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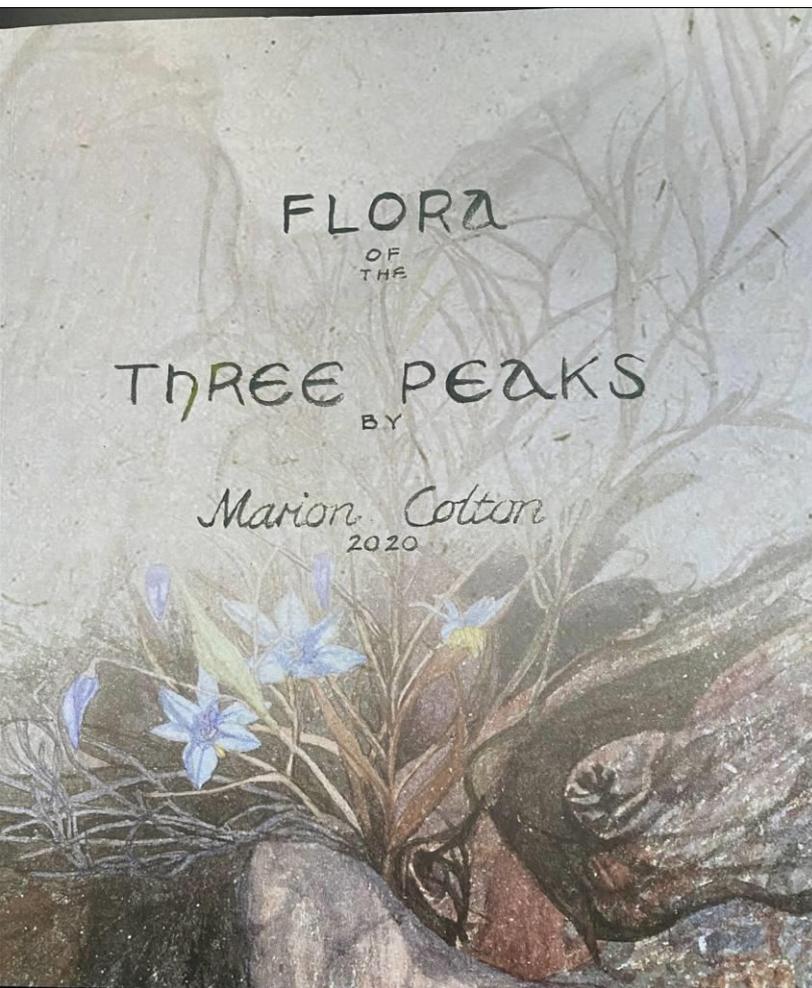
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FLORA OF THE THREE PEAKS BY MARION COLTON

Those of our Dunkeld readers, bushwalkers and flora and fauna enthusiasts who enjoy reading Marion Colton's nature



notes in the Dunkeld and District Community Newsletter might like to know that we have published a beautiful book based on Marion's personal journal. She a very talented observer of our three mountains and their environs, as well as being a botanical artist of note, and the journal showcases both.

In order to share her work, we have arranged for *Flora of the Three Peaks* to be published, and Hamilton Spectator's print department's Ashley Quinsey has done a marvellous job which has to be seen to be believed.

There are only 25 copies of the book available, as it is a very costly exercise to do a private print, but we felt that it was worth it because the book deserves a wider readership. As a result it is \$125.00 per copy, and by word of mouth we have already sold 20 copies for Marion. You can come in to see the book at the bookshop and I can record your order until we reach 25 copies. I am just taking orders and phone numbers at present, so let me know as soon as possible. The shop is open every Saturday and Sunday from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Even if you don't want to order a copy, you are welcome to come in and have a look at it.

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Southern Grampians Shire Council Grant	\$525
Sue and Derek Morse	\$ 50
Anonymous	\$ 50
Olwyn Hogan	\$ 25

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CHURCH TIMES

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Co-Pastor: Father George Kuruvila – 5571 1161

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4 th Week	Sunday	April 25	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
1 st Week	Sunday	May 2	8.30am	Mass
2 nd Week	Sunday	May 9		No Mass or service (Mass in Glenthompson)
3 rd Week	Sunday	May 16	8.30am	Mass
4 th Week	Sunday	May 23	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion
5 th Week	Sunday	May 30	9.00am	Assembly of Word and Communion

Dunkeld Anglican - Uniting Churches

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Enquiries to Father David Oulton phone: 5571 1317.

