



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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MAY 2020

- Tuesday 19 The Resilience Project Teacher Seminar - Webinar.
- Wednesday 20 Dunkeld and District Community Newsletter Issue 7.
- Monday 25 **PUPIL FREE DAY.**
- Tuesday 26 **Prep, Year 1 and 2 students return to school.**
- Wednesday 27 National Simultaneous Storytime.
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JUNE 2020

- Wednesday 3 Dunkeld and District Community Newsletter Issue 8.
- Monday 8 **Queen's Birthday Public Holiday.**
- Tuesday 9 **Year 3 to 6 students return to school.**
- Wednesday 10 Dunkeld Consolidated School Newsletter Issue 8.
- Wednesday 17 Dunkeld and District Community Newsletter Issue 9.
- Friday 26 **Last Day of Term 2.**

FROM Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring, Acting Principal...

Firstly, I would like to extend my gratitude for the enormous amount of work our staff have been putting in to the remote learning program that has been taking place for the past four weeks. Each and every staff member has gone above and beyond to provide our students with the best education possible in these unprecedented times. From; the huge amount of upskilling in IT everyone has had to do to present a daily online program; troubleshooting when things aren't working as they should; supporting one another with the many queries we all have; providing phone calls and video meetings to students; each teacher replying to over 100 pieces of work coming in each day; providing onsite care and support to students; attending online meetings and PD; supporting our own children with their remote learning – the list goes on. I thank you all!

To our students - This was never going to be easy and has certainly been a challenge! Some days are easy and some days are hard and that's okay. We certainly understand and have days like that too! I commend you all on the effort you have been putting in and congratulate you on the work you have been submitting. Hang in there and keep it up a bit longer until we're all back at school! What a collection of work you will have to look back on to remember your days in isolation!

To our parents - Without you all taking the time to be at home, supporting your children, this would not have been possible. We are all one big jigsaw puzzle at the moment – staff, students and parents – without a piece, the jigsaw doesn't work. We know and understand it is difficult for many, especially when working from home yourselves. I'm sure I could confidently say the majority of parents would not choose to do this full time, but what a unique experience to have this time with your children. Thank you.

To get an idea of the program we have been delivering, I will be sharing some teaching content and celebrating some student work on our new Facebook page – 'Dunkeld Consolidated School'. Please follow the page if you would like to stay updated on what is happening in our school and at home!

On an operational note, it was announced yesterday that schools will commence a staged return from remote and flexible learning from Tuesday 26 May 2020. To support all school staff to prepare for the transition, Monday 25 May 2020 will be a Pupil Free Day. This is important to enable the planning necessary to ensure the successful transition back to school can be completed.

The return to school will take place in two stages. This will give the Victorian Chief Health Officer and Government time to monitor and evaluate the effects that the staged return to school has on the increased movement of people and transmission within the community.

Stage 1: 25 May to 5 June 2020

In the first stage, students in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will return to school from Tuesday 26 May. Remote and flexible learning will continue for all students in Grades 3 to 6 until Tuesday 9 June. We encourage all students of this age to be at school, even if an older sibling is yet to return in Stage 2.

During Stage 1, the existing model of on-site schooling for students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children will remain in place.

Stage 2: From 9 June (Queen’s Birthday holiday on Monday 8 June)

Students in Years 3 to 6 will return to school from Tuesday 9 June. All students will be expected to attend school as normal.

Measures will be put in place for our school context, inclusive of drop off and pick up procedures, physical distancing and hygiene, enhance cleaning and voluntary coronavirus COVID-19 testing for all staff. This will all be communicated to families in the coming week.

Reporting across the state is going to look different this semester, due to the current Remote Learning environment. Reports will take on a simplified version and our school will communicate how this will look in the coming weeks.

School camps will not take place for our school this year and excursions cannot take place until further restrictions are lifted. We will endeavour to have a number of excursions in Terms 3 or 4, in place of school camps this year.

I again thank everyone for your support and patience. I look forward to seeing our students soon and wish everyone all the best for what we hope will be the last few weeks of remote learning.

Thank you, Dee Gerring

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

The school Admin team eagerly look forward to welcoming students, families and staff back to the Dunkeld Consolidated School in the coming weeks.

Kind regards, Terrie Nicholson

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Check out our new Facebook page – ‘Dunkeld Consolidated School’. Please follow the page to stay updated on the school’s happenings.

