



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL No. 6215

*'Optima Semper'*



## Newsletter No. 4 – Wednesday 21 June 2023

### JUNE 2023

- Friday 23 **Special Assembly commencing at 9.10am in the school hall.**  
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 4 and Year 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.  
**LAST DAY OF TERM 2 – early dismissal at 2.30pm. School buses will run one hour earlier in the afternoon.**

### JULY 2023

- Monday 10 **FIRST DAY OF TERM 3.**
- Thursday 13 SSV State Cross Country Championships at Yarra Valley Racing Club, Yarra Glen.
- Friday 14 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Thursday 20 Junior Hoop Time Basketball competition at HILAC (Year 3 and 4 students).
- Monday 17 Dunkeld & District Lions Club – Lions Eye Health Program.
- Tuesday 18 Dunkeld & District Lions Club – Lions Eye Health Program.
- Friday 21 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 4 and Year 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.  
Hockey 7's Competition at Pedrina Park, Hamilton.
- Monday 24 Senior Hoop Time Basketball competition at HILAC (Year 5 and 6 students).
- Tuesday 25 School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the staff room.
- Friday 28 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Monday 31 Smile Squad team from Dental Health Services Victoria will be visiting our school from Monday 31 July.

### AUGUST 2023

- Friday 4 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 4 and Year 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Friday 11 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Monday 14 National Science Week (*Saturday 12 to Sunday 20 August*).
- Friday 18 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 4 and Year 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Monday 21 **Book Week theme: *Read, Grow, Inspire.* (Saturday 19 to Friday 25 August).**

## FROM Mrs Angela Field, Principal...

With the excitement of baby news, Sarah Gordon will be going on Maternity Leave from Week 2 of Term 3, and we will see a change in staffing, as we welcome Mrs Alison Prentice to the team. Here is an overview of the impending changes:

- Mrs Jackie McShane becoming the Year 3/4 classroom teacher (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday).
- Mrs Alison Prentice in Year 3/4 (Wednesday).
- Mrs Alison Prentice will also replace Mrs McShane's PE teacher role (Monday and Tuesday).
- Ms Dee-Anne Raymond is increasing her time fraction and will be in Year 1/2 on Fridays (fortnightly), with Mrs Prentice in Year 1/2 on alternate Fridays.

Recently, three of our students, Lucy Rennie, Charles Prentice and Jack Oldfield Mann competed at the Greater Western Region Cross Country in Warrnambool. From this event Lucy and Jack have qualified to compete at the State final on Thursday 13 July 2023 at Yarra Glen.

Professional Learning continues with our formal PLC training completed. Naomie and I presented our Pecha Kucha presentation to the Learning Community, receiving positive endorsement for our journey with PLCs. Semester Two will see our school shift PLC focus to Numeracy. Ms Dee-Anne Raymond recently attended a Michael Ymer (renowned Mathematics teacher) professional learning day in Ballarat, returning to school to share new ideas, strategies and resources.

Electives will commence in week two of Term 3, with children having the opportunity to choose from STEAM, Garden Art, Board Games, Cooking, and Drama.

Student Reports are complete and will be sent home on Friday. Staff have been busy over the last few weeks compiling assessment data and competing the reports using the new XUNO Student Maps program.

Students in Years 4 to 6 have completed the Citizenship Survey and we look forward to again recognising our positive citizens at Friday's Special Assembly.

The Shade Sail Project is complete and the Indigenous meeting/learning space is well underway after consulting with our Koori Engagement Support Officers and a local nursery to order pavers and plants to complete the space. Once complete we will invite Libby Herrmann (Year 6, 2021) back to school to officially open the space.

With nineteen students graduating this year we will be calling on some volunteer families from Year 6, to assist with extending the mural fence, which is due for completion by the beginning of Term 4. Our School Council Facilities Sub-Committee will assist with coordinating this project.

At our last School Council meeting, three new members were co-opted: Kate Wickens, Paul Phillips and Peter Roads. We welcome and thank them for the time and support of our school. All three have already attended sub-committee meetings with projects on the agenda.

