



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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## Newsletter No. 8 – Wednesday 25 May 2022

### MAY 2022

- Wednesday 25 National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) – *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.
- Monday 30 Greater Western Region Cross Country Championships at Deakin University, Warrnambool.
- Tuesday 31 School Council meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the staff room.

### 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.** Year 5 Secondary Transition Day at Baimbridge College.
- Friday 17 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes - Year 5/6 students will be preparing and sharing in the Kitchen. **FUN Friday.**
- Tuesday 21 Free AFL Footy Clinics for Prep/Year 1 and Year 2/3 students.
- 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...

So, this week marks the halfway point for Term 2. COVID has provided our school with some challenges, including student absences, resulting in NAPLAN catch-up tests and staff absences. We have been fortunate enough to have a wonderful team of staff and local CRTs that have stepped in to assist us with maintaining our teaching and learning programs. Thank you to the families that have communicated with the school regarding absences, ensuring we can provide learning for students at home where required. Staff are now busy completing assessments, in preparation for Semester One reports.

What a lovely send-off we had for Clare Kennedy at last week's assembly, with students singing and dancing, cards gifted, and the Year 6 students creating an iMovie for Clare. School Council presented Clare with a piece of local indigenous art, filled with bright beautiful colours. Clare was overwhelmed with this beautiful gesture. Staff presented Clare with a 'High Tea' voucher at The Windsor, Melbourne, we hope she enjoys this experience. We will certainly miss Clare and can only wish her all the absolute best as a new community gets to experience the bubbly, warm beautiful person that she is. We have welcomed Bev Hampton to the role of Kitchen Specialist, for the SAKG program.

The District Cross Country was held on Monday 16 May at Tarrington, with all our competitors well prepared for the event and representing our school with pride. Thanks to Alison Prentice for assisting me on the day, stepping in with recent staff shortages at school, as well as our community of parents for transporting our runners to the course. The Division Cross Country was held in Warrnambool on Monday 23 May, with fourteen students competing which is wonderful for our school – Lucy Rennie, Grace Macgugan, Olivia Balkin, Edward Alderman, George Heazlewood, Tyson Riddle, Max Russell, Charles Prentice, Lachie Gordon, Lachie Oldfield Mann, Jack Oldfield Mann, Indi Mibus, Jack Jones and Darcy Potter. The following students have qualified for the Region Cross Country to be held next Monday 30 May in Warrnambool:

- Lucy Rennie – 2<sup>nd</sup> - Under 10-year girls
- Edward Alderman – 8<sup>th</sup> - Under 10-year boys
- Jack Oldfield-Mann – 9<sup>th</sup> - 11-year boys
- Darcy Potter – 5<sup>th</sup> – 12-year boys

Good luck to these four amazing runners as they compete to qualify (top 12) for the State Cross Country Championships held in July.

School Council meet next Tuesday 31 May, where an update on the school drop-off/pick-up zone will be discussed, and information provided to the community to follow. The remaining gravel from near the new hall has been relocated to the large oval driveway, many thanks to Mark Lazzari and Andrew Macgugan for volunteering their time to complete this in readiness for the wetter months ahead.

NAPLAN is almost complete with only a few catch-up tests required. While there were some anxious moments with students and concerns as to how they will go to make Mums and Dads proud; we remind them that NAPLAN does not measure creativity, cooperation, strength, grit, resilience, loyalty, common sense, manners, curiosity and many more characteristics they develop as they become strong, independent citizens in the world today.

I am pleased to let the school community know that football goal posts have arrived to be installed on the small school oval. They are removable and will be a wonderful asset to our beautiful grounds. I am sure the children will enjoy having something to aim at, as they aspire to be AFL footballers. Perhaps the next Tom Hawkins is amongst us. 😊

What a marvellous morning it was last Saturday for the launch of the Skywhales. It was well worth setting the alarm for, seeing these spectacular pieces of art drift across our town. I would like to thank Joshua White, artistic director at the Hamilton Gallery for ensuring everything went smoothly.