Panyyabyr Uniting Church

Mirranatwa Uniting Church

Enquiries: Margo Dark 5574 0222; Iris Field 55740202; Kristy Beveridge 0428 581 903

WHAT'S ON IN APRIL / MAY

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
19	20	21 Newsletter issue 5 distributed	22	23	24	25 RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service 6.30am
26 Red Cross Meeting @ Henry Leech RSL Room	27	28	29	30 Newsletter issue 6 deadline	1	2 Sourdough Bread Making Workshop
3	4	5 Newsletter issue 6 distributed	6	7	8 Printmaking Workshop OTR 10.00am	9
10	11	12	13	14 Newsletter issue 7 deadline	15	16
17 Arboretum Meeting 8.00pm	18	19 Newsletter issue 7 distributed	20	21	22	23

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DUNKELD BOWLING CLUB NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

The Dunkeld Open Fours, date change to Saturday 15 May.

The EDNA and IAN McFARLANE Memorial Day

This, the fifth year of this event, was again heavily patronaged with all past players entering early to enjoy this memorable and social day in honour of Edna and Ian.

This day is sponsored by daughter Cathryn and son Craig.

A full field of 16 teams played the event which was played with all enjoying the format and competition. On a beautiful sunny day on an excellent rink the competition was tight. After 3 games of 10 ends we had three 3 game winners, third place narrowly missing out was the Brian Mathews team.

Second place with 3 wins was the team of Fay Gebert, Jim Nichol and Don Walter with 22 shots up. The winning team of Max Spiller, Ron Thornton and Alma Astbury had 3 wins and 23 shots up.

Another successful day and our thanks are extended to Cathryn and Craig for their support and sponsorship. Such was the success of the day most players have indicated their desire to enter next year.

PENNANT

Division 2, progressed to the finals after a series of good wins at the end of home and away games. In the first final at RSL Memorial against Lawn Red, our boys had a strong win winning two of the three rinks and 23 shots up.

The team led by Gus 30-16, Troy 30-15 and Shanks 10-16.

Scheduled and eager to play the grand final on 13 March at Port Fairy much excitement was building. A busload of members and supporters turned up only to see the event postponed due to the rain and unplayable conditions.

So, off to Port Fairy on 20 March, again with a cheer squad to see our boys take on the top team and favourites Warrnambool White. In near perfect conditions though the wind was gusty we got off to a slow start and after 6 ends things looked tight.

However, as usual the further the game went, the stronger we got and by midway we had drawn even and strengthening, Troy, Cat, Prewie and Syd led the way closely followed by Gus, Fiddler, Dan and Terry. At this point Shanks, Tony, Skeeta and Cookie were down by 10 shots and the situation looked grim. However, showing great grit and team play they fought back to even the score at the half way mark. Again, they fell by 9 shots and like the infamous Lazarus made another remarkable comeback to lose by 2 shots, a great effort that ensured a flag, up by 8 shots and two rinks won.

Overall a great team effort with all sharing the honours and each excelling when needed.

Congratulations Division 2 a sterling effort in your first year down south, next year with relegation we will be in Division 1.

Needless to say, the clubhouse was rocking on Saturday night with exuberant celebrations extending into the wee hours of Sunday morn. Given the level of euphoria they felt it was warranted to do it again Sunday!!

B GRADE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held on 27 March, with a field of 15 players, the largest field for some years we saw some terrific bowling and great games.

Frank defeated Skeeta 25 -22, Sandy defeated Peter Mac 25 -21, John Mac and Simon Macgugan had a long battle with Simon up 25-23.

Next round saw Frank defeated by Matt Cole in fine form 26 -17 and Monty defeated Simon 25-18.

The final was held on Good Friday with a good group of spectators. In very warm conditions and no wind to trouble the bowlers, the final was closely fought with the lead changing frequently, after 25 ends young Matt overcome Monty 25 -23 to become the Dunkeld B Grade Champion.

Congratulations Matty and to Monty for a great game. A large thank you to all who played and made this one of the best B Grade championships for a long time. Thanks to all those who came to watch and support, the players appreciated your support, and finally thanks to Cat for his organisation.

Special Notation.

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The **NSW Flood Appeal** has been launched, following the 'one in 100 year' flood event, during 18 – 24 March. Severe flooding affected **86,000 people**, thousands were evacuated, several died and 1,041 people had to be rescued. Large areas were affected, and the impact was great, especially as many were recovering from earlier drought and fires. Needs included accommodation and mental health services, long term clean up and support.

Red Cross responded from 19 March, with **111 personnel**, collecting and distributing clothing and blankets and providing psychological support and information for enquiries. Now in the recovery help stage, 4 main centres and mobile recovery centres are in operation, with Red Cross visiting isolated and impacted communities.

Donations can be left with the **Commonwealth Bank, Post Offices**, or posted to **Australian Red Cross, Support Services Centre**.

By now, **90% of Fire Appeal** donations have gone out and the remainder is committed to financial assistance and ongoing recovery from the fires. By law, it cannot be used for another appeal.

