



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL


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MARCH 2021

- Wednesday 17 School Assembly commencing at 2.45pm in the undercover sports area.
- Thursday 18 **Open Morning (from 10.00am to 11.30am) including Morning Tea and a Farewell Ceremony for Mrs Jane Higgins, commencing at 9.30am, in the undercover sports area.**
MARC Library.
- Friday 19 Regional Swimming Championships at the Horsham Memorial Swimming Pool.
Ride2School Day.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.
- Wednesday 24 SGSSA District Athletics Sports at Pedrina Park, Hamilton. **There will be no School Assembly held today.**
- Thursday 25 MARC Library.
- Friday 26 Harmony Day. All staff and students are encouraged to wear touch of “ORANGE” e.g ribbons, scarves, socks etc.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.
- Monday 29 **RCH Good Friday Appeal Easter Raffle due. (Return money and tickets to School office please).**
- Tuesday 30 School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm.
- Wednesday 31 School Assembly commencing at 2.45pm.

APRIL 2021

- Thursday 1 **FUNKY HAIR DAY** supporting the Leukaemia Foundation - please bring a gold coin donation.
RCH Good Friday Appeal Easter Raffle will be drawn today.
Last Day of Term 1 – early dismissal at 2.30pm.
- Friday 2 **GOOD FRIDAY Public Holiday.**
- **Monday 19 PUPIL FREE DAY – students do not attend school today.**
- Tuesday 20 **First day of Term 2 for students.**
School Lunch Orders will commence for Term 2 (lunch orders will be available on a Tuesday and Thursday).
- Friday 23 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.
- Sunday 25 **ANZAC Day.**
- Thursday 29 Caulfield Grammar School visit – concert and music workshop.

MAY 2021

- Friday 14 National Walk Safely to School Day.
- Wednesday 19 National Simultaneous Story time. (School has been registered for this event).

FROM Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring, Acting Principal...

Open Day and Farewell to Mrs Jane Higgins on Thursday 18 March

An Assembly will be held at 9:30am on Thursday 18 March 2021, in the outdoor undercover area, to formally farewell retiring staff member, Mrs Jane Higgins. This will be followed by an Open Morning with school tours being led by our Year 6 leaders. To conclude, a morning tea will take place on the deck at 11:00am.

Our school welcomes immediate and extended family of students, along with community members and other interested parties to come and see the changes that have occurred at our lovely school over the past two years.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all parents for making the time to attend Parent/Teacher Interviews last Thursday. It certainly was lovely to be able to have parents back onsite at school and have face-to-face conversations again. Parent/Teacher Interviews are such a valuable communication tool to work together to provide the very best learning environment and support from all parties, to ensure our students receive the best education they can.

Volunteers

It was lovely to welcome our SAKG Friends back to the Kitchen and Garden last week – a hive of activity about the place. We thank people for giving their time to our students and school.

All volunteers are required to sign in and out at the front office. More information on how you can volunteer at our school in 2021 will be made available soon.

Building and Grounds Works

The cement has been poured and finishing touches mostly complete! We can therefore start setting up and using our new hall more often! We held a performance in it last week, which I'm sure all students would agree, went very well! A lovely, large open space for all to enjoy.

We also have some grounds works occurring over the coming weeks, with landscaping of the gardens surrounding the buildings.

2021 NAPLAN (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy)

Due to Covid-19, NAPLAN was cancelled in 2020. The Department of Education and Training have set the schedule to resume testing this year, with the testing period in early May. Our school will be preparing students in Grade levels 3 and 5 for the online version of the tests over the coming month. Mrs Anne Gilbert and I spent two days completing training on administration tasks for NAPLAN.

Swimming

Congratulations to our students who attended the South West Division Championships in Warrnambool last Friday. A fantastic effort by all! Ten students are now set to head to the Greater Western Regional Championships in Horsham on Friday. They will be supported by Lea and Jen McArthur and myself, along with their parents. We look forward to watching some great races over the day!

SGSSA District Athletics

Due to certain Covid-safe restrictions still being in place, the SGSSA Coordinating Committee made the decision to have a limited number of participants at the District Athletics Sports, to be held on Wednesday 24 March 2021. Following a recent meeting, a few plans have changed as follows. Each school will still only be taking students in age groups 9 to 13 years. Although our school was originally going to take only the top two place getters for each event, we have now made the decision to enter all our students for these age groups. This allows all students in Years 3 to 6 a chance to compete, which our school believes is the fairest way for our students.

