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## Another very busy week at D.S.P.S.



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 parent, grandparent and friends,

I hope this finds you well. A touch of warmer weather again this week, which has been fantastic.

On Monday evening, our School Council met for our November meeting. During the meeting, our team reviewed the 2024 Annual Implementation Plan and Cash Budget. It was one of our longer meetings for the year; however, it was a fortuitous that we were able to spend the time unpacking our strategic direction for 2024. I thank our School Council members for their support of our amazing school. Outlined below is a very brief summary of some of the main areas of focus for Dana Street Primary School, for next year.

In Literacy and Numeracy, we will continue our journey to deeply embed our Phonics and Morphology programs, which have been very successful this year. Reading will continue to be one of our main areas of focus for professional development of staff as we look to continue the excellent results we have achieved this year. Numeracy will also continue to be a focus for our staff, with plans to provide more authentic and challenging investigative learning opportunities for our students. A Numeracy Community Evening something we are keen to facilitate in 2024. Through a Wellbeing lens, we will build on our suite of resources to support students as they navigate the sometimes complex work we live in. We also want to further identify opportunities for community involvement and celebration of learning, which have been successful aspects of this year. I am excited for 2024, but acknowledge that we have much to do before the year is finished.

In this week's newsletter there is information regarding the parent payment for 2024. There are FAQs that we would really like you to look at, as the Parent Payment document template that we are mandated to use is sometimes difficult to navigate. There is also an FAQ regarding Sen-tral for next year. Please take the time to read them both. As always, if you have any questions, please contact us at school.

This week, our Transition Program began across the school. As I indicated last week, this week's session is just a trial run to ascertain the best balance for our classes for next year. It is important to note that student placement is something that we spend weeks organising and, believe me, it is no simple task! This year, we are not taking requests for particular teachers as we have spent considerable time ensuring the same curriculum is delivered across unit teams. If you would like to request your child be in the same class as another child, please e-mail me this request through by the end of next week (Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December). Please note that not all requests will be honoured due to the difficult task of ensuring we have balance across the school. Thank you for your understanding.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Ryan



# Students Of The Week Awards

FB  
Seb



For the independence you have shown in the classroom this week. Seb, we love watching you shine and embrace all opportunities presented to you. Amazing effort!

F/1S  
Tileigh



For always putting forth your best efforts and striving for excellence in Writing. Tileigh, it is wonderful to see you eager to write and a joy to read your descriptive narratives with magnificent handwriting. Keep up the amazing work, Tileigh!

1/2B  
Nolan



For persisting with all of your learning goals this year, and growing both socially and academically. You have developed some great friendships this year and it is a testament to your kind and caring nature. You demonstrate the school values of Responsibility by making good choices and encouraging others to do so. You have worked hard to give your best effort to all learning tasks and I am so proud of you Nolan!

1/2D

Freddie

For displaying our school value of Excellence in Writing. You have been so locked in this week, learning about persuasive writing and advertising. We have loved listening to your thoughtful ideas and responses about the purpose of advertising and can't wait to see your published work! You're a legend!



1/2K

Charlotte

For building her confidence during our Maths session this week. Charlotte, you have worked hard and developed a positive growth mindset. You now are more willing and confident to give any Maths problem a go. You are officially a Maths Superstar! Keep it up!



3/4B

Hannah

For being such a great role model in the classroom this year. You are an attentive listener and you always strive to do your best. It has been great to see you continue to build your confidence with collaborating in pairs and in small groups. Well done, legend!



3/4C

Elvis

For having a 'red-hot-go' at all learning activities this week. You've done a great job asking questions and have really engaged in our chance and probability experiments. You've been an outstanding member of your Reciprocal Reading group: staying focused, collaborating and providing valuable feedback to your group members. Keep up the great work, Elvis.



3/4N

Jasmine

For the effort that you apply to your learning throughout the day. I am so proud of the hard work that you are putting into your reading and this is showing in your beautiful fluency. You always bring so much kindness to our room. Congratulations Jasmine on being our student of the week!



