



*Respect & Care*



*Responsibility*



*Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding*



*Excellence*

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

### Education Week

This week we have celebrated Education Week with a range of activities across the school. Families were asked to contribute to our Growth Mindset display in the Spielvogel Centre. Parents and carers had some wise words for our students, about strategies that help when learning something new. Thanks to those families who completed the puzzle piece.



### Reconciliation Week May 27-June 3

After National Sorry Day on Wednesday, Reconciliation Week began on Thursday this week. Students across the school are learning about reconciliation, and have participated in several activities designed to increase their understanding of Indigenous culture and the important events that have occurred towards reconciliation. Most of all, Reconciliation Week is an important time to come together to listen and learn from each other.

### Learning Conferences (Parent/ teacher/ student interviews)

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June, we will hold student learning conferences, with students, parents and classroom teachers. The interviews will take place throughout the day. As a result of this, students are not required to attend school on this day. Instead, they will have an interview time with their parents to meet with the classroom teacher.

As with the beginning of year meetings, we are again using an online booking system.

**To book times that suit your family, please see details included with this week's newsletter.**

### Remote Learning

Thanks to our wonderful families for your amazing support, with our swift response yesterday to the state government announcement. Our staff are working today to plan for learning next week and the students are at the centre of every conversation we have and every decision we make. You can expect clear communication and responsiveness from our staff throughout the next week. Many of them will also be working at home, while managing children and other responsibilities.

*Natalie Toohey ~ Principal*



# THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents,

Learning Conferences (parent/teacher/student interviews) for students in grades prep – 6 will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June. The meetings will run from 11:00am until 5:45 pm. Students are included in these meetings with their parents. **Therefore, students are not required to attend school on this day.** Due to the positive feedback from families, we will once again be using an online booking system. Bookings must be finalised the day before your interview day.

**\*\*If you have any difficulty booking, call the school office on 53 321301 to arrange a meeting time.**

Meetings will be held on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June** from 11:00am until 5:45pm.

*Students are not required to attend school on this day.*

Now you can book meetings for the times that suit *your family*.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code and press "Go"

**The code is rag7v**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

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You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close at 6pm the day before your interview day.

You may change your bookings any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.

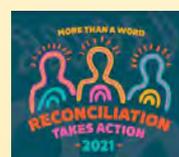
## Foundation News:

Over the last few weeks the foundation students have been busy building connections with our wider community. Dana Street Primary School has a strong relationship with the Federation University SMB Campus Kindergarten and this month the foundation students began a year long program with their first visit to the centre. Our students were able to spend time with the kindergarten students sharing some of the learning they have experienced since starting school. It was wonderful to watch the children eagerly sharing some of their reading and writing skills and hearing them talk about their experience at school in such a positive way. Foundation C are looking forward to their visit next week, and later in the year the kindergarten students will visit us here at Dana Street Primary School.



## Grade 1/2 Art Gallery Excursion

On Thursday the grade 1/2 students visited the Ballarat Art Gallery for Reconciliation Week. We learned about the Wadawurrung creation story involving Bunjil the eagle and Lal Lal Falls with local Wadawurrung woman and artist Deanne Gilson. Students had a tour of the Art Gallery, focusing on indigenous artwork and looking at the range of detail and materials used for each art piece. We were taught the swan dance and the eagle dance and moved to the rhythm of clap sticks. Students then got to use ochre to paint their own picture focusing on the concept of water, such as Lake Wendouree and Yarrowee Creek. We had so much fun and it was great to see our students showing the School Values.



## Japanese News

Our students are fully immersed in the Japanese language this term with all levels showcasing their learning in a variety of ways.

In week 3 we celebrated Japanese Children's Day (Kodomo no hi). We are lucky enough to have a giant carp kite (Koi no bori) at school that the classes enjoyed looking at. Together we made samurai helmet origami (kabuto) which we have turned into a fabulous koi no bori display outside the library.

Our Foundation students have been busily learning to count in Japanese. Each week they enjoy singing songs and working in groups to complete many counting activities.

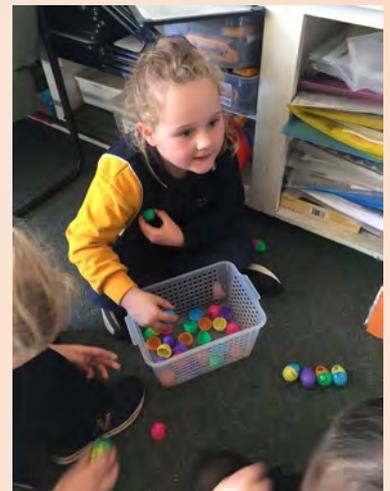
The Year 1/2 students have been working on their speaking skills. They have been labelling items in the classroom and even created their own 'Officeworks' catalogue!

The Year 3/4 students have combined all of their learning this year to create a weather report in Japanese. They have enjoyed creating written scripts and slide shows to present their weather report.

The Year 5/6 students have been learning to give and follow directions to find places on a map. They were handed a temporary drivers' licence to navigate a remote-control car around our giant floor map. It's safe to say their Japanese language skills were better than their driving skills!

I am so proud of the effort the students are putting into their Japanese learning!

Sensei Lauren



## Dates:

Monday 14th June  
Queens Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 23rd June  
School reports sent home

Thursday 24th June  
Student Learning Conference (students do not attend school except for their conference)

Friday 25th June  
Last day of Term 2

Monday 12th July  
Professional learning day for staff - student free day

Tuesday 13th July  
Term 3 begins for students



## Congratulations!

Arkady (Grade 2) was presented with a prize yesterday. The City of Ballarat recently held a Kids Creative Design Competition.



The task was to design a street, park or event that would make them feel happy and healthy.

Arkady won a family pass to the Ballarat Wildlife Park. Congratulations, Arkady!



## Winter Sports Day Newsletter Article:

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of May our students participated in the Norman District Winter Sports day. Our students participated in soccer and netball. All of our teams did very well and tried their hardest throughout the day and represented our school with pride.



Mr Sam Peeters's soccer players participated in 4 matches. They played very well against Ballarat Grammar and showed great cohesion and brilliant teamwork, however, went down three to zero. From there the Dana soccer team had two wins, three goals to zero with Archie's hattrick of goals against Wendouree Primary School. In their final match Dana beat Lucas Primary four to zero with Darcy scoring a double. Well done to all the soccer players.

Miss Kylie Watson's girl's netball team played three matches throughout the day. The girls developed their attacking skills and cohesion throughout the day. In their final match against Wendouree Primary School, Benis scored an amazing goal. Well done to all the girls and I think they were the loudest cheer squad on the day!

Mr O'Loughlin's mixed netball team played four matches throughout the day. The first match was a very hard fought encounter with Ballarat Grammar who were the team to beat on the day. Dana was able to win by one goal before beating Black Hill comfortably. The second match against Grammar was close with the lead changing throughout the game which resulted in a loss. Our final match of the day would decide who would be champions and progress through to the next level. Our students knew we had to win by eleven goals against Black Hill and worked so hard defensively and offensively. When the final whistle went our students knew that they would be going through to the next level.

Thanks very much to all who assisted with our getting our teams ready for competition and for supervising on the day. Good luck to all of our mixed netball team who will be competing at the Division Winter Sports Day on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of June at C.E. Brown Reserve.

Go Dana!!!

