



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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AUGUST 2023

- Wednesday 2 Smile Squad team from Dental Health Services Victoria
- Thursday 3 Smile Squad team from Dental Health Services Victoria.
- Friday 4 Primary School Principals' Day.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 4 and Year 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
Electives.
- Monday 7 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey opens.
SAKG Kitchen leaders will participate in the SAKGF cooking demonstration at Sheepvention.
- Friday 11 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
Special Assembly commencing at 2.40pm in the school hall.
National Science Week (Saturday 12 to Sunday 20 August).
- Wednesday 16 Excursion to Astronomical Society of Victoria's *Space Exploration* program at Hamilton PAC for Year 3 to 6 students.
- Friday 18 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 4 and Year 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
Electives.
Book Week theme: *Read, Grow, Inspire.* (Saturday 19 to Friday 25 August).
- Monday 21 Book Week Workshops with author/illustrator, Emma Stuart.
Puberty Education sessions for Year 6 and Year 5 students, presented by WDHS personnel.
Free AFL Clinics for Prep and Year 1/2 students.
- Tuesday 22 Book Week Workshops with author/illustrator, Emma Stuart.
- Wednesday 23 Book Week Dress-up Parade in the hall and Book Week Activity Day.
Dunkeld Kindergarten children will participate in the parade and their parents will join us in the hall, as part of the Kinder to Prep Transition Program.
- Friday 25 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
School Assembly commencing at 2.50pm in the hall.
- Thursday 31 Mindflight7 Virtual Reality (VR) program for Year 5 and 6 students.
- SEPTEMBER 2023**
- Friday 1 Whole school performance, *Shekere Beats*, in the hall.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 4 and Year 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
Electives.
- Thursday 7 Prep/Year 1 Sleepover (at school).
- Friday 8 Prep/Year 1 Sleepover (at school).
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
Special Assembly commencing at 2.40pm in the hall.
Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey closes.
- Monday 11 Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp.
- Tuesday 12 Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp.
- Friday 15 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes – Year 4 and Year 5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
Footy/Sports Team Colours Day – students are encouraged to wear their favourite team colours.
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...

There's a lot happening or happened at school...read on to find out more! 😊

100 days of school for Prep

On Monday 31 August, our Prep students celebrated 100 days of Prep. They completed tasks around the number 100 and dressed up to represent being 100 years of age.



Baby News!

Congratulations to Miss Gordon and her husband Josh on the arrival of Ted Douglas Andrew Crook, who was born on Friday 28 July. The Grade 3/4 class have already seen a photo of Ted and both Mum and bub are doing well.



NAPLAN

NAPLAN results have been released, and staff have already begun analysing the data and new format of the reporting against proficiencies: Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs Additional Support. Where previously NAPLAN results showed teachers and families where their students performed relative to their peers, the new bands provide a clear picture of overall individual student performance and achievement.

Parent Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent /Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. The Parent/Caregiver /Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023**. The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Teaching and Learning

With our Professional Learning Communities (PLC) training complete, we will now utilise this to focus on Numeracy at our PLC meetings each week. Staff will be analysing data – NAPLAN, Mathematics Online Interview, PAT Maths, teacher judgement/assessments/crosschecks, etc. From this data staff will identify areas of concern with regard to student growth and also look at teacher practice through learning walks/peer observations.

School Review and School Compliance

National Curriculum Services (NCS) has been allocated the Dunkeld Consolidated School Review in Term 1 2024, with Peter Hilbig confirmed by the Department School Review Unit as the reviewer.

NCS goals for the School Review are to:

1. Deliver highly valued diagnostic school review and improvement services.
2. Add value to each school's strategic planning.
3. Contribute to improved learning and wellbeing outcomes for all students.

Assessment of our school's compliance with the Minimum Standards for School Registration (including the Child Safe Standards), is taking place over the next few months. A new model of assessing schools' compliance with the Minimum Standards is now separated from the school review process. Under this model, a Senior Advisor in the School Compliance Unit will assess our school's compliance and support us from end-to-end. This enables our school reviewer to focus on improvement goals and planning.

Whole School Professional Practice Day / Pupil Free Days

With two Pupil Free Days remaining for the year, we have allocated these into the final week of school, where we will hold a Planning Day on Tuesday 19 December, followed by Wednesday 20 December where staff will complete their First Aid and CPR refresher courses, which need to be done each year. In addition, School Council have approved a whole school Professional Practice day that will be Pupil Free and we propose to hold this in late term three or early term four to complete School Review and Professional Practice tasks. At this stage we are unable to set the exact date but will inform the school community as soon as possible.

