



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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MARCH 2020

- Wednesday 4 MARC Library.
- Thursday 5 SAKG Kitchen and Garden Classes. Year 3 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Friday 6 School Review – Fieldwork Day.
Whole School Assembly commencing at 2.45pm.
- Monday 9 **LABOUR DAY Public Holiday.**
- Tuesday 10 Primary School Nurse – health assessments for Prep students.
- Wednesday 11 MARC Library.
- Thursday 12 SAKG Kitchen Garden Classes. Year 5/6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Friday 13 Division Swimming at Aquazone, Warrnambool.
Walk or Ride2School Day.
Whole School Assembly commencing at 2.45pm.
- Sunday 15 P & F AGM commencing at 2.00pm at the Parker Street Project.
- Wednesday 18 **PUPIL FREE DAY – Students do not attend school on this day.**
All teaching staff will be attending The Resilience Project Teacher Seminar PD in Melbourne.
- Thursday 19 Year 6 Excursion to GRIP Student Leadership Conference in Ballarat.
SAKG Kitchen Garden Classes. Year 4/5 will students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Friday 20 Regional Swimming Championships at the Horsham Memorial Swimming Pool.
Whole School Assembly commencing at 2.45pm.
- Monday 23 SGSSA Athletics at Pedrina Park, Hamilton (back-up day 25 March).
- Tuesday 24 First meeting of the new School Council commencing at 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 25 Complimentary Foot Screening for Preps conducted by Gen Health.
SAKG catering for a thank you barbecue for Hamilton North Rotary Club.
MARC Library.
- Thursday 26 SAKG Kitchen Garden Classes. Year 3 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
National Harmony Day. **Students and staff are encouraged to wear a “touch of orange”.**
- Friday 27 Funky Hair day supporting the Leukemia Foundation. **Gold coin donation.**
Good Friday Appeal Raffle to be drawn.
Last Day of Term 1 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.

APRIL 2020

- Friday 10 **GOOD FRIDAY**
- Monday 13 **EASTER MONDAY**
- Tuesday 14 **First Day of Term 2 2020.**
Policy Sub-Committee Meeting commencing at 5.00pm.
- Thursday 16 SAKG Kitchen Garden Classes. Year 5/6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Friday 17 Whole School Assembly commencing at 2.45pm.
- Thursday 23 SAKG Kitchen Garden Classes. Year 4/5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Friday 24 Whole School Assembly commencing at 2.45pm.
- Saturday 25 **ANZAC DAY** – Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch Dawn Service commencing at 6.30am sharp.

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! This coming Friday, we have 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 last Friday. 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 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 Leukemia 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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Please find listed below an update from the School Council Meeting held on Tuesday 25 February:

- Net profit of \$8,295.84 was realized from the 2019 Sheep Drive fundraiser, a sincere thank you to Luke Balkin and Simon Ross for all their hard work and efforts and to the people who kindly donated livestock.
- Approval for the SAKG Program catering on Wednesday 25 March, for a thank you barbecue for the Hamilton North Rotary Club (for their donation of a greenhouse to the school).
- Approval for Dunkeld Basketball junior members to train at the school, before and after school hours.
- Recognition of Luke Balkin's service as a school councillor (five years) and as President (three years).
- Financial Commitment Summary (for year ended 31 December 2019), Parent Payment charges and cash budget approved for 2020.
- Letter of support, for a grant application submitted by the Grampians Cricket Club, for landscaping at our school.
- School Council will subsidise the Year 6 excursion to the GRIP Leadership Conference in Ballarat on Thursday 19 March.
- Acknowledgement of the P & F Association's fundraising efforts during 2019, with a net total of \$6,554.34 being raised for our school.
- Thank you to the Dunkeld & District Lions Club and the P & F Association members for their kind assistance with the Welcome Breakfast on Tuesday 11 February.

School Council Elections 2020

Due to insufficient nominations for the four parent member vacancies, an extension of time has been granted, calling for any further nominations. Nominations shall now close on Friday 6 March 2020 at 4.00pm. Nomination forms are available from the school office. Membership is on a two-year basis (2020-2022). If you have any queries about membership, please contact the school office on 5577 2384.

The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Tuesday 25 March in the school staff room commencing at 7.30pm. Election of office bearers will occur at this meeting.

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

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

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:

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

11 Year Boys:

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

Lucy Fraser	Wannon	Freestyle 50m	40.93
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Winning Sports House for 2020: Wannon

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*



Last Friday 28 February Mrs Phillips and I took our enthusiastic swimming team to Penshurst. The students represented our school with pride and great sportsmanship. They all swam their best, in a rather fresh/freezing pool. Regardless of the temperature, many of our students entered the pool on numerous occasions to race. With Lea and Jen right by our swimmers' sides, encouraging and cheering on each and every student. Thank you again, ladies!

