



*Respect & Care*



*Responsibility*



*Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding*



*Excellence*

**Dear parents, grandparents and friends,**

Just when we thought the warmer weather was here to stay, Ballarat's weather has been epitomised this week.

On Tuesday, we had a Literacy Transition Session for our 2023 Foundation Students. The session went incredibly well and I was impressed at just how 'ready for school' these young people seemed to be. Many could spell their name, identify different sounds and letters, and seemed genuinely excited at the prospect of starting school next year. I extend a warm welcome to all the new families joining us for the first time in 2023. I look forward to the partnership between home and school.

Last week we had a near miss incident where one of our students was almost bitten by a pet dog brought into school at home time. Can I please remind all parents that if your dog is prone to biting or nipping at people, then please do not bring them into the school ground. Our children are naturally drawn to animals and will most likely approach your pet thinking that is a safe thing to do. As you know, home time can be chaotic with children running here there and everywhere, and it is a little remiss to expect that each child can be individually and closely supervised at this time, so I ask that all pet owners consider this when bringing animals into the school.

Sadly, for Dana Street, our beloved Japanese teacher, Sensei Lauren is leaving us for sunny Queensland. Sensei has had a very positive influence on our school culture and our students over her tenure here and will be sorely missed. Sensei's last day with us will be this coming Wednesday (3<sup>rd</sup> November). Whilst I know that many of you will be sad to read this, I do invite you to join me in wishing Sensei Lauren well for the future as she begins her new life with her family in Queensland. Tania Graham will continue the Japanese program for the remainder of the year and we are currently in the process of recruiting a new LOTE teacher for 2023.

Today we celebrate World Teachers' Day. Our staff were treated to a special morning tea on Wednesday and they each received a "Teacher of the Week" award at assembly today. It is not often we get the chance to reflect on the impact that teachers have on our lives. We are most fortunate at Dana Street to have productive and positive relationships with our parent community and feel very supported. Our teachers really are an incredible team and I thank them for all the tireless work they do for our students.

Today Miss Kylie and I began work in mentoring our senior students with their first Student Leadership training session. Over the next few weeks the students will undertake a couple of sessions where we will explore what it means to be a leader and what leadership means to them. We will be looking to select our 2023 School Captains by the end of the year, which is incredibly exciting.

This time of year, can often cause our lives to be constantly hectic and crazy. Please make sure you look after yourselves and take the time to rest and relax over the weekend.

Ryan



## Dates To Remember:



**Tuesday 1st November - Melbourne Cup Holiday**  
**Tuesday 8th November - Art Show 4:30pm - 6:00pm**  
**Wednesday 16th November - Junior Athletics**  
**Monday 21st November - School Council Meeting**  
**Monday 28th November - Curriculum Day (No students at school)**



On Tuesday we welcomed our 2023 Foundation students for their first Literacy transition session. It was wonderful to see so many excited faces entering the classroom eager to find out what school life was all about. The new students engaged in some hands on literacy tasks, they listened the story 'The pigeon has to go to school' and then created a 3D pigeon that they got to take home. We asked some of our new students what they were looking forward to about school and this is what they said:

Mikey said, "I can't wait to play with my brother Braxton and make some new friends".

Abigail said, "I really want to play on the playground with Celeste".

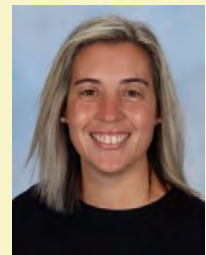
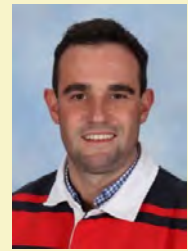
We look forward to seeing our 2023 Foundation students at our next transition session on Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Kym Bursill



# The Legends of Dana Street Primary School

Thank you for everything that you do – for our school, our  
kids and our community.



# Reading

We are deeply committed to ensure our students learn to read, and read well! We are learning more about what research says about how children learn to read, how to make sure every student learns to read, and what to do when a child encounters difficulty with reading. This body of knowledge we are learning about and implementing is called “The Science of Reading’.

Your children have probably come home and used terms like

phonemes (smallest unit of sound), graphemes (letter/s that represent sounds), morphemes (smallest unit of meaning in a word) and maybe even talked about the etymology

(where words come from) of words. We have been diving into Phonics and how we can teach it in an explicit and systematic way which is one of the Big Six of Reading components. In F-2 we are learning to ‘crack the code’ and in Years 3-6 the focus is more on grammar, morphology and etymology.



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# OSPS ART EXHIBITION 2022

**Major Raffle**  
Donated print by Pete Cromer  
\$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5  
(cash only)

**BBQ Dinner**  
Sausages \$2  
Drinks \$1  
(cash only)

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8TH  
4.30PM - 6PM  
OSPS SLC

Artwork by: Sophie Ellis 1/2H