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Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

### Assembly

This week at assembly, some students from grade prep/1 and 1/2 shared the excitement of their excursions this week. Luca, Conall and Paddy told us all about the Indigenous play space at Lake Wendouree. They enjoyed learning about indigenous symbols for storytelling and were excited to hear the didgeridoo. They were also pretty excited to go on a bus!

### Christmas raffle-



Sincere thanks for the donations of prizes that are coming into the office for the Christmas raffle. Please feel free to get another book of tickets from Vicki in the office.

Please return all tickets and money by Friday 11th December at the latest.

All donations of prizes, big or small, are very welcome.

We have many prizes so far, including a load of firewood, a vacuum cleaner, a \$100 Bunnings voucher and lots of Christmas treats!

The raffle will be drawn on Monday 14th December.

### Grade 6 Graduation

Our grade 6 students have been busy writing speeches for their upcoming graduation. The speeches reflect wonderful memories of their time at primary school. The evening, on 16th December, is sure to be a great celebration. We have adapted the evening to respond to DET guidelines. Students will enjoy dinner at school with staff, before a ceremony in the Spielvogel Centre, which will be staggered grade by grade, with parents invited to attend. Families of grade 6 students will receive information about the graduation changes early next week.

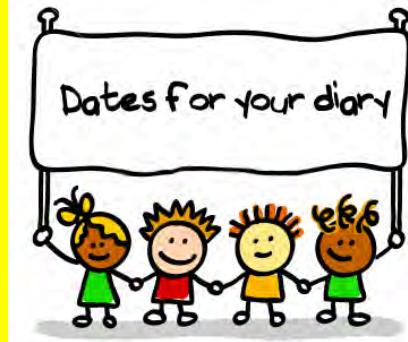
### Final Assembly in week 11

In the last week of school, there will be a final assembly on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm. This assembly is a lovely way to celebrate the year. Our grade 6 students will be farewelled at this assembly. The assembly will take place via Webex into our classrooms and over the loudspeaker. Grade 6 students will then ring the old school bell before being farewelled by the rest of our students and staff. School will finish at **2.30pm** on that day, as it is the last day of term 4 for students.

Natalie Toohey  
Principal



<b>Dates:</b>	<b>Monday 30th November</b> <i>Japanese lunch orders &amp; money due back to school</i>
	<b>Monday 7th December</b> <i>Japanese day</i>
	<b>Tuesday 8th December</b> <i>Final transition morning for 2021 Foundation students</i>
	<b>Wednesday 9th December</b> <i>Grade 6 Excursion to Superworld</i>
	<b>Monday 14th December</b> <i>Christmas raffle drawn</i>
	<b>Wednesday 16th December</b> <i>Reports go home</i> <i>Grade 6 graduation</i>
	<b>Thursday 17th December</b> <i>Last day of school for students</i>



## Term 4 Mathletics News!

Congratulations to Evie for receiving a Silver certificate this week.



### Reverse Advent Calendar



From Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, each classroom will host a Reverse Advent Calendar Box. Students are invited to place an item of non-perishable food/toiletries into the box. We will deliver the boxes for those in Ballarat less privileged. This seems a much worthier idea than Kris Kringle swapping in classrooms. Our students will experience the joy of giving, and learn about food insecurity in Australia in the process. Please support if you can.

### Piano exams.



Best wishes to our students who will be participating in piano exams on Sunday.

These students, taught by Mrs Myrtle Cox, have worked hard all year, throughout remote learning via Zoom, as well as onsite, to hone their skills. Good luck to Marnie, Annie, Pippa, Alice, Millie and Emily!

# Student Value Awards

## 00K ~ ANNIE

For her amazing way that she represented our school at our excursion this week. Annie, you are constantly displaying our school values to the highest standard. Well done.



## 01B ~ DECODA

For working hard on your reading. Decoda, you always give your 'best efforts' and you display a wonderful growth mindset. Keep aiming high.



## 01S ~ SANTOS

For an outstanding week of learning. Your attentive listening and positive attitude are yielding quality work. Keep up your amazing efforts. Well done, Santos!



## 1/2D ~ AINSLEE

For having a 'RED HOT GO' in reading and writing this week. You have shown us that you 'can do it' by writing sentences and recognising more words when reading. Keep it up, SUPERSTAR.



## 1/2K ~ TOBY

For locking into all learning tasks with great enthusiasm. Toby, you are making excellent decisions and showing your positive growth mindset. What a SUPERSTAR.



## 2/3S ~ TAVAN

For taking on feedback, reflecting on your work and striving for excellence! Tavan, your proactive approach is an asset to your learning!



## 3/4A ~ MIA

For showing grit when challenged in mathematics. Mia, you gave all multiplication and division tasks a red hot go and had a great work ethic when working and discussing your learning with your peers. Fantastic efforts, Mia!



## 3/4K ~ SAVANNAH

For the consistent commitment you demonstrate to all of your learning. The kindness and help you give to everyone while consistently displaying our Dana Street values. Keep up your amazing efforts!