3/4T

Winnie

For having a growth mindset and believing in her ability to achieve a terrific persuasive text. You have come a long way this year and I hope you are extremely proud of yourself! Keep up the exceptional work Winnie! Keep being you!



5/6A

Jack

For demonstrating excellence in your learning this week. You worked as part of a team to create clear arguments for your debate and showed grit when given time to explore the concept of volume, explaining your thinking to the class confidently. Keep up the super effort, Jack!



5/6J

Ella

For the outstanding effort and preparation that went into her debating speech. Ella, you spoke confidently and fluently when delivering convincing arguments and strongly rebutted against the opposing team. You should be proud of your effort!



5/6P

Lottie

For always engaging in rich discussion during Literature Circle meetings. Lottie, you always present your thoughts a opinions on the text in a respectful manner. You complete your role to a high standard each week, ensuring you inform your group members about your text, The Raven Song. Keep it up legend!



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# OFFICE NEWS

WEEK 8, TERM 4

## 2024 | PARENT PAYMENT & CONTRIBUTIONS

The 2024 Parent Payment Arrangements was approved by School Council at Mondays, November meeting.

The DET Parent Payment Document with supporting documents will be emailed to families shortly. Copies will be made available on the school website. [www.danaps.vic.edu.au](http://www.danaps.vic.edu.au) | School Documents.

In this weeks edition of the newsletter we included **Frequently Asked Questions** with key information around Parent Payments & Sentral. FAQ address the new lunch ordering system is coming soon.

## PARENT/GUARDIANS | PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR...

The youngest in families will bring home copies of

- \*FAQ | Sentral and Parent Payments
- \* 2024 Excursion & Contribution Financial planner.

**FAQ - Parent Payments 2024**

How much does it cost to attend school every school term?

Year Level	Contribution to School	Contribution to School (incl. GST)	Total
Year 1	\$40.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,140.00
Year 2	\$40.00	\$800.00	\$840.00
Year 3	\$40.00	\$600.00	\$640.00
Year 4	\$40.00	\$400.00	\$440.00
Year 5	\$40.00	\$200.00	\$240.00
Year 6	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00

What is the difference between Parent Payments and Contributions?

Parent Payments are the amount of money that families contribute to the school to help cover the cost of the school's operating costs. Contributions are the amount of money that families contribute to the school to help cover the cost of the school's capital costs.

How do I make payments for the 'Parent Payments' activity?

All payments are via BPAY. Go to the website [www.danaps.vic.edu.au](http://www.danaps.vic.edu.au) to make payments. The BPAY QR code is available on the website.

What happens if I don't pay for the 'Parent Payments' activity?

A student whose family has not made payment will not be able to attend school. The school will contact the family to discuss the situation.

Can I pay by instalment?

Yes, you can pay by instalment. Contact the school for more information.

**2024 Excursion & Contribution Financial Planner**

PLEASE NOTE: This planner has been created as a guide only, including families plan for likely extra contributions on bills of OPEC during 2024.

Year Level	Contribution to School	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Total Term
Year 1	Contribution to School	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$40.00
	Excursion & Contribution	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$40.00
Year 2	Contribution to School	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$40.00
	Excursion & Contribution	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$40.00
Year 3	Contribution to School	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$40.00
	Excursion & Contribution	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$40.00
Year 4	Contribution to School	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$40.00
	Excursion & Contribution	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$40.00
Year 5	Contribution to School	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$40.00
	Excursion & Contribution	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$40.00
Year 6	Contribution to School	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$40.00
	Excursion & Contribution	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$40.00
Total 2024	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$200.00

NEW 2024 SENTRAL

The table outlines proposed activities in 2024 for each level.

From Term 1, 2024 OPEC will only be SENTRAL as the primary method of communication with our school community.

Initial excursions bookings (including and payments) will be communicated via SENTRAL. Payments & Payments are collected electronically.

The planner was created as a tool to assist parents plan for upcoming excursions and their costs. Events and costs are subject to change.

Electronic copies of these documents will be published to our website and to **SENTRAL** (in 2024.)

