



*Respect & Care*

*Responsibility*

*Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding*

*Excellence*

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

### Assembly

At assembly today, some students from 5/6S shared their learning in relation to our school value of Respect and Care. Dominic, Lucy, Libby and Reuben shared some ways in which the value is demonstrated at school. All classes are learning about our values in detail and these are revisited continuously throughout the year.

Samuel, Eve and Zake from 3/4A shared their learning about developing a Growth Mindset. They talked about persisting with difficult tasks, “getting into the learning pit”, where learning can be challenging, and using positive growth language. This language is taught across the school in all year levels.



### Student Leadership

At Dana St Primary School, there are many opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate leadership skills and qualities. Our Junior School Councillors, from grade 3 to 6, have been selected this week by their peers.

Joining Amelie and Finn on our 2020 Junior School Council are Cooper (3S), Annie (3/4K), Josie (3/4A), Eloise (5/6K), Stella (5/6E) and Rufus (5/6S). The Junior School Council will liaise with students across the school, in their efforts to enhance school life for all students and to fundraise for charities and school initiatives.



### School Council Elections

Today, accompanying the newsletter, are details on the nomination and election process for School Council membership. Our School Council is an important group, which helps to set future directions and provides a forum for parents and staff to contribute to policy and planning. All parents and staff are eligible to participate in the election process by seeking election or exercising a vote. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on the School Council or if you would like to know more information. Nomination forms are available at the office.

### Dana BOP– An evening of Musical entertainment for the whole family

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, we are excited to have a Music festival here at school!

From 5:30 to 8pm, we will have several bands, entertainment for children, BBQ food, icecream and drinks. For this event to be a success, we will need many volunteers. We have rosters for the BBQ, for icecream selling and the gate. (Entry at front gate with a gold coin)

Please, please come and place your name on a roster at the office, for one shift on the evening. We hope to see everyone there!

### Japan Study Tour



I have been very fortunate to be selected to join a study tour of Japan for educational leaders. Approval from the Department of Education was granted this week. I will be joining nineteen other principals from across Australia on a short nine-day tour of major cities in Japan, leaving on Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The aim is to develop knowledge and skills for strong advocacy of language learning, and to explore relationships with schools in Japan. The tour will enable me to develop my own cultural literacy, cross cultural communication skills and awareness, and international networks, which in turn, will benefit our school.

I will be observing the ways in which the Japanese education system works; how values and curriculum areas are taught.

I will be absent for six school days, returning to school on Tuesday March 3rd. Our Assistant Principal, Samantha Streeter, will be acting principal during this time.

*Natalie Toohey* ~ Principal

# Student Of The Week

**00K ~ WILLIAM**

For being an excellent role model in the classroom. William, you are constantly displaying "excellence" in our classroom. Keep up the good work!

**01B ~ HARVEY**

For having a "red hot go" in all maths tasks. It is fantastic to see you sharing your knowledge with our grade. You are a star mathematician!

**01S ~ CONNER**

For an incredible start to your first year of school. You take constructive feedback in your stride and you always aim to do your best. Well done!!!

**1/2D ~ OSCAR**

For being a confident, positive and great role model. Oscar, you have settled into Grade 2 by giving everything "your best"! Keep it up, Buddy & HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**1/2K ~ AUDREY**

For showing excellence in her holiday recount! Audrey, you've blown me away with your writing stamina and amazing recount. Fantastic work!!

**23S ~ AUDREY**

For showing all of our school values each day, and giving everything a red hot go. You have blown me away with your positive attitude and the way you have settled into your new school. Well done, super star!

**34A ~ TARWIN**

For showing a growth mindset and positive attitude towards all learning tasks. Tarwin, you have made a brilliant start to grade 4. Keep up the amazing work, superstar!

**34K ~ ANNIE**

For always doing the right thing. Your positive attitude and the exceptional way you show respect, care and excellence makes you an asset to your class.

**56E ~ ANTHONY**

For making Emma proud by locking into his learning and having a red hot go, striving for excellence. You're a star!

**56K ~ RAFF**

For being an excellent role model during learning and giving everything a red hot go. Well done, Raff!

**56S ~ ELLEN**

For her tremendous approach to writing. Ellen, your captivating use of language, text structure and overall quality is exceptional! Keep up the great work, legend!



# Mathletics News

The 2020 Mathletics season has begun!

All students this year from Foundation to Year 6 will be using Mathletics as part of their learning. Teachers set students challenges and tasks that are suited to the individual learning of students throughout the year.

Certificates are granted when a student earns 1000 points or more within one week. Students initially earn a Bronze Certificate, then a Silver Certificate once five Bronzes have been earned. With four Silver Certificates, a student then receives the much-coveted Gold Certificate, demonstrating their long-term commitment and developing ability.



**Congratulations to Tiger on achieving his first silver certificate for 2020!**



## NUDE FOOD TUESDAY is gaining popularity!



This week we had even fewer wrappers outside. Our students are excited about their nude food; proudly showing bento-style boxes, healthy lunches and no wrappers! This is a great effort, which is also minimising our waste!



**INFORMATION EVENING 2020**  
SEBASTOPOL CAMPUS

**Tuesday 10th March**  
Information & Tours from 5.30pm

Parents and prospective students are warmly invited to attend the Information Evening at Phoenix P-12 Community College, Sebastopol Campus.

The evening will include a tour and information session from 5.30pm, allowing visitors an opportunity to experience interactive displays of students' work across a variety of learning areas.

