

Newsletter ~ 31st January to 4th February 2022

Term 1 ~ Week 1

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Respect & Care



Responsibility



Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding



Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Welcome back

Welcome back to all of our families for the 2022 school year. A special welcome to families who are new to Dana St Primary School! We trust that you will enjoy the wonderful community atmosphere of our school.

We have three new staff members in 2022. We welcome teachers Laura James (Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator) and Xavier Jones (5/6J), as well as Leanne Relouw, who joins us as a classroom ES staff member.

We have commenced the school year with 259 students, including 38 very enthusiastic preps and seven new students from grade 1 to 6! We are excited to begin another year of excellent learning and teaching.

We have endeavoured to inform you of our COVID safe practices and will continue to keep you up to date through email and Class Dojo.

Sam Streeter

Our Assistant Principal, Sam Streeter, is working at Newington Primary School in term 1 as Acting Principal. This is a great opportunity for Sami and we all wish her well. In her absence, our staff have shown their professionalism and dedication by assisting with her responsibilities.

Parent /Teacher meetings

Along with the newsletter today, you will receive information about our term 1 parent/teacher meetings for students in grades 1- 6. These meetings will provide an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher, to share information and discuss any concerns, goals and expectations for the year. We will again be using an **online** system for allocating times. Parents will choose their own meeting times, with grades allocated different days throughout the week. Please see flyer for details.

We will aim to have the meetings face to face, and flip to Webex if necessary.

It is vital that we work together to ensure our students have every opportunity to achieve their best.

Assemblies

Whole school assemblies will again be held every Friday at 9am. Unfortunately for the present time, we are unable to have family members attend assemblies. Our assemblies create a wonderful opportunity to celebrate community, learning and our school values in action. Please feel welcome to join virtually, as assemblies are streamed on Webex. At our *first assembly* next Friday (11th February), our six grade 6 student leaders will be 'inducted,' just in time to lead their first assembly.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish all families a very successful and enjoyable term. We highly value the home school partnership and I encourage parents to keep in contact with your child's classroom teacher, and to contact me if there are issues or concerns that you would like to discuss.

Natalie Toohey ~ Principal



Important information sent home this week with your child

- *2022 Student Code of Conduct*-for families to read and keep
- *Photography permission form* – signature required for **each** child. Please return to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.
- *Local excursion consent*- – signature required for **each child**. Please return to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.
- *Digital Technologies Acceptable Use Agreement*- signature required **by and for each child**. Please return to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.
- *Parent teacher interview flyer with information required to book interviews electronically*.
- *Information regarding asthma plans where appropriate*

Meet our new staff!



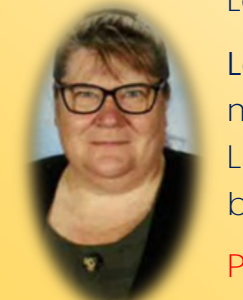
Laura James- Mental Health & Wellbeing Coordinator

Laura has taught in schools with as few as 10 and up to 350 students and has taught all year levels. Laura has two beautiful sons, along with 2 kittens. She has an absolute passion for Mental health and Wellbeing. Laura is looking forward to becoming a part of our school community and making a difference.



Xavier Jones- 5/6 Classroom teacher

Xavier began his teaching career at Dana St P.S., before leaving to work in Melbourne for two years. Xavier and his partner welcomed a son into their family during the holidays. Xavier is committed to helping every student achieve their potential. Our community was very excited to welcome him back!



Leanne Relouw- Education Support Staff member

Leanne has many years' experience in helping students with additional needs to achieve their best. Leanne has lots of fun with her chocolate Labrador, Charli. Leanne loves helping students to be the best they can be, and has already felt welcomed by our community.

Please help our new staff to feel very welcome in our school community.

Oval Upgrade

It is very exciting to see that the oval upgrade has begun! Over the last week the site has been demolished and excavated, with soil removed. Currently the base is being laid for the oval area and futsal court. In the next two weeks we should see the concrete base laid for the rubber play area, and landscaping will begin.

From this.....



To this.....



To this.....soon!



