



# DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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## Newsletter No. 8 – Wednesday 26 May 2021

### MAY 2021

- Wednesday 26 **Special Assembly commencing at 2.40pm in the school hall.**  
Dunkeld Consolidated School Newsletter Issue 8.
- Thursday 27 MARC Library.
- Monday 31 Greater Western Region Cross Country Finals at Deakin University, Warrnambool.

### 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.**  
Saint John Ambulance, 'First Aid in School Program' sessions for all students (free entry).  
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.**

### JULY 2021

- Monday 12 **First day of Term 3 2021**
- Wednesday 14 Free Concert (for whole school) by De Le Salle College Music students.
- Friday 23 **PUPIL FREE DAY - All teaching staff will be attending a Maths PD. No students required at school.**

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

There never seems to be a 'quiet' week in Education these days, which makes for very busy times for school staff. However it tells me that our student's lives are rich with opportunities to extend themselves in the classroom and beyond. We may live in a small, country town, but our children certainly don't miss out. I thank our staff, who work tirelessly to provide our students these opportunities.

### Education Week – Building Connections

This week is Education Week. The theme for Victoria this year is 'Building Connections'. Dunkeld Consolidated School took the opportunity to build connections with our local community by inviting local members in to tell our students their 'local story', which was wonderful for our students to hear and be able to make those connections with the wider community.

I thank Sally Gray, Jenny Crawford, Heather Macgugan, Iris Field, Russell Mitchell, Rob Smith, Lachie Field, John Smith, Doug Fleming and Heather Funk for giving their time in sharing their personal stories with our students and staff. To say students were engaged is an understatement. The conversations and questions raised from the presentations were fantastic to listen to. How lucky we are to have these wonderful people in our community. Thank you!

### Long Service Leave

I will be taking Long Service Leave for the last two weeks of Term 2, following the long weekend. Anne Gilbert will step in as teacher in charge for this time and will be looking after finalising reporting etc. Thank you, Anne, for all your support.

### Tutor Learning Initiative

Hannah Black has been doing a wonderful job leading our Tutor Learning program. Hannah works with students in one-to-one and small group settings across year levels 2 to 6. She focuses on their specific areas of need and we are certainly seeing growth. Well done to Hannah and students!

### Community Feedback

We recently sent out Community Feedback Surveys as part of our yearly self-evaluation. Thank you to families who sent feedback in. We received a good response and are now going through the responses. We will then provide feedback to the community in the form of, 'your questions answered' format, to continue a productive line of communication.

### District and Division Athletics and Cross Country

It has been a busy month of Division Athletics, followed by our own Cross Country, then District and Division levels. Our students always perform well at these events and should be congratulated on their athleticism and sportsmanship.

Thank you to Jackie McShane for her coordination of these events. It is a huge task on top of her teaching load and I appreciate the effort she puts in to affording our students these wonderful opportunities. Thank you also to all staff and parents who support our students and have attended events off site also.

### Reporting

Teachers are now in the midst of report writing. Report writing is something that seems to come around very quickly each semester and requires hours of teachers time outside of school hours. They lose a few weekends each semester as they provide valuable feedback to our school. Thank you to our staff.

Thank you, Dee-Anne 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 though 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 their recent achievements:

#### 27 May 2021

**Academic Honour:** Mia Russell – Year 6, Ben Peters – Year 5, Annie Jackson – Year 2, George Phillips – Year 1.

**School Values Honour:** Claudia Cochran – Year 6, Lachie Gordon – Year 4, Edward Alderman – Year 3, Sailor Grimmer – Prep.

Congratulation to these students.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

School Council recently met on Tuesday 18 May and on Tuesday 25 May 2021. Items of business included the following:

