

Newsletter No. 3 – Wednesday 2 March 2022

MARCH 2022

- Thursday 3 MARC Library.
- Friday 4 SSV South-West Division Swimming Championships at the Hamilton Outdoor Swimming Pool. SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 4, 5 and 6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen. **FUN Friday.** Schools Clean Up Day (Clean Up Australia Day). "Wadjiny" Performance in the school hall for all students. The Resilience Project – Parent Webinar with Hugh van Cuylenburg – 6.30pm to 8.00pm.
- Wednesday 9 School Assembly. SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 5/6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Friday 11 **LABOUR DAY Public Holiday.**
- Monday 14 MARC Library.
- Thursday 17 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 4/5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Friday 18 **FUN Friday.** Complimentary Foot Screenings for Prep students (provided by Gen Health, Hamilton).
- Monday 21 **Harmony Day - students and staff encouraged to wear 'a touch of orange'.** Year 6 Transition Day at Baimbridge College from 8.45am to 3.30pm. All students are welcome to attend. School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm at the school.
- Tuesday 22 MARC Library.
- Thursday 24 School Assembly. SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 5/6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Friday 25 SGSSA Athletics Carnival at Pedrina Park, Hamilton.
- Tuesday 29 MARC Library.
- Thursday 31

APRIL 2022

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

FROM Mrs Angela Field, Acting Principal...

This week we have welcomed two new students to our school, Felix (Year 5) and Banjo (Year 3) Hyland. We welcome them to our school along with their parents, Bridget and Adrian, and hope they enjoy their time living in the district.

Prep students are also attending their first full week of school. Thank you to their families, for the smooth transition they have had to the school year, as well as completing their assessment days on the previous Wednesdays. Furthermore, thank you to all our families for the wonderful support at our parent/teacher meetings this week.

As part of **The Resilience Project** partnership program, we have invited our families to the Parent Webinar with Hugh van Cuylenburg on **Wednesday 9 March, 6.30pm - 8.00pm (90 minutes)** AEDT. During this presentation, Hugh will share his experiences and combine them with practical strategies that can be implemented every day to improve our overall wellbeing. **Parents/carers will need to register using the following registration link:** https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BSZQ7j8bQ5qAA7dfV6PgHQ

What a wonderful day with our amazing students competing at the **SGSSA District Swimming Sports**, that we hosted on Friday. Many thanks for the support of our families and assistance with timekeeping. Again, it cannot go without mention that our swimming coaches, Lea and Jen McArthur, have ensured that we can send twenty-one of our students to the next level of competition. A great result from our School Swimming Program! The following students have qualified for the Swimming Championships to be held in Hamilton this Friday 4 March:

Olivia Balkin	Lachie Gordon	Heidi Burger
Edward Alderman	Ned Peters	Indi Mibus
Nate Elliott	Jack Oldfield Mann	Ella Peters
Zoe Trotter	Clementine Blackwell	Phoebe Ross
Elodie Cochran	Gemma Kyle	Charlotte Alderman
Millie McShane	Max Russell	Ben Peters
Lachie Oldfield Mann	Phoebe Lazzari	Charlie Linke



GO TEAM DUNKELD! 😊

Our first **Student Voice** led **Fun Friday** will be this week, from 2:20pm. Our Student Voice leaders Darcy, Sean, Heidi and Ava, have been busy in their roles already this year, choosing new songs for the bell music, gathering a list of ideas for Fun Fridays, as well as suggesting future events to organise at school.

Our students will attend the **Wadjiny Performance** on Wednesday 9 March at 11:30 am in the school hall, **with a cost of \$5.00 per student.** The performer, **Troy Allen**, Bundjalung Goori (East Coast), grew up in the Mount Druitt community and his totem is Wadjiny, the platypus. The Bundjalung Nation of aboriginal people is the only one whose dreamtime stories talk about arriving in Australia from elsewhere. They came from a land "at the centre of the world" after it was destroyed by a massive catastrophe. Troy uses song, music and didgeridoo, dance, artefacts, examples of ancient rock and cave paintings and fire making demonstrations to tell the stories of his people. This interactive cultural awareness programme is delivered in a fun and educational learning environment, tying in well with our curriculum topics. He tailors the content to the age of his audience, to be thought provoking and to encourage discussion of his rich and diverse culture.

