



Respect & Care



Responsibility



Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding



Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Assembly

Today at assembly several students shared their favourite moments and activities from Japanese Day. Micah, Darcy, Audrey and Arthur were excited about the Kendo demonstration, sushi for lunch, the musical performance, origami, games and calligraphy. Sensei Lauren organised a magnificent, celebratory day for us all!

High Expectations



Since returning to onsite schooling, we have maintained high expectations, routines and structure for our students, as we know that this makes students feel secure at school. They are demonstrating growing stamina and an ability to rise to high expectations.

We have had recent excursions, where our students have been complimented on their behaviour and the way in which they represent our school. It has been very pleasing to see all students wearing correct school uniform, with hair tied back where appropriate and school hats being worn. Well done to our students, and thanks to our families for your support in this area.

Before and After School Care in 2022

We will again partner with the YMCA and Newington Primary School to provide Out of School Hours Care in 2022. Families should have received an email detailing the service today.

Christmas raffle- Can you donate a prize?



Sincere thanks for the donations of prizes that are coming into the office for the Christmas raffle. Please feel free to get another book of tickets from Vicki in the office.

Please return all tickets and money by Friday 10th December at the latest.

All donations of prizes, big or small, are very welcome.

We have several prizes so far, including a load of firewood, Christmas treats and some vouchers.

The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 14th December.

Grade 6 Graduation

Our grade 6 students have been busy writing speeches for their upcoming graduation. The speeches reflect wonderful memories of their time at primary school. The evening, on 16th December, is sure to be a great celebration. We have adapted the evening to respond to DET guidelines. Students will enjoy dinner at school with staff, before a ceremony in the Spielvogel Centre, which parents are invited to attend.

Parents attending will need to check in using the QR code and show evidence of double vaccination.

Final Assembly in week 11

In the last week of school, there will be a final assembly on Thursday 16th December at 1:45pm. This assembly is a lovely way to celebrate the year. Our grade 6 students will be farewelled at this assembly. Grade 6 students will then ring the old school bell before being farewelled by the rest of our students and staff in a beautiful tradition. School will finish at **2.30pm** on that day, as it is the last day of term 4 for students.

Currently we are still unable to have parents attend assemblies, though you are welcome to be in the school yard. We will keep you informed of any updates to this information!

Natalie Toohey ~ Principal

Students Of The Week Awards



00B ~ LEWIS

For consistently being a leader in our classroom in every possible way. You model to others how to be a good friend and always approach your learning with excellence in mind. Keep up the wonderful work!



00C ~ SAM

For displaying the school values while at school and in the community. You displayed the values of care and responsibility on our excursion to the Ballarat Wildlife Park. You consistently show respect towards your peers and teachers, and you always strive for excellence in the classroom. Well done!!



12B ~ COPELAND

For the fantastic effort that you applied to our Place Value lessons this week. You have challenged yourself with participating, expanding and ordering two digit numbers. Well done!



12H ~ HANNAH

For participating in our whole school Japanese Day with such enthusiasm. Hannah, it was wonderful to see you enjoy the day and take part in all the activities with such joy. Excellent work SUPERSTAR!



12K ~ FINN

For working hard in all areas. Finn, I have been very impressed with your dedication and commitment towards your work this week. Keep up the great work.



12R ~ ROHAN

For your fantastic maths work this week! Rohan, you have amazed me with your knowledge of place value and expanding and rearranging numbers up to the millions. You are always willing to challenge yourself, share your knowledge, and help others to understand. Keep it up, super mathematician!



34M ~ GRETA

For the kindness you show your peers and staff. It has been wonderful to see you sharing your knowledge with others displaying our school values of care and inclusion to an exceptional standard. Thank you for being so wonderful!



34P ~ MARLEY

For developing her understanding of fractions and decimals this week. You showed excellence when working on tasks with others and showed grit in the face of a challenge. Fantastic effort demonstrating your ability to identify ascending decimal and fraction patterns and converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. Keep up the amazing work, Marley!



34R ~ AVA

For consistently demonstrating each of our values. You work extremely hard every day to achieve your best. I have been so impressed with your confidence and grit in Maths. Thank you for showing beautiful kindness and care to your peers. Well done!



56P ~ MADDY

For demonstrating her ability to engage within our Inquiry learning. Maddy, it has been brilliant to see you communicate, collaborate and cooperate with your fellow peers by expressing your ideas. I look forward to seeing your final product, and demonstrating how you will make a difference. Keep up the great work legend!



56W ~ TEMARI

For always being a kind, caring and helpful member of the classroom. You are such a great role model to those around you. Keep up that amazing learning attitude, Temari! You rock.

