



Respect & Care

Responsibility

Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding

Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Assembly

We are getting used to virtual assemblies! Today our student leaders did a wonderful job of leading the assembly. The student of the week awards were announced and these students will receive their awards in their portfolio. Congratulations!

Remote Learning

All of our staff are reporting students are logging into the daily Webex meetings. Students say they are enjoying the small group meetings and 1:1 meetings where needed. Our staff are supporting every child as well as possible in a difficult situation for all of us.

We are seeing the results of student work in the portfolios. It takes a great deal of persistence to learn in this environment and then upload to the portfolio. Our students and families are doing a wonderful job.

This week we noticed some amazing art work that students have submitted in their portfolios. Kelly Kosloff was delighted to see some fantastic self-portraits:



Archie S Gr prep

Sabrina Gr 6

Oliver Gr 2

Winnie Gr 1

See page 2 for some famous art works recreated by our students. Fantastic!



Education Support Staff Day- 16th May

Our Education Support staff are vital to the success of our school. Vicki and Melissa in the office, Kim in the library, and our classroom support staff - Jillian, Stella, Loretta, Sue, and Tyler- play an amazing role in supporting students within our school to achieve their goals and demonstrate growth in their learning. Kerrie supports many students in a variety of ways. Jason is our tech guru! Our students miss the ES staff as well as the teachers. Thank you to the staff who have been supporting students at home, just as you do at school.

Thanks also to Allan who carries out many maintenance duties around our school.

We will have a special morning tea at a more appropriate time. But for now.....please accept our thanks!

Return to school

As we communicated earlier this week, our students will be returning to school from May 26th. Monday May 25th is a learning – free day for all students prep-6. Our teachers will be planning and preparing for teaching on this day.

Students in grades prep -2 will return to school on Tuesday 26th May, while students in grades 3-6 will return on Tuesday 9th June after the Queen's Birthday holiday/long weekend.

Parents will receive more detailed information via email early next week.

Home Learning Photos

Please continue to send a photo of your child learning at home via the school email address: ballarat.ps.dana@edumail.vic.gov.au . These photos will become part of the history of our school. We will share them on our newsletter, website and display them on our foyer TV when our students return to school.

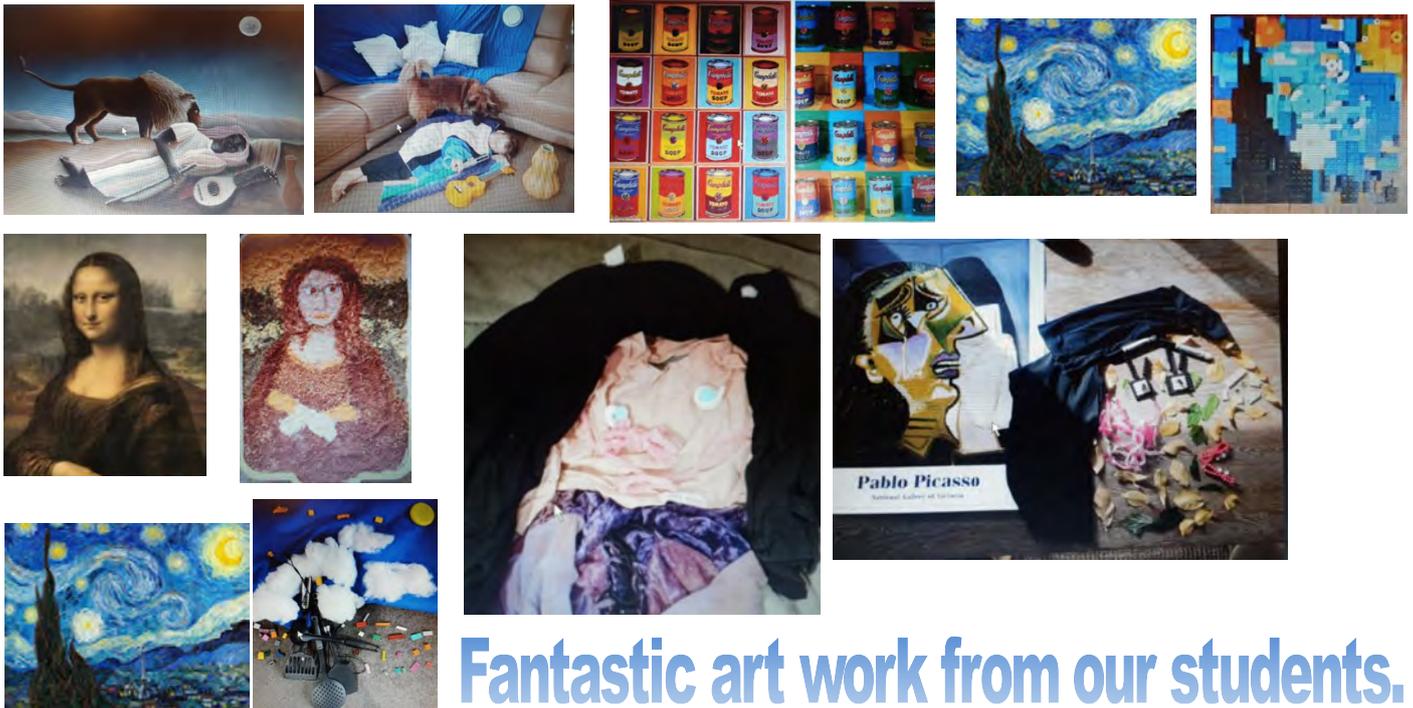


Enrolments



Our prep enrolments for 2021 are filling. If you are intending to enrol a child in prep next year, please download and complete and return the enrolment forms on our website. Alternatively, please contact us at school. We are preparing to send offers of places to students other than siblings and those in our zone.

