



DUNKELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

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JUNE 2021

- Wednesday 9 Dunkeld Consolidated School Newsletter Issue 9.
- Thursday 10 MARC Library.
- Friday 11 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.
- 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.
- Friday 18 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.
- Wednesday 23 **Special Assembly commencing at 2.40pm in the school hall – to be confirmed.**
Saint John Ambulance, 'First Aid in School Program' sessions for all students (free entry).
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- Friday 25 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.
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 16 SAKG Kitchen and Garden classes.
- Friday 23 **PUPIL FREE DAY** - All teaching staff will be attending a Maths PD. **No students required at school.**
- Thursday 29 Hoop Time Basketball Competition (for Junior players) at HILAC.

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

Acting Principal's Report

Well, what a turn of events a couple of weeks can have! As we once again, quickly launched back into Remote Learning due to the current Covid-19 situation, I thank all our students, staff and families for their resilience and understanding. Unfortunately, this feels somewhat second nature these days, but fortunately we know our students can competently and confidently complete their learning at home, then return and be able to get back to normal with relative ease. Our staff are also experts at this now and should be commended on their never wavering dedication to their students. Huge applause to our teachers and ES Staff!

While following Department of Education and Training (DET) Guidelines, I ask that our school community please take the time to familiarise yourselves with the current restrictions Regional Schools are required to adhere to. While there is much to do behind the scene at schools regarding classroom settings, these are the main points relevant to parents, carers and visitors who may have to visit the school.

Camps, playgrounds and other school facilities and activities

- **Excursions and incursions** are not permitted at this time.
- **Playgrounds** remain open for school use.
- **Drinking fountains** can remain open.
- **Community groups** can use school facilities when the use complies with permitted activity in the community – such as basketball and hockey training
- **School tours** should not be conducted on-site for prospective students and their families at this time.
- **Non-essential visitors** should be excluded from school sites for this period - **Therefore, unless requiring assistance at the front office, we ask that parents and visitors stay in vehicles for drop off and pick up. We will be unable to have volunteers for SAKG classes next week also.**
- **Non-essential meetings, and all school events, gatherings and assemblies** should be deferred or held remotely - **Therefore, there will be no formal assembly this week.**
- **School bus services** across the state will continue to operate as normal.
- Singing and playing wind and brass instruments can occur if Department of Health recommendations to reduce transmission risk are followed – **Therefore Music lessons will be able to continue.**

Stay home when unwell

The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms. Any person/s needing to enter the school, must also stay home if unwell.

Practise good hygiene

All staff, students and visitors to schools should undertake regular hand hygiene, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet. Staff should direct or supervise young students where required.

Sharing of food is not permitted.

Use non-contact greetings (not shaking hands, hugging or kissing).

Face masks in regional schools

- Children under 12 years of age and students at primary school are not required to wear face masks when at school, or when attending an OHSC program.
- Teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can.
- Face masks are mandatory for all school staff and school students aged 12 or older indoors and when travelling to and from school.
- Face masks are required to be worn outdoors at school and when attending an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program where physical distancing of 1.5m cannot be maintained.

Visitors to school

Limit school access to outside visitors where possible

Schools should continue to limit non-essential visitors to school premises, however local discretion can apply for some activities (e.g. provision of MARC or MACC services).

Visitors to school grounds must comply with physical distancing and face mask requirements set, and practise good hand hygiene.

To support contact tracing, schools must keep a record of all staff, students and visitors who attend on-site. Schools must record the full name, contact details, date, and time of attendance at school, as well as the areas of the school that the person attended. Our school has a QR code on the front door of the school for anyone needing to enter to go to the front office only. A sign in book is available for those without a mobile device.

Drop off and Pick Up Procedures

Drop off and pick up procedures remain as is, where we ask parents to drop off and pick up children at the front of the school, without leaving cars when possible. I understand our current road surface problems are causing some concerns with potholes and large puddles to navigate. The school is trying to work with local council on a solution for this and be assured we are not ignoring the problem. This has been an ongoing issue that the school has been raising for many years. If any parents wish to write a letter to the school in support of finding a better road and parking solution, we would certainly welcome this, as we may then have a greater chance of success with the support of our parent and community body. Again, I thank you for your understanding and patience.

