



Respect & Care

Responsibility

Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding

Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Assembly

Today at our virtual assembly we had our usual Student of the Week awards. Congratulations to these students, who will receive the award in their Class Dojo portfolio.

We also had a tribute from our staff to mothers. Some even filmed their own “mothers” and the weird and wonderful advice given to us.

For those families who missed assembly, it has been posted on Class Dojo.

To all of our mothers, those with us and those who are not,

We say thank you.

Thank you for the endless effort you put into parenting. Thanks for supporting, championing and challenging your children to be their best. Thanks for being great role models.

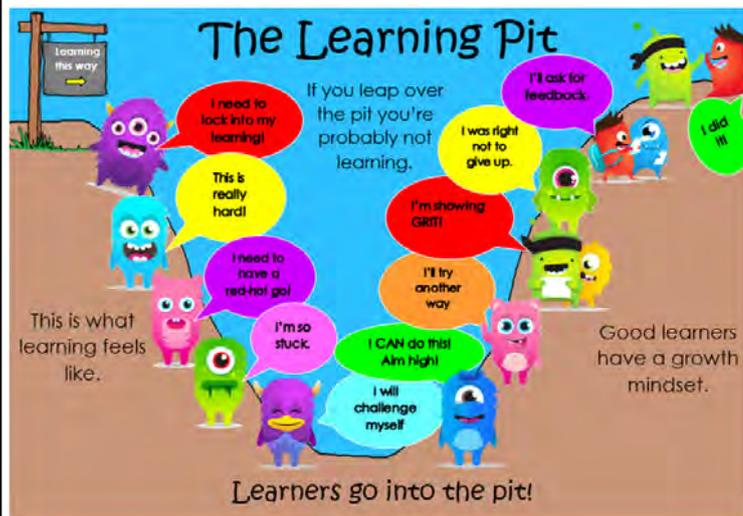
Mothers help to prepare us for our lives ahead. They teach us many skills and strategies long before we know that we need them.

Happy Mothers Day!



The Learning Pit

This week we have focussed on developing a growth mindset towards learning. For some, the novelty of remote learning has worn off somewhat. For others, the fear of posting work that isn't perfect is real. Others are having difficulty managing a daily schedule. These struggles, and others that are similar, are so common as to be normal. We have talked to our students about our Growth mindset language. Teachers are focussing on this daily.



Teachers have found that adding Growth Mindset language to success criteria and class meetings helps students to take control of their learning.

Many children have found that making a daily checklist or schedule on a whiteboard or similar really helps to manage the workload and wrestle back some control over their learning.

We also have families that have declared ‘Wellbeing’ days, where they focus on life skills, non-screen activities, family connections and virtual social catch ups.

We are learning a great deal about remote learning as we go, and managing the effects of an increase in screen time as well.

Extra lessons

Literacy intervention lessons have begun this week for small groups of students, providing them extra support. Louise has had several small groups and was delighted to see the engagement of her students.

Most students are attending extra lessons provided by their teachers and in some cases our ES staff as well. Kerrie, our Student Wellbeing Officer has been very active and in contact with many students. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you feel your child needs some extra emotional support.



We have many students receiving virtual instrumental and singing lessons as well. I know that Mrs Cox looks forward to assisting her students on the piano. The current situation has a side effect of great innovation!

Attendance



Our daily Webex class meetings are extremely valuable for our students, to maintain the connection with each other and their teacher, to see tasks modelled and to share their thoughts and opinions. We also use the class meetings to take attendance. Children are marked as 'present' when they attend the class meeting and upload a portfolio item on any given day. Alternatively, if a student has not engaged in the learning in any way they are marked as absent. If you are having technological or other difficulties and your child has engaged in the learning, please contact your child's teacher on Class Dojo or contact the school to let us know.

Feedback



We are continuing to listen to our families and adjust learning content and delivery continuously. We value your opinions and thoughts and encourage you to provide feedback to your child's classroom teacher, Sam Streeter and me.

