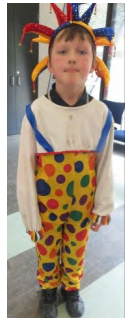
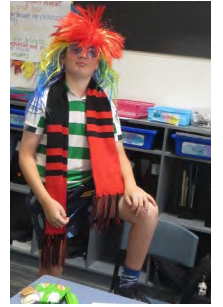




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Dana Street Primary School is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.



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

## Ryan's Ramblings

### Dear Parents, grandparents and friends,

Our Dana Street community continues to thrive. Many of us are still scratching our heads as to why we have to wear warm coats in December.

I am delighted to be able to share with you all our classroom teachers for 2023. Over the past few weeks we have been busy running thorough and robust selection and recruitment processes, to ensure we have the absolute very best teachers in front of our students. Our staffing for classrooms is as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Foundation	Kym Bursill
Foundation/Grade 1	Sarah Schroen
Grade 1/2 Grade 1/2 Grade 1/2	Kelly Kosloff Jessica Booth Ros Davine/Ally Said
Grade 3/4 Grade 3/4 Grade 3/4 Grade 3/4	David Collins Sam Bell Jessica Norris Kate Maloy
Grade 5/6 Grade 5/6 Grade 5/6	Sam Peeters Airlie Penny Xavier Jones

Jessica Norris, Sarah Schroen and Jessica Booth will all be joining our wonderful school in 2023. Jessica Norris is an experienced teacher from Myrning Primary School. Jessica Booth joins us from Buninyong Primary School and Sarah Schroen comes to us from Caledonian Primary School. I am confident that these new staff members will fit in well and bring much experience and enthusiasm to our teams.

Sadly, this means that Sophie Robb will be departing Dana Street at the end of the year. Sophie had earned a position at another school much earlier in the year, but to her credit, she wanted to stay on and complete the year at Dana Street, for the students. Sophie's incredible energy and enthusiasm for learning will be sorely missed at Dana Street.

Next Tuesday, we will be participating in the Statewide Transition Day. Our current students will be spending half the day in their new classrooms for 2023, which is very exciting. We are very lucky to have our new staff members joining us for this day, so that they can begin the pivotal work of building relationships with the students and planning for great learning in 2023. I am very confident that we have organised our students into the most appropriate classes for next year taking into account a number of different influencing factors.

Over the last week, Miss Kylie, our current school leaders and I formed a selection panel for the 2023 student leadership group. After a few days of interviewing, discussion and deliberation, I am very excited to announce the 2023 School Captains and Junior School Council leaders.

Amelia Rothberg                      Oscar Altham  
Sianna Anstis                          Mae Reid  
Akihiro Daijo Pittoli                  Flicky Handreck

These fine young leaders will do a tremendous job at leading our school in 2023. House Captains will be decided early next year.



Next week is our final full week of the school year. It is hard to believe that we are really at the pointy end of 2022.



### 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

# Students Of The Week Awards



## **00B ~ FREDDIE**

For designing and creating a basket that carried a sandwich with protection and speed from the cottage to the lighthouse. Freddie your efforts in all aspects of our inquiry were impressive, amazing job!



## **00B ~ SYLVIE**

For the enthusiastic and independent way you have approached your writing tasks this week. It is wonderful to see you segmenting your words to write the sounds you can hear. You are also forming your letters beautifully. Amazing effort!



## **00R ~ TILEIGH**

For embracing challenges at transition sessions and showing leadership and teamwork skills. Tileigh, you worked hard to make the tallest tower and made sure your team-mates were involved, showing great inclusiveness. Well done!

## **1/2B ~ WHOLE CLASS**

For an incredible year. You have continually wowed me with your persistence, resilience and determination. The learning that you have achieved is fantastic. The well-being goals that you have created and completed is impressive. You model the School Values to a high degree each day and I could not be prouder. Well done you legends!



## **1/2H ~ RHYCE**

For working with extra care on his worded math problems during Numeracy. Rhyce, you used the CUBES strategy to assist you in completing some difficult equations. FANTASTIC SUPERSTAR!



## **1/2K ~ EDIE**

For always trying her best and giving every lesson a red hot go. Edie, I'm so impressed with you always having your hand up and not being afraid to give it a go. Keep up the great work.

## **1/2S ~ THE SUPERSTARS IN 1/2S**

For the wonderful effort you have all put in this year. It has been a pleasure being your teacher and I am so proud of each of you. Thank you for sharing your joy with me every day!



