



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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## Newsletter No. 4 – Wednesday 18 March 2020

**As we are changing and updating events on a regular basis at the moment, please ensure you take particular note of the calendar of dates below.**

### MARCH 2020

- Thursday 19 ~~Year 6 Excursion to GRIP Student Leadership Conference in Ballarat. Rescheduled to Wednesday 6 May in Mount Gambier.~~  
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. Cancelled until further notice.~~  
Closed School Assembly commencing at 2.45pm.
- Monday 23 ~~SGSSA Athletics at Pedrina Park, Hamilton (back-up day 25 March). Cancelled until further notice.~~  
**Tabloid Sports Day at the Dunkeld Consolidated School.**
- 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. Cancelled until further notice~~  
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.**  
Early lunch at 1.00pm (school lunch orders will be available).  
Closed School Assembly commencing at 2.00pm.  
**Last Day of Term 1 – early dismissal at 2.30pm. School buses will run one hour earlier.**

### 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 Annual School Photos. All students to wear full winter uniform.  
Whole School Assembly commencing at 2.45pm.
- Saturday 25 ~~**ANZAC DAY Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch Dawn Service. General public are unable to attend the service.**~~
- Thursday 30 ~~**Caulfield Grammar School Visit. Cancelled.**~~  
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### MAY 2020

- Wednesday 6 Year 6 Excursion to GRIP Student Leadership conference in Mount Gambier.
- Tuesday 12 **PUPIL FREE DAY.** Rescheduled date - The Resilience Project Teacher Seminar in Melbourne.

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

With the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus situation at the forefront of our thoughts at the moment, I'd like to assure the school community that we will keep you all updated as soon as we hear news or are given directives from the Department of Education. At this stage there are no local school closures, but it could be possible at some stage. I ask everyone to stay vigilant in social distancing, when possible, and practise good hygiene. The school has put many measures in place for the health and wellbeing of students and staff. I thank everyone for their support in this unknown time.

As a result of the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus situation, many events and excursions have had to be cancelled or postponed. Term 1 events include: Year 6 GRIP Leadership Conference moved to Mount Gambier on Wednesday 6 May, Greater Western Regional Swimming in Horsham postponed indefinitely and the SGSSA Athletics Sports Day postponed indefinitely. We will provide more information on further changes to dates as they arise.

Further to this, we are limiting the amount of people, other than staff and students entering the school, by cancelling helpers coming in for Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden classes for the remainder of term and any other helpers to the school. SAKG classes will still run in a less formalised manner with SAKG and school staff only. Cooking in the kitchen will

involve strict hygiene measures and individual portions for students to make their own personal meal.

We shall have closed assemblies for the remainder of this term, with any major awards and presentations held over to next term.

As previously advised, The Resilience Project Teacher Seminar scheduled for 18 March has now been postponed to Tuesday 12 May 2020.

**We will aim to hold a Pupil Free Day on Tuesday 12 May 2020** (in lieu of Tuesday 14 April) to attend The Resilience Project Teacher Seminar in Melbourne. That would mean that students would resume school on Tuesday 14 April 2020, as the first day of Term 2.

We have now completed the last two days of our School Review. It was a very positive process and I thank the staff, students and parents for their cooperation and help throughout the journey. We have had some excellent feedback on our processes, practices and data at Dunkeld Consolidated School and have now developed some future goals that will guide our next four year Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan. We look forward to keeping our school community informed of 'where to next' in our journey at Dunkeld Consolidated School!

Last week the Division Swimming was held in Warrnambool. Congratulations again to our Dunkeld competitors on their swimming display and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mrs McShane, Lea and Jen McArthur and parents for supporting our swimmers in the lead up and on the day.

Thank you, Dee Gerring

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

### School Council Elections 2020

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

The four parent school councillors for the two-year term (2020 – 2022) are Mark Lazzari, Melissa Field, Simon Ross and new councillor – Richard McShane. The elected DET member is Terrie Nicholson (with one casual vacancy).

