



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL


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MAY 2021

- Wednesday 12 **Special Assembly commencing at 2.40pm in the school hall.**
NAPLAN tests for Year 3 and 5 students.
Dunkeld Consolidated School Newsletter Issue 7.
- Thursday 13 NAPLAN tests for Year 3 and 5 students.
Primary School Nurse visit for Prep students.
MARC Library.
- Friday 14 **Do It For Dolly Day** – students are encouraged to wear a ‘touch of blue’ and bring a gold coin donation.
National Walk Safely to School Day.
SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.
SGSSA Division Cross Country events will be held at Tarrington School.
SCHOOL SURVEY FORMS DUE BACK TODAY PLEASE.
- Monday 17 NAPLAN tests for Year 3 and 5 students.
All School Photo Order Envelopes are due back today.
- Tuesday 18 School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm in staffroom.
- Wednesday 19 **ANNUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS.** Students are encouraged to wear full winter school uniform.
National Simultaneous Story time.
- Thursday 20 MARC Library.
- Friday 21 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.
Education Week – Building Connections – Sunday 23 to Saturday 29 May 2021.
- Monday 24 Greater Western Regional Cross Country Championships at Deakin University, Warrnambool.
Secondary Transition Program - Baimbridge College staff and students will visit our school to speak with Year 5 students at 10.00am.
- Tuesday 25 School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the staffroom.
- Wednesday 26 **Special Assembly commencing at 2.40pm in the school hall.**
Dunkeld Consolidated School Newsletter Issue 8.
- Thursday 27 MARC Library.

JUNE 2021

- Tuesday 1 *Attack of the Plastic Time Monsters* performance for the whole school at 10.00am.
- Wednesday 2 School Tour for Kindergarten parents from 9.15am to 10.00am, followed by morning tea.
- Monday 7 **PUPIL FREE DAY – Student Report Writing. No students required at school.**
- Wednesday 9 **Special Assembly commencing at 2.40pm in the school hall.**
Dunkeld Consolidated School Newsletter Issue 9.
- Thursday 10 MARC Library.
- Monday 14 **QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY.**
- Tuesday 15 Year 5 Secondary School Transition Day at Baimbridge College from 8.45am to 3.30pm.
- Thursday 17 MARC Library.
- Wednesday 23 **Special Assembly commencing at 2.40pm in the school hall.**
Dunkeld Consolidated School Newsletter Issue 10.
- Friday 25 **LAST DAY OF TERM 2. Early dismissal at 2.30pm. School buses will run one hour early.**

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

We are into the full swing of Term 2 with three weeks down already and a number of activities having taken place. I always commend our students and staff for just running with the pace of things, without complaint. Always supporting one another, 100% of the way. I thank and commend each and every one of you. You all make our school great!

I would like to give a warm welcome Jack (Year 5) and Angus (Year 1) and their parents Leesa and Marc Jones to our school this term. Both boys have settled into our school this week.

We welcomed Clare Kennedy back after her surgery and recovery time last week. It is lovely to have Clare back. We will now get MiniLit sessions up and running from the beginning of next week, giving further support to our Year 1 and 2 students. Clare will also provide classroom support in the Prep/Year 1 and Year 2/3 classrooms and return to full capacity in Kitchen classes throughout May. While Clare returns, I'd like to thank Bev Hampton, who has run the Kitchen program in Clare's absence and will continue to support Clare over the coming weeks. Bev has been a godsend in keeping the program running and providing wonderful sessions and things to eat for our students. Thank you, Bev.

We were very fortunate to have Caulfield Grammar visit our school again this year, to provide our students and staff with a wonderful concert. The talent of these young musicians is very inspiring for junior students. We hope the long standing partnership of their Music

students visiting our school, continues for many years to come. A special thank you must go to Ruth Kyle and Bev Hampton for their coordination of providing lunch for the Caulfield Grammar students and to those parents who donated goods and helped on the day also.

Last week we held our School Cross Country. With a move from Monday's inclement weather, Wednesday provided perfect Cross Country conditions for our students. I congratulate all our runners. As I spoke to students following the event, I reiterated how proud I was of each and every student for giving their very best. We all have our thing/s that we are good at or enjoy doing and long distance running certainly isn't everyone's 'thing'. But to see all children give their all, made me very proud of the determination and resilience we can see building in our students. Well done all! The top four place getters in each age group will now head to Tarrington this Friday to compete in the District Cross Country event. We wish them all well, for the next level.

