



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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December 2023

- Wednesday 6 House Athletics Sports Day.
- Thursday 7 Graduation Dinner for Year 6 students, parents, staff and official guests at 6.30pm on the deck. Graduation Ceremony in the school hall from 7.15pm – extended family and friends are invited to the ceremony.
- Friday 8 Crazy Wear/Crazy Casual Clothes Day – gold coin donation (in aid of Elizabeth's Legacy). Dunkeld & District Lions Club will provide a free sausage sizzle lunch for all students and staff. Clean-up Day for SAKG Kitchen and Garden.
- Monday 11 "Thank You Morning Tea" for all school helpers and volunteers at 11.00am in the hall.
- Tuesday 12 State-wide Orientation Day. Kinder to Prep Transition Program - Kindergarten students to attend school all day. Dunkeld Consolidated School students step up to their new 2024 year level for the day. Orientation Day for Year 6 students going into Year 7 in 2024. Parent information session at 2.45pm in the school hall as part of the Kinder to Prep Transition Program.
- Thursday 14 **LAST SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS for 2023.** **Whole School Concert at Sterling Place, Dunkeld Community Centre - 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start.** Gold coin donation entry. *Lucky door prize.*
- Friday 15 Class Parties (at lunch time) and Mystery Gifts. **LAST SPECIAL ASSEMBLY for 2023 – commencing at 2.20pm sharp in the school hall.** Student Leaders for 2024 will be announced at this assembly. Student Reports sent home.
- Tuesday 19 **PUPIL FREE DAY – Planning Day for 2024 for staff.**
- Wednesday 20 **PUPIL FREE DAY – First Aid Training for staff. LAST DAY OF TERM 4 2023.**

JANUARY 2024

- Monday 29 **PUPIL FREE DAY – first day of Term 1, 2024 for staff.**
- Tuesday 30 Student Assessment Day (families will be advised of assessment times).
- Wednesday 31 **ALL students commence Term 1 2024. First Whole School Day for all students.**

FROM Mrs Angela Field, Principal...

Dates for end of 2023 and early 2024:

- Crazy Clothes – **Friday 8 December 2023**, gold coin donation – funds raised towards Elizabeth's Legacy.
- Lions Club BBQ – **Friday 8 December 2023.**
- State-wide Transition Day - **Tuesday 12 December** – 2024 classes will take place, our 2024 Prep students in attendance for a full day.
- Powercor – with power out next **Wednesday 13 December** across the town, we will be provided with a generator, so school will continue as normal.
- School Concert – **Thursday 14 December** – Dunkeld Community Centre – 6.15pm for 6.30pm start, gold coin donation entry fee.
- Final Assembly – **Friday 15 December 2023 – 2:20pm sharp.**
- Student Reports sent home – **Friday 15 December.**
- First whole day of school for **ALL** students **2024 – Wednesday 31 January.**
- **Tuesday 30 January 2024 - Assessment day** – students will be given a time to attend school on this day for assessments to take place.

School Review and AIP

The 2023 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) has been submitted with monitoring and evidence collated, and the draft of our 2024 AIP has been submitted also. We will continue to focus on numeracy improvement and wellbeing, as we adopt the Department's priority goal.

The Pre Review Evaluation (PRSE) is complete and I would like to thank staff and School Council for their support of this process, in readiness for the School Review in Term One 2024. Thank you also to the families who completed our survey requesting feedback and what is going well and what can be improved.

Teaching and Learning

Mrs Jackie McShane and Ms Dee-Anne Raymond recently attended a Michael Ymer PD on the new Mathematics Victorian Curriculum 2.0, that is to be implemented in 2024 and beyond.

With the restructure and budget review of our SAKG program, our teaching staff have already begun planning for the SAKG in 2024. With a busy term one with the School Review taking place, as well as the Swimming program and SGSSA athletics, SAKG will commence officially in term two. All classes will visit the kitchen each term, as this was raised in the student surveys completed as part of our programs review. Staff are also excited to be implementing Auslan for a LOTE program for F-6.

