



Ballarat Primary School (Dana St)

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



## Ryan's Ramblings

**Dear Parents, grandparents and friends,**

Another fantastic week down at Dana Street this week.

On Saturday of last weekend a key number of amazing parent volunteers helped us conduct a small fundraiser in the form of a Democracy Sausage BBQ. Thank you very much to all those wonderful parent helpers for either helping set up, cook, sell, spruik or pack up. There were a few student helpers roped in too, which was fantastic to see.

On Monday our staff completed a number of key aspects of our Assessment and Reporting processes. Thank you to our community for supporting this student free day, I know that our staff had an incredibly productive day and really appreciated the opportunity to quarantine time and space to complete this vital work.

On Thursday of this week, we held our first of a few Transition sessions. As I said in last week's newsletter, we do take the time to consider how students gel in particular groups, which will inform our decisions going forward. We will be completing another Transition session next week, which, again, will only be a trial run. I thank our parent community for their patience whilst we take the time to ensure that our classes are as balanced as possible. As per last week's newsletter, the time for parent requests has now lapsed and I cannot take any further parent requests. Thank you for your understanding around this.

Today, our Foundation to Grade 2 students thoroughly enjoyed an excursion to Sovereign Hill where they got the chance to experience what life was like on the Goldfields in the 1850s, at Christmas time. Our students got the chance to engage in a number of different activities associated with life during that time. Thanks to our many parent helpers who came along to support the learning of our young people.

In sad news this week, our beloved PE Teacher, Mr. O, informed the community that he will be leaving Dana Street Primary School to take up a position at Lucas Primary School. Until now, Tom has been shared between our two schools; however, this arrangement could not continue in 2023. I know that many students and parents will miss Mr. O and I certainly have been impressed by his dedication to our school.

Next week is sure to be another exciting week. We have a special visit from the Phoenix College Band, who will be performing and ensemble for our school on Friday afternoon. On the same day, we will also conduct our final Buddies and Mates session for 2023!

If I am reading the weather forecast correctly, I believe that it's going to be a quite warm this weekend. I hope that you can make the time to get outside and enjoy it.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Ryan



### Dates To Remember:



**Thursday 15th December** — Whole School Christmas Incursion  
Mrs Claus Storytelling

**Monday 19th December**—Grade 6 Graduation

**Tuesday 20th December** - Last Day of School for 2022 finish time  
1.30pm

# Students Of The Week Awards



**00R ~ CALEB**

For putting your best efforts into all your learning! Caleb, you did an amazing job in maths, working out different combinations of vehicles to solve the famous Dana Street car park problem! You even challenged yourself by adding some tricycles! Well done, your efforts are paying off and you should be very proud.



**1/2B ~ GEORGIA**

For settling so seamlessly into your new school. You are such a kind, friendly and respectful addition to our classroom. I was very impressed with the effort that you put into your persuasive writing this week. You have challenged yourself by putting your best effort into your published piece. Well done!



**1/2H ~ OLIVER**

For the way he goes about all of his work. Oliver, you lock in and listen with respect and care. You display an incredible mindset when completing, all classroom learning. Well done, SUPERSTAR!



**1/2K ~ EDDIE**

For reading his book so beautifully to the class. Eddie, I love the way you looked at each letter and worked out the sound. You are a superstar!



**1/2S ~ ISLA**

For striving for excellence every day. You are such a role model, always trying your best. You put your best effort into every lesson and always complete your work with pride. You are awesome!



**3/4M ~ MAX**

For the exceptional way you demonstrate our school values of tolerance, inclusion and care. This week, you have done an outstanding job of working cooperatively with your peers and encouraging them to do their best. Your kindness brightens our classroom.



**3/4P ~ AVA**

For the sensational effort you have put into reading lessons this week. It was great to see you taking detailed notes during reading time and identify key points to create a clear summary for the section. During our group discussion, you shared your ideas confidently and responding to others respectfully. Keep up the super effort, Ava!



**3/4R ~ KENTARO**

For consistently having a Growth Mindset and locking-in to his learning each day. It's been great seeing your positive attitude towards every task. You've worked hard to create a chance board game with your partner and I look forward to seeing your bridge design and how it holds up to the 'Grape Bridge Challenge'. Keep up the great work. Well done, Kentaro.



**5/6J ~ CAHILL**

For the outstanding job he did during our debating unit. Cahill worked hard to come up with arguments which supported his teams point of view. He spoke wonderfully to all of his peers in 5/6 and should be extremely proud of his efforts.



**5/6P ~ ARCHIE**

For the dedication and pride he has taken in constructing his website for inquiry. Archie, you developed a clear business model for you company, Hunting, Fishing and Camping. You have worked diligently on your website to display all your products, offers and services. Great work legend!

Well done!



## Foundation Excursion to Sovereign Hill

On Friday our Foundation students were thrilled to head to Sovereign Hill to experience Christmas in the Colonies. Leon like many other students said his highlight was travelling on the bus. Once we arrived at Sovereign Hill we spent time with Ma'am singing Christmas Carols. We then spent time creating our own Christmas crackers and you might be lucky to find a yummy treat inside. Cooper and Olivia both enjoyed our visit to the confectioners to see how raspberry drops were made. After a quick walk down Main Street, we were lucky enough to meet Cass' Uncle Paul, Sovereign Hill Blacksmith. He gave us an exciting demonstration, Cass and the rest of the students loved every moment! No trip to Sovereign Hill would be complete without some panning on the goldfields, luckily no one got wet.

