

Newsletter ~ 4th April to 8th April 2022

Term 1 ~ Week 10

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

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Assembly

Today at assembly, we celebrated the students who received individual age group champion medals after our recent grade 3-6 Athletics Sports. Congratulations to the following students:

9 years boys: Luca Spencer.

9 years girls: Maddison Kraulins.

10 years boys: Samuel Alipoe.

10 years girls: Eve Laverty and Marley Jose (tied)

11 years boys: Paddy Taylor-Knell.

11 years girls: Flicky Handreck.

12 years boys: Raiyan Abdullah.

12 years girls: Hannah Buchanan.

The sports shield was also presented to Spielvogel House and its Captains, Hannah and Harry. Congratulations, Spielvogel!

Thanks to Glyn, Henry, Jack and Edward from 1/2, who shared their 'extraordinary writing' at assembly today.

School Values Awards

Four students were today presented with a School Values Award. These awards, presented once each term, are prestigious and recognise students across the year levels who demonstrate our values to a consistently exemplary level. Congratulations to Emerson Mellors (Foundation B), Marta Volk (1/2K), Ollie Polkinghorne (3/4R) and Josie McGinniss (5/6W). These students join our School Values Hall of Fame.

Sunsmart School

Sunhats will be sent home today, and will not need to be worn by our students until 1st September (late term 3).

COVID Regulations in term 2

Families are asked to continue twice weekly testing for COVID for at least the first four weeks of term 2. Rapid Antigen tests were sent home with all students yesterday.

End of Term

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our staff, students and families for an excellent term of teaching and learning. Term 2 is guaranteed to be an exciting, eventful term, as we look forward to the opening of our new playing area and the Fun Run, among other events. On behalf of the staff, I wish everyone a safe and happy Easter and holidays.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 26th April to begin term two.

Natalie Toohey ~ Principal



Emerson Mellors

Term 1 School Values Award 2022

The recipient of the Term 1 School Values award for the Foundation Unit is Emerson Mellors.

Emerson is a highly valued member of Foundation B. He comes to school each day with an effortless ability to make a positive impact by consistently doing the little things. These little gestures of kindness matter the most, Emerson, and we appreciate the happiness that you bring to our room.

Emerson is held in high regard by other students in the grade because of the warmth he always shows. Consistently modelling respect and care to all members of the school community through his proven ability to be kind, friendly and courteous no matter the situation. We admire his ability to look out for his friends by offering a supportive helping hand.

At school Emerson demonstrates responsibility on a daily basis, most noticeably in his desire to take responsibility for quickly and quietly doing any task that needs to be done. In the classroom he shows initiative, he is dependable and already displays great organisational skills.

We also applaud Emerson for showing excellence through his ability to lock into his learning. Emerson is keen to learn new things and always strives to do his best.

Congratulations Emerson, you thoroughly deserve the Term 1 School Values Award!



Josie McGinness

Term 1 School Values Award 2022

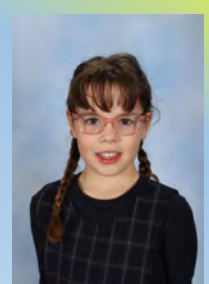
I am delighted to announce the Grade 5/6 School Values Award recipient for Term 1 is Josie McGinness.

Josie is a highly valued member of the 5/6 unit. She is polite and respectful in her interactions with all members of the school community. In turn, she is respected and well-liked by her peers and teachers. Josie is a kind and thoughtful friend who aims to ensure that everyone feels comfortable and included, while offering encouragement and support to others.

While Josie shows a particular talent for and love of writing, she strives for excellence in all areas of her learning, by completing all tasks to a consistently high standard. Josie seeks out and takes on feedback and has the ability to self-reflect in order to make improvements or push herself. She takes pride in her work, ensuring it is detailed, neat and presented thoughtfully.

Through her role as one of our school leaders, and as President of the Junior School Council, Josie consistently proves that she is a committed, reliable and responsible student. She takes on the extra work that comes along with these roles with timeliness and maturity. Her interest in theatre, singing and dancing contribute to Josie's vibrant and confident nature and we are often fortunate to overhear a passionate rendition of a Disney tune as she sings along to the music playing at the end of recess or lunch.

