

Newsletter ~ 11th October to 15th October 2021

Term 4 ~ Week 2

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Respect & Care



Responsibility



Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding



Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Onsite and remote learning

This week we welcomed back our grade 3/4 students for two days, followed by two days for the 5/6 students. It was so exciting to see them join back into their classrooms and friendships, with many smiles to be seen. These students continue to give their best efforts in their home learning as well.

Masks

We have seen many masks on students this week. From Monday 18th October, students in grades 3-6 are required to wear a mask indoors at school. Please contact me if your child has an exemption/ will not be wearing a mask.

Masks are also recommended for younger students where possible.

Assembly

Some of our young Foundation students were very excited to share their spring holiday recounts with the school at assembly today. Elke, Mila, Clara and Otto were very proud of their work. It is delightful to see the progress of our youngest students.

Hats

Thanks to all students for remembering to wear their broadbrimmed school hats every day. In line with our SunSmart Policy, all students and staff need to wear hats for outside activities from September to the end of April.

Transition News

Our 2022 Foundation students commenced their transition to school by receiving a bag of goodies during the holidays. The children have had a virtual story time and one Webex group session with our current Foundation teachers. Next is a Numeracy session on 4th November. Exciting times!

Do you have a child ready to start school next year? If you have not yet enrolled them, please do so quickly. Our transition program is off and running!

Term 4 events

As you are aware, swimming has had to be cancelled for this term. Any monies paid for swimming will be refunded/ credited. Swimming is currently subsidised by the DET, which is why the cost was so low. We will expect swimming to cost even less next year, as we will carry forward the subsidy!

Year 5/6 are booked to attend Camp Wyuna, Queenscliff, in November. We are very much hoping restrictions will change in order for this to go ahead, and will wait as late as possible to determine its viability.

At the moment we are unable to participate in any excursions, and again, we are hoping this will change as the term continues.

Natalie Toohey ~ Principal

Student Of The Week Awards

OOB ~ CHARLOTTE



For having an amazing start to your time at Dana Street Primary School. We have been so impressed by your drive to have a red hot go, and your efforts during our maths focus on exploring patterns in counting sequences was terrific. Wonderful work, Charlotte!

OOC ~ GLYN



For locking into his learning and putting in his best effort in writing and maths. You have displayed determination and shown grit in each lesson this week. You have looked for positive solutions, shown patience when met with challenges and tried your absolute best. You should be so proud of all the wonderful work you have completed. Keep it up!!

1/2B ~ RUBY



For locking into your learning and sharing your thoughts and knowledge with the class. You set an amazing example for others by being a responsible and courteous role model. It was fantastic to hear you sharing your knowledge of prefixes in reading this week. Well done, champion!

1/2H ~ LACEY



For locking into all class activities with a positive attitude. Lacey, you have impressed me with your excellence across the week. Well done, SUPERSTAR!

1/2K ~ EMILY



For producing an excellent wringing procedure. Emily, the language you have used has made your writing exciting and informative. Keep up the amazing work.

1/2R ~ CLEMENTINE



For your amazing writing this week! Clementine, you have created a spectacular and detailed procedure text using adverbs, time connectives, and lots of description. Keep it up, Clem!

3/4M ~ AIMEE



For your fantastic work ethic and growth mindset. It is wonderful to see you always challenging yourself and being so kind and respectful to everyone around you.

3/4P ~ CAMBELL



For eagerly participating in our classroom morning meetings and sharing insights on the learning topics. You have transitioned back into classroom learning this week with a positive attitude and given all tasks your best effort. Keep up the amazing work, Cambell!!!

3/4R ~ MAEVE



For consistently demonstrating each of our school values and for making a smooth transition between remote and onsite learning. You always make everyone smile and have displayed wonderful positivity. I have been super impressed with your ability to aim high with your writing and having a red hot go at all learning tasks. Well done, superstar!

5/6P ~ NYA



For settling straight back into the daily school routine. Nya, it was brilliant to see you walk in with a bright smile yesterday. Your excitement was truly evident, with your engagement and enjoyment in the classroom. What a pleasure it is to have you back at school!

5/6W ~ HEIDI



For working hard on all your learning tasks during remote learning. You always put in 100% effort and it is wonderful to see this enthusiasm continue. You are a superstar, Heidi! Well done.

Well done!

Dates:

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

Monday 18th ~ Friday 22nd October
Swimming week ~ Grade F-6 **Cancelled**

Monday 18th October
School Council Meeting **Cancelled**
Next meeting will take place on November 15th

Tuesday 19th October
ICAS Math 2/3/4

Wednesday 20th October
ICAS Science Grade 2/3/4

Thursday 21st October
ICAS Math Grade 5/6

Friday 22nd October
ICAS Science Grade 5/6

Friday 29th October
World Teachers' Day

Tuesday 2nd November
Melbourne Cup Day ~ Public Holiday

Transition

During the holidays we began our transition program for our 2022 Foundation students, with the distribution of Welcome Bags to our new students. The bags contained lots of information and resources that will assist them in having a positive transition into primary school.