Red Cross Calling in March raised **\$534.25**, a pleasing amount. **Thank you** to contributors for their generosity, to the **Chemist, Koopman's and Kelly's** for allowing collection boxes in store, and to the **General Store, Bendigo Bank, Post Office and Sturgeon View Cafe** for having the raffle during that time. Thank you, **Treasurer Bek**, for organising the appeal and selling tickets on her days off. **Winners of the Raffle** were: **Ashlea Perkins, John Kay and Fiona Mitchell**.

Jeanette Chaplin has donated a large bag of **knitting wool** for future Trauma Teddies, so thank you Jeanette.

April is usually our visit to the **Penshurst Nursing Home**, but because of COVID restrictions, this will **not happen** at the moment.

Our **next meeting** is at the Henry Leech RSL Room on Monday 26 April. **Heather Napier** will bring a competition. Anyone can attend.

Iris Field, Secretary



Dan Tehan MP

Member for Wannon

As your representative in the Federal Parliament, listening to your views about our local area is my priority.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

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***NOTE CHANGE OF HOURS**

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We have received some good news!!

We were successful in our "Run off mitigation works" application to the Southern Grampians Shire Council under the Greater Grants Program, Round 2, 2020/2021. Culvert works will soon begin east of Haddon's Gate to resolve drainage issues.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 17 May at 8.00pm in the Green Room at Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre.

Hope to see you there.



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SOME MUTTERINGS FROM FATHER DAVID

I was watching an elite sporting event the other day. It was an exhilarating competition and of course someone came first and someone else came second. The second place getter did not lose graciously and expressed their deep regret at coming second.

I was a bit thunderstruck by this. At the running and swimming races at school I was always so far behind, some wondered whether I might not be competing in the next race. I mean, if I had managed to get to TV level and play as well as they did, then I would be uncontrollably ecstatic. To play in front of throngs of people, representing your country is an enormous privilege. Of course the player got heaps of media attention because of their angst and unhelpful words. And pondered as I waited for the kettle to boil.

When did coming second in any sport, at any level, become a source of shame and regret? Is it really such a life changing disaster? What happened to the joy of just simply participating and giving something your very best shot? Is it a terrible thing to be inspired and challenged by a more worthy opponent?

Don't get me wrong. A bit of healthy competition can push us along and bring out our very best effort. It is what happens at the finish line and some post match speeches that have left me scratching my head and stroking my chin in bemusement.

There is another question which goes to the heart of the matter and I would ask it of everyone that enters any competition or plays competitive sport. And my question is this. 'Why did you enter the race?' If your answer is to win and only to win at any cost, then my friend, I think you have lost already.

Father David Oulton

March saw almost 900 people attending community, business, workshops, private functions and events at Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre. I would like to express my thanks to our wonderful volunteers who assisted with setting up and packing up on multiple occasions over the busy month.

Coming Up....

Lyn Donaldson, will be running a **Sourdough Bread Making Workshop** on Sunday 2 May. For bookings and enquires contact Lyn on 0407 098 015 wannon@westnet.com.au (See Sterling Place Facebook page / webpage for full details).

We are pleased to announce that **The Comedy Roadshow** have confirmed for Friday 28 May. More details to follow, but it's definitely one for the diary.

If anyone would like to host or if you have ideas for future events and workshops, please be in touch.

We have received a request to run an AUSLAN Workshop. Could I please gauge interest, if you would to attend an AUSLAN – Deaf Awareness Training Course or learn from an accredited trainer, please let me know and I will explore options.

In recognising of the loss of fundraising opportunities for community groups during COVID lockdowns, our offer is still available if you are a Dunkeld community group who wish to run a fundraising activity, you can use Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre free of charge until 30 June.

Annette Jones (Manager)
0412 855 359
info@sterlingplace.com.au



FLU VACCINATION CLINICS

The Hamilton Medical Group will be running flu vaccination clinics at Dunkeld on:

- **Tuesday 4 May 2021 – For patients who are aged 65 years of age or over. The vaccine is free.**
- **Tuesday 25 May 2021 - For patients who are under 65 years of age who do have a chronic condition this vaccine will be free. If you do not fall into the Government free vaccination category then vaccines will incur a cost of \$23.00 (payable on the day).**

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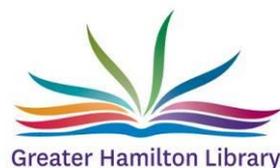
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SOME MORE MUTTERINGS FROM FR DAVID

Designer Fig Leaves

Remember the ripping yarn about Adam and Eve and how they realised to their horror that they were naked? They came to this shocking understanding when they had done something they were expressly told not to do.

So they hastily sew some fig leaves to cover the personal parts of their anatomy. Then they hide away, ashamed and remorseful, hoping that God will not see them and if they are found, then at least they have some sort of covering so it really won't be that bad ... will it?