Staff

At the end of this year, we say farewell to Mrs Alison Prentice, Mrs Lisa McIntyre and Ms Bev Hampton. Alison has been wonderful to have on staff and her passion for teaching is evident and her work with our PE program was fantastic. As we say thank you to Lisa and Bev, I acknowledge the commitment to the SAKG program over the years, particularly for Lisa, who assisted greatly with the initial program implementation. Lisa has had a long standing connection with the school, with all four of her children attending, and involved in many other facets of the school community. We hope that Lisa understands how greatly appreciated she has been throughout the years. Bev came to us during the pandemic, after Clare relocated away from Dunkeld. Bev seamlessly transitioned into the program and we thank her wholeheartedly for her time and commitment.

Bushfire Category

Each year, to prepare for bushfires and grassfires, schools and early childhood services complete a range of activities. The Department of Education runs an annual fire risk assessment of schools. They are allocated a category of risk (categories 0 to 4) and are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). When the Bureau of Meteorology provides public fire danger rating forecasts or fire weather warnings, they use fire weather district areas. In Victoria, there are nine fire weather districts, which are based on Local Government Area boundaries. Our school is in the South West fire district.

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school. Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in the South West fire district.

As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and prioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire such as clearing grounds and gutters.

XUNO Management System

Thank you to the families that have responded to the 'welcome email' autogenerated and registered to use XUNO. Some families are already using this to let the school know of absences which is great. Staff are still working out the various features of this management system, as we move towards 2024.

Our Seesaw platform will conclude on 20 December 2023. Teachers will archive classes and download work that has been posted.

School Council

At our last School Council meeting, I presented the Pre Review Self Evaluation (PRSE) for our School Review, along with sharing the data from the Parent Opinion Survey.

Athletics Sports

A massive thankyou to Alison Prentice for her role as PE teacher this year and putting together a wonderful sports day on Wednesday. Thank you also to school councillor Paul Phillips for the line marking.

As I reflect on my role as Principal (officially) over the last 12months, I am pleased to have had the wonderful support of staff and School Council. There have been some difficult decisions to make, the wellbeing of all school community members to consider, and at the forefront, the learning experiences of our students. Thank you to our school and wider community, and most importantly, thank you to the students who greet me with a cheery 'good morning' and a sincere 'how are you'.

👉 **Hat's off to the class of 2023!** Goodluck to our Year 6 graduates, all the very best as they begin the next phase of their education.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holidays. 🎄🤗

Ange Field, Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

HONOUR CERTIFICATES

Friday 3 November 2023

Prep: Esther Beveridge and Penelope Wickens.

Year 3/4: Michaela Roache and George Heazlewood.

Year 4/5: Lucy Rennie and Tyson Riddle.

Year 6: Mac Jackson, Harry McShane and Charles Prentice.

Friday 17 November 2023

Prep: Henry Armytage and Isabella Petropoulos.

Year 1/2: Spencer Cant-McKindlay, Redmond Stuart-Betheras, Liam Riddle and Tilly Alderman.

Year 3/4: Jackson O'keeffe and Audrey Black.

Year 4/5: Matilda Pattullo and Edward Alderman.

Year 6: Clementine Blackwell and Alex Bird.

Friday 1 December 2023

Prep: Toby Hyland and Egeria Jones.

Year 1/2: Tom Harris and Ruby Mibus.

Year 3/4: Riley Aspinall and Archie Cant-McKindlay.

Year 4/5: Grace Macgugan and Digby Heazlewood.

Year 6: All Year 6 were presented, for pursuing their personal best.

Students 'Gotcha' Awards

Week Ending Friday 10 November 2023

Prep: Esther Beveridge.

Year 1/2: Liam Riddle.

Year 3/4: Archie Cant-McKindlay

Year 4/5: Grace Macgugan.

Year 6: Charles Prentice.

Week Ending Friday 17 November 2023

Prep: Egeria Jones.

Year 1/2: Nixon Gerring.

Year 3/4: Jackson O'keeffe.

Year 4/5: Zoe Trotter.

Year 6: Max Russell.

Week Ending Friday 1 December 2023

Prep: Annabel Wilson.

Year 1/2: Abigail Welsh.

