



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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MARCH 2022

- Thursday 31 MARC Library.

APRIL 2022

- Friday 1 Funky Hair and Casual Dress Day. Gold coin donation for Leukaemia Foundation.
FUN Friday Disco.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 4/5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Sunday 3 Daylight Saving ends – turn your clocks back one hour.
- Monday 4 Easter Raffle tickets and monies due in today.
- Tuesday 5 National Alvis Car Rally – SAKG Program providing a light lunch.
School Council Sub-Committee Meetings.
- Wednesday 6 Royal Children Good Friday Appeal – Easter Raffle will be drawn today.
- Friday 8 **Special Assembly commencing at 9.00am in the school hall.** COVID-19 procedures to be followed, including mask wearing and proof of vaccination.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 5/6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
LAST DAY OF TERM 1 – early dismissal at 2.30pm. School buses will run one hour earlier in the afternoon.
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS from Saturday 9 to Sunday 24 April 2022.
- Monday 25 **ANZAC Day Public Holiday.** Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch Dawn Service will commence at 6.30am.
- Tuesday 26 **First day of Term 2.**
School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the staffroom.
- Friday 29 School Assembly commencing at 2.40pm.

FROM Mrs Angela Field, Acting Principal...

As we move towards the end of term, COVID-19 is something we are learning to live with and adjust to as we go. Many thanks to the families that have been or may be impacted and find themselves adhering to the DHHS and DET Operational Guidelines as emailed earlier this week, with regards to isolating as a close contact or confirmed case.

Our Student Voice Leaders (Sean Bird, Ava Balkin, Heidi Burger and Darcy Potter) have planned an exciting Fun Friday for this week, the last one for the term. It is Crazy/Funky Hair Day, where students come to school with fun and creative hairstyles. Students can also wear casual clothes, bringing a **gold coin donation** to support the Leukemia Foundation. The Fun Friday activity will be dancing games and a disco in the hall.



Many of our Year 6 students attended Transition Days at Good Shepherd College on Friday 25 March, and Baimbridge College on Tuesday 22 March. A wonderful opportunity to visit the schools and explore all they have to offer, before deciding on 2023 enrolment.

On Tuesday 29 March the SGSSA Athletics Sports were held at Pedrina Park. The following schools make up the SGSSA – Tarrington Lutheran School, Cavendish Primary School, Branxholme Primary School, Macarthur Primary School, Saint Joseph's Primary School (Penshurst) and Dunkeld Consolidated School. It is always a great day with our smaller rural schools coming together. Thank you to our parent helper Louise Patterson for volunteering to supervise the 9-year girls age group, and assisting across the day with various activities, her expertise was appreciated. Thank you to Paul Mibus for collecting our shade marquee. I know that some students could not attend the sports due to isolating at home, and I certainly feel for these students who missed this opportunity and encourage them to focus on the next opportunity that comes their way.

Our first School Council meeting was held last week, with Richard McShane returning as President. I thank Richard for taking on this role and look forward to the projects that lie ahead. We have received a shade sail grant for the outdoor learning space to be placed in front of the mural wall. Last year's students planned and designed a space with a vote to decide the final design, which was created by Libby Herrmann. The space will reflect our local indigenous culture. The School Council are also discussing the drop-off/pick-up zone at school, with a focus on student and family safety, with the discussion revolving around Dickie Street and the possibility to upgrade and utilise this entrance more effectively.

Great Victorian Bike Ride is passing through Dunkeld this Friday 1 April. The students will have the opportunity to wave and welcome the cyclists into our beautiful town. They have also made a 'welcome sign' for the fence.

Next Tuesday 5 April the Alvis Car Club will be arriving at school and parking their cars on the small school oval. The children will have the opportunity to walk around and look at the wonderful vintage cars on display. Our Year 6 students will assist with the lunch provided, which is also an SAKG fundraiser. Many thanks to those who have assisted with this event.

Thank you to all families for the wonderful support of our Easter Egg Raffle for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 6 April at school. Please remember to return your tickets and money to school.

Term Two starts on Tuesday 26 April as ANZAC Day is the Monday. A reminder that the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch Dawn Service will be held at 6:30am, and will take place at the Cenotaph, with students and families encouraged to attend. Our School Captains have been invited to attend this community service.

When the holidays arrive next Friday, stay safe, and have a lovely Easter!

Ange Field, Acting Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Prep and Year 1 Harmony Day Presentation



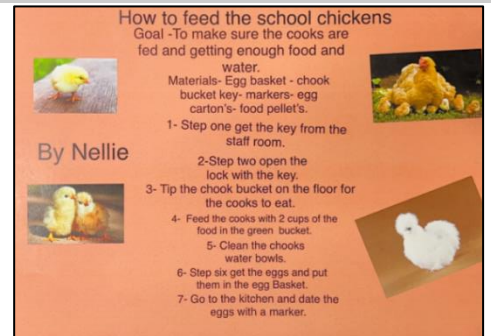
During Harmony Week, the Prep/Year 1 students read a book titled 'Whoever You Are' by Mem Fox and discovered that there are many different people in our world who may not look the same or speak the same language but inside they are just like us. They too play, laugh and cry. Their 'joys are the same, and love is the same. Pain is the same, and blood is the same. Smiles are the same, and hearts are the same – wherever they are, wherever you are, wherever we are, all over the world.' The Prep/Year 1 students decorated people templates to show the differences in cultural dress, skin colour and hair colour all around the world. These were presented at assembly. The Preps also read out their own sentences describing themselves in terms of hair colour, eye colour and skin colour with the last sentence stating, 'I am me!' We celebrated the concepts of diversity and harmony all week.