Last Friday, a number of students competed in the Division Athletics Carnival in Warrnambool. Well done to all our competitors and special mention to Mrs Phillips for supporting our students for the day. We look forward to seeing some of our students head to the next level of competition.

NAPLAN Testing began yesterday, Tuesday 11 May. All students in Years 3 and 5 across the country are participating in this testing. Our students have had a chance to familiarise themselves with the process of completing the computer based practise tests. If students are absent during one of the testing days, there is a catch up period throughout the two-week period. Again, I wish everyone the very best.

Education Week 2021 is coming up from 23 to 29 May with the theme, 'Building Connections'. We look forward to sharing some of the activities we will be completing with our school community shortly. We hope to have some local identities visit our school to share some of the Dunkeld and Glenthompson experiences with our students.

We will be holding a tour of our school for Kinder Parents on Wednesday 2 June at 9:15am – 10:00am followed by tea/coffee and morning tea. Invites will be sent to the Dunkeld Kindergarten and we look forward to meeting our future families of the school.

Lastly, following my announcement that I will be relinquishing the Acting Principal position from the beginning of Term 3, the Department of Education have advertised a twelve-month Acting Principal vacancy for Dunkeld Consolidated School. This was advertised internally through the Department of Education recently, where DET employees are eligible to apply.

It is with great pleasure that I let you all know that a Department of Education panel have appointed Angela Field as the Acting Principal for Dunkeld for a twelve-month period, starting 12 July 2021. The Department of Education will guide us on what will happen beyond this twelve-month period at a later date. I am thrilled that Angela has been willing to take on this role and provide yet another seamless transition for our wonderful school. She will be a terrific leader and it will be fantastic to work with Ange, as I step back into the classroom, but able to provide her with my full support.

Therefore, it is obviously very sad to be losing Angela from the Year 4/5/6 Classroom area, but we will certainly gain from her leadership of our school. While Angela and I are still fine tuning plans, I can let you all know that I will step into the Year 4/5/6 Classroom area from the beginning of Term 3, which I am very excited about. This should also provide a seamless transition for our students, as I know them well. Again, I am thrilled for not only Angela, but for the future of our school!

Thank you, Dee Gerring

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

This year our staff decided to make a change to our certificate system at Assemblies. It was decided that we still wish to provide all our students with continuous encouragement for their achievements at school through every day support and recognition, but make the Assembly awards that little bit more special. We therefore have introduced 'Academic' and 'School Values' Honour Certificates, where one of each certificate is presented to a member of each class at our fortnightly assemblies. This encourages a focus on continued academic achievement and personal growth as well as the importance of our School Values. Parents will be sent an invite through Seesaw if your child may be presenting or receiving an award at Assemblies.

I congratulate the following students for the first two Assemblies of this term:

28 April 2021

Academic Honour:

Xavier Macgugan
Zach Lance
Yvette Fanning
Sebastian Aarons

School Values Honour:

Tilly Alderman
Jim Herrmann
Max Russell
Cadence Huf

12 May 2021

Academic Honour:

Liv Lance
Minu Sutherland
Charlotte Alderman
Libby Herrmann

School Values Honour:

Sybil Patterson
Grace Macgugan
Patrick Lomas
Oscar Fanning

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Class Captains – Term 2 2021



Bobby – Prep/Year 1



Chloe – Year 2/3



Harry – Year 4



Ella – Year 5



Hugh – Year 6

CAULFIELD GRAMMAR JAZZ CONCERT

Year Prep/One had front row seats at the Caulfield Grammar Jazz Concert. I liked the trumpet. It was really loud and it was a lot of sound. I felt happy that they came. *Sybil*

I liked the trumpets because they were golden and shiny. *James*

I went up the front to do the instruments. It was scary. *Poppy*

I liked playing the music. I was nervous. *Tilly*

I went up the front and played the shaker. It was really fun. *Michaela*

I liked the big saxophone. It had a loud noise. *Jackson*



The Caulfield Grammar students entertained our staff and students with a Jazz Concert in the school hall.



The P & F Association kindly provided lunch for the Caulfield Grammar School students and staff.