Thank you all for your support and understanding during this time. Thank you for supporting your children at home over the past week. How resilient they all are! It is lovely to have their happy faces back at school today.

Student Reports

Teachers have been busily working on student reports over recent weeks. Student Reports will be sent home with students on Thursday 24 June 2021.

Thank You

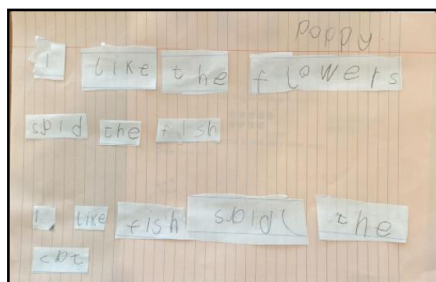
As this will be my last Newsletter report as Acting Principal (I will be on LSL for the last two weeks of term, with Mrs Anne Gilbert being Teacher-in-Charge and contact person should anyone require), I would like to take the opportunity to thank our school community for your support over the last two years whilst leading our school. There has been many tasks to tackle over the two year period and I am proud of what we have achieved. I have had an amazing support network and credit should go out to all staff, families and the community. Nothing is possible on your own, so it has been teamwork all the way. What a great team and school community we have! I am proud to be a part of Dunkeld Consolidated School and am pleased to be stepping back to teaching, to continue on and up as a collective from here.

Thank you, Dee-Anne Gerring

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

PREP AND YEAR 1 – REMOTE LEARNING

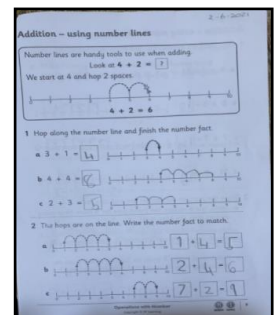
THIS IS HOW REMOTE LEARNING LOOKED FOR PREP/YEAR 1



James had fun cooking at home.



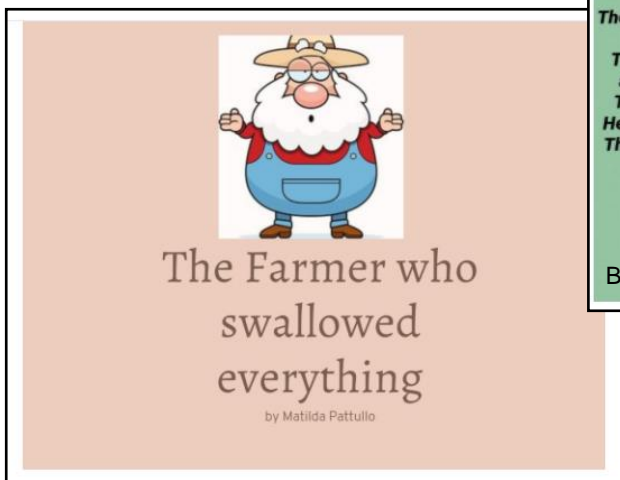
Nellie and her sister enjoyed the day cooking together.





During remote learning the Year 2/3 class had an Inquiry lesson about 'Sorry Day'. We listened to a story being read to us titled 'Sorry Day' and then each child decorated a hand with their own colours, words and designs to represent the concept of reconciliation.

The Year 2/3 remote learning writing task was to innovate a well-known text by changing the characters and setting. We focused on the text 'There was an Old Bloke Who Swallowed a Bunny. Crikey it was funny' which was an innovation itself of, "There was an Old Woman who Swallowed a Fly". Here are some Year 2/3 texts.



The front cover of a book written by Matilda Patullo

There was a T-rex who swallowed a plant

There was a T-Rex who saw a plant . When he saw that plant there was an ant. He didn't mean to squash the ant but he tripped and ate the plant. Then he went and ate a cave man. Boy that was a crazy plan. Then the T-rex saw a time machine. He ate it because it was shiny and green. Then it teleported him to a future time. He ate a truck that was loaded with slime. Then he ate a KFC shop. A man yelled out "I think you should stop!"

