

Newsletter ~ 11th July ~ 15th July 2022

Term 23 ~ Week 1

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Respect & Care



Responsibility



Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding



Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

It with great excitement that I write this first newsletter for Term 3.

Before I write further, I would like to acknowledge that, in beginning the role of Acting Principal at our school, I am serving the community on Wadawarrung Country, and would like to extend my deepest respect to Elders past, present and emerging. I also acknowledge my gratitude that we share this land today, my sorrow for some of the costs of that sharing, and my hope and belief that we can move to a place of equity, justice and partnership together.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for such a warm welcome. Dana Street's positive reputation has certainly been exemplified this week with our staff, students and community working together to begin a very positive term. I look forward to working with you all over next 10 weeks. Please remember that my door is always open.

Assembly

At assembly today, our student leaders welcomed everyone back for a positive term. At last term's GRIP Student Leadership Conference, they learnt a number of engaging activities to run at assemblies, so they decided to conduct "Loud Noises", which was incredible fun for the students.

Student Free Day

On Monday of this week our staff met to complete some very pivotal work. It is such a great pleasure to have professional development sessions provided, so that staff are abreast of current research and changes to instructional practice. This is even more powerful when the sessions are conducted by staff at our school, which was the case on Monday.

We focussed on the proficiencies of Numeracy – fluency, understanding, problem solving, reading and productive dispositions, with rich discussion particularly focussed on problem solving and reasoning. You will probably be aware of this, but employers, globally, have indicated the value in their employees being able to work in teams to solve complex problems related to work. Quite often, an individual's employability is tied inextricably to their learning experiences in mathematics during school.

Another focus was on the Speaking and Listening curriculum strand of Literacy. Again, rich discussion occurred on how we can best assess, understand and support the development of our students' speaking and listening skills, and further provide differentiation opportunities in our classrooms.

The afternoon session was spent in our AIP (Annual Implementation Plan) teams reflecting on our whole school progress against our goals, targets and action plans, as well as ensuring we set ourselves up for a successful term.

In amongst all of this, I delivered a message to staff around ensuring that the collective wellbeing of ourselves, our students and community remains a focus throughout the term. It was an exhaustive, but incredibly productive day. Thank you to School Council for supporting the student free day and thank you to all parents for making arrangements, too.

Enrolments

I would encourage everyone to ensure that enrolment forms for 2023 are sent back to school as soon as possible. The massive job of workforce planning for 2023 begins in August, with our Census and projected numbers needing to be as accurate as possible. If you know of anyone who is intending to enrol, please ensure that you encourage them to contact the school sooner rather than later.

Please also note that enrolments must be in our enrolment catchment zone for eligibility. If you are unsure, you can check on www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au.

Finally, I wish you all fantastic weekend. Take the time to 'disconnect to connect' with loved ones, if you can.

Ryan



Students Of The Week Awards



00B ~ CEEJAY

For giving all learning tasks a red hot go this week and for displaying a growth mindset when faced with a challenge. Deep up the amazing work!



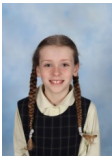
00R ~ GASPER

For putting your best effort into your learning tasks. Gasper, it has been wonderful to see you putting so much care into the presentation of your learning tasks. You are learning and growing so much, you should be very proud of your achievements so far this year!



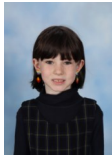
1/2B ~ LYDIA

For a fantastic start to Term 3! Your smile lights up the room and you are a wonderful role model for others. It has been great to see you taking risks with your learning.



1/2H ~ HAZEL

For her excellence in her persuasive writing. Hazel, you work with diligence on all parts of your writing. You persuaded the audience, clearly why your holiday was the best. Fantastic work SUPERSTAR



1/2K ~ ELKE

For constantly giving things a 'red hot go'! Elke, I have been impressed by your determination and dedication. Your confidence is really starting to shine through. Keep it up!



1/2S ~ ORLANDO

For your mature and dedicated start to Term 3. You have commenced Term 3 with enthusiasm and energy! I have been so impressed by the way you have been locking into your learning, showing grit and giving everything a red hot go! Keep up the incredible effort! I can't wait to see what you can do this term.



3/4M ~ SHELBY

For the care you are showing others. It is wonderful to see the way you are looking out for your friends and demonstrating our school value of inclusion. The kindness and understanding you are showing others is amazing. Keep shining super star!



3/4P ~ TJ

For an incredible start to Term 3! You have worked hard in learning sessions this week, demonstrating your growth mindset. You did an amazing job in maths, focusing on telling the time and recording it on analogue clocks accurately. Keep up the super effort, TJ!



3/4R ~ HARVEY

For locking into his learning this week. Your extraordinary senses poem about the jungle blew me away. It has been amazing to see your leadership skills shining through for your peers. Keep up the awesome effort, Harvey!



5/6J ~ CAHILL

For applying himself during our maths sessions this week. Cahill actively listened during our order of operation lessons, where he was able to apply his knowledge independently. He successfully found the correct answer and was able to justify his working out. Keep up the great work!



5/6P ~ HAYDN

For locking into writing this week. Haydn, you have been able to apply your wicked sense of humour into your limerick poetry writing. You have used your understanding of literacy devices and structure of limerick poems to create captivating and entertaining pieces. Keep up the great work legend!



5/6W ~ PIPPA

For the amazing effort and enthusiasm she has shown towards her learning this week. The positive attitude and growth mindset she has displayed during our maths unit on the order of operations has been so great to see. Keep up the fantastic work, Pip! I'm so proud of you!

Dates To Remember:

Wednesday 27th July

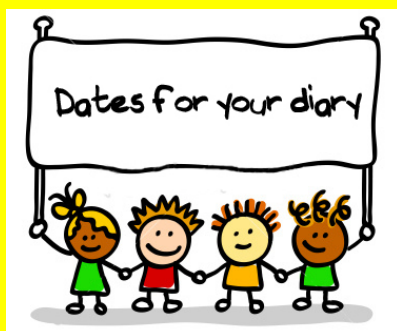
Young Authors Workshop (Selected Students)
South St ~ Gr 56 Debating Team

Thursday 28th July

Gr 12 Earth Ed Excursion
Gr 56 Incursion

Friday 29th July

Gr 12 Earth Ed Excursion



Tuesday 9th August

Gr 56 (Selected Students) Basketball Tournament

Monday 15th August

School Council Meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday 17th August

South St ~ Choir

Friday 19th August

Movie Night

Junior School Council News

The Junior School Council have been busy this week organising a range of fundraising activities for the term. We have been deciding on the fun run theme, choosing a movie for the movie night, and organising a pyjama day for later in the term to raise money for World Vision. The JSC representatives have been visiting classrooms and taking polls among all the students so that everyone gets a say! Stay tuned for lots of exciting announcements about these events very soon!

We have successfully adopted a koala as well, please feel free to come to the office foyer to have a look at the adoption certificate and our cute cuddly toy. If you have an idea about what we could name it, let your JSC representative know!



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM VICKI:

Have you got a new phone number?

Can you please share that with us!

If any of your family information changes, can you please let the office know immediately. **This includes email addresses.** If you require any further information please contact me.