



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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APRIL 2022

- Friday 29 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 4/5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen. School Assembly (with an ANZAC theme) commencing at 2.40pm in the hall.

MAY 2022

- Tuesday 3 School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the staffroom.
- Thursday 5 Visit by Caulfield Grammar School students and staff - lunch will be provided by our school.
- Friday 6 Combined Division Athletics Carnival at the Brauerander Park Athletics Track, Warrnambool. Caulfield Grammar School Concert for the whole school. SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 5/6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
- Monday 9 House Cross Country events commencing at approx 1.30pm.
- Tuesday 10 NAPLAN Tests for Year 3 and 5 students. School Council Sub-Committee Meetings.
- Wednesday 11 Staff will be attending 'Play Is The Way' PD in Melbourne.
- Thursday 12 NAPLAN Tests for Year 3 and 5 students.
- Friday 13 *Do It For Dolly Day* – students to wear casual dress with a 'touch of blue' and bring a gold coin donation. SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 4/5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen. School Assembly commencing at 2.40pm in the hall.
- Saturday 14 'Skywhales in the Grampians' launch on the main school oval.
- Monday 16 SGSSA Cross Country at Tarrington Lutheran School.
- Tuesday 17 NAPLAN Tests for Year 3 and 5 students.
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- Friday 20 National Walk Safely to School Day. SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 5/6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen. **FUN** Friday.
- Monday 23 Division Cross Country Championships at Warrnambool.
- Wednesday 25 National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) at approx 10.55am – *Family Tree* by Josh Pyke.
- Friday 27 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 4/5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen. Special School Assembly commencing at 2.40pm in the hall.

JUNE 2022

- Wednesday 1 **ANNUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS.** Students are encouraged to wear full winter school uniform.

FROM Mrs Angela Field, Acting Principal...

The new drop-off/pick-up zone on Dickie Street is well underway, and I cannot stress enough thanks for the generous time and effort of Simon Ross and Richard McShane, along with their team of helpers. I must mention how wonderful it is to have our school community members back on-site assisting with such projects. The next phase is to complete the culvert works, fencing and gates, along with ensuring we have informed our families and the wider community of our new area and highlight the importance of road safety for our children and their families.

The 'Skywhales in the Grampians' project is set for Saturday 14 May 2022, with the Hamilton Gallery (Southern Grampians Shire Council) promoting the event widely via social media platforms. The 'Skywhales' will be launched at 7:00am on the main school oval.

We have nineteen students attending the Division Athletics Championships in Warrnambool on Friday 6 May, with Mrs Jackie Mibus and I attending the day. Good luck to all these students, as they once again represent our school so proudly. Our House Cross Country will be held on Monday 9 May 2022. Students are preparing for this event during PE classes and across the week during break times. The District SGSSA Cross Country will be held on Monday 16 May at Tarrington, followed by the Division Cross Country in Warrnambool on Monday 23 May.

As we officially farewell Mrs. Mary-Ellen McLachlan this week, staff presented her with gifts on Tuesday, wishing her all the best as she looks forward to motherhood. My advice to her is embrace every moment, as time has a funny way of flying by. We welcome Miss Sarah Gordon to our school and look forward to her enthusiastic and passionate approach to teaching in her local community. She will commence on Tuesday 3 May 2022. Mrs Jackie McShane and I are covering the Year 2/3 class in week one.

Mr Matt Lowe is commencing a student teacher placement for four weeks beginning on Monday 2 May 2022. He will be completing this placement with the Year 5/6 classroom and Mrs Naomie Phillips.

NAPLAN commences in week three this term for Year 3 and 5 students. Last term students completed the sample tests available online to assist with their understanding of the format. We continue to provide opportunities for our students to practice and familiarise themselves

with the testing procedures, encouraging them to stay calm. The testing dates are Tuesday 10 May – to Friday 20 May 2022 inclusive. The two-week window for testing allows for catch-up tests if required due to students' absences.)

In line with our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) and the 'Play is the Way' program that is embedded in our school, Mrs Jackie McShane, Mrs Naomie Phillips and I will attend a professional learning workshop in Melbourne on Wednesday 11 May. Various other Professional Learning (PL) opportunities are arising with staff keen to further develop their teaching knowledge and ideas. While many PL experiences have occurred via Zoom or Webex, it is pleasing to have the opportunities to attend these sessions in person.

Dates for the Year 5/6 Camp to Melbourne have been confirmed and will be the first week of Term 3, Monday 11 July to Wednesday 13 July 2022. The Year 3/4 camp is to be held in week 2 of Term 3, Monday 18 July to Tuesday 19 July 2022, at Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. Staff are busy planning the activities that the students will participate in, and we look forward to the opportunities the children will have.

We have welcomed back the Rennie family to our school – Ben, Year 2; Lucy, Year 4 and Korey, Year 5. We hope they enjoy their return to our school and the local Dunkeld community.