The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Tuesday 24 March in the school staff room commencing at 7.30pm. Election of office bearers will occur at this meeting.

## SSV DIVISION SWIMMING WARRNAMBOOL

### SOME GOOD NEWS!!!

On Friday 13 March 2020, 20 proud students represented the Dunkeld School in the SSV Division (Zone) Swimming Sports at Warrnambool. It was an amazing day and everyone worked hard. Well done to the few who finished in the top 6 in their events. Thank you for listening. Have an extravagant weekend! *Sebastian and Louis, Grade 5*



Honk! We were off firing like a rocket, gracefully moving through the water. I didn't know what my body was doing but it was just moving continuously. I had done it! I had finished the race. I was exhausted and I still had a lifetime of races to go!

*Libby Herrmann, Grade 5*

As I stepped into the freezing, gushing water, I felt like I couldn't swim, but I will not give up now! I took off like a rocket, blasting through the water! I couldn't help but go even faster!

*Indi Mibus, Grade 5*



Firstly, another BIG thank you to Lea and Jen. We couldn't do it without your coaching and emotional support for our team.

Congratulations to all the swimmers who represented Dunkeld Consolidated School last Friday at the Division Swimming Sports in Warrnambool. Each student swam to the best of their ability, many with personal best times. We often talk about being 'brave' and 'doing our best' while participating in our day to day learning tasks. Our swimmers displayed their personal best while showing their bravery amongst hundreds of other students. We are extremely proud of the way all the swimmers represented Dunkeld Consolidated School. A special mention to Grace Potter, who won the 11 year old Age Champion for the day. Well Done Team Dunkeld. *Mrs McShane, Sports Coordinator.*

Pictured: Some of the team

Found at the end of the event: 10/11 year Adidas navy blue shorts and two pairs of white socks. Please ask at the office.

## YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY AT BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE



On Tuesday 25 February a number of our Year 6 students attended the Baimbridge College Year 6 Transition Day. Students are encouraged to attend the day even if they might be enrolling at a different Secondary School. Our students took the challenge of catching the bus to high school for the first time and enjoyed science, art and other classes. A positive day where students got to meet new teachers and work in groups with students from other schools. We hope that by attending these days our students won't be so nervous come their first day of school next year. All students reported having a great day.

Unfortunately the Come and Try day at Monivae College was cancelled this week but hopefully students will have another opportunity later in the year.



## P & F ASSOCIATION

Thank you to those who attended our P & F AGM and meeting on Sunday 15 March, it is much appreciated. Thank you to the following people for again taking on roles:

Ruth Moyle President  
 Rachel Blackwell Vice President  
 Victoria Wallish Secretary  
 Melissa Field Treasurer  
 Bev Hampton Co-opted School Council Member

## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

*From the Kitchen ...*



Our Year 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to showcase our SAKG Kitchen Garden program to our School Reviewers' last week. As well as cooking for our guests our students set and waited on our Reviewers' table.



*From SAKG CAPTAIN ... Leah Morelli, Grade 6*

Good afternoon teachers parents boys and girls.

Another fun week for the SAKG. We are so curious to see what the Preps are doing in

the undercover area, we hope to see it soon!

We are grateful to have all the fruit that's growing and we hope to see people make amazing foods with them in the kitchen.

The Year 5/6 class were cooking in the kitchen on Thursday 12 March. We made beetroot burgers, apple and pear sponge, zucchini pizza and pasta. Who wants to hear a funny story? Well...I was carrying the apple pear sponge tray and I dropped it and it went everywhere. I got a little upset, Clare thought it was a little funny and Maria thought it was hilarious. Clare said "When you make a mistake you can always make a comeback". That goes for everyone.

Just a friendly reminder that students are not to go into the garden at recess and lunch without permission from a teacher. This is because there is no teacher supervision in the garden at these times. Thanks for listening and have a great weekend!



