

Newsletter ~ 16th August to 20th August 2021

Term 3 ~ Week 6

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Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Assembly

Today at assembly, some students from Foundation B shared their recent writing. Our students in this part of the school have been learning to write postcards. Oscar, Scarlett, Lana and Sophie read their writing beautifully, and were very proud to share. It's exciting to see how far our youngest students have travelled in their learning already!

Book Week Fun!

Although we do not have a dress up day for Book Week this year, we have still planned plenty of learning and fun for next week. We have an exciting Book Week session planned for both F-2 (Wednesday) and 3-6 (Thursday). Our Foundation students are also participating in a Book Week-related excursion to Sovereign Hill on Wednesday. All students will engage in book week activities in their Buddies and Mates group on Friday.

ICAS Competitions

The first ICAS competition for 2019 was completed yesterday, with twenty students in grades 2-6 completing the ICAS English assessment. These international competitions allow students to challenge themselves and demonstrate their learning in areas across the curriculum. In the next two weeks we will conduct ICAS assessments in Science and Mathematics. Certificates will be awarded at assembly when results are available.

Community Restrictions

We feel fortunate to have achieved a full week at school! Students are settled and learning. We very much hope to stay at school! With this in mind, we thank adults in our community for minimising your time on the grounds before and after school, and for avoiding coming inside the buildings where possible. We all want to be back in a place where we can mingle as a community, as this is a great part of our school community atmosphere. However, we think it's worth minimising time onsite and physically distancing now, so that we can at least stay onsite! Thanks for your support.

Student Dress Code

Our Student Dress Code was recently re-approved by our School Council.

In discussion with our students, they felt reminders were needed on the importance of everyone wearing the correct uniform, as a statement of school pride.

In addition, students are reminded that jewellery other than stud or sleeper earrings and watches may not be worn to school for safety reasons. Hair which is shoulder length or longer must be tied back, as a preventative measure against head lice. Please read the policy on our website. Thank you for supporting us in this matter. The health and safety of each student, as well as our school pride, are important to us.

Parent Opinion Survey Reminder

Thank you to all families who are taking the time to complete the online Parent Opinion survey. This was sent to 85 randomly selected families last week. The survey closes on Friday 3rd September.

Concerts 2021

This year, we will not be able to conduct our concert series in the usual way.

Later this term, we will be filming students performing two of their concert songs, and parents will receive a link to the video clips, which will not be made public. We will be consulting with families regarding permissions where relevant.

Natalie Toohey ~ Principal

Student Of The Week Awards



O0B ~ DAMON

For locking into your learning and giving all tasks a red hot go. It has been great to see you so eager to learn more about measuring the length of different things in maths this week. Keep up the fantastic work!



O0C ~ IVY

For her wonderful attitude and ongoing enthusiasm for learning. Ivy, has shown determination in all areas of her learning, always trying her best and being a role model to others in the classroom. Well done, Ivy!



1/2B ~ ALEXANDER

For challenging yourself in the classroom. It is great to hear you articulate your learning and share your understanding with your peers. Well done!



1/2H ~ RILEY

For locking in quickly to all class learning. Riley, you have worked with great concentration on your reading and writing activities this week and it's been a pleasure to see how proud you are of your efforts. Keep up the amazing work, SUPERSTAR!



1/2K ~ LUCY

For her amazing work in writing this week. Lucy, your pattern book is amazing! You have shown excellent to a very high standard. Keep up the amazing work.



1/2R ~ MAX

For really challenging yourself with your writing and maths this week. Max, it was a pleasure to read your story titled "If You Give a Tortoise a Motorbike". You illustrated it beautifully and added so many extra details. What a super effort! Keep it up, Max.



3/4M ~ PIPPA

For showing grit and challenging yourself especially when learning about subtraction and decimals. It is great to have you in our class discussion adding in interesting and insightful observations. In the yard, it's great to see you showing leadership and organisation by creating your own club.



3/4P ~ AUDREY

For showing grit to extend yourself in mathematics. You had a 'Red Hot Go' at subtraction with renaming this week and made sure you were successful by following the process correctly. You also displayed your understanding of texts by digging a bit deeper and looking for evidence when answering evaluation questions in reading. Keep up the amazing effort, Audrey!