SAKG Program

Our SAKG leaders (Felix Hyland, Patrick Lomas and Alex Bird) will be participating in a cooking demonstration at Sheepvention on Monday 7 August at 3.00pm in the Producers Marquee. We look forward to hearing all about it.

Sport

What a busy time it has been with sports events this term.

- For the second year in a row, Lucy Rennie competed at the SSV Cross Country Championships placing 49th.
- Hockey 7s took place on Friday 21 July in Hamilton. Our wonderful volunteer coaches Lea McArthur and Jen McArthur, continue to do an amazing job, with our mixed team playing off in the grand final against The Hamilton and Alexandra College boys. Although they didn't win the final, I am so proud of the way this team represented our school.
- Hoop Time has also occurred with Grade 3/4 and 5/6 students participating on Thursday 20 July and Monday 24 July respectively. Again, this is another event that cannot take place if we do not have willing and able staff and volunteers to attend. As a school we ensure any child that would like to participate has the opportunity to play, and this meant we had many teams to find coaches for, some of which were staff (Jackie McShane, Alison Prentice and Jackie Mibus). Thank you to Jackie McShane for coordinating the teams and organising the volunteer parents. A BIG thank you to our parents who took on a coaching role – Vicki Heazlewood, Sarah Alderman, Bec Macgugan and Casey Trotter, and an extended thankyou to the parents that assisted with scoring.
- On Wednesday 26 July some of our Year 5/6 girls represented our school at the Netball Victoria Championships in Hamilton. We are so lucky that Mrs Phillips (also the Rams A Grade and U13 Coach) was keen to coach, sharing her expertise with our school team. A badged umpire was required and we are grateful that a former student from the 1970s offered to umpire on behalf of our school. Robyn Fry was pleased to assist and reflected with me that she was really impressed with their skills and sportsmanship and how they supported each other as a team. Robyn also recalled representing Dunkeld Consolidated School in the Under 9s, winning the Grand Final. Thank you, Robyn! 😊

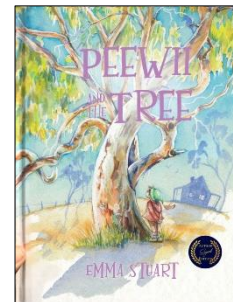
Staffing

We welcome Mrs Jess Martin to the school who will work alongside Mrs Jackie Mibus in the Year 4/5 classroom, to complete placement for her education degree for four consecutive weeks, from Monday 14 August.

Book Week

This year's Book Week is from Monday 21 August to Friday 25 August. We will hold our **Character Dress-up Day on Wednesday 23 August** with a parade to be held at 9.00am. The Dunkeld Kinder children are also attending this parade.

We are very excited to have an author/illustrator amongst our school community. Emma Stuart has released her first book "Peewii and the Tree" written and illustrated by her and she will be conducting workshops with each class on the Monday and Tuesday of this year's Book Week. As previously emailed, families can access their own copy of the book- [Peewii and the Tree - Limited Signed Edition – My Store \(peewii-signed-limited-edition.myshopify.com\)](https://www.myshopify.com/peewii-signed-limited-edition)



Ange Field, Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council met on Tuesday 25 July 2023; items of business included:

- Child Safe Standards presentation.
- 2023 NAPLAN data.
- School Review.
- School Compliance.
- Staffing – Miss Sarah Gordon has commenced Maternity Leave. We welcome Mrs Alison Prentice to our staff, taking over Mrs McShane's previous role of PE. Mrs Prentice also teaches Year 3/4 on a Wednesday and Year 1/2 fortnightly on a Friday. Mrs McShane has increased her time fraction to 0.8 (four days) to teach in Year 3/4. Ms Raymond has increased her time fraction to 0.9 (nine days per fortnight – teaching fortnightly on Fridays in Year 1/2).
- Pupil Free Days approved for Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 December and a Professional Practice Day in later Term 3 or early Term 4.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Term 3 Class Captains

Congratulations to the following Term 3 Class Captains: Prep – Toby Hyland, Year 1/2 – Annabelle Beveridge, Year 3/4 – Michaela Roache, Year 4/5 – Matilda Pattullo, Year 6 – Kai Roads.



