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Respect & Care



Responsibility



Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding



Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Today at our final assembly for term 2, School Values awards were presented. Four students across the school received these awards for their exemplary demonstration of our school values. The awards are prestigious and presented at the end of each term.

Our values of Respect & Care, Responsibility, Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding and Excellence are very important to our school community. They underpin all of our practices and I think that all of our students could explain their meaning.

Aleida Rademaker (Foundation), Alfie Bell (Grade 1), Remy McCarthy (grade 4) and Mia Jordan (Grade 6) are very deserving recipients of the School Values Awards for term 2. Congratulations to these students!



School Council News

On Monday evening, the grade 6 student leaders attended and presented a report to the (adult) School Council. Their maturity and confidence were very impressive! They spoke about their aspirations for themselves and the school.



Sophie Robb, our Koorie Curriculum Champion, also presented to Council on the ways in which we are integrating indigenous perspectives into our curriculum. We look for opportunities to teach our students about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures. We also teach our students about reconciliation, in an age appropriate manner.

Our School Council also discussed the recent news story about Captain Dana, and the push for the Ballarat City Council and the wider community to reflect on and recognise the dark history associated with Captain Dana. We wrote a letter to the Ballarat City Council, stating that we understand there is community concern around the connotations of the name "Dana Street." We asked to be kept in mind and informed, as a key stakeholder, as discussions continue.

Official Opening of our Oval

On Monday afternoon, we were very excited to gather and officially open our new oval! Mr Barry Gilson, a local Waddawarung man, performed a smoking ceremony to cleanse the area and the people, and promote the protection and wellbeing of the school community. Barry spoke and sang in the local language.

Victorian MP Juliana Addison, who supported our application for the upgrade, also attended the opening. Steven Rothberg, our School Council President, thanked all those who worked hard to bring the concept to design and then reality. He also thanked the students and staff for their patience and resilience. It was worth the wait!



Staffing News



Today we farewelled three staff members. Melissa Reiling, our Office Assistant, who will pursue other opportunities outside education, will be deeply missed by the community.

Emma Remilton has been successful in gaining a position as an Education Improvement Leader in our local DET Regional Office. Emma will start a two-year secondment at the beginning of next term. Congratulations, Emma!



Grace Jeffrey has been working in our school in Education support while completing her teaching degree. Grace begins work as a classroom teacher at another primary school in third term. Best wishes, Grace!



Learning Conferences

Yesterday, it was a pleasure to watch our students actively involved in their learning conferences. There is strong evidence for including the students in the meetings, as this engages them in their learning and empowers them to aim high and strive for success. We also value parent insights as together, we work to maximise our students' achievement and wellbeing.

End of Term, and Farewell to our wonderful School Community

It is with very mixed feelings that I write my last contribution to our newsletter. I have always been an advocate for grasping opportunities as they arise, in the belief that we grow and learn when out of our comfort zone. This opportunity has arisen for me, and while I feel excited and also sad to leave this wonderful school, I do so in the knowledge that it has everything in place to go from strength to strength. A fantastic school is a sum of all its parts; students at the centre, surrounded by a dedicated, educated and caring staff, as well as great supportive families and community. The wellbeing and achievement of every single child in this school is important to all of us, and this will continue. We have excellent processes in place and I am sure our school community will continue to thrive.

Thank you to our whole school community for a wonderful term of learning. There are many events to look forward to in term 3, such as our movie night, Fun Run and Book Week dress up day. On behalf of the staff, I wish everyone a happy, safe holiday and a happy return to school on Tuesday, 12th July.

Natalie Toohey ~ Principal



Mia Jordan



Mia is an excellent role model within our school, who consistently shows the Dana Street School values in everything she does. She can be trusted and relied upon to complete any job to the best of her ability, which is demonstrated by her current role as house captain. Mia ensures that all the sports equipment is out for everyone to play and leaves no stone unturned to ensure it is all collected and put back away each day.

Within the classroom, Mia completes her work to the highest quality by ensuring all of her learning is done to an excellent standard. She asks questions and takes notes in classroom discussions, to ensure she gets the most out of her learning. Mia is a highly respected member within our classroom, who often shares her thoughts and opinions on making Dana Street the best place it can be during circle time sessions.

Mia is respectful and caring towards everyone within the school. She shows resilience, inclusiveness, tolerance and understanding towards everyone. Mia is also a wonderful year 6 buddy, who often takes time away from her friends to ensure her buddy has someone to play with.

Mia, you should be proud of the way you conduct yourself each day. Congratulations on earning the Term 2 school values award.