By Jim Herrmann

There was an old teacher who swallowed sharpener. We don't know why she swallowed a sharpener. We were full of laughter! There was old teacher who swallowed a pencil. It really was not sensible. She swallowed the pencil have it sharpened by the sharpener. We don't know why she swallowed a sharpener we were full of laughter! There was old teacher who swallowed some paper. What a paper! She swallowed the paper to get drawn on by the pencil. She swallowed the pencil to get sharpened by the sharpener. We don't know why she swallowed the sharpener. We were full of laughter! There was an old teacher who swallowed an eraser. Now we can't find her!

By Archie Cant-McKindlay

There was Neil Armstrong who swallowed an oxygen tank!

There was Neil Armstrong who swallowed an oxygen tank. I don't know why he swallowed that oxygen tank. (MEN that's FUNNY)

There was Neil Armstrong who swallowed the Earth. I think I just saw a news! He swallowed the Earth so that oxygen tank would have its birth. I don't know why he swallowed that oxygen tank. (MEN that's FUNNY)

There was Neil Armstrong who swallowed the Mars. I found out there were many cars. He swallowed the Mars to help Earth grow cars. He swallowed the Earth so that oxygen tank would have its birth. (MEN that's FUNNY)

There was Neil Armstrong who swallowed the Sun. It wasn't much but he swallowed the Sun to warm the Mars. He swallowed the Mars to help Earth grow cars. He swallowed the Earth so that oxygen tank would have its birth. I don't know why he swallowed that oxygen tank. (MEN that's FUNNY)

There was Neil Armstrong who swallowed the Universe! He just lost his pants. He swallowed the Universe to rescue the Sun. He swallowed the Sun to warm the Mars. He swallowed the Mars to help Earth grow cars. He swallowed the Earth so that oxygen tank would have its birth. I don't know why he swallowed that oxygen tank. (MEN that's FUNNY)

OH NO! His tummy is too big. SHING SHANG! Phew! It's all back to normal! YYY! The End

My writing piece.

By Zach Lance

YEAR 6 EDUCATION WEEK – BUILDING CONNECTIONS

Education Week 2021

This year the theme for Education Week was "Building Connections". We had eight people from the community come to our school. Our class had Mr John Smith and Lachie Field, both talk to us about what they have done in the community. Lachie Field talked to us about how he went to Geelong College in his last two years of High School at Monivae. Lachie went to Geelong College so he could train for cricket and try and join the Victorian Cricket Team in Melbourne. Lachie said, when he was in primary school he made some of his best friends and he's still friends with them to this day.



Mr John Smith talked to us about when he was Principal at this school for seventeen years. Instead of the BER building it was the Bristol building. When he was Principal he taught the Year 6 students. The classroom had blackboards and the seats were all in a row. Mr John Smith didn't have anyone in the office with him so he did all the administration work himself and had phone monitors which were the Year 6 students from his class.

After their presentations, the Year 6 students took them on a tour of our school. I took Lachie on a tour with Mitchell. It was really interesting listening to Lachie talk about what the school looked like a few years ago. Later that day Doctor Fleming came in and talked about how he was a doctor in the Cold War and how he was on the submarine for Scotland. They were hiding from the Russians. I thought that all of their stories were spectacular and I learnt so much about the community.

By Mia Russell

Tuesday 25 May 2021 Lachie Field and Mr John Smith came to our school for Education Week. The theme was "Building Connections". They came and talked to us about what the school was like when they were here and what they do now. I found it quite interesting when Mr John Smith told us they used go-karts at school! I also liked how Lachie told us about his cricket career and how his friends from primary school are still great friends to this day. After that Mia and I took Lachie on a tour around our school at the end he said he really enjoyed the tour and how much things have changed.

That afternoon Doctor Fleming came and told us about his time in Scotland. He was a doctor in the Scottish Navy and he said that he was in a submarine and they stayed under water for two months! Overall it was an amazing day.