Ange Field, Acting Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Year 4 and 5

Art

In Art, Year 4/5 students created oil pastel sunflowers. Did you know that the sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine? They represent the warmth and power of the sun. Local villagers fill their yards with sunflowers and weave them into wreaths for girls to wear at celebrations. They are embroidered onto fabric and painted onto walls, wooden furniture and household items. They are a sign of peace.



Music with Tara

On the last Music lesson with Mrs Tara Stephens of the term, we did lots of fun games, such as getting the cookie in your mouth from your forehead and picking up tube pasta on a long piece of spaghetti and lots of other fun games. There were four teams and all of the activities helped your team win points! At the end we got chocolate eggs! Music with Tara was the best!

By Gemma Kyle and Millie McShane

Fun Friday - Our Funky Hair and Casual Dress Day raised funds for the Leukaemia Foundation

On Friday 1 April 2022 we had a Disco, Casual Clothes and Funky Hair Day. For Fun Friday we had a disco party in the hall, we played songs and had balloons to play with and we also had tissue paper flying around. The teachers also set up two disco lights. We played a game where we put a card on the corner of each wall. The cards were three of Spades, three of Clubs, three of Hearts and three of Diamonds, we put them in each corner of the hall and then once the music stopped you had to go to a card and then one of us would call out a card, if it was a Club then everyone in the Clubs' corner would be out and have to sit down. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fun Friday Disco and Funky Hair Day. Hope you all had fun. We would like to especially thank the Patterson and Crawford families for their generous donation to the Leukaemia Foundation and with our gold coin contributions the total raised was \$200.00. Hope you all had a fantastic day. *By Student Voice Leaders – Sean Bird, Heidi Burger, Ava Balkin and Darcy Potter*



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 8 APRIL 2022

Honour Certificates

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

- **Prep/Year 1:** Hannah Roach and Ruby Mibus
- **Year 2/3:** Archie Cant-McKindlay
- **Year 4/5:** Max Russell, Zoe Trotter and Clementine Blackwell
- **Year 5/6:** Ava Balkin and Darcy Potter

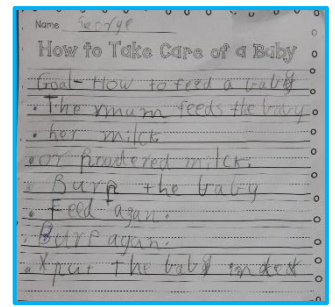
Special Assembly Report

The last assembly for Term 1 was a very packed one. The SGSSA Athletics Age Champions were announced, and the Class Captains presented their last reports before the new Term 2 Captains were announced. Congratulations to the new Class Captains. The assembly also included some wonderful class presentations to Mrs McLachlan, who will be commencing maternity leave early in Term 2.

By Ben Peters and Charlotte Alderman

Year 4 and 5 Presentation to Mrs McLachlan: Year 4 and 5 students read the book *Guess How Much I Love You*, we each read a page. We made our own statement 'I love you ...' and created a class book for Mrs McLachlan. For example, I love you to space and back.

By Elodie Cochran and Zoe Trotter



Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal – Raffle



Our raffle was drawn on Wednesday 6 April 2022 and the winner of the Easter Hamper was Charlie Linke, plus we had ten lucky placegetters: Sandra (c/- Clare Roach), Gemma Kyle, Debbie Williams, Darcy Potter, Harry McShane, Lachie Gordon, Patrick Lomas, Tilly Alderman, Ned Peters and Sybil Patterson who each received a chocolate bunny. Our school raised \$431.00 from raffle proceeds and donations for the Good Friday Appeal. Thank you to everyone for supporting our raffle and for your generous donations. *Congratulations to all.*



House Cross Country on Monday 9 May 2022

Our House Cross Country will be held on Monday 9 May, with the first event commencing at approximately 1.30pm. Please note that the starting times are a guide only as it will depend on how long it takes for each age group to finish their race:

- 12.30pm Early lunch.
- 1.20pm Bell to come inside. Pack up bags and drink bottles in undercover sports area.
- 1.30pm 11 and 12 years old – 3000 metres.
- 2.00pm 7 and 8 years old – 1000 metres.
- 2.30pm 6 years old – 500 metres.
- 3.00pm 9 and 10 years old – 2000 metres.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2022

NAPLAN testing will involve all students in Years 3 and 5 only. Please try to ensure that your child is present on each day and on time to school where a test is scheduled. Dates for this year's NAPLAN Tests are as follows: Tuesday 10 May through to Friday 20 May for testing and catch ups, if needed. NAPLAN tests are Language Conventions and Writing Tests, Reading Test, Numeracy Test.

National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 20 May 2022

Primary school aged children across Australia will make those important steps towards a healthier future by participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 20 May 2022 – www.walk.com.au

National Walk Safely to School Day is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long-term well-being of our children. Apart from the physical benefits, regular walking also has a favourable impact on their cognitive and academic performance.