Natalie Toohey
Principal



Fantastic art work from our students.

Mathletics Goes Remote!

8 silver certificates this week!

Congratulations to all students pictured here for achieving a silver certificate.



!Kelly Sports is Back!



Shortened 5 week after-school program

WHEN: Tuesdays (Starting Tuesday 26th May, Concluding Tuesday 23rd June)

TIME: 3:35pm - 5:05pm

WHAT: Crazy Games! (Basically any sports/games the kids want to play - Let's just get active!)

WHO: Boys & Girls, Prep to Grade 4 (Grade 3-4s can join for last 3 weeks of term)

WHERE: Dana St PS - Basketball Court or Oval (no inside sessions)

NOTE: Max of 10 students allowed (for all our new COVID-19 Rules please see our website)

PICK-UP: Please park at the Dawson St Gate and stay in your car, we will bring the kids to you :)

COST: \$99 for the 5 week program

ENROL: Online at www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat

QUERIES: Call Dom on 0417 967 621

Student Of The Week

00K ~ ANGUS

For working really hard on his handwriting. Angus, your letter formation and letter size is spot on and we love that you are working hard on your punctuation too. Keep up the good work!

01B ~ DUSTIN

For his fantastic growth mindset in writing. Dusty, you have shown determination and challenged yourself with your story titled "The Anzacs". It was great to see you developing your revising and editing skills. Your story was engaging, and the front cover was well planned. You truly are a fantastic author and illustrator!

01S ~ LUCA

For showing grit! I am so proud of you for making mistakes and being in the learning pit, particularly in the area of Maths. You have proved to yourself that positive self-talk can be very powerful when things get tricky. Well done, Luca!

1/2D ~ OLLIE

For having an unbelievable work ethic during remote learning. You have shown EXCELLENCE within each of your activities and have given everything a 'red hot go'. You should be super proud of yourself, Ollie!

1/2K ~ RUBY

For working with a positive growth mindset on all her remote learning. Ruby, I am so proud of all the work you have completed and dedication you have shown to your learning.

2/3S ~ HUDSON

For showing enthusiasm and determination with all of your learning this week, and displaying a positive attitude towards school. You have enthusiastically approached our writing task by keenly researching many animals for your information report, and have been giving all other learning tasks a red hot go. Keep it up, Hudson.

3/4A ~ BOURNE

For completing all home learning tasks with a can do attitude and positive mindset! Bourne, you have listened carefully in class and focus group meetings and applied the instructions to your learning. You have made a fantastic start on your information report. I cannot wait to read more! Keep up the great work!

3/4K ~ ARCHIE

For the fantastic work you are completing during remote learning. It has been great to see you consistently uploading learning tasks that are well presented and show your best effort!

5/6E ~ SAMUEL

For going above and beyond every day to achieve excellence with each of his learning tasks. Every task is of high quality and clearly demonstrate you having a red hot go. Throughout his term, you have displayed beautiful resilience. Thank you for being an exceptional role model and school leader. I also greatly appreciate the enthusiasm you bring to each of our class meetings. Top effort, superstar!

5/6K ~ HAMISH

For striving for excellence and putting best efforts into your learning this week. Keep up the "Red Hot Go" attitude, Hamish! Well done.

5/6K ~ MISCHA

For continuing to show a positive learning attitude during remote learning. You blew my socks off with your well-being task this week. You rock, Mischa.

5/6S ~ MITCHELL

For his continued commitment and determination demonstrated in his remote learning. Mitchell, the dedication that you have shown to your remote learning is a true reflection of your willingness to give all tasks a red-hot crack! Keep up the great work, champion!



Well done!





Name: Caleb
Year: 1

Best things about learning from home:

- The school day is shorter
- Having Webex meetings
- It's good having a big brother

Most challenging things about learning from home:

- Working neatly
- No teacher to help you

Tips for home learning:

- Be encouraging
- Be organized!



Name: Emily
Year: 1

Best things about learning from home:

*Being with my dog and being able to sneak food in.

*Playing on my iPad.

Most challenging things about learning from home:

*I miss my friends.

*There are no teachers.

Is there something you miss about school?:

*Playing Recess outside and playing with sports

Dates:

School Council (virtual meeting via Webex) : Monday May 18th 7pm

Learning Free Day for all students ~ Monday May 25th

Grade Prep ~ 2 students return to school ~ Tuesday May 26th

*Grade 6 transition forms due back at school– May 29th
(The date has been delayed due to the current situation)*

Grade 3 ~ 6 students return to school ~ Tuesday June 9th

Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition Information:

Please return your form to the office by the 26th May.

All grade 6 students are required to submit the form back to school, even if they are attending a private school.

If you have any questions regarding the transition form please contact Melissa in the office.

Thank you.



PE Learning at Home

This Term in Physical Education we have been learning very differently but it has been fantastic to see the engagement of our students and school community. In Weeks 1-4 of term, students were assigned weekly activities including fitness, skills and challenge activities. This week students were also able to access a gymnastic lesson video with me, focusing on gymnastics shapes and playing a game of “Mr O Says”.

This week is also the beginning of the Dana Street Running Challenge. Students need to measure the distances they are running and enter them in the spreadsheet accessible via the link in the Specialist Pack for Week 5 and 6. There is also a video demonstrating how the challenge works. Students can see their total distance and compare their classes total to other classes. Some teachers are also getting involved!

Sharing our learning has been a bit more challenging in PE, with students encouraged not to show their faces in posts, photos and messages on Class Dojo. Some students have messaged or emailed through what they have been doing each day and some have sent through journal entries.

Thanks for the photos Archie, Audrey, Ava & Copeland, Darcy, Hayden, Zake and Molly!

Remember to be safe, respectful and responsible, stay active and have fun!!

Mr O'Loughlin