Family members are to take their children to the event. However if some parents are unavailable, we suggest organising with another family for travel and supervision arrangements.

A normal school day, inclusive of school bus runs, will operate for all students in Prep to Year 2. These students are not able to attend the SGSSA District Athletics event.

The SGSSA Coordinating Committee have made the decision not to put a limit on spectators for the day, however remind all people who will be in attendance that Covid-safe practices MUST be adhered to.

Thank you, Dee Gerring

CLASS REPORTS – DIDJERIBONE PERFORMANCE



Year 4 Report:

On Wednesday 10 March, a performer from Brisbane called Tjupurru came and played an instrument called a Didjeribone. It is a didgeridoo but it is eight different didgeridoos in the one! It is two pieces of plastic pipe. Isn't that cool? He played some songs with it, some were the Australian National Anthem and Happy Birthday to Ben and Ella Peters. At the end, one person from each class had to go up (me). We held sound pads with wires connected to them that only made a noise

when Tjupurru tapped us on the head. He then recorded each person's sound and made a song. It was awesome. Each person had a different

noise and the song was very funny. *By Patrick Lomas*



Prep and Year 1 Reports:

- Last Wednesday we went to the Didjeribone. I liked how they sang Happy Birthday. It was funny. I liked how he told us funny stories. *By Nellie Wickens, Year 1.*
- When he extended his Didjeribone he tapped them on the head and he sang Happy Birthday to Ben and Ella with his Didjeribone. *By Bobby Blackwell, Year 1.*
- I loved it when the man played the Didjeribone. The song he played was the Happy Birthday Song. I loved it and it was so much fun. *By Dempsey Gerring, Year 1.*
- I love his music and I love everything. I had fun. I loved when he played the Didjeribone and I loved the music. *By Jackson O'Keeffe, Year 1.*
- Last Wednesday we had a concert. I liked the Didjeribone because it stretches out. *By Jed Russell, Year 1.*
- Last Wednesday all of the school children watched the performance of the Digeridoo guy. *By Michaela Roache, Year 1.*
- I liked it because he played the Didjeribone. My buddy was River. Some people got to stand out the front. *By Sybil Patterson, Year 1.*
- I liked the Didjeribone and I liked the didgeridoo. *By Xavier Macgugan, Year 1.*
- I loved the bit when the man played Happy Birthday to Ben and Ella. *By Ruby Ryan, Year 1.*
- I liked how the Didjeribone blows so loud and it goes backwards and forwards. *By George Phillips, Year 1.*
- I liked that the man had lots of different didgeridoos. *By Liv Lance, Prep.*
- My favourite part was the didgeridoos they were great. *By Edwin White, Prep.*
- I loved the different sounds that the Didjeribone made. *By Tilly Alderman, Prep.*
- I liked it when the aboriginal man blew in the didgeridoo. *By James Cochran, Prep.*
- I liked the noise. *By Athena Manolas, Prep.*
- I liked when the man made the wind sound. *By Poppy Skermer, Prep.*
- I loved all the different songs the man played with his Didjeribone. *By Ruby Mibus, Prep.*
- My favourite bit was when he played the Didjeribone. *By Sailor Grimmer, Prep.*
- I loved all the loud sounds that the man made. *By Annabelle Beveridge, Prep.*



LEARNING TO LEARN PROGRAM

*We are each unique and beautiful,
but together, we are a masterpiece.
By Year 4, 5 and 6 students*

Parents and community members are invited to view this 'masterpiece' during the Open Morning, which was created by all the Year 4, 5 and 6 students during the Learning to Learn Program.



YEAR 6 SECONDARY TRANSITION DAY AT BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE



On Tuesday 23 February most of the Year 6 students went to the Baimbridge College Secondary Transition Day. There were many great activities during the day. We were all split into different groups and each group did different activities each period during the day. One of them including a Science class were we performed a chemical reaction with bicarb soda and vinegar. This was my personal best because of the fizzing liquid. Everybody had a blast on the day.

By Louis Lazzari, Grade 6.