Our Student Voice leaders (Ava, Darcy, Heidi and Sean) have been busy planning Fun Friday sessions, with the latest being Lego Masters and Paper Challenge sessions. They have raised some thoughts on our shelter shed, to organise and run various activities in there during lunch times, and they are interested in having a school beanie fundraiser, particularly with the wintry weather we have in Dunkeld. Designs have been approved and order forms will be available – Beanies \$20 each, two sizes adults/children. One of the leaders is also drafting a letter to the Dunkeld Progress Association to seek support for an idea they have. So proud of our young leaders! 😊

Thank you,

*Ange Field, Acting Principal*

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

### 'Do IT For Dolly'

On Friday 13 May, students and staff supported 'Do It For Dolly Day' by wearing casual dress and giving 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.

### SCHOOL ASSEMBLY on Friday 13 May 2022



On Friday 13 May, the Assembly included a special presentation by the students, staff and School Council to our inaugural SAKG Kitchen Specialist-extraordinaire, Clare Kennedy, who is relocating. Unfortunately, our beloved Clare is leaving us and while we all felt sad, we are still happy for her and her new adventure. Clare sat in her special allocated seat while each class did a presentation or gave her handmade cards. Mrs Field spoke

about Clare's association with the school and her work in the kitchen and classes over the years. Clare was presented with gifts and flowers amongst tears and laughter. Thank you, Clare, for everything you have done, we will miss you.



### Honour Certificates - Friday 13 May 2022

Prep/Year 1: Annie Clark and Alex Sutherland.  
Year 2/3: Olivia Balkin and Archie Cant-McKindlay.  
Year 5/6: Yvette Fanning and Alex Bird.

### PREP/YEAR 1



This week the Prep/Year 1 class are learning about 'time' at school. Today we played 'What's the Time, Mr Wolf?' outside and learned how an analogue clock works with a little 'minute' hand and a big 'hour' hand. We were learning how to tell o'clock time by making sure the minute hand is pointing straight up to the 12. We made some clocks from paper plates. Thank you to Abigail's mum, Josie, for putting the split pins in them all! This week the Prep students are focusing on the letter 'Ff' in SMART Spelling. They brought items from home that begin with this letter. We had fish, a fawn, Flash, feathers, a fork, flowers, a fluffy toy and Ferdinand (the train). The Preps learned how to read, spell and sign the word FROG. They made a Freddy Frog to take home. Look at those long tongues!



### Then and Now Excursion



#### The Best Excursion

On Monday 23 May 2022, Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 students travelled into Hamilton to the PAC. Firstly, we went on the bus to get there. I sat next to George L and on the way back I sat next to Jim. When we got there, we met Cynda and Barry. They told us about how boys and girls used to dress to go to school years ago. They dressed up Minu, Angus and Ben in some of the old clothes. It was cool. We got to play with some olden day toys too. *Digby Heazlewood*





Today we went to Hamilton. We went to see some people at the PAC and their names were Cynda and Barry. They showed us olden day clothes and put some people in them. They also showed us other things. Then we finished it off by playing with all the toys and looking at other old items. It was great. *Matilda Pattullo*

Year 2 to Year 5 went to the Hamilton PAC on the bus to a history exhibition. Firstly, we sat down and saw some old pictures of the first schools, which were called tent schools. We also did some dressing up. I dressed up as a girl and I wore (over my clothes) giant underwear, a floral dress, an apron/bib and a bonnet. I looked super weird.

After me Angus got dressed up as a boy in the olden days, and Ben dressed up as an olden day headmaster. Secondly, we went across the room to learn how to play the aboriginal version of noughts and crosses – called Ngaka Ngaka. It was so much fun.

Then we got split into two groups. I was in the first group.

Everyone in the first group deigned their own stones to play Ngaka Ngaka. We could do a symbol from aboriginal days or make our own up and then we got to play the game against a partner. Thirdly, we swapped over and my group started to do the activity where we could look at olden day things including a typewriter, many olden day phones and many other interesting old articles, some of which we had to guess what they were used for. We could also play knuckle bones and some other olden day games. Lastly, we could also write things on the chalkboards. Today was so EXQUISITE!