Alfie Bell



Alfie is a highly valued member of 1/2S and the broader 1/2 cohort. He is appreciated by students and staff throughout the school. Alfie comes to school every day with such readiness to learn, and his positive attitude means he can make the most of every opportunity that arises. We admire how Alfie embodies our school values daily and is a natural role model to others.

Alfie is a warm, kind-hearted and considerate student. He is always looking out for his peers and checking in with anyone he meets during the day, ready to share a smile and a helping hand. Alfie shows respect and care in all his interactions and this is appreciated by all in our school community. Alfie is accepting, tolerant, understanding and always includes others, selflessly putting their needs before his own.

In all learning opportunities and experiences, Alfie strives for excellence. His perseverance and resilience are testament to the type of learner Alfie is. Alfie seeks and listens to feedback, challenges himself, and shows determination and drive to be his best. We are beyond impressed by Alfie's love of learning which manifests in his sharing of thoughtful ideas and questions, pride in his work, and curiosity for the world around him.

Each day, Alfie shows responsibility in his learning, in his friendships, and in his care for the school. Alfie is an independent learner who is organised and focused. He is more than happy to support his peers and inspires those around him to give all opportunities a red hot go. The way Alfie approaches his school life affords him and those around him such a positive and memorable experience in their learning and friendships. We can always count on Alfie to brighten our day.

Congratulations Alfie! You are such a deserving recipient of the Term 2 School Values Award!

Remy McCarthy



★ Remy beautifully displays each of our school values consistently throughout our school day and is an excellent member of our Dana Street community. Remy's consistent demonstration of our school values, ensures he is well respected by students and staff, most especially by his class mates.

★ Remy strives for Excellence in everything he does, which has ensured he has made incredible growth in all areas of the curriculum. Remy locks into his learning and focuses on completing all of it to the very best of his ability. He understands the importance of seeking help or feedback whenever needed because he knows this will help him improve. It has been wonderful to observe Remy starting to aim higher and seeking challenges with his learning. His exceptionally positive growth mindset is an asset to our classroom and school community. He always perseveres, even when in the learning pit, demonstrating great resilience.

★ Remy is respectful to all members of our school community and understands the importance of displaying this to everyone. He always tries hard to listen respectfully and makes excellent contributions to our discussions. Remy talks to every single person in a respectful manner; always speaking kindly to others and using wonderful manners. He treats everybody equally and goes out of his way to lift people up.

★ Remy has greatly increased his responsibility this year and is becoming a lovely leader of our school. He demonstrates responsibility for all of his belongings and others as well. He is a safe member of our school and makes sure he follows each of our classroom expectations, as well as school values. Remy takes responsibility for his learning, making sure it is completed in the time frame provided and always lends a willing hand to others.

★ What I admire most about Remy is his display of inclusion, care, tolerance and understanding to everyone. It is so beautiful to witness the care he shows others and the smile he constantly brings to our faces throughout the day. This beautiful, caring nature is shown equally to everyone around him and I appreciate the effort he consistently goes to, to have a positive impact on others.

★ Remy you have been an absolute delight to teach over the last eighteen months. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching you grow into the most incredible person. I cannot wait to see and hear of your continued success in life.

Aleida Rademaker



★ Aleida exemplifies the school values every single day here at Dana Street. She's only been here for two terms, but that has not stopped her from making in impact. We have been so amazed at how effortlessly Aleida has adapted to the school routines and life as a Dana Street student.

★ Aleida is so kind, inclusive, and caring. She always looks out for her classmates and friends, making sure they are okay, and helping them in their times of need. She does this without a second thought. If her usual playtime buddies are away, she happily joins in with others, and has no troubles making new friends.

★ Aleida demonstrates excellence in everything she does. She is an incredible learner, soaking in everything we teach her, taking on feedback and applying it immediately, accepting challenges, and reflecting thoughtfully on her efforts and achievements. She shows a wonderful eagerness to learn and participates in all classroom activities and conversations. She gives everything a 'red hot go' and perseveres until she achieves success.

★ Aleida shows respect and care in the classroom and in the playground. She listens carefully to all instructions, takes care of her belongings and our classroom materials, and makes sure our learning space is tidy and cared for. Aleida has earned the respect of everyone in our classroom, and this is noticed by support staff, specialist teachers, and other teachers in the school.

★ Aleida demonstrates responsibility daily, by taking charge of her learning, listening actively, and making excellent choices. She participates eagerly in all classroom activities and completes her work to an exceptionally high standard.