- 2020 School Annual Report was approved. The report is available for viewing online on the school's website: <https://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au/page/109/Annual-Report> or hard copies are available from the school Admin office.
- Grampians Cricket Club Community User Agreement.
- DET Asbestos Policy, Privacy Policy, Sexual Harassment Policy and Working with Children and other Suitability Checks for School Volunteers and Visitors Policy were noted.
- A new basketball ring and backboard will be purchased and installed at the school.
- Thank you letter received from Caulfield Grammar School regarding their recent visit on Thursday 29 April 2021.
- This year's theme for Education Week (24 to 28 May) is *Building Connections* and a number of local community members have been invited to our school to share their 'local story' with our students.
- Advertisement has been placed on Recruitment Online for a fixed-term 0.6 classroom teacher position for Terms 3 and 4, 2021.
- Dee-Anne Gerring will be taking Long Service Leave from Tuesday 15 June to Friday 25 June 2021.
- Facilities Sub-Committee is investigating possible school driveway options.
- The following events and activities were approved:
  - *Attack of the Plastic Time Monsters* whole school performance on 1 June 2021.
  - School Tour for Kindergarten parents on Wednesday 2 June 2021.
  - Saint John Ambulance First Aid in Schools Program (free) sessions for all students on Wednesday 23 June 2021.
  - Free Concert (whole school) by De Le Salle College Music students on Wednesday 14 July 2021.
  - Pupil Free Day on Friday 23 July 2021 [all teaching staff will attend the Mathematical Association of Victoria (MAV) Horsham Conference *Building Articulate Mathematical Thinkers with the Proficiencies.*]
  - 2021 School Camps: Year 5/6 Cave Hill Creek Camp, Year 3/4 Southcombe Lodge Camp, Year 2 Grampians Retreat Camp and Prep/Year 1 Sleepover (dates and costs to be advised).

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

### DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY

The amount raised for this worthy event was \$132.20.



The Year 2/3 class conducted the following activity for 'Do It For Dolly' Day. We listened to a story called 'Have You Been a Bucket Filler Today?' (YouTube). We discovered that everyone carries an invisible bucket that is filled with happiness and kindness. Being kind towards someone else fills their bucket as well as your own. This is being a 'bucket filler'. Being mean towards others is called being a 'bucket dipper'. People with nothing in their buckets are sad and lonely. We created our own invisible buckets and filled them with kindness (nice messages). They are on display in the classroom for more kindness to be added over the next few days. By Anne Gilbert

## PREP AND YEAR 1 – SPREAD KINDNESS

The Prep and Year 1 class thought about ways to spread kindness at school.

- Smile.
- Let someone in the line ahead of you.
- Ask someone new to play at recess.
- Clean up even if you did not make the mess.
- Help someone.
- Thank someone for helping you.
- Ask if someone would like a turn.
- Say thank you.
- Let someone know they have done a good job.
- Play with lots of people.
- Share the places on the mat.
- Don't just choose your friends to ask questions during 'Show and Tell'.
- Sit with a new person on the mat.

We made headbands and selected one to write and then we decorated them.



## YEAR 2 AND YEAR 3 - SPACE

Here is the Year 2/3 class doing their Music lesson with Mrs Tara Stephens. We are playing xylophones and ukuleles. Scan the QR code on your camera app or QR code scanner app to hear the students play.



## YEAR 4 AND YEAR 5 - POETRY

My Five Senses Poem: ***The Beach***

It looks like waves splashing on the rocks  
It smells like salty sea air.  
It tastes like salty fish and chips.  
It feels like soft sand hitting my feet  
It sounds like dolphins splashing in the water.  
By Yvette Fanning

My Five Senses Poem: ***Motorbike***

It looks like dust and mud.  
It smells like diesel.  
It tastes like wind in my mouth.  
It feels like the rubber from the handlebars.  
It sounds like a dump truck rumbling.  
By Charles Prentice

***Winter***

Green earl tea resting on my knees,  
Toasting marshmallows on the crackling fire.  
Pumpkin, carrot, zucchini, and peas,  
All the things that I need and desire.  
Frosted toes while checking on the sheep,  
Little lambs being welcomed to the world.  
The bird sheltering from the rain in the piled heap,  
The little lambs, woolly and curled.  
Kelpie dogs getting muddy and wet,  
Meanwhile the house dogs taking their daily nap.  
Watching AFL and winning the bet  
Finding our favourite footy team's cap.  
By Charlotte Alderman

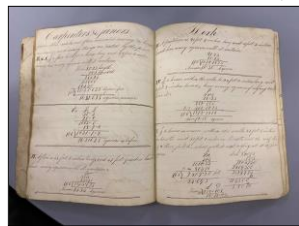
## EDUCATION WEEK 2021 – “BUILDING CONNECTIONS”

This week our school celebrated Education Week - *Building Connections*. Our guest speakers were Sally Gray, Jenny Crawford, Heather Macgugan, Iris Field, Russell Mitchell, Rob Smith, John Smith, Lachie Field, Doug Fleming and Heather Funk. We thank the guest speakers for their time and wonderful information. All students were captivated and asked very interesting questions.