Oh! We also saw a toilet pot – or a gazunder as it was called. That was so funny. We travelled back to school and finished our school day. *Minu Sutherland*



## Student Voice Report - FUN Friday

### PAPER ORIGAMI (Group A)



On Friday 20 May 2022, we had Fun Friday. We did Origami and free drawing. The Preps really enjoyed free drawing and they drew some fantastic pieces. Most of the Preps jumped in the deep end and made a paper airplane by themselves. The Year 6 students were there to help if

the Preps needed it. So well done Preppies. As well as the origami planes we also made fish, seals and foxes. Thanks, Mr Lowe for helping the Preppies with the origami. The Year 2 and 3 students made some amazing foxes, seals and fish but the most popular was the paper airplane. At the end of the session, we had a competition to see whose airplane flew the longest distance. Well done to the Year 2 students for winning the longest airplane flight. *By Ava Balkin and Darcy Potter*



### LEGO BUILDING CHALLENGE (Group B)



We interviewed some of the students and these were their comments:

Abigail Welsh: A Lego house. Abigail said she liked building the house with Annabelle.

Spencer Cant-McKindlay: Machine gun. Spencer said that he liked helping build part of this machine.

Charlotte Alderman: Built a waterpark with a pizza oven and a zoo and bread, also a flying car/boat/giraffe and treehouse with a garage on top.

Charlie Linke: Was in a group with Charlotte. He liked

being in a group with his buddy and he always enjoys Lego construction.

First place for the best construction was Charles Prentice, Alex Bird and Lachie Oldfield Mann.

Second place was Charlie Linke, Ella Peters, Charlotte Alderman and Marli Mibus.

*By Sean Bird and Heidi Burger*



## Walk Safely to School



National Walk Safely to School Day was enthusiastically supported by Dunkeld Consolidated School students, parents, staff and community members. This annual event aligns with National Road Safety Week (15 to 22 May) to highlight the health benefits of walking to and from school, while staying safe on the side of the road. The recently appointed Dunkeld policeman, Leading Senior Constable, Roger McClure and his wife, walked with the group of students and we thank everyone for their support.





Many families, community members and visitors enjoyed the crisp, clear morning at the Dunkeld Consolidated School for the 'Skywhales: Every Heart Sings' launch. Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved in organising and co-ordinating this amazing event, including Joshua White and the Hamilton Gallery; National Gallery of Australia; Southern Grampians Shire Council, artist Patricia Piccinini and Goldrush Ballooning pilots and crew.

**SPORTS**

**Division Cross Country Championships on Monday 23 May 2022**

The following children were nominated for the Division Cross Country Championships at Warrnambool.

- 12/13 year Boys Darcy Potter, Jack Jones
- 12/13 year Girls Indi Mibus
- 11 year Boys Lachie Oldfield Mann, Lachie Gordon, Jack Oldfield Mann, Charles Prentice, Max Russell
- 10 year Boys George Heazlewood, Edward Alderman, Tyson Riddle
- 10 year Girls Lucy Rennie
- 9 year Girls Olivia Balkin, Grace Macgugan



On Monday 23 May, fourteen students travelled to Warrnambool to compete in the Division Cross Country Championships at Deakin University. It was an amazing, event filled day, that everyone enjoyed! Congratulations and great job to all the students who competed. You all managed the terrain and did your best. Next Monday 30 May, four students will be competing at the next level, Good luck to you all participants!

*By Phoebe Lazzari and Ella Peters*



The following children have been nominated for the Greater Western Region Cross Country at Warrnambool.

- 12/13 year Boys Darcy Potter
- 11 year Boys Jack Oldfield Mann
- 10 year Girls Lucy Rennie
- 10 year Boys Edward Alderman

**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)**

*Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains ...*

*From the Kitchen...*



On Friday 13 May, Year 4 and 5 students shared Clare Kennedy's last Kitchen class together, with a farewell party. The menu consisted of Sausages Rolls, Ricotta and Spinach Rolls, Quesadilla filled with Apple and Bacon, Marshmallow and Strawberry Skewers, Fairy Bread and Punch.



**SAKG Captains Report**

On Friday 19 May, the Year 5 and 6 students welcomed Ms Bev Hampton back into the Kitchen. We cooked Burgers and Fruit Galettes. We got to choose a vegetable from each colour that represented autumn. The colours we had to choose from were brown, red, yellow and

green. We went out and picked our vegetables from the garden. Our group put garlic, cumin, onion, eggs, tomato and beetroot for the red. Cheese and eggs for yellow. Herbs and leafy plants for the green. Thank you, Bev, for helping us!

By Ella Peters and Charlie Linke



## 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 have been sent home with all students. **Please return your photo envelopes to the school office by Monday 30 May (even if you are not ordering any photos).**

## 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.

## 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 Boxes at our school.
- 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.