



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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*'Optima Semper'*



## Newsletter No. 6 – Wednesday 6 September 2023

### SEPTEMBER 2023

- Thursday 7 Prep/Year 1 Sleepover (at school).
  - Friday 8 Prep/Year 1 Sleepover (at school).  
SSV Primary Schools Golf Tournament at Parklands Golf Club.  
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 (last assembly for Term 3).  
Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey closes.
  - Monday 11 Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp.  
Year 3 and 4 Blended Arts Drama Workshop in Hamilton.  
Year 5 and 6 Environmental Excursion to Walker Swamp Restoration Project (as part of the Inquiry Unit).
  - Tuesday 12 Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp.
  - Thursday 14 R U OK? Day – students to wear normal school uniform with a splash of yellow.  
Numeracy PD for staff.
  - 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 casual dress with their favourite team colours.  
Numeracy PD for staff.
- LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – EARLY DISMISSAL AT 2.30pm.**  
**School Buses will run one hour earlier in the afternoon.**

### OCTOBER 2023

- Monday 2 **First day of Term 4 - PUPIL FREE DAY – students do not attend school today.**
- Friday 6 Greater Western Region Track and Field Championships at Llanberris Park, Ballarat.  
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.
- Wednesday 11 Year 5/6 Cave Hill Creek Camp.
- Thursday 12 Year 5/6 Cave Hill Creek Camp.
- Friday 13 Year 5/6 Cave Hill Creek Camp.  
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.
- Tuesday 17 to Wednesday 25 October - Somers Camp for Year 5 and 6 students (additional camp).
- Wednesday 18 Year 3/4 Port Fairy Camp.
- Thursday 19 Year 3/4 Port Fairy Camp.
- Friday 20 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.

## FROM Mrs Angela Field, Principal...

**New family:** This week we have welcomed a new family to our school community. Riley Aspinall, Year 3, commenced on Monday, and we extend a warm welcome to his parents Moana and James.

**Teaching and Learning:** It has been a very busy term with lots of events taking place. Recently the children were audience to Shekere Beats, performed by Jonas Tandoh, from Ghana. A vibrant show with wonderful sound and colour. The Year 5/6 students participated in a Mindflight7 incursion; a science experience as seen in the world of virtual reality.

**Staff:** This week we farewell our IT Specialist, Pratik Rathod, who has accepted a new position, and will be moving away from the region. Pratik has been amazing with our technical issues, always at the other end of a phone call or email when not on site. We wish Pratik and his wife, Sejal, all the best.

This week we farewelled Jess Martin who was on placement in the Year 4/5 classroom. It was lovely to have Jess at our school, and she reflected on the positive vibe that exists at Dunkeld Consolidated School and how much she enjoyed her time here.



**School Council:** Recently our School Council Facilities Sub-Committee met to prioritise some school ground works. These include:

- Asphalt sweeping – this has been completed, with the surface looking much better with the loose gravel gone.
- Basketball tower installation (kindly donated by the Hyland family) – a working party will be installing this in the next few weeks.
- Year 6 Portrait Fence – the old basketball court fencing will be removed and a new south-facing wooden fence will be installed for the 2023 Year 6 class to begin painting their portraits in Term 4; also taking place in the next few weeks.

Many thanks to our Facilities Sub-Committee, for their continued support with improving our school.

**Sport:** Six of our students have made it to the SSV Greater Western Track and Field Finals, to be held at Llanberris Park, Ballarat on Friday 6 October 2023. Congratulations to the following students:

- Edward Alderman – 80m hurdles, 800m run, relay
- Banjo Hyland – 80m hurdles
- Grace Macgugan – 800m run
- Jack Oldfield Mann – 100m sprint, relay
- Lucy Rennie – 800m run
- Felix Hyland - relay
- Hamish Rush – relay

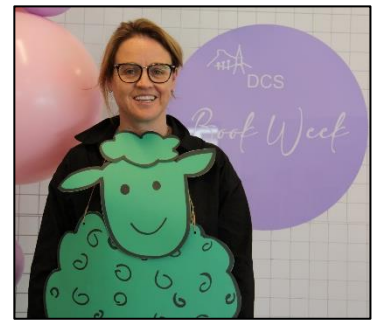
**Book Week:** What a fabulous array of characters we had for our Book Week parade in our hall! It was wonderful to have the Dunkeld Kindergarten join us as part of their transition program to school. At the beginning of the week each class had a workshop with Emma Stuart, one of our amazing mums, who shared with the students her book 'Peewii and the Tree'. Children were in awe of her beautiful illustrations and that fact that she is an author as well. Perhaps these workshops will see future author/illustrators emerge from Dunkeld. Thank you, Emma, for the inspiration you gave our students.

