











Respect & Care

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,

Ballarat's tell-tale wintery weather certainly hit this week. I do hope that you have all stayed warm and dry.

This week saw our annual Book Fair occur in the Spielvogel Centre. A very big thank you to the many parents who helped out with sales across the week. Any opportunity that we can harness to promote good quality literature for children should most definitely be taken.

Last Friday, one of our students, Astrid Buchanan competed in the State Swimming Champion-ships. Fortunately for all of us at Dana Street, the event was live streamed, so most of our students were able to cheer her on at school. Cheers and elation could be heard from our classrooms and offices as Astrid managed to take home a gold medal for the 50m backstroke, and bronze in the 50 metre butterfly. What a fantastic achievement! At assembly this week, we took the time to honour Astrid and celebrate her achievements.

This week, we had the pleasure of working alongside Andrea Hillbrick, who has remained a long term consultant for our school. Our staff were given time and space to work alongside Andrea to further plan for our Inquiry Learning Cycles. Andrea was kind enough to meet with staff after school to further bolster our collective knowledge.

Next week, we have some fantastic things happening at Dana Street. On Thursday I am looking forward to taking the Grade 6 Student Leaders to Federation University, to participate in the GRIP Leadership Training. This will be a great opportunity for our student leaders and I look forward to seeing what they can achieve as a result of this training.

On Friday, I am tremendously excited that we are hosting our first Mothers' Day Community Morning. Of course, we know that there are many significant adults in our students' lives, who all make a valuable contribution to their growth and development. It has been great to have so many parents state that they are really looking forward to the event. There will be no Mothers' Day Stall this year, as we are focussing on time spent together.

Finally, I hope you all have a fantastic weekend. It is going to be a chilly one!

Have a fantastic weekend





Dates:

Friday 12th May Mothers Day/ Community Morning 9.00am-10.00am



Tuesday 6th June Curriculum Day

Monday 12th June King's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 21st June Student Led Interviews

Friday 23rd June Last Day Term 3 2.30 pm departure



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Students Of The Week Awards



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00B Luca For being a risk taker in your writing! Luca are doing an amazing job of writing the sounds you can hear. Keep up the wonderful work!



Ameyali For your positive approach to all learning experiences and always striving to achieve your personal best. Ameyali, you always listen attentively, take pride in your learning and proactively share wonderful contributions to class discussions. Amazing effort, Ameyali!



Juan For being a kind, caring and helpful member of the classroom. You always have a smile on your face and a "Can Do" attitude! Congratulations Juan, you

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1/2D ☆ Noah ☆ For the effort you put into your Writing each week. It has been amazing to see the improvements you are making, and we love how you lock straight into every writing lesson, demonstrating your increased stamina and your creative and thoughtful ideas. Well thoughtful ideas. We...
done, Superstar! We are so proud of you!



1/2K Rosie For making sue that she is ready to learn and being able to lock into her learning quickly. Rosie, you have worked so hard this week, I'm so proud of you. Way to go superstar!



3/4N

3/4B Hazel For the way that you planned and drafted your picture story book this week. Your illustrations are truly worthy of being published, as well as your fantastic storyline. It is always wonderful to see your imagination and ideas in a finished product. Thanks legend!





3/4D Patrick for a great start to Term 2. You're a voracious reader, and have shown how you can lock-in to your learning. It's been great seeing you explore picture story books this week and continue writing a book for your buddy. What a great job you did practising speaking to the class with the acknowledgement of country. Keep being a great classmate. Keep up the great work. Well done, Patrick.



Ebony For being a quiet achiever and always trying her best to reach her full potential. You are a compassionate student that always cares for others and you enjoy making new friendships. Your creativity and hard work in Writing this week to draft and publish a picture story book has been outstanding. I can't wait to read the final copy. You have settled into life beautifully here at Dana Street. Well done Ebony, you are a super



3/4T Charlie For writing the most amazing comic book ever. It was such a delight to read and experience. You wit and creativity really shines through! Keep being you! You are a valued member of 3/4T, Keep being you Char-

5/6A Ozer For making a fantastic start at Dana St! Ozer, you have settled into our class wonderfully and ☆ always approach your learning with a positive attitude. It has been great to see you engaging with the lessons and asking questions to support your learning. Keep up the amazing effort!



5/6J Siana For her ability to solve various balanced equations during our Algebra unit this week. It was amazing to see you challenging yourself by using indices and square roots. You're doing a fantastic job, keep it up!