YEAR 4/5 REMOTE LEARNING SHOWCASE

MARC VAN

Students in Grades 3-6 had the task of creating a blurb for a book they have been reading. Their task was to use pictures instead of some nouns, similar to some of Morris Gleitzman’s books. Here are some of the Picture blurbs created by Year 4/5 students:

Diary Of A Wimpy Kid

Greg Heffley and his family are getting out of
 With the and stress approaching holiday
 Season the Heffleys decide to escape to a
 resort for some much needed and
 a few days in paradise should do wonders
 for Greg and his frazzled family.
 But the Heffleys soon discover that paradise
 isn't everything it's cracked up to be.
 , stomach troubles, and venomous
 all threaten to ruin the family's
 vacation. Can their trip be saved, or will
 this island getaway end in disaster?

By Hugh Prentice, Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Andy and Terry's incredible, ever-expanding has 13 new storeys, including a smashing level, a machine, a life-size 's and 's game (with real 's and rea 's!), a -powered -launcher, a Ninja Training Academy and a high-tech detective agency with all the latest high-tech detective technology, which is lucky because they have a Big mystery to solve - where is Mr Big ???

Well, what are you waiting for? Come on !

By Josh Lomas – The 13 Storey Treehouse

Our House

Chloe Deal has to write about her house for a but she's a bit embarrassed of her shabby, wacky. For a start, the front wall goes down in the driveway and the front has a huge, wretched. It's always chaotic because the has to sit on the big, wretched. (and the) all under one. The garage. William will don't. My. Both is never there. 's always annoying. by inventing dangerous. like mine hunt or bean-ball and her younger. Day is convinced the space is haunted.

Marc Van Picture Blurbs

By Cadence Huf, Our House

By Mitchell Gordon-Captain Underpants

OTHER ITEMS:

Hugh Prentice’s Writing/Science experiment. Using Hugh’s idea, the Year 4/5 students conducted a small science experiment to learn about clouds and how rain falls.

Hugh: Clouds are formed when water vapour rises into the air. When the vapour hits cold air, it turns back into droplets of water. Those tiny drops of water floating in the air collect and ‘stick’ together to form clouds. When clouds get so full of water that they can’t hold any more, the water falls back to the ground as rain.

He defeated the diabolical Dr.Diaper...He terminated the terrible talkingNow he's in for a of his life. Can captain underpants and his hold up under the pressure from 3 massive, tentacled aliens (in disguises) who are on a to take over the it's to probe a little further and find out in this all-new wedgie adventure of underpants.





Charlotte Alderman



Drew Hassett - Science experiment (clouds)

About Clouds

Names
There are 41 types of clouds and they are all different. There are 3 main types of clouds though cumulus which are very low level clouds with a flat base, cirrus clouds which look like thin, wispy streams and they are found very high in the air and last but not least the stratus cloud they are a very low and they cover most of the sky.

Formation
Clouds aren't white they are made out of water and ice droplets. A cloud forms when the air is heated by the sun. As the water rises, it slowly cools it reaches the saturation point and water condenses forming a cloud.

Height and weight
A cloud weighs an interesting 1.1 million pounds (551 tons). But most clouds are about 6,000-25,000 feet of the ground.

Fun Facts
The highest cloud hovered around 200,000 feet. Luke Howard named all the clouds.

PIC-COLLAGES

Writing piece- Clouds by Ben Peters

Libby

Our Leek Gardening Project

1/5/20
Did you know Mum actually found the first leek outside the chook pen? She had thrown it out with the scraps and the rain had kept it alive 10 days later!

6/5/20
We think the middle one didn't grow as much because it's a smaller egg cup so it isn't getting as much water.

We refilled the water each day.

PIC-COLLAGES

Gardening – Libby Herrmann

DOING IT FOR DOLLY is an initiative which aims to extend the Dolly's Dream message of bringing community together to celebrate kindness and unite in taking a stand against bullying. On Friday 8 May 2020 our students were asked to use their imagination and do something with the colour blue – the colour of *Doing it for Dolly*.

Phoebe in blue with the family pets.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



From the Kitchen ... at Home

I hope you had a lovely day on Sunday celebrating our wonderful mothers. Some of you may have been lucky enough to enjoy an Apple Rose dessert, combining pastry and apple slices to make a lovely Rose pattern. How are your vegies growing in the jars of water? My bok choy leaves have been picked and added to my stir fry and my silver beet and leeks are almost ready to go into a pot filled with soil. The coz lettuce and the leeks should be ready to plant in a week or so. Fun way to regrow vegetables. Send a photo of your 'regrowth' to your teacher, I would love to see them.