**Save the Dates:** The Year 6 Graduation will be held on Thursday 7 December and School Concert on Thursday 14 December 2023.

**DET:** Recently, Suzanne Camm, WSW Area Executive Director, and Jo Day our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) visited our school. It was lovely to have them on site, providing support and guidance on Department issues and discussing the many initiatives and programs in place at our school.

With the holidays not far away, please stay safe and enjoy the break.

*Ange Field, Principal*



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council met on Tuesday 29 August 2023; items of business included:

- School Review.
- School Compliance.

- Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey (closes on Friday 8 September).
- Dunkeld Races (fundraising).
- Facilities report – including installation of basketball tower, asphalt sweeping and Year 6 Portrait Fence.
- Whole School Professional Practice Day (Pupil Free Day) for Review processes and planning on Monday 2 October.

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

### Honour Certificates

#### Friday 11 August 2023

**Prep:** Layla Macgugan and Van Russell  
**Year 1/2:** Abigail Welsh and Roy Andrew  
**Year 3/4:** Nellie Wickens and Angus Jones  
**Year 4/5:** Zoe Trotter and Jim Herrmann  
**Year 6:** Millie McShane and Jack Oldfield Mann

#### Friday 25 August 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 4 August 2023

**Prep:** Sam Blackwell  
**Year 3/4:** Ben Rennie  
**Year 4/5:** Nate Elliott  
**Year 6:** Kai Roads

#### Week Ending Friday 11 August 2023

**Prep:** Egeria Jones.  
**Year 1/2:** Marli Mibus and Maxi Bubb  
**Year 3/4:** George Phillips.  
**Year 4/5:** Grace Macgugan  
**Year 6:** Harry McShane

#### Week Ending Friday 18 August 2023

**Prep:** Penelope Wickens.  
**Year 1/2:** Marli Mibus.  
**Year 3/4:** Bobby Blackwell.  
**Year 4/5:** Digby Heazlewood.  
**Year 6:** Clementine Blackwell.

#### Week Ending Friday 25 August 2023

**Prep:** Billy Gaylard.  
**Year 1/2:** Annabelle Beveridge.  
**Year 3/4:** Olivia Balkin.  
**Year 4/5:** Annie Jackson.  
**Year 6:** Ned Peters.

#### Week Ending Friday 1 September 2023

**Prep:** Esther Beveridge.  
**Year 1/2:** Tom Harris.  
**Year 3/4:** Angus Jones.  
**Year 4/5:** Tyson Riddle.  
**Year 6:** Max Russell.



### Principals Day – Friday 4 August 2023

All classes made a special presentation to our Principal, Mrs Angela Field, on Friday 4 August, as part of Principals Day. The Year 4 and Year 5 SAKG Kitchen class also created a special lunchtime menu for Mrs Field.

### Space Exploration Excursion – Wednesday 16 August 2023

As part of National Science Week, on Wednesday 16 August, the Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students went to a space exploration show, presented by the Astronomical Society of Victoria. at the Hamilton PAC. The show included information about the Mars rovers and the International Space Station (ISS). They talked about the Mars rover called "Opportunity" and other interesting facts. They also mentioned how the ISS has different stations for different countries.

*By Mac Jackson, Year 6*

### Visit by Children's Authors – Friday 18 August 2023



Our school was very fortunate in having two amazing children's authors, Sarah Speedie and Nova Weetman, visit our school as part of the Dunkeld Writers Festival. It was wonderful to see all the children so engaged in these hands-on workshops!

