



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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- Wednesday 10 MARC Library.
Dunkeld Consolidated School Newsletter Issue 8.
- Thursday 11 SAKG Garden classes.
- Friday 12 **Funky Hair Day** - students to bring a gold coin donation to support the Leukemia Foundation.
School Jumper Orders Due.
- Wednesday 17 MARC Library.
Dunkeld and District Community Newsletter Issue 9.
- Tuesday 23 School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the BER Building.
- Wednesday 24 MARC Library.
- Thursday 25 SAKG Garden classes.
- Friday 26 **Pyjama Day** – students to bring a gold coin donation to support homeless youth.
Last Day of Term 2. Early dismissal at 2.30pm.

JULY 2020

- Monday 13 First day of Term 3.

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

Return to School

Some may liken the return of all our students after Remote Learning, to the beginning of a new school year. Although you see children excited to start a new school year, it is often met with the sadness that their fun, Summer holidays have come to an end. There was something more special about Tuesday when our Year 3-6 students returned to their classrooms though. The genuine thrill of students finally seeing their friends again and getting back to the routine of school life that they didn't know they crave, was pure bliss to witness. Not to mention the eagerness of our staff to see all our wonderful children's faces again. I can guarantee it was the most amount of smiles I have seen around the school in a day! How tremendous to be getting back to (the new) normal.

I would like to sincerely thank our staff, students and families for the time and effort you have all put in to Remote Learning. Although I'm sure we are all happy to see the back of it, I believe there are some positives we can take from the situation that is Covid-19 living. As we focus on The Resilience Project keys to resilience, I encourage everyone to think about some of the things they were grateful for as a result of Remote Learning, and what you have changed in your lives and will continue to do. While a far from ideal situation, there have certainly been some positives amongst it all.

The remainder of term will be a time to settle back into classroom relationships and routines while becoming familiar with new regimes as we continue to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please remember, if any students are unwell, they must stay home. If showing signs of Covid-19, then please consult a doctor. Students may return to school once free of any illness.

Thank you to all families with the new drop off and pick up routines, especially after school. We currently have all staff helping out to get students off as soon as possible. We thank you for your patience and remind everyone to join the end of the line as you approach the school and we will keep the line moving as quickly as we can.

To have a little fun for the last few weeks, Student Voice have come up with a couple of social service days. Funky Hair Day is this Friday 12 June and Pyjama Day on Friday 26 June. Gold coin donations can be made for each day to support worthy causes.

Staffing

As Mrs Jayne Greig excitedly awaits the arrival of her little baby, our school would like to congratulate and wish Jayne well as she enters the journey of Motherhood. Mrs Greig will continue to work with the Prep/Year 1 class until the end of Term 2, before starting her Maternity Leave. Mrs Jane Higgins has also decided to take Long Service Leave for Terms 3 and 4. We wish Jane well as she takes a well-earned break.

Therefore, we will be welcoming some new staff members to Dunkeld Consolidated School for Terms 3 and 4. While being mindful that our young students have had an interrupted half year as it is, our goal is to make the transition as smooth as possible for them.

I would like to announce that Mrs Laura Matthews will be teaching Thursday's and Friday's in the Prep/1 classroom. Laura is a local of the past 10 plus years and has been an experienced teacher in at Hamilton North Primary School. She also worked in Childcare previous to

her teaching career. Laura has been on Maternity Leave since the birth of her son, Harvey. She is looking forward to working with Mrs McShane and the Prep/1 Class.

Secondly, Mrs Angela Field will be teaching Year 1/2 Monday to Wednesday and Grade 3 on a Thursday (Mrs Gerring will now teach in other areas of the school due to timetable needs). Angela has been a regular Casual Relief Teacher at our school over the years and has many years' experience teaching in the lower years (Angela comes to Dunkeld on temporary transfer from George Street Primary School).

Both teachers will bring a wealth of knowledge with them to share. We look forward to welcoming both staff members for the remainder of the year keenly await what Semester 2 will bring for our great school!

Condolences

It is with much sadness that I advise that Paul Gleeson, son of former Principal, Mr Pat Gleeson, has recently passed away. This is devastating for their close knit family and we wish Pat and Glenys and their extended family, our sincere condolences at this difficult time.

Thank you, Dee-Anne Gerring

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Farewell to Mr Paul Jeffreys

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council wishes to inform the school community that Mr Paul Jeffreys has advised the school that he is moving from the township of Dunkeld. Although we are sad to see Paul leaving, we wish him well as he makes the move to Sale, Victoria. In regards to Paul's Principal position, he is still on Leave and will remain so until we are guided by the Department of Education and Training (DET). Until such a time, Mrs Dee-Anne Gerring, is happy to continue in the Acting Principal position. Further information will be provided, when available, from the Department of Education and Training. We thank you for your continued patience and support.

