



Respect & Care



Responsibility



Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding



Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Assembly

Today at assembly we began our regular sharing of learning from our students. Students in 5/6P shared their learning about the school values of Respect and Care.

Hannah, Marley, Charles and Scarlett explained how students at our school show these important values. They also shared the process of creating their classroom agreements that are based on Respect and Care.

School Values

Our school values underpin all of our practices at Dana St. In every classroom, our teachers explicitly teach the values- Respect & Care; Responsibility; Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding; and Excellence. These values are displayed in all learning areas. We refer to them on a daily basis in a variety of ways. In this way, they help to create an excellent environment for all members of our community to work together, play together and achieve their best. Ask your child about the values!

Parent / Teacher Meetings

Thanks to all parents who attended Parent /Teacher meetings for students from year 1 to 6 this week. It was lovely to be able to have the meetings in person. These meetings, along with our meetings for families of our Foundation students, help our teachers to know and understand your children more deeply. In turn, this helps to create effective relationships and promotes learning for every child.

Welcome Picnic and Games Night

Our welcome picnic and games night is next Tuesday evening, from 5:45 to 7:00 pm.



Please bring along a picnic/ takeaway dinner and rug/chairs, some coins for the children's games and a smile! Music will be provided, along with games and activities for the children. This is a great opportunity to get to know other families! Adults entering the school grounds for a school function need to be fully (double vaccinated) for COVID please. Please be ready to show your vaccination certificate.



Masks

As you will have heard, masks remain mandatory for staff and grade 3-6 students indoors at school for the time being. This week each student received another Rapid Antigen Test kit, to continue the twice weekly testing regime. These actions, along with vaccinations and ventilation, are helping us to remain well and at school!

Natalie Toohey ~ Principal



MOBILE PHONE-STUDENT USE

As with all Victorian Government schools, we do not allow students to use mobile phones at school. Some students require a phone for a variety of reasons outside of school. All students who bring a mobile phone to school **must** turn it off and leave it in the office. Our students have been very responsible in terms of this policy. Please see our website to read the policy or ask at the office. Smart watches connected to a phone that is turned on or with similar functionality are included in this policy



HEADLICE - Please do a thorough head check of your children hair & treat if necessary. Thank you! We have had reported cases of head lice this week. One of the best preventative steps to take is to ensure that hair shoulder length or longer is tied back. When **live** headlice are detected, a child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started.



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Last week, we sent home information about our School Council elections. Nominations close on March 4th at 4pm. Please chat with Natalie if you are interested in joining our enthusiastic School Council.

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Ballarat Primary School (Dana St). Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4:00pm on Friday 4th March 2022

The ballot will close at 4:00pm on Tuesday 15th March 2021.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows –

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024.	5
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2022 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2024	1

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Natalie Toohey

(Principal)

Students Of The Week Awards



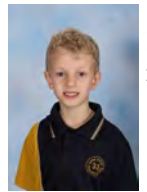
00B ~ Olivia B

For the focused and motivated approach you show towards all learning experiences. Olivia, we appreciate how quickly you lock into learning. You should be so proud of the amazing effort you are putting in!



00R ~ Emma

For being a shining example of our school values and a wonderful role model to those around you. You lock into learning, put your best efforts in to all tasks, and you're a great friend to those around you.



1/2B ~ Jacob

For consistently setting an excellent example for others and using your initiative to help out in the classroom. You aim high with your learning tasks to achieve your best efforts!



1/2H ~ Oscar

For speaking and listening with excellence in all our class discussions. Oscar, you continue to contribute insightful ideas and always listening to others with respect. Well done, SUPERSTAR!



1/2K ~ Lucy

For being an excellent role model. Lucy, you are constantly showing our school values to the highest level and always encouraging others along the way. Keep up the great work.



1/2S ~ Alfie

For being a role model in class and in the playground. You show the values of respect and care in the kindness and help you offer others. You always give learning tasks a 'red hot go' and consistently try your best. I am so impressed by your efforts. Well done, legend!



3/4M ~ Aimee

For the effort and care you are putting into every learning task! You consistently give every task you best and are always willing to challenge yourself. What an incredible learner!



3/4P ~ Ava

For having a Red Hot Go at all learning tasks. You have shared insightful answers in class discussions around literal questions and identified key criteria to ensure you were successful. Keep up the amazing work, Ava!



3/4R ~ Isla

For demonstrating a wonderful growth mindset, to complete all tasks to the best of her ability. She outstandingly demonstrates each of our school values and has impressed with me her resilience this term. Keep aiming high and you will achieve amazing results. Top work!



5/6P ~ Keily

For locking into each writing session this week. Keily, you have developed a captivating and detailed narrative. Your use of varied sentence structure and dialogue has allowed you to keep the reader on the edge of their seat. Keep up the great work, legend!



5/6W ~ Harry

For striving for excellence in all areas of his learning. He is always locked in and ready to share his thoughts and ideas. Great work, Harry! Keep it up!