FUN FRIDAYS

For Fun Friday last week we had two activities. One was making a card or artwork for Mrs Higgins because of her retirement to say farewell to her, and the other one included Math games for World Maths Day. All the cards/artwork ended up looking really good and we think Mrs Higgins will love it. The maths activities went well and they were really fun. This week we are super excited doing Harmony Day activities. *By Student Voice Captains – Penny Burger, Michaela Rappaport, Claudia Cochran, Edie Jackson, Hugh Prentice, Seth Monaghan, Zander Mibus*

SWIMMING SPORTS REPORT

SOUTH WEST DIVISION SWIMMING SPORTS AT WARRNAMBOOL – 12 MARCH

On Friday 12 March a squad of sixteen swimmers went to Warrnambool for the Division Swimming Sports. The day was a blast! Everyone tried their hardest and got to the end of the pool. Some of the children even came home with a few ribbons. Thank you to Lea McArthur, Jen McArthur and Mrs McShane for being great coaches. Good luck to the participants taking part in the Greater Western Regional Swimming Championships coming up on Friday 19 March in Horsham. Students who participated at the South West Division Swimming Sports included: Ella Peters, Phoebe Lazzari, Phoebe Ross, Charlotte Alderman, Charlie Linke, Ben Peters, Millie McShane, Sebastian Aarons, Cadence Huff, Louis Lazzari, Edie Jackson, Claudia Cochran, Lachie Oldfield Mann, Gemma Kyle, Lachie Gordon and Jack Oldfield Mann. *By Sebastian Aarons, Louis Lazzari and Cadence Huf.*



GREATER WESTERN REGIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS – 19 MARCH 2021

Students who have qualified to participate at the Greater Western Regional Swimming Championships on Friday 19 March include: Lachie Oldfield Mann, Phoebe Lazzari, Lachie Gordon, Jack Oldfield Mann, Charlotte Alderman, Louis Lazzari, Sebastian Aarons, Phoebe Ross, Ben Peters and Charlie Linke. Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring, Ms Lea McArthur and Mrs Jen McArthur will be supporting the children at this event. We wish all the participants all the best at this next level of competition.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The first meeting of the 'new' School Council will be held on Tuesday 30 March 2021 in the school staffroom. This first meeting will also include election of office bearers and co-option for casual vacancies.

ASSEMBLY



Congratulation to Miss Mary-Allen Evens and Mr Ash McLachlan on their wedding, on Friday 12 March 2021. We wish them both all the best for the future. Miss Evans was presented with some lovely keepsakes written by our children and gifts from staff at a recent assembly, to celebrate this special occasion.

FILMING FOR A SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE COUNCIL VIDEO

The Southern Grampians Shire Council has commissioned a group to create short videos that highlight the liveability of the small townships in the Southern Grampians Shire. Journalist - Gretel Sneath, Photographer - Rob Tremelling and SGSC staff, Leesa Iredell, Hugh Koch and Jacqui Bunting (Work Experience) visited our school on Wednesday 3 March to carry out filming, conduct short interviews and take photographs of some of our students and staff.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

From the Kitchen ...

On Friday 5 March, we welcomed the children back into the Kitchen. Grades 4, 5 and 6 have been split into two groups and Group A who has named themselves the *Awesome Agapanthus* along with Mrs Field were the first to test their skills. We met on the walkway to have a refresher on Kitchen and knife safety, met our SAKG Friends Heather Hampton, Dave Fanning, Carol Burger and Kate Brian and then headed into the Kitchen.



This week's menu focused on Healthy Lunchbox choices and were Seasonal Savoury Muffins, Zucchini and Corn Fritters with Rhubarb Relish and Fruit Salad with Yoghurt Surprise, plus some Crazy Carrots from the garden.



We were able to harvest some pears and plums from the school's orchard, and a shout out saw our Kitchen supplied with home grown zucchinis, cherry tomatoes, basil, oregano, spring onions, chard and eggs.

Our second week, Friday 12 March, had a number of students away competing at swimming championships so Group B haven't chosen a name yet. The same menu was cooked as per the previous week but we were also able to add some hand cut oven baked chips from a bucket of potatoes that Lisa had harvested. The children showed great knife skills with their chip making.

We are lucky enough to have the walkway as our dining room this year and I think it is very popular amongst the children, each week one group get to set this up however they want. Thanks to our SAKG Friends Stacey Balkin, Cee Blackwell, Heather Hampton and Dave Fanning.

Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains ...