Josie, we are thrilled to have you as a member of 5/6W. Your bubbly enthusiasm for learning and life in general is a quality you should be proud of. You are an excellent role model and a very worthy recipient of this award. Congratulations!



Marta Volk

Term 1 School Values Award 2022

The recipient of the Term 1 School Values award for the 1/2 Unit is Marta Volk.

Marta is an excellent role model to all students and constantly shows the school values to the highest standard. She comes to school each day with a positive growth mindset and is constantly being the best student that she can be.

When completing classroom tasks, she always strives for excellence and completes her work to the highest standard.

Marta welcomes feedback and she loves to challenge herself in all areas. She also shares her achievements respectfully and encourages and celebrates others success.

Marta spends her day encouraging others and thrives when assisting her peers as needed. Marta constantly uses her manners and has a beautiful nature that is admired by her peers and teaching staff alike.

Marta has a very caring nature. When someone is hurt or upset, she is always one of the first people to assist them and show care. If a student has no one to play with, Marta takes them under her wing and brightens up their day. She constantly shows inclusion, tolerance and understanding to everyone. She is a great friend to many and always shows responsibility both inside the classroom and out in the playground. Marta is also often relied on by teachers and is an excellent role model to others.

When you think of Marta, you always think of kindness. She has a beautiful heart and this is one of her finest assets.

It is with great honour that I award Marta as a very deserving recipient of the school values award for Term 1.



Ollie Polkinghorne

Term 1 School Values Award 2022

The recipient for the prestigious School Values Award for Term One 2022 is Ollie Polkinghorne.

Ollie is a kind and caring student who demonstrates the Dana St School Values each day.

Ollie has taken it upon himself this term to be a leader of our classroom. He is a responsible classmate and has shown maturity in situations that require him to be a role model for his peers. He is trusted by both students and staff members and can be called upon if help is needed. A perfect example of this was at Athletics Day when a relay spot needed to be filled. Ollie helped out his team mates and supported his house.

Ollie is a respectful member of our class. He listens to others and speaks kindly to his peers. He works well in group situations and endeavours to guide his group members with positivity to achieve success. Out in the yard, Ollie is often seen helping others and including people in his games. These attributes are looked up to by many of the younger students.

Ollie has utilised feedback to improve his learning from both staff and students. Ollie will actively seek feedback and apply it to his learning. He independently seeks out peer feedback to improve other skills such as drawing. Ollie has shown that he strives to grow as a learner and continues to use feedback to achieve excellent results.

Ollie demonstrates the school value of Excellence each day. He has a growth mindset towards his learning and completes all learning tasks to the best of his ability. He enjoys being challenged in mathematics and shows true grit when he finds himself in the learning pit. Working alongside his peers, Ollie develops strategies to overcome learning challenges. Ollie continues to build upon his literacy skills, focusing on his goals and using feedback to ensure he is completing his tasks accurately.

Congratulations Ollie, you should be very proud of all your achievements!

Backstories with Miss Kylie

Today Miss Kylie interviewed Villi, from Grade 6. Villi uses digital art as a creative outlet at home. Villi spoke about perseverance when learning something new and the importance of not giving up at the start. She uses her iPad to create these art pieces and some special art programs. Villi is in the processes of compiling her digital art pieces into a portfolio for high school next year.

Well done, Villi!



Sharing Our Planet - Term 2's Inquiry

Next term each of our classes will commence a new Inquiry topic based on Environment Sustainability and guided by our whole school throughline - **Sharing Our Planet**.

Students will develop their wonderings based on the following Big Ideas and Driving Questions:



Unit	Bid Idea	Driving Question
Foundation	Plants and animals are living things	How do I care for living things on our planet?
1/2	We need our planet	What are the Earth's resources and how do we use them?
3/4	We share our planet	What's my impact on Earth?
5/6	My footprint makes a difference	What legacy will we leave?

We would love to know if you have any related community connections we could utilise or any skills you would be willing to share. If so please let your classroom teacher know.

