

Ballarat Primary School (Dana St)

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Dana Street Primary School is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.



School Values: *Respect & Care* *Responsibility* *Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding* *Excellence*

Ryan's Ramblings

Dear Parents, grandparents and friends,

I hope this finds you well. It's been another positive week at Dana Street this week.

Last week, I had the absolute pleasure of hosting three of our Grade 6 students to experience what it is like to be the Principal for a day. Mia, Molly and Alice all got the chance to spend the day with both myself and Miss Kylie. The three girls came dressed in proper business attire, which set the tone for the day. Let me tell you, the day was most productive! We visited every classroom to ensure our students were safely learning, reviewed one of our policies, created a 2023 Staff Planner, submitted a budget amendment and much more! In this newsletter you should find a Principal's Report collated by the three students.

Sadly on Wednesday, we bid a fond 'ja mata' to Sensei Lauren. Rarely are we able to find staff to fill specialist roles, such as Japanese Language Teacher, in schools. It's even rarer to find quality specialist staff. Sensei Lauren has been an absolute asset to Dana Street over the four years that she has been at our school. We wish her all the best as she begins her move to sunny Queensland with her family. We are currently in the process of recruiting a suitable replacement teacher for 2023, for Sensei Lauren.

Next week we are hosting our annual Art Show. It will be a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their amazing artistic talents. I have been seeing some interesting and thought provoking artefacts being constructed in the Art Room recently, and am looking forward to seeing these finished and presented next week. A particular thank you to Dee, who has been working, quite literally, around the clock to ensure the Art Show is a success this year. The show begins from 4:30pm on Tuesday. See you all there.

On Wednesday of next week we will hold our third Transition Session for our 2023 Foundation Students. This time, the focus will be on Numeracy. Given the success of our recent Literacy Transition sessions, I am confident that this session will be equally as enjoyable for our new students.

In other, wonderful news, our own Kate Maloy is taking a week's leave next week to get married! We wish her all the best as she walks down the aisle and begins the next stage of her life, happily married. All the best for your big day, Kate!

It seems as there is finally some warmer weather on the way next week. Bring it on!

Have a fantastic weekend.

Ryan



Dates To Remember: *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)



Principal for a Day Report

Last week, the winners of the 5/6 election from term 3 got to be principal for the day with Mr Oliver and Ms. Kylie. The winners were the Silver Party, Molly, Alice and Mia.

The first thing we did was go around the classrooms and awarded dojo points to people who were showing the school values. Some of the classes we walked through we gave a whole class dojo. Everybody was locked into learning and focused.

We then discussed the traffic light system and thought about what would be the appropriate consequences for that colour of the traffic light.

Then we all walked down to Oscars and got some hot chocolates. We also got some coffees and lattes for some of the teachers.

When we came back, we did a budget review and talked about changing the budgets so our school can have more and better equipment. We decided to increase the budgets for numeracy and literacy.

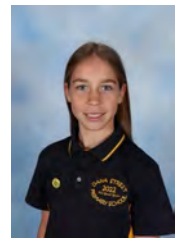
The teachers took us into the library and the teachers learned about how to help kids with anaphylaxis. We helped them by pretending like we had anaphylaxis and they practiced putting a fake Eppi pen in our thigh.

After that we helped with the staff planner for 2023. We were allowed to put together the order of what we thought what teachers would be best in which class.

The last thing we did was we each read a story to the preps. We each chose a book from the library and went into the prep classroom and read out a short picture story book to them.

We all had a really fun day. Our favourite part was the hot chocolate and cookies.

Principals Mia, Molly and Alice



Congratulations

Eve, Raiyan and Hannah for representing Dana Street Primary School at the state championships in Melbourne on Wednesday. Well done on your great achievements.



Students Of The Week Awards



00B ~ BILLIE

For showing persistence and enthusiasm when focusing on your reading goal in class. It is wonderful to see you striving to add extra expression into your reading and you are showing great improvement. You're a star Billie!



00R ~ GEMMA

For the way you show the school values every day. Gemma, you are a ray of sunshine in the classroom. We love your positive attitude and how you always put in your best efforts in all learning areas. Keep up the fantastic work, Gemma!



1/2B ~ FINN

For consistently showing our school values of Excellence. No matter what the task you always approach your learning with a growth mindset and persevere to consistently give your absolute best. It is fantastic having you in the classroom as you are a great role model for others. Well done!



1/2H ~ SCARLETT

For continually showing excellent Dana Street Values every day. Scarlett, you are a kind and caring member of our class and I love the way you care for others and listen very carefully to your classmates. Your smile brightens the room and I love to see when you are happy within your friendship group. Well done SUPERSTAR!



1/2K ~ GLYN

For constantly displaying his 'can do' attitude in all areas. Glyn, you have impressed me with your ability to lock into your learning and the way you always place yourself in the Learning Pit. Keep up the great work superstar!



1/2S ~ IVY

For throwing yourself into the learning pit this week. You have locked into your learning and really challenged yourself. It is so inspiring the way you have shown grit and persistence in Maths and Writing. You rock!