Paul was recently presented with farewell gifts and a card from the Dunkeld Consolidated School Council, staff, students and school community; acknowledging his leadership, guidance, motivation and vision during the last seven years as our Principal. His hard work, dedication and tireless efforts made a positive impact to ensure the learning and growth of both our students and staff. His motto, 'You don't have to be the best at anything; rather your task is to get better at everything' is firmly entrenched in our school values.



We sincerely wish Paul all the best in his future endeavors.

Removal of Underground Storage Tank

As part of a 'maintenance blitz', the Victorian Government has allocated \$9 million over two years for the Underground Petroleum Storage System Removal Program. The Underground Petroleum Storage Systems (UPSS) were historically installed at school sites to store and supply oil or diesel for boilers. Since the introduction of a reticulated gas supply throughout Victoria, most of these systems are no longer in use. UPSS typically contain types of liquids that may leak out of corroded, damaged or poorly installed systems which may cause soil and groundwater contamination.

EnviroPacific was engaged by the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA)/DET to conduct the removal of the underground storage tank at our school. The tank was located in the south-east corner of the undercover sports area and was removed on 3 June. The area has been cordoned off with a safety fence being erected and students and staff are unable to have access this section. The synthetic turf that has been removed will be re-installed in the near future.

School Council Meeting

The next School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 23 June 2020 commencing at 7.30pm in the BER Building.

YEARS 5/6 REMOTE LEARNING SHOWCASE

The time finally arrived to welcome our Year 3 to 6 students back to school on Tuesday 9 June after nearly 3 months away. The excited faces from all students, staff and parents was a wonderful event to experience.

Over the 8 week course of remote learning, the Year 5/6 students created and designed some very impressive pieces of work. We have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the "Mars Patel" podcast series, creating and designing rollercoasters out of cardboard so a marble can move around it, and linking in with the Melbourne Zoo webinar series to design an enclosure for a chosen animal to enrich their senses.

A highlight of remote learning was writing and illustrating their own books for their Prep/One Buddies back at school. The Year 5/6 students are so excited to read and present their published books to their Buddies this afternoon for them to keep as a special gift.

On behalf of all the Year 5/6 students, I would like to especially thank all our amazing parents, helpers and community members for their support and guidance towards their child's learning during this extraordinary time.

Mrs Naomie Phillips, Year 5/6 Classroom Teacher



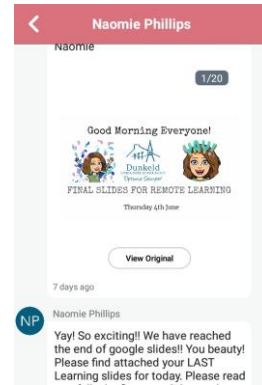
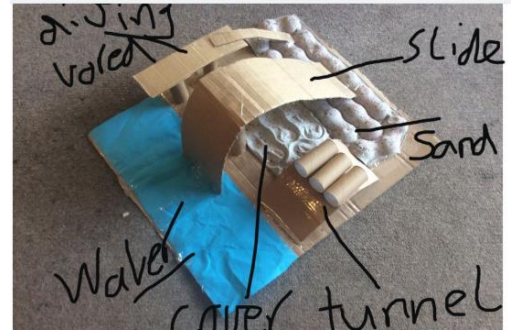


Isabella Jury and her Mum, Priscilla's rotational symmetry math task.



Jemima Ross was set the SAKG cooking task to design a three course Mother's Day meal for her Mum, Keri. Here they are enjoying the Apple Pastry Roses for dessert.

George Field's penguin enclosure prototype for his science task.



Our last slide show detailing our daily work program for students.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

On Wednesday 27 May 2020 students tuned into National Simultaneous Storytime – reading and listening to 'Whitney & Britney Chicken Divas'. Schools across Australia participated in this event at the same time. See <https://www.alia.org.au/nss> for further information.



TERM 2 ACTIVITIES

Student Voice have suggested the following fun activities for Term 2:

- **FUNKY HAIR DAY on Friday 12 June:** Students and staff are encouraged to wear a “funky hairstyle” and give a **gold coin donation** for participating. Funds raised will go towards the Leukemia Foundation. Some crazy hair ideas include spiking it up, brightly coloured ribbons, feathers, scrunchies, wild wigs, waves, curls, coloured hairspray. Children to please ask their parent's permission before they do anything to their hair!
- **PYJAMA DAY on Friday 26 June – the last day of Term 2 (early dismissal at 2.30pm):** Students and staff may wear their winter pj's to school, including dressing gowns and slippers and even bring your teddy bear (students may need some extra clothing underneath their pj's to keep warm). Please bring a **gold coin donation**, which will go to the Melbourne City Mission to support their youth homelessness projects.

ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal Raffle was drawn recently with the following results:

First prize of a hamper of delicious goodies was won by Mrs Sarah O'Keeffe (presented to Jackson) with the following prize winners each receiving a chocolate prize:

2. Jane Higgins
3. Charlie Linke
4. Addison Linskens
5. Michaela Roache
6. Drew Hassett
7. Mitchell Gordon
8. Angus Dridan
9. Mia Russell
10. Lillian Glazebrook

Our school community raised a total of \$240.30 from donations and raffle ticket sales.



Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)



From the Garden...Lisa McIntyre

It has been lovely to get back into the school garden with our youngest students as they were all so keen and very excited to be back. We eased gently back into things by beginning with a leisurely billy of warm Milo and toasted marshmallows over the fire - though the children first had to do some pruning to find the perfect toasting fork! Our older students had the honour of sowing the first seeds into our beautiful new greenhouse. Thanks to the help of Lachy McIntyre, who helped to install it, we have a fully functioning watering system.

Our Grade 1/2s are designing and developing structures for use in our Chook Palace - to relieve chook boredom, strengthen their core muscles, improve their problem solving techniques and enhance their social skills! (I may just be joking about the last one - but you never know...!) Stay tuned, we will show you more next time.

I was so happy to hear that our SAKG Captains had offered to come to school last week, and help in the garden. That showed some great leadership and initiative. They did a fantastic job of gently "ploughing" our paddock (by using a long handled fork and lifting and turning the plants and soil upside down - so the plants' roots are exposed. The plants will die, and they will decompose back into the paddock, thus adding their valuable nutrients to the soil). Our Captains also harvested the last of the tomatoes, and used molasses tea on our brassicas (cabbage, cauliflowers and broccoli), (the smell helps disguise the plants from the white butterflies). I was so proud of them.

I have heard so many great stories about the garden projects that the children have been involved with, during their time at home. Thank you so much to all the families that have supported and encouraged them to have a go - I hope it keeps going - and that your compost piles keep growing!

Lisa McIntyre



ANNOUNCEMENTS / INFORMATION FOR 2020

LATE ARRIVAL and/or EARLY PICK UP

Due to COVID19 restrictions, procedures for students arriving late or being picked up early (for appointments etc) have changed slightly. **Parents will need to contact the office on 5577 2384 advising of late arrival and/or early pick-up.** School admin staff will meet late arrivals at the small pedestrian gate (on Victoria Valley Road) and walk with the student/s to their classroom. If a child is being picked up early, please phone the school office when you are parked on Victoria Valley Road and your child will be accompanied to the small pedestrian gate for collection.

If you have arranged an appointment for your child beforehand, please write a note in their diary informing the school, as per usual procedures.

The relevant Sign In/Sign Out form will be completed by school admin personnel on your behalf, which includes details for the late arrival or early collection.

SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL – TERM 2

If your child is a regular school bus traveller, could you please advise the school office with your Standing Order on days for bus travel required. As circumstances change from term to term, a Standing Order from a previous term will not carry through to the next term, unless advised by parents at the beginning of each term.

As the school cannot have parents coming into the school grounds, it is very important we have an accurate list of who should or should not be on the bus. Buses may have already left before we see or do not see you in the car line for your child/children.

If your child is not going to be travelling on the bus on their usual day, or needs to travel on an extra day, please write a note in their student diary.

If this is an unplanned development during the day, please make a phone call to the school office on 5577 2384 as early as possible, so we can let your children know and be organised for their new arrangements.

If any non-school bus travellers who occasionally may wish to travel on either of the school buses, are required to complete and submit an "Application for Adhoc Travel – Student" form to the school office prior to the event, for approval.

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM / SECOND HAND UNIFORM STALL

A reminder that our school uniform for winter now applies. It is most important at this time to keep ourselves warm and well. As previously requested, please ensure that all children wear winter skirts or pinafores (girls) or long navy blue trousers / track pants (boys/girls).

The school has a number of second hand uniform items available for purchase at a small donation. Alternatively, if your child has grown out of any uniform items we are happy to receive freshly laundered donations of clothing at the school office.

SCHOOL JUMPER ORDERS

Orders for new school jumpers are due on Friday 12 June 2020. If you require another form to order a jumper please contact the school office. Payment is not required until delivery.

LOST

Size 6 school jumper labelled Patterson. Please ensure you have the correct school jumper.