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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 Excellence.

They were very articulate in sharing the ways in which they strive for excellence.

Eva: "I can try another strategy if I need to, or if something is not working.

When the teacher gives me feedback, I use it to improve my learning."

Raiyan: "I check my work against the success criteria to make sure I am successful.

When I make a mistake, I don't give up. Instead, I try a different strategy."

Audrey: "My teacher gives me lots of feedback. Feedback helps me to become a better writer."

Lacey: "I listen to my teachers and I try to work carefully. When something is hard, I say, "I can have a red hot go".



I also shared some of my learning from my educational leaders' tour of Japan last week. It was a whirlwind tour, involving Tokyo, Shizuoka, Osaka and Kyoto, with several visits to schools and other educational institutions. I learned that the Japanese schooling system is different in many ways to Australia. I was stunned to learn that the schools are cleaned by the students, from 5 years old to senior secondary students! This reflects the culture of community and respect for all. I also noticed that children in any country love to learn, and love to play!



In addition, I was lucky to visit several shrines, the Himeji Castle and the cup noodle museum. I had the chance to dress in kimono, have a sushi-making lesson and travel on the Shinkansen (bullet train) at 300 kph. To avoid Coronavirus, the tour group was extremely vigilant about wearing masks and hand-washing constantly. On our return, we received advice not to self-isolate unless we had any symptoms of a cold-like condition. I therefore returned to school on Tuesday, feeling very healthy! My learning has increased my cross-cultural awareness, and as a result, I am more empowered to advocate for Japanese language and culture learning at our school, to support Sensei Lauren.

**Senior Athletics Sports**

At assembly we were treated to a great performance of our "House Chants." The Captains for each House eagerly led the chants, and if the volume was a gauge, we are going to be cheering very enthusiastically at the sports! The Athletics Sports for grades 3-6 will be conducted next Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, at Llanberris Reserve. Families are very welcome to come and observe.

Sincere thanks to those parents who have volunteered to help out on the day. Your help is vital to the success of these days.



**Dana Bop Music Festival Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**



Next Friday evening, we are hoping for lovely weather for our first Music Festival!

Three bands will perform on the evening, with other fun activities for children. Entrance is a gold coin donation, and please bring along some change for the BBQ (vegetarian options available), drinks, ice cream and coffee. As a school event, the music festival is alcohol and smoke-free. Bring along a rug, bean bag or chair and be entertained. *Please invite family and friends; we would love to see a big crowd!*

We have just three spaces left on our Barbecue roster, so please add your name if you can!

Natalie Toohey  
Principal



# Student Of The Week

**00K ~ FINN**

For constantly showing excellence in our classroom. Finn, you always strive to do your best and are willing to give new things a go! Way to go, superstar!

**01B ~ HOLLY**

For displaying a positive growth mindset and giving every task a 'red hot go'. Holly, I have been impressed with your attitude and how you challenge yourself. You are an absolute star!

**01S ~ ALLISSA**

For a wonderful start to your first year of school. You are an attentive listener and embrace all learning challenges. Well done!!!

**1/2D ~ OLIVER**

For approaching all learning tasks with an "I can" attitude and to an exceptionally high standard. You are such a pleasure to have in our classroom. Keep it up, Buddy!

**1/2K ~ AIMEE**

For consistently showing excellence in all classroom tasks. Aimee locks into all listening and learning with an amazing mindset and a RED HOT GO! Great work, Aimee.

**23S ~ AARA**

For your incredible narrative writing piece! I was so engaged in reading your detailed and entertaining story. Well done superstar ~ I can't wait to read the next one!

**34A ~ AMELIA**

For having a growth mindset and challenging herself in numeracy by entering 'the learning pit'. Fantastic effort with building your confidence in vertical addition with renaming, Amelia! Keep up the great work!

**34K ~ MOLLY**

For your positive attitude to new learning. It's been great to see you challenge yourself using decimals in Maths & personification and similes in writing.

**56E ~ BARNEY**

For having an exceptional week of locking into his learning, displaying excellence and respect. Thank you for a top week!

**56K ~ ELOISE**

For showing excellence in learning and putting best efforts into everything you do! You rock, Eloise.

