld & District Lions Club members. Ex-service men and women, the local community and visitors are welcome to attend the service and breakfast.

Are you aged 65 years or older? We would love to hear from you: The Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC) is conducting, a research project to explore how health and wellbeing are associated with driving behaviours. The results will provide important information for extending safe mobility.

Participation in this research project involves completing an online survey.

You are eligible to complete the online survey if you:

- Are 18 years or older
- Live in Australia
- Have a valid driver's licence
- Currently drive at least once per week

The online survey has questions related to demographic information (e.g. age, gender etc); crash history; driving-related abilities, perceptions and practices; physical health and mental health and wellbeing. The online survey takes approximately twenty minutes to complete.

Participants who complete the 20-minute survey will be invited to enter into a draw to win a \$100.00 gift card.

importance of the program pillars of Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness.

Year 6 students will be attending the GRIP Leadership Conference at Federation University in Ballarat on Thursday 19 March, accompanied by Mrs Phillips and myself.

On Monday 23 March, the whole school will head into Pedrina Park, Hamilton for the SGSSA Athletics Carnival. Please note, the Prep students **will be participating** this year. Again, this is another avenue to showcase your talents and support not only our Dunkeld team, but all students from other schools. A friendly reminder to please read the SSV Code of Conduct Policy included in the newsletter which outlines expectations from students, teachers and supporters in attendance on the day.

Walk or Ride2School Day is coming up on Friday 13 March. This will not be an organised event, however, we encourage as many students who can, to walk or ride to school, not only on this day, but many others. Please remember helmets and hats!

On the last day of term, Friday 27 March, is Funky Hair Day! Here's your chance to get creative with some crazy hair do's and support the Leukaemia Foundation with a gold coin donation!

Lastly, I wish to extend a big thank you to Luke Balkin, who has been our School Council President for the past three years and a school councillor for the past five years. He has been a huge support and professional School Council President who has helped the school to continually strive forward. Luke has decided to step down from his role and see another parent member have the opportunity to become part of School Council. We thank you, Luke, for giving your time to the school. It has been greatly appreciated.

HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

After day two of our House Swimming Sports we are able to advise the following results!

2020 HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS AGE CHAMPIONS

AGE CHAMPION - BOYS

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| 8 Years | Edward Alderman |
| 9 Years | Jack Oldfield Mann |
| 10 Years | Ben Peters |
| 11 Years | Louis Lazzari |
| 12/13 Years | George Field |

AGE CHAMPION – GIRLS

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|-------------|------------------------------------|
| 8 Years | Zoe Trotter and Elodie Cochran |
| 9 Years | Phoebe Lazzari |
| 10 Years | Charlotte Alderman |
| 11 Years | Grace Potter |
| 12/13 Years | Lucy Fraser and Lillian Glazebrook |

RECORDS THAT WERE BROKEN AT THE 2020 HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS

11 Year Girls:

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| Grace Potter Sturgeon Freestyle 50m | 37.82 |
| Grace Potter Sturgeon Backstroke 50m | 47.44 |
| Grace Potter Sturgeon Breaststroke 50m | 53.31 |

11 Year Boys:

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| Sebastian Aarons Sturgeon Breaststroke 50m | 54.97 |
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12/13 Year Girls:

Lucy Fraser Wannan Freestyle 50m 40.93

Winning Sports House for 2020: Wannan

SGSSA SWIMMING SPORTS PENSURST

The SGSSA Swimming Sports were held in Penshurst on Friday 28 February and the students did a fabulous job! They showed off their hard work and we were very fortunate to come away with not only wonderful individual results but for the team to win overall on the day. There was great sportsmanship showed and fantastic support of all team members. Thanks to all the parents, grandparents, friends who came along to show your support it was great to have everyone there. *Lea McArthur*



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Garden ... by Lisa McIntyre



Perfect gardening conditions have meant that we have got back into the swing of things really easily. The children now have a garden group they work with each week, a garden bed to be responsible for, and a tree to care for. They are very

proud of this, and have spoken of great plans for the year ahead. Our Grade 3s are in charge of caring for our chooks this year - they take responsibility for their daily care, and any other needs as they arise.

Last week, we had twenty-five people in the chook run! The children showed great care and calmness, as they painted their chooks' legs in olive oil (to suffocate any mites that may be burrowed under the leg scales). I was very proud of them all.

We have organised our garden groups so that often we can have up to eleven groups of students within one class. Ideally it would be wonderful to have one Friend with each small group. So, if you are at all interested in helping us, please get in touch with me! It is a really rewarding way to spend an hour.

From the SAKG Captains

We are back in the kitchen and garden having fun. Last week the Year 4/5 students made a bunch of lunchbox snacks such as pesto pasta, homemade hummus, fruit salad and steamed fruit, tuna patties, falafel and kale chips. In the garden we have been taking care of our garden beds and working together. On Thursday the Year 5/6 students and the Preps had a gardening lesson. We were all weeding and watering our garden beds. We asked some of the students what they think about the garden and kitchen. Most of the children enjoyed the same things such as weeding, planting, feeding the chooks, collecting eggs and helping our

Kitchen Garden staff, Clare Kennedy and Lisa McIntyre. We hope everyone enjoys cooking and gardening. Have a great week!

Leah, Myles, Oliver and Lillian

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.

SAKG Kitchen Roster:

| THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2020 – KITCHEN YEAR 5/6 | |
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| 11.15am – 2.00pm | Keri Ross, Maria Myers, Carol Burger, Casey Trotter, Jo Aarons |
| THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2020 – KITCHEN YEAR 4/5 | |
| 11.15am – 2.00pm | Kaye Wraith, Jackie Mibus, Stacey Balkin, Heather Hampton, Ally Gordon |

SAKG Garden Roster:

| THURSDAY 12 MARCH - GARDEN | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 11.30am – 12.30pm Year 1/2 | Dennis Dawson, Jacqui Bagnall, Miranda Ahearn, Vivien Brodsky, Lyndal Smith |
| 12.30pm – 1.30pm Year 3 | Dennis Dawson, Jacqui Bagnall, Miranda Ahearn, Kaye Wraith |
| 2.20pm – 3.20pm Prep/Year 1 | Dennis Dawson, Jacqui Bagnall, Miranda Ahearn, Brian Mathews, Kaye Wraith, Margaret Cooper |

| THURSDAY 19 MARCH - GARDEN | |
|---|--|
| 11.30am – 12.30pm Year 1/2 and Year 4/5 | Dennis Dawson, Miranda Ahearn, Vivien Brodsky, Casey Trotter, Paul Callander |
| 12.30pm – 1.30pm Friends in the Garden | Dennis Dawson, Miranda Ahearn, Priscilla Jury, Kate Brian, Paul Callander |
| 2.20pm – 3.20pm Prep/Year 1 and Year 5/6 | Dennis Dawson, Miranda Ahearn, Priscilla Jury, Brian Mathews, Margaret Cooper, Maria Myers, Stacey Balkin, Kaye Wraith, Kate Brian, Paul Callander |

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