Year 2/3 – Writer's Workshop



HOW TO FEED CHICKENS

The students in Year 2/3 have been working on a range of text types in Writer's Workshop including Procedure Writing and Narratives. Nellie Wickens, Year 2 and Banjo Hyland, Year 3 have completed good copies of their procedure about 'How to take care of the Chooks at school.'



FUN FRIDAY

Student Voice Review

For **Fun Friday** on 18 March we did some **Harmony Day** inspired drawings, where we picked a culture, researched this culture and used a template to draw the traditional clothing that they wear in these countries.

We have included some drawings from Audrey Black, Charlotte Alderman, Indi Mibus and George Heazlewood.

Audrey: Hawaiian Culture - I drew an orange and green Hawaiian outfit with a long skirt.

Charlotte: Japanese Culture - I drew a red and black Kimono.

George H: Mexican Culture - they wear big hats in Mexico.

Indi: Hawaiian Culture - Traditionally, Hawaiian's wear shorter tops and long colourful, grass skirts.



National Ride2School Day

National Ride2School Day was held on Friday 25 March. Students, staff and parents participated. Well done to all for their effort.



Gen Health Visit

Ingrid McDonald from Gen Health, Hamilton visited the school on Monday 21 March and conducted complimentary Foot Screenings for all the Prep students.



ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 25 MARCH 2022

Honour Certificates

School Values and Academic Honour Certificates were presented to the following students:

- **Prep/Year 1:** Maxi Bubb and Annabelle Beveridge.
- **Year 4/5:** Elodie Cochran and Isla Oldfield Mann.
- **Year 5/6:** Charlotte Alderman, Ben Peters and Ella Peters.

Assembly Report

On Friday 25 March, the Student Voice group spoke about Fun Friday for the following week. They mentioned the students would be having a Disco, Funky Hair Day and everyone could wear casual clothes on Friday 1 April. They asked for a gold coin donation on this day to support the Leukaemia Foundation. The Prep and Year 1 students did a Harmony Day presentation about being me. Mrs McShane congratulated everyone who were super-fast swimmers that went through to the next level in swimming.

By Ben Peters and Charlotte Alderman, School Captains

GREATER WESTERN REGIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Friday 18 March, qualifying students competed in the Greater Western Regional Swimming Championships in Horsham. Elodie Cochran - First I did breaststroke. I placed sixth. After the races I was given a regional jumper and t-shirt.

Zoe Trotter - I did the freestyle relay. My team got fourth. I enjoyed the day.

Gemma Kyle - My first and only event was the freestyle relay and my team got fourth. I had a great time.

Lachie Oldfield Mann – I did breaststroke and placed tenth. I also got a regional jumper.

Jack Oldfield Mann. – I did breaststroke and I placed twelfth. I got a jumper and a cap.

Lachie Gordon – I did butterfly and I came fourth. I got a regional backpack. It was a great day.

By Indi Mibus, Phoebe Lazzari, Ella Peters and Phoebe Ross, House Sports Captains

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The new School Council held their first meeting on Tuesday 22 March 2022. Congratulations are extended to the office bearers and we wish them well.

School Council would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the following retired councillor for her untiring work, valuable contribution and commitment while serving on council:

- Naomie Phillips – member from 2021 to 2022.

School Council welcomed re-elected parent councillors Richard McShane, Holly Herrmann, Simon Ross and Mark Lazzari and re-elected DET councillor, Terrie Nicholson. Jackie Mibus was co-opted to School Council in the DET member casual vacancy position for the term ending March 2023.

Please find below a list of all Councillors and the office positions they hold (retiring members may seek re-election when their term of office ends):

1. Parent Members - to retire in March 2023

- Rachel Blackwell – **VICE-PRESIDENT**
- Lachy Patterson
- Brad Kyle
- *Casual Vacancy*

2. DET member – to retire in March 2023

- Anne Gilbert
- Jackie Mibus

3. Parent Members – to retire in March 2024

- Richard McShane – **PRESIDENT**
- Holly Herrmann
- Simon Ross
- Mark Lazzari

4. DET members – to retire in March 2024

- Terrie Nicholson
- *Casual Vacancy*

5. Executive Officer (Acting Principal)

- Angela Field

School Councils play a key role in Victorian government schools. Participating as a School Council member is a rewarding and challenging experience. The School Council has a governance role and are here to support the Principal and teachers in a way that will allow the best learning environment for students at Dunkeld Consolidated School.