You would have thought that grumpy old God would come breathing threats of rage and retribution. Not so... God comes walking in the cool of the evening and calls to the couple because he can't see them in their usual place i.e. on the verandah in their favourite rocking chairs quaffing a refreshing beverage made from juniper berries or oats. The story progresses, tension mounts and it is clear that God knows exactly what has happened ... and yet, and yet ... still He comes. God knows full well that Adam and Eve are embarrassed and fallible and oozing with guilt. Still ... he comes. He comes not because he wants to tick them off but because he simply wants to be with them. He comes knowing full well how fallible we are and what we have done. He even knows the trim of our designer fig leaves. These are just foolish bits of dressing which really serve no earthly purpose at all except to try to cover our perceived shame when in fact none of them are necessary.

It is a good news story. The Master comes to be with us not because of what we have done, but simply because He wants to share that refreshing beverage and gentle conversation.

Father David Oulton



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funding to cover a certified course in CPR and Emergency Life Support. For its members and surrounding community.



Conducted by Grampians First Aid, the day was invaluable to those participating, with 15 applicants successfully completing the course. We contributed \$2,175 to support the day, with those in attendance declaring it a great success.

Penshurst Creative Arts Inc Art and Photography Exhibition



A very successful Penshurst Art and Photography Exhibition was held last month, with entries received from all over the region.

We were pleased to again support the event with sponsorship of \$500 towards the 'Best in Show' category. This was won by local artist, Julie Reason, with her artwork - 'White Faced Heron.' This was our fifth year supporting this event, bringing our total investment to \$2860! Exhibition organiser Ama Cooke, pictured with the winning artwork and Branch Manager, Anna Watson, who also attended the event.

Hitting the bullseye with a \$300 donation

The annual Hamilton & District Darts Association tournament saw competitors travel from all over Victoria as well as some teams from South Australia and New South Wales. This was our first year supporting the tournament which saw 24 teams competing.



Louise thoroughly enjoyed the high level of competition. Customer Service Officer Louise attended the final day and presented the cheque to Club President Cassie Milton. We hope to support the Club in their future ventures and congratulate them on an excellent, well organised weekend.

Congratulations



It was a beautiful sunny grand final day for the Hamilton District Cricket Association. In the A grade competition, Grampians Cricket Club were the victors in a fantastic, closely fought final, defeating Hamilton Cricket Club. We have sponsored Grampians Cricket Club since 2010, contributing a total of \$10,575 to their various ventures. Victorious Captain, Lachie Field, proudly displayed the winning cup and our logo, worn on all club shirts.

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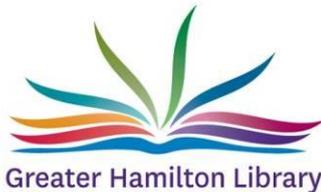
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SOME WORDS FROM FATHER DAVID

Magnificent in your brokenness

I'll call her Florence. Florence is no one and yet she is everyone. She is not one living person or departed, but a

collage of people who I have tried to minister to over the years. Tried, floundered, failed, but tried again that very same hour.

Florence was badly crippled with arthritis, had a hammy leg and the chemo she was on made her glorious hair fall out. The nausea was unrelenting and violent.

Florence had 'not always done the right thing' and that is Father David trying to be nice and understating it. Trouble was she knew it, was quite candid about it and ashamed. She had tried very hard to put the pieces back together as best she could, but there were some parts that were too demolished.

She also knew that she was dying and was actually relieved to give up the drips, the vomit and the chemo.

As we chatted I did not see a broken, tearful and humbled soul who had been ravaged brutally by cancer complete with the swollen belly and sunken eyes. Rather I gazed upon someone else who was magnificent in their brokenness and glorious in their simple, indisputable, unshakable faith. How? Perhaps, dear readers, part of the answer lies in two quotes that I have unashamedly stolen. The first is from a poet called Gerard Manley Hopkins. The second is something I gleefully nicked from Doctor Who.

"In a flash, at a trumpet crash,
I am all at once what Christ is, since he was
what I am, and
This Jack, joke, poor potsherd, patch,
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"What if... what if just for one moment... just one, shining moment, you can believe that you are the most important person in the whole world?"

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Bookings are essential: wannon@westnet.com.au or 0407 098 015

Cost: \$95 (Numbers limited & COVID-Safe)

Please join us for a great day of bread baking!!

From the Lions Den



Lions Golf Day

On Sunday 11 April, we were able to hold the Golf Day to raise money for Lions Charities. 58 players attended and we thank them for their support to help other people in need. This year the main recipient will be The Lions Diabetes Awareness Program and the Chairperson Des Crowle gave a short rundown of Diabetes which last year killed more Australians than COVID. 1.7 million Australians are Diabetic.

