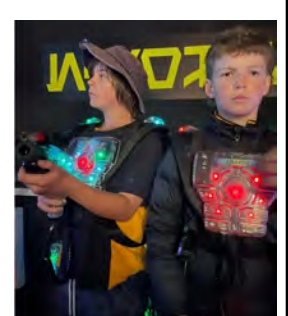


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School Values: *Respect & Care* *Responsibility* *Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding* *Excellence*

Ryan's Ramblings

Dear Parents, grandparents and friends,

I find myself reflecting on a magnificent year as I type this. What a fantastic community to be a part of. The only criticism I have is the weather. I honestly cannot remember such a cold December!

As a school, we have much to celebrate. Despite the monumental amount of changes to staffing and some of our operations this year, our school has continued to thrive. Our NAPLAN results were excellent, and should be the envy of many a school. Our Wellbeing processes have been bolstered, and we have seen a noticeable improvement in student engagement this term. Most importantly, perhaps, is the fact that we have been able to remain at school, face-to-face, every day for the first time in a long time.

On Tuesday of this week we held our Transition Day. I was so impressed with the level of resilience and perseverance shown by our students during our 3 hour session. Change can often be the harbinger of nervousness and worry; however, they all settled into their new classes really well. I was particularly impressed with our 2023 Foundation students, who settled into their new classrooms as if they had been here for months.

It was a privilege to welcome our new teaching staff members Jessica Norris, Jessica Booth and Sarah Schroen. Our staff and students were all very impressed with the professional and caring manner our new staff members went about creating a safe and happy classroom for our students.

In 2023, there will be some slight changes to our specialist program. In previous newsletters I have announced that Michelle Jackson will be working in the PE Specialist Role, and Dee Clark will be continuing in the Art Specialist Role. Our very own Ally Said will be taking on a Performing Arts Specialist role, beginning from 2023. I am tremendously excited that Dana Street will be able to offer Performing Arts alongside our very strong Specialist Program. This will, no doubt, build into an excellent experience for all students. We are in the final stages of finalising our Japanese Teacher for 2023.

On Wednesday of this week, it was fantastic to be part of the 5/6 Business Expo. Inquiry Learning has certainly left its mark on our school and enhanced the authentic learning experiences of our students, this year. I was amazed that our students were able to complete expenditure/revenue budget forecasts, create websites, detail business plans and show incredible aspects of entrepreneurship. Evidently, there will be some very successful business owners in the future!

Semester Two reports have been sent home today. Thank you to all our staff for undertaking this monumental task over the past few weeks. I know that the midnight oil has been consistently burning!

On Monday evening of next week, we will be holding our Graduation Ceremony for our 2022 Graduates. I am honoured to have been their principal, even though it has been for such a short time. They have embodied our School Values and I know that the future is bright. To our departing families, I bid you a fond farewell, and thank you for your years of support and partnership. Many families are departing after more than 10 years of involvement at our school; such an incredibly exciting, yet solemn time for us.

On Tuesday of next week, we will be conducting our final assembly for the year, from 12:45. The 2023 Student Leaders will be conducting this assembly, as their first official leadership duty. As I turn my focus to 2023, I can't help but enter into our next phase with a sense of optimism and excitement. I am confident 2023 is going to be an amazing year for our student learning and wellbeing.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to thank our wonderful community for your continued support and partnership. Have a very safe and happy festive season and I hope that you will be able to enjoy time with those who matter the most.

Ryan



Dates To Remember:

Monday 19th December—Grade 6 Graduation

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

Monday 30th January 2023— All students start the new school year.

Rory

If you look at Rory, you will see a little person with a cheeky smile. If you get to know Rory, you will know that he is wise beyond his years, that he can kick a footy like Tom Hawkins, and that he is the best friend a person could ask for.

Rory started at Dana Street a few weeks into the year, but he took no time at all to settle in, make friends, and prove his capabilities. Rory shows the Dana Street school values at every single moment, of every single day. He is a role model to everyone at our school – students and adults alike – even though he is just five years old.