Over the past two weeks both Group A and B have been digging up a storm in the garden. In the last couple of gardening sessions Group A and Group B have been planting loads of plants including chives, spring onions, lemon balm, basil, California poppy and broccoli. We have been getting the garden back into its beautiful form. *By Max Graham and Jake Linskens*

Our first cooking class of the year was on Friday 5 March. Group A cooked and made a delicious meal for their lunch it was savoury muffins, corn fritters, honey carrots and a fruit salad with a yoghurt surprise. Group B cooked on Friday 12 March and made the same as Group A with the exception of honey carrots. They also made hot chips and Dave Fanning brought in some scrumptious sourdough bread. *By Oscar Fanning and Isabella Jury*



School Garden Sign Competition

In a few weeks the school will be holding a sign making competition for the school garden. Sign making competitors must make the design out of only scrap materials that you can find like wood and metal, bottle caps, sticks, wire and more. The sign must have the words Dunkeld Consolidated School Garden and the red watering can symbol. *By Oscar Fanning*

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS WILL COMMENCE IN TERM 2

The external school lunch provider is Izzy's Mountain View Café, Dunkeld and they will recommence taking lunch orders from the beginning of Term 2 (Tuesday 20 April 2021). After consultation with Izzy's Café and taking into account Kitchen and Garden classes being held on a Friday, **this year school lunch orders will be available on a TUESDAY and THURSDAY of each week.**

Students are responsible for placing their orders, written on a brown paper bag with money enclosed, in a specially marked box near the School Admin Office. Please send correct money if possible. The menu and pricelist are being finalised and will be included in the next edition of the School Newsletter and will also be available on the school website.

Late orders are unable to be accepted by the school office. Students who fail to put in their lunch orders (or bring their lunch) will be given school supplied lunches. **A charge of \$1.00 per supplied food item will apply.** This charge will be paid to the school using the child's lunch order money or a note sent home in the child's diary.

NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY ON FRIDAY 19 MARCH

Dunkeld Consolidated School are excited to be celebrating National Ride2School Day on Friday 19 March 2021. National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity to kick-start new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active travel. We encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home and give riding, walking, scooting or skating to school a go. It is sure to be a fantastic day and we look forward to seeing you there!



REMINDER: 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 has been sent home (books of 10 tickets @ 50 cents each) to each school family. **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 29 March 2021.** The raffle will be drawn on **Thursday 1 April 2021.** All raffle proceeds are forwarded to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Donation envelopes are also available from the office.



FUNKY HAIR DAY ON THURSDAY 1 APRIL 2021



Staff and students are encouraged to wear a "funky hairstyle" **on Thursday 1 April 2021 and give a gold coin donation for participating.** Funds raised will go to the Leukaemia 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.

GLENTHOMPSON AND DUNKELD AUSKICK CENTRE

The Glenthompson and Dunkeld Auskick Centre will be back up and running during Term 2!

Registrations are now open until Tuesday 20 April 2021 so please visit the website:

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/d7a5a1> to register your children today.

Sessions will start on Thursday 22 April 2021 and continually run every Thursday until 17 June 2021, beginning at 4.30pm until 5.30pm.

Fun to be had for all children between 5 – 12 years of age, whilst parental involvement is strongly encouraged! Make sure to bring your own water bottle to each session.

If you have any questions or queries please contact the Centre Co-ordinator, Matt Lowe on 0447 434 438.



Dunkeld Consolidated School invites the community to attend a **Retirement Farewell for Mrs Jane Higgins and Open Morning on Thursday 18 March 2021**

Dunkeld Consolidated School will hold a special assembly to farewell and thank Mrs Jane Higgins who retired from the Department of Education from the beginning of the 2021 school year. Jane has given many years of service to both Dunkeld Consolidated School and the Glenthompson Campus. The Assembly will take place at 9:30am and be open to all school and community members.

Following the assembly, we invite all visitors to our Open Morning from 10.00am to 11.00am. Our senior students would love to take visitors on a tour of our school, where you are welcome to wander through our classes and grounds between 10.00am and 11.00am, seeing the many changes that have taken place over the years.

We also invite visitors to stay for morning tea on the deck at 11.00am.

The school would especially love to see grandparents along with our parents and interested members of the community attend. Parents of pre-school aged children who may be considering joining our school community in the future are also warmly invited to meet us.

COVID-19 procedures and social distancing rules will apply.

We look forward to seeing you there!