3/4M ~ AIMEE

For the effort you put into all your learning tasks. It is amazing to see you asking questions and getting in the learning pit to challenge yourself when learning about animal fractions and decimals. Continue the amazing effort!



3/4 M ~ COOPER

For the way you show our school values! You always lock into your learning and do your very best and always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in our class. Keep being amazing superstar!



3/4P ~ AARA

For approaching all learning tasks with a 'can do' attitude. Aara, you blow me away with the constant dedication you show towards your learning. It has been fantastic to see you striving for excellence and completing your narrative to a high standard this week. Keep up the super effort!



3/4R ~ MIKIAH

For his consistent effort across all learning areas. You lock into your learning every day. It's been great seeing your great work on making an inference of a picture and a text, and identifying the clues that back it up. I look forward to reading your completed Star Wars narrative. Well done Mikiah, you should be very pleased with your effort this term. Keep up the great work.



5/6J ~ SAVANNAH

For her hard work and dedication towards her learning. Savannah, you haven't missed a beat since coming back, ensuring that you have caught up on all your learning. You showed a true growth mindset in the process and you should be extremely proud of your efforts.



5/6P ~ FLICKY

For locking into our fraction's investigation this week. Flicky, you utilised feedback and collaboration from your peers to convert between fractions, percentages and decimals, and have applied this skill to a real-world scenario. Keep up the great work superstar!



5/6W ~ PIPPA

For being locked in to all areas of your learning this week. You contributed thoughtful insights to your literature circle meeting, developed a fantastic business idea for our Inquiry, and I loved the enthusiasm and dedication you showed to complete your fractions investigation. Amazing job, Pip!

Buddies and Mates

Our Buddies and Mates sessions are held fortnightly after assembly. The students are in their house group with a range of different teachers across the school. Many students get to make new friends and build friendships with other students from other grade levels. Each fortnight the students complete fun and inclusive activities that involve conversation and “getting to know you” skills. Some students have the same buddy for a few years and continue to build on their friendship. Some groups play games, sing and dance and have voice in what they would like to do within their session time. Buddies and Mates is another fantastic initiative that Dana Street has had for many years.



YOU ARE INVITED
TO OUR

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

KELLY SPORTS DEC & JAN HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

DECEMBER: Mon 12th to Fri 23rd

JANUARY: Tue 3rd to Fri 27th (potentially extending to Tue 31st Jan)

Eastwood Leisure Centre

8am - 5pm (weekdays)

Boys & Girls, Kinder to Grade 6

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

Fun-filled days featuring sports, games and activities to keep the kids engaged, entertained & active for the full day.

Enrol: www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat

Queries: Please call Dom 0417 967 621

KELLY SPORTS TERM 4 AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE!!!

Thursdays 3:35pm-5:05pm @ Dana St PS

Multi-Sports Program (Baseball, Basketball, Tennis, Cricket & Touch Rugby)

Boys & Girls, Preps to Grade 6

\$138.60 for the last 6 weeks of term

Enrol: www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat

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RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS



Respectful Relationships Curriculum Update

Dear Parents,

Respectful Relationships is a wide-ranging mandated initiative to help young Victorians deal with a range of challenges they may face and covers topics including being respectful, resilient and engaged at school and confident in themselves.

Respectful Relationships promotes equality and helps boys as well as girls learn how to build healthy relationships. The initiative prepares them to face challenges by developing problem-solving skills and building empathy, resilience and confidence.

In the primary years, the focus of Respectful Relationships is on treating everyone with respect and dignity. The teaching resources provide tailored learning materials for Prep to year 6, including age-appropriate lesson plans and activities that help students learn new skills and build confidence and resilience.

Ballarat PS are expanding their rollout of the Respectful Relationship classroom program and from next term students will be taught lessons from Topic 7 & 8 of the program.

TOPIC 7: GENDER AND IDENTITY

Learning activities within this topic assist students to challenge stereotypes and critique the influence of gender norms on attitudes and behaviour. They learn about key issues relating to human rights and gender identity, and focus on the importance of respect within relationships. The activities promote respect for diversity and difference.

TOPIC 8: POSITIVE GENDER RELATIONS

Learning activities within this topic focus on building an understanding of the effects of gender-based violence and focus on the standards associated with respectful relationships. Students develop the skills needed to solve problems, set boundaries within relationships, and play an active role within the prevention of gender-based violence. They develop peer support and help-seeking skills that can be applied in response to situations involving gender-based violence in family, peer, community or on-line relationships.

For more information on the Respectful Relationships program, we encourage you to visit the DET website here:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/respectfulrelationships.aspx>

The lessons can also be viewed at any time via the world wide web at:

<https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/ResourcePackage/ByPin?pin=2JZX4R>

For more information about the program please feel free to contact Central Highlands DET Respectful Relationships team members Trevor Edwards or Christian Brown. The team can be reached via Christian's email at christian.brown@education.vic.gov.au

Alternatively, you can contact either Ryan Oliver or Laura James via the school office.