Honour Certificates

Friday 23 June 2023

Prep: Phoebe Patterson and Esther Beveridge.
Year 1/2: Annabelle Beveridge and James Cochran.
Year 3/4: Olivia Balkin and Will Beveridge.
Year 4/5: Lucy Rennie and George Lomas.
Year 6: Yvette Fanning and Felix Hyland.

Friday 28 July 2023

Prep: Charlotte Blackwell and Henry Armytage.
Year 1/2: Ruby Mibus and Tom Harris.
Year 3/4: Lochie Bird and Xavier Macgugan.
Year 4/5: Annie Jackson and Nate Elliott.
Year 6: Freddie Jury and Felix Hyland.

Students 'Gotcha' Awards

Week Ending Friday 14 July 2023

Prep: Penelope Wickens.
Year 3/4: Nellie Wickens.
Year 4/5: Isla Oldfield Mann.
Year 6: Millie McShane.

Week Ending Friday 28 July 2023

Prep: Van Russell.
Year 3/4: Dempsey Gerring.
Year 4/5: Henrietta Patterson.
Year 6: Felix Hyland.

Prep – 100th Day of School

On Monday 31 July the Prep class celebrated their 100th Day of School with a dress-up and lots of fun activities throughout the day. 'Old' Mrs Gilbert had a class full of little old men and women for the day because we were 100 days older and smarter at school. We counted to 100 by ones and tens. We made a special trail mix made up of 10 different groups of 10 food items (including lollies!). We started reading our new class book 'If the World were 100 Animals' by Miranda Smith and tried to name 100 animals on our literacy helper's chart. We wrote a book about our day by pasting a photo of ourselves on a page and writing a sentence or two. We worked through a special 100th Day booklet and made fairy bread with 100s and 1000s. In Art we made glittery 100th Day crowns. What a great day we had before hobbling out to the pick-up area with our walking sticks!



Electives

Students have been eagerly participating in a variety of Electives every second Friday afternoon including Cooking (healthy eating), STEAM, Garden Art, Drama, Board Games and Remote-Control Cars.



2023 Somers School Camp (additional camp)

This year, Somers Camp will be running an additional school camp for Year 5 and Year 6 students from our region from Tuesday 17 to Wednesday 25 October. Our school is fortunate in being able to send five students to this additional camp: *Max Russell, Mac Jackson, Korey Rennie, Henrietta Patterson and Lucy Rennie.*

Lions Eye Health Program



Our students had the opportunity to participate in the Lions Eye Health Program (LEHP) on Monday 17 July. The program offered free vision screening for children (Visual Acuity, Colour Vision, Depth Perception and Spot Visioner Screener). Assessments were conducted by Lara Lions Club members, Susan and Robert Eyton, and supported by Dunkeld & District Lions Club members, Sally Reynolds-Johnson and Simon and Marcia Macgugan. Our school would like to sincerely thank all the Lions Club members for making this amazing free service available to all our students.



Smile Squad (Dental Health Services Victoria)

The Smile Squad team, Milly and Amy, from Dental Health Services Victoria visited our school recently. Smile Squad is the Victorian government's free school dental program. Students were able to receive a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.



SPORTS REPORTS

Hoop Time

On Monday 24 July we participated in the Senior Hoop Time competition at HILAC. Firstly, I would like to thank Mrs Sarah Alderman, Mrs Casey Trotter, Mrs Mibus and my Mum for coaching the senior teams. Thank you also to Mrs McShane, Mrs Bec Macgugan and Mrs Vicki Heazlewood for coaching the junior teams. Also, to the scorers (our parents) for doing an amazing job. All the teams did an incredible job on the day. *By Charles Prentice*

On Thursday 20 and Monday 24 July, a group of Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 students went to Hoop Time. Everyone played well and staff were so proud of our good behaviour. Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to coach or help out at Hoop Time. I played in the boys' All Stars team with Charles Prentice, Jack Oldfield Mann, Lachie Oldfield Mann and Alex Bird. We just missed out on playing in the grand final. Finally, a big thanks to Mrs Prentice for coaching the boys' All Stars team. I had a fantastic day, thanks to the school for organising us to go to Hoop Time. *By Lachie Gordon*

Junior Hoop Time players: *Olivia Balkin, Audrey Black, Bobby Blackwell, Digby Heazlewood, George Heazlewood, Banjo Hyland, George Lomas, Grace Macgugan, Xavier Macgugan, Jackson O'keeffe, Sybil Patterson, George Phillips, Ben Rennie, Michaela Roache, Jet Roads, Jude Rush, Jed Russell, Nellie Wickens.*