For Education Week we had two special visitors being Mr Rob Smith and Mr Russell Mitchell who talked to us about their lives and their education at school. It was all so interesting and we had a lot of fun asking questions. Mr Smith talked about what he did as a teacher and his life at school. Like what year he started teaching which was 1976 - 2016. He also talked about what he had to do at school like that they he had to sit on a mat that they had to make themselves and take to school every day. Mr Russell Mitchell also had some very interesting stories to share. His grandpa won a trophy in 1911 and it has been passed down through the generations. Russell is the fifth generation of Mitchell's to be farming in the district. He also brought in a workbook from Scotland that belonged to David Mitchell and it is 200 years old. The writing in it was done with a quill that was dipped into ink. We had an amazing time. *By Clementine Blackwell*

This week is Education Week. Our school had some guest speakers come and talk about their lives. Mr Rob Smith and Mr Russell Mitchell came and spoke to the Year 4/5 class. Mr Rob Smith was a teacher and taught for 40 years but has been involved in education for 56 years including when he started in Prep to when he stopped teaching. He started teaching in 1976 and retired in 2016. He taught at many schools and taught all of the year levels in Primary School. Some of the schools he taught at were Dunkeld Consolidated School, Ardeer, Minhamite Primary School and Glenthompson Primary School. He also wanted to be



an engineer but didn't get paid so he decided to do teacher training because you got paid \$900.00 per year. Mr Russell Mitchell is a fifth generation farmer. He brought in a 200 year old book that came all the way from Scotland that his great, great, great grandfather, David Mitchell, used for learning at school. He also brought in a trophy (cup) that his grandfather won for being a really fast runner at Glenthompson Primary School. The book and trophy were very cool and interesting to look at. Thank you to those who came in to speak to our class. We hope you can come next year!  
By Indi Mibus



## FUN FRIDAY

### Fun Friday Report – 14 May 2021

Fun Friday was pretty different this week due to the bad weather. Nearly all our plans went out the window! We had all our activities inside with the help from all the Year 6 students. The first activity was run by Mia Russell, Cadence Huf, Michaela Rappaport and Drew Hassett. They did a drawing tutorial with the Art 4 Kids Hub, YouTube website. All the students really enjoyed this activity. Some of the drawings were of a panda bear, popsicle stick and an ice-cream. Here's what some of the students in the group said:

Ben Peters, Year 4/5, "You could either do guided drawing or free draw. It was great fun because you could draw and use your artistic side. I drew with my buddy, Jed."

The second activity was building and playing with LEGO. The leaders of the group were Edie Jackson, Penny Burger, Jack Reynolds and Seth Welsh. It was LEGO master themed since the new LEGO masters season was booming. The students worked in pairs to build a LEGO model and then the judges (the group leaders) judged their work and the couple with the best constructed piece were crowned the winners. Here's what some students said about their activity:

Max Russell, Year 4/5: "It was fun and also hard when the LEGO kept falling over. My group built a scene from Jumanji and we won!"

The third activity was crab soccer in the hall. The leaders of the crab soccer were Mitchell Gordon, Louis Lazzari, Max Graham and Jake Linskens. Crab soccer was meant to be an outside game but, once again, due to the bad weather it had to be inside. The boys did a magnificent job of crab soccer and they really enjoyed themselves. Here's what some of the children from their group said,

Ned Peters and Sean Bird, Year 4/5, "It was hard and fun because it was difficult to see the ball and your back would get a bit sore. It was super fun and also pretty tiring."

### Fun Friday Report – 21 May 2021

Fun Friday this week was inspired by the 'Do It For Dolly' fundraiser. Groups 2 and 3 worked together for the art based activity and Groups 1 and 4 worked together when they did that activity. The art activity was making butterflies and decorating them with colours like black and blue. By Claudia Cochran

## SPORTS REPORT

### SGSSA Division Cross Country

On Friday 14 May, twenty-five Dunkeld Consolidated School students went to Tarrington to compete in the SGSSA Division Cross Country. The day was drizzly and overcast. Here are some descriptive sentence from some of the runners:

Phoebe Ross: As my heart raced at the starting line ... the clapper goes off, my heart drums in my ears.

Darcy Potter: Struggling forward, eager and determined, my blood pumping like crazy.

Sebastian Aarons: Lungs screaming, my throat dry, longing to stop but pushing on.

Zander Mibus: The day wasn't great the hills were slippery and muddy.

