



Respect & Care



Responsibility



Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding



Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

### Assembly

Our school choir, Choir Inc., performed at assembly this morning. It was a joyful start to the day, watching these excited children sing for the whole school. The choir has been learning lots of new songs on Thursday mornings before school. Each of the students, from Foundation to grade 3, has shown persistence and a growth mindset to learn and perform the songs today. A big thank you to Carolyn Greedy for leading the choir, and to Miss Ally for her support!

### Acting Principal for term 3

As communicated to all families, the Department of Education has appointed Mr Ryan Oliver to the position of Acting Principal for term 3. Ryan is currently Principal at Ararat Primary School, and is an experienced educator who will fit into our school beautifully next term.

The substantive principal position from the beginning of term 4 will subsequently be advertised early next term.

### Breeze Writing Competition winners

Earlier this week, seven of our students received awards for their writing. They were among many local students who entered a Writing competition based on the topic of World Environment Day. The students were to discuss ways in which they could help the environment. Grade 6 student Ottie was the Dana St winner of the competition, *and also the overall winner for all schools!* Niamh, Pippa, Astrid, Harry, Claire and Mae did very well to gain an honourable mention. The students were presented with prizes at the Ballarat Library on Monday, by the Mayor of Ballarat, Councillor Daniel Moloney. Ottie will share her writing at assembly next week, due to being on an excursion today. Congratulations to these students!



### Attitudes to School Survey

Each year, our grade 4,5 and 6 students complete an Attitudes to School Survey which enables us to gain information about students' perceptions of school. The survey covers a range of areas including teaching and learning, safety and connectedness to peers. The survey is currently being administered in our school, during class time for students in these year levels. Results from the survey will be available to us almost immediately. This data will also be used to measure progress in relation to our Annual Implementation Plan (A.I.P.) targets.

## ICAS

Our students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 are given the opportunity to participate in a range of competitions/assessments organised by UNSW Global. ICAS is a comprehensive skills-based assessment program that assesses the higher order thinking and problem-solving skills of students. These assessments are in the form of multiple-choice type tests in the areas of English, Mathematics and Science, and are conducted annually in over twenty countries. All assessments are held at school throughout Terms 3. Forms have been distributed in paper and via Class Dojo. Participation forms and payment are due back at school by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

## Our New Oval

Last week our students were very excited when the fences were removed and the oval was declared ready for play! We have had a fantastic week of fun on the new surface. Our students have learned the value of patience! We now await the completion of the lower part of the play area. Once all areas are ready for play, we will have an official opening of the area, with some special guests. More information to come!



*Natalie Toohey ~ Principal*

# Buddies & Mates

**Our Buddies and Mates program gives the students an opportunity to form bonds with other students across the school. Over the last two sessions we have paid tribute to Reconciliation Week and made necklaces that represented the colours of the aboriginal flag. The students worked together making these and listening to stories from the dreamtime. Some students learnt how to say particular body parts using the “Wadawurrung” language.**





# Students Of The Week Awards



**00B ~ LEON**

For your enthusiastic contributions during our first aid session with St John Ambulance. Leon we love your eagerness to embrace learning new learning opportunities. Keep up the amazing work!



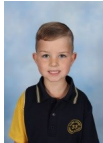
**00R ~ EVIE**

For your amazing reading this week! Evie, you have been putting in your best efforts and it is paying off. 100 nights of reading, wow! You've come so far with your blending and magic words, especially remembering the tricky parts! Keep it up, superstar!



**1/2B ~ ANGUS**

For the wonderful effort that you applied to sharing in maths this week. It was great to see you seeking challenges, such as sharing fractions and converting halves and quarters to decimals. WOW!!!



**1/2H ~ OLIVER**

For showing excellence in all that he does. Oliver, your work ethic is to be admired. You lock into all learning and work quietly at your table. What a fantastic term of learning!



**1/2K ~ MILA**

For her brilliant effort in reading. Mila, you placed yourself in the learning pit this week and you rose to the challenge. You should be very proud! Keep up the great work.



**1/2S ~ CLARA**

For your ongoing enthusiasm for learning, school, and the world around you. Your curiosity and positive attitude means you make the most out of every learning opportunity. I love how you always question and seek feedback, showing your incredible growth mindset.



**3/4M ~ MAX**

For the way you show kindness. You treat others with a great deal of empathy and understanding and encourage them to be their best. You are an amazing friend and make our classroom a better place to be. Keep being your incredible self, Max!



**3/4P ~ HARVEY**

For showing grit when creating 3D objects with clay and match sticks. Fantastic effort looking at the features and describing the faces, vertices and edges of each object you made. You used your understanding of fractions and left and right to create accurate directions to give to your partner to move around the room. Super effort, Harvey



**3/4R ~ HANNAH**

For increasing her display of a growth mindset. It has been wonderful to see you radiating positivity and having a red hot go at all activities. You are striving for excellence in all areas and applying feedback to make improvements, especially in your writing. You created a superb procedure this week. The resilience you have been showing has been beautiful as well. Top effort superstar!



**5/6P ~ FLICKY**

For demonstrating a growth mindset this week in mathematics. Flicky, it was brilliant to see you challenge yourself and apply learned skills and strategies to help you calculate and identify the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. A true problem-solving mathematician. Keep up the great work legend!

Well done!

## SPECIAL AWARD STUDENTS

Congratulations to the following amazing students who will be receiving awards from Australian Guild of Music Education for their piano performances.