A gentle reminder that from **Tuesday 15 March 2022**, parents, carers, and other adult visitors who **volunteer** at school, must have had their third dose of **COVID-19 vaccine**, or have a valid medical exemption. Parents, carers, and other adult visitors entering school buildings for drop-off/pick-up or attending the office, only need to show evidence of two doses. Parents, carers, and other adult visitors who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements. **The wearing of masks indoors by all visitors to school remains.**

Our **SAKG program** will commence this Friday 4 March. Many thanks to the wonderful Friends of the SAKG program who have volunteered their time to assist in the Kitchen and Garden.

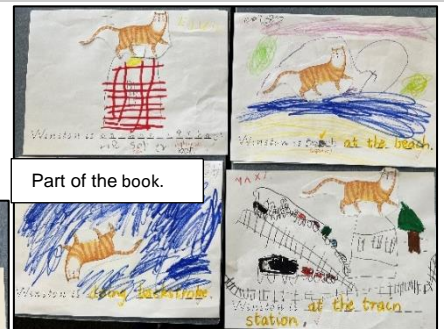
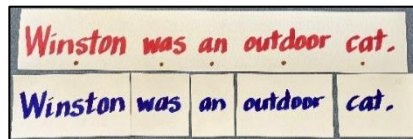
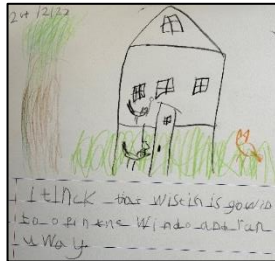
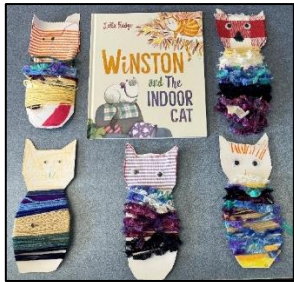
Thank you,

Ange Field, Acting Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Prep/Year 1 – WINSTON AND THE INDOOR CAT

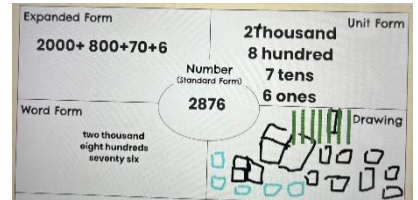
"Winston and The Indoor Cat" book has been our focus in Literacy. We have made a class book, showing Winston in different outdoor settings. We have focused on a sentence and pulled it apart into individual words and then matched them up again. Winston was also our incentive for our beautiful cat artwork.



Year 2/3 – PLACE VALUE UNIT

The Year 2 and 3 students completed their place value unit and learnt how to expand numbers, order them and make them using MAB.

Grace Macgugan



Year 4/5 - SELF PORTRAITS

In Art the Year 4 and 5 students created self-portraits. They used 'how to draw faces' step by step instructions and looked at face proportions and the elements of line, space and shape. Students outlined their sketches with a black marker and used dry pastels to colour their artwork.



Year 5/6 - THE BEST PART OF ME

The Year 5 and 6 students were asked to choose their best part of themselves and creatively write their reasoning why. A creative writing task that celebrates our uniqueness and special qualities.



HOUSE CAPTAINS' REPORT

On Friday 18 February we had our House Swimming Sports, it was an exciting day! Everyone did a wonderful job and all students did their very best to participate and complete their races. Congratulations to all the age champions and everyone who made it through to the next level. The SGSSA Swimming Sports were held at the Dunkeld swimming pool on Friday 25 February. All the schools did an amazing job. Congratulations to the three students from Branhholme Wallacedale Community School who participated and won the SGSSA Swimming trophy for their school.

By Indi Mibus, Phoebe Lazzari, Phoebe Ross and Ella Peters



Winning Sports House for 2022: Sturgeon
2022 House Swimming Sports Age Champions:

AGE CHAMPIONS	GIRLS	BOYS
8 Years	Nellie Wickens	Xavier Macgugan and Jed Russell
9 Years	Zoe Trotter	Archie Cant-McKindlay
10 Years	Elodie Cochran	Edward Alderman
11 Years	Gemma Kyle	Lachie Gordon
12 Years	Ella Peters	Ben Peters



SGSSA SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to Branhholme Wallacedale Community School who were awarded the Aggregate Champion School trophy and to the following Age Champions:

