

Newsletter ~ 31st May to 4th June 2021

Term 2 ~ Week 7

Ballarat Primary School (Dana St)

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Respect & Care



Responsibility



Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding



Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

We are all relieved and excited to be back onsite at school today!



Thanks to our wonderful staff and families for providing the right conditions for our students to continue their learning. We believe high expectations accompanied by support enables students to aim for excellence!

Earlier in the week, it was lovely to see smiling faces in Webex meetings, and many earnest conversations about the learning tasks. It was also lovely to see students proud of the work they have completed. However, it was *fantastic* to see students back and smiling this morning! We will fervently hope it remains this way!

We do have several restrictions at the moment, including not being able to have assemblies, non-essential visitors inside, excursions or incursions. We are willing to make these sacrifices in order to be teaching and learning onsite at school!

Reports

Our teachers are currently working on students' semester one reports. Teachers carefully make judgements, based on student work and growth over the semester, in all learning areas. Reports will be sent home on Tuesday 22nd June.

Additional copies of the student reports can be printed if needed. Please let Vicki, Melissa or your child's teacher know if you would like these sent home with the child or posted to a parent.

Learning Conferences

A reminder that our parent/student/teacher learning conferences are scheduled to take place on Thursday June 24th. Online login details for booking are again in this newsletter. Please contact the office if you need any assistance. Students do not attend school on 24th June except for their learning conference time.

Pie Drive- Early notice

We will again conduct a Pie Drive in term 3. Forms will be sent home in the first week of term. The Golden Nugget Bakery supports us with this drive, which is very popular in the cold winter months!



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 24th 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 24th 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 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 –

Check your junk mail folder AND ensure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to 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 website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.



JUNE-JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Monday 28th of June to Friday the 9th of July 2021

Fully supervised, covid-safe, fun-filled days of sports & activities that kids love!

(excluding weekends)

Eastwood Leisure Centre, Ballarat

8am to 5pm each day

Kinder to Grade 6, boys & girls

\$50 per day (\$45 per day for 5+ days)

Enrol online www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat or Contact Dom on 0417 967 621

Dates:

Friday 11th June
Ecolinc Excursion - Foundation (postponed)
Werribee Zoo Excursion - Grade 3/4 (postponed)

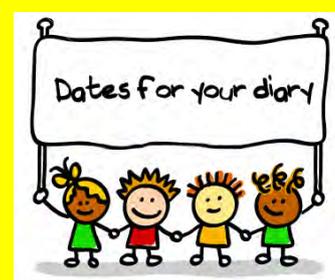
Monday 14th June
Queens Birthday Holiday

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

Tuesday 13th July
Term 3 begins for students



Please Note***
All Music, Speech & Drama lessons
will resume next week.



Balancing Online Time

To many parents it seems as though children and young people are constantly online. They seem to do several things at once- uploading pictures, downloading music and chatting to friends. All this on top of the recent necessary time online with learning.

Supporting your child online

You can help your child to manage their online time by discussing the consequences of spending too much time online with your children. The following tips from www.esafety.gov.au can help them to manage time their time spent online and maintain a healthy balance:

- Consider establishing rules about when your child can play games or use the internet and how long they can play each day.
- Try to locate the device they use in a shared or visible place in the home so you are aware of how much time your child spends online.
- Talk to your child about their online behaviour and discuss your concerns with them.

