

Newsletter ~ 23rd May ~ 27th May 2022

Term 2 ~ Week 5

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Respect & Care



Responsibility



Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding



Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Education Week

This week we have celebrated Education Week with a range of activities across the school. At today's assembly, Kylie Watson presented a video of our students giving feedback regarding what they love about the school, and thanking their teachers for the work they do.

Reconciliation Week May 27-June 3

After National Sorry Day on Thursday, Reconciliation Week began on Friday this week. Students across the school are learning about reconciliation, and have participated in a Buddies and Mates session where they made necklaces using gumnuts and feathers in the colours of the Aboriginal Flag. The learning activities are designed to increase our students' understanding of Indigenous culture and the important events that have occurred towards reconciliation. Most of all, Reconciliation Week is an important time to come together to listen and learn from each other.

Student-Led Learning Conferences (Parent/ teacher/ student interviews)

On Thursday 23rd June, we will hold student learning conferences, with students, parents and classroom teachers. These meetings will take place throughout the day. As a result of this, students are not required to attend school on this day except for their learning conference.

As with the beginning of year meetings, we are again using an online booking system.

To book times that suit your family, please see details included with this week's newsletter.

Staff Professional Learning Day

Early notice: In term 3, our staff will be involved in a professional learning day on Monday 11th July. Staff will be participating in professional learning focussed on Literacy and Numeracy, as we strive to achieve our Annual Implementation Plan. We know that parents require notice about student-free days in order to make arrangements. It is very important that our staff continue their professional learning, to enable us to provide an excellent education for all students.

Staffing News

Best wishes to Sam Streeter, who will continue in her Acting Principal role at Newington PS in term 3. An Expression of Interest has been advertised for Acting Principal of Dana St PS in term 3. We will keep you posted as our staffing is settled!

Natalie Toohey ~ Principal

Monday 30th June 2022

PUPIL FREE DAY

Students Of The Week Awards



00B ~ RIVER

For giving everything a red hot go! River, we love your willingness to give things your best effort, especially in reading this week. Keep up the amazing work!



00R ~ LOUIS

For your amazing effort in Maths this week. Louis, you have shown fantastic growth in your counting, addition and forming your numbers beautifully. Keep up the fantastic work, Louis!



1/2B ~ DAISY

For diving into the learning pit by embracing new challenges. This enables you to continue to develop your problem solving skills and strategies. Well done, champion!



1/2H ~ JUAN

For bringing such joy and happiness into our classroom, Juan, you continue to smile and laugh everyday, by show our school values. A great week of assessments and locking into your learning.



1/2K ~ AVA

For always showing excellence in her work. Ava, I'm very impressed how you take on my feedback to further your understanding. You take challenges in your stride and are constantly producing your work to a high standard. Keep up the fantastic work superstar!



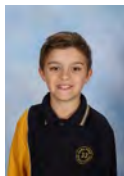
1/2S ~ SAM

For the way you have challenged yourself in writing this week. I have been so impressed by the effort you have put into you Treehouse narrative writing. You have shown grit, writing with stamina and trying your absolute best in publishing. You are a superstar!



3/4M ~ ZENIA

For your fantastic approach to learning. It is great to see you taking charge of your learning. I love how you participate in class discussions, ask questions and apply feedback.



3/4P ~ BRAXTON

For working hard throughout our information report writing cycle. You made sure your facts on the U.S.A. were accurate by checking with others and edited your work to ensure you had capital letters for proper nouns. You listened to teacher feedback and asked for peer feedback when you needed extra information. Keep up the super effort, Braxton!



3/4R ~ JIMMY

For locking into his learning, aiming high and showcasing excellence this week. It has been wonderful to see you giving everything a red hot go. Your positivity is an absolute delight to have within our classroom. Thanks for being the amazing person you are! Keep up the super effort!



5/6J ~ AVA

For her ability to display a growth mindset each day. Ava, you have worked really hard to learn new concepts with in all learning areas and approach them with a positive attitude. Keep kicking goals!



5/6P ~ ANNIE

For consistently going above and beyond in her daily school practices. Annie, you always lead by example with the way you approach your learning, and the respect and care you demonstrate to your fellow peers. A true role model in the Dana Street community. Keep it up, superstar!



5/6W ~ VILLI

For consistently showing our school values and responsible leadership. Villi, I appreciate your thoughtful and creative approach to all tasks, and how you're such a funny, kind and supportive friend to all. Keep being you, legend!

Well done!

Dana St Pie Drive

We are again conducting a Pie Drive for winter. Forms were sent home with students and via Class Dojo yesterday. The Golden Nugget Bakery supports us with this drive, which is very popular in the cold winter months!

Forms are due back to school on Friday 10th June, and pies are delivered on Tuesday 21st June.



ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR CSEF?

DO YOU HAVE A HEALTHCARE CARD?

The CSEF is an annual payment of \$125.00 per year for primary school students to be used towards camp, sports and excursions.

To be eligible for this funding you need to;

- A) Hold an Eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC), Veterans Affairs Gold Card or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) and/or
- B) Be a temporary foster parent.

If you have not already apply for this payment you have until the **22nd June 2022**

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 53321 301 and ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Dates To Remember:

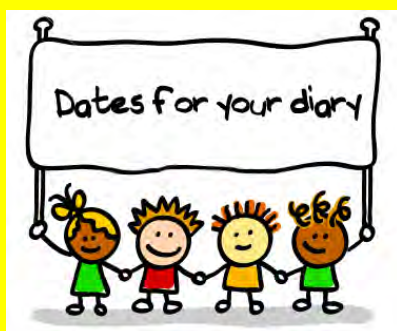
MONDAY 30TH MAY
PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday 10th June
Pie orders due back

Monday 13th June
*Queen's Birthday - **NO SCHOOL***

Tuesday 21st June
School reports sent home
Pie orders delivered

Thursday 23rd June
School 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
(Pupil Free Day)

Tuesday 13th July
Term 3 begins for students



THE EASY WAY TO BOOK **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents,

Student-Led Learning Conferences (parent/teacher/student interviews) for students in grades Foundation – 6 will be held on Thursday 23rd June. The meetings will run from 11:00am until 5:45 pm. Students are included in these meetings with their parents. **Therefore, students are not required to attend school on this day except for their meeting.** Due to the positive feedback from families, we will once again be using an online booking system. Bookings must be finalised the day before your interview day.

****If you have any difficulty booking, call the school office on 5332 1301 to arrange a meeting time.**

Meetings will be held on **Thursday 23rd June** from 11:00am until 5:45pm.

Students are not required to attend school on this day except for their meeting.

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"

The code is rjgkt



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 ensure you have spelled your email address correctly

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close at 6pm the day before your interview day.

You may change your bookings any time prior to the closing date, 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.

National Sorry Day & Reconciliation Week

National Sorry Day is held on the 26th May every year. This day recognises and raises awareness of when Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children were removed from their families, communities and culture. They are also known as the “Stolen Generation”.



Dana Street Primary School acknowledges the significant impact of this event in history, and we introduce and build on students' understandings of these events through our truth telling approach to reconciliation, and in an age-appropriate way.

Sorry Day is followed by National Reconciliation Week from 27th May – 3rd June. This year's theme is “Be Brave, Make Change”. This theme asks people to take the next step, taking their knowledge and awareness and using it as a springboard into action to promote a just, equitable, and reconciled Australia.

Throughout the week, students will participate in activities to build understanding of reconciliation — which at its heart means strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians.

Today, with our buddies, we read stories, had discussions, and made these beautiful necklaces that represent our learning.

