

## Newsletter No. 4 – Wednesday 26 June 2024

### JUNE 2024

- Wednesday 26 Saint John's Ambulance First Aid in Schools Program (free) for all students.
- Thursday 27 MARC Library.
- Friday 28 **LAST DAY OF TERM 2 – EARLY DISMISSAL AT 2.30pm – school buses will run one hour earlier in the afternoon.**

### JULY 2024

- Monday 15 **FIRST DAY OF TERM 3.**  
Year 5/6 Melbourne Camp.
- Tuesday 16 Year 5/6 Melbourne Camp.
- Wednesday 17 Year 5/6 Melbourne Camp.

### SEPTEMBER 2024

- Thursday 19 Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp.
- Friday 20 Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp.
- LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – EARLY DISMISSAL AT 2.30pm – school buses will run one hour earlier in the afternoon.**

## FROM Mrs Angela Field, Principal...

As we approach the school holidays, concluding an eleven-week term, we hope that students and their families enjoy the break.

Next term, we have the Year 5/6 Camp to Melbourne which is taking place on the first three days of term, Monday 15 July to Wednesday 17 July. Towards the end of Term 3, Thursday 19 September and Friday 20 September, the Year 2 camp to Grampians Retreat will take place.

Our Grade 2 and Grade 3/4 classes attended the Hamilton Eisteddfod on Thursday 6 June, receiving some constructive feedback and encouragement from the judge. Thank you to Tara Stephens for her time in Music lessons to continue to provide a great program for our school.

What an achievement to have two of our Year 5 students Grace Macgugan and Audrey Black, compete at the Greater Western Region Cross Country held in Warrnambool on Monday 27 May. We are so proud of both girls for reaching this level. Super effort!

On Tuesday 11 June, teachers worked productively to moderate student writing pieces, to assist with making teacher judgements for the Victorian Curriculum Writing strand. Student reports are almost complete, with teachers collaborating and analysing and triangulating a variety of assessment data. The reports will be available online via Xuno by the end of term.

On Wednesday 26 June, Saint John Ambulance members will attend our school to deliver First Aid to each class in an age appropriate manner. These sessions have been most valuable in previous years, with students gaining practical knowledge in First Aid.

Finally, as I sat down to write this newsletter report, it was with a mixture of emotions as it was to be my last one. First and foremost, I want to express my deepest gratitude to the incredible students at Dunkeld Consolidated School. You have been the heart and soul of this school, and I have enjoyed watching you grow and learn. Your enthusiasm, creativity, and resilience have been remarkable, and I have no doubt that each of you will go on to achieve great things. To my Friday Prep/Year One class, I will certainly miss those bright, smiling faces. To the parents and carers of our students, thank you for entrusting the school with the education and well-being of your children. Your support, involvement, and collaboration are important, to continue to maintain a nurturing and thriving learning environment. To the School Council Presidents that have supported me in my role, Richard McShane and Rachel Blackwell, thank you! I also want to extend my sincere appreciation to all the dedicated staff at Dunkeld. Your unwavering commitment to our students' success has been truly commendable, and I am grateful for the passion, expertise, and care you bring to your roles each and every day. It has been a privilege to work alongside such a devoted team.

I wish the entire school community all the best. Enjoy the holidays. 😊

Kindest regards,

*Angie Field, Principal*

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

### ASSEMBLIES

School Assemblies have been held on Friday 24 May, Friday 7 June and Friday 21 June. Staff presented the following Honour Certificates at these assemblies:

#### Friday 24 May 2024

**Prep/Year 1:** Hazel Greenwood and Archer Manders.  
**Year 2:** Tom Harris and Liam Riddle.  
**Year 3/4:** Lochie Bird and Jed Russell.  
**Year 5/6:** Digby Heazlewood Isla Oldfield Mann.

#### Friday 7 June 2024

**Prep/Year 1:** Lola Bubb and Ellie Bruns.  
**Year 2:** Hannah Roach and Roy Andrew.  
**Year 3/4:** Nellie Wickens and George Phillips.  
**Year 5/6:** Hamish Rush and Claire Haydon.

#### Friday 21 June 2024

**Prep/Year 1:** Maya Byrne and Sam Blackwell.  
**Year 2:** Spencer Cant-McKindlay and Annie Clark.  
**Year 3/4:** Ruby Mibus and Sailor Grimmer.  
**Year 5/6:** Jim Herrmann and Zoe Trotter.