**For more information call 5329 3293**  
*"In Knowledge there is Opportunity"*

Hertford Street, Sebastopol

[www.phoenix.vic.edu.au](http://www.phoenix.vic.edu.au)

# Reading at home Information Session

Come and enjoy a cup of tea while learning some new skills to help your child with their reading at home! The session will go through reading strategies, comprehension questions as well as developing a love for reading at school and at home.

**When:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**Where:** Staffroom

**Time:** 3:00-3:30

**Who:** Parents/carers of any year level welcome

**There will be a sheet at the office to put your name down if you would like to attend or you can call Vicki at the office.**

Hope to see you there!

Louise Brown

Reading Specialist



## Road Safety



Our school is situated on some of Ballarat's busiest streets and intersections. The safety of our students is of highest priority. Recently we have been made aware that some cars are dangerously double-parking, blocking driveways and forcing students to walk onto the road in order to enter a car. It is most important that children are able to

travel safely to and from school and using the available crossing points. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Grade 3-6 Athletics Sports:  
Wendouree Number 2 Oval  
Tuesday 10th March

Volunteers Needed! Any help would be appreciated. Please see Tom O'Loughlin for more details.

## Parent / Teacher Meetings



These important meetings for parents of students in grades 1 to 6 will take place next week. Please contact the office if you need assistance to book your meetings. Students will remain in their classrooms during the meetings in school time, while parents and teachers share information and establish relationships for the year ahead. Parent/teacher meetings strengthen the home/ school partnership and greatly enhance outcomes for students.



The Melbourne Japanese Summer Festival will return on Sunday 23 February from 11:30AM to 5:30PM at Federation Square. The festival will showcase traditional and contemporary Japanese culture with performances, foods, activities for all ages and plenty of arts and crafts for the creative and fashionable. Everyone will have a chance to learn and participate in the traditional Bon dance.

Why not enter yourself into the best dressed kimono and cosplay competitions- there are lots of great prizes up for grabs!

For more information <https://www.icjism.org.au/fest/> or see Sensei Lauren.



**Accounts:** Family statements, in relation to curriculum levies will be sent out on Monday. Family BPay numbers are shown on the statements. **Payments can be made across the year, or in a lump sum.** If you require any further information please contact Vicki.

**GOLD COIN DONATION AT THE GATE**

# DANA BOP

LIVE MUSIC + HOT SNAGS  
COLD ICE-CREAM  
GAMES + PRIZES  
ENTERTAINMENT

Bring your spare change for fun and games!

- WHIZ BANG
- MARK WITH THE SEA
- PRINCESS PINKY
- THE VINLEYS
- THE DANA BOP CHOIR

**Friday March 13th  
5:30pm - 8pm**

\*Raising money for Dana Street Primary School  
\*Dana Bop is an alcohol and smoke-free event  
and is striving to be a minimal-waste event

**dates to Remember**

MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY School Council Meeting 7pm Parent/Teacher Meetings ~ Grade 1/2K, 1/2D, P/1B, P/1S	FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY Parent Helpers Information Morning ~ 9.30am
TUESDAY 18th FEBRUARY Parent/Teacher Meetings ~ Grade 2/3S, 3/4K, 3/4A	WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY No School For Preps
WEDNESDAY 19th FEBRUARY No School For Preps Parent/Teacher Meetings ~ Grade 5/6S, 5/6K, 5/6E	FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY Parent Helpers Information Morning ~ 9.30am
	WEDNESDAY 4th MARCH No School For Preps
	MONDAY 9th MARCH Labour Day Public Holiday

# WELCOME PREPS

Wow! We can't believe the prep students have already been at school for 3 weeks. It has been an exciting time in the prep classrooms with eager students getting used to the daily school routine. The students have enjoyed meeting new people and making new friends and are starting to explore new skills in literacy and numeracy.

In Literacy students have been learning about letters and sounds, how to hold a pencil correctly and how to use pictures to find text clues when reading.

In Numeracy students have been keen to tackle hands on tasks involving, counting, sorting and ordering.

As part of our Integrated Unit 'Marvellous Me' students have been celebrating the things that make them special and unique. It was great to see the students already creating links between the ideas discussed and our own Dana Street Primary School Values. The Grade 1 students and Grade 6 buddies have done an outstanding job in modelling the Dana St way to our newest members of the school community.



Developing a Growth Mindset in our children

At our school, we are intent on assisting our students to develop a growth mindset towards the challenges they face.

When people use a growth mindset, they are able to persist with a task when it becomes difficult. They enter the "learning pit", where learning is challenging, and they might want to give up! We teach our students strategies to help with persisting and achieving.

Some of the language we use includes:

Have a red-hot go

Lock into learning

Make mistakes (and learn from them)

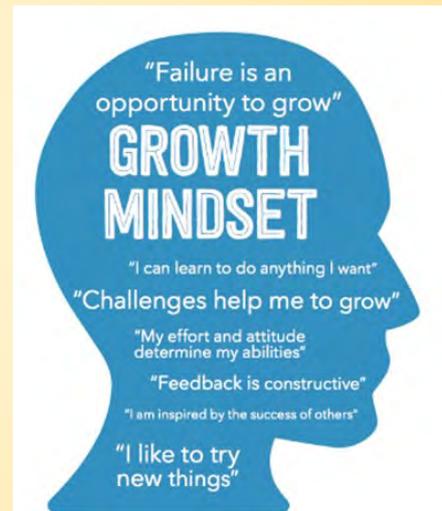
Try a different way

Listen to others

Watch others

Show grit

Seek feedback



## Meet Our 2020 Junior School Council



Our grade 3-6 representatives, joining Presidents Amelie & Finn on the Junior School Council, are Cooper, Annie, Josie, Eloise, Stella and Rufus.