I miss you all and look forward to seeing your faces when I return to school.

This is a recipe you may like to try and share with your family. This recipe is a great way to use up vegetables. You can add leeks, change carrot to pumpkin, use diced zucchini instead of peas, add corn and so on.

Spiced Vegetable Pasties (makes 8 – 10 pasties)

Ingredients

Short Crust Pastry (puff pastry is fine if that's all you have)

Potatoes – 2 x large potatoes, washed, scrubbed and diced into 1 and ½ cm

Carrots – 2 x medium carrots, washed, scrubbed and diced the same size as the potato

Parsnip or Turnip – 1 x peeled and washed and diced the same as above

Fresh Coriander or Parsley – 1 cup finely chopped

Curry powder – 1 teaspoon or 2

Garlic – 3 x cloves peeled and chopped

Ground Coriander – 3 teaspoons

Ground Cumin – 2 teaspoons

Lemon Juice – 3 tablespoons

Green Peas – 1 cup

Onion – 1 large peeled and finely chopped

Vegetable oil – 2 tablespoons

Method

Place the potatoes, carrot and parsnip into a medium saucepan and cover with water. Bring to the boil and then reduce to a simmer and cook for 8 minutes. Add the peas and cook for a further 5 minutes. Strain the vegetables and let cool slightly. Heat the vegetable oil in a frypan and add the onion and garlic, stirring with a wooden spoon until the onion is soft but not coloured. Add the spices and cook stirring for 2 to 3 minutes. Add the vegetables and the lemon juice and stir and mix well on low heat until it is well combined for 2 to 3 minutes. Add salt and pepper and stir in the chopped coriander. Remove from the heat and cool down.

Preheat the oven to 200°C. Cut 20cm diameter circles of pastry. Place 2/3 cup of cooled filling on one half of the circle. Fold the pastry over the filling and pinch the edges of the pastry to seal. Brush with beaten egg using a pastry brush. Place pastries on a baking tray lined with baking paper and bake in the oven for 40 minutes until golden. *Happy preparing and sharing everyone.*

Warm regards, Clare from Home

From SAKG Captains ... Lillian Glazebrook and Leah Morelli, Grade 6

Dear students, parents and teachers,

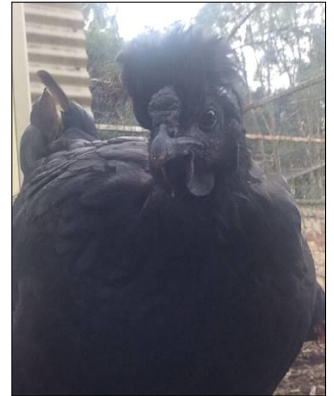
First, I hope your home learning has gone well! I hope everyone is enjoying all their free time with their families.

Secondly, I would just like to thank Lisa and the students who have been at school, for taking care of our chooks.

I can't wait until we can all go back to school and have SAKG lessons once more.

Some ideas on how to bust boredom! (All these ideas are kitchen/garden related):

- Help out in your garden at home! I'm sure your parents would love some help!
- Also, because we are all stuck at home, why not help your parents cook a meal or snack, maybe you could even make something yourself!
- You could also spend more time than usual with your pets, I have been hanging out with my chooks a lot more than usual!
- Remember to not spend too much time on your screens and to get moving outside!
- Also, if you are sick of being indoors online why not head outside and sit on the grass or on your verandah to work! It just might brighten your day.



Here is one of my chooks! I think she likes cameras!

By Lillian Glazebrook

Dunkeld Consolidated School had been doing school at home, but that's not stopping anyone from cooking and gardening!! Everyone has made delicious foods such as ANZAC biscuits, ANZAC cakes and we can't forget about our apple rose!

Our gardens have been an excellent use in our gardening investigations. Everyone's investigations are great and we hope we can find out something new.

We have had great fun doing SAKG at home and we will still enjoy it! Have a great week everyone and stay safe!

By Leah Morelli

From the Garden...

Please visit our school website to look at our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program page. There you will find the following link to our very own Lisa McIntyre with a gardening lesson for our students!

<https://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au/page/143/Stephanie-Alexander-Kitchen-Garden-Program>