Last week students in Years 3 to 6 attended Book Bash live Zoom meetings with authors Paul Jennings and Maxine Beneba Clarke. From all reports these sessions were most engaging, an initiative of the State Library of Victoria.

I will be on Long Service Leave for the first week of Term Three, with Mrs Naomie Phillips and Mrs Anne Gilbert acting as teachers-in-charge.

Stay safe and enjoy the Winter holidays.



*Ange Field,*  
*Principal*

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council met on Tuesday 23 May and 20 June, items of business included:

- The 2022 School Annual Report has been endorsed and approved and is available for viewing on the school's website: [www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au](http://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au) Please contact the school office if you would like a paper copy.
- School Council Licence Agreement with the Grampians Cricket Club has been endorsed.
- Three new parent members have been co-opted to School Council – Kate Wickens, Paul Phillips, and Peter Roads. Vacancies were due to School Councillors coming to the end of their term i.e. Mark Lazzari and Simon Ross. President, Richard McShane, tendered his resignation at our March meeting. A Vote of Thanks was extended to Richard for his great leadership, hard work, tireless efforts, and support during his tenure as President and a school councillor. Long serving councillors, Mark and Simon, were also acknowledged for their support, commitment, dedication and assistance during their time on Council.
- A letter has been forwarded to the Southern Grampians Shire Council regarding the road surfaces in the Dickie Street, Fairburn Street and Taylor Street loop, particularly with regards to the 2023-2024 draft budget.
- A new basketball tower, backboard and ring will be installed by Facilities Sub-Committee members in the near future.
- Drainage issues in the pick-up/drop-up zone have been investigated and Facilities Sub-Committee will co-ordinate future works in this area.
- Fundraising Sub-Committee is looking at some exciting fundraising events for the whole school.
- Policy Sub-Committee has been busy updating school policies in readiness for our School Review in Term 1, 2024.
- Subsidies were approved for the Year 6 GRIP Leadership Conference and Year 5 and 6 Parliament of Victoria Outreach Program excursion.
- School Camps were approved for the following dates:
  - Year 5/6 Cave Hill Creek Camp – Wednesday 11 to Friday 13 October.
  - Year 3/4 Port Fairy Camp – Wednesday 18 to Thursday 19 October.
  - Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp – Monday 11 to Tuesday 12 September.
  - Prep/Year 1 Sleepover - Thursday 14 to Friday 15 September.

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

### Special Assembly on Friday 26 May 2023 – School Captains' Reports

Class Captains' reports were presented by Ned Peters, Year 6; Hamish Rush, Year 4/5; Will Beveridge, Year 3/4; Tom Roache, Year 1/2 and Phoebe Patterson, Prep.

#### Year 3/4 Class Captain Report by Will Beveridge:

This term in Maths we have been learning about fractions – did you know if you ate 2 pieces of Pizza from a 4-slice pizza, we would call that two fourths or also a half. We have also been learning about subtraction.

In Reading we have been reading the Lost Whale. Rio had to go to California to stay with his grandmother. Rio found his mum's box of joy which had pictures of whales in there. If I had a box of joy I would have drawings of farm machinery, rocks, and shells.

We have been writing poems and we wrote Haiku poems about ANZAC Day. A Haiku poem has three sentences, the first sentence is 5 syllables, the second sentence 7 syllables and the last sentence 5 syllables. We have also made onomatopoeia poems – Onomatopoeia words are sound words, like **boom**, **crash** and **pow**.

In Inquiry we are learning about the First Contacts. First Contacts is all about the First Nations and the First Fleet. We started off by learning all about Indigenous traditions, beliefs, and love of country. Did you know you can make tea from Banksia nectar and the Murrnong daisies roots are edible. Our mountain ranges are called Gariwerd, and the three mountains are Wurgarri, Baingugg and Mud Dajug.

Last week in cooking we made gnocchi; sausage rolls and apple and cinnamon muffins. I really like cooking! I enjoyed Pirate Day as we got to dress up and we learnt our Pirate names, mine was Will Itchy Beard.