Diabetes can lead to heart attack, stroke, blindness, kidney failure, nerve damage and foot ulcers.

Type 2 Diabetes cannot be cured but can be managed through a healthy lifestyle (food and exercise) and regular check-ups.

The Lions would also like to thank the Grampians Golf Club for their support and the following sponsors:

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Grampians Food Co
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RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service

The Lions will supply the usual refreshments after the Dunkeld RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service as we show our appreciation for the sacrifice given by our people over the years in the service of our country.

Peter Hinchey



SCHOOL NEWS

Acting Principal's Report

I am thrilled to say first term was a relatively 'normal' one, albeit a busy one! It was wonderful to have a settled school environment, with our students settling in to routines and also welcome our parents, volunteers and community members back to the school.

If I had to pick one highlight of first term, it takes me to the moment when Year 4 student, Lachie Gordon was announced third place getter in his Butterfly race at the Regional Swimming Championships in Horsham two weeks ago. The whole Dunkeld team erupted with excitement and the look of surprise, followed by a smile from ear to ear on Lachie's face, was one to bring a tear to the eye.

You see, Lachie had come away from his race believing he had not received a place in his event. He was extremely gracious in defeat and proud of his efforts. He had never given up and continued to use the correct technique for the entire 50m length of the pool. Not an easy feat in Butterfly!

Following a review of the race, it was found that other competitors had used incorrect stroke technique, therefore placing Lachie as third place. This is certainly a moment in time when not only Lachie can take lesson in life away, but other students also. Although Lachie could see during his race that other competitors were ahead of him, he did not once give up and stayed determined to give it HIS BEST SHOT. That's all we ever ask of any student – give it your best go and you have succeeded no matter what. You don't have to be the winner of something, but you never know what might eventuate! Lachie, we are so proud of you and the other competitors on the day.

DET Focus

The Department of Education and Training (DET) currently has a big focus on Attendance across the State. I received an email of congratulations from Dr Jo Day, Senior Education Improvement Leader, Wimmera South West Area last week, stating that Dunkeld is Number 2 on the list of schools with the best attendance for the first five weeks of this term for the whole of the South West Victoria Region. A wonderful achievement, demonstrating that our students are happily and readily coming to school each day. It is also a reflection on home environments and the support of the importance of education from parents. Well done to all!

Open Day and Farewell to Jane Higgins

An Assembly was held on Thursday 18 March, in the outdoor undercover area, to formally farewell retiring staff member, Mrs Jane Higgins. This was a lovely occasion for staff and students and Jane appreciated the morning and gifts presented to her. An Open Morning followed with school tours being led by our Year 6 leaders. They did a fantastic job inviting attending adults to view the school and see all the new additions and changes. To conclude, a morning tea took place on the deck at 11:00am, which was enjoyed by all.

It was lovely to have a great number of people in attendance and we were especially glad to welcome back Mr Pat Gleeson, former Principal, for the morning.

Swimming

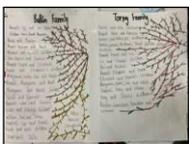
Congratulations to our ten students who headed to the Regional Swimming Championships in Horsham on Friday 19 March. Students were supported by Lea and Jen McArthur and myself, along with their parents. It was certainly a great experience for our students to be a part of, with some top level competitors.

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, which were held on Wednesday 24 March. Age groups 9 to 13 years attended the day. Although a damp day, students didn't let that bother them in the slightest and enjoyed their day out. With so much organisation, planning, staffing arrangements and parent involvement in the day, the committee always try to run on the planned day if at all possible. I would like to thank Mrs Jackie McShane and the rest of the Small Schools Sports Committee for their running of the day. Jackie put in a huge amount of hours in the lead up and following the event. I thank her for her dedication to sport in Primary Schools.

Thank you, Dee Gerring.

Class Reports Years 4, 5 and 6:



As part of our Learning to Learn program at the start of term one, students were given the task of researching their



family history and presenting in their own way.

Open Morning and Farewell Ceremony for Mrs Jane Higgins



It was silent. Everyone was listening to Mrs Higgins, her final words to all the students she knows and has taught. After listening to all of Mrs Higgins' wonderful stories the Year 6 students took our guests on tours around our school. We showed parents and grandparents all over the school. I found my grandparents and we got going. It

was very exciting to show my family the place I have been

going to school for years. A while later, the Open Morning had come to an end. I said goodbye to my granny and grandad and went back to class. *By Edie Jackson*

