



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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MARCH 2022

- Friday 18 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 4/5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen. Greater Western Regional Swimming Championships in Horsham.
FUN Friday.
- Monday 21 Complimentary Foot Screenings for Prep students (provided by Gen Health, Hamilton).
Harmony Day - students and staff encouraged to wear 'a touch of orange'.
- Tuesday 22 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 in the staff room.
- Thursday 24 MARC Library.
- Friday 25 School Assembly commencing at 2.40pm in the school hall. COVID-19 procedures to be followed, including mask wearing and proof of full vaccination status.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 5/6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
National Ride2School Day – ride, walk, scooter or skate to school.
- Tuesday 29 SGSSA Athletics Carnival at Pedrina Park, Hamilton (for Year 3 to 6 students).
- Thursday 31 MARC Library.

APRIL 2022

- Friday 1 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 4/5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
FUN Friday.
- Sunday 3 Daylight Saving ends – turn your clocks back one hour.
- Tuesday 5 National Alvis Car Rally (light lunch at the Dunkeld Consolidated School).
- Wednesday 6 Royal Children Good Friday Appeal – Easter Raffle will be drawn today.
- Friday 8 **Special Assembly commencing at 9.00am in the school hall.** COVID-19 procedures to be followed, including mask wearing and proof of full vaccination status.
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LAST DAY OF TERM 1 – early dismissal at 2.30pm. School buses will run one hour earlier in the afternoon.
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS from Saturday 9 to Sunday 24 April 2022.
- Monday 25 **ANZAC Day Public Holiday.**
- Tuesday 26 **First day of Term 2.**

FROM Mrs Angela Field, Acting Principal...

How is it week 7 already? Perhaps the busyness of this term has made it fly by so fast?

How wonderful to have so many swimmers qualifying to attend the Greater Western Region Swimming Championships to be held in Horsham this Friday 18 March - Elodie Cochrane, Lachie Oldfield Mann, Jack Oldfield Mann, Lachlan Gordon, Ben Peters, Phoebe Ross, Ella Peters, Phoebe Lazzari, Edward Alderman, Millie McShane, Gemma Kyle, Heidi Burger, Nate Elliott, Clementine Blackwell and Zoe Trotter. Thank you in advance to the families that will transport and support our swimmers. **GO TEAM DUNKELD!** 😊

Thank you to the many parents that attended The Resilience Project – parent webinar 'Discovering Resilience' with Hugh van Cuylenburg. The Resilience Project has advised that parents who were unable to attend the webinar with Hugh van Cuylenburg can access the recording via the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/ECCE4Ypuf_XP0XoFzx8BMVAj6ds4mFvaVnZsEhNOBgDjDJv6Tcnzdt6U5XTtOuM.ZUz2ywDZdanS_WkW **Please note, this link will expire at midnight on 24 March 2022.**

Next Monday 21 March, the podiatrists from Gen Health Hamilton will be at school for complimentary Prep Foot Screening (permission forms previously sent home).

Harmony Day is next Monday 21 March, and students are encouraged to wear a 'touch' of orange. Created in 1999 to celebrate unity and diversity, Harmony Day was originally an Australian celebration but is now marked worldwide by conscientious citizens. We are also joining in the fun on National Ride2School Day by encouraging our students to ride, walk, skate or scooter to school on Friday 25 March. Even I hope to dust off my bike and helmet and ride to school.

For our Grade 3 to 6 students, the SGSSA Athletics Sports will be held on Tuesday 29 March at Pedrina Park, commencing at 9:15am. Parents/carers are to transport their children to this event arriving at 9.00am. The program of events will be sent home in the near future. It will be a normal school day for Prep to Year 2 students, school lunch orders will be available and school buses will operate (for regular Prep to Year 2 bus travellers).

With the SAKG program in full swing, to see so many friends of the kitchen and garden, back on school grounds is terrific. The scent coming from the Kitchen on a Friday is fabulous.

Music classes for our students have commenced, with Prep/Year 1 students being instructed by Mrs Heather Macgugan (fortnightly), and our Year 2 to 6 students with Mrs Tara Stephens. We are very lucky to have two very talented musicians share their knowledge with our students.

