



Respect & Care



Responsibility



Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding



Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

I hope this finds you all well...and dry! What a wet week it has been. Luckily, the forecast is indicating some long-awaited warmer weather by the end of next week.

Last Friday, we had a number of senior students represent Dana Street at the District Athletics Carnival. I was tremendously elated to hear that three of our students have qualified for the Victorian State Athletics Carnival on the 2nd of November. Congratulations to Raiyan, Hannah and Eve and we wish you all the best for the State Championships.

This week, we heard the announcement that there have been further changes to the requirements around managing COVID-19 at schools. From today it is now strongly recommended that individuals isolate for five days when they have tested positive for COVID 19. This recommendation applies specifically to school settings. It is also now strongly recommended that parents continue to report positive cases, as they arise, to both the school and on the DHHS website. It seems that we are edging closer to some closure in the pandemic space; however, I would respectfully ask that everyone is mindful of the health and safety of both our students and our staff, as we move into this next phase of pandemic response. Many families have elderly, frail or immunocompromised individuals, who may suffer adversely if they aren't protected. Please continue to consider this when deciding if you are to send your child to school. Thank you, in advance, for your support on behalf of our community.

I know that parents will be very keen to know our Staffing Profile for 2023. The mammoth task of ensuring that we have the right people in the right places has begun and I will notify the community via this newsletter as soon as possible. I thank you all for your patience whilst we work towards this.

Kelly Kosloff returns from her well-deserved long service leave next week. A special thank you to Julie Dalton who has ensured the learning and wellbeing continuity for our students has continued in Kelly's absence. No doubt we will continue to see Julie on a casual basis throughout the term and beyond.

This week, we conducted the first of a series of Transition Sessions for our 2023 Foundation students. It was wonderful to meet a few new families who will join us next year, as well as some of our existing families who are entrusting their second, third or even fourth child to our school. Over the coming weeks we will host a series of Transition sessions for students and families, to ensure the best possible start is provided for our 2023 Foundation Students.

Next week, we are excited to be providing the Swimming Program for all students. Swimming is a compulsory aspect of the Victorian Curriculum, just as Reading, Writing and Numeracy are. Can I extend a very special thank you to the many parents who have volunteered their time to support the smooth operation of such a massive endeavour. I am sure that there will be some very tired kids by the end of next week.

After the incredible amount of rain this week I am hopeful that the weekend will bring some warmer and drier weather for us all.

Have a great weekend.

Ryan



Dates To Remember:



Monday 17th October—Friday 21st October

Friday 21st October – NO ASSEMBLY
Monday 24th October—School council 7.00pm
Tuesday 25th October—Foundation Literacy Transition Session 3.15pm —4.00pm

Students Of The Week Awards



00B ~ MADDISON

For your ability to create thoughtful worded addition problems in Maths this week. We love watching you continually challenge yourself as you strive for excellence. Amazing effort Maddison!



00R ~ EMMA

For the incredible writing you have done this week. Emma, your sensory description of the beach this week was phenomenal. I really felt like I was really there! Brilliant work, Emma, what a star!



1/2B ~ BRODIE

For putting his best effort into learning this week. You effectively used your story mountain to draft a rip snorting narrative. I cant wait to see the published piece. Well done!



1/2H ~ IZZY

For locking in with growing enthusiasm to your reading and writing activities. Izzy, when we conferenced together you were able to verbalize and write down keywords for your narrative. I have been very impressed with your dedication to your work and listening this term. Well done superstar!



1/2K ~ LUCA

For demonstrating a positive attitude to his narrative writing. He planned his writing with detail and confidently used it to write an excellent narrative about 'Wilson and the Dog Robber'. Its been great to see your positivity and confidence in learning activities this week. Well done Luca, you should be very pleased. Keep up the great effort!



1/2S ~ SAM

For your awesome effort in editing and revising your narrative. You have shown grit and tried so hard editing and revising your narrative for publishing. I am so proud of how you altered your mindset this week, taking on challenges and having a red hot go. Your published story is going to be fantastic! Well done legend!



3/4M ~ KALE

For the great start to term four. It was great to see you really explaining your thinking in Maths and for your inferences in Reading. I was blown away by your presentation about your holiday. You explained everything clearly and with confidence. Super effort!



