



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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'Optima Semper'



Newsletter No. 7 – Wednesday 11 May 2022

MAY 2022

- Wednesday 11 Some staff will be attending 'Play Is The Way' PD Workshop.
- Thursday 12 NAPLAN Tests for Year 3 and 5 students.
MARC Library.
- 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.
- 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.
- Saturday 21 'Skywhales in the Grampians' launch on the main school oval.
- Monday 23 Division Cross Country Championships at Warrnambool.
- Wednesday 25 National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) at approx 10.55am – *Family Tree* by Josh Pyke.
- Thursday 26 MARC Library.
- 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.
- Friday 3 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 5/6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
FUN Friday.
- Tuesday 7 **PUPIL FREE DAY - Report Writing Day**.
- Thursday 9 MARC Library
- Friday 10 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.
- Monday 13 Queen's Birthday Holiday.
- Tuesday 14 **PUPIL FREE DAY - Professional Practice Day for all staff**.
- Friday 17 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 5/6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
FUN Friday.
- Thursday 23 MARC Library.
- Friday 24 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 4/5 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen.
Special Assembly commencing at 9.00am in the hall.
LAST DAY OF TERM 2 – early dismissal at 2.30pm. *School buses will run one hour earlier in the afternoon.*

FROM Mrs Angela Field, Acting Principal...

The impact of COVID-19 in our school and wider community is upon us. We are continuing to support one another, both staff and families, as we work through these interesting times. Please let the school know as soon as possible of a positive case in your household, so we can ensure we are following the procedures at school. Any student displaying symptoms is to remain at home. I am grateful to the staff and our local casual relief teachers that have assisted in keeping our classes running smoothly. Our students have been exemplary in coping with the adjustments in classrooms. Keep safe everyone.

The Division Athletics Championships in Warrnambool on Monday was a wonderful day, with the weather being kind. All students that competed represented our school in an excellent manner, and I am grateful to the parents for transporting them to this event. I would like to congratulate Jack Oldfield Mann who has qualified for the Long Jump and 100 metre sprint at the next event, the Regional Track and Field in Ballarat, Llanberris Reserve, Friday 7 October, 2022. Congratulations Jack!

The SGSSA District Cross Country will be held on Monday 16 May at Tarrington, followed by the Division Cross Country in Warrnambool on Monday 23 May. A note with information has already been sent home, detailing the event. Casual Relief Teacher, Mrs Alison Prentice and I will be attending the event.

NAPLAN has commenced this week. While we do have some absent students, there is allocated time for catch-up tests to be completed before Friday 20 May 2022.

Do It For Dolly Day will be held on Friday 13 May. Students are asked to wear warm, casual clothes with a touch of blue, **bringing a gold coin donation** to raise funds for this day, dedicated to bringing the community together, spreading kindness and uniting in taking a stand against bullying.

I am delighted to inform our school community that Ms Bev Hampton will be our new Kitchen Specialist on Fridays for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program and will commence on Friday 20 May 2022. Bev has previously worked in the Kitchen in a relief role and also with Clare Kennedy as a SAKG Friend and will be a wonderful asset to the SAKG program. We welcome Bev to our staff and school community once again.

School Council met last week, with an update on our drop-off/pick-up zone discussed. I would like to offer my thanks to Rachel Blackwell for her time with collating the costings spreadsheet and seeking support and donations. We have received unanimous support from the Dunkeld Progress Association for the new zone. We will provide all school families with procedures and protocols for use of this zone, detailing traffic flow direction and safety requirements. Further updates will be provided as the works continue to completion.

Parent Payment Arrangements were also discussed at School Council. Families may request a family statement be sent to them by contacting Terrie Nicholson in the school office.

We have recently been advised that due to the weather conditions, the Skywhale launch has been postponed to Saturday 21 May. We look forward to seeing you next Saturday for the launch at 7.00am. I am sure it will be a magnificent sight with our beautiful mountains as the backdrop.

Thank you,

Ange Field, Acting Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Term 2 Class Captains

Congratulations to the following students who have been appointed Term 2 Class Captains: Prep/Year 1: Maxi, Year 2/3 Lochie, Year 3/4: Edward, Year 5/6: Charles.



SPORTS

House Cross Country on Monday 6 May 2022



On Friday 6 May 2022, we had the House Cross Country. When Mrs McShane's whistle sounded, we were off! Mr Lowe was behind me encouraging me and said that we were going at a great pace. Phoebe Ross and I ran together. We stopped once or twice or even three times, but we definitely tried our best. Phoebe came 4th and I came 5th. The day



was freezing cold which made it a little bit harder to run because when you were running the cold air made your chest tight. Everybody did an amazing job, and all the sports captains were very happy because everybody participated. Congratulations to Wannan who were the winning sports house on the day! Great job to everyone who qualified for the SGSSA Cross Country in Tarrington on Monday 16 May. After we finished the racing, we grabbed our drinks and went to recess. Looking back on the day we would say, it was hard (which it was) but it was great for our fitness, and everybody had a fabulous time. Thank you to Mrs McShane, for organising our House Cross Country events. By Ava Balkin, Phoebe Lazzari and Phoebe Ross.



2022 House Cross Country Age Champions

Congratulations to the following Age Champions:

- 12/13 years Darcy Potter and Indi Mibus
- 11 years Jack Oldfield Mann and Phoebe Lazzari
- 10 years Edward Alderman and Lucy Rennie
- 9 years Banjo Hyland and Grace Macgugan
- 8 years Xavier Macgugan and Michaela Roache
- 7 years James Cochran and Ruby Mibus
- 6 years Tom Roache and Marli Mibus

Combined Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton Division Athletics Carnival – Monday 6 May 2022

On Monday 9 May we competed in the Combined Division Athletics in Warrnambool. It was a beautiful sunny day and so much fun because we all got to watch everybody compete. I enjoyed my events and everybody who went did an amazing job, it was a wonderful day. By Phoebe Lazzari and Phoebe Ross.