## 5/6E ~ MELODIE

For demonstrating amazing care, respect and understanding towards others. Your kindness and 'bucket filling' is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



## 5/6K ~ LATIAH

For showing excellence in all your learning this week. You show pride in all aspects of schooling. Well done, Latiah. You rock!



## 5/6S ~ JASPER

For the exceptional teamwork and collaboration that he has displayed this week, in our debating writing cycle. Jasper, you have continued to go above and beyond, by taking initiative in your group to provide each other feedback on your writing. This highlights your willingness to always demonstrate excellence in your learning! Keep up the great work, superstar!



The students in Prep K, Prep/1 B and Prep/1 S had an amazing morning on Wednesday as we travelled to Lake Wendouree to experience the Indigenous Playspace. We were lucky enough to be joined by Nikki and Tony who immersed the students in the history of how music and stories are shared in indigenous culture. Students were fascinated to learn how stories are told through music; with Tony playing the didgeridoo and sharing tales of its history and purpose. Nikki spoke of the use of symbols for storytelling and students were excited to be given the opportunity to create and share their own story using symbols.



## Maths at Home!

### Which one will you choose?

1. Write down numbers 1 – 20 or 1 – 50. Can you colour all even numbers? What about the odd numbers?  	2. Make my number. Find all the different ways you can make a number of your choice.	3. Can you make a pattern using different coloured counters?  	4. Play a game of snakes and ladders.  
5. Find a recipe and weigh the ingredients using scales.  	6. Collect some data on your favourite collection of toys. Create a bar graph to display this data.	7. Using a hundred chart, cover a selection of numbers. What numbers are covered?	8. Play shops with items from around the house. How much for 1 apple? How much does the tin of fruit weigh?
9. Shape hunt – go around the house and find 2D and 3D shapes.  	10.  Play a game of "What's the time Mr Wolf?"	11. Set up a hop scotch game outside.  	12. Go on a number walk.   What numbers can you see?

# Dana St's Got Talent!

Last week, we held a very exciting Grand Finale for Dana St's Got Talent! The event was streamed into each classroom via Webex.

This was a culmination of many days of auditions, with a large number of students practising and showcasing their many talents. We were very proud of everyone who had a red hot go!

The grand finalists were:

Clementine (Prep K)- magic tricks, Jacob (Prep/1B)- juggling, Isla (Prep/1 S)-dancing, Cass & Maeve (1/2D)-Dancing, Audrey (1/2D)-dancing, Tiger (2/3S)- violin, Josie & Amelia (3/4A)- singing, Mae (3/4K)- piano, Astrid, Eva & Stella (5/6E)- singing, Takoda (5/6K)- rapping and Emily (5/6E)- piano.

The grand final winners, Audrey and Emily, will have a lunch order courtesy of school!

Well done to the 5/6 student leaders, who ably compered and judged the event!



### **Junior Athletics:**

On Monday we had our Junior Athletics Carnival on site at school. The weather had Mr O checking the radar continuously over the weekend but held out enough that we were able to get through our event rotations and sprints to finish. Before recess our Prep-2 students participated in long jump, relays, hurdles, shot put, high jump, vortex throw and one novelty event "the parachute." After recess most of the school joined us on the oval to cheer home the Prep-2 students in their sprints. Our Grade 6 students showed excellent leadership in running events and leading groups. The Prep-2 students really liked cheering on the Grade 6 students in the "Grade 6 helpers race."

To the results – This year it was incredibly tight. In 4<sup>th</sup> Place we had Dunne house on 402 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place we had Martin House on 481 points, Second Place we had Baker House on 552 points and if we could please get a round of applause for the winning house of the 2020 Junior Athletics – Spielvogel House on 556.



### **Senior Athletics:**

It has been quite a while since our Senior Athletics which were held at Llanberis Reserve with Lucas Primary School. During the day students rotated through eight event stations and relays with house and school pride up for grabs, along with house points. It was great to hear all the cheering and support our students were showing all students from both schools. Due to not having an in person assembly we have not had the opportunity to announce our winning house or Age Group Champions.

Firstly congratulations to Martin House on winning the Senior Athletics shield for 2021. If those captains could please come up to the office to get a photo with the shield that would be really appreciated.

Secondly if we could get a round of applause and for these students could please come up to the office to collect their medals as age group champions:

- 9 Years Boys – Paddy
- 9 Years Girls – Kye
- 10 Years Boys – Daniel
- 10 Years Girls – Hannah
- 11 Years Boys – Finn
- 11 Years Girls – Ella
- 12 Years Boys – Izak
- 12 Years Girls – Ashley

### **Final Thankyou**

Finally a huge thank you to all students for representing their school and house so well at the Junior and Senior Athletics and to all those who helped out at either or both of our athletics carnivals. Hopefully we can have parent helpers / spectators at our events in 2021.

