

Newsletter ~ 25th May to 29th May 2020

Term 2 ~ Week 7

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*Respect & Care*

*Responsibility*

*Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding*

*Excellence*

**Dear parents, grandparents and friends,**

### **Assembly**

Today at assembly, we shared some lovely photos of our students in the remote learning phase this term, as well as some happy photos of our grade prep, 1 and 2 students back at school this week! The smiles were enormous and the worries seemed to lessen as soon as these young students walked in through the gates.

### **Return to school**

Our students from grades prep, 1 and 2 have had a wonderful week back at school. They have approached the week with delight and were very excited to share all the things they have experienced, including their learning, throughout the last 6 weeks!

Thanks to the families of these students, who have done a wonderful job of preparing your children for the transition. The mixed emotions of parents were very evident on Tuesday!

Our staff are also very happy to be back and put a great deal of thought into teaching and learning throughout the transition time.

The daily video meetings and many small group conferences have clearly worked- our students have maintained very strong connections to their teachers. This is fantastic given the amount of time that has lapsed since the children have been physically in their classrooms!

One huge silver lining this term has been the enhanced understanding for parents of the ways in which teachers design and implement learning at school. More than one parent was heard to say this week that they found themselves wondering what their child was learning and what the learning intention was!

Keep asking your child questions such as, "What did you learn today?" "What was the learning intention in Reading?" "What went well for you in the Maths lesson?" "What feedback did you get from your teacher?" Research shows that student achievement and wellbeing increases when parents are engaged in conversations about learning.

### **Early Collection of Students.**

With our current restriction of adults on site, we ask parents who need to pick up their child from school early to:

Call the school ahead of time if possible to let us know

On arrival at the front gate, call the office and your child will be escorted to you.

### **Reports**



Today all families received information via email regarding student reports for semester 1. The reports will look quite different to usual, as a result of the very unusual semester we have experienced. Teachers will still be writing about each child and their learning, but we will not be making judgements (dot points) against the Victorian Curriculum standards.

### **Reports- electronic or paper?**

We have provided a paper copy of the newsletter to families with an eldest child in P-2 today, and all families will also receive an electronic copy. In the next couple of weeks, we will be asking for feedback from families about several topics, including your opinion on receiving the newsletter in paper form vs electronic. It's always good to reflect on our practices, and your input will be valuable.

### **Enrolments**

We are asking that current families who wish to enrol a younger child for prep next year contact the office as soon as possible to enrol, as enrolments are filling quickly.

Natalie Toohey ~ Principal

## ES morning tea

This week our Education Support staff were treated to a special morning tea to celebrate ES day.

Although we had restricted numbers in the staffroom and food that was served individually, it was still terrific to be able to celebrate the work that these staff members do every day to enhance the learning programs and general operation of the school!



# Mathletics Goes Remote!

## 5 silver certificates this week!

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



## Dates:

*Queens Birthday Public Holiday ~ Monday June 8th*

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

*Students reports go home ~ Tuesday June 23rd*

*Last day of Term 2 for students ~ Thursday June 25th (3.20pm/3.30pm)*

## BOOK CLUB ~ ISSUE 4 2020

Issue 4 Book Club ~ please return money and order to the office by **Monday 8th June**. Please put order form and money in an envelope with your child's name and class on the outside. If paying by **cheque** please make it payable to **Dana St Primary School**. Alternately you can order online at:

[www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/](http://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/)

Scholastic Book Club are also offering delivery to your home with a delivery fee of \$5.99 per order. **No late orders can be accepted.**

## **Be TV – a Ballarat Children's TV show to combat staying at home**



Channelling the charm of vintage Ballarat television station BTV6, the City of Ballarat has launched a children's TV series - Be TV - to help Ballarat families and children stay in touch with their community.

Part of the city's Be Kind – Be Creative initiative, the six-week series stars local acting student Kaine Hansen as the host. His audience is treated to some behind the scenes glimpses of different parts of the City, introduced to science tricks and other activities to keep them active and creative at home, and shared stories of indigenous culture.

Available on the City's [Creative Ballarat website](http://CreativeBallarat.com.au), the Be TV series is designed to inject a bit of humour and fun into a child's day while celebrating and learning about their own local community members, friends, families and locations.

The Be Kind – Be Creative program embeds the Compassionate City and Creative City programs into the city's response to the pandemic.

# Student Of The Week

## 00K ~ MONI

For settling in well back at school. Moni, you have started back at school with an excellent growth mindset! Keep up the good work, superstar!

## 01B ~ JACOB

For his enthusiasm and effort upon returning to school. Jacob, you are a wonderful team player and you give all tasks your best shot! I loved how you have dived into our mathematical work on shapes and used your fantastic investigation skills to identify where shapes are in our world! Superstar effort!

## 01S ~ ISLA

For an incredible week of learning in the classroom. You are such a positive member of the class and you always aim high and embrace new challenges. Well done, superstar!

## 1/2D ~ REMY

For excellent effort towards your handwriting. Your improved attitude and effort has been terrific! You are now consistently writing with correct letter formation and spacing. Keep it up, Buddy!!

## 1/2K ~ ARTHUR

For wowing me away with his use of creative and interesting language, in his writing assessment. As a "superstar" writer you have used speech marks and truly blown me away with your amazing story. Congratulations, Art!!

## 2/3S ~ KALE

For settling back into classroom learning beautifully. You have shown independence in coming into the classroom each day, and you have approached all learning tasks with enthusiasm. You have listened attentively, and have made valuable contributions to class discussions. Keep it up Kale, you're a superstar!

