



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

We are a Child Safe School and we will protect all children at all times.

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Newsletter No. 9 – Wednesday 8 June 2022

JUNE 2022

- 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 Public 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. School Council Meeting commencing at 7.30pm in the staffroom.
- Wednesday 22 **School Open Morning from 9.00am to 11.00am.**
- 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.

JULY 2022

- Monday 11 **First day of Term 3.** Year 5/6 Melbourne Camp.
- Tuesday 12 Year 5/6 Melbourne Camp.
- Wednesday 13 Year 5/6 Melbourne Camp.
- Thursday 14 SSV State Cross Country Championships in Melbourne.
- Monday 18 Year 3/4 Sovereign Hill Camp.
- Tuesday 19 Year 3/4 Sovereign Hill Camp.,
- Thursday 21 Hoop Time Juniors competition at HILAC.
- Monday 25 Hoop Time Seniors competition at HILAC.

FROM Mrs Angela Field, Acting Principal...

School Council met last week, where an update was provided on the culvert works for our new drop-off and pick-up zone. Rachel Blackwell has been tirelessly compiling the budget and mentioned the generous donations that have been received so far, towards the costing for this project, which is greatly appreciated. Richard McShane and I attended the Southern Grampians Shire Council Listening Post event held at the Community Centre last week, to lobby for support of our project and the improvements/maintenance we would like to see along Dickie and Taylor Streets. Watch this space for further details on when our new drop-off/pick-up zone is ready.

The new Victorian Child Safe Standards and Ministerial Order 1359 begin on Friday 1 July 2022. In preparing to meet the new standards, we are building on our existing child safety strategies, policies, and practices to strengthen our culture of child safety. Updated policies will be available on our school website in term three. The standards include new requirements to keep students safe, covering:

- the involvement of families and students in child safety efforts
- schools' focus on safety for Aboriginal students
- better management of the risk of child abuse in online environments
- governance, systems, and processes to keep students safe.

Naomie Phillips and I attended a Resilient Youth Survey data session with Peter Seehusen, Education Partnerships Manager, The Resilience Project, to review our school's Mental Health report from the survey. Our Year 4 to 6 students completed this survey in March 2022. The five measures reported in this Mental Health Report are: anxiety, depression, hope, life satisfaction, and coping. Peter was very pleased with our data, stating that our data was above most national averages surveyed (approximately 80,000 students). Naomie and I also attended a SAFEMinds Professional Learning Day at Deakin University in Warrnambool on Wednesday 8 June. SAFEMinds provides schools with access to facilitated training and comprehensive learning that will assist staff to develop the skills and confidence to effectively identify, respond, support, and refer school students with mental health concerns. This was an excellent day, where Naomie and I have come away equipped with various resources to share with staff and families. <https://safeminds.org.au/parents-and-carers/>

Lucy Rennie came sixth at the Regional Cross Country Championships on Monday 30 May in Warrnambool, which now takes her to the State Cross Country Championships in Melbourne in July. Well done, Lucy, an amazing feat to accomplish. Good luck in Melbourne!

Many of our Year 5 students are heading off to Baimbridge College for a Transition Day next Tuesday 14 June. We were recently visited by Baimbridge College staff and students, and it was lovely to hear of the experiences of three of our past students Isabella Jury, Jack Reynolds and Charlotte Turner. They certainly have settled in well to secondary school life.

Our Student Voice held another successful Fun Friday, with Lego Masters and Paper Challenges (origami, etc.). They have also organised activities for the Shelter Shed, with this week becoming a nice place to draw or read out of the weather. All classes have had an opportunity to suggest ideas for Fun Fridays and the Shelter Shed space, working collaboratively in teams to present their ideas to the Student Voice. Many school beanie orders have been received, which is wonderful, and we hope they arrive before the end of this term.

I hope you have received your invitation to our Open Day on Wednesday 22 June! We encourage our families and the wider Dunkeld community to take the opportunity to see our maths and reading hours in action, and/or a tour of our wonderful school.

