



Ballarat Primary School (Dana St)

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Respect & Care

Responsibility

Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding

Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Assembly

At assembly today, we heard from students about the school value of Responsibility. Cooper and Marnie (2/3S) and Tyler and Sophie (1/2D) spoke about the importance of this value and how it is shown across the school.

Our House Captains for 2020 were introduced today! The House Captains for 2020 are:

Spielvogel - Ned and Ellie. **Baker** - Ashley and Jimmy. **Dunne** – Tilly and Milo.

Martin – Barney and Emily. Congratulations to our House Captains!

Our Environment Leaders, or *Eco-warriors*, were also introduced. They are Raff, Amy and Maddy M. These grade 6 students will devise and lead ideas for increasing environmental sustainability practices across our school.

There are many opportunities for leadership at our school. Every day, every student can, in some way, show and grow their leadership skills.



School Values

Our school values underpin all of our practices at Dana St. In every classroom, our teachers explicitly teach the values- Respect & Care; Responsibility; Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding; and Excellence. These values are displayed in all learning areas. We refer to them on a daily basis in a variety of ways. In this way, they help to create an excellent environment for all members of our community to work together, play together and achieve their best. Ask your child about the values!

Parent / Teacher Meetings

Thanks to all parents who attended Parent /Teacher meetings this week. These meetings, along with our meetings for prep families, help our teachers to know and understand your children more deeply. In turn, this helps to create effective relationships and promotes learning for every child.

Dana Bop Details



Our first Music Festival is getting closer!

We have three bands performing on the evening, with other fun activities for children. Bring along a rug, bean bag or chair and be entertained. We will be have a BBQ, with vegetarian options, icecream and drinks and a coffee van. *Please invite family and friends; we would love to see a big crowd!*

If you can spare one hour on the evening, please put your name on the roster at our office. We would deeply appreciate your help!

Study tour

Thanks to Samantha Streeter, who will be acting principal during my study tour of Japan, from 23rd February until 2nd March. I will be sending lots of photos to our staff and will be excited to share my learning upon my return!

Natalie Toohey ~ Principal



TUESDAY 25th

FEBRUARY

2021 Prep Parents
Information Night 5:30pm

WEDNESDAY 26th

FEBRUARY

No School For Preps

FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY

Parent Helpers Information
Morning ~ 9.30am

TUESDAY 3rd MARCH

Parent Literacy Information
Session with Louise Brown
3:00pm

WEDNESDAY 4th

MARCH

No School For Preps

MONDAY 9th MARCH

Labour Day Public
Holiday

FRIDAY 13th MARCH

Dana Bop ~ Music Festival

Student Of The Week

00K ~ AVA

For constantly showing our values. Ava, you are always caring for everyone, trying your best, being responsible and including everyone. Keep up the great work, super star.

01B ~ COPELAND

For displaying amazing listening skills in his first weeks of prep. Copeland, you show respect to all members of our class. Keep aiming high, superstar!

01S ~ AGATHA

For a delightful start to your first year of school. You challenge yourself at all tasks and set a wonderful example for others. Well done!

1/2D ~ EVA

For being a kind, happy and gentle young lady. Eva, you do your best in all aspects of your learning and being an enthusiastic member of 12D. Well done, Eva!!

1/2K ~ COOPER

For showing excellence in all classroom tasks. Cooper, you are a very responsible and enthusiastic learner. What a top student!

23S ~ GRETA

You've blown me away with your hard work, focus, keen listening and keeping our learning space clean and organised. You're a team player and you care for your environment. Well done Greta; you're a star.

34A ~ AVA

For her fabulous work ethic in the classroom. Ava, you have shown a growth mindset and have completed learning tasks to a high standard! Fantastic effort, Ava!

34K ~ HARRY

For always taking pride in your work and striving to extend your knowledge, especially in maths. Keep it up.

56E ~ MADDY

For her consistent display of many of our school values, especially excellence, care and inclusion. I have been especially impressed with her 'aiming high' in challenging herself! What a star!

56K ~ ASHLEY

For showing excellence in your persuasive writing this week. Your structure and arguments in your writing were outstanding! You rock!

56S ~ AMY

For her exceptional approach to all learning tasks. Amy, you continue to thrive and embrace challenges by always demonstrating a growth mindset to achieve success! Great work, legend!



Mathletics News

The 2020 Mathletics season has begun!

Congratulations to Audrey, Rohan and Cahill on achieving their first silver certificate for the 2020 school year!



Congratulations Xander on earning our first GOLD certificate for 2020 and a silver certificate.



Junior School Council Presents:

Casual Coins Bushfire Relief Day



Thursday 19th March

Casual Clothes Day

Collect as many silver coins as you can.

Raising money for the bushfire relief and wildlife affected by the fires.

Parent Information Morning

Tuesday March 24th

10:00am - 11:00am



Please come along for a tour, enrolment details and transition information for the 2021 school year.

Phone 5332 1301

www.danaps.vic.edu.au

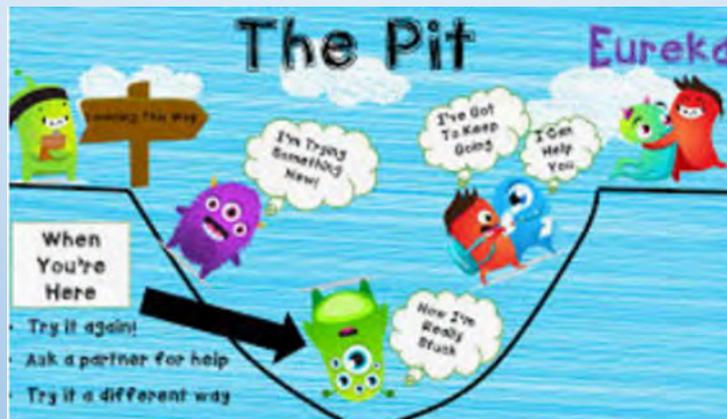
The Learning Pit

At our school we use the metaphor of the *Learning Pit* to help our students face new challenges, build resilience and persevere when things get tough. We know that achievement is preceded by having a goal and striving for it.