**ALICE**



**ANNIE**



**MARNIE**



**MAX**



### WINTER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MON 27th JUNE TO FRI 8th JULY

Location: Eastwood Leisure Centre

Times: 8am to 5pm

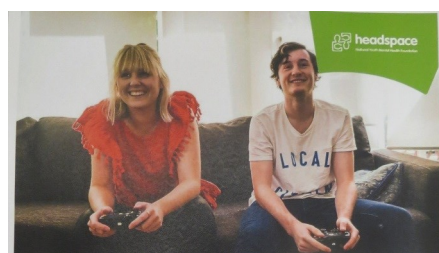
Ages: Kinder to Grade 6, boys & girls

Activities: Full day of fun sports games & activities

What to bring: Warm clothes, plenty of food & a large refillable drink bottle

Cost: \$55 per child per day (\$250 for a full week)

Enrol: Online at [www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat](http://www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat)



### connecting & communicating with your young person: parent / carer webinar

headspace National are presenting a webinar for parents and carers of young people in the Ballarat region.

Information presented will cover:

- Understanding your young person, and recognizing mental health difficulties.
- Managing the challenges of parenting young people today.
- Having better conversations with your young person.
- Connecting your young person with the right help and support.

The webinar will consist of a presentation on mental health, with a focus on noticing mental health difficulties in young people and supporting them to open up and communicate with you about their challenges, in order to seek help if needed.

When: Monday 20th June at 7:00pm

Where: online via zoom

How do I register?  
Click here to register via Eventbrite, or copy the following URL into your web browser:

<https://bit.ly/3LEHXdl>

After you have registered, you will receive an email confirmation from Eventbrite which will include the Zoom meeting link to access the webinar.

Please note this webinar will not be recorded.

All those who register will receive a digital information pack, after the webinar, that includes key messages as well as links to resources & support services.

Contact  
For more information email: [programsupport@headspace.org.au](mailto:programsupport@headspace.org.au)

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### Dates To Remember:

**Monday 13th June**

Queen's Birthday - **NO SCHOOL**

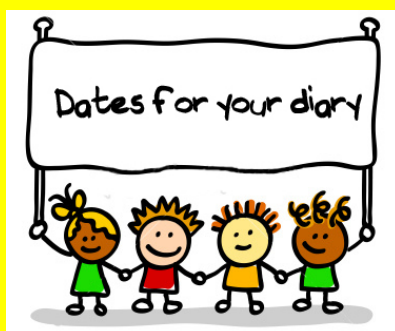
**Monday 20th June**

School Council ~ 7:00pm

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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

**Please contact the school if you need support.**

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](http://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](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

## Junior School Council News

The Junior School Council have had an eventful first half of the year!

In March, we participated in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. We created a Kindness Culture within the school, with students participating in kindness activities with their buddies. We made a kindness wall with the slogan "Spread Kindness Like Confetti" and encouraged students to write bucket-filler messages to place on the wall. Make sure you stop past and take a look!

In April we had an animal themed dress up day to raise funds to adopt an animal from the World Wildlife Fund. We raised over \$250, and classes voted for their favourite animal... our KOALA adoption papers are on the way! The money will go towards protecting koalas and their habitats.

We are also in the process of organising the toilets to be painted with bright designs and quotes. If there are any artists in our Dana Street community who would be willing to help, please let us know!

We will also be holding a fundraiser this term to raise money for our World Vision sponsor child, Angel Dennis. Money raised will help to improve things like healthcare, water, nutrition and education for Angel, her family, and her community. We will release the details of this as soon as possible, and we appreciate your support!



## Basketball Ballarat Junior Miners Holiday Camp

Adroit Insurance & Risk Junior Holiday Camps are held during each school holidays for children aged 6-13 years old of all genders and abilities.

Improve your skills, develop techniques, enhance your game, meet new friends and ultimately have fun! The camp catering for the beginner who has never picked up a basketball to the most experience 13 year old in the land!

All participants can expect:

- Meet your favourite Miners players
- Expert instructions from professional coaches including Miners player and coaches
- Develop new basketball skills and training methods
- Fun and inclusive learning environment
- Structured session content including great games and prizes at every camp
- Learn how to be a great team mate and help other succeed



Registrations for Winter Holidays are now open, with the camp being held on Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am till 2:00pm at Selkirk Stadium.

For more information and to register: [Adroit Insurance & Risk Holiday Camps \(nbl1.com.au\)](http://nbl1.com.au)

For further details please contact Amber Bumpstead on (03) 5338 1220 or email [reception@ballaratbasketball.com](mailto:reception@ballaratbasketball.com)



## 2022 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Our students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 are offered the opportunity to participate in a range of ICAS competitions/assessments organised by UNSW Global Assessments. The assessments take place in schools throughout Australia and overseas, and are designed for recognising academic excellence. They present an opportunity for students to stretch themselves further in a range of areas.

These assessments are in the form of online multiple-choice type tests in the areas of English, Mathematics, and Science. The questions range in level of difficulty and are quite challenging.

We recommend that you discuss the assessments with your child's teacher if unsure about whether your child should participate.

Each assessment has an entry fee. This fee includes a detailed student performance report and a certificate showing your child's achievement compared to other students. Our school is subsidising the fee (from \$19.25 per test to \$8.00) All assessments will be held at school during Term 3, in weeks 6, 7 and 8.

If you would like your child to be involved in any of the assessments please complete the form below and return it to school with payment by **Monday 20th June.**

If you would like further information about any of the assessments please contact Mrs Toohey or visit the competition website [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)

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## 2022 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my child to participate in the following Competitions :

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| English         | \$8.00 |
| Mathematics     | \$8.00 |
| Science         | \$8.00 |
| Total enclosed: |        |

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_