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Respect & Care

Responsibility

Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding

Excellence



A Sprint to the finish 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,

December is here and along with it the festive season begins. Despite some challenging weather, which required the students to remain indoors for part of the week, they have had a fantastic and productive few days.

Yesterday, our team conducted a second whole school Transition Session, where we continued the mammoth task of getting the best possible mix of students for 2024. We still have another week of meetings and deliberation, with another Transition Session to occur next Thursday. Students will find out their 2024 teachers before the Transition Session on the 12th of December. Again, we can guarantee that all students will have at least one of their friends from their 'bus' in 2024.

I am pleased to announce our 2024 Classroom Teachers. The list of class structures along with unit teams is in the table below.

Foundation	Kym Bursill
1/2 Unit	Kelly Kosloff Sarah Schroen Ros Davine & Louise Brown Jess Booth
3/4 Unit	Kate McMillan (Maloy) Tyler Smith Jess Norris Sam Bell
5/6 Unit	Xavier Jones Airlie Penny Sam Peters

I am excited that Tyler Smith is moving into a full time, classroom position next year after completing this year under Permission to Teach, as our Japanese Teacher. Kate McMillan (formerly Maloy) rejoins Dana Street after a year's secondment at another school. No doubt many of you will be glad to hear that Kate is returning next year. Our Specialist Team is currently being finalised.

Have a fantastic weekend.



Ryan

Students Of The Week Awards

FB

Poppy

For the positive way you have applied yourself during our Maths investigations this week. Poppy, you should be so proud of the strategies and skills you have shown!



F/1S

Ted

For consistently exemplifying our school value of Inclusion, Tolerance and Understanding. Ted, you always demonstrate kindness, respect and acceptance towards others and always ensure that everyone has a friend to play with in the playground. **You're a star!** Keep up the great work, Ted!



1/2B

Emma

For always having such a positive attitude and always giving your best to all aspects of school. You have shown growth in all areas, in particular your writing where you can express yourself. You are so creative and unique and have developed a great **writer's voice**. Your confidence in your learning and your own belief in yourself is something you should be proud of. Keep it up Emma!



1/2D

Evie

For your positive attitude and for having a growth mindset. Each day you come to school with an infectious smile and can-do attitude. You ask thoughtful questions every lesson to gain a deeper understanding, share your knowledge with your peers, and take on challenges with enthusiasm. Keep up the amazing effort!



1/2K

Rosie

For having a 'can do' attitude this week. Rosie, you have been ready to lock into your learning and been able to give all lessons a red hot go! Keep up the great work!



3/4B

Finn

For continuing to be an excellent role model in the class room. You can always be relied on to be a good listener, make thoughtful contributions to our class discussions and put your best effort into your learning. It has been great to see you encouraging the best from others. Thanks, legend!



3/4C

Ava

For consistently including others and modelling our classroom expectations. You do a fantastic job at including others and giving a helping hand. Well done on what you've achieved so far in your Reciprocal Reading group; staying focused and working on your role. **It's great seeing you having a red-hot-go at different subtraction strategies this week.** Keep up the great work, Ava



3/4N

Shelby

For increasing her display of a growth mindset. It has been wonderful to see you showing positivity and having a 'red hot go' at all activities. You are striving for excellence in all areas and applying feedback to make improvements, especially in your reading. You created some fantastic discussions in Reciprocal Reading this week. Top effort superstar!



3/4T

Greta

For using your growth mindset when receiving and applying teacher feedback. You always go back and make the recommended edits to enhance your work in all areas of your learning.



5/6A

Maeve

For being an incredible debater this week! Maeve, you did an amazing job rebutting the opposing team and presenting your arguments strongly. You spoke clearly and confidently and made a compelling case for your team. You are a superstar!



5/6J

Art

For showing the school value of tolerance when working collaboratively to create your debate this week. Art, you persisted with your debating and delivered a confident and convincing debate. You should be proud of your efforts!



5/6P

Toby

For the excellent collaborative skills he has shown in Inquiry. Toby, you consistently take others' points of view into consideration, and always share your knowledge of the topics. Your chemical science knowledge has been on display since the get go. I can't wait to see your science experiment take place! Keep up the great work legend!