Year 3/4: Michaela Roache.

Year 4/5: Will Griffin-Wilson.

Year 6: Lachie Oldfield Mann.

Pyjama Day - Wednesday 1 November 2023



What a wonderful playful way to raise money for children living in Foster Care.

Our students and staff enjoyed the school day in a variety of night attire. This fun day raised \$115.00 for The Pyjama Foundation for children living in foster care. Well done, everyone.

My Business Rules 2023



Friday 10 November 2023 the 'My Business Rules' Market Day was a flurry of activity for our Year 6 entrepreneurs from first coming up with an idea, presenting their business concept, making and then finally marketing and selling their finished product. There was an impressive range of items for sale! There were two Market Days and the Year 6 students did a wonderful job with the presentation and sales of their products. Thank you for supporting our young entrepreneurs in their business endeavours!



Well done to the Year 6 students with preparing their My Business Rules Market Days. Thank you to students, staff and our school community for purchasing our items and for supporting the Market Days, once again! In total we raised approximately \$950.00 to go towards a Nine Square in The Air game and the remaining money will go towards Elizabeth's Legacy.

By Max Russell and Clementine Blackwell.



Dunkeld Consolidated School at the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch Remembrance Day Service



Our School Captains, Yvette Fanning and Harry McShane proudly represented the Dunkeld Consolidated School at the Dunkeld RSL Sub-Branch's Remembrance Day Service on Saturday 11 November.

Harry respectfully recited The Ode and Yvette raised the flag to the masthead during Reveille.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Western Victorian Open School Chess Championships

On Monday 13 November, three of our Year 6 students, Max Russell, Freddie Jury and Mac Jackson, participated in the Western Victorian Open Schools Chess Championships at Baimbridge College. Fifty-six players (from Years 6 to 12) from seven schools competed in the tournament. They all played seven games, Max and Freddie won 3 each, and Mac won 1.5 games. Freddie came second out of the primary school students and Max came third. It was an incredible experience! Our students had an opportunity to meet the organiser, Mr Leonid Sandler, Chess Victoria President and International Master. Thank you to Mrs Priscilla Jury for offering her assistance as an adult supervisor. The Chess Championships were thoroughly enjoyed by all players; thank you to everyone involved!



By Max Russell and Freddie Jury .

Kinder to Prep Transition Program – Wednesday 15 November 2023

On Wednesday 15 November, eight nervous but excited Kinder children visited the Prep classroom for a transition visit with Mrs Gilbert and the Preps. The first hour was spent rotating through five different activities: Lego, building with straws, playdough, sorting animals and completing a pre-writing task with Mrs Gilbert. After a break, the Preps read the big book 'Mrs Wishy-Washy' to the Kinder children while they were eating their fruit. We all completed a book response task by colouring a cow, cutting her out and popping her into a paper tub to be washed – just like Mrs Wishy-Washy did in the book. This filled in the last fifteen minutes of their visit, before the Kinder parents collected their children. What a busy morning it was.

Then on Wednesday 29 November the 2024 Preps walked through the door with confidence to place their bags in a bag box marked with their names. Then they joined our 2023 Preps on the classroom mat to begin a three-hour session of fun learning activities. The Preps enjoyed reading the big book 'Meanies' to their Kinder buddies and finding out what it is that Meanies do. Then seven activities were rotated through including: making playdough meanies, playing



with hand puppets in the classroom puppet theatre, drawing and writing about meanies, completing a handwriting sheet, building with the planks, making pictures with pattern blocks, and building with Lego. At the 10.00am fruit break, the Preps read books to their Kinder buddies while fruit was being eaten. At recess time our Kinder friends ate morning tea then roamed around the playground with their Prep buddies and ALL the other school children. It was lovely to see so many happy little faces and we can't wait to see the Kinder children on their last transition visit on Tuesday 12 December: State-wide Orientation Day – Kinder students to attend the Dunkeld Consolidated School all day (from 9.00am to 3.25pm).

Parent Information session with Mrs Angela Field and Mrs Anne Gilbert in the school hall commencing at 2.45pm.