Congratulations to the Dunkeld students who represented our school on this day and as a result ... we won! Yippee! Well done Team Dunkeld.

Good luck to those students who have qualified to represent our school at the Division Swimming Competition in Warrnambool on Friday 13 March. *Mrs Jackie McShane, Sports Co-Coordinator.*

P & F ASSOCIATION

A warm welcome to all our students and their families, especially those who are new to our school, it is great to have you join our community! I hope everyone is settling into Term 1, it is disappearing fast!

It's time for P & F to fire up for another year with our AGM to be held Sunday 15 March 2.00pm at the Parker Street Project. Join us for drinks and nibbles as we have our relaxed (yet productive!) meeting. There will be no pressure for anyone to take on a position or job so please don't let that discourage you from coming along, however, if anyone is interested in taking on a position (President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer) please let me know as all positions are declared vacant at the beginning of each year. I am happy to chat about what is involved if you'd like to know more.

Over the years the P & F Association has developed a consistent calendar of events and fundraisers, however fresh ideas and new faces would be a welcome addition to help keep our group vibrant, sustainable and purposeful.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with queries, concerns or just for a coffee and chat!

Ruth Kyle, 2019 President - Mobile: 0428 954 248 writetomargo@hotmail.com (or see me at most school drop off/pick ups)

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. This 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION FOR 2020

FOUND AT THE SGSSA SWIMMING SPORTS

Navy Blue / Bruce Field Puffer Jacket with hood
(possibly a women's jacket)
Please enquire at the school office

ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL RAFFLE

Each year the Dunkeld Consolidated School supports the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. One book of raffle tickets (books of 10 tickets @ 20 cents each) will soon be sent home to each school family. Each year the Royal Children's Hospital provides a prize to raffle. If children wish to sell more than one book of tickets could they please contact Terrie or Christy in the office. Raffle tickets and monies will need to be returned to school **by Monday 23 March 2020**. The raffle will be drawn on **Friday 27 March**. All raffle proceeds are forwarded to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Donation envelopes are also available from the office.



NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY 13 MARCH 2020

National Ride2School Day is a celebration of active travel and one of the best days on the school calendar. Students, teachers and parents discover the joy of riding and kick-start healthy habits for the future.

FUNKY HAIR DAY FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2020

Staff and students (even parents) are encouraged to wear a "funky hairstyle" **on Friday 27 March 2020 and give a gold coin donation for participating**. Funds raised will go to the Leukemia Foundation.

Some **Crazy hair** ideas: Spike it up! - brightly coloured ribbons, scrunchies, wild wigs, waves, curls, coloured hairspray. *Children please ask your parent's permission before you do anything to your hair.



SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website is mobile friendly and includes information relating to upcoming events, reporting an absence, newsletters, school leaders, lunch order prices etc. If you have not already done so please visit www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au to see what items you may be missing.

PERMISSION TO TRAVEL BY SCHOOL BUS

Just a reminder that non-school bus travellers who may occasionally wish to travel on either of the school buses are required to complete and submit an "Application for Adhoc Travel – Student" form to the School Office prior to the event, for approval.

SILVERS CIRCUS SPECTACULAR

The circus is coming to Warrnambool next to Gateway Plaza. The Sesame Street Circus Spectacular by Silvers will be in Warrnambool from 13 - 22 March 2020. If you would like further details please see sesamestreetcircus.com.au or contact the box office on mobile 0413 880 044.



REMINDERS

WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH IS A PUPIL FREE DAY

The Resilience Project is running a full day Teacher Seminar at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre that provides practical activities and strategies to: develop positive mental health habits and build resilience; build resilience in students through simple daily activities; and help parents to support their children to become more resilient. All Dunkeld Consolidated School teaching staff will be attending this day. **Our next school newsletter will therefore be sent home on Thursday 19 March 2020.**

Thursday 5 March 2020:

SAKG Garden Friends – Dennis Dawson, Carol Burger, Miranda Ahearn, Vivien Brodsky, Stacey Balkin, Paul Callander, Priscilla Jury, Brian Mathews, Jo Aarons, Casey Trotter, Kaye Wraith.

SAKG Kitchen Friends – Connie Lomas, Priscilla Jury, Kaye Wraith, Louise Mann, Cee Blackwell.

Thursday 12 March 2020:

SAKG Garden Friends – Dennis Dawson, Jacqui Bagnall, Miranda Ahearn, Vivien Brodsky, Lyndal Smith, Brian Mathews, Margaret Cooper, Kaye Wraith.

SAKG Kitchen Friends – Keri Ross, Maria Myers, Carol Burger, Casey Trotter, Jo Aarons.

FORMS

School Sport Victoria (SSV) Code of Conduct Policy

Parents & Friends Association Registration Form 2020 – to be returned by Friday 27 March 2020