3/4P ~ KYLA

For showing grit and completing all learning tasks with a growth mindset. Fantastic effort on developing and extending your knowledge of division this week through asking clarifying questions and seeking feedback during tasks. Keep up the amazing work, Kyla.



3/4R ~ BELLA

For having a great start to the term. Its been great to see your willingness to come to school and participate in all of your learning activities. You have locked into your learning during reading and your doing a great job in practising reading skills, such as summarising and clarifying. Well done Bella, you should be very pleased with how you have started this term. Keep up the great effort.



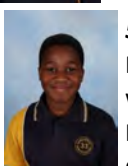
5/6J ~ COOPER

For his outstanding dedication towards his learning this week. Cooper, you have shown excellence in Maths to lead a collaborative learning group, while completing real life problems using the four operations. Well done and keep striving for excellence, Cooper!



5/6P ~ HANNAH

For the exceptional achievement of progressing to the State Athletics Championships in hurdles. Hannah, we at Dana Street, are all so very proud of you and the success you achieved in your event. We cant wait for you to display your skill set at the State Championships! Well done legend!



5/6W ~ SAMUEL

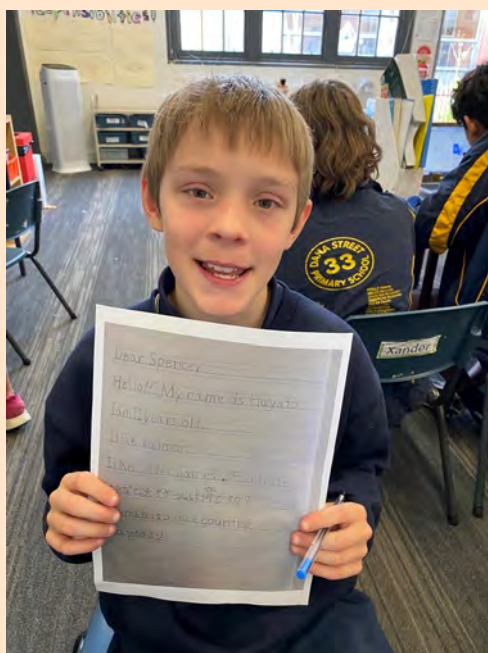
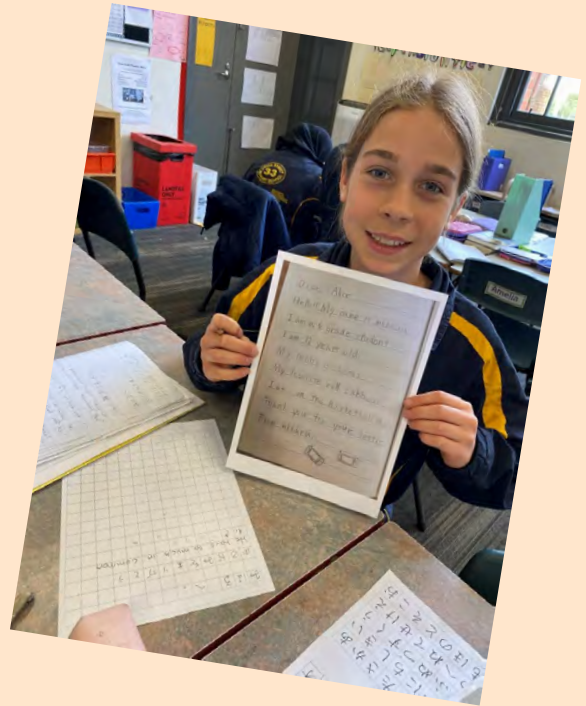
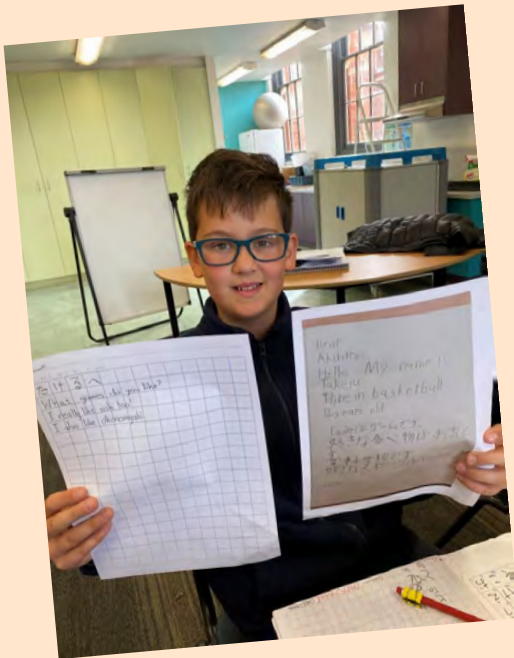
For the effort you have put into drafting your narrative this week. You have come up with a creative plot idea and worked collaboratively with your peers to develop an interesting story. I'm so impressed with the way you took on feedback to add I more descriptive detail. Great work, Samuel!