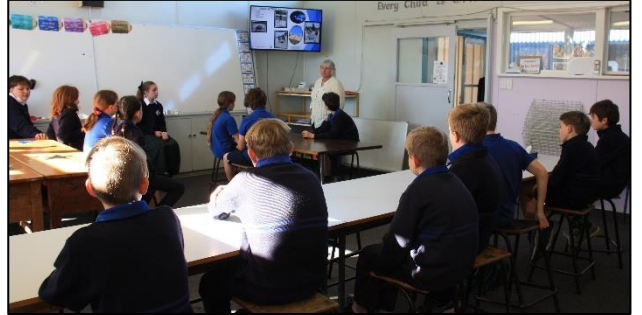
Thank you,
Ange Field, Acting Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Baimbridge College Visit



On Friday 27 May the Year 7 Coordinator, Ms Samantha Adams and three Year 7 students (ex-Dunkeld Consolidated School students) came to our school to share some information about Baimbridge College. The Year 7 students were Isabella, Jack and Charlotte. They told us a bit about what is going to happen on the Year 5 Transition Day. They spoke about how the school functions, what to take on Transition Day and if we liked we could take some money to purchase food from the canteen. They informed us about what items the canteen sold. They talked to us about lockers and the different folders they had for different subjects. All the Year 5 students loved what they had to share with us and we thought the presentation was awesome! By Patrick Lomas



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY on Friday 27 May 2022



On Friday 27 May we had a Special Assembly. There were Class Captain reports, Honour Certificates and Sports Certificates presented. Student Voice provided a report on the school beanies and Sports Captains did a report on the sports shed and District Cross Country. Then at the end the Prep and Year 1 students performed a song called, 'Hickory, Dickory, Dock'.

Honour Certificates - Friday 27 May 2022

Prep/Year 1: Tom Harris and Roy Andrew.
 Year 2/3: Bobby Blackwell and George Phillips.
 Year 4/5: Lucy Rennie, Tyson Riddle and Edward Alderman.
 Year 5/6: Mac Jackson, Patrick Lomas, Lachie Gordon, Ava Balkin, Charlotte Alderman, Heidi Burger and Jack Jones.

SCHOOL BEANIES - Orders due in by Friday 10 June 2022

Dunkeld Consolidated School Beanies are coming to the school!
 Adult and children sizes are available.
 Price: \$20.00 each.
 Colours: Navy blue, white and royal blue.
 Payment may be made to the school via cash, cheque or direct deposit – please use your surname as a reference if paying by direct deposit.
 Please send your order forms into the school office by Friday 10 June!

By Student Voice: *Sean Bird, Ava Balkin, Darcy Potter and Heidi Burger*



PREP/YEAR 1

Prep and Year 1 Skywhales Writing

Early Saturday morning we went to the Skywhales. I liked the Skywhales. By Alex	I went to the hot air balloons. It was weird and it was cool. By Tom H
I liked the Skywhales. By Spencer	I like the Skywhales. I like the Skywhales mum. By Harry
I loved the Skywhales. I thought they were about to fall on me. By Marli	We went to the Skywhales. By Redmond

The Skywhales were amazing but I wasn't there. I wish I was there.
By Roy

I was not at the Skywhales but I saw a picture of the Skywhales.
By Max

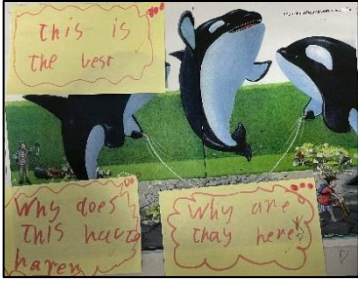
I was not at the Skywhales but I still I saw them from my paddock. Instead of sleeping bags we had blankets and a Milo.
By Annie

Skywhales
 On Saturday I got up. I got in the car. I got out of the car. I turned around and I was amazed. It was the Skywhales. I loved them and I saw my Dad. He was helping the other people. I couldn't go over the fence because it was dangerous. The big air balloons had fire. I didn't want to get too hot.
By Edwin White

I saw the Skywhales at the big oval and I saw them take off. They were cool.
By Sam

I like the Skywhales.
By Hannah

Walk of the Whales



The Prep and Year 1 students are currently using a mentor text titled 'Walk of the Whales' by Nick Bland in their Reader's Workshop lessons. A beautiful book about the whales deciding to walk onto the land because the ocean was polluted with human rubbish. The humans didn't like the whales coming into the cities and towns because they created lots of problems. Last Friday the Prep/Year 1 students used their visualisation skills to imagine what it would look like if a whale walked into our school! On Monday they were analysing a particular illustration of whales skipping (and cracking the pavement) to imagine



what it was the human characters shown were thinking to themselves. We are having lots of fun learning about whales in the Prep/Year 1 classroom.