It was an odd day, first we started with a farewell for Mrs Higgins. After the farewell ceremony, Cadence Huf, Libby Herrmann and I took Mr Pat Gleeson, a previous Principal, on a tour around the school. First we started at the Year 6 fence. The fence has self-portraits of 2020 Year 6 students on it. We then went to the new hall, there were already two groups there, but we went in anyway. When we left we headed inside the other buildings. We went into the Prep/Year 1 classroom then we walked through to the Year 2/3 classroom. We went and saw the garden. While we were out there I picked a pear and ate it. It was a bit hard but very yummy. When we headed inside again we showed Mr Gleeson the Year 4/5/6 area. *By Michaela Rappaport*



On Thursday 18 March we had an Open Morning at school. We had an amazing assembly celebrating Mrs Higgins' retirement. All the classes did something special for Mrs Higgins. Afterwards the Year 6 students took parents and grandparents on tours around our school. We showed them the new hall, the garden, the classrooms and outside. It was really exciting to be a tour guide. *By Mia Russell*



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28 March 2021

Dear staff and students

I was blown away with the assembly you put on especially for me, to say farewell and celebrate my years of teaching. I was overwhelmed with the amount of research and the kind thoughts and words expressed in the speech about my teaching at Glenthompson and Dunkeld.

I really appreciated the time, organisation and effort that went into the creation of the flowers, letters and presentation of the poem by the students. Definitely not a five-minute job! Thank you for the beautiful gifts that I received, which I can see each day to remind me of you and my time at Dunkeld. Thank you for thinking of me.

Love from Mrs Higgins x

Sports Reports:

Greater Western Regional Swimming Championships

On Friday 19 March, ten pupils from the Dunkeld Consolidated School went to Horsham for the Greater Western Regional Swimming Championships. Here are responses to the Regional Swimming event from our swimmers: Congratulations, Lachie!



- Lachie Gordon: I was proud of myself for coming third in butterfly.
- Jack Oldfield Mann: The competition was fierce but I was proud of myself.
- Charlie Linke: I am extremely happy that I got to Horsham and it was a great experience.
- Phoebe Ross: My heart was pounding as I was stroking the pool.
- Phoebe Lazzari: It was a blistering hot day but the water was refreshing.
- Charlotte Alderman: It was intense but a great experience.
- Lachie Oldfield Mann: I was cheering on the side of the pool after my race.
- Ben Peters: My heart was pounding and I was nervous.

Great job everyone for swimming so well.
By Sports Captains, Sebastian Aarons and Louis Lazzari

SGSSA District Athletics Sports

On Wednesday 24 March the Year 3, 4 5 and 6 students went to Pedrina Park, Hamilton and competed for our school at the SGSSA Athletics Sports Day. The first event was the eight hundred metres race. Then we went into our age groups to do all of the other events. At the end we had the relay races. In the 12 year old girls relay, it was Mia Russell, Libby Herrmann, Isabella Jury and Cadence Huf. The boys' 12 year old relay team included Louis Lazzari, Oscar Fanning, Hugh Prentice and Zander Mibus.

By Sports Captains Cadence Huf, Louis Lazzari, Mia Russell and Sebastian Aarons.



Indi Mibus won the 11 year-old Girls Age Champion at the SGSSA District Athletics. Congratulations, Indi!

Harmony Week

Harmony Week was celebrated at our school last term, with work being completed at school to acknowledge and explore this year's theme of 'Everyone Belongs'. We were very fortunate to have Year 2 parent, Sara Sutherland, come to school on two separate days to work with the junior and senior students to share her Persian/Iranian culture with us. She spoke about Nowruz, the Persian New Year that fell on 21 March this year, and how this is celebrated in her family and also showed the students how to write their names in Farsi, the language of Iran. Students wore a touch of orange to school on Friday 26 March to support Harmony Day celebrations.



Somers Camp



The following Year 5 and 6 students: Sean Bird, Drew Hassett, Louis Lazzari, Oscar Fanning, Max Graham, Jack Reynolds, Penny Burger, Claudia Cochran, Heidi Burger, Ella Peters and Edie Jackson are

extremely fortunate to be attending the educational Somers School Camp in 2021.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program

Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden

Captains ...

Kitchen Report

On Friday 26 March Group B cooked Chimichangas, Fried Rice, Dumplings, Salsa and Dried Apple. They had oodles of fun cooking all these multicultural foods. Thank you to the Friends for helping the students make this delicious meal. By Oscar Fanning

Last Friday the Awesome Agapanthus cooked in the Kitchen. We cooked Chimichangas from Mexico, Fried Rice from China, and for dessert a delicious Nashi Pear and Apple Galette from Japan. Thank you Friends for coming to help. All the excess food went to the staff to enjoy for lunch. By Isabella Jury and Oscar Fanning

Garden Report

This week in gardening, all classes have been extremely busy in the garden. All classes have been preparing for the chickens' arrival by cleaning up the chook shed and weeding it. Prep, Year 1, 2 and 3 have been planting broccoli, chives, spring onions and much more. Group B have been pruning trees, picking old fruit off the ground and cleaning up the area near the orchard. By Max Graham and Jake Linskens

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 support!