Dates:

Tuesday 1st March
Welcome Picnic & Games night 5:45pm to 7.00pm

Thursday 3rd March
Parent Helper session 9.00am

Friday 4th March
School Council Nominations close 4pm

Monday 14th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 16th March
Prep information morning 10am

Monday 21st March
School Council Annual reporting meeting

Tuesday 22nd March
Senior Athletics @ Llanberris

Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th March
Grade 6 Camp

Parent/Carer Helper Program



Are you interested in helping out in the classroom or on excursions?

A parent helper is someone who can help in the classroom or around the school. Our parent helpers assist with specialist programs, can attend excursions, help with swimming or attend camps. You will need to be fully vaccinated, hold a current working with children's check and sign our Volunteer's Code of Conduct.

All new volunteers need to attend an induction session to become a registered helper. I will be running the induction session on **Thursday the 3rd of March, 9:00-10:30 in the Art Room**. Reading, writing and the requirements for being a helper will be covered in the session. Please send me a DOJO message or ring the office if you are interested in attending the session. I have messaged through DOJO to everyone that responded to the parent helpers online survey.

If you have previously participated in the induction session you don't need to attend another one. If you are still available to be on our register you will need to make sure your working with children's check is current, fill out a 2022 Code of Conduct form and let me know what days you are available this year!

It is going to be wonderful to see our school full of volunteers again, we have really missed you over the last couple of years!

Louise Brown
Reading Support & Volunteer Program coordinator



Late Passes



Our late passes work very well as a way of communicating to classroom teachers that a child has been noted at the office and will be marked as present. Occasionally, a student will move to class without the office staff seeing them. Parents may then get a text message to state that they are absent. Please, if your child arrives to school late, remind them that they must see Vicki or Melissa before getting their pass and moving to class. In this way, there are no errors and all students are noted and safe.



All Students Welcome!
Every Friday 8.30am in the staffroom.



Welcome Picnic and Games Night – Tuesday 1st March at school- 5.45 -7:00pm

Come along and join the fun! This is a great night to get to know the parents of other students at the school. Families just need to bring their own picnic dinner, a rug or chairs and a smile!

Children are welcome to bring some change for the coin toss games.

We will provide games for children to play, and we have some very talented members of our school community providing music for us to enjoy.

As your children have fun with their friends, this is a great opportunity to get to know other members of the school community!

As a COVID-safe practice, QR codes will be in use at each gate for our school community to 'check in.'



Try the coin toss
for chocolates
and drinks!



FOUNDATION 2023 PARENT INFORMATION MORNING

Wednesday March 16th

10:00am – 11:00am

Please come along for a tour, enrolment details and transition information for the 2023 school year.

Phone 5332 1301
www.danaps.vic.edu.au

Buddies and Mates

Community is a very special aspect of Dana St Primary School. We strive to develop the values of inclusion, tolerance and understanding in our students. One great practice which helps build community is our “Buddies and Mates” Program. On alternate Fridays, after assembly, every student in the school joins a group with other students from all year levels, for community building activities. The students stay in this group with the same teacher for the entire year. This program helps students to build their familiarity with students across the school, and helps them to build cross-age friendships and support networks.



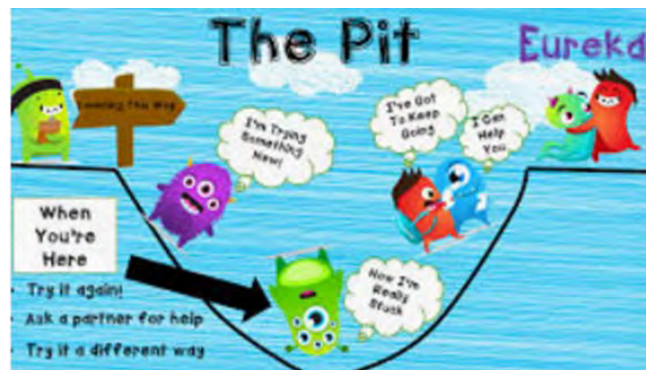
The Learning Pit

At our school we use the metaphor of the *Learning Pit* to help our students face new challenges, build resilience and persevere when things get tough. We know that achievement is preceded by having a goal and striving for it.

When learning is hard, sometimes students get frustrated, become anxious and unwilling to fail. This can lead them to giving up, asking an adult to do it for them, or merely copying others.

We talk about the Learning Pit at school - being in the learning pit is tough! New learning can feel overwhelming and difficult. However, we can use Growth Mindset language to help us move through the learning Pit, step by step. Having a red-hot go, locking into learning, making mistakes, showing grit, are all great examples of self-talk that can help lead students through the pit and out the other side, towards achievement.

Ask your child about the learning pit!



Meet our 2022 Junior School Council



Our grade 3-6 representatives, joining Presidents Josie and Alice on the Junior School Council, are Ottie, Pippa, Cooper H, Helena, Evie S and Aimee

Teachers Kate and Sophie will assist the Junior School Council this year.

Meet our Environment Leaders



Scarlett, Bourne and Villi will work with interested students and teachers Kylie and Xavier to explore ways to **make our school's practices more sustainable.**



Our school has been selected to participate in the [Rebel Sport Community Kickbacks Program](#). Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Rebel Sport as in store credit to spend on sports equipment to support sport initiatives at school. All you need to do is join Rebel Active (in store or online), select Dana St PS from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Rebel Sport.