**56K ~ AMELIE**

For showing excellence in your written work this week. You did a wonderful job in using emotive language to persuade your audience. You rock, Amelie.

**56S ~ ISAAC**

For consistently going above and beyond, by always demonstrating the Dana Street School values. Isaac, the manner in which you interact with all students highlights what a wonderful role model you are! Great work, legend!



# Mathletics News



Congratulations to Tiger on achieving his second silver certificate for the 2020 school year!



## Hot Cross Bun Orders

Just a reminder to get your Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun orders with money back to school by Monday 16th March.

## 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.

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## NOW ENROLLING



### Prep enrolments

Do you have a child currently attending four-year-old kinder who will be coming to school next year? We have already had many enquiries for prep 2021 and are currently taking enrolments. If you know of anyone who is interested in enrolling their child for prep next year, please encourage them to contact the school for a tour.

**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



**MONDAY 9th MARCH**

Labour Day Public  
Holiday

**TUESDAY 10th MARCH**

Senior (3-6) Athletics Sports  
At Llanberris 9am

**THURSDAY 12th**

**MARCH & FRIDAY 13th**

**MARCH**

Sovereign Hill Excursion  
Grade 5 Students

**FRIDAY 13th MARCH**

Dana Bop ~ Music Festival

**MONDAY 16th MARCH**

AGM ~ 6.30pm  
School Council Meeting 7pm

**TUESDAY 24th MARCH**

2021 Prep Information  
Morning 10am ~ 11am

**Grade 3-6 Athletic Sports**



The sports are on Tuesday, after the long weekend. Students are reminded to wear their house colours. Runners, wide brimmed hat and a drink bottle are mandatory. Students can wear school shorts if they wish, with a T shirt in their house colours if possible. Please ensure that the students do not wear singlets or coloured hairspray.

Students will travel by bus to Llanberris Reserve with their teachers.

Kyllie from Kombi For a Cause will be operating her coffee van at our Athletics Sports Day next Tuesday 10th March.



**In 1/2D and 1/2K classrooms we have been learning about length and area.** The students have learnt the difference between the length of various items and how to use a ruler. They have used their creative minds to create robots using square grids.

"I like my robot because I had a red hot go and did my best work"  
Scarlett 1/2K

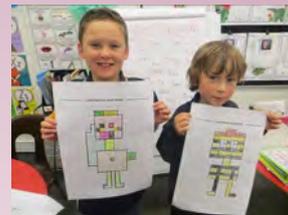
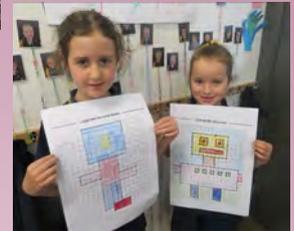
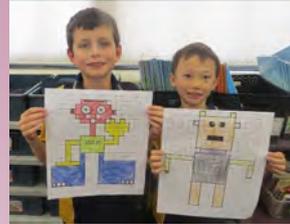
"I enjoyed drawing the eye because I was creative with it".  
Poppy 1/2K

"I liked how mine had all different colours"  
Cooper 1/2K

"I liked to create and colour my robot Richmond colours because I barrack for Richmond"  
Rohan 1/2K

"I liked being creative and using the ruler" – Oscar 1/2D

"I liked using a ruler carefully to draw my robot" – Alexander B 1/2D



## 日本語 News

We have had a busy start to the term in Japanese. All grades have been immersed into the Japanese culture through songs, games and lots of speaking.

The students are very enthusiastic in Japanese lessons and have enjoyed learning about the Zodiac year of the rat and some of the traditional customs of the Japanese New Year.

The prep students have been learning how to say hello and goodbye in Japanese as well as remembering why it is important to bow when greeting someone.

The 1/2 students have been busy learning to write their name in Japanese and dressing up in beautiful Kimonos.

Grade 3/4 have also mastered writing their names in Japanese and are learning how to write the days of the week.

Our 5/6 students have been preparing a speech about themselves to develop our speaking and listening skills in Japanese.

We all had a very exciting week looking at the adventures Mrs Toohey had in Japan. We used Google Earth to find her location and zoom in to 'walk' the streets and enjoy the sights that she enjoyed in Japan.