5/6P Astrid For her tremendous achievement at the School Sports Victorian Swimming Championships. Astrid, you have reaped the rewards with all the hard work you put in with your swimming. To come first and third in your respective events is a superb effort! We are all so proud of



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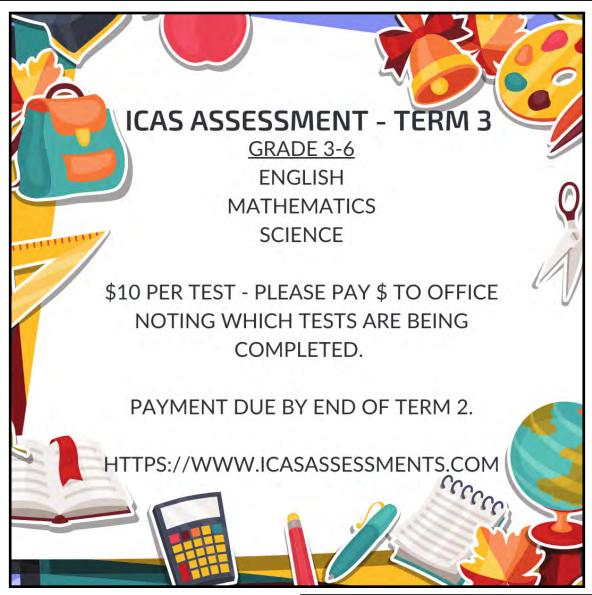
Here at Dana Street, the Wellbeing of our students is paramount to all teachers and staff. Within our classrooms we provide a number of planned and taught lessons around Respectful Relationships. As educators we share a common purpose – to provide our students with an education that gives each child the best start to a happy, healthy and prosperous life. The program promotes the teaching of building healthy relationships, resilience and confidence. We use the common language of WITS within our classrooms. This simply stands for W-Walk away, I- Ignore, T-Talk it out and S-Seek Help. Our school values of Inclusion, Tolerance and Understanding, Respect and Care, Excellence and Responsibility are part of our everyday language at Dana Street. The students work through these at the beginning of each year and continue to relate to them for everything they strive to do inside and outside of the classroom.

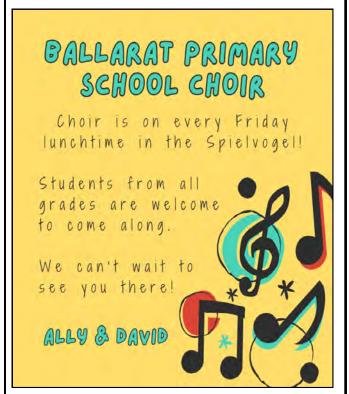
We are very lucky to have our two Therapy Dogs, Reggie who belongs to Dee and Kobe, who belongs to Kerrie. The studies behind animals and children are incredible and the smiles that come from the student's face's when they see these beautiful dogs are priceless.

Kerrie Gunsser is our school Student Wellbeing Officer. Kerrie's role involved assisting and enhancing the experience of school life for our children and can include individual support as well as group programs such as; Social Skills, Peaceful Kids and Seasons for Growth. Kerrie liaises with parents/guardians and teachers in support of each student she works with and can provide referral and engagement with external professionals. To further enhance student wellbeing Kerrie has Kobe, a 3yr old Lagotto Romagnolo dog, fully trained in Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT). Kobe is a quiet natured, gentle dog with a calming personality and will seek to assist students on a part-time basis with Kerrie. Kobe's aim is to support students by providing comfort and empathy to help reduce stress and anxiety in those he meets. Kerrie's workdays are Monday & Tuesday and can be contacted via the school office.

Kellie Healy who has been a classroom teacher at Dana Street for many years is our Mental Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator. Kellie works Monday to Thursday and is contactable via class dojo, the front office or by email Kelly-Healy@education.vic.gov.au. Kellie is able to assist in any further individual or family support that may be needed by families within our community. Her role is to support all students within the school and make their days as positive, happy and successful as possible.









Just a reminder that next Friday, the 12th of May we will be holding our Mother's Day/ Community morning.

We look forward to seeing students bring along a special person in their life to participate in a variety of fun and interactive activities. These will be happening around the school within our classes, Spielvogel and weather permitting, outside.

In today's world it's often so busy for many families. Opening up the school from 9-10 am on the Friday morning will provide an opportunity for students to share in different experiences. We have a variety of activities happening. Selfie Booth, Bracelet making, drum stick fun, Circus activities, music and some creative work.

We look forward to our wonderful community at Dana Street embracing this new event and enjoying the hour.

Soccer Clinic



The Western Victoria Football Academy recently conducted a soccer clinic for all grades at DSPS, offering students an opportunity to learn various skills and drills while engaging in simplified games. The clinic was a huge success, with students expressing their excitement and energy throughout the day. They had a

lot of fun, and it was a great opportunity to improve their soccer skills in

a structured and supportive environment. The academy's experienced coaches provided valuable guidance, helping students develop their abilities and achieve their goals. Overall, the clinic was an excellent experience that left a positive impact on the participants, fostering a love for the sport and a desire

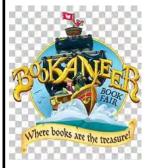


2023 Book Fair



We are blown away every year with the amazing support the Dana Street community brings to our Book Fair. It was lovely to see families browsing for books and hearing students talking to each other about their favourite books. All our student shoppers (and parents) showed our school values as they lined up and waited to purchase.

A big thank you to all our volunteers that used their terrific math skills adding up all the books and stationery that the big crowds of eager customers had!



Happy reading everyone!

Jess B, Ally and Louise











Photo day is coming Monday 22nd May.

MSP ordering system is moving online.

More information to follow.