On Friday 18 August we had the famous author, Nova Weetman, visit our school. Did you know she was named after a pickle brand? She visited us so we could learn about writing and how much fun it can be. Nova helped the Year 6 and Year 5 students create a character named Julia 2, we had a lot of ideas; it was entertaining. We had heaps of fun with Nova and I advise you to read her books. *By Alex Bird, Year 6*



### Cooking for Footy/Sports Colours Day (Electives)

On Friday 18 August the students in the cooking elective group made sausage rolls for the Footy Day!! And last time we made bliss balls! **We will be selling these footy packs for \$5.00 on the last day of Term 3, so please send your orders in!** These packs will have healthy food in them. The exact date for Footy/Sports Colours Day is Friday 15 September 2023.



## Electives



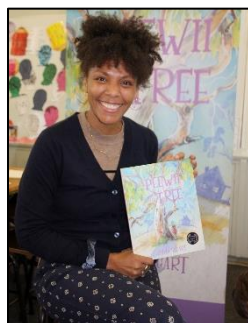
Every second Friday we get to do Electives, there are so many fun activities that we get to do, such as ... Drama, Remote Control Cars, Cooking, STEAM, Board Games and Garden Art. At the start of the term we put down our top three electives and then we get sorted into elective groups. I am in Drama and it is so enjoyable. Our teacher is Mrs Field and she is really great. We do the most fun activities like... different versions of try not to laugh and little skits. In drama we have to step out of our comfort zone and do things we would not usually do. I am glad that we are able to do electives at our school and drama is really fun.

*By Gemma Kyle, Year 6*

## Watercolour Illustration Workshops – Book Week

During Book Week we had local author/illustrator, Emma Stuart, come and read her book, “Peewii and the Tree”, written and illustrated by her. She also taught us interesting things about watercolour painting. It was an informative workshop, and it was a great experience. We drew leaves and painted them with watercolour paint then put salt on them because it gave the illustrations a very special effect.

*By Patrick Lomas, Year 6*



## AFL Footy Clinics for Prep and Year 1/2 students



Leah Woolfe conducted free AFL Footy Clinics for the Prep and Year 1/2 students during their PE lessons on Monday 21 August 2023. The students had a great time participating in a variety of footy drills and activities with Leah.

## Puberty Education sessions

WDHS personnel conducted Puberty Education sessions for our Year 5 and Year 6 students on Monday 21 August 2023. The sessions included information on body changes, how to manage body changes, who children can talk to with their concerns, respect and responsibility for themselves and others.



## Mindflight7 Virtual Reality Program



Mindflight7 Flight Crew members, Lucas and Jhenardt, led our Year 5 and 6 students on an amazing, immersive Virtual Reality environmental experience on Thursday 31 August.

## Daffodil Day

Students and staff were encouraged to wear a ‘touch of yellow’ on Thursday 31 August for Daffodil Day. Students learnt about the significance of Daffodil Day.



## Whole School Performance – Shekere Beats



Our students thoroughly enjoyed the lively, interactive and cultural "Shekere Beats" performance by Jonas Tandoh (originally from Ghana) on Friday 1 September. Several students were given the opportunity to perform ‘on stage’ with Jonas. Jonas taught the students words from the local languages, Ga Tui Mzema and Effutu and they learnt how many traditional African instruments are made from easy to find natural resources.

## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program

### Kitchen and Garden Report



Students have been making many wonderful dishes in the SAKG Kitchen classes during this term. On Friday 4 August the Year 4 and Year 5 students made a menu with Mrs Field's favourite foods for Principals Day, which included Margherita Pizza, Spinach and Ricotta Gnocchi, Ham and Cheese Pin Wheels, Meringues with Lemon Curd and Mrs Field's Fabulous Fizzy Fruit Punch. The Year 6 classes have made Carbonara with spaghetti made with the pasta makers, lemonade, meringues, salad of the imagination and pull apart garlic bread. I think it was the best cooking we have ever done. Year 4 and Year 5 students made Sushi, Okonomiyaki, Vegetable Gyoza and Big Bloke Bikkies (for the special 'Big Blokes' in their lives for Father's Day) on Friday 1 September.

During gardening we have been learning about adaptations to plants and animals. On Friday 1 September students took home small pots filled with viola or flat leaf parsley plants, for their "Big Bloke" for Father's Day. The viola flowers are edible and can be used as garnishes and in salads. Parsley is rich in iron and vitamins A and C. *By Felix*



Hyland

### 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!