Well done!

Japanese

In our Japanese lessons, we have been writing letters and sending videos to our friends at Matsuodai Elementary school in Inagawa, Japan. This exchange has supported the learning we do in Japanese at Dana St and given our students the opportunity to share their Japanese writing and speaking with students in Japan. We have loved receiving letters, working to translate the Japanese writing and developing friendships. It is exciting to discover we have so much in common even though there are so many differences between our countries. The students found it quite tricky to write letters in Japanese, starting with the Genkou Youshi writing paper which has squares not lines!

Later this term we will work on making some videos to teach our pen pals about Life at Dana St, Ballarat and Australia!



Region Athletics

On Friday October 7th, we had eight students participate in the Greater Western Region Athletics Carnival at Llanberris Reserve. All of the students braved the wintry conditions while representing themselves and their school with pride. It was amazing to see students and schools from all over Western Victoria back involved in interschool sport after the pandemic and to see our students compete at such a high level.

Rain delayed the start of the day but once it all got going no one seemed to mind. Despite the high jump being postponed we still achieved excellent results with Pippa placing third in long jump, Eve second in discus, Hannah second in hurdles and Raiyan second in the 100m sprint. Marley, Flicky, Daniel and Bourne all did well and achieved close to their personal best scores in their events.

Placing second has earned Eve, Raiyan and Hannah a place at the State Championships to be held on November 2nd at Lakeside Stadium in Melbourne. I am very proud of the excellent attitude and efforts of all our students.

Go Dana!!



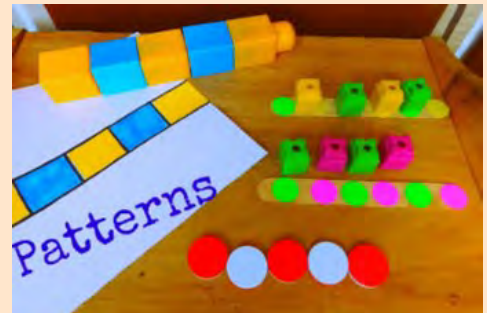
Maths at Home!

Pattern Investigation

Patterns are a great way to bring in mathematical dialogue to our little mathematicians. Patterns are made up of a repeated design or sequence. When discussing patterns, you can talk about colour, shape and even create graphs based on objects in patterns. The options really are endless. The great thing about patterns, they are everywhere which means there is always a chance for a discussion.

Create Patterns

Using objects from around the home (Lego, pebbles, shapes, counters, toys) create all different types of patterns. Discuss these patterns with your little mathematicians to help build language skills.



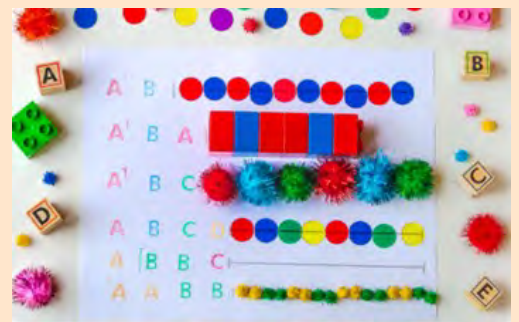
Can you count the objects for each pattern?

Can you name the objects in each pattern?

Can we group the objects in each pattern eg. same colour, same shape, same use?

Can you spot any patterns around the house, on your clothes or on the ground?

Draw these patterns you see.



Books on Patterns

Pitter Pattern - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0cwn31o1DI>

Pattern Fish - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_mqVCewsYA

A-B-A-B- A book of Patterns - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1QkFYH38mmw>