## 3/4A ~ DARCY

For his continued effort and positive attitude during remote learning. You attend all class and small focus group meetings ready to learn. You share your insights with confidence and precision and the portfolio tasks you upload are presented to a high standard. Keep up the fantastic work, Darcy!

## 3/4K ~ VILLI

For having a 'red hot go' at all learning tasks. This week, you blew me away with your narrative writing. Your idea was extremely creative, you hooked your readers in by starting in the action and you did an amazing job of editing your work.

## 5/6E ~ ASTRID

For always going the extra mile with each of her learning tasks. Throughout our remote learning journey, Astrid has been constantly entertaining me with her portfolio videos, explaining each of her learning tasks in detail. She has consistently challenged herself, aimed high and definitely locked into her learning every day. Thank you for making me smile every day; you are an absolute joy!

## 5/6K ~ CLEMENTINE

For always showing a positive learning attitude and outstanding commitment to all remote learning tasks. You have a wonderful work ethic which I am sure will take you far. You rock, Clem!

## 5/6K ~ ALLANA

For tackling all remote learning tasks with enthusiasm and pride. During focus sessions you are always engaged and attentive. You rock, Allana!

## 5/6S ~ REUBEN

For demonstrating a positive mindset when approaching learning tasks. Reuben, it has been such a pleasure to witness you embrace new and challenging learning tasks with a can-do attitude and growth mindset. Keep it up, champion!



# Well done!



# 3-6 remote learning that makes you go

**WOW!**

28<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## Earth Quakes

**Questions**

1. Why do earth quakes happen?
2. Where has the worst Earthquake been?
3. How much damage was an earthquake?
4. How many people die each year from an earth-quake?

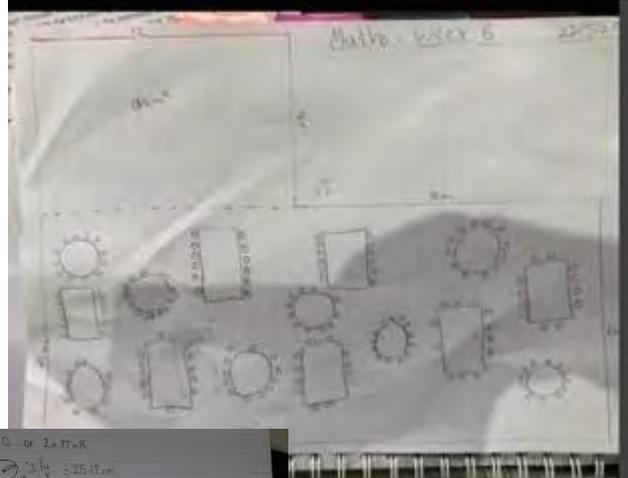
**Research**

Earthquakes are usually cau when rock underground sudden breaks along a fault. This sudden release of energy can be seismic waves that travel the ground surface.

The worst earthquake was in San Francisco 1906.

Earthquake damage cost 1272 billion dollars from 2015.

It causes each year but in 2010 320,000 pe died world wide.



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

## Natural Disasters

What is a natural disaster?

It is any event that causes death, injury, or damage to property.

Examples: Earthquake, Flood, Lightning, Volcano, Tornado, Sink hole.

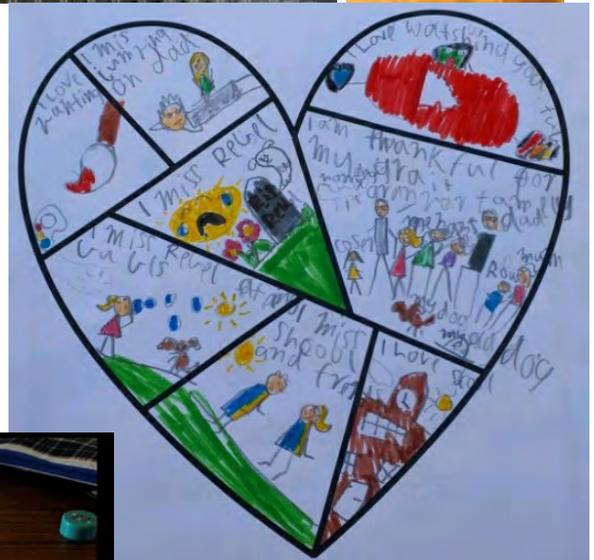
What causes them?

They are caused by natural forces like earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, etc.

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2 x 5 = 10

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3 x 5 = 15

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## Place Value

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Ways to show a number

Standard Form	Expanded Form
30,273	30,000 + 2,000 + 70 + 3
NBS Form	Word Form
300 20 3	Three hundred thirty thousand two hundred seventy three

The number

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It has been lovely looking at the many outstanding portfolio pieces this week that our 3-6 students have completed remotely. Well Done everyone!

Name: Kye

Year: 4



Best things about learning from home:

- Writing stories
- Art- Making a candle holder for ANZAC day
- It's good having a big sister to help me.

Most challenging things about learning from home:

- Some Math activities
- Reading activities
- No extra adult support

What I am looking forward to when we go back to school:

- Seeing my friends
- Having adult help
- A big place to play

Tip for home learning:

- Try your best and have a growth mindset!



Name: Flicky Handreck

Year:3

Best things about learning from home:

- I get to be with my dog and family
- Being able to talk to my class in meetings.

Most challenging things about learning from home:

- Not seeing my friends and teachers.
- Not being able to play on the Monkey Bars and Gaga.

Is there something you miss about school ?:

- Being able to play on Monkey Bars and Gaga.



# Welcome back!

To our Grade prep, 1 and 2 students - We missed you!