Well done!

Reverse Advent Calendar



From Tuesday 1st December, each classroom will host a Reverse Advent Calendar Box. Students are invited to place an item of non-perishable food/toiletries into the box. You will see that each class level will have specific items to bring. We will deliver the boxes for those in Ballarat less privileged. This seems a much worthier idea than Kris Kringle swapping in classrooms. Our students will experience the joy of giving, and learn about food insecurity in Australia in the process. Please support if you can.



christmas raffle!!

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Dates:

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

Monday 29th November
Faraway Tree Incursion ~ Foundation to Grade 2

Tuesday 30th November
Teddy Bears Picnic ~ Foundation to Grade 2

Wednesday 1st December
Harry Potter Incursion ~ Grade 3 to 6

Monday 6th December
School Council
BioCATS excursion ~ Grade 5/6

Tuesday 7th December
Whole school transition day

Wednesday 8th December
Grade 5 leadership interviews

Thursday 9th December
Sovereign Hill Excursion ~ Foundation & 1/2 Students
Excursion to the zoo ~ Grade 3/4

Friday 10th December
Raffle tickets and money due

Tuesday 14th December
Christmas raffle drawn

Wednesday 15th December
Reports go home
Grade 6 Graduation

Thursday 16th December
End of Term 4 for students ~ 2:30pm finish

Friday 17th December
End of Term 4 ~ Student Free Day



JAPANESE DAY!

On Tuesday we celebrated our annual Japanese Day. The day was a huge success and had the students engaged in a variety of activities that immersed them in the Japanese culture. We welcomed some amazing martial artists who taught us all about Kendo and a performer who retold the Japanese story Omusubi kororin in a very interactive and engaging way!

The students' reflections of the day sum it up perfectly!

"My favourite activity was Kendo because I got to use a sword and I got to see a samurai." – Jack M

"My favourite thing was the Koi Kites. I liked it because it was fun when we flew it." – Aggie

"On Japanese Day I made Koi Kites, did chopstick races and Kendo. I played with Japanese toys, my favourite was Daruma Otoshi." – Ainslee

"On Japanese Day we made Japanese key chains. It was cool because it shrunk in the oven." – Lara

"Japanese Day was fun!! I LOVE Japanese Day!" – Isla J

"On Japanese Day I loved watching Anne act the story Rice Ball Tumble Tumbling. I also liked the oishii sushi for lunch, it really was oishii! My favourite of all was the Kendo, it was really cool and I really liked it!" – Lacey

"On Tuesday we had Japanese Day. We did lots of fun craft and outdoor activities that taught us about the Japanese culture. My favourite part of Japanese Day, was when we did a game called Typhoon Relay. I loved it because it involved lots of team-work and showed us what children in Japan do for fun." – Mae

"I liked the Kanji Calligraphy called Shodo because I learnt how to write words in Japanese on rice paper with paint and a brush." – Samuel

"On Tuesday it was Japanese Day. It was an all-day affair of special Japanese presentations and activities. My all-time best favourite activity was the Sumo Origami. My friend Spencer battled me on a paper plate and we were both pretty impressive. Japanese Day was a smash-hit day!!!" – Akihiro

"I liked playing with the Kendama toy because it was fun!" – Eddie

"On Japanese Day I loved the chopstick races because I like being under pressure and I love challenges. I also loved the Rice Ball Tumble Tumbling show because I love watching shows and the acting was great." – Helena



Foundation Excursion – Ballarat Wildlife Park

On Thursday, our Foundation students went on an excursion to the Ballarat Wildlife Park. The excursion linked in with our current Inquiry topic, *It's Alive*, where we are focusing on living and non-living things. The Foundation students had a fantastic morning exploring the Wildlife Park and looking at the animals. We started our morning by feeding the free-roaming kangaroos. As we walked around the park we saw all sorts of creatures, like Tasmanian devils, wombats, koalas, and even meerkats. The reptile house was home to different types of snakes, frogs, and lizards. We were all very excited to see Crunch, the crocodile, safely in his enclosure. When asked how big Crunch was when we returned to school, Izaiya said "he was crocodile sized". Some Foundation students had a joey following them around, we almost thought it would jump on the bus back to Dana Street! It was a wonderful time, and the Foundation students proudly showed the Dana Street school values all morning.

Otto – "I saw Crunch and some more crocodiles. It was fun seeing them".

Ivy – "At the Wildlife Park I liked the koala the best".

Damon – "I liked watching Crunch lie very still".

Oscar Seamer – "The way the snakes moved was amazing".

