

Newsletter ~ 16th May ~ 20th May 2022

Term 2 ~ Week 4

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Respect & Care



Responsibility



Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding



Excellence



Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Assembly

Last Thursday, our grade 6 student leaders, Eva, Annie, Darcy, Oscar, Josie and Alice, attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at Federation University with Kylie Watson and Sam Peeters. They learned about being responsible, putting others first and making a difference. They also learned that anyone can be a leader, by putting their hand up when leadership is needed. They were eager to share their learning at our assembly today.

We were also treated to a performance by grade 1/2S, who shared a song they had learned to help them develop a growth mindset.

Before and After School Supervision

Each morning there are teachers on yard duty from 8:45 am until 9:00am when the school day begins. The playground areas are not supervised before 8:45am. Students need to wait in the office foyer if they arrive before this time. We do have some students arriving quite early.

Two teachers are on yard duty after school until 3:45pm. If students have not been collected by this time, they are taken to the office to wait for their parents. If you are going to be late, please notify the office so we can let your child know. Students are not able to play in any area other than the front playground after school unless they are with their parents, as this is the area supervised by teachers.

Personal News

I have some personal news to share with you. I will be leaving Dana St at the end of term 2.

I have had five wonderful years at our school, and have loved every minute with our amazing students, staff and families. My five year contract ceases at the end of term 3, and I have decided to explore other opportunities. I will be resigning from the Department of Education after thirty seven years as a teacher, literacy coach, assistant principal and principal.

I will be taking Long Service Leave in term 3, and beginning a position as a School Reviewer in term 4.

Please be assured that an Expression of Interest for Acting Principal for term 3 will be advertised immediately, so that we can have clarity in terms of direction. The substantive Principal Position will then be advertised following this.

It has been such a privilege to be part of the Dana St school community. Thank you for helping to make the school such a wonderful place to teach and learn.

Natalie Toohey ~ Principal

Students Of The Week Awards



00B ~ MADDISON

For your clarity in explaining your mathematical thinking to your peers. We appreciate the focus and determination you show in maths to learn more about new strategies and apply them to help you solve problems efficiently. Amazing effort, Maddison!



00R ~ CHARLIE

For giving everything a red hot go! You put your best efforts in all the time and you are a good friend to everyone in the grade. Keep up the fantastic effort Charlie!



1/2B ~ BRODIE

For the respect, care and tolerance that you extend to your peers. You put your best effort into your learning and embrace challenges with a growth mindset. Well done!



1/2H ~ IZZY

For locking into her work with more consistency. Izzy, you are taking on all feedback and do your very best in all tasks. I love to hear you talk about your passion for maths and your growth in this area. Well done, Superstar!



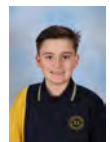
1/2K ~ ARCHIE

For being an excellent role model to his peers. Archie, you have encouraged others to stay on track and strive for excellence. Your guidance and kindness hasn't gone unnoticed. Keep up the great mentoring!



1/2S ~ HUGO

For showing a growth mindset each day. It has been awesome to see you challenge yourself, especially in writing this week. You are willing to make mistakes and learn from them, always having a red hot go and locking into your learning. Keep up the incredible effort, ROCKSTAR!



3/4M ~ KALE

For the way you have been showing our school value of excellence. You have approached our researching with positivity and a real passion to learn. It has been great to see you asking questions and sharing your knowledge on Greenland. Keep it up, superstar!



3/4P ~ MAEVE

For her excellent researching skills. You searched for clear information and noted it down accurately in your planner. Your information report about China is detailed and informative. Keep up the amazing work, Maeve!



3/4R ~ KENTARO

For demonstrating an increased growth mindset towards his learning, especially in accepting a challenge. It is wonderful to see him aiming high and striving for excellence. This beautiful positive attitude has led to him making huge improvements in all areas. Amazing work, superstar!



5/6J ~ AMELIA

For her enthusiasm she shows each day within the classroom. Amelia, you boost the energy of those around you by including them in your discussions and valuing everyone's thoughts and opinions. Keep being you, Amelia.



5/6P ~ DARCY

For consistently demonstrating his kind and caring nature at Dana Street. Darcy, you are always there to support your friends when they are in need. Qualities of a true friend, who always looks out for others! Keep it up legend!



5/6W ~ JAKOB

For making really great choices to give yourself the best opportunities for learning. I've been so impressed with the way you've prioritised your time in class this week. Your increased focus, effort and contributions have really stood out. Well done, I'm really proud of you!

Well done!

Mathletics!



A BIG Congratulations to Edith on achieving a Gold Certificate.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property basket in the sick bay is overflowing with jumpers, along with other items of clothing. Please encourage your child to have a look for items they may have misplaced. In addition, feel free to come and look through the assortment of 'found' items in the sick bay.