# FAQ : Parent Payments | 2024

## How much does it cost to attend Ballarat Primary School (Dana Street)?

Year Level	Curricular Contributions for whole school event	Extra-Curricular Contributions – User Pays   If your child attends every event offered at DSPS.	Total
Foundation	\$40.00	\$ 178.00	\$218.00
Year 1	\$40.00	\$180.00	\$220.00
Year 2	\$40.00	\$180.00	\$220.00
Year 3	\$40.00	\$571.00^^	\$611.00
Year 4	\$40.00	\$571.00 ^^	\$611.00
Year 5	\$40.00	\$333.00^	\$373.00
Year 6	\$40.00	\$373.00 ^	\$413.00

^^ This includes \$385 for Year 3 / 4 Camp and optional sporting activities. ^ This includes optional sporting activities.

+ **Booklists.** Each Year Level has a booklist of items recommended for purchase. Depending on year levels, booklist can cost between \$60-\$100.

## What is Extra Curricular Payment vs Curricular Contribution ?

**Curricular Contribution** is voluntary. DSPS is only seeking contribution to 2 major whole school events. Your contribution will see a real connection to the activity and will significantly enhance the event for your child/ren and school community.

**Extra-Curricular Contributions** ("User Pays") are for activities and events outside the school curriculum. Payment must be received before students can attend these activities. Please read the Excursion Planner that outlines most proposed activities in 2024 and their costs.

## How do I make payments for Extra Curricular "User Pays" activities ?

All Payments are via **SENTRAL** prior to the activity. Payment requests will appear alongside Permission notifications in **SENTRAL**. The 2024 Excursion Financial Planner aims to assist families in planning for excursion/activity payments likely to occur throughout the year. **The planner is only a guide and is subject to change.**

## What happens if I don't pay for the Extra Curricular "User Pays "activity?

A student whose account has not been credited with funds will not be able to attend the activity. The school welcomes payment plans that are set up prior to the event. CSEF is available to contribute to Camps and Excursions.

## Has parent payments changed?

Yes, in 2021 the Department of Education made significant changes to their parent payment policy. These changes created confusion for both schools and parents.

In 2024 we have created a clear schedule of payments distinguishing between Curriculum (Voluntary) and Extra Curricular payments.

**Resources | Links to additional resources can be found on the school website.**

# FAQ : SENTRAL | New in 2024

## What is SENTRAL?

**SENTRAL** is a secure school management system that Dana Street is adopting to streamline all aspects of school life. Most users utilise the PARENT APP which is downloaded onto your phone and is designed to be very user friendly.

## Why are we moving to SENTRAL?

SENTRAL offers parents a **One Stop Shop** for the management of your child's education. From reporting absentees, updating medical details, uploading plans, refreshing contact details, communicating with teachers, reviewing the school calendar, accessing the school newsletters, confirming permissions, making payments, scheduling teacher interviews to accessing digital copies of school reports – SENTRAL is the hub of all things Dana Street Primary School.

## Do I have to use SENTRAL?

**YES!** SENTRAL will be the school's primary communication method.

## When do I need to register with SENTRAL?

"Access Keys" will be sent home Week 10, Term 4 2023.

We encourage parents to register over the January holidays to receive important back to school information leading into Term 1 2024.

**All families must be registered with SENTRAL by Week 2, Term 1 2024 as Athletic Day details will be sent by SENTRAL.**

All parents/caregivers and guardians must register. There will be a transition period in early Term 1 2024 as we phase out paper/Class Dojo.

## Where/How do I register?

**How To Instructions** will be shared on the "Access Key" due home Week 10.

Parent Portal is via a website. Parent APP is via a downloaded APP.

## What is an "Access Key"?

Each parent is provided a personalised Access Key for the registration process. Access Keys will be sent home end of Week 10, Term 4. We can reprint if needed.

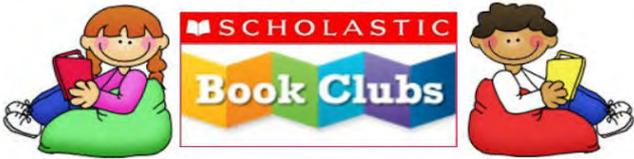
## I'm not IT savvy? Can you help?

Once set up, SENTRAL Portal is easy to use.