Dates:

Wednesday 9th February

No school for Foundation (prep) students

Thursday 10th & Friday 11th February

Grade 5 Sovereign Hill experience

Friday 11th February

First assembly (Webex posted on Class Dojo on Thursday afternoon)

Wednesday 16th February

No school for Foundation students

Thursday 17th February

Staff Professional Development day - No school for students

Monday 21st February

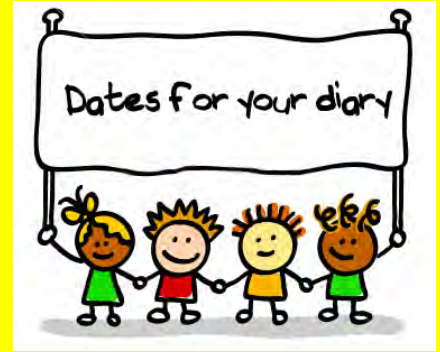
School Council Meeting

(Week 4) Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd February

Parent teacher meetings

Tuesday 1st March - **Save the date!**

Community Evening (more information to follow)



ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS

Like most schools, we have students who have mild or severe allergies to various substances. Allergies can occasionally be life-threatening. We strongly recommend that students do not bring the following foods to school:

- peanuts or similar nuts
- foods containing sesame seeds
- peanut butter or Nutella
- health food bars and confectionery bars which contain peanuts, similar nuts or seeds

Thanks for your support in this matter.

NUDE FOOD at DANA ST



Every Tuesday at our school is "Nude Food" day, where students are encouraged to bring food in reusable containers or bring snacks that don't have wrappers at all. The purpose of this initiative is to encourage healthy eating and to reduce the amount of rubbish in the environment. We hope that many families will decide every day is a "Nude Food" day.

Students are encouraged to bring healthy snacks and a nutritious lunch to school each day.

All students are asked to bring a water bottle to school every day.

Please ensure that all containers and water bottles are clearly named.

Thank you for your support in helping to make our school a healthy and clean environment for everyone to enjoy.



Early Notice: Student Free Days for 2022:

Term 1: Thursday 17th February (week 3)

Term 3: Monday 11th July (week 1)

Term 4: Monday 4th October (week 1)

Term 4: Monday 21st November (week 8)

COVID VACCINATION FOR CHILDREN



It's been fantastic to see such excitement around the return to school and we want to keep it that way. A crucial part of that is getting as many students vaccinated as possible.

Children are now eligible for vaccination. If you have questions about your 5-11 year old being vaccinated, your local GP or pharmacist has the answers. Just call in and have a chat. To find out where and how to book visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au

PARENT PAYMENTS

Our parent payments for 2022 are as follows. Families will receive a letter next week. Please remember that you are able to make payments in a lump sum or instalments throughout the year.

The payment covers the costs of all excursions, incursions, camps, learning resources and class programs for the 2022 school year.

FOUNDATION:

Curriculum Contributions

Excursion/Incursions	\$135.00
Class Requisites	\$ 30.00
eLearning	\$ 30.00
TOTAL	\$195.00



GRADE 1 AND 2

Curriculum Contributions

Excursion/Incursions	\$135.00
Class Requisites	\$ 30.00
eLearning	\$ 30.00
TOTAL	\$195.00

GRADE 5

Curriculum Contributions

Excursions/Incursions	\$129.00
Class Requisites	\$ 37.00
eLearning	\$ 15.00
TOTAL	\$181.00

GRADE 3 AND 4

Extra Curricular

Camp	\$302.00
Curriculum Contributions	
Excursion/Incursions	\$135.00
Class Requisites	\$ 37.00
eLearning	\$ 30.00
TOTAL	\$459.00

GRADE 6

Extra Curricular

Camp	\$330.00
Curriculum Contributions	
Excursions/Incursions	\$ 90.00
Class Requisites	\$ 37.00
eLearning	\$ 15.00
TOTAL	\$472.00



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK
SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

4/2/2022

Dear Parents,

We believe that the parent/teacher partnership is vital for student wellbeing and learning. It is important that parents get to know their child's teacher so that communication throughout the year can be maximised.

Parent/Teacher meetings for students in grades 1-6 will be held in the week beginning 21st February. The purpose of the meeting is for parents to share information about their child and to discuss any issues and questions with the classroom teacher. This year, we will again use an *online* booking system to make meeting times. Bookings must be finalised the day before your interview day. The interviews will be held in the *Spielvogel Learning Centre* (where we have assemblies). **Your child will be in class as normal until 3.30pm**, as we are releasing the teachers for these important meetings. If restrictions change, the meetings will be switched to Webex.

****If you do not have internet access, please call the school office on 53 321301 to arrange a meeting time.**

Meetings will be held from 1.20 pm-6pm on the following days:

Monday 21st February – Gr 3/4M, 3/4P, 3/4R

Tuesday 22nd February – Gr 1/2B, 1/2H, 1/2K, 1/2S

Wednesday 23rd February – Gr 5/6J, 5/6P, 5/6W

Now you can book meetings for the times that suit *your family*.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions. Simply enter the code and press "Go"

Enter code

The code is **ymh96**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – **Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly**

You may change your bookings any time prior to 6pm the day before your interview, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking.



A BIG welcome back to our students!