CRAZY / FUNKY HAIR DAY



Crazy or Funky Hair Day was on Friday 17 November 2023. Amazing and original hair creations were on show this Crazy/Funky Hair Day. Congratulations to the parents for taking the time to help their children look the part. What a wonderful way to make the students aware of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the gold coin donations help support this worthwhile charity. This Crazy/Funky Hair Day raised a total of \$107.20 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Wonderful effort.



2023 Readers Cup Challenge

On Monday 27 November Alex Bird, Yvette Fanning, Clementine Blackwell, Max Russell, Mac Jackson and Freddie Jury went to Branhholme to compete in the Readers Cup challenge. There was a creative response to respond to and a quiz. Branhholme won by half a point and we sadly came second. We all had lots of fun and it was a great experience. Thanks to Mrs Field, Mrs Blackwell and Mrs Jury for helping with transport. By Max Russell and Clementine Blackwell.

Congratulations to our Year 6 team who competed in the 2023 Readers Cup Challenge on Monday 27 November - coming second to Branhholme Wallacedale Community School by a mere 0.5 of a point! Guest author was Alison Reynolds. We are all so proud of the hard work and dedication the students have shown to this task!



Year 6 Graduation on Thursday 7 December 2023

Year 6 students and their parents, together with staff and official guests, will share a light meal together at the Dunkeld Consolidated School on the timber deck, 6.20pm for a 6.30pm start, on Thursday 7 December 2023.

Then at 7.15pm, extended family and friends are invited to join us for the official ceremony and presentations in the school hall. Presentations will include the Myers Family Dunkeld Scholarships, Williams Family Sports Scholarship, School Council Citizenship and Dux Awards. Year 6 families who are leaving the school will also be formally acknowledged.

Year 6 students are to wear their full summer school uniform, including black shoes.

Thank you in advance to the Year 5 parents and students for their generous support with decorating, setting up and serving for the Year 6 Graduation.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

On Friday 8 December, it will be Crazy Wear Day where everyone dresses up in crazy clothes to wear them to school. Please bring a gold coin donation for Elizabeth's Legacy. Pyjama Day raised \$115.00 which is donated to children who live in Foster Care. Crazy Hair Day raised \$107.20 which is donated to the Cystic Fibrosis charity. We thank everyone who bought the Zooper Doopers each Wednesday at lunchtime as a fundraiser for Elizabeth's Legacy. By Ned Peters, Lachie Oldfield Mann, Charles Prentice and Yin Vass.

School Captain Reports

The next two weeks are going to be action packed, with next week being our last assembly. The new 2024 school leaders will be announced and Year 6 awards for Graduation will be presented. Everyone is excited about stepping up to their new year level on Tuesday 12 December.

Being School Captains this year was amazing and we hope the next School Captains will do a great job. Our favourite job was running assembly and going into the community to do things like participating in the Dunkeld RSL ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day services.

By Yvette Fanning and Harry McShane

SPORT

On Thursday 2 November the Year 5 and 6 students went to the Cricket Blast. We had a lot of fun and we did really well even though the weather was cold and windy. Thank you to the parent helpers for the scoring and driving the children to Hamilton. Also thank you to the teachers for coming to watch us play. One of the boy's team made it to the grand final, but they didn't win.

On Wednesday 6 December it was our school House Athletics Sports day. Thankfully the weather was great. We would like to thank Mrs Prentice for being a great PE teacher for Terms 3 and 4. We would also like to thank Mr Phillips for painting the lines on the oval for us. Our last thank you goes to the parents for supporting us on the sports day and the teachers for helping the day go smoothly.

