

Newsletter ~ 2nd May to 6th May 2022

Term 2 ~ Week 2

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*Respect & Care*



*Responsibility*



*Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding*



*Excellence*

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

#### Assembly

At assembly today, we congratulated Hannah Buchanan, who represented our school at the state swimming championships in Melbourne earlier this week. Hannah recorded a personal best time for the 50m butterfly!

We also congratulated our District Cross Country team, who represented our school this week at Lake Wendouree. From grades 4 to 6, represented our school beautifully, showing all of our school values. Annie, Alice, Raiyan, Daniel, Bourne, Oscar M, Cecelia, Molly, Mae, Scarlett, Paddy, William, Akihiro, Max T, Toby M, Cambell and Cooper J all showed stamina and persistence and managed the two or three kilometre course with determination! Congratulations to Raiyan, Annie, Alice and Bourne, who will go through to compete in the Division Cross Country.

#### Specialist Program

This term, our students have weekly sessions of Performing Arts with Mary Card from Coco Sounds. The students will learn many different songs as they learn about world music and a range of instruments.

#### Staff First Aid Training

Our staff is committed to being trained in First Aid, and almost the entire staff is trained to provide first aid at school. On Tuesday evening we completed our annual CPR training. Kate gave the students a summary of the training at assembly this morning. All students from Foundation to grade 6 will also have an age-appropriate first aid session with St John's Ambulance in week 7.

#### NAPLAN

Next week, students in grades 3 and 5 will be participating in NAPLAN. A parent information sheet was sent home earlier in the term. Exact days for each assessment will be posted on Class Dojo. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions.

NAPLAN results will be shared with by schools and parents in term 3.

#### Mother's Day Stall

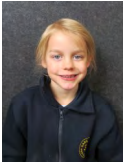


Today our students were very excited to visit the Mother's Day stall and purchase gifts for a special someone in their life. Many students have also made precious cards that are sure to be treasured for years to come! Many thanks to the parents who helped out on the stall, and to our School Council fundraising committee for their organisation.

We wish all mothers and grandmothers a very special day on Sunday!

*Natalie Toohey ~ Principal*

# Students Of The Week Awards



## **OOB ~ ESTHER**

For the thoughtful and considerate way you look out for others in the grade. We admire your growth mindset, Esther, and appreciate your willingness to model it beautifully to others.



## **OOB ~ EVIE**

For the incredible descriptive writing you did this week. Evie, you absolutely knocked my socks off with your detailed sentences, beautifully formed letters, and amazing sounding out of words. We love the way you approach everything with such enthusiasm and give everything a red-hot go. Keep shining!



## **1/2B ~ HENRY**

For consistently setting an excellent example for others by being respectful and responsible. You put your best effort into your learning and demonstrate a growth mindset with your "can do" attitude.



## **1/2H ~ IZAIYA**

For locking into all work with enthusiasm and excellent listening. Izaiya, I'm so very proud of the way you have been working this week. Well done, SUPERSTAR!



## **1/2K ~ NOLAN**

For always trying his best. Nolan, I'm constantly impressed by the way you show grit! Nothing can stop you, not even a sore hand!



## **1/2S ~ KIKO**

For always displaying our school values of RESPECT and CARE. You fill our class with kindness and joy each day. You are a wonderful role model, taking the time to care for those around you and ensuring your peers always feel included. 1/2S is so lucky to have such an amazing friend!



## **3/4M ~ POPPY**

For the effort and focus you have put into your writing. It's fantastic to see you taking charge of your learning. You did an amazing job of adding "show, don't tell" to your writing and effectively and quickly planning a persuasive text.



## **3/4P ~ LACEY**

For applying yourself in our numeracy sessions this week. Fantastic effort using a range of strategies to find factors and using your knowledge of multiplication to solve division problems. Keep up the amazing work, Lacey!



## **3/4R ~ WINNIE**

For demonstrating an increased growth mindset. She has been locking into her learning, having a red hot go and seeking feedback. She is not afraid to make mistakes and strives for excellence. Most impressively she has been accepting feedback and applying this to her work to improve its quality, which was evident in her narrative writing this week. Well done!



## **5/6J ~ SARAH**

For her eagerness to show a growth mindset. Sarah always tries her best to succeed in each task she attempts, by taking notes, asking questions and applying feedback to her learning. Well done and keep up the great work, Sarah!



## **5/6P ~ HANNAH**

For her tremendous performance at the Victorian Swimming State Championships. Hannah, you represented Dana Street with great pride by showcasing your amazing swimming skill set. We at Dana Street are all so very proud of you, and your swimming achievements!



