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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,

How wonderful it was to have some warmer weather this week! The sun certainly warmed the hearts and spirits of our community and this was evident in the many interactions I have had with parents, students and staff.

The absolute highlight of this week was undoubtedly our Art Show. Wow! What can I say? Long have I heard tales of the incredible connection that Dana Street Primary School has with its community. This connection and spirit was certainly embodied with the immensely significant turnout that we experienced. I was assigned the duty of looking after the Yayoi Kusama interactive exhibit, which was nothing short of a pleasure. The many comments and praise from families, grandparents and friends were all deeply appreciated. To Dee, I cannot understate my appreciation for her dedication, hard work and diligence in preparing the Art Show. There were many parents and staff who also took time out of hours and on weekends to help out. To them, I also convey my appreciation. Great things are happening at Dana Street!

On Wednesday this week we held our third Foundation Transition session. It was great to see how well the youngest members of our Dana Street family transitioned in and out of the session. There's so many confident and capable young learners joining us next year! This particular session was all about Numeracy. We explored values, digits, quantities and some counting and boy, did the students impress! I can see bright futures for each of these eager young minds.

Today we reflected on the significance of Remembrance Day, during a minute's silence. Our students leaders and I had a discussion this week about the importance of honouring our forefathers and mothers, and acknowledging their dedication and sacrifice. To those brave men and women who have served, or are currently serving, we thank you.



Next Thursday our school is going to hold a Lockdown Drill, as part of our Emergency Management procedures. This procedure would be enacted in the event of a person or persons on site who could compromise the safety of our students or staff. May we never have to enact it, but it's always best to be prepared.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Ryan



Dates To Remember: *Wednesday 16th November - Junior Athletics*



Gr 3-6 Ecolinc Incursion

Monday 21st November - School Council Meeting

Monday 28th November - Curriculum Day (No students at school)

Students Of The Week Awards



00B ~ IYLA

For showing persistence and courage when tackling your writing this week. It has been fantastic to see you writing the sounds you can hear. Keep up the great work!



00R ~ CHARLIE

For the incredible effort you have put into your reading and writing over the year, and particularly your writing this week. Charlie, you wrote a detailed procedure about how to make your delicious chicken and jam sandwich. Well done!



1/2B ~ SYLVIA

For being an attentive listener and a positive role model for others. You make thoughtful contributions to our class discussions and this allows you to settle into your independent tasks with confidence. It has been great to see you taking risks with your learning and thrusting yourself into the learning pit. Well done!



1/2H ~ HAZEL

For locking into your writing activities with excellence. Hazel, you plan out your narratives and build on problems and interesting solutions. You have continued to listen to all feedback about your writing and applied this to your work. What a writing SUPERSTAR!



1/2K ~ ARCHIE

For being able to ignore distractions and being able to lock straight into his learning. Archie, I have been so impressed with your determination and dedication towards your work. It is paying off, keep it up!



1/2S ~ ALFIE

For the consistent effort you display every lesson. You are always willing to learn something new. I continue to be amazed by the way you strive to achieve your best. You should be so proud of how you lock into your learning. Keep it up, legend!



3/4M ~ HUDSON

For demonstrating a wonderful growth mindset, especially when in the Learning Pit. He has had a brilliant week of locking into his learning every session and aiming high. He has demonstrated great leadership skills in group work, assisting others in the group to be involved. Top effort superstar!



3/4P ~ TOBY

For extending his understanding of fractions and decimals this week. It was great to see you discussing your mathematical thinking with your peers and seeking feedback when working on simplifying fractions and converting fractions to decimals. Keep up the super effort, Toby!



3/4R ~ ROHAN

For his flexibility and willingness to do his best. You have great enthusiasm to learn and it's been great to seeing your positive attitude towards everything that you are given. Numeracy sessions have been exemplary, especially when you come up and ask to learn more in our work around fractions. I look forward to seeing how your design goes for the great egg drop challenge. Well done Rohan. Keep up the great work.



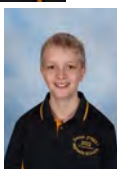
5/6J ~ RUBY

For displaying excellence within her learning this week. Ruby, you are an exemplary role model when it comes to being focused and determined to succeed during all learning tasks. Keep up the fantastic effort!



5/6P ~ CASH

For demonstrating his creative edge during our narrative writing Cash, you have engaged your audience with excellent use of language devices and a captivating plot, demonstrating your skill set as a writer. Keep it up!



5/6W ~ HARRY

For always displaying our school values to an amazingly high standard. You are kind, respectful and inclusive to your peers, and I really admire the way you stand up for what you believe is right. You try your best in all areas of learning and I can always rely on your contributions. We're lucky to have you, Harry! Keep it up!



CHOIR INC. NEWS

Following the success of Choir Inc. with our junior grades, this term we have started a lunchtime choral club each Thursday lunchtime. To date we have invited our senior students (grades 4-6) to attend, but we have also had some interest from students in the junior grades as well. It's been great to see the enthusiasm of the young people who do attend, and their excitement to belt out a tune that they know. Uptake is growing, starting out with 2 students, but recently attracting 5 young people to attend. Whether you are a 'sing into my hairbrush in front of the mirror' type of person or 'quietly tap my foot and hum', everyone is welcome to come and join in.



ART NEWS

WOW... We are definitely back from the COVID blues! That was the most amazing night! The Dana Street Primary School community was buzzing on Tuesday night with so much excitement, pride, confidence, and admiration. The students have worked extremely hard all year for this special night, and it exceeded our expectations! Students were seen with the most incredible smiles sharing their art pieces with their loved ones. It was magical seeing families being eagerly pulled around to locate remarkable art pieces, participating in the Yayoi Kusama 'White Room', and taking photos sitting on the swing. What a special opportunity for students to show off their artistic flair.

Thank you to everyone who helped before, during and after the art exhibition; things like this don't happen on their own. This was a true definition of DSPS's community, getting together to help one another.



A big thankyou goes to our very own local artist Shelby Sherritt for attending the night. She felt an abundance of love seeing the grade 1/2 students' little posy pots. She expressed herself by saying, 'This is so beautiful; I just want to cry! It means so much that the students created their own masterpiece all about my inspiring story.' Congratulations to Kim and River for winning the lucky prize donated by Shelby.

Thankyou also goes to Pete Cromer for donating the most beautiful print. He was sorry to have not been able to attend. Congratulations to Paddy and Rory's nana Helen Donald for winning the lucky print.