The annual event, now in its 23rd year, encourages primary school aged children to build walking into their daily routine, by walking to and from school, not just on Friday 20 May, but every day.

Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day Dawn Service



On Monday 25 April 2022 at 6:30am, the Dunkeld RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service was held at the local war memorial here in Dunkeld. Many people gathered to pay their respects to the brave, selfless ANZACS who lost their lives to save our country. Mr Terry Noble spoke about the Australian nurses in the Vietnam War, including Lieutenant Colleen Mealy. Guest speaker, Mr Dave Tyson, spoke about a World War 1 veteran he had met when he was a young Ambulance Officer with Ambulance Victoria. The veteran had been a Light Horseman and these men loved their horses and the selfless things they did in the war. Then the wreathes were laid at the base of the memorial. The Ode was recited by Ben Peters



and the Last Post was played. Then we had one minute's silence to remember those who had fallen during all conflicts. Charlotte Alderman raised the flag, while Reveille was being played. Both New Zealand and Australian national anthems were played at the end of the service. *By Ben Peters and Charlotte Alderman*

SGSSA Athletics Carnival at Pedrina Park Hamilton on 29 March 2022

On Tuesday 29 March 2022, our SGSSA Athletics were held in Hamilton (for Year 3 to 6 students). The following week we interviewed some of the students.

Digby Heazlewood: My favourite part was the 800m metres because I came first. The Athletics were exciting.

Grace Macgugan: My favourite part was high jump because I came first. The Athletics were magnificent.

Jim Herrmann: My favourite part was shotput because I was really close to receiving a ribbon. The Athletics were exciting.

Millie McShane: My favourite part was hurdles because it was fun. The Athletics were terrific

Darcy Potter: I think it was an extraordinary Athletics day. My favourite event was High Jump because I did not think I was going to jump 1.20 metres.

Heidi Burger: My favourite event was High Jump because I achieved my personal best in it. The Athletics Day was fun but also tiring.

School Championship:

1st Tarrington Lutheran School

2nd (equal) Dunkeld Consolidated School and Branholme-Wallacedale Community School

4th Saint Joseph's School, Peshurst

5th Macarthur Primary School

6th Cavendish Primary School

Congratulations to the following SGSSA Athletics Age Champions from our school:

9 years Girls Grace Macgugan and 9 years Boys Banjo Hyland

11 years Girls Phoebe Lazzari

12 years Girls Indi Mibus

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



Great Victorian Bike Ride on Friday 1 April 2022

Our students enthusiastically welcomed the Great Victorian Bike riders to Dunkeld throughout the day.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

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)

SAKG Program catered for Alvis National Car Rally as a fundraiser



"Thank You" to our school families that donated to SAKG catering event on Tuesday 5 April 2022 for the Alvis National Car Rally members. We are extremely grateful to those that assisted on the day for giving up your time. To your wonderful children in Year 5 and 6 who helped set up and served lunch to our visitors and displayed such leadership and maturity. What a delightful group of leaders we have. We

feel very proud of them.



children of Dunkeld Consolidated School are exceptionally polite, make excellent eye contact, are full of life and energy and are practically perfect in every way. They are an absolute credit to the school, to their families and most importantly to themselves.

Our school has received the following feedback from Alvis Car Rally members, which we have included below:

I am writing to thank you so very much for the delightful hospitality extended to us when we visited your school yesterday as part of the Alvis National Car Rally. The food was beautifully presented and delicious, the table settings thoughtful (loved the flowers) and the children were exception. I have worked in schools now for over 50 years and have interacted with many children in that time. The

I can't remember when I last had such a wonderful day. Thank you to the staff and those who worked behind the scenes to make this beautiful and memorable experience occur. Again, congratulations, and a very big THANK YOU!

Sincerely, Jill Bosanquet, Beaumont SA

We wish to thank you for your contribution towards making our 2022 National Alvis Rally a successful one. The lunch at the school was a highlight for our Rally entrants – they were so impressed by your students and the great job they did in serving the lunches. The students are a credit to your school. Please pass on our thanks to the students and the staff involved in the Kitchen Garden Program.

Kind regards, Andrew and Frances McDougall, Alvis Car Club of Victoria



School Photos on Wednesday 1 June 2022



The annual school photos for all students and staff will be held on Wednesday 1 June 2022. Students are required to wear full winter school uniform including black school shoes/runners or black school boots. Parents are encouraged to have all students in correct winter school uniform.

Order envelopes will be sent home with all students, once they are received.

- REMINDERS -

PERMISSION FORMS REQUIRED FOR ADHOC SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL

Students who travel on the Mirranatwa and Woodhouse School Buses are eligible school bus travellers. An 'Application for Adhoc School Bus Travel' form must be submitted to the school Admin office for any students (who are not eligible school bus travellers) who may wish to travel on either of the school buses on a one-off basis.

Thank you for your support and assistance, in helping our School Bus Program to run smoothly.

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! 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.