Home Learning Photos

Don't be shy! Please continue to send a photo of your child learning at home via the school email address: ballarat.ps.dana@edumail.vic.gov.au We will share them on our newsletter, website and display them on our foyer TV when our students return to school.

Natalie Toohey
Principal



Mathletics Goes Remote!

Mathletics is a wonderful resource to tap into during remote learning. Teachers are using this platform as part of their weekly Math lessons. They are setting students tasks to complete that link with the lesson intention for the day and the learning goals of individual students to further their development from afar. Teachers are checking these regularly!

Mathletics offers further resources through the resource hub on the new website, giving students and parents access to videos, ebooks and other rich learning task ideas. Feel free to take a look at these as a family.

13 silver certificates this week! This is a Dana Street Record.

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



Student Of The Week

00K ~ MARTA

For working so hard on her letter sounds and hearing sounds in words. Marta, the way you read your published writing this week was absolutely beautiful. You were never giving up and constantly showing grit. Keep up the good work!

01B ~ ARCHIE

For his effort and enthusiasm in numeracy. I am thrilled to see you challenge yourself as you develop a greater understanding of addition strategies. You are a fantastic mathematician! Keep aiming high!

01S ~ LARA

For always having a Red Hot Go! I was blown away by the number of rhyming words that you came up with during Word Study this week. You model having a growth mindset by learning from your mistakes and being positive. Well done, Lara!

1/2D ~ EVIE

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, Evie!

1/2D ~ JACK

For having an incredible work ethic during remote learning. You have shown EXCELLENCE in your learning by going above and beyond. Your excellence is reflected in the presentation of your learning activities. You should be super proud of yourself, Jack!

1/2K ~ POPPY

For using her time wisely in all home learning activities. Poppy, you have wowed me away with your presentation of your writing. The work we have completed on adjectives has made your story very interesting and exciting for the reader. Keep up the fantastic work.

2/3S ~ ADA

For showing incredible resilience and for continuing to have a growth mindset approach to your learning. You come to class meetings everyday with the biggest smile on your face that lights up the whole room (or should I say screen?!), you ask excellent questions, and you have a ready-to-learn attitude. You're a superstar, Ada, and an absolute delight to have in this class.

3/4A ~ MIA

For developing her understanding of informative report texts and being able to use synonyms to paraphrase information. You have completed all learning tasks with a positive attitude and participated in small focus groups with enthusiasm. Fantastic effort this week, Mia!

3/4K ~ HANNAH

For the positive and responsible approach you have to all of your learning. It is always great to see how much effort and care you put into your work. It has been great to see you challenge yourself and persist when you are in the pit. Keep it up!

5/6E ~ BENIS

For having a 'red hot go' at completing her work everyday. It is so wonderful to see you striving for Excellence, aiming high with your learning tasks. I have loved seeing you upload completed activities to your portfolio page, amazing me with your perseverance. Top work superstar and keep up the amazing effort.

5/6K ~ IZAK

For using a growth mindset when faced with a challenge and seeking assistance when needed. Keep up the wonderful attitude, Izak.

5/6K ~ SOPHIA

For continuing to show excellence in all your learning and pushing yourself with challenging problem solving tasks. You rock, Sophia!

5/6S ~ ELLA

For the exceptional research that she has demonstrated in her information report. Ella, your clear, concise and categorised information is credit to the pride you have taken in your writing this week! Keep up the great work, legend!



REMOTE ART LEARNING

I am so thrilled by all the messages and photos that I have received over the past 5 weeks.

The art lessons are designed to be a family activity, where all aged family members can join in, work together and be creative! Please continue to send me photos of your masterpieces and remember to keep all 2D artwork so we can add it to your portfolio when we return to school.