Dates:

Monday 23rd May
School photos

Tuesday 24th May
Grade 5 & 6 students Winter Sports Day

Friday 27th May
Education week assembly

Monday 30th May
Pupil Free Day

Monday 13th June
Queen's Birthday ~ No School

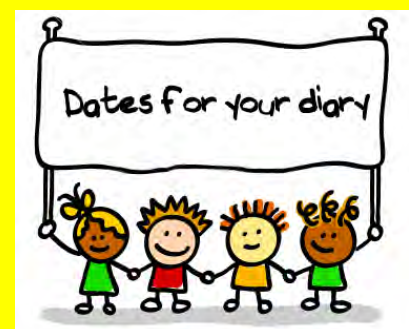
Tuesday 21st June
School reports sent home

Thursday 23rd June
Student Learning Conferences
(Students do not attend school except for their conference)

Friday 24th June
Last day of Term 2 (school finishes at 2:30pm)

Monday 12th July
Professional Development Day For staff

Tuesday 13th July
Term 3 begins for students





say cheese!

School Photo Day

Monday May 23, 2022

- Students are required to wear school uniform.
- Students to have their own separate envelope with them at the time of their photo is being taken.
- Family photo envelopes may be collected from the office on request.
- If you have misplaced your child's envelope, spare envelopes can also be collected at the office.



SINGING LESSONS

WITH MARY FROM COCOSOUNDS

Mary is opening a limited amount of singing lessons at Dana on Tuesday mornings.

Mary has been teaching contemporary vocals at all levels for over ten years, specialising in primary school aged kids. Lessons are fun and focus on confidence building.

for further details contact:

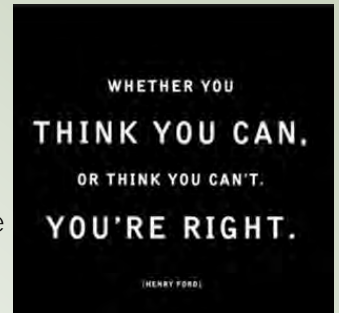
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Developing a Growth Mindset- the Power of Talk

By now you have heard a great deal about growth mindset. We can all agree that this is a desirable thing for our children -and us - to have.

How can parents help their children to develop a more growth-oriented mindset?

What we say to our children is very, very important. This is true for what we model to them as well:



We need to STOP saying:

We need to SAY instead:

"Don't worry. I wasn't good at Maths either."

"Let's see if we can try this another way...what could you try?"

"Not everyone is sporty"

"Try moving your feet this way...."

"You're the best!"/ "You are amazing at Maths!"

"You must have developed some great strategies there. Can you show me how you worked that out?"

"That recipe was a disaster. I am a terrible cook!"

"Oh well, I can try it again. Next time I could..."

Maths At Home

The great thing about Maths games is that they can be played anywhere and at any time! They can be played over breakfast, on the walk to school or to the playground, driving to sport on the weekend etc.

See below for some simple, short maths games that only take a few minutes to play with your little mathematicians at home.



Life Size Board Games

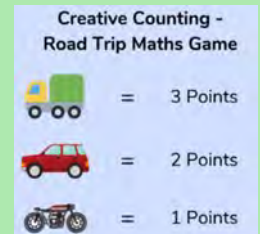
Board games are a fun way to spend time with the family, but have you ever thought about actually becoming part of the board game? To help your child learn maths outside, you can easily make a life size board game and become the characters in the game. All you need is a dice and some paper plates to make the gameboard.

Creative Counting

Get creative on trips in the car or walks to the park. Simple counting games are a great way to help familiarise your little mathematicians with number.

How many bikes on the way to the park? Many cars? How many people do we pass?

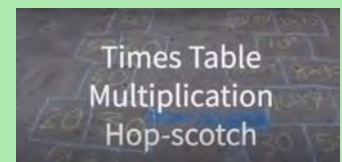
Why not add more of a challenge by adding in point values to the items you see along the way.



Multiplication Hopscotch

<https://youtu.be/Yf-vd1lettE>

You'll need chalk to create the hopscotch board outside.



The 21 Game

This is a fun strategy game, played with two or more players, who take it in turns to count up from 1. Each player can call out one, two or three consecutive numbers, before it moves to the next player to carry on counting up.

The player who ends up saying '21' is out of the game. The game then continues, counting back up from 1 to 21, until there is only one person left. They are the winner.

Why not ask about some of the maths warm-ups your little mathematicians are learning about each day in the classroom. These are also hands-on games that involves lots of reasoning, number fluency and justification.