STOP PRESS: Sturgeon House was the winning sports house on the day and the following students were awarded age champions:

5/6 years and Under:	Harry Armytage	Layla Macgugan
7 years:	Sam Parkinson	Marli Mibus and Annie Clark
8 years:	Edwin White	Sybil Patterson
9 years:	Xavier Macgugan	Michaela Roache
10 years:	Banjo Hyland	Grace Macgugan
11 years:	Hamish Rush	Elodie Cochran
12 years:	Jack Oldfield Mann	Millie McShane

By Jack Oldfield Mann, Millie McShane, Lachie Gordon and Gemma Kyle.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden (SAKG) Program



The Royal Mail Hotel – Kitchen Garden Tour and Fine Dining Experience



As part of our school's SAKG Program, the Year 6 students, accompanied by staff, Mrs Field, Mrs Phillips, Bev Hampton and Lisa McIntyre had the opportunity to tour the Royal Mail Hotel Kitchen Garden and experience fine dining in the Parker Street dining room for lunch on Thursday 16 November. The Royal Mail Hotel has one of the largest most productive Kitchen Gardens in Australia and offers nature-based cuisine focusing on locally sourced produce. A sincere thank you to Mr John Myers, Mr Robin Wickens, Ms Michelle Shanahan and the Royal Mail Hotel staff for their kindness and generous support.

The Year 6 students went on an extraordinary experience to the Royal Mail Hotel for lunch and went to the biggest garden we have ever seen in our lives. There were tomatoes, broad beans and heaps of fruit. Back to our amazing lunch... for the entrees we had prosciutto with a poached egg, or beetroot with tartare sauce and a beetroot chip. For the main course we had Pork with Sweet Turnip, or Flathead with White Asparagus, and chips. But for dessert we had either a Sorbet or Panna Cotta. Thank you for the packet of seeds you gave to each of us to plant in our own garden.

By Felix Hyland, Alex Bird and Kai Roads.

Kitchen and Garden Report

Kitchen...

Friday 3 November 2023: Year 6 students prepared and shared the following meal together with Mrs Phillips, Bev Hampton, Lisa McIntyre and Kitchen Friends. Menu: Chicken and Leek Vol-au-vents, Spanish and Feta Gozleme, Beet Pancakes and Citrus Drink.

Friday 10 November 2023: Year 4 and Year 5 students prepared and shared the following meal together with Mrs McShane, Bev Hampton, Lisa McIntyre and Kitchen Friends. Menu: Pizzas, Raspberry and White Chocolate Muffins, Fruit Salad Cups and helpful hands assembled a Rosemary Wreath for Remembrance Day.

Friday 17 November 2023: Year 6 students prepared and shared the following meal together with Mrs Phillips, Bev Hampton, Lisa McIntyre and Kitchen Friends. Menu: Beef Sliders, Sausage Rolls, Pizza, Solar Oven Smores and Watermelon Wedges.

Friday 24 November 2023: Prep and Year 1/2 students took turns prepared and shared the following meal together with Mrs Wilson, Mrs Prentice, Bev Hampton and Kitchen Friends.

Preps were so excited and eager to get started on their menu of Blueberry and White Chocolate Muffins. Naturally they had to have a taste of the white chocolate bits just to make sure they were fresh, they were yummy.



As a surprise the Preps shared the muffins with their Year 6 Buddies at morning recess.

Year 1 and 2 students loved their time making Traffic Light Pizzas, Fruit Salad and Citrus Drink. They enjoyed preparing and sharing this meal for lunch with Mrs Prentice, Bev Hampton and SAKG Friends.

Friday 1 December 2023: Year 6 students prepared and shared a “Thank You Lunch” for staff, under the guidance of Kitchen Specialist, Bev Hampton.

Menu enjoyed by all: Pizza Pinwheels, Sushi, Pork Gyozas, Mini Chicken Parmesan Pies and Golden Syrup Dumplings with Ice-Cream.

The Dunkeld Consolidated School wants your Used Batteries!

Dunkeld Consolidated School Council has been conducting an ongoing Battery Collection Fundraiser. Kelly’s AGnVET Dunkeld have kindly offered to be a central collection point for used batteries for the Dunkeld Consolidated School (Mr Jason Linskens was instrumental in organising this). Any unwanted car, truck, tractor, boat batteries etc may be dropped off at Kelly’s AGnVET, 101 Parker Street, Dunkeld.

(All small batteries including A, C, D, AA, AAA, 9-volt, button batteries may be dropped off at the relevant supermarkets in Hamilton for recycling).

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.

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. Thank you for your continued support!

*Being our last School Newsletter for the year 2023,
we take this opportunity to wish you all a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