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION DATES FOR 2021

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Mothers Day Lunch at Sturgeon View

Sunday 9th May

2 Sittings

11.30am-1pm

and

1.30pm-3pm

Bookings are essential

We request pre order of meals and to inform us of any dietary requirements upon booking

Two course meal \$50pp

Complimentary glass of

wine on arrival

kids options available

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for bookings

Main Course

Lamb Rack with a sage, thyme, parsley, herb crumb, oven baked served with roasted garlic infused mash potato with red wine jus and blanched broccoli

or

Pork Ribeye

Pan seared pork ribeye served with creamy mash potato topped with asian slaw drizzled with honey soy sauce

Dessert

Chocolate basket filled with Strawberries and ice cream and Strawberry cointreau

or

White Chocolate cheese cake served with cream

This year, we are encouraging all Victorians to honour the ANZACs and all of those who have served and continue to serve by, once again, lighting up the dawn, by taking a silent moment of reflection at 6.00am on ANZAC Day.

This year, Victorians may choose to light up the dawn in their driveway at home, at a traditional Dawn Service at their local cenotaph, or they might be attending a service or march organised by your Sub-Branch. Wherever we chose to be this ANZAC Day, the important message to share is that we all stop and reflect about our veterans past and present, in a way that we each feel safe and most comfortable with.

For those who will be commemorating locally, at home or another significant place, do not forget to share that the Melbourne Dawn Service can be viewed online through the live stream on RSL Victoria's Facebook page (from 5.40am) or through the broadcast on the ABC.



Garden Notes – April

Main vegetable plantings for April are cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, early onions, broad beans, early peas, turnips and late silver beet and celery.

April is a good time to sow a new lawn or patch up an existing one. The soil and air temperatures are both still warm enough to ensure good seed germination. Careful preparation is the key to success. Do not attempt to cut your young grass too low on the first few mowing's. It will soon thicken up to provide a good lawn.

Camellias and azaleas planted now with reasonably warm soil temperatures will be well settled when winter arrives. These plants need protection from hot summer sun and drying winds, lime-free soil, good drainage and adequate summer watering, given these conditions, they will reward you with a glorious display during the late winter to early spring.

Your autumn leaves are no doubt starting to fall steadily by now. Please do not waste them by dumping them or worse still burning them. Instead compost them or use them as mulch around other trees and shrubs. Do not forget to spray your peach, apricot and nectarine trees with a copper fungicide when about half of the leaves have fallen, approximately. This will help to prevent fungus diseases such as shot hole and freckly also curly leaf and brown rot late in the year. Also, it is important to gather up and destroy or bury any fallen fruit from under any of your fruit trees to reduce insect and disease problems.

No garden should be without a strawberry patch with May to August being the best planting times in this district. They prefer a sunny, well-drained position, soil should be well dug over with the addition of a liberal quantity of well-rotted (not fresh) animal manure or blood and bone fertiliser. Strawberry plants should be replaced after the third fruiting year as this is when plants begin to decline quite rapidly. You should find a good range of winter and spring flowering annuals and perennials in your nursery now. Try to have them planted during April, this will give them a good chance to become established before the winter growth slow down.

Finally, the usual reminders about placing orders with your nursery for bare rooted fruit trees, roses and deciduous ornamentals. Also, the importance of regular weed control.

Happy gardening!

Stephen Hughs, Ararat Nursery – phone: 5352 1123



DUNKELD RSL SUB-BRANCH

RSL Membership: We invite ex-service men and women to be members and renew their membership to ensure the future of the RSL locally. Membership renewal (\$40.00 per person) for 2021 is now due. If you are a

relative of ex-service men or women, you can also join the RSL. By becoming a member of the RSL you will be helping the welfare of disabled war veterans and supporting your local RSL Sub-Branch. Application forms are available from the Secretary/Treasurer, Terrie Nicholson - phone: 5573 3353.

ANZAC Day 2021: The Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service will be held on **Sunday 25 April 2021 commencing at 6:30am sharp** at the Dunkeld



Cenotaph in the Memorial Park. Guest Speaker will be Dunkeld Consolidated School Captain, Libby Herrmann, and she will speak about her grandfather, the late Mr Henry Leech OAM, WWII veteran and RSL Life Member, who was also a former Prisoner of War (POW). School Captain, Mitchell Gordon will recite The Ode.

Following the dawn service there will be a free barbecue breakfast and tea and coffee served in front of the Visitor Information Centre, generously provided by the Dunkeld & District Lions Club members. Ex-service men and women, the local community and visitors are welcome to attend the service and breakfast.