Our Year 6 students will be attending a transition day at Baimbridge College on Tuesday 22 March. A wonderful opportunity to visit the school and explore all they have to offer.

I have recently attended various Professional Learning sessions including CUST (Community Understanding and Support Training), Anaphylaxis training and network training sessions from OHS to NAPLAN data analysis. Staff are focusing on writing moderation and analysing data to continue to accurately inform point of need teaching for our students.

Thank you.

Ange Field, Acting Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Wadjiny Performance

On Wednesday 9 March we had a man come from Bundjalung Goori (East Coast) to our school, his name was Troy Allen. He had a very loud voice! He performed in the school hall. The Prep students sat on the outside of a snake that Troy drew on the carpet (in chalk), it was a really good snake! Troy was super funny. When Mrs Nicholson took a photo of Troy he would do a silly pose and everybody would laugh!! He taught us Aboriginal words like: yaama – hello, arunda - soil and git-tit-tee - little bird. Troy had lots of zest and was very welcoming. He taught us that Aborigines didn't have a written language, but they told stories through dance, song and painting. He performed some special dances to tell us stories. We made noises like clapping and s-s-s-s-s-s-s. Close to the end he asked us questions to make sure we were listening. We got a couple wrong so they asked the adults and they got the rest right. At the end he had a surprise for us, we went outside. He had some special Aboriginal tools to make FIRE!!!! He had to do it a couple of times and then ... there it was, FIRE! He didn't like saying bye so he didn't, he said, "See you next time." We took a photo and then he left. It was super cool. *By Elodie Cochran*

Last Wednesday, a man called Troy Allen from Bundjalung Goori came to do a cultural performance. When we walked into the hall he started throwing us possum skin balls, which the aborigines used to do to test their reflexes. After that he started to talk about his totem, his country, his language, and the aboriginal weapons. He told us there are over two hundred aboriginal nations in Australia. In his country they spoke five different languages. He told us how they had to be quiet when they were hunting dinawan (emus) and bunda (kangaroos) so they didn't scare them away. At the end we went outside and he lit a fire, but it took him several tries so it must have been hard. It was awesome, my favourite part was when he taught us about goo la lah (hunting spear). *By Freddie Jury*



Year 2/3 – THANK YOU

Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR ORGANISING THE LIBRARY LOVE IT THEY ARE SO MANY GOOD BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY IT IS SO ORGANISED AND CLEAN BEAUTIFUL! THERE ARE SPORT BOOKS, ADVENTURE BOOKS, FUNNY BOOKS AND SO MUCH MORE!

BY IGBY AND ELLIE

Thank you so much for your help and organising the amazing library and making it neat and tidy.
From Will and Tyrell



Thank you to Mrs Holly Herrmann for organising our new fancy school library. The Year 2 and 3 students created Pic-Collages during Media Arts to show how grateful we are!



FUN FRIDAY

Student Voice Review

Charles Prentice and Jack Oldfield Mann: Amazing because everybody got to play together and enjoying being outside and having space to play Jug-Jug.

Alex Bird: It was fun because I really enjoyed defending and playing with my friends.

Tyson Riddle: The games inside at the end were fun and a joyful experience.

Digby Heazlewood and Lochie Bird: It was enjoyable and interesting and Jug-Jug was at the top of my list.

Annie Clark and Jaylon O'keeffe : Fun Friday was a great experience, and the games were exciting.

SWIMMING SPORTS REPORTS

SPORTS CAPTAINS' REPORT

On Friday 4 March the School Sport Victoria (SSV) South-West Division Swimming Championships were held at the Hamilton outdoor swimming pool. We had twenty students participate in this event! Congratulations to all who went, you all swam amazingly. We are so grateful to have had Lea and Jen McArthur help train us during that week leading up to that Friday.

Some of our students have qualified for the Greater Western Regional Swimming Championships in Horsham this Friday 18 March. Good luck to you all, have fun!

By Indi Mibus, Phoebe Lazzari, Ella Peters and Phoebe Ross, House Sports Captains



ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 11 MARCH 2022

Honour Certificates

School Values and Academic Honour Certificates were presented to the following students:

- **Prep/Year 1:** Harry Prentice and Sailor Grimmer.
- **Year 2/3:** Audrey Black and Will Beveridge.
- **Year 4/5:** Nate Elliott, Will Griffin-Wilson and Tyson Riddle.
- **Year 5/6:** Harry McShane and Charles Prentice.