The following students qualified to participate at the Combined Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton Athletics Carnival, which were held at Brauerander Park Athletics Track, Warrnambool: Grace Macgugan, Elodie Cochran, Digby Heazlewood, Edward Alderman, Tyson Riddle, Banjo Hyland, Charles Prentice, Lachie Gordon, Jack Oldfield Mann, Freddie Jury, Max Russell, Phoebe Lazzari, Ella Peters, Phoebe Ross, Indi Mibus, Charlotte Alderman, Darcy Potter, Sean Bird and Jack Jones.



SGSSA District Cross Country at Tarrington on Monday 16 May 2022

The following children have been nominated for the SGSSA Cross Country at Tarrington Lutheran School on Monday 16 May 2022:

- 12/13 year Boys Sean Bird, Darcy Potter, Jack Jones
- 12/13 year Girls Charlotte Alderman, Ava Balkin, Indi Mibus, Ella Peters, Phoebe Ross
- 11 year Boys Lachie Oldfield Mann, Freddie Jury, Lachie Gordon, Jack Oldfield Mann, Charles Prentice, Max Russell
- 11 year Girls Millie McShane, Gemma Kyle, Phoebe Lazzari
- 10 year Boys Digby Heazlewood, George Heazlewood, Edward Alderman, Tyson Riddle, Jim Herrmann
- 10 year Girls Elodie Cochran, Clementine Blackwell, Lucy Rennie, Matilda Pattullo
- 9 year Boys Will Beveridge, George Lomas, Banjo Hyland
- 9 year Girls Olivia Balkin, Grace Macgugan, Isla Oldfield Mann



Caulfield Grammar School Visit

On Thursday 5 May, Caulfield Grammar School Music students and staff visited from Melbourne. They enjoyed a lovely lunch provided by the Dunkeld Consolidated School Council, which was kindly co-ordinated by Lea McArthur and Rachel Blackwell. Thank you to all the fantastic helpers. In the afternoon the Music students took the opportunity to carry out some rehearsals in our school hall.

The following day on Friday 6 May they performed a musical concert for all our students and staff. There were two groups, one soft and gentle the other loud jazz music. They played many musical instruments including the trombone, trumpet, double bass, electric guitar, drums and piano. This musical extravaganza made us feel in the moment and awake! We are extremely fortunate that Caulfield Grammar School include us in their tour.

By Charlotte Alderman and Ben Peters



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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

At the School Council Meeting held on 3 May 2022, items of business included:

- 'Skywhales in the Grampians' launch on the school's main oval.
- Mrs Sarah Alderman was co-opted to Council to fill a parent member casual vacancy.
- Letters of appreciation received from National Alvis Club members.
- Proposed pick-up/drop-off zone on the Dickie Street entrance to the school. Correspondence has been forwarded to the Southern Grampians Shire Council and Dunkeld Progress Association. Stage 1 and Stage 2 funding support (cash donations, provision of goods and/or services and fundraising opportunities), was also discussed. Stage 1: Preparation, gravel, road base, culvert, entrance, pathways, fencing and landscaping. Stage 2: Bitumen, walking paths and shelter shed for collection point.
- Letter of resignation received from parent member, Mr Brad Kyle, who has served on Council from March 2019 to May 2022. Council acknowledged Brad's commitment, dedication and work as a councillor.
- Draft Grampians Cricket Club Grounds User Policy and Grampians Cricket Club Building User Policy were tabled.
- Year 5/6 Melbourne Camp and Year 3/4 Sovereign Hill Camp were approved.
- Pupil Free Days were approved for Tuesday 7 June (report writing) and Tuesday 14 June 2022 (Professional Practice for all staff).
- Building works have been completed including shelter shed roller door installation; repairs to playground equipment, lunch tables west entrance to hall steps and handrail; timber deck has been coated and netting repairs in the undercover sports area.
- Parent Payment Arrangements were discussed. Families may request a family statement to be sent to them by contacting Terrie in the school office – phone: 5577 2384 or email: dunkeld.cs@education.vic.gov.au

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.

Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains ...



From the Kitchen...

On Friday 6 May, the Year 5 and 6 students had a special cooking session with Clare Kennedy. Clare is leaving and it was our last cooking lesson with her. The menu consisted of Savoury Muffins, Apple Rollovers and Apple Cinnamon Bacon Pastries. Patrick Lomas was busy making colourful party hats for us all to wear. Before we could eat our delicious meal Clare read a poem to us, and it touched our hearts and made us happy, yet sad. We all enjoy the yummy food and listened to music and had an enjoyable farewell meal with Clare. We are sad to see Clare go however wish her all the best and hope to see her again soon.



From the Garden ...

Last week in gardening Lisa taught the Year 4/5 students all about the differences between evergreen and deciduous trees and why deciduous trees lose their leaves. We picked persimmons, cleaned out the chooks water containers and enjoyed the sunshine! What a great session!



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.

Misplaced School Jumper

Ben Peters has misplaced his school jumper. Ben's name is on the jumper, and it would be appreciated if students could check that they have not placed the jumper in their bag by mistake.

- 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.

DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY – FRIDAY 13 MAY 2022

On Friday 13 May 2021, students are to wear warm, casual clothes and are encouraged to wear a 'touch of blue' and bring a gold coin donation.



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.