YEAR 3 AND 4 EXCURSION AROUND DUNKELD

On Monday 10 May, Year 3/4 students went on a walking excursion around the town for History. We went around with Mrs Funk, and then to the Museum. We saw all the old footballs and found out that Grub Templeton and Max Russell's grandpa played for the old local team the Kangaroos. Ned Peters, Year 4. with Mrs Funk, and then to the Museum. We saw all the old footballs and found out that Grub Templeton and Max Russell's grandpa played for the old local team the Kangaroos. Ned Peters, Year 4

On Monday 10 May we went on an excursion around Dunkeld to see all the old buildings. My favourite part was seeing where the old football field was because i never knew it was an old footy oval (next door to the log cabins). Another interesting thing was that it would have taken one whole day to do the washing back then (1850s), when ladies walked down to the creek, along Mary Dickie's track. Charles Prentice, Year 4



On Monday 10 May, we went on a walking excursion around Dunkeld. We learnt that there were five hotels in Dunkeld. We also learnt that where the war memorial is now, was a blacksmith and when they made the war memorial they found lots of horse shoes! We had lunch at the train station on the verandah. We also went to the Dunkeld Museum and learnt many more facts, like there used to be five churches. Freddie Jury, Year 4



SOMERS CAMP MEMORIES

Off to Somers Camp: I woke up early and I was ready at 7:00am. I was really nervous but excited, when I got to the bus stop at 8:30am the bus was a little bit late, but when it arrived I said goodbye to Mum and I was on my way. I sat next to Oscar on the five hour and thirty minute bus ride which was a bit tiring however we did get watched two movies. When we got to Somers Camp we found out our groups and the people in our huts, then we had dinner. When I went to sleep that night I knew I was going to have so much fun on Somers Camp. For the next couple of days I did fun activities like bike riding, Giant Swing, Flying Fox, Rock Climbing, Archery, Bush Cooking and many more. Some of my favourite moments were, winning a bag of lollies in Archery, cooking damper and chocolate bananas, Rock Climbing, Abseiling and winning in Orienteering. For the last couple of nights we did really fun activities like campfires, discos and night walking. When I was leaving I felt sad but I had a wonderful experience and I will never forget it. By Max Graham, Year 6



My Time at Somers: I was starting the day of with an exhausting six hour bus drive to Somers School Camp. I knew it would be the most annoying thing at Somers Camp, a long, long bus drive. You could say I was bit nervous but I had other people from my school coming with me to Somers. Some from my grade, and some of them weren't. The food at Somers was delicious. It was sweet, savoury and spicy, and with a new dish every day I could try new healthy and yummy foods. My most favourite activity was Archery where I used a compound bow to shoot at a target that was a long distance away. This was a great experience and one I would enjoy trying again. I was in a concert one night. My act was The New Firefighter, which was about a new eager firefighter wanting to do new and exciting work. I'm not going to give too much away but I ended up flipping a table and a chair over. In my opinion it was my favourite act or skit of the night. But like all fun and great things, they all come to an end. So I packed up and said goodbye to my new found friends and said goodbye to Somers School Camp. On the bus ride home I thought about my great memories I would keep and share for a long time. And those memories I will never forget. By Louis Lazzari, Year 6



PREP AND YEAR 1 - HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

The Prep and Year One thought about how they were feeling during their first Cross Country run at school.

Ruby M – I felt tired because I was sprinting.

Liv – I felt puffed because it was a really long way.

James – I felt tired, puffed and I had a really bad cramp.

Poppy – I felt scared and excited to run in the Cross Country.

Edwin – I felt nervous and when I started running I ran really fast.

Jed – I felt proud because lots of people were cheering me on.

Jackson – I felt happy because I had fun because I ran around and I came second.

Athena – I felt hot and tired because of all that running.

Annabelle – I had tired legs, it was a bit too hard.

Sailor – I felt puffed and it was fun.

Lochie – I thought it was hard and I felt puffed.

Bobby – We ran around a track, I ran as fast as I could.

Tilly – I ran the whole way as fast as I could. I was in the worst purple bad sneakers.

Xavier – I felt happy about the cross country because I wanted to get around it quickly.

Sybil – I felt scared and nervous and it was also a little bit exciting. I ran the whole way and I got puffed a little bit

George – I felt very happy about cross country because it was so fun. I love running.

Michaela – I felt totally puffed and excited and really determined.

Dempsey – We ran too fast and I got too puffed and I felt like I couldn't run anymore. Then we ran across two ovals, some did and some didn't and the older children helped us.

FUN FRIDAY

Our Fun Fridays are being enjoyed by all students with a variety of activities.

Last week Fun Friday activities included art for group one, mega games for group two, hut building for group three and octopus for group four. Last week was a great success and looked like everyone was enjoying the new activities and the new time table as well. This week group one is doing hut building, group two is doing octopus, group three is doing art and group four is doing mega games. We are all looking forward to another Fun Friday!