★ Aleida, you are a ray of sunshine in the classroom. You never seem to stop smiling, and you light up the room when you walk into it. It is impossible to have a bad day when you are around. Aleida, congratulations. You are a wonderful role model, and you should be very proud of all that you have achieved so far at Dana Street. I cannot wait to see what the future holds for you; I know you are going to do amazing things.

Dates To Remember:

Monday 11th July

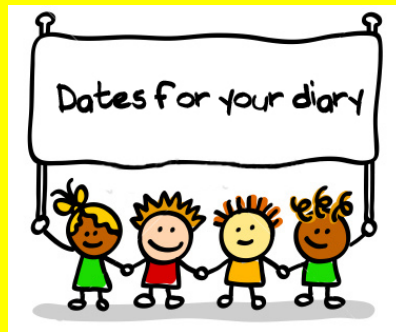
Professional Development Day for staff
(Pupil Free Day)

Tuesday 12th July

Term 3 begins for students

Monday 15th August

School Council Meeting



Friday 19th August

Movie Night

Friday 2nd September

Father's Day Stall

Wednesday 7th Sept - 9th Sept

Grade 3/4 Camp

Young Author's Workshop

Last Thursday the 16th of, ten students from grades 4 to 6 went to the Young Author's Workshop. They rotated through 4 activities is what they had to say about the activities.

I loved the tour we got to write a paragraph on any painting or artwork we like and there were no limits on what we could do. It was a calm environment where you could imagine the artwork. You were able to imagine anything you wanted as long as it included colour of feeling from the painting. It was great to look closer at the artwork and see things that you have never seen before and add them to your story making it more interesting. It was cool to imagine how the painting would be in real life. You could imagine how cold it was or what it would feel like. It was a bit like imaging the picture coming to life.

We got to use information that was given to use to invite people to join us in the Art gallery. It was really fun to expose our creative side to persuasive writing and describe the Art gallery. We got to use persuasive writing to our advantage and draw people in. You got to write about the art gallery and what you liked about it.

We learned process of creating an advertisement for television and broke down the steps. We learned how adds past through and how they are made and the rules. They can't be more than 30 second. It has to be 750 frames exactly. It is about 85 words and they will edit out your breaths.

It was wonderful screen writing. We learned they set up their script writing. There are slug, action, dialogue and characters lines. We learned how to set up and tell characters lines apart. We passed our text around and different people kept adding more parts to it. It was really fun seeing what other people added on to our story. It was interesting to fit our own writing style into other peoples.





This term in Inquiry our throughline across the school was Sustainability. Students have thoroughly enjoyed learning about animals, how to care for our planet and the impact we have on Earth.

Next term our throughline is Social Responsibility - Beyond Community, which has a curriculum focus on Civics and Citizenship, as well as Geography.

Each unit will focus on a different Big Idea and Driving Question:

	Big Idea	Driving Question
Foundation	My Place, Our Place	What makes our place important?
One/Two	My Community, Our City	What makes Ballarat unique?
Three/Four	Our Diversity, Our Decisions	What is my role as a citizen?
Five/Six	Our Democracy, Our Diversity, Our Decisions, Our Social Responsibility	What are rights and responsibilities?

Lots of exciting ideas are already planned by teachers, but we would love the community’s assistance and knowledge. If you have any skills, contacts or interest in any of the topics for next term please contact your students’ teacher.

We are looking forward to another term of deep wondering and exploring by students.



Year 5/6 Netball



Congratulations to our Year 5/6 Netball team for an amazing term of playing in the Ballarat after school netball competition. You were each amazing to coach and we are proud of the improvements you have all made. We are very proud of the sportsmanship you showed every game. Well done to: Hannah, Astrid, Flicky, Eva, Josie, Maddy, Molly, Niamh, Mia & Kye. Thank you to the parents for supporting the players every Wednesday night.



DSPS ~ Community Garden



This week, the Environmental Leaders replanted the Vegetable Garden with some winter vegetables. These included broccolini, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower and snow peas. They then placed some straw over the top of the seedlings to help keep them warm. Make sure you pop in over the holidays to check out the DSPS Community Garden. Next term, we are going to create a sign for the garden. Any help from the community to create this would be great!



This week on Wednesday, the Grade 5/6 unit sold their inquiry upcycled items as our authentic action for our Inquiry unit this term. This was a fundraiser for our compost bins to be used in the veggie garden. In total we raised \$491.40. The creation team worked hard to make products out of household items. The marketing team advertised with posters, Class Dojo posts and made stalls, the packaging and displays. The different products were, seed bombs, paper bead bracelets, bottle animals, shirt bags, cd coasters and corks. It was such a great finish to our Inquiry unit!