- 9 years:** Matthew Sanderson, Branhholme Wallacedale and Zoe Trotter, Dunkeld
- 10 years:** Edward Alderman and Elodie Cochran, Dunkeld/ Leni Robertson, Tarrington (tie)
- 11 years:** Jack Oldfield Mann and Gemma Kyle, Dunkeld
- 12/13 years:** Angus Knight, Tarrington and Ella Peters, Dunkeld

The following students competed at the SGSSA Swimming Sports: Ella Peters, Phoebe Ross, Ben Peters, Charlie Linke, Charlotte Alderman, Phoebe Lazzari, Lachie Gordon, Jack Oldfield Mann, Max Russell, Lachie Oldfield Mann, Gemma Kyle, Ned Peters, Millie McShane, Zoe Trotter, Edward Alderman, Elodie Cochran, Nate Elliott, Henrietta Patterson, George Heazlewood, Grace Macgugan, Digby Heazlewood, Will Beveridge, Olivia Balkin and George Lomas.



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2022

Honour Certificates

School Values Honour:

- Year 5/6:** Ava Balkin
- Year 4/5:** Yin Vass, Jim Herrmann, Edward Alderman
- Year 2/3:** Jackson O'keeffe, Angus Jones
- Prep/Year 1:** Redmond Stuart-Betheras, Tilly Alderman

School Captains' Report

This week in assembly our Class Captains presented their reports: Darcy Potter - Year 5/6, Millie McShane -Year 4/5, Olivia Balkin - Year 2/3, Ruby Mibus – Prep/Year 1. Our House Captains, Indi Mibus and Phoebe Lazzari from Wannon and Phoebe Ross and Ella Peters from Sturgeon, all reported on the swimming sports and presented the following students with Sportsmanship certificates for *“Demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout our carnival. You are an excellent role model, and we are proud to see you demonstrating the ‘Play Is The Way’ values.”*

- **8 years:** Lochie Bird, George Phillips and Sybil Patterson
- **9 years:** Angus Jones and Chloe Skermer
- **10 years:** Jim Herrmann and Elodie Cochran
- **11 years:** Patrick Lomas and Yin Vass
- **12/13 years:** Sean Bird and Charlotte Alderman



Mrs Field thanked Mrs Holly Herrmann for the many volunteer hours spent organising our stunning library and presented her with a gift voucher and a potted plant.

Assembly was short due to some of our amazing swimmers that were heading off to participate in the next level of swimming sports.

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, with our Kitchen and Garden classes commencing on Friday 4 March.



Students who have a Kitchen class on a Friday do not need to bring lunch on this day as they will harvest, prepare and share in the Kitchen and finish with lunch at the end of their class (as previously advised, there is a \$4.00 charge for each Kitchen class).

Due to a large number of students competing at the SSV South-West Division Swimming Championships this Friday, the SAKG timetable has been slightly altered and the Year 4, 5 and 6 students will have both a Garden and a Kitchen class, as listed below:

9.00am - 10.00am	Garden class – Year 4, 5 and 6 students
10.00am – 11.00am	Garden class – Year 2/3 students
11.30am – 12.30pm	Garden class – Prep/Year 1 students
11.30am – 1.30pm	Kitchen class – Year 4, 5 and 6 students

If you would like to help as an SAKG Friend (volunteer), or know of someone who may be interested, could you please contact the school on 5577 2384 or email: dunkeld.cs@education.vic.gov.au

- REMINDERS -

NAB AFL Auskick – Join the Fun!

Auskick (for Prep to Year 4 students) commences on Thursday 28 April 2022 at the Dunkeld Recreation Reserve and will be held from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. Please register online: play.afl/Auskick

Private Music Lessons

Private Music lessons for Piano, Drum Kit, Guitar/Ukulele are available for Grade 3 to 6 students. Please contact Mrs Tara Stephens on 0427 723 409 for more information.

Expressions of Interest – Computer Desk

The school has a computer desk (which was located in our Library space in the BER Building), which is now surplus to requirements:

- 2400mm long x 800mm wide x 700mm high (in good condition)

We invite Expressions of Interest (payment as a donation to the school), which will close on Thursday 3 March 2022 at 4.00pm – email: dunkeld.cs@education.vic.gov.au

The desk is currently located on the timber walkway and is available for inspection.

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.