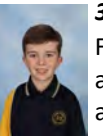
## **3/4M ~ TOBY**

For the passion and persistence you have shown writing your persuasive text! It has been fantastic to see how you have used compelling facts and persuasive devices to create your text. AMAZING EFFORT, Toby!



## **3/4M ~ ADWIN**

For the way you have taken on feedback. It has been great to see you participating more within your group and prioritising your learning. We have also loved how helpful you have been to others.



## **3/4P ~ HARVEY**

For the incredible effort he has been putting into his writing. You have shown a great deal of persistence, care and a 'can do attitude' towards tasks. I have been amazed at how you have been focusing on your writing goal and achieving success! Keep up the great work, Harvey!



## **3/4R ~ CASSIA**

For her ongoing willingness to do her best. You consistently show learning leadership and a Growth Mindset. It's been great seeing your continual effort this term. You've been working hard to complete your persuasive piece on 'All children should go trick or treating' and designing your own theme park. Keep up the great work. Well done, Cass.



## **5/6J ~ AKIHIRO**

For always demonstrating a growth mindset and willingness to excel in all learning tasks. Akihiro, you have been diligent in the way you have prepared your Inquiry and Maths this week. You ensure that everything you do is to the best of your ability and we're lucky to have someone so motivated to learn in our classroom.

## **5/6P ~ WHOLE CLASS**

For the brilliant year we have all had together. 5/6P, it has been one of the best years of my time teaching at Dana Street. You have all embraced new and exciting learning experiences, connected with another, and you all have made the most of each day you are at school. Thank you for a wonderful year team! You're all legends!



## **5/6W ~ MADDY**

For the persistence and effort that she has shown in all areas of her learning. Maddy, I'm so proud of the fantastic narrative you have produced during our free write cycle, even if it is a bit scary! You have come such a long way with your writing this year and it's so great to see you applying the learning and feedback you have received. Keep up the amazing work!

Well done!

## Literacy For The Holidays

As the year comes to an end (phew!), it is amazing when you think about all the literacy opportunities that present themselves in our day to day lives. While it is of the utmost importance to relax and recharge in the holidays, you might be wondering about what you can do to prevent any potential literacy lulls. Reading, writing, speaking and listening can tend to intertwine depending on the activity. Here are some ideas that may be of some use.

**Reading** – Books, Reading Eggs, magazines, articles, comics, graphic novels, recipes, letters, a trip to the library, audio books for those holiday road trips, kids podcasts (Squiz Kids), kids news articles for different reading abilities (<https://www.kidsnews.com.au>), Nessy apps <https://www.nessy.com/en-gb/shop/apps>



**Writing** - Recounts, diaries, letters, emails, comics, lists, plans, stories, comics



**Speaking and Listening**

– Board games, construction, craft, sound games (breaking up words into syllables, phonemes, rhyming)

Have a fantastic break everyone and let me know if you come up with your own amazing ideas!

Sam

## REMINDER

Can all library books please be returned to the library by  
Friday 16th December.




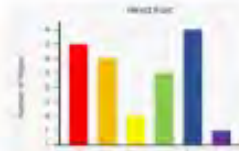




Thank you



# Summer Maths

## 3 in a Row

See how many summer maths activities you can cross off over the summer holidays.

<p><b><u>Playground Design</u></b> Design your ideal playground! Think of all the things you'd like to add to make it the best playground ever.</p> 	<p><b><u>Treasure Map</u></b> Make a treasure map with coordinates to the treasure. See if someone at home can find the gold!</p> 	<p><b><u>STEM Challenge</u></b> Using Lego or building blocks, see if you can create a bridge between two objects. Can your bridge hold a teddy? What changes can you make to have a stronger bridge?</p> 
<p><b><u>Data Collection</u></b> Collect some data on your favourite collection of toys. Create a bar graph to display this data.</p> 	<p><b><u>New Game</u></b> Using your creativity, design a brand-new board game! Play the game with your family at home.</p> 	<p><b><u>Shops</u></b> Play shops with items from around the house. How much for 1 apple? How much does the tin of fruit weigh? How much change do I get?</p> 
<p><b><u>Card Games</u></b> Using a deck of cards play a game of memory, snap, go fish or card wars.</p> 	<p><b><u>STEM Challenge</u></b> Using Lego or building blocks, see if you can create the tallest tower! How many blocks did you use? How tall is the tower? Can you build a tower in 10 minutes?</p> 	<p><b><u>Café Menu</u></b> Create a new café menu with all your favourite food items. Give each item a price and ask someone at home to order off the menu. How much is the total? What change would they get?</p> 