*From the Garden ... by Lisa McIntyre*

I think working in a garden provides you with so many skills you would never have associated with soil and seeds. It helps you think laterally, not only about the task at hand, but also about the "big picture" - what edible plants are we trying to grow in our school garden > what surrounding environment do they need to grow well > I think I can do this task better > what if I did this...> hey, this is just like my own garden at home > I can do this at home > I can help my family do this > (and as they get older) I can help my community do this ...

I know this is all big picture stuff, but I feel it is really important that our children learn where their food comes from, and how, and why, it grew. Which means not only what seed we sowed, but how we provided nutrients through the soil, essential water, protection from winds, structures to protect and grow up, and protection from pests and plant diseases, and protection for pollinators and predators. And within this, gardeners become scientists, mathematicians, historians, metalworkers, woodworkers, biologists, problem solvers, nutritionists and artists.

But just as importantly, being in a garden also provides you with pleasure - pure pleasure and pride in growing a wonderful healthy and diverse environment, which produces beautiful fresh food.

With the **holidays** approaching, I need to ask for help to **check the chooks - please!** It would be fantastic if we could have some families help, it is not a big task at all. Please get in touch with me soon!

Lisa McIntyre - 0428 749 235 or 5574 9235 – email: [advancel@bigpond.com](mailto:advancel@bigpond.com)



Due to the changing nature of advice relating to COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus we regret that we have had to make the decision to limit the number of people other than staff and students entering the school. We would like to thank all of our volunteers for their help to date, but in the best interests of our students and staff, volunteers will no longer be required to assist in our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden classes for the remainder of Term 1, as well as any other helpers to the school. We hope that this will only be a short term measure as our volunteers will be missed.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION FOR 2020

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

### 23 MARCH 2020 - SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION (SGSSA) ATHLETICS SPORTS

### 20 MARCH 2020 - REGIONAL SWIMMING SPORTS AT HORSHAM

Unfortunately the above events have been cancelled. As we are advised of any new information in relation to these events we will let the school community know accordingly. We thank you for your patience.

### YEAR 6 GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE – RE SCHEDULED

As our Year 6 students were scheduled to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference in Ballarat on Thursday 19 March, we have made the decision to not send our students and rather have our tickets re-directed to the same conference to be held in Mt Gambier on Wednesday 6 May 2020. Attendance at this event will again be pending the situation at the time.

### THE RESILIENCE PROJECT TEACHER SEMINAR – RE SCHEDULED

As previously advised, The Resilience Project Teacher Seminar scheduled for 18 March has now been postponed to Tuesday 12 May 2020. Due to all teachers attending the seminar on this day, **Tuesday 12 May 2020 will now be a pupil free day.**

### HEAD LICE

We have had an instance of head lice reported this week and seek your co-operation in an effort to contain the situation. Please read the notices with this newsletter and take action accordingly.

### e-Smart – ALANNAH AND MADELINE FOUNDATION

With many school sporting activities taking place this term you as a parent may wish to review the messages in the attached link about sharing images on social media. Hopefully, we as parents can help set the precedent for how our children will use social media in the future.

[https://www.esmart.org.au/news/five-online-safety-messages-to-discuss-with-parents-and-carers-of-primary-school-students/?utm\\_source=content3&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=eSmart%20content&utm\\_source=eSmart+content+communications&utm\\_campaign=8cc1522997-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2020\\_02\\_10\\_03\\_11\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_f89ff26191-8cc1522997-145756121](https://www.esmart.org.au/news/five-online-safety-messages-to-discuss-with-parents-and-carers-of-primary-school-students/?utm_source=content3&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=eSmart%20content&utm_source=eSmart+content+communications&utm_campaign=8cc1522997-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_02_10_03_11_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f89ff26191-8cc1522997-145756121)

### REMINDERS

**THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2020 AND THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2020: NO KITCHEN OR GARDEN FRIENDS REQUIRED.**

### FORMS

Head lice information – please return the form on page 2 of the attached handout, if applicable