

Newsletter ~ 25th July ~ 29nd July 2022

Term 3 ~ Week 3

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Responsibility



Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding



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Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

I hope this finds you all well. It honestly feels like I was sitting down to write last week's newsletter only yesterday. Time is certainly flying by.

At assembly this week, our Dana Street Netball Team reflected on their success thus far into the season. Our girls have won many of their games with scores such as 26-2! Despite this, it is wonderful that the girls have all remained humble and focussed in their training. They have a bye this week, but we wish them well over the remainder of the term and look forward to hearing about further successes.

From Monday, we have a new staff member joining our team. I would like to welcome Mr. David Collins to our 3/4 Unit, where he will remain until the end of the year. David comes to our team with considerable experience in both mainstream and specialist school settings. I am sure that you will all join me in welcoming David to our team.

I simply must extend my most heartfelt and sincere appreciation to Julie Dalton who has filled in until we were able to secure a replacement. Julie has kept the classroom expectations high and the learning continual and I know that the students all appreciate her. Thank you, Julie. I know that we will be seeing her around the school as a CRT.

If you have a child you wish to enrol next year, please ensure that you complete enrolment forms as soon as possible. We are quickly approaching the time of year where we need to begin forward planning for 2023 and confirmed enrolment numbers help this. If you need forms, please pop into the office and see the lovely Vicki.

Next week will be another busy week, but for good reason. We have our 5/6 students heading to Earth Ed. For a STEM excursion, our Grade 6 Basketballers have their tournament, and we have Marjorie giving our students some art lessons. A fantastic week ahead. On Friday the 19th August we have our Pyjama Day to raise funds for World Vision, as organised by our Student Representative Council.

Our school will hold a Professional Practice Day on the 5th of September. This will be a student free day at our school. During the day, our staff will be hard at work preparing positive learning experiences for our students in Term 4. We will also be finalising our Sensory Room, which will be a valued addition to our infrastructure. I thank our School Council for their endorsement in this.

I hope you can all take the time to rest, relax and unwind over the course of the weekend. In talking with many parents this week, the common theme has been that people are tired; both kids and parents. Be kind to yourselves.

Have a great weekend

Ryan



Dates To Remember:

Tuesday 9th August

Gr 56 (Selected Students) Basketball Tournament

Thursday 11th August

56P Earth Ed excursion

Friday 12th August

56J & 56W Earth Ed excursion

Monday 15th August

School Council Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday 17th August

South St ~ Choir

Friday 19th August

PYJAMA DAY

Movie Night



Students Of The Week Awards



00B ~ LEO

For locking into your learning. Leo we love your willingness to give things your best effort, especially in reading group this week. Keep up the amazing work!



00R ~ CLAIRE

For amazing us with how easily you have settled into Dana Street. Claire, you are a ray of sunshine in the classroom. You are kind and respectful, show excellence in all of your learning, and have made friends with ease. Well done, Claire, we are so glad to have you in our class!



1/2H ~ AGATHA

For bringing sunshine and happiness into our classroom. Your kindness to others has been wonderful to see. You display the Dana Street values with pride! Well done SUPERSTAR!



1/2K ~ MARTA

For always showing care to everyone in our class. Marta, you have a beautiful heart that is always looking after everyone. You are an outstanding role model of the school value of respect and care. Keep it up.



1/2S ~ PATRICK

For your change in mindset about learning this week. Despite facing some challenges this week, you showed grit and locked into your learning. Your hard work has paid off with some amazing inquiry learning and the creation of your poems in writing. You are amazing! Keep it up!



3/4M ~ LOTTIE

For the way you show our school values! You always lock into your learning and do your very best and you are always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in our class. Keep being amazing superstar!



3/4P ~ CALEB

For demonstrating a growth mindset in numeracy sessions this week. Fantastic effort using addition and subtraction strategies to carry out equations with renaming. It was great to see you challenging yourself each day and seeking feedback! Keep up the amazing work, Caleb!



3/4R ~ ROHAN

For being enthusiastic and confident in maths this week, demonstrating an excellent understanding of renaming in subtraction and addition. He is organised with his work and gives 100% to all tasks, eagerly stepping up to any challenge! What a super mathematician you are Rohan. Congratulations Rohan, you should be very proud of all your achievements.



5/6J ~ BOURNE

For applying himself within his learning this week. Bourne, I have been impressed with your focussed mindset and willingness to display excellence within your learning. You should be proud of your efforts.



5/6P ~ KYE

For being an engaged participant within her literature circle session. Kye, it was brilliant to see you present your thorough understanding of the Tale of Despereaux. Your responses created rich discussions and informed your group members about the novel. Keep up the great work superstar!



5/6W ~ DAMON

For the amazing effort you put into your role of Quiz Master in your literature circle meeting this week. Damon, your questions were carefully planned and promoted great discussion and understanding of your book. Well done on being so prepared and for being such a great contributor to your group.



YOUNG AUTHORS PROGRAM

On the 28th of July, selected students from grades 4 to 6 walked to the Ballarat Library to participate in the Young Authors program, which includes nine other local schools. The day consisted of four workshops. In the first workshop, illustrator and Author Ben Sanders facilitated an illustration activity. This workshop had students examine how pictures help tell a story and the importance of selecting the right pictures.

In the second workshop, author Corinne Fenton explained her writing process. She explained how she has been able to turn her ideas into stories and then the process of having her work published.

In the third workshop, Paige Duggan talked about ideas and strong emotions. She helped students identify issues they were passionate about and how to pair them with an emotion and a solution.

In the fourth workshop, students explored scene setting. Students spent time at the train station to inspire their writing about a journey.

The Young Authors program will have another workshop on the 15th of September.

Written by Marnie 3/4P and Kate (the teacher).



Foundation News

Recently in Foundation, students have been learning to collect and interpret data. Students were excited by the opportunity to work with a partner to come up with their own "What is your favourite..." question with four choices for answers. They were then given the task of surveying the class and collecting the data to find and interpret the results.

Kindred and Louis discovered that dragons were the most popular mythical creature.

Charlie D and Aleida discovered that rainbow was the most popular ice-cream flavour.

Mike and Violet discovered that the Tigers were the most popular football team.

We asked the students what they found interesting about our unit on data:

Rory said, "It was interesting using tally marks".

Gemma said, "It was interesting that sprinkles were the favourite pancake topping".

Sylvie said, "I liked that everyone got to have a vote and that everything got a vote in my survey".

We had so much fun exploring data!