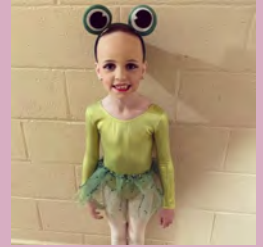
## **5/6W ~ TAVAN**

For the fantastic week you've had at school this week. You've shown resilience and positivity in lots of situations and demonstrated that you're a kind and caring friend. You have continued to show your love for learning and made a huge effort to apply the feedback you received for your writing. Great effort, Tavan!

## Backstories with Miss Kylie



Today Miss Kylie interviewed Marnie, from Grade 4. Marnie has been learning all types of dance from a very young age. Marnie spoke about how she has to practise lots at home and also go to classes to learn dance during the week. Marnie spoke about how she wasn't born learning to dance but the more she practised the better she has got. Marnie shared some of her dance pictures, a video and also some trophies she has been awarded. Well done, Marnie!



## Staff Car Park – safety warning



Our staff car park can be a busy place before and after school. For safety purposes, we ask that parents and children **do not use or walk** through the car park.

Thanks for your support.

## Dates:

Tuesday 10th – Tuesday 17th May  
NAPLAN assessments – year 3 and 5 students

Friday 13th May  
No assembly due to NAPLAN testing  
Year 6 transition forms due back

Monday 16th May  
School Council Meeting 7pm

Monday 23rd May  
School photos

Monday 30th May  
No school for students  
(teachers Professional Practice day)



Piano lessons with Myrtle  
Cox will resume on Monday  
9th May.

# Transition Year 6 to Year 7

Families of Grade 6 students are reminded that transition forms are due back at school Friday 13th May.



**Artroom News:** It was lovely to be back in the Art room after a well-rested holiday. The focus for the week was ANZAC day where the students shared their thoughts and feelings around the meaning of ANZAC day and completed a collage using the technique of ripping paper and then using a silhouette soldier to represent the men and women that fought for us.

Sylvie Foundation B

"ANZAC Day means when all the soldiers died for our country. All of the trees on the side of the road are for all of the soldiers that died. My poppy represents ANZAC Day".



Lana 1/2B

"ANZAC day is when the soldiers fought for other soldiers and our country. I liked tearing the paper".



Luca 3/4P

"ANZAC Day means to me that the soldiers sacrificed their lives for the country. Doing this activity made me feel happy".



Micah 5/6P

"ANAZAC Day means to me to remember all the ANZACs from the wars and helping our country. This activity helped me to pay my respects to the soldiers".



## Book Fair

What a wonderful couple of days we have had for our Book Fair this year. We have been blown away from the support of our wonderful school community. From the parents that came in to help and kept their cool serving the crowds of shoppers, the teachers and support staff for taking time out of their busy day to help and most importantly everyone who came in and shopped. Some even visited more than once!

Students had a tough time making the very important decision of what cute stationery item they wanted and could afford and I hope everyone is enjoying their new books.

The commission from the fair will be going straight into purchasing new books for each classroom to make our classroom libraries even more enticing.

Thank you again,  
Lauren and Louise.



## Reading, Talking, Understanding.

As children learn to read, it is important for us to stress the importance of understanding, or comprehension. When listening to your child read stories, try using some of these questions to help deepen their understanding.

*These questions require your child to refer back to the text to find literal information:*

1. What were the characters' names?
2. What was the setting?
3. What did each character do?
4. What happened at the beginning, middle and end of the text?

*These questions require your child to get clues from the text to answer:*

1. How do you think the character was feeling?
2. What do you think will happen next?
3. Why did the character do this/ go there?
4. How are those two characters different? The same?

*These questions require your child to think about the author and the main messages:*

1. What do you think is the main message in the story or text?
2. Why do you think the author used this interesting word?
3. Has this ever happened to you?
4. How would you act differently to that character?



## Clubs Term 2

This term, the DSPS staff have been busy creating fun and exiting clubs for the students to participate in during recess and lunch. The Junior School Council asked the students what clubs they would like to see at recess and lunch. They got a HEAP of ideas.

Some of the clubs this term:

- Library club
- Pokemon club
- Sports club
- Book club
- Jump rope club
- Chillout zone
- Lego club
- Drawing club
- Play dough club
- Mindfulness club
- Homework club



Izaiya – “My favourite club is Chillout Club. I like to play with the potato heads and draw.”

Xander – “My favourite club is Library Club because I get to help people who want borrow and return books.”

Eleanor – “I like Drawing Club because drawing is my favourite thing to do. Sometimes I go with my friends.”

Riley – “I like to go to Pokémon club. I like it because it is fun. I have to make sure I have to bring my Pokémon cards.”

Izzy – “I really like Jump Rope Club. We get skipping ropes and we jump! We learn tricks and I can I’m getting better at skipping.”