#### Year 1/2 Class Captain Report by Tom Roache:

In Maths, we have been learning addition and subtraction. Adding is when you add something on. Subtraction is when you take something off. We learnt about friends of 10 and how to do turnarounds with addition and subtraction sums. This week our class learnt about shape. We played a shape game to learn about how many sides each 2D shape has. In Reading, we have been doing reading groups. We learnt how to use the comprehension cards in the yellow box, and we have been doing some reading eggs and sight word games. They are naming words like bus, chair and school. We have been doing Procedural Texts in Writing. Procedural texts are a step-by-step process for how to do something. Our Inquiry topic has been "Learning about the Past". We learnt about artefacts, our local area and legends of the past.

National Reconciliation Week was held from 27 May to 3 June and our theme for this year was "Be a Voice for Generations." Classes focused on Indigenous cultures as part of our learning. *By Yvette Fanning and Harry McShane*

## HONOUR CERTIFICATES

### Friday 26 May 2023

**Prep:** Penelope Wickens.  
**Year 1/2:** Nixon Gerring and Tom Roache.  
**Year 3/4:** Jude Rush and Jed Russell.  
**Year 4/5:** Will Griffin-Wilson and Edward Alderman.  
**Year 6:** Yin Vass and Charles Prentice.

### Friday 9 June 2023

**Prep:** Toby Hyland and Billy Gaylard.  
**Year 1/2:** Sam Parkinson and Edwin White.  
**Year 3/4:** Ben Rennie and Audrey Black.  
**Year 4/5:** Jim Herrmann.  
**Year 6:** Patrick Lomas and Gemma Kyle.

## Students 'Gotcha' Awards

### Week Ending Friday 19 May 2023

**Prep:** Isabella Petropoulos  
**Year 3/4:** Audrey Black  
**Year 6:** Ned Peters

### Week Ending Friday 9 June 2023

**Prep:** Van Russell  
**Year 1/2:** Edwin White and Hannah Roach  
**Year 3/4:** Olivia Balkin  
**Year 4/5:** Nate Elliott  
**Year 6:** Yin Vass

### Week Ending Friday 26 May 2023

**Prep:** Sam Blackwell  
**Year 1/2:** Sam Parkinson and Indigo Roads  
**Year 3/4:** Dempsey Gerring  
**Year 4/5:** Tyson Riddle  
**Year 6:** Ned Peters and Jack Oldfield Mann

### Week Ending Friday 16 June 2023

**Prep:** Henry Armytage  
**Year 1/2:** Annie Clark  
**Year 3/4:** Dempsey Gerring  
**Year 4/5:** Annie Jackson  
**Year 6:** Patrick Lomas

