



Ballarat Primary School (Dana St)

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Responsibility

Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding

Excellence



Dana Street Primary School is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.



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Ryan's Ramblings

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

I hope this finds you all well. We have had a warm week this week, but there is a cool change expected over the weekend.

On Monday, our teaching staff continued developing our approach to Inquiry Learning with our consultant, Andrea Hillbrick. We reflected on the many successes of 2022 and built on this success into this year. We are very keen to continue to allow student agency and voice in their learning, and also look for opportunities to further authentically involve parents and members of our community. Our next steps will be how we can move from a Structured Inquiry to more of a Guided/Personal Inquiry, where students are able to have more agency in the topics they learn about.

I was privileged to work alongside Miss Kylie on Tuesday, to host our first Student Leadership training for our Grade 6 Captains. The 14 member team explored the concept of Leadership through a number of different activities, discussions and reflections. We set our own individual leadership goals for the term and will look to support each other to achieve them. On March 6th, we will host a Student Leadership Investiture, where we will present our Student Leaders with their badges and hear from them about their hopes and dreams for this year.

Our Grade 5 Students enjoyed a fantastic two-day experience at Sovereign Hill this week. They got the chance to live and breathe an assimilated 1850s lifestyle, which included dressing up in attire appropriate for the era, fossicking and panning for gold, experiencing school life as a child in the 1850s, and much more. The enjoyment from the two day experience was very evident with the many smiles and excitement on the students' faces when they returned to school.

Next week, our Senior Students are very excited to be heading to Camp Wyuna for two nights. The two day camp will see students out of their comfort zones, as they brave beach activities, have a go at bookie boarding, explore the township of Queenscliff and attempt canoeing. I am looking forward to a positive camp experience for our students.

Finally, we are nearing the halfway point of the term and I am quite proud of how our wonderful school is travelling. Have a fantastic weekend.

Ryan



Parent/Carers Helpers Needed for Sports Day



On Wednesday 15th of March (Week 7), we have our Senior Athletics Carnival Llanberris Reserve.

We are seeking helpers from 9:00 to 2:30 to enable the day to run smoothly and provide our students with the best possible experience. If you are able to assist please see Michelle Jackson or email her on Michelle.Jackson@education.vic.gov.au.

All volunteers are required to have a Working with Children's Check and sign the Dana Street Volunteer Code of Conduct. New volunteers should contact Louise Brown for the process to become a volunteer.

With thanks
Michelle Jackson
PE Teacher



Students Of The Week Awards



**00B
Harvey**
For the kindness you show each and every day. Harvey, you are thoughtful, focused and you model respect and care in all that you do. Amazing effort!



**0/1S
Tileigh**
For your motivated and positive approach to learning. Tileigh, you are always quick to lock into your learning and give all tasks a red hot go! Keep up the great work.

**1/2D
Damon**
For your increased effort in your Literacy learning. You have locked in during our Phonics lessons and tried your absolute hardest in your writing attempts this week. We are so proud of you! You are a superstar!



**1/2K
Kai**
For working really well on his writing this week. Kai, your narrative story is fantastic! You have worked so hard.



**3/4B
Hamish**
For the initiative that you have applied to your learning this week. Hamish, it has been wonderful to see you making good choices with your learning and seeking assistance when you need to. I cannot wait to read your narrative about Naruto! Well done, legend!



**3/4C
Rhyce**
For making good choices, within our learning space and having a go at all learning tasks. This week you've done a great job across all subjects and worked hard to do your best. I really liked your use of dialogue to give your narrative a 'Sizzling Start' and you've come up with some great similes to include in your writing. Keep up the great work. Well done, Rhyce



**3/4N
Annie**
For her caring attitude towards all her classmates. Annie always tries her best in everything that she does. She listens carefully to feedback and improves her work. You have done a fantastic job showing your imagination by writing a narrative text. You are always brave and take risks with your learning. Thankyou for being such a great respectful student. Well done Annie!



**3/4T
Paddy**
For his persistence during Writing this week. You've proven to yourself, that even though it is uncomfortable being in the learning pit. That you keep trying and reap the rewards. Keep up the great work. Keep being you, Paddy!

**5/6A
Sumina**
For demonstrating our Dana St school values during the Sovereign Hill excursion this week. You embraced the experience with a positive attitude and had a growth mindset towards the tasks. Fantastic effort, Sumina!



**5/6J
Audrey**
For her wonderful growth mindset shown at Sovereign Hill this week. Audrey, it was great to see you embrace the life of a child in the 1850s and learn how to speak Welsh. Well done on representing our school so beautifully.