Senior Hoop Time players: *Edward Alderman, Alex Bird, Clementine Blackwell, Elodie Cochran, Nate Elliott, Lachie Gordon, Will Griffin-Wilson, Jim Herrmann, Felix Hyland, Freddie Jury, Patrick Lomas, Harry McShane, Millie McShane, Isla Oldfield Mann, Lachie Oldfield Mann, Jack Oldfield Mann, Henrietta Patterson, Ned Peters, Charles Prentice, Korey Rennie, Lucy Rennie, Tyson Riddle, Kai Roads, Hamish Rush, Zoe Trotter.*



Hockey 7's

On Friday 21 July, James Cochran, Elodie Cochran, Jed Russell, Nellie Wickens, Sybil Patterson, Henrietta Patterson, Ned Peters, and Max Russell, went to Pedrina Park to play Hockey 7s and represent our school. In our first game we won 3-1, the following game we won 2-1 then in our third game we had a draw against College Girls 1-1, and then we made it to the grand final against College Boy and lost 3-1. But we had a great time and did a great job. We would like to thank Jen McArthur and Lea McArthur for coaching us. *By Ned Peters and Max Russell*

Netball

On Wednesday 26 July, a group of Year 5 and 6 girls – *Clementine Blackwell, Yvette Fanning, Gemma Kyle, Millie McShane, Henrietta Patterson, Elodie Cochran, Lucy Rennie, Zoe Trotter and Isla Oldfield Mann*, participated in the Netball Victoria Primary School Championships at Pedrina Park in Hamilton.

We would like to thank Mrs Phillips for coaching us and taking time out of her day to help and support us, this was very much appreciated. We are also thankful and appreciative for Mrs Robyn Fry for taking time out of her day to umpire. We also thank our parents for driving us there and supporting us. We all tried and did our best and supported each other. We all had a great time, and we appreciate that we all got to go. We were the first team in a long time to go from Dunkeld Consolidated School. Robyn Fry said that she won a grand final back in the 1970's.

We did really well and won two games and lost five. We had a smile on our face at all times, even when we were losing.
By Millie McShane

On Wednesday 26 July, nine Year 5 and 6 girls went to play Netball at Pedrina Park, the competition was run by Netball Victoria. Mrs Phillips was our coach, and she did a great job! We all got to Pedrina Park in Hamilton, and it was freezing, we warmed up and got ready for our first game. Over the course of the day, we played seven games of two x seven minute halves. We won one game (3 goals 1) and tied another game (3 goals 3). The rest of the games we lost but they were still great fun to play. Robyn Fry volunteered to umpire for Dunkeld Consolidated School, we are very glad that she could come into Hamilton and help everyone. Robyn mentioned that she played Netball for the school in the 1970's and they won the under 9s grand final. It was really cool to hear about this.

Thank you so much to Mrs Phillips and Mrs Robyn Fry for volunteering their time to help us. I am so glad that we got to go and play netball. We all did such an amazing job and had lots of fun along the way.
By Gemma Kyle



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program



Kitchen...



On Friday 14 July the Year 6 students eagerly prepared and shared in the Kitchen and celebrated NAIDOC Week. Menu items included: Pumpkin Wontons, Kangaroo Burgers, Beetroot and Chocolate Muffins, Lemon Drink and Alphabet Grissini.

The Year 4 and Year 5 students also celebrated NAIDOC Week during their Kitchen class on Friday 21 July and the menu included Pumpkin Wontons, Kangaroo Burgers, Burger Buns, Rhubarb and Lemon Muffins

and Lemon Drink.



On Friday 28 July the Year 6 students prepared and shared in the Kitchen and we made Mei Goreng with Egg Noodles and chilli. I got chilli in my eyes. We made Ham and Cheese Pinwheels and Rhubarb and Lemon Muffins for dessert. In my opinion it was the best cooking session ever! *By Felix Hyland*

On Friday 28 July the Year 6 students had our SAKG Kitchen class. We made Ham and Cheese Pinwheels, Mei Goreng with Egg Noodles, Rhubarb and Lemon Muffins and Citrus Drink. I thought it was delicious, especially the Mei Goreng.

Also, on Monday 7 August, Felix Hyland, Patrick Lomas and I are going to Sheepvention to participate in a Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation demonstration cooking presentation with Monique Sobey. I can't wait for it! *By Alex Bird*



Garden...