~ Kelly Kosloff

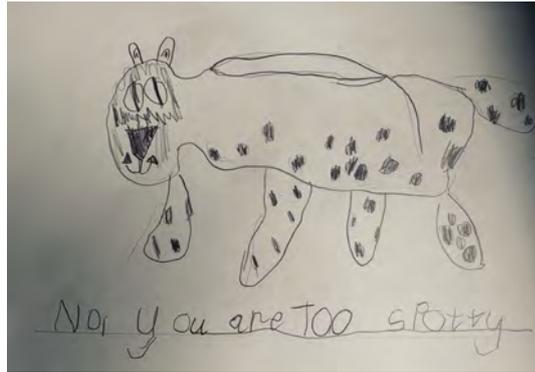


Writing-

This week we are celebrating the wonderful pieces of writing we are receiving on Dojo. These are just a few of the outstanding pieces of writing the teachers have enjoyed reading. We have many Dana Street authors out there writing some very creative pieces.

Well done, everyone!

THE CRYSTAL CAVE.
Excited Paddy rapidly plunges into the water and the rocky cave. He sees a bright angler fish. He feels the smooth cold water on his body. He is feeling hopeful that he can find some shiny crystals.
Suddenly Archer arrives. He looks murderous. He quickly sabotages Paddy's air tank.



The first duck to swim.
Once there was a nervous duck who could not swim. He was the only duck of anything else in the water. But his cheeky brother pushed him into the water on his second day. The poor duck told his Mum that he had to go and that she was his brother. His brother was so angry. And then Dad duck saw him. And the other little ducks who so excited to tell his Dad he was being angry. The little excited duck was here to see his Dad. When he got in the water, he was so nervous. And the poor little duck swam across the water long years later. Oh come on Dad let us go back and see the brave duck. But when everyone was asleep he snuck out. And when he got in he saw the best the shark. And then Yay! My goal to be a professional swimmer.

Remote Learning

Wall!



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Night Sea

The ocean became the sky, when reflection showed before rough waves became reality.

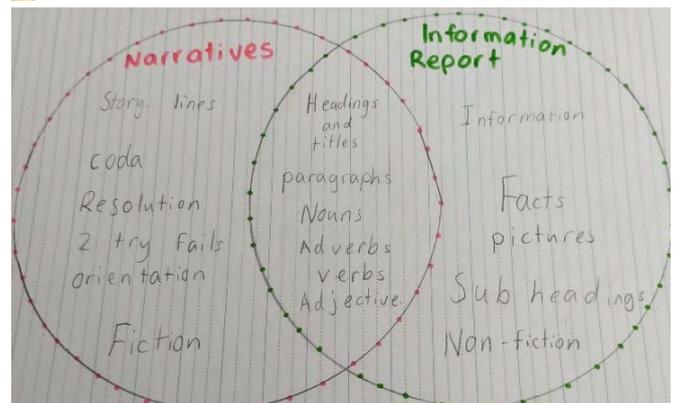
Colours dotted throughout the sky of bronze and gold and silver; only the medallist colours may shine on above the Night Sea.

The waves soft though still strong, crashing loudly against the quiet.

They swam in the sea of stars and moons afresh.

Visiting the Night Sea once again.

"BOOM!" went the sound of the roaring thunder and lightning. It was mid October, and a very stormy night. Princess Sophie was in her long nightgown. Sophie was a ginormous fan of, pink. Her whole bedroom was filled with pink. "CREEEEEEKK" went the sound of a loose floorboard. Someone was diffidently outside her bedroom door. Sophie hopped back into her bed and lay still. Sophie couldn't help herself, she looked behind her and saw a big surprise.....