Year 2/3 Reconciliation Week



During Reconciliation week we made a #bebravemakeachange poster to share the ways we can help others and make a difference. We read a great book called Somebody's Land written by Adam Goodes and it taught us all about how the First Nations lived and survived on the beach and bush. We learned about when the white people came to Australia. *By George Lomas.*

Last week was Reconciliation Week, in class we read a book called Somebody's Land and made some posters about making a change by being brave. In the book it said that the white people declared nobody lived here when they arrived, they said "Terra Nullas" however there were people living here, the Indigenous Australians. The saying for our posters was #BEBRAVEMAKEACHANGE. *By Banjo Hyland.*



Last week we learnt all about Reconciliation Week (27 May to 3 June). We read a book called Somebody's Land. It was about how the Indigenous Australians lived here first and how the white people took over the land when they arrived. We made #bebravemakeachange posters to promote understanding and how we can be kind to others. On the posters we drew the Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal Flags.

By Annie Jackson

Student Teacher - Mr Matt Lowe

Over the past four weeks the Year 5 and 6 students were lucky enough to have Mr Lowe, a student teacher, in our classroom. Mr Lowe was experiencing life as a teacher and taught us many new and exciting things. Mr Lowe is a great teacher and was a delight to have in our classroom. We will miss him very much and wish him all the best in his future teaching career. Thank you for teaching us Mr Lowe!

By Lachie Oldfield Mann, Max Russel and Indi Mibus.



Student Voice Report - FUN Friday



Paper Challenges

On Friday 3 June the Student Voice prepared paper challenges for the students to participate in. These included origami, paper airplanes and drawing. Some students went outside and raced their paper airplanes against other students. Other students were happy making chatter boxes. The students

that did origami folded foxes, fish and seals.

By Sean Bird and Heidi Burger



On Fun Friday 3 June there were some amazing Lego constructions. The group I worked with were the Lego Masters group. Well done to Max Russell's group for taking out third place, Jack Jones' group come in second and Ben Peters' group came first with their stunning Duplo / Lego masterpiece. Hope everybody had an amazing time and our next Fun Friday will be in two weeks' time on 17 June. We will place our activities up on the Student Voice noticeboard.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or questions about Fun Friday, please talk to Ava, Sean, Darcy and Heidi about it.

By Ava Balkin and Darcy Potter.

SPORTS

Greater Western Region Cross Country in Warrnambool

Congratulations to Lucy Rennie who placed sixth in the 10-year girls' event at the Greater Western Region Cross Country. By finishing in the first twelve, qualifies Lucy to compete in the State Cross Championships in Melbourne on Thursday 14 July 2022.

By Phoebe Lazzari and Ella Peters



SCHOOL COUNCIL

2022 SHEEP DRIVE FUNDRAISER

A HUGE and sincere thank you to the school and community members who so generously donated livestock to this year's Sheep Drive fundraiser. Thank you also to everyone who kindly donated their time and services, including Adrian and Bridget Hyland and Dion Ross for the depot area.

Special mention to Simon Ross and Richard McShane for their initiative, hard work and efforts in organising and co-ordinating this successful event.

Our school is so very grateful for this generosity and truly appreciates this amazing support. *Thank You!*

Items of business discussed at the School Council Meeting on Tuesday 31 May included:

- Skywhales in the Grampians launch at the school on Saturday 21 May.
- Funding support for the school's pick-up and drop-off zone.
- Sarah Alderman and Ben Parkinson have been co-opted to Council to fill two parent member casual vacancies.
- New and updated Child Safe Standards being implemented from 1 July 2022.
- New iPads, laptops and AFL junior goal posts have been ordered for the school.
- NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and 5 students.
- Teacher and Learning/Wellbeing.
- Building and ground works have been completed including electrical repairs and gravel being removed from outside the hall onto the gate/driveway near the main oval.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains ... From the Kitchen...



On June 3, the Year 5 and 6 students cooked Egg Baskets, Sesame Pumpkin Wontons, Cauliflower and Potato Soup and Apple, Lemon and Cinnamon Muffins. We interviewed some students and their description of their experience in the Kitchen was - amazing, great fun and delicious.

By Ella Peters and Charles Linke, SAKG Captains



From the Garden...

On Friday 27 May, the Year 5 and 6 students collected herbs from the garden and named them. If we didn't know what the herb was, we had to research them! Some of the herbs we harvested were sage, rosemary, bay leaves, thyme, parsley, mint, chives, marshmallow leaves, coriander, fennel and more! We were also given the challenge of researching their botanical names. Some of them were difficult to pronounce for example- parsley was *Petroselinum crispum*.

By Charlie Linke and Ella Peters, SAKG Captains



- REMINDERS -

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! If 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.

FOR SALE – LIBRARY SHELVES

Four Library Shelves on castors – in very good condition.

\$100.00 each or nearest offer.

Contact the school Admin office on 5577 2384 by Friday 17 June 2022.