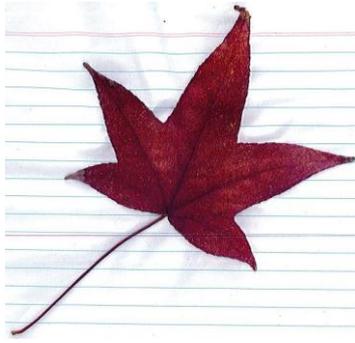
COVID-19 procedures and social distancing will apply. Please do not attend if you are feeling unwell or have been instructed to isolate or quarantine.

Lest We Forget.

Honour: In 2020, hundreds of thousands of Australians lined streets across the nation to Light Up The Dawn; each commemorating and remembering in their own unique and respectful way.

Autumn by Marion Colton

I cannot let April pass without honouring its wonder. It seems to have come upon us so quickly but maybe that's just the perspective of age. We have been gifted with some beautiful warm, mellow days, but today, Saturday, we have the reality of cold biting winds and sudden April showers, the leaden skies lit up by a rainbow's two extreme ends, whilst a golden sun slips slowly down in the west, bathing Wurgarri and the dark waters of the lagoons in golden light. I breathe in deeply, my lungs relishing the pure air.



Autumn is like a bridge gently connecting summer and winter. In this part of the country, it displays its own unique beauty. Eucalypts are peeling, revealing their fresh skins and adorning the earth with countless shapes and colours of discarded bark. Some are flowering. In the bush the forest is sparkling with the tubular flowers of heaths, white, palest pink, deep pink, salmon red, bright red and crimson, such an attractive range.

In gardens, on roadsides, in the Dunkeld Memorial Park and in the Dunkeld Arboretum, there are glorious displays of autumn leaves, both on the trees and carpeting the earth. Golden and Claret Ash complement each other, but so quickly lose their leaves. The Elms lining the streets sprinkle leaves of yellow and dark brown, often with lacy effects from weathering and insects. Shiny, ovate leaves of burnished yellow and brushed delicately with orange or scarlet, sometimes interspersed with brilliant reds. They lie on the grass like minute dishes collecting raindrops in their hollows. They belong to the Manchurian Pear Trees.

If you wander in our Dunkeld Arboretum you will see many exquisite colours and forms, each species having its own hallmark. Near the entrance at the beginning of the Old Ararat Road is an avenue of what are probably young Plane Trees dangling their five-pronged leaves of pale greens, yellows and light browns. Beside most leaves their globular fruits hang, covered in tiny hooks.

Near the entrance is a young Chinese Horse Chestnut, its elliptical leaves delicately shaded in orangey pinks or yellows highlighted with pale orange. Its leaves are arranged in groups of six, the largest in the middle, diminishing in size to each side.

A nearby Oak species hugs a host of slender brown leaves, all clustered together as though it doesn't wish to part with them. In between are a few with green centres edged in yellow and fringed in brown. Their interesting veins extend beyond the margins giving a feathery effect.

The Whitebeam leaves remind me of elms in their form. At this time of year, they have transformed to deep yellows edged with brown, or pale greens edged with yellow.

Don't miss the Chinese Pistachio trees. They are absolutely magnificent. Their pendulous branches hold slender, paired pinnate leaves. These display a vast range of colours; various hues of soft greens, yellows, pinks and vivid scarlet; orange against lime-green backgrounds; some with vivid green along the main ribs and backgrounds of dull gold, bronze and burnished claret; yet others are the deepest green merging to claret. They are well worth visiting.

It is impossible not to stand in awe at the radiant brilliance of the Pin Oak Trees, or related species, so vivid in reds, yellows and oranges. Sometimes a lobe remains green or yellow, creating a stunning contrast.

The young Liquid Amber is not to be outshone as it waggles its five-fingered leaves of diverse shades of yellow, orange and red, and even dark green to claret. The veins appear red. Then there are the deep crimson leaves of a small tree, *Acer platanoides*. They are similar in shape to those of the Liquid Amber but are smaller and have a shiny upper surface.

The Crab Apples after a multitude of colours; the sprawling Fig has large, yellow, cordate leaves, sometimes with contrasting green venation; a few tiny red leaves, similar to those of Birch, linger on an almost bare shrub; one tree had its leaves arranged in groups of twos, threes or fours. They were broadest at the apex and narrowed to the base, their margins finely toothed. They chose reds, oranges and greens for their autumn apparel. One side of this tree had already lost all of its leaves and I was delighted to discover the tiniest cup-shaped, twig rest on one of its branches.

At this stage darkness fell, so you will need to explore the remaining autumn beauties for yourselves. Make haste, for the winds quickly create havoc and, before you know it, the leaves have become mulch to enrich the earth.

Beyond, through the emerging darkness, I saw the dim outlines of a mob of kangaroos grazing and, to the occasional shrieks of Sulphur Crested Cockatoos, I wandered happily home.