SPORTS REPORT

2021 House Cross Country Age Champions

- 12/13 years Hugh Prentice and Edie Jackson
- 11 years Darcy Potter and Indi Mibus
- 10 years Jack Oldfield Mann and Gemma Kyle
- 9 years Edward Alderman and Elodie Cochran
- 8 years James Manolas and Grace Macgugan
- 7 years Xavier Macgugan and Michaela Roache
- 6 years George Phillips and Ruby Mibus



DIVISION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL HELD ON FRIDAY 7 MAY 2021

The following students qualified to compete in the Combined Warrnambool, Portland and Hamilton Division Athletics Carnival on Friday 7 May 2021 at the Brauerander Park Athletics Track in Warrnambool: *Phoebe Lazzari, Lachie*



Gordon, Lachie Oldfield Mann, Charles Prentice, Jack Oldfield Mann, Indi Mibus, Charlotte Alderman, Phoebe Ross, Ella Peters, Sean Bird, Darcy Potter, Edie Jackson, Sebastian Aarons, Oscar Fanning, Zander Mibus, Louis Lazzari and Hugh Prentice.

Division Athletics

On the Friday 7 May, 17 students went to Warrnambool to represent Dunkeld Consolidated School in the Division Athletics. Everyone went very well and tried their hardest in every event they participated in. Well done to everyone who got a ribbon and might be moving on to the next stage of these sporting events. Thank you to Mrs Phillips for marshaling us to our events and thank you to all the parents for bringing their children down to the sports at Warrnambool.

Written by Louis Lazzari and Hugh Prentice, Grade 6

The following students have been nominated for the **SGSSA District Cross Country** which will be held at Tarrington Lutheran School on Friday 14 May 2021:

- 12/13 year Boys Hugh Prentice, Oscar Fanning, Zander Mibus, Sebastian Aarons
- 12/13 year Girls Edie Jackson, Isabella Jury, Claudia Cochran, Libby Herrmann
- 11 year Boys Darcy Potter, Charlie Linke
- 11 year Girls Indi Mibus, Charlotte Alderman, Phoebe Ross, Ella Peters
- 10 year Boys Jack Oldfield Mann, Lachie Gordon, Charles Prentice, Lachie Oldfield Mann
- 10 year Girls Gemma Kyle, Millie McShane
- 9 year Boys Edward Alderman, Digby Heazlewood, George Heazlewood, Zachary Lance
- 9 year Girls Elodie Cochran, Clementine Blackwell, Matilda Pattullo, Yvette Fanning

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains ...

Kitchen Report

Last week the Awesome Agapanthus cooked in our kitchen. We cooked Meatballs, Spring rolls, Leek and Potato Soup, and Apple Pizzas. We all enjoyed our lunch.

By Isabella Jury



Garden Report

Last Friday, Group B had a blast in the garden. They were busy trimming fruit trees, planting greens, weeding and taking the net off the chook shed. By Max Graham and Jake Linskens

- REMINDERS -

NAPLAN TESTS FOR YEAR 3 AND 5 STUDENTS

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) testing for all Year 3 and 5 students is currently underway. *Please try to ensure that your child is present on each day and on time to school where a test is scheduled.*

DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY – FRIDAY 14 MAY 2021

On Friday 14 May 2021, students are to wear school uniform and are encouraged to wear an extra 'touch of blue' and bring a gold coin donation.



NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY 14 MAY 2021

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 14 May 2021.

2021 ANNUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS – WEDNESDAY 19 MAY 2021

Annual School Photos for all staff and students will be held on Wednesday 19 May 2021. Students are required to wear full winter uniform including black school shoes/runners or pull on black school boots.

Parents are encouraged to have all students in correct school uniform. **ALL photo order envelopes must be returned to the school Admin office by Monday 17 May 2021.**

SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS HAVE COMMENCED

The external school lunch provider is Izzy's Mountain View Café Dunkeld. School Lunch Orders are available on a Tuesday and a Thursday.

Students are responsible for placing their orders, **written on a brown paper bag** with money enclosed, in a specially marked box near the School Admin Office. Please send correct money if possible. Please find attached a copy of the menu and pricelist, which is also available on the school website: www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au

Late orders are unable to be accepted by the school office. Students who fail to put in their lunch orders (or bring their lunch) will be given school supplied lunches. A charge of \$1.00 per supplied food item will apply. This charge will be paid to the school using the child's lunch order money or a note sent home in the child's diary.