Our SAKG program is back in full swing for third term! All classes (from Prep to Grade 6) work in the Garden, and the Grade 4 and 5 and Grade 6 students work in the kitchen every second week (they rotate). We hold these classes every Friday and have an amazing group of people volunteering their time to help us. They are known as our SAKG Friends, and we know that we could not hold such a successful program without them. Over the years (our program began in 2009), we have had many Friends come in to help (I will count them up one day!). They are parents, carers, grandparents and members of the wider community. All these people have been so generous with their time, their knowledge, their patience, and their good humour! It does make our Friday SAKG classes special - we are so very grateful for and humbled by their generosity. Our students are connecting to people within their own community that they never have otherwise. This is one very special part of the program, that is very hard to quantify, but so very important to consider.

In our Garden classes this year we have had an absolutely amazing response from people offering to help us with the Prep and Grade 1/2 classes - it is really heartwarming to see all our Friends helping and guiding these small people with their tasks.

However, because we have low numbers of Friends for our Grade 3, Grade 4 and 5 and Grade 6 classes, I was wondering if there was anyone interested in helping us with them, please? These classes run from 11.30am - 1.30pm. You do not need to be a garden expert at all, to help us - just have time and enthusiasm. You will meet a wonderful bunch of volunteers, and it really is an enjoyable and rewarding way to spend an hour or two. And you don't have to commit to every week - we are very flexible and appreciate any amount of time you can give us!

If you would like to know more about the program, or volunteer to help, please get in touch with me on 0428 749 235 or 5574 9235 or contact the school Admin office on 5577 2384 – we would love to talk to you about it. The only requirement needed is a current Working With Children Check.

Kind regards

Lisa McIntyre, on behalf of the SAKG Program Sub-Committee

The Resilience Project – First Nations Cultural Connections

Please find attached an information sheet for parents and carers from The Resilience Project about the First Nations Cultural Connections.

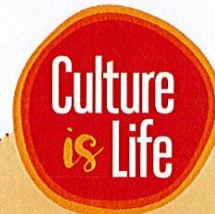
The Dunkeld Consolidated School wants your Used Batteries!

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 (Mr 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!



Culture is Life is an Aboriginal-led Not-For-Profit organisation who believe that all **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people have the right to thrive and flourish;** strong in knowing who they are, where they come from and who they are connected to.



Over the last few years **The Resilience Project** has been very lucky to **partner with Culture is Life** to **enrich the wellbeing resources** we provide to our schools, **by incorporating First Nations knowledge and perspectives to wellbeing.**

We believe that, as Australians, we all have so much to learn from the longest surviving culture in the world.

Your children may come home and talk about some of these **First Nations wellbeing perspectives** that are integrated into our curriculum. We thought it would be a good idea to share some similar ways you could practise **Gratitude, Empathy** and **Mindfulness (GEM)** at home.

Gratitude

You could show **gratitude** for the land that you live on and **research your local area** (most local councils have a dedicated webpage for this). You could find the following information:

- What lands are you living on?
- What is the native language?
- What are the native plants?
- What native wildlife is in your area?
- What First Nations land are your family and extended family living on across Australia?



Scan the QR code to see a map of Indigenous Australia.

Empathy

As a family you could sit in a **yarning circle** while having a conversation, and discuss the GEM question prompts below. This helps to practise **empathy** by respecting each other, taking turns and listening to everyone's ideas.

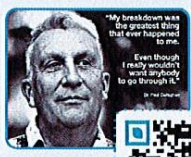
- What are three things that went well for you today?
- What is something that made you smile or laugh today?
- What kind acts have you noticed today?
- What is something kind you can do for someone this week? Think about who you might do this kind act for and when you could do this.

Yarning circles are a harmonious, creative and collaborative way to communicate. This is a place to talk, share, discuss, educate and have a yarn together. It is a place to build healthy and respectful relationships. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have been using yarning circles for thousands of years.

Mindfulness

Dadirri is an Indigenous term for **mindfulness**. It involves deep listening, bringing awareness to what is around you and focusing on your breathing. You could do this outside on Country by listening to the sounds of nature.

Check out **Dr. Paul Callaghan's** imperfections podcast episode where he shares a lot of wisdom that he has accrued over a lifetime of wins, losses and even a near death experience that changed his life forever. Connecting to Country is what help him through.



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