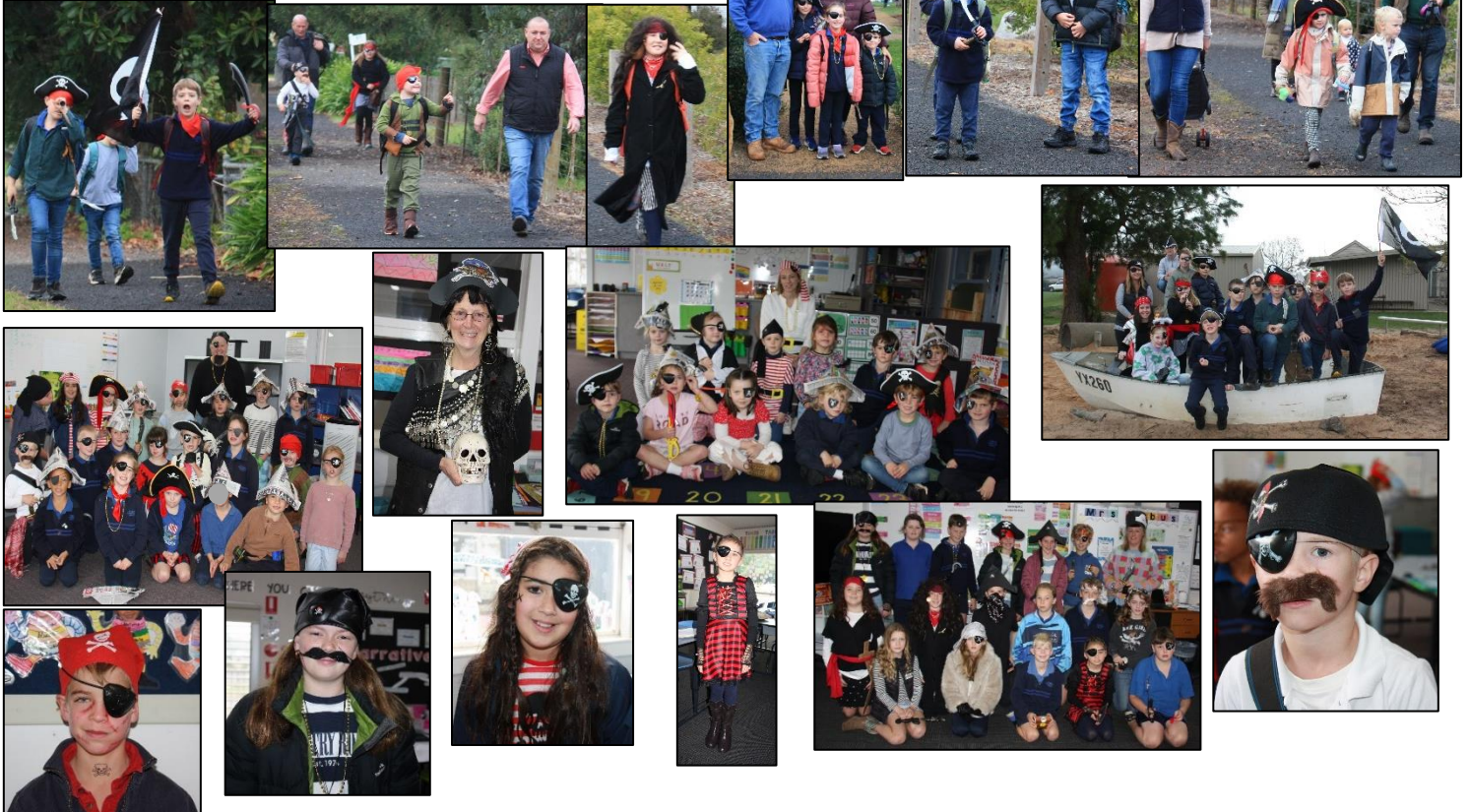
### Week Ending Friday 2 June 2023

**Prep:** Annabel Wilson  
**Year 3/4:** Michaela Roache  
**Year 4/5:** Lucy Rennie  
**Year 6:** Max Russell

*Nate Elliott, Year 5 and Esther Beveridge are the lucky recipients of school funded vouchers from Izzy's Café for the Term 2 Gotcha Awards.*

## National Walk Safely to School Day and Pirate Day

On Friday 19 May students and staff enjoyed National Walk Safely to School Day and Pirate Day. Not sure what tourists thought, of our uniform as they passed by, however the students were totally into it.



## First Aid in Schools Program

All students recently participated in St John's Ambulance 'First Aid in Schools Program.' The First Aid in Schools Program is a free program run by St John Ambulance Australia providing basic first aid training to school students across all states and territories.



## Hamilton Eisteddfod



Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 students who participated in the Hamilton Eisteddfod on Thursday 8 June. Their practising for many weeks with Tara Stephens during classroom Music lessons merited them second place in the Primary School Multi-Instrumental Group.

Year 3 and 4 students: Bobby Blackwell, Lochie Bird, Dempsey Gerring, Angus Jones, Xavier Macgugan, Jackson O'keeffe, Sybil Patterson, George Phillips, Ben Rennie, Michaela Roache, Jed Russell, Olivia Balkin, Will Beveridge, Audrey Black, George Heazlewood, Jet Roads, Digby Heazlewood, Banjo Hyland, Annie Jackson, Grace

Macgugan, Matilda Pattullo, George Lomas, Nellie Wickens and Year 5 students: Jim Herrmann and Henrietta Patterson.



Mrs Heather Macgugan's private Music tuition pupils also eagerly participated. Henrietta Patterson received first place for 10 years and under Recorder Solo and the Michael and Caroline Woodward Encouragement Award for Woodwind. Jim Herrmann placed second for under 10 String Solo and second for his Primary School Student Instrumental Original Composition.

