

Ballarat Primary School (Dana St)

401 Dana St, Ballarat. Phone 53321 301
email: ballarat.ps.dana@education.vic.gov.au



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.



School Values:

Respect & Care

Responsibility

Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding

Excellence

Ryan's Ramblings

Dear parent, grandparent and friends,

A very warm week comes to an end with the promise of rain.

As we come to our final full week of school for 2023 we are busily putting the final touches on this year and preparing for 2024.

There are a few positive changes coming in early 2024. The first being that we will be rolling out our digital student management program, Sentral. Next week, you will receive a code and login for your account, which we will transition to over the course of Term 1. Please keep this safe. We will gradually transition away from using Class Dojo as a means of school communication. Permission forms for excursions, payments and even lunch orders will all be available via the Sentral Platform over the course of 2024, but will be done in a staggered manner, so that we don't overload parents or staff with the change. There will be opportunities for parents to meet at school for information sessions early in the school year. I am excited to be moving towards a digital platform, for both ease of use and to reduce our carbon footprint by significantly reducing the amount of paper and printing we do at school.

On Tuesday of next week we will have our Transition Day, where students will participate in a morning of engaging activities with their new classes for next year. The class placements will be confirmed on Monday. Our staff have worked tirelessly to find the best possible classes for our students, which has taken us over four weeks of trial and deliberation. Unfortunately, we are unable to honour all requests, nor are we able to ensure all children get their first bus preference. In saying that, I am confident that our classes will be amazing next year and I am looking forward to seeing our students continue to grow in their new learning environments.

Semester Reports will be sent home on Friday of next week. Please take the time to read over these reports and celebrate the many achievements detailed within, with your children. They have grown so much this year thanks to the collective efforts of our staff and our community. Next year, the reports will be via our Sentral platform, so we will have the option of sending them directly to your devices.

We were lucky to have had a fantastic performance from the Ballarat High School Band this week. Our students were thoroughly entertained by the ensemble of clarinets, saxophones, flutes, guitars, percussion, brass and other instruments. Our local public schools are certainly not short of talented staff or students.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend.

Ryan



Students Of The Week Awards

FB
Luca



For embracing all experiences learning opportunities on our Sovereign Hill excursion. Luca you have grown so much this year!



F/1S
Ceejay

For the exceptional way in which you modelled our school values during our Sovereign Hill excursion. Ceejay I was so impressed by your attentive listening, the way you followed instructions and how positively approached all learning experiences. You're a star! Keep up the amazing work Ceejay!



1/2B
Classroom

For your excellent respect and responsibility you all demonstrated at Sovereign Hill this week. I am proud of how you supported each other and worked cooperatively to enjoy a fun day learning about Christmas in the colonies! Great work everyone!

1/2D
Orlando

For your enthusiasm and engagement at our excursion to Sovereign Hill. You are a role model and it was wonderful to see you display our school values with pride in the community. You put great effort into every activity you tried at our excursion, and we loved seeing your excitement while gold panning. You are a legend!



1/2K
Scarlett

For her great work in writing. Scarlett, you influenced and encouraged others with your fantastic poster and siel. You used some excellent strategies. Fantastic work!



3/4B
Lucy

For amazing effort that you have put into your learning this year. It has been wonderful to see you taking on new challenges and using a range of strategies when in the Learning Pit. I cannot wait to read your published newspaper article. You would make a great journalist. Thanks, legend!



3/4C
Isla

For consistently having a red-hot-go this week. It's been great seeing you plug away at your Maths task, planning your leisureland visit. You've showed a Growth Mindset and collaborated with others in the class. I look forward to seeing your finished newspaper article. You consistently bring a positive outlook to our learning space. Keep up the great work, Isla.



3/4N
Jackson

It has been wonderful to see you showing positivity and having a 'red hot go' at all activities. You are always a good friend to others and show respect and kindness. You worked really well in our Maths investigation groups. Top superstar!



3/4T
Izzy

For using your growth mindset. It has been such a pleasure to see you using your growth mindset to write your persuasive piece on 'Dogs are better than cats' this week. You have included many persuasive devices to convince the reader.

5/6A
Savannah

For the continuous effort she has put into her learning all year. Savannah, you are the driving force in our Literature Circle discussions, opening up the conversations with in depth thoughts for the group to discuss. You are a super star!



5/6J
Audrey

For her amazing attitude towards all her learning tasks this week. Audrey, you give everything you do 110%, which has evident during your Maths investigation this week. Keep being the amazing independent and relied upon worker you are, superstar!