By Mitchell Gordon



FUN FRIDAY- COMMENTS FROM YEAR 4 AND YEAR 5

On Fun Friday 4 June, Group 1 did outdoor games. "It was excellent, we played octopus, chain tag and we played on the playground" *Yvette Fanning, Year 4.*

Group 2 did Lego Masters "It was entertaining, I built two cars and a garage" *Jack Oldfield Mann, Year 4.* "It was great fun, I built a car. It was fun because there was going to be a contest." *Lachie Gordon, Year 4.*

Group 3 did role plays: "The theme was Bandit and Hero, it was fun and entertaining." *Heidi Burger, Year 5*

Group 4 did Art and Craft activities: "I liked it. The dog and pup art was great fun, but it was very loud in the classroom". *Ned Peters, Year 4*

Fun Friday was entertaining and exhilarating and everybody can't wait for the next Fun Friday.

By Penny Burger

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program (SAKG)

Reports by SAKG Kitchen and Garden Captains ...

Kitchen Report - Remote learning



Lachie and Lochie



Alex and Jack



Zoe and Isla



Mrs Black and Audrey

During remote learning we were lucky enough to spend time in the kitchen making our morning tea. After finishing Numeracy and Literacy, our on-site students spent time baking herb scones, silverbeet pancakes and pizzas. They made their own yoghurt flat bread and picked herbs from our school garden. They all shared morning tea together and our senior students took the junior students under their wings, pairing up to prepare and cook this delicious food. Thank you to our senior students for showing great leadership and patience, well done to all students.

By Clare Kennedy

SAKG Garden Report

On Friday 4 June Prep, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 students were enthusiastically loading mulch into wheel barrows and spreading it around in the front garden beds. We were moving extremely quickly and managed to deplete half of the mulch pile, this left us all extremely hot and sweaty. *By Max Graham*

SCHOOL BUS TRAVEL

To ensure safe travel on school buses, students must agree to the following:

- Not to play on the road at the bus stop or try to get on the bus before it has stopped.
- Make sure you and your belongings are inside the bus at all times.
- Not throw anything from a bus window or have anything hanging out a window.
- Place bags and other belongings in the allocated storage areas.
- Get on and off the bus quietly and in an orderly manner.
- Stay in your seat while the bus is moving.
- Not distract drivers with screaming, shouting or unruly behaviour.
- When you get off the bus only cross the road when the bus has left and it is safe to do so.
- No dangerous or flammable goods are allowed on the bus, for example aerosol cans.
- Travel on the bus service allocated to you, to and from your approved bus stop only. Do not change to one that will take you to a sports or social event.
- Wear a seat belt where fitted.

Could parents please advise the school in writing (via the school diary), via email or phone call if there are any changes to school bus travel, particularly if there are Standing Orders in place.

Ad Hoc School Bus Travel: 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.

- REMINDERS -

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM / SECOND HAND UNIFORM ITEMS

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.

Please refer to the attached Student Dress Code Policy for further information.

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.

UPDATED MENU FOR SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

Please find attached a copy of Izzy's Café updated Menu and Pricelist for School Lunch Orders, which now includes house made Party Pies @ \$2.00 each. A copy of the menu and pricelist is also available on the school's website:

<https://www.dunkeld.vic.edu.au/page/77/School-Lunch-Orders>

School lunch orders are available on a TUESDAY and a THURSDAY. **Students are responsible for placing their orders, written on a brown paper bag with money enclosed, in a specially marked box near the School Admin Office. Please send correct money if possible.**

Students who fail to put in their lunch orders (or forget their lunch) will be given school supplied lunches. **A charge of \$1.00 per item will apply.** This charge will be paid to the school using the child's lunch order money or a note sent home in the child's diary.

The Dunkeld Consolidated School wants you 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 support!

The Dunkeld Consolidated School Council would also like to thank Mr Terry Schultz, Grampians Tyre Service, Hamilton for his generous support of our Used Batteries Fundraising project.