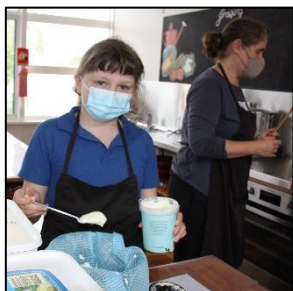
Items covered during the meeting included:

- Sheep Drive Fundraiser.
- SAKG Program lunch catering for Alvis National Car Rally on Tuesday 5 April 2022.
- Caulfield Grammar School visit on Thursday 5 and Friday 6 May 2022.
- Finance report including school budget, Parent Payment Arrangements, Financial Commitment Summary and financial reports.
- Recent school sporting events – School Swimming Program, House Swimming Carnival, South West Division Swimming Championships and Greater Western Regional Swimming Championships.
- 2021 Annual Report to the School Community.
- 2022 Annual Implementation Plan.
- School Council sub-committees, working parties and meeting calendar.
- NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) for Year 3 and 5 students.
- Building and grounds works were discussed, including an Outdoor Learning Space, shade sails and drop-off/pick-up zone.
- Proposed projects for 2022.

SHEEP DRIVE FUNDRAISER – MAY 2022

School Council are planning to hold a Sheep Drive Fundraiser in May 2022. Donations of livestock will be gratefully received. All livestock must be crutched and be fit to load. Please contact Richard McShane on 0455 932 132 or Simon Ross on 0408 984 499.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden

Captains ...

Kitchen ...

On Friday 18 March, the Year 4 and 5 students made Potato and Chickpea Curry made from harvested potatoes, zucchini, chickpeas, carrot, coconut milk, onion, garlic, chilli, ginger, tomatoes, vegetable oil, cumin, salt, pepper and other spices. Yvette Fanning said the curry smelt so good when she was serving it up. They also made Roti Bread made from milk, butter, egg, plain flour, caster



sugar, and salt.

Will said he liked the Roti Bread because it tasted better than other flat breads!

Everyone enjoyed sharing the meal together.

Garden ...

In Year 5 and 6 Garden, we introduced ourselves to the Friends of the Garden and we were put into our new groups. We chose names for our groups. Jack Jones was making signs for the garden beds. His group's name is 'Sunny Sunflowers'.

Max Russell was taking the fence off the Kiwi tree so they can plant grapes. His group is named 'The Celery Superstars'.

In Prep and Year 1 Roy Andrew's group was called 'The Blue Butterflies' and his group removed caterpillars from the garden.

In Year 2 and 3 Gardening session, they were looking at how to use tools safely and organising and planting different plants.

Xavier Macgugan pulled out weeds all around the garden. Jed Russell trimmed trees in the orchard with the pruners.

Kitchen ...



On Friday 25 March, the Year 5 and 6 students made Indian and Japanese dishes for Harmony Day. Harmony Day is about treating everyone equal no matter their race, culture, gender and more. They made Sushi (from Japan), Chickpea and Potato Curry and Roti Bread (from India) and Apple Sponge Cake with ice cream (from England). Darcy Potter experienced the rich flavours and lovely texture of the Sushi, and he tasted the spiciness of the curry.

The students from Year 5 and 6 said the kitchen was full of different aromas. Indi Mibus said her favourite dish was the Roti Bread because it went well with the curry.

By Ella Peters and Charlie Linke, SAKG Captains



EASTER RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN ON 6 APRIL 2022

The Easter Raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday 6 April 2022**. All raffle proceeds are forwarded to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.



FUNKY HAIR, CASUAL DRESS AND FUN FRIDAY DISCO ON FRIDAY 1 APRIL 2022



Staff and students are encouraged to wear a "funky hairstyle" and casual dress on Friday 1 April 2022 and **give a gold coin donation for participating. Funds raised will go to the Leukaemia Foundation.** Some crazy hair ideas: Spike it up! - brightly coloured ribbons, scrunchies, wild wigs, waves, curls, coloured hairspray. *Children please ask your parent's permission before you do anything to your hair.

Student Voice will be conducting dancing games and a disco in the hall for Fun Friday.

- REMINDERS -

LET'S GET RECYCLING

Our school is teaming up with Wonder Recycling Rewards to help reduce soft plastic waste in our environment. By collecting and recycling our soft plastic waste at school, we can protect our environment, oceans and wildlife – and earn new sports equipment for our school. (Plus every registered school will go into the draw to win a Replas Exercise Circuit made from recycled soft plastic).

There are three simple steps to helping our school keep soft plastic waste out of the environment:

- SCRUNCH – Do the Scrunch Test! If it's plastic and you can scrunch it into a ball, it's soft plastic and we can recycle it!
- COLLECT – Drop your soft plastic waste into the Wonder Recycling Rewards Collection Box at school (boxes have yet to be delivered).
- PLAY – Earn Wonder Recycling Rewards points to receive new sports equipment for our school.



YES PLEASE - Wonder bread bags (and all other bread bags too).

NO THANKS – plastic bottles, plastic containers, glass, paper, cardboard, tin cans, food waste.

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 continued support!

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.