During our assembly, student leaders made a special 'thank you' presentation to our School Swimming Program co-ordinators, Lea McArthur and Jen McArthur, and helpers – Kate Wickens, Leonie Schurmann, Sarah Alderman, Vicki Heazlewood, Ruth Kyle, Casey Trotter and Alison Prentice.

Prep/Year 1 students have been reading 'Winston and the Indoor Cat' by Leila Rudge and they proudly showed the colourful cats that they had made to the audience. Students read some 'Smart Spelling' sentences and displayed their 'Smart Spelling' ants.

Year 4/5 students have been learning about 'text connections' while reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q. Raúf. They explained how text connections help them comprehend what they are reading e.g. Text to Text, Text to Self and Text to World.

Students in Year 5/6 presented their 'best part of me' posters to the assembly.





SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council Elections 2022

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

The four parent school councillors for the two-year term (2022 - 2024) are Richard McShane, Holly Herrmann, Simon Ross and Mark Lazzari. The elected DET members for the same two-year term are Jackie Mibus and Terrie Nicholson. The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Tuesday 22 March in the school staff room commencing at 7.30pm. This meeting will also include election of office bearers and discussion about co-option for casual vacancies.

Mobile Area Resource Centre (MARC) Library

The MARC van visits a range of schools in the Hamilton region and offers your children regular library lessons and access to a large range of books from which they can borrow. This year, Dunkeld's MARC Library Day is on a **THURSDAY**.

By now all children have had the opportunity to borrow from the MARC van and Mrs Bree Porter would really appreciate it if you could help your child properly care for their MARC library books at home:

- Keep books clean and dry.
- Turn the pages gently from the corner.
- Read with clean hands.
- Keep away from little children and pets.
- No food or drink around your books.
- Do not colour or draw in the books.
- **Please return your library books on time.**

Unfortunately, if your child does not return their book they are not able to borrow again until the book is returned. Our school will receive a \$15.00 replacement fee for any badly damaged or lost books, which may be passed on to your family.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

In the Kitchen classes, the Year 4,5 and 6 students cooked Penne Pasta, banana ice cream and zucchini banana muffins. The Penne Pasta was made in a sauce made from tomatoes, zucchini, garlic, basil, onion, silver beet and cheese on top. *By Ella Peters*



The banana ice-cream was made with bananas, coconut milk, honey, cinnamon, yoghurt and a small handful of mint leaves. They also made banana and zucchini muffins. *By Charlie Linke*



- REMINDERS -

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 @ 50 cents each) were sent home to each school family on Monday. If children wish to sell more than one book of tickets, could they please contact the school office. Raffle tickets and monies will need to be returned to school **by Monday 4**

April 2022. The raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday 6 April 2022.** All raffle proceeds are forwarded to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Donation envelopes are also available from the office.



LET'S GET RECYCLING

Our school is teaming up with Wonder Recycling Rewards to help reduce soft plastic waste in our environment. By collecting and recycling our soft plastic waste at school, we can protect our environment, oceans and wildlife – and earn new sports equipment for our school. (Plus every registered school will go into the draw to win a Replas Exercise Circuit made from recycled soft plastic).

There are three simple steps to helping our school keep soft plastic waste out of the environment:

- **SCRUNCH** – Do the Scrunch Test! It's plastic and you can scrunch it into a ball, it's soft plastic and we can recycle it!
- **COLLECT** – Drop your soft plastic waste into the Wonder Recycling Rewards Collection Box at school (boxes have yet to be delivered).
- **PLAY** – Earn Wonder Recycling Rewards points to receive new sports equipment for our school.



YES PLEASE - Wonder bread bags (and all other bread bags too).

NO THANKS – plastic bottles, plastic containers, glass, paper, cardboard, tin cans, food waste.

Computer Desk

We are looking for a home for our computer desk! The school has a desk which is now surplus to requirements: 2400mm long x 800mm wide x 700mm high (in very good condition). We are happy to accept a donation to the school in exchange for the desk – please contact Terrie in the school office on 5577 2384 or email: dunkeld.cs@education.vic.gov.au

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.