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Foundation/One News

As we near the end of the year, we have been reflecting on how far we have come over the last 12 months. To think about all the amazing achievements, moments and connections that have occurred during that time is something to be celebrated. We asked the students to think about our year together and these things came to mind...

Something that made you smile...

Making things balance in our science incursion - Sidney

Making trees in Art - Evie

Something that made you laugh

Playing a mixer game during circle time - Karl

Ducking underwater during our swimming lessons - Abi

Something that made you feel proud ...

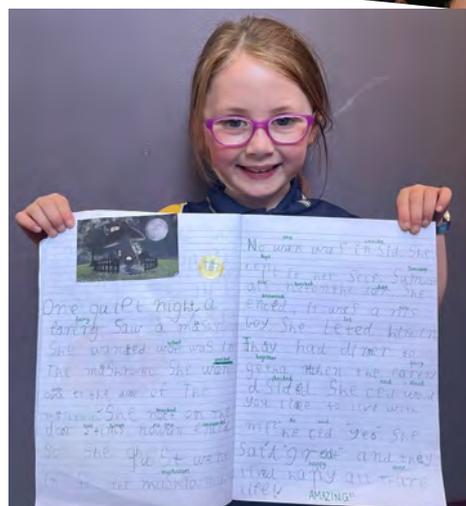
Building my biggest house out of lego - Harvey

Showing Mr Oliver my writing - Tileigh

Something I will never forget ...

Making our smart cookies - Seb

Going to Ecolinc and seeing lots of different bugs - Ted



Junior School Council News

Congratulations to the hardworking students of the Junior School Council for their efforts and dedication! Our council has been abuzz with exciting initiatives, making a significant positive impact this year.



One of our standout initiatives has been Winter Wollies Day. We encouraged students to embrace the winter vibes by wearing their cosiest jumpers, scarves, and beanies. It wasn't just about staying warm; we also collected a remarkable five tubs full of non-perishable items to donate to the Ballarat Soup Bus. Witnessing the generosity of our school community was truly heartwarming.



Adding a yummy touch to our Fridays, Icy Pole Fridays have been a hit. Students have enjoyed these cool treats, and the proceeds will be donated to the 3BA Christmas appeal.

This festive season, we're spreading joy in a unique way with our Reverse Advent Calendar. Instead of receiving treats, students are bringing in a non-perishable food item or a small donation each day to fill our collection boxes. This initiative aims to provide a little extra support to those in need during the holiday season.



Together, we've worked to make a positive difference within our community. The donation from our supportive community and enthusiasm of our Junior School Council have truly shone through.

Well done to all involved!

Reverse Advent Calendar

We need your help with collecting items for the Reverse advent calendar. Please see the following list for suggested items

Foundation students – tinned fruits/ vegetables

F/1S – Tinned soups/ spaghetti/ baked beans

1/2 K – Pasta & pasta sauce

1/2B – Spreads (vegemite, jam etc)

1/2D – Bottled water and juices

3/4N – Long life milk

3/4B – Rice and noodles

3/4C - Cereals

3/4T – Snack foods

5/6J - Soaps

5/6A – Roll on Deodorant

5/6P – Toothbrushes/ toothpaste





**The Office has a supply of
COVID TESTS.
Families welcome to collect
from Reception.
Office open 8am - 4pm.**



LAST CHANCE

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>

Reminder



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



DSPS Office

We will be closed from:

3 pm Wednesday 20 Dec 2023

9am Monday 29 January 2024

Yr 1 - 6 Students return Wednesday 31 January 2024
Foundation begin on Thursday 1 February 2024



DSPS Term 4 Planner

Current as of
01.12.2023

	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 3/4 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 3/4 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
Week 5	30th October Extraordinary School Council meeting 7pm	31st October Grade 3/4 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 BHS Band visit 10am	7th December Sovereign Hill FB & F/1 9.50 am—12.40 pm 1/2 B,D, & K 11am- 2.10pm	8th December Assembly
Week 11	1th 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		