**5/6P
Toby**
For the exceptional two days he had at Sovereign Hill. Toby, you lead by example and displayed your learning traits in an 1850s setting. You approached each task with a growth mindset and represented Dana Street superbly. Keep it up legend!



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WELCOME FOUNDATION STUDENTS

It has been a wonderful start for our foundation students with so many students delighted to finally be at school. We are enjoying watching the students develop more confidence as they get use to the daily school routine and we are so happy to see so many new friendships blossoming.

In Literacy students have been learning about letters and sounds. While in Numeracy students have been active participants in lots of hands on tasks and games exploring counting, length and numbers to 10.

We asked some of the foundation students to share some of the things they enjoy about school;

Seb said "I like painting in Art".

Zelda said "I enjoyed making our name rockets."

Sachi said "I like sharing with my friends".

Stevie said "I like playing on the playground with my friend Poppy".



Meet our School Leaders 2023!

School Captains



Akihiro



Amelia



Mae



Oscar

Junior School Council Presidents



Flick



Siana

House Captains

Spielvogel House



Marley & Charles

Baker House



William & Spencer

Dunne House



Ava & Cooper

Martin House



Pippa & Eve

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR CSEF?

DO YOU HAVE A HEALTHCARE CARD?

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a **Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent**, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

The payment amount this year for eligible primary school students is \$125. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office and ask for an application form.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Dates:

Monday 27th February to Wednesday 1st March

Grade 5/6 camp Wyuna

Wednesday 1st March

No school for Foundation students

Monday 7th to 15th March

Somers Camp

Monday 13th March

Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday 14th March

Community Night BBQ and games

Wednesday 15th March

Whole school sports day

Tuesday 21st March

Parent/Career Helper Program make up Session

Thursday 30th/Friday 31st March

Grade 3/4 Ecolinc

Thursday 6th April

Last Day Term 1 2.30pm Finish



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM VICKI:

Have you got a new phone number?

Can you please share that with us!

If any of your family information changes, can you please let the office know immediately. **This includes email addresses.**

If you require any further information please contact me.

IMPORTANT

Violin  **Singing**

Music Makers Studio
Where Dreams Begin

Classes Available During School



Contact: Susan
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susan@musicmakersstudio.com.au
www.musicmakersstudio.com.au



HOLIDAY SQUAD

WHAT TO BRING

- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Warm clothes
- Shin pads / Football boots / Runners
- Any medical requirements

WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Snacks and lunch both days
- Lots of fun!

DATES

Miners Rest Primary School
April 12th-13th 2023
July 5th-6th 2023
September 27th-28th 2023

COST

\$230
Optional extras:
Shorts and T-shirt \$35



BOOKINGS

To book your session scan the QR Code or visit our website.



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Dear Prospective Families,

We are writing to inform you of our upcoming Year 7 2024 Information Morning.

What: BHS Information Morning
When: Thursday 9th March 2023
9:30am – 11:00am
Where: Robinson Centre (located at rear of school, easily accessed by the car park)
Ballarat High School, Sturt St West

Purpose:

- to receive information about the school and its programs for 2024
- to observe students engaged in a variety of academic, physical, social and emotional learning experiences
- to become familiar with a Secondary School environment
- to experience the culture of Ballarat High School, while being welcomed as a member of the School Community
- to have opportunities to interact with school and student leaders
- to gain an understanding of the curriculum and how learning experiences sit within this

The morning will begin with a tour of the school, led by Student Leaders, followed by an information session.

Feel free to browse through our school website (www.ballarathighschool.vic.edu.au) for further information about how our school can personalise the learning for your child, including the wide range of learning opportunities available at Ballarat High School.

If you have any queries, please contact the school on (03) 5338 9000. Alternatively, you can send an email to ballarat.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Ballarat High School.

Kind regards,

Melissa Pompe
Year 7/8 Principal

Dani Bjelanovic
Leading Teacher - Year 7/8 Sub School

COME & TRY
Eureka & Golden City Hockey Club

TRAINING
6 - 7PM
WED
1 MAR

U8
U11
U14
U16
Teams

LOCATED @
PRINCE OF WALES PARK
NO COMMITMENT
NEEDED
JUST TURN UP!

ALL EQUIPMENT
PROVIDED
EXCEPT MOUTH GUARD



EGCHOCKEY.ORG.AU



Parents of students in
Grades 4, 5 and 6 are
warmly encouraged to attend

INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 15th March, 2023

Information Sessions
will be held at 5.00pm and 6.00pm
in the Theatre, followed by school tours.
Bookings essential.



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