In week 1 of this term we held our Parent Information Night for the 2022 Foundation families online over Webex which allowed us to connect with families and help guide them through what to expect over the next few months. It was lovely to have so many new families excited about beginning their journey at Dana Street Primary School.

On Monday night of this week we held our first transition session with the 2022 Foundation students online over Webex. It was fantastic to see how eager they were to engage in our literacy transition session! We played games, read a story and created a bird using resources from their welcome bags. While we can't wait to have them at school to experience transition, we are so thankful that our recent experiences in remote learning have allowed us to adapt and find an alternative.



BOOK CLUB ~ ISSUE 7 2021

Issue 7 Book Club ~ please return money and order to the office by **Friday 22nd October**. Please put order form and money in an envelope with your child's name and class on the outside. If paying by **cheque** please make it payable to **Dana St Primary School**. Alternately you can order online at: www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/



KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR TERM 4!

NOW RUNNING 2 DAYS A WEEK

Multi-Sports Program

Tuesdays 3:35-5:05pm (90 minutes)

Starting Tue 5th Oct

Concluding Tue 14th Dec

Cost: \$220 for the 10 week Program

Crazy Games Program

Fridays 3:35-4:35pm (60 minutes)

Starting Fri 8th Oct

Concluding Fri 10th Dec

Cost: \$165 for the 10 week Program

Enrol: www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat

Queries: Call Dom 0417 967 621

* Students can sign up a few weeks into the term please just contact Dom

* Covid Guidelines are in place

* **All our coaches have been Covid Vaccinated**

Our Instructional Model

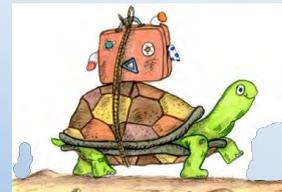
Ask your child about aspects of their lessons, such as the learning intention, success criteria, conferencing and reflection. These are all strong, evidence-based teaching strategies that our teachers use expertly to extend each child's learning.

At Dana St PS, our Instructional Model includes evidence-based teaching strategies that promote student growth and also empower students to be engaged drivers of their learning. The model is displayed in each learning area, for everyone to see the way in which we focus our teaching and learning in lessons from Foundation to grade 6. Check out the Instructional Model on our website.



Will you be at Dana Street P.S. next year?

To assist us with our planning for 2022, we would like to know of any students who will not be with us next year. If your circumstances have changed and your child will no longer be attending Dana Street Primary School next year, please let Vicki or Melissa in the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.



Piano Lessons:



Foundation, G1 & G2 lessons started this week.

G3, G4, G5 and G6 lessons will start week beginning 25th Oct.

Enquires please phone Myrtle on 0431 537 314.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE NEWINGTON
3.10pm - 6.00pm Monday - Friday

SCAN QR CODE FOR PROGRAM DETAILS or visit yballarat.org.au

They'll want to come again tomorrow!
Y Ballarat OSHC

The Y Ballarat are leaders in providing quality, fun and engaging After School Care programs!

Term 4 Program

- Mondays** Expressive Arts & Crafts - Creating art masterpieces for family & friends
- Tuesdays** Nature & Recycling - Learn about recycling, solar energy, global warming, earth & water
- Wednesdays** Endless Games - Board games, group or solitary games
- Thursdays** Creative Constructions - Imagination & creativity at its best
- Fridays** Wellness Friday - Learning to listen to your body & mind

Scheduled activities may change due to circumstances beyond our control. Please confirm with the venue if needed.

HOW TO BOOK

All new families are required to enrol first. Enrolments are made through Xplor Home, payment via direct debit. See yballarat.org.au for details. There will be no fee increase for term 4 of 2021.

Xplor Home App

Manage bookings, follow your child's learning and keep up to date with all service communications via our Xplor Home App. See yballarat.org.au for details.

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The Y Ballarat is independently reviewed by the ACF to ensure our services are safe for all children and young people.

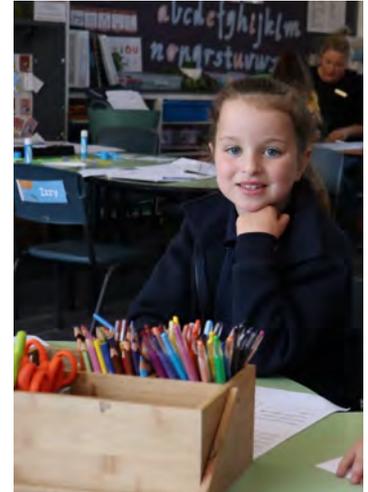


Enviro Tip of the week!

Remember to always turn off your lights when you leave your home or exit a room to help save energy.

- Astrid and Dom

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