## Assembly



On Friday 9 June our Year 3 and Year 4 students performed for our whole school assembly. The audience enjoyed the multi-instrumental performance led by Tara Stephens, along with solo performances by Year 5 students, Henrietta Patterson and Jim Herrmann.



## Open Morning for our Kindergarten Families

What a wonderful turnout for our Dunkeld Kinder families' Open Morning at our school on Thursday 15 June. Families had a tour of the school and then spent some time in the Prep classroom. The children looked very happy in the Prep classroom playing, while parents chatted or joined in with the children's activities.



## Prep Class

Our Prep students recently created some wonderful winter artworks using watercolour paints and crayons. We used white crayons to make the rain and puddles visible under the paint. We love how our colourful umbrellas and rainbows stand out from our dark storm clouds.





### 2023 Somers School Camp

First report was twelve students going on Somers Camp, however we were fortunate that two of our emergency listed students were also able to attend this year's Somers Camp from Tuesday 30 May to Wednesday 7 June.

The fourteen students were: *Freddie Jury, Hamish Rush, Charles Prentice, Harry McShane, Edward Alderman, Felix Hyland, Ned Peters, Elodie Cochran, Zoe Trotter, Yvette Fanning, Millie McShane, Clementine Blackwell Tyson Riddle and Alex Bird.*



*Whoosh!* The flying fox was thrilling and racing Drew from our group was fun. Zooming along with the wind whistling in my ears and crash landing onto the bark. Eagerly knowing that we get to do it all over again. *By Yvette Fanning.*



At the second last day of camp, we walked into a big area with wooden benches surrounding a big campfire, while the Somers Camp staff were singing Riptide. Charles, Beau, Jake and I sat down on one of the benches and started dancing to all the songs, including Ghost Chickens, Old MacDonald had a Ford and My Island Home. All of a sudden, a man called Kenneth came out and started to predict Harry McShane's future and then to finish off. The last song was called, Camp Of Your Life. It was a sad and happy song because we all knew that we were going home the next day and we would be leaving Somers Camp for good. *By Felix Hyland.*

Ahhhhh! I heard screaming as I watched people go on the Giant Swing. Finally, it was my turn. I was a bit nervous, but I went to the top. It was fun, I loved it. My

favourite parts were, making new friends, the challenge swing, the flying fox, the concert, and the disco! It was an AMAZING experience, and I would love to do it again! *By Clementine Blackwell*

On Somers Camp my favourite thing was the Challenge Swing. When it wasn't your turn on the swing you had to pull the rope so the person whose turn it was could go up. When it was my turn, my group pulled the rope to get me up to the top and then I had to pull the little green ball to release myself. When you're falling down your legs kick back behind you into an awkward position until your legs catch up and then it's a good view. *By Alex Bird.*

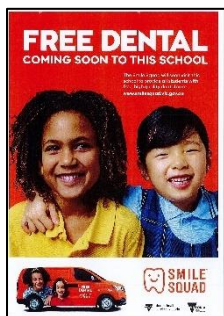
### Year 3 to 5 Blended Arts Workshop

On Monday 19 June our Year 3, 4 and 5 students had the opportunity to participate in a Blended Arts face-to-face workshop, with students from Cavendish Primary School, Heywood Consolidated School, Merino Consolidated School and Penshurst Primary School, at The Hamilton and Alexandra College Music and Performing Arts Centre. Our students have been participating in regular online sessions with Drama teachers.

As part of the Rural and Regional School reform, the Department of Education and Training (DET) has funded a Blended Arts Education Program Rural and Regional. The program is delivered by appropriately qualified and experienced Drama teachers, supported, and guided by Drama Victoria.

### Responsible Pet Ownership Program

Prep to Year 6 students participated in the Responsible Pet Ownership Program sessions at our school on Wednesday 21 June. Ms Barbara Lloyd, accompanied by her Spoodle, *Tucker*, presented informative and interesting sessions on pet ownership which included strategies for approaching an unknown animal and dealing with an aggressive dog, the need to look after our native animals in relation to dogs and cats and the general welfare of pets.



### Smile Squad (Dental Health Services Victoria) visiting our school from Monday 31 July 2023

The Smile Squad team from Dental Health Services Victoria are coming to our school from Monday 31 July 2023. Smile Squad is the Victorian Government **free** school dental program.