On Thursday the 31 of March Earth Ed visited the school to teach the 5/6's about different forms of energy. We learnt about the two types of energy: potential and kinetic. Potential energy is a source of energy that is stored, yet kinetic energy is active.

There were several activities in which we learnt about different sources of energy. The different sources of energy the 5/6's learnt about were; hydro: water powered energy, sound: noise powered energy, solar: light powered energy and motion: movement powered energy. There were two instructors guiding us through the activities. We had an amazing day with a lot of fun. It was a wonderful experience for all!

Quotes:

'I loved how it was eco-friendly' – Mae, 5/6J

'It was a great learning experience to learn about solar energy' –Spencer, 5/6J

'It was very educational' –Charles, 5/6P

'It was really fun and I liked every part' –Hannah, 5/6P

'I liked how they had lots of different challenges and ideas' –Harry, 5/6W

'It was awesome because I had fun doing the activities' –Philipa, 5/6W



Our amazing Dana Street students have hit the ground running in their literacy learning this term!

Our Foundation students have been explicitly taught nearly all letters of the alphabet and are using this knowledge to blend and decode. They have also finished their writing cycle about Noni The Pony.

The grade 1/2 students used the “Very Extraordinary 5000” machine to turn a picture of something extraordinary into a real toy! Then they wrote their own narrative about how this friend made someone’s ordinary day EXTRAORDINARY! This also linked to their inquiry unit about how we learn and play together at school.

In grade 3/4, the students have finished their persuasive writing cycle. This gave them the opportunity to choose their own argument, experiment with providing evidence, explore persuasive devices and use the argument categories. They also used rhetorical questions in their writing. Have you ever thought about how often they are used?



Our grade 5/6 students have also been sinking their teeth into persuasive writing. They have been focusing on breaking the mould of traditional persuasive writing structures. Students have also focused on using imagery to paint a picture for their target audience and how to incorporate a broader range of persuasive devices.

It will be wonderful to see what literacy leaps our students make next term after a well-deserved break!

Dates:

Monday 25th April
Anzac Day

Tuesday 26th April
Term 2 Commences

Monday 2nd May – Wednesday 4th May
Book fair

Monday 23rd May
School Photos



Just 1 space available for Term 2

**SINGING & VIOLIN LESSONS
DURING SCHOOL**

Contact Susan at 0401043256 or
Susan@musicmakersstudio.com.au
www.musicmakersstudio.com.au



Book Fair 2022

The annual book fair is back!

We are excited to announce that we will be holding our annual book fair again this year.



Our fair begins on **Monday the 2nd May** for 3 days until **Wednesday 4th May**.

Next term (week 1), your child's teacher will take them to view the books on offer this year. Your child will have the opportunity to make a wish list while viewing the fair. Please keep an eye out in schoolbags for the wish list to come home next week (week 1).

Any online pre-payment purchases will need to be completed on the wish list that your child will bring home. Please return these slips to school with the book title and receipt number in order to collect the books on one of the book fair days in week 2.

The book fair will be open for students to purchase books in the Spielvogel Learning Centre in week 2. Students are welcome to bring money or pre-payment slips to school on the following days.

Monday 2nd May		3.20-3.50pm
Tuesday 3rd May	Recess	3.20-3.50pm
Wednesday 4th May	Recess	3.20-3.50pm

This will allow all students from Foundation to Year 6 the opportunity to purchase stationary and books.

Purchases at the fair can be made using cash, EFT or with a pre-payment via the scholastic website www.scholastic.com.au/payment

We will require some parent helpers to assist with running the book fair on the above dates. There is a sign up sheet at the office if you are available to help.

We thank you in advance for your ongoing support of our book fair and please contact Louise Brown or Lauren Rendell if you have any questions regarding this year's book fair.

Welcome Picnic

On Tuesday evening, we finally managed to hold our Welcome Picnic.

The weather was mild, and many, many families joined us with picnics and smiles.

The coin toss games were very popular, as was the music, provided by talented staff members Sam Bell and Ally Said.

Although darkness fell by the end of the evening, our children very much enjoyed the excitement of being at school and having fun at night!

Thanks to all families and staff who were able to support the event!