**Step by Step Set-Up User Guides** will accompany the Access Key information.

We will host "Set Up / SENTRAL Information" sessions after Friday Assembly's in Term 1 2024. Everyone welcome. More details to come. *We are all learning together.*





BOOK CLUB ~ ISSUE 8 2023

Issue 8 Book Club ~ please order by  
Friday 1st December.

Please visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the LOOP app. Your order will be electronically linked to the schools orders.



Little Angler Kits for Grade 5 Students  
If your Grade 5 child would like a Little Angler Kit, please come and collect from the front office. Any left over will be donated to charity.

FAQ Below:

<https://vfa.vic.gov.au/recreational-fishing/featured/old/little-angler-kit-project/faqs-for-parents>



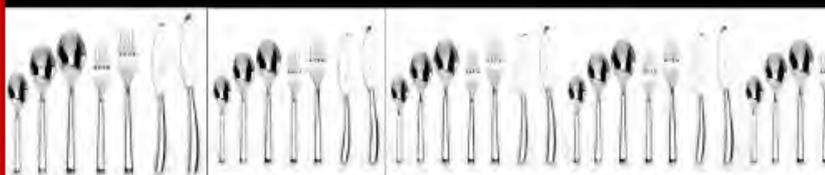
## Lost Property

We have quite a few jackets on the lost property clothes rack in the foyer. These are all non school jackets, eg: Katmandu ect. If you child has misplaced a good non school jacket please come and check as they are not named. If they are still here after the last day of the school year they will be donated to good will.

## Reminder



A friendly reminder to pack cutlery with lunch/snacks as required.



# DSPS Term 4 Planner

Current as of  
10.11.2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	2nd October Curriculum Day	3rd October	4th October	5th October	6th October Assembly Buddies and Mates
Week 2	9th October Swimming week F, F/1, 3/4s	10th October Swimming week F, F/1, 3/4s	11th October Swimming week F, F/1, 3/4s	12th October Swimming week F, F/1, 3/4s	13th October Swimming week F, F/1, 3/4s No assembly Foundation/F/1 FireFighter Incursion
Week 3	16th October Swimming week 1/2s, 5/6 School Council 7pm	17th October Swimming week 1/2s, 5/6 Grade ¾ Incursion	18th October Swimming week 1/2s, 5/6	19th October Swimming week 1/2s, 5/6	20th October Swimming week 1/2s, 5/6 No assembly Foundation/F/1 FireFighter Incursion
Week 4	23rd October FUN RUN MONEY DUE BACK	24th October Grade ¾ Incursion FUN RUN MONEY DUE BACK	25th October FUN RUN MONEY DUE BACK	26th October Ballarat High School Transition visit FUN RUN MONEY DUE BACK	27th October Assembly Fun Run TEACHERS DAY- FUN RUN MONEY DUE BACK
Week 5	30th October Extraordinary School Council meeting 7pm	31st October Grade ¾ Incursion	1st November Ballarat High School Transition visit	2nd November money due for FUN RUN	3rd November Assembly Buddies and Mates
Week 6	6th November	7th November Melbourne Cup Day Holiday	8th November	9th November	10th November Assembly Remembrance Day 1 min silence 11am
Week 7	13th November Report Writing Day/ Pupil Free Day	14th November	15th November	16th November Phoenix Band visit 10.15am	17th November Assembly Buddies and Mates
Week 8	20th November 9:30am - 10:30am Transition Session Foundation 2024 Tabloid/Buddy School Council	21st November	22nd November	23rd November	24th November Assembly
Week 9	27th November	28th November	29th November	30th November	1st December Assembly Buddies and Mates Scholastic orders due online.
Week 10	4th December	5th December	6th December	7th December	8th December Assembly
Week 11	1st December	12th December Transition Day whole school Foundation transition Secondary School Orientation Day Yr 6	13th December	14th December Grade 6 Celebration Excursion TBC	15th December Assembly Buddies and Mates Reports/Portfolios sent home.
Week 12	18th December Grade 6 Graduation Dinner	19th December	20th December Assembly 12.45pm Students P-6 finish 1.30pm		