This means that all students may receive a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school. Smile Squad needs parental consent before they can provide services (consent forms were sent home with each student).

### Lions Eye Health Program – Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 July 2023

Trained members from the Dunkeld & District Lions Club will be conducting a children's vision screening program, under the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP), at our school on Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 July 2023. Lions Club members have been specifically trained to perform four vision screening assessments including: Visual Acuity, Colour Vision, Depth Perception and Spot Vision Screener.

**Permission slips must be returned to the school office by Friday 23 June**, if you would like your child/children to participate in this vision screening program. For further information please visit the following website: [www.lehp.org.au](http://www.lehp.org.au)



## SPORTS REPORTS



Three of our students Lucy Rennie, Charles Prentice and Jack Oldfield Mann advanced to the regional finals to represent our school at the Greater Western Region Cross Country Championships at Albert Park, Warrnambool on Monday 29 May. Well done, you all did an amazing job and good luck to Lucy and Jack who will be moving on to the State Finals in Melbourne on Thursday 13 July!

*Sports Captains' Report by Lachie Gordon, Jack Oldfield Mann, Millie McShane and Gemma Kyle.*



## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

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#### Kitchen...

On Friday 19 May, Year 6 students were happy to prepare and share - Money Bags, Beef Chow Mein and Spiced Apple Pizza.

On Friday 26 May, Year 4 and 5 students eagerly prepared and shared - Money Bags, Beef and Cabbage Chow Mein, Vegetable Rice Paper Rolls and delicious Spiced Apple Pizza.



On Friday 2 June, Year 6 students enjoyed preparing and sharing Damper, marked with Indigenous Artwork (symbols), Harvest Minestrone, Warrigal Greens and Ricotta Fritters with Green Tomato Jam.

On Friday 9 Jun, Year 4 and 5 students enthusiastically prepared and shared Spicy Pumpkin Soup, Damper, marked with Indigenous Artwork (symbols), Banana Bread and Warrigal Greens and Ricotta Fritters with Green Tomato Jam.

On Friday 16 June, Year 6 students experienced preparing and sharing the following menu: Sunroot chips; Alphabet Grissini; Pumpkin and Leek Risotto; Persimmon, Rhubarb and Apple Crumble with Jamie Oliver's Vanilla Custard.

Thankfully, our chickens have started laying, so we will have fresh eggs for our SAKG Kitchen classes.  
*By SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captain, Patrick Lomas.*



#### Garden...

##### Gardening - AUTUMN

On 19 May the Year 4/5 students had gardening.

We learned that deciduous trees came from the northern hemisphere that's why the leaves fall off. The leaves fall off because they have learnt that if they don't lose them the snow will become too heavy and will snap the branches off. Chlorophyll is a green pigment that helps with the making of photosynthesis. During winter the trees don't need to photosynthesise, so they stop producing chlorophyll. Gradually the green disappears from the leaves leaving an orange, red or yellow colour.

Abscission tissue is like a rubber band on your finger stopping the flow of nutrients and water from the leaf to the tree. Once the tissue seals off completely the leaf falls off gently. The leaves that fall off decompose and turn into nutrients for the tree. Get out and enjoy Autumn before it ends! *By Henrietta Patterson and Chloe Skermer.*

This Winter season (late May to the end of July) according to indigenous tribes it is Chunnup - season of cockatoos. They recognise their seasons by signs of the environment and animals. During gardening in Chunnup we have been taking cuttings, planting seedlings, and controlling weeds by raking leaves and mulching garden beds. The abscission (the fallen of leaves from trees) prepare for Chunnup (Winter). Native Bee hotels have been prepared by the Year 6 students for the Year 3 and 4 students to assemble. Hopefully, this will encourage more bees to visit our garden to pollinate our plants. *By Max Russell and Korey Rennie*

## The Dunkeld Consolidated School wants your Used Batteries!

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.

**(All small batteries including A, C, D, AA, AAA, 9 volt, button batteries may be dropped off at the relevant supermarkets in Hamilton for recycling).**

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.

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.

Thank you for your continued support!