When learning is hard, sometimes students get frustrated, become anxious and unwilling to fail. This can lead them to giving up, asking an adult to do it for them, or merely copying others.

We talk about the Learning Pit at school - being in the learning pit is tough! New learning can feel overwhelming and difficult. However, we can use Growth Mindset language to help us move through the learning Pit, step by step. Having a red-hot go, locking into learning, making mistakes, showing grit, are all great examples of self-talk that can help lead students through the pit and out the other side, towards achievement.

Ask your child about the learning pit!



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

This week at our School Council meeting, we discussed our year of review, which is this year. During a school's review year, there is a great opportunity to gain feedback from families, students and staff on effective practices and areas for improvement. You will be invited through a range methods to provide feedback on our school. We will be examining our student data closely, along with summaries of all the data from over the last four years. In this way, we will be using the self-evaluation in order to help us set new goals and targets for the next four years. It's an exciting and important year for us.



Thanks to our School Council, which provides funds for our Free Fruit Friday program. Every Friday, we have a small group of wonderful volunteers, who cut up fruit for our children after assembly.

Can you help? If you can spare half an hour at 9:30 on Fridays, please come along to our staffroom to help prepare the fruit platters.

Senior Athletics Sports

This year, our Grade 3-6 Athletics Sports will be held at Llanberris Reserve. Our students are working hard to practise the skills required for the sports, and enjoying P.E. lessons very much!

As you may know, Lucas Primary School has opened in 2020. As Mr O'Loughlin, our P.E. teacher, also teaches P.E. at Lucas Primary School, we are pleased to include Lucas PS in our grades 3-6 Athletics Sports on Tuesday March 10th. A small number of students from grades 3-6 will join us on the day, and compete in events. In terms of placings, our students will be compared to other Dana St students rather than Lucas PS students.

If you are able to volunteer your help on the day, please see Mr O or Vicki in the office. All volunteers will need to have a current Working with children Check and sign a Child Safety code of conduct.



MOBILE PHONE STUDENT USE

As with all Victorian Government schools, we do not allow students to use mobile phones at school. Some students require a phone for a variety of reasons outside of school. All students who bring a mobile phone to school must turn it off and leave it in the office. Our students have been very responsible in terms of this policy. Please see our website to read the policy or ask at the office. Smart watches connected to a phone that is turned on or with similar functionality are included in this policy.



Reading at home Information Session

Come and enjoy a cup of tea while learning some new skills to help your child with their reading at home! The session will go through reading strategies, comprehension questions as well as developing a love for reading at school and at home.

When: Tuesday 3rd March

Where: Staffroom

Time: 3:00-3:30

Who: Parents/carers of any year level welcome

There will be a sheet at the office to put your name down if you would like to attend or you can call Vicki at the office.

Hope to see you there!

Louise Brown

Reading Specialist



Our school has been selected to participate in the [Rebel Sport Community Kickbacks Program](#). Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Rebel Sport as in store credit to spend on sports equipment to support sport initiatives at school. All you need to do is join Rebel Active (in store or online), select Dana St PS from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Rebel Sport.

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Team up with rebel & earn rewards for your local club or school every time you shop. Simply link your rebel active card to any registered club or school and

5% of all member purchases

will go directly back to your chosen club or school to spend in-store.

for more information head in store, or visit www.rebelsport.com.au/community-kickbacks



Commemorative Service

Last Sunday, our School Captains, Penny, Millie, Isaac and Izak, represented our school at a service to recognise nurses who have served in wars. Many nurses sacrificed their lives while saving the lives of others. The captains laid a floral tribute at the service at the Arch of Victory. They represented our school beautifully.

GOLD COIN DONATION AT THE GATE

DANA BOP

LIVE MUSIC + HOT SNAGS
COLD ICE-CREAM
GAMES + PRIZES
ENTERTAINMENT

Bring your spare change for fun and games!

- WHIZ BANG
- MARK WITH THE SEA
- PRINCESS PINKY
- THE VINLEYS
- THE DANA BOP CHOIR

**Friday March 13th
5:30pm - 8pm**

*Raising money for Dana Street Primary School
*Dana Bop is an alcohol and smoke-free event
and is striving to be a minimal-waste event



INFORMATION EVENING 2020

SEBASTOPOL CAMPUS

Tuesday 10th March

Information & Tours from 5.30pm

Parents and prospective students are warmly invited to attend the Information Evening at Phoenix P-12 Community College, Sebastopol Campus.

The evening will include a tour and information session from 5.30pm, allowing visitors an opportunity to experience interactive displays of students' work across a variety of learning areas.

For more information call 5329 3293
"In Knowledge there is Opportunity"

Hertford Street, Sebastopol www.phoenix.vic.edu.au

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR CSEF?

DO YOU HAVE A HEALTHCARE CARD?

The CSEF is an annual payment of \$125.00 per year for primary school students to be used towards camp, sports and excursions.

To be eligible for this funding you;

- A) Hold an Eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC), Veterans Affairs Gold Card or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) and/or
- B) Be a temporary foster parent.

2020 forms are now available from the school office.

Forms need to be returned by **Thursday February 27th**. For more information please see Vicki.

Thank you.

Meet our 2020 House Captains



Baker House
Jimmy & Ashley



Spielvogel House
Ellie & Ned



Dunne House
Tilly & Milo



Martin House
Emily & Barney

Meet our Environment Leaders



Maddy, Raff & Amy