5/6P
Ollie

For engaging in Literature Circle discussions this week. Ollie, it has been great to see you explain your understanding of the novel, Boy Overboard during your meeting. You have been able to present your thoughts and opinions which has created rich discussions. Keep up the great work legend!



Maths over the holidays

With holidays just around the corner, here are some fun mathematical activities to complete at home to link classroom learning to real life scenarios:

- Adding totals and calculating change at the shops
- Pay with cash and discuss Australian currency
- Tell the time on analogue and digital clocks
- Create a timetable or schedule for your daily activities

You can also play some Mathematical games as a family:

Pyramid 10 Facts

Equipment:

- A pack of cards (minus the picture cards)

How to play:

- Set out a pyramid of 6 layers.
- The remaining cards go face down in a pile.
- Working from the base of the pyramid, find two cards to make 10 (or 1 card if it is 10 card).
- Put these cards aside.
- Continue up the pyramid finding 10 facts.
- Keep going until you cannot make anymore.
- Now you can use the pile of cards from the beginning of the game to help make pairs.
- The game finishes when you either finish the pyramid or you are completely stuck and can't make any more 10s facts.



Spiral Cards

Equipment:

- A pack of cards (minus the picture cards)
- Counter each
- A 6 sided dice

How to play:

1. Lay cards face down in a spiral pattern.
2. Roll the dice, move your counter along the cards to the appropriate spaces.
3. Turn the card over and add or subtract your number by the number on the dice
4. Continue to play until the first person reaches the end of the spiral.



Challenge: Use multiplication

Literacy For The Holidays

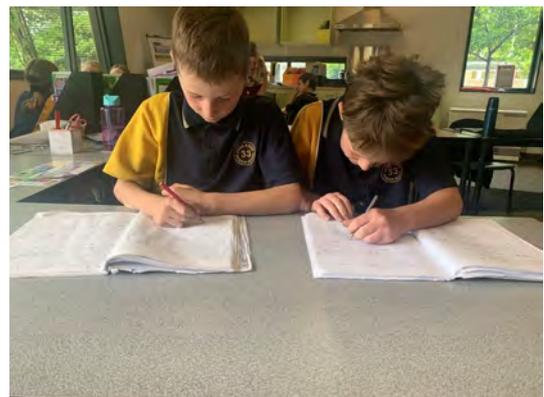
What an amazing year of literacy we have had at Dana Street this year as we continue to embrace researched and structured practises. You're probably on the lookout for ways to keep literacy on the forefront over the holidays? Well here are some ideas to keep you occupied:

Reading – Books, Reading Eggs, magazines, articles, comics, graphic novels, recipes, letters, a trip to the library, audio books, kids podcasts (Squiz Kids), kids news articles for different reading abilities (<https://www.kidsnews.com.au>),
Nessy apps <https://www.nessy.com/en-gb/shop/apps>

Writing - Recounts, diaries, letters, emails, comics, lists, plans, stories, comics, plan a trip, write a review, design a picture book

Speaking and Listening – Board games, construction, craft, sound games (breaking up words into syllables, phonemes, rhyming)

Have a fantastic break everyone!
Sam and Louise



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



Queries: Call Dom 0417 967 621



KELLY SPORTS Summer

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 18th Dec - Fri 22nd Dec 2023

Tue 2nd Jan - Wed 31st Jan 2024

At Kelly Sports Ballarat, we believe in fostering children's interests in a safe, encouraging environment. Our caring, friendly & professional staff are committed to working with kids, and receive training on behavior management techniques, first aid, and activity planning/delivery.



What To Bring:

- Suitable clothing
- A refillable drink bottle
- A hat & sunscreen
- Big packed lunch!

JOIN US!

For a Fun-Filled Holiday Program!

EASTWOOD LEISURE CENTRE BALLARAT

8am-5pm Weekdays

Kinder to Grade 6

\$60 per child per day



BOOK ONLINE NOW AT



KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU

www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat



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



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



EOI for 2024 Netbooks for Grades 3-5 – 2024

We are still confirming price and laptop for 2024 from our supplier.

Alternatively, if you would like to source own laptop for your child in 2024, these are the minimum specifications:

No chrome books/iPad

Windows 10 or 11

Minimum 4GB Ram

Minimum 64GB Storage (128GB is better)

Protective case/bag

If you have any questions, please feel free to make contact via email—

kylie.watson@education.vic.gov.au

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 | | |