Great job to everyone who competed and well done to Jack Oldfield Mann, Hugh Prentice, Elodie Cochran, Indi Mibus and Edward Alderman for winning Age Champions and best of all coming home with the shield.

By Zander Mibus and Sebastian Aarons

### Division Cross Country Finals at Deakin University, Warrnambool on Monday 24 May 2021:

The following students were nominated for this event.

- 12/13 year Boys Hugh Prentice, Zander Mibus
- 12/13 year Girls Edie Jackson
- 11 year Boys Darcy Potter
- 11 year Girls Indi Mibus, Charlotte Alderman
- 10 year Boys Jack Oldfield Mann, Lachie Gordon, Lachie Oldfield Mann, Charles Prentice
- 9 year Boys Edward Alderman, Digby Heazlewood, George Heazlewood.

We were very proud of our 9 year-old boys who were unfortunately withdrawn from the event. Can't wait to see how they run as 10 year-olds next year.



The following students have qualified for the Greater Western Region Cross Country in Warrnambool on Monday 31 May. Good luck, boys.

- 12/13 year old Boys Hugh Prentice 3000 metres
- 10 Year old Boys Jack Oldfield Mann 2000 metres





### NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

#### We appreciate you!

We really appreciate you coming in, using your time that you could be using for something else. *Isabella Jury*

Thank you for all your help over the years, you have really helped us grow. *Sebastian Aarons*

You really have raised our hopes with doing more things in our community. *Darcy Potter*

Thank you for spending your time helping us to be smarter in the kitchen and garden. *Zander Mibus*

The Friends of Kitchen and Garden at our school rock! *Mitch Gordon*

Thanks for coming in every week and making our food delicious. *Oscar Fanning*  
Thank you for building up our confidence with all the things we learn in the kitchen.

*Charlotte Alderman*

I love being in the kitchen with all our Friends teaching me how to cook. *Lachie Oldfield-Mann*

The Friends make cooking fun! *Ben Peters*

Cooking rocks with all our friends! *Cadence Huf*

Thanks for coming to our school to do Kitchen and Garden each Friday. *Lachie Gordon*

Thank you for helping us cook and helping us learn how to garden properly.

*Clementine Blackwell*

Thank you for giving up some of your time to help us make food and work in the garden. *Millie McShane*

Thank you for coming and giving your time in the Garden and Kitchen. *Eddie Jackson*



### Kitchen Report

On Friday 14 May, some of our students went to Tarrington to compete in the Cross Country so Groups A and B both cooked in the kitchen. This week there was Spaghetti Squash with Meatballs, Leek and Potato Soup, Spring Rolls and Apple Pizza. It was a scrumptious meal with colours all over the plate. The Spaghetti Squash was grown by Bev Hampton and then cooked in the oven. When it came out, a fork was run through the middle and this turned it into something that looked like spaghetti. Lots of people loved it and would like to eat it again.

By *Isabella Jury*

On Friday 21 May friends came in to help make a delicious meal for all of us to enjoy. We made scrumptious Silver Beet Feta and Leek Slice, Silver Beet Coleslaw with Sticky Chicken, Salad of the Imagination, and Quadruplet Quesadilla. We gave the SAKG Friends a certificate, a card and a small present because it was National Volunteer Week. Thank you to the donations from Bev Hampton and the Grampians Foods Co. We really appreciate the Friends coming each week to enjoy lunch with us. We all wanted more of this scrumptious meal.

By *Isabella Jury* and *Oscar Fanning*

### Garden Report

On Friday 14 May, 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*

Last Friday 21 May, Prep, Year 1, 2 and 3 students and the Kung Fu Carrots (Group B) were lucky to have a beautiful day in the garden.

On Friday Prep/Year 1 were hunting for plants in the garden; they had clues for the certain plants that they had to find. The Year 2 and 3 students were busy learning about photosynthesis plus they planted onions, cabbage, lettuce and beetroot. Group B were collecting flowers to thank the staff, we were also pruning trees and planting onions, spring onions and flowers. Overall everyone had a blast digging up a storm in the garden. By *Max Graham* and *Jake Linskens*

## - REMINDERS -

We are noticing some coughs and sniffles sneaking back into our classrooms again. With the current outbreak of COVID in Melbourne we need to stay vigilant and keep everyone safe and well, especially coming into winter. It's great to see more jumpers, coats and long pants being worn at school. If your child is showing any symptoms of a cough, cold or runny nose then please keep them home until the symptoms have resolved.

We appreciate your support as we work together to keep our school community fit and healthy.