3/4R ~ WILLIAM

For having an incredible week of learning. It has been wonderful to see you locking into your learning every session and I am so proud you achieved your writing goal. Congratulations and keep up the amazing work.



5/6P ~ HAYDN

For the determination that he has shown this week in maths. Haydn, you have been able to use your understanding of x and y axis, to locate coordinates on a cartesian plane. This demonstrates what a problem solving mathematician you are! Keep up the great work, legend!



5/6W ~ DARCY

For joining in on classroom discussions with enthusiasm and a willingness to share your learning. You have continued to take on feedback within your learning and push for excellence each day. Well done, superstar!

Well done!

Danalicious!

Don't forget to contribute a recipe (or several) to our School cookbook!

It will be wonderful for our families to see their recipes in print, and to have the cookbook for years to come.

It's simple to submit, either

- Online Form (select Dana Street Primary School)

<http://publishedauthors.com.au/recipes/new/dana-street-primary-school/>

- Email danastrecipes@gmail.com
- OR Hand your recipe to the Front Office



Division Winter Sports:

On Wednesday 18th of August our mixed netball team competed in the division winter sports day. After placing first at the district competition our team has been training hard at lunchtimes and in Physical Education lessons. Our first game for the day was against Pleasant Street Primary School. The game was close with the scores tied at half time. We started to gel together as a team in the second half and won the game 10 to 8. Noah won the teams award for his excellent composure and passing.



During the second game against Ballarat North PS we started with a very dominant first half which allowed us to give players a rest in the second half. We went on to win 14 to 1. Mitchell and Nya combined very well in defence and received the teams award. During our final game we knew that we would have to beat St Columba's PS to progress. Our team fought hard and our defence held up very well despite significant pressure from the opposition. Our intercepting power in the defensive third was excellent. We finished the game 2 to 23 securing a second-place finish. Well done to Charlie and Noah who received the teams award. I am incredibly proud of our students for the way they represented our school and the way they have worked hard on their skills and tactical awareness.



Book Week: "Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds" 23-27 August

We are getting very excited for Book Week coming up in Week 7. Renee from Faraway Storytelling will be here on the Wednesday and Thursday of Book Week to perform an interactive story telling session in our library, transporting the students into other worlds. Each class will also have a Buddies and Mates session on this year's theme.

Unfortunately, we won't be having a dress up parade on the Friday but it will be back next year!



Japanese Nihongo News

This term has been full of excitement and making connections with our learning as we have been focusing our language learning around the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Everyone enjoyed finding out about the sustainability of the Games this year in Tokyo. The most interesting included the fully recyclable cardboard beds, the Athlete Village made from wood donated from all over Japan that will be sent back after the Games, the driverless vehicles and of course, the robots!

The F-2 students have enjoyed learning to cheer in Japanese and create their own banners in Japanese. They also looked at the competing countries flags, described the colours in Japanese and learned to say the country various athletes come from.

The 3-6 students have been learning the names of Olympic events in Japanese and can now describe the sports different athletes play. There has been lots of fun games of 'snap' and 'knockout' to help us remember each of the event names in Japanese.

We will continue our focus of the Tokyo Olympic Games for a few more weeks while we include the Paralympic Games into our learning. The students are keen to see if those amazing drones from the opening ceremony make an appearance again!



Dates:

***All dates may be subject to change according to community restrictions*

Monday 23rd August
ICAS (Science)

Tuesday 24th & Tuesday 31st August
Gymnastics - Grade 5/6

Wednesday 25th August
Sovereign Hill Excursion - Foundation

Wednesday 25th August
Book Week Session - Foundation to Grade 2

Thursday 26th August
Book Week Session - Grade 3 to Grade 6

Friday 3rd September
Father's Day Stall



Our School Council fundraising committee is holding a Father's Day stall on Friday 3rd September. All gifts are \$4.00.

Enviro Tip of the week!

Reuse ziplock bags by washing and drying them. They can be reused over and over again!

- Astrid and Dom