

Newsletter ~ 9th May ~ 13th May 2022

Term 2 ~ Week 3

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*Respect & Care*



*Responsibility*



*Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding*



*Excellence*

**Dear parents, grandparents and friends,**

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy) Online

This week our grade 3 and 5 students participated in NAPLAN. Most of the assessments have been completed, with students still to complete their Numeracy assessments next Tuesday. The students have shown a growth mindset; giving best attempts at each assessment. School wide data and individual student results will be available to schools in term 3. Individual NAPLAN student achievement reports will be shared with parents at this time.

[Early notice- Student -Led interviews. No school for students on June 23<sup>rd</sup>](#)

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, we will hold learning conferences (parent/teacher/student interviews), with students, parents and classroom teachers. The interviews will take place all day. As a result of this, students are not required to attend school on this day. Instead, they will attend for an interview time with their parents to meet with the classroom teacher.

We will again use an online booking system for the interviews.

**The booking system will open on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Details and a login will be included with the newsletter on that date.**

Fun Run postponed

Our school Fun Run is a popular event on the calendar, with a large group of parents spectating as our students run several laps around the Dana St block. It is also an important fundraiser for our school, traditionally raising approximately \$10,000.

Unfortunately, due to the oval works and associated heavy traffic, the Fun Run will have to be postponed. We hope to have the oval opened by the end of May. However, winter weather is too unpredictable for the Fun Run, which will now be held at a later date, to be determined.

Our School Values

At Dana St, our school values (Respect & Care, Responsibility, Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding and Excellence) provide the foundation for all our practices. Our values are proudly displayed around the school, explicitly taught in classrooms and regularly referred to. We place great importance on our values, as they help to make our school an excellent environment for learning and a safe and welcoming place for our school community. Recently, we have had several excursions in the community. Community members have commented favourably on the behaviour and presentation of our students. It's great to see the students showing pride in being a member of our school community!

*Natalie Toohey ~ Principal*

## Dates:

Monday 16th May  
School Council 7pm

Tuesday 17th May  
Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN (Numeracy Assessment)

Monday 23rd May  
School photos

Tuesday 24th May  
Grade 5 & 6 Students Winter Sports Day

Monday 30th May  
Pupil Free Day

Monday 13th June  
Queen's Birthday - No School

Thursday 23rd June  
Student - Led Interviews  
(Students do not attend school except for their interviews)

Friday 24th June  
Last day of term 2 (School finishes at 2:30pm)



## Rollicking Rhymes

### Did you know?

One of the best predictor of a child's reading ability in early primary years is their awareness of sounds. An early skill for children to master is *rhyme*. Singing rhyming songs, reading Dr Seuss and teaching your child nursery rhymes are all wonderful ways for your child to learn to rhyme. Activities like changing the first sound in some of the words might seem a little silly, but this really helps a child to understand how sounds work in words- and it's lots of fun!

Row, row, row your boat  
gently down the stream.  
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily;  
Life is but a dream  
Bow, bow, bow your boat  
bently bown the beam.  
Berrily, berrily, berrily, berrily;  
Bife is but a beam.



### Why CAN'T I skip my 20 minutes of reading tonight?

We all agree that reading is an important skill for learning and for life. As with many skills, a bulk of practice over a long period is necessary to refine our reading skills. Reading at home, as well as at school, can create a huge impact on reading development.

### Check this out:

**3600 minutes in a school year**  
**1,800,000 words**

**900 minutes in a school year**

**282,000 words**

**180 minutes in a school year**

**8,000 words**



Which student do you think has the largest vocabulary? Which student would you expect would be more successful in their schooling.



# say cheese!

## School Photo Day is fast approaching.

### Monday May 23, 2022

- Students are required to wear school uniform.
- Students to have their own separate envelope with them at the time of their photo is being taken.
- Family photo envelopes may be collected from the office on request.
- If you have misplaced your child's envelope, spare envelopes can also be collected at the office.



# SINGING LESSONS

WITH MARY FROM COCOSOUNDS

Mary is opening a limited amount of singing lessons at Dana on Tuesday mornings.

Mary has been teaching contemporary vocals at all levels for over ten years, specialising in primary school aged kids. Lessons are fun and focus on confidence building.

for further details contact:

**0435 399 704**

## GRIP Leadership Conference.

Yesterday the Grade 6 School Leaders, Oscar, Darcy, Eva, Annie, Josie, and Alice had the privilege of attending the GRIP Leadership Conference.

The conference provided the school leaders with a variety of qualities that leaders consistently display. Stepping up to leadership was the focus of the first session. Each letter from STEP represented a quality of what leaders consistently demonstrate. S, for serve others, T, for take initiative, E, for exemplify school values and P, for purpose. Our school leaders were able to discuss how they demonstrate each of these qualities every day at Dana Street. During each of these sessions, there were many amazing exercises. Loud noises was an absolute favourite. Everyone was out of their seats and embracing the musical experiences.

Stepping up integrity was the major focus for the second session. S, for show what is right, T, for tell the truth, E, for encourage others to do what is right and P, for persist if you are criticised. Josie was asked to perform on stage, and clearly demonstrated how great leaders display integrity. The last session was raising the standard of teamwork. There were 5 steps; Seek, select, schedule, set tasks and support. Eva and Alice were lucky enough to be on stage as well. Alice demonstrating her ability to replicate a variety of emojis. Eva had the challenge of determining heads or tails from a variety of different languages. Eva was able to use the teamwork from the Dana Street School Leaders to select either heads or tails.

Attending the GRIP Conference was such a valuable experience for our school leaders. They have gained a vast range of skills and strategies to further develop their leadership qualities. Each of the leaders will be sharing some of the activities they participated in at assembly next week.



## District Cross Country 2022

On Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, we had eighteen students represent Dana Street at the District Cross Country. Our students had been training hard over the holidays and the past few weeks preparing for the event. It was fantastic to see our students having a red hot go in typical wintery Ballarat conditions, having fun, getting a bit muddy and cheering on Dana Street.

Annie, Alice, Raiyan and Bourne all finished within qualifying positions for the Division Cross Country next Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> at Ballarat High School.

Other runners on the day were; Daniel, Oscar, Cecelia, Molly, Mae, Scarlett, Paddy, Spencer, William, Akihiro, Max, Toby, Cooper and Cambell.

For many of our students this was their first time running in a cross country and they represented our school with pride. Well done to all students involved and good luck to our students representing Dana Street at the Division Cross Country.