### Wild About Reading Awards

These awards were presented to the following Prep and Year 1 students:

#### School Assembly on Friday 24 May:

**100 Nights of reading:** Henry Armytage, Egeria Jones.

**75 Nights of reading:** Phoebe Patterson.

**50 Nights of reading:** Penelope Wickens, Van Russell.



#### School Assembly on Friday 7 June 2024:

**125 Nights of reading:** Egeria Jones.

**100 Nights of reading:** Lola Bubb, Annabel Wilson, Edie McLeod, Layla Macgugan, Ellie Bruns.

**75 Nights of reading:** Maya Byrne, Nixon Elliott, Egeria Jones.

**50 Nights of reading:** Dougie Clark, Esther Beveridge, Charlotte Blackwell, Esther Beveridge.

#### Special Assembly on Friday 21 June:

**125 Nights of reading:** Henry Armytage, Annabel Wilson, Ellie Bruns, Layla Macgugan.

**100 Nights of reading:** Connie Scholfield, Archer Manders, Phoebe Patterson.

**75 Nights of reading:** Connie Scholfield.

**50 Nights of reading:** Isabella Petropoulos.



### Student Representative Council (SRC)

On Wednesday 5 June it was World Environment Day. Students wore a touch of green and we asked them to have nude food, meaning no rubbish in their lunch boxes. We took photos of the lunchboxes and collected the rubbish in tubs for each grade to see which class would have bragging rights for being the best rubbish free lunches. Year 5/6 class won with five pieces of rubbish. Grade 3/4 had fifteen pieces, Grade 2 had nine pieces, and Prep/Grade 1 had eight pieces. We would like to encourage families to keep thinking about nude food to help keep our school environment tidy.



For Do It For Dolly Day we raised \$122.00. We also held a casual clothes day to raise funds for new board games to play at school during play times on wet days, raising \$120.90.

Students have voted on the games and the ones we will buy are:

- UNO No Mercy
- UNO Flip
- Throw Throw Burrito
- Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza
- Exploding Kittens
- Heap O'Sheep

Some days coming up next term will be Pyjama Day, Crazy Hair Day and Footy Colours Day. Book Week is also in August, so start thinking about your character costumes!

By Tyson Riddle, Will Griffin-Wilson and Zoe Trotter





## Year 5 Secondary Transition Day at Baimbridge College

Our Year 5 students attended a Transition Day at Baimbridge College on Thursday 20 June for a secondary school experience, which included travelling to Hamilton on the school buses and disembarking at the bus interchange. The students participated in many activities including Art, Science and Sports and also had the opportunity to purchase lunch from the school canteen.



Ms Samantha Adams from Baimbridge College, accompanied by three Year 7 students (including past students, Max Russell and Freddie Jury), met with Year 5 students on 28 May to discuss transition to secondary school.



## Smile Squad Dental Team



Each student has received a complimentary Smile Squad dental pack, along with a consent form. Please complete and return the consent form to school **by Monday 22 July**.

The Smile Squad team will return to our school in Term 4, from Monday 25 to Wednesday 27 November to complete another round of dental examinations and the team look forward to seeing our students then.



## Hamilton Eisteddfod by Tara Stephens

On Thursday 6 June, all the Grade 2 and Grade 3/4 students performed in the Primary School Multi-Instrumental Group section at the Hamilton Eisteddfod. They performed to an audience of about 160 people and competed against five other schools. This was an incredible experience and both groups played amazingly. Congratulations Grades 2 and 3/4 on your work ethic and all your rehearsals, you were outstanding!

## SPORTS NEWS



Congratulations to Audrey Black and Grace Macgugan for making it to the Greater Western Region Cross Country finals in Warrnambool on Monday 27 May. They represented our school very well. A great big congratulations, they made us proud!

During the last week of term the student leaders planned a sports afternoon for the whole school on Tuesday 25 June.

*By Elodie Cochran, Hamish Rush, Isla Oldfield Mann and Edward Alderman*





## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program

The Grade 3/4 and 5/6 students have been cooking with Chef Robin. We have made:

- Doughnuts
- Spaghetti
- Garlic Focaccia
- Minestrone Soup
- Potato and Leek Soup
- Sweet Potato Soup
- Pumpkin Soup
- Lasagne



The Grade 5/6 and 3/4 students have tasted raw and cooked vegetables we have never had before, including:

- Cauliflower
- Turnip
- Broccoli
- Beetroot
- Swede
- Celeriac

We learnt the names of all our taste buds including a new one called Umami. Umami means “delicious savory taste” in Japanese, and its taste is often described as the meaty, savory deliciousness that deepens flavour. One of the vegetables that is Umami is mushroom.

Kitchen classes have been enjoyed by all classes, thank you to Chef (Robin Wickens) for sharing his cooking knowledge and to all our wonderful volunteers in the Kitchen.

*By Nate Elliott and Claire Haydon*



## THE DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL WANTS YOUR USED BATTERIES!

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council has been conducting an ongoing Battery Collection Fundraiser. Kelly's AGnVET 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 AGnVET Hardware Store, 101 Parker Street, Dunkeld.

**(All small batteries including A, C, D, AA, AAA, 9 volt, button batteries may be dropped off to 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.