Name: Sophie
Year: 2

Best things about learning from home:

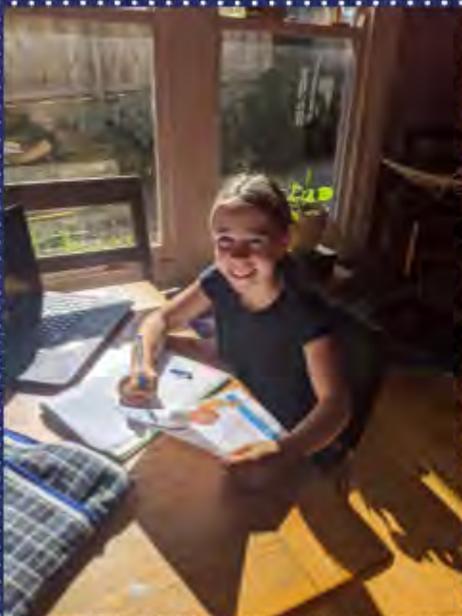
- I can choose which activity I do at any time.
- I have my own workspace.

Most challenging things about learning from home:

- Not having my friends Ella and Summer to learn with.
- Writing is harder at home, without lots of words in the classroom to help.

Tips for home learning:

- Have a red-hot go at everything!
- Choose your favourite task to get started.



Name: Alice
Year: Four

Best things about learning from home:

- Webex meetings
- Writing
- Food whenever you like

Most challenging things about learning from home:

- Teacher is not there
- Not seeing friends

Things that are different:

- Not being at school
- Feels different

Tip for home learning:

- Get lots of fresh air



Name: Paddy
Year: Prep

Best things about learning from home:

- I get to play with more recess!

Most challenging things about learning from home:

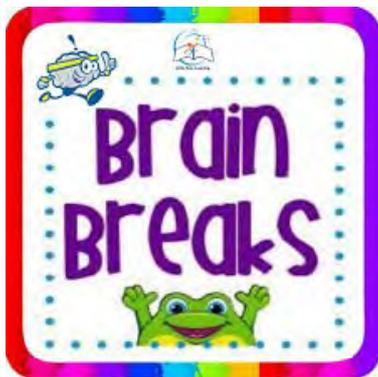
- That it is a different way to learn.

Are there some things you miss about school:

- You get lots of yummy food like lunch orders at school

Brain Break Ideas

When you need a break between or after learning tasks, try some of these fun activities! They work for adults too!



Play a board game with your family	<i>Play fish, snap or UNO</i>	Make some paper puppets and perform a play for your family	Put on your favourite song and dance around the room	<i>Post a letter or a picture to a family member</i>
Make a gratitude jar. Cut up slips of paper and every day write something you are grateful for. Open after one month and read!	<i>Collect some leaves and natural materials from your yard and make a 3D picture</i>	Go for a walk with your family (play eye spy as you walk)	Go to Go Noodle and try an activity with your family or by yourself	Use cardboard boxes to make a house or castle
Phone a friend or family member and read to them	Draw a detailed picture of your family- Label their names	Help your family cook dinner	With Lego/blocks/paper design a rocket to take you to the moon	Go onto Peaceful Kids and try a meditation
Ride your bike or scooter around the block with your family	Build cubby out of things around your house	Research a recipe and make it with your family	Go outside and close your eyes. Name 5 things you can hear. Name 2 things you can smell. Open your eyes. Name 5 things you can see and touch.	Make an obstacle course outside, with things you have to jump over, crawl under, go around....



Tips for Mother's Day

Looking for a lovely gesture for your Mum, grandmother or Auntie on Mother's Day? We need to be creative in the current situation!

Our grade 6 student leaders came up with lots of tips to help you out:

- ◆ Make breakfast in bed
- ◆ Do the dishes without being asked
- ◆ Pick some flowers from the garden, even if they're only daisies.
- ◆ Make something from things around the house
- ◆ Write a poem
- ◆ Play a board game with her
- ◆ Watch your Mum's favourite movie with her
- ◆ Make her some special pancakes
- ◆ Make up a song with her name in it
- ◆ Help make her a cup of tea, sit her down with her favourite book or magazine.
- ◆ A big, old-fashioned hug!
- ◆ Bring her headphones so she can have some peace & quiet.



Dates:

Mothers Day ~ Sunday May 10th

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

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



Some of our students
engaging in REMOTE
LEARNING.