Rory is so kind and caring. He is a friend to all in the class and gets along with everyone in the playground. He never hesitates to offer help to others in any situation. Rory is a beautiful friend who shows such inclusive values. He always includes others, checks in on his friends when they are sad, and makes sure everyone is safe. Rory selflessly goes out of his way to make sure others are happy, supported, and achieving their best.

Rory is an exemplary learner. He is eager to build his knowledge, as well as share his own learning. He contributes to classroom discussions and capably explains his thinking. He puts every ounce of his effort into all learning tasks, and takes pride in completing everything to a high standard. Rory takes on feedback, accepts challenges, and perseveres until he achieves success. Rory shows excellence at all times, yet is humble and doesn't expect praise or compliments.

Rory is the most amazing role model and is an incredibly deserving recipient of this award.

This Dr Suess quote reminds me so much of you, Rory:

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own, and you know what you know. And you are the guy who'll decide where to go.

You're off to Great Places!

Today is your day!

Your mountain is waiting,

So... get on your way!



Angus

I am delighted to announce that the Term 3 School Values Award winner for Garde 1/2 is Angus Conway.

Angus, you are such a kind and caring member of our school community. You consistently model respect to a high degree. You treat others how you would like to be treated and this makes you a terrific role model. Your caring nature is obvious and you can often be seen asking others if they need help and if they are okay. It is this thoughtfulness and empathy that makes others look up to you.

You epitomise responsibility by making good choices. You can always be relied upon to do the right thing and you respectfully encourage others to follow your lead.

You strive for excellence, firstly by being an attentive listener during our class discussions.

Then, you help co-construct our success criteria and contribute your own thoughts and strategies to help others be successful.

Your growth mindset is evident in the way that you seek and apply constructive feedback to your learning. It has been fantastic to see you continue to challenge yourself throughout the year by going outside of your comfort zone.

You include others in your day to day activities both in the classroom and outside in the playground. You recognise that we are all unique and that others may see things differently. You accept people for who they are and stick up for what is right.

Congratulations Angus, you are a very worthy recipient of the Term 4 School Values Award.



Kentaro

I am honoured to announce that the 3/4 recipient for the prestigious School Values Award for Term Four 2022 is Kentaro Pittoli Daijo.

Kentaro is a kind and caring student, who represents the Dana Street school values each day. As a learning leader, he consistently leads by example, putting his best efforts into all the work that he does. Kentaro is also self-motivated to complete work and makes good learning choices. He locks into his learning every day.

When you see him working in a group, he is always respectful and inclusive of everyone he works with. Kentaro is a great team player. He is polite, he listens and he respects others' opinions. He readily includes others, supporting his peers to achieve in their own learning goals.

Those who know Kentaro, know that he always has a smile on his face. He takes on challenges, and does this with a positive attitude and a willingness to enter the learning pit. He takes great pride in doing his best with all tasks that he completes and is not afraid to ask questions. It's wonderful to see his passion to learn, taking on all feedback he is given and applying it to his learning.

Kentaro, you should be very proud of yourself. You emulate what we hope to be as a representative of Dana Street. Well done on having a fantastic term. Keep being you. Keep being awesome.



Harry

It is my pleasure to present the Grade 5/6 School Values Award for Term 4 to Harry Fellows.

From the very first day I stepped into the 5/6W classroom, Harry has been a shining example of the Dana St school values. I could tell immediately that he was kind, respectful and a person who cares about others.

Harry has continued to prove himself as an enthusiastic learner, always eager to find out more and challenge himself. He is a great listener, and I have always been impressed with the way he asks questions and contributes to our class discussions. He takes on feedback when needed but is also great at showing initiative and taking responsibility for his own learning.


Harry is a highly valued member of our class, and this is owing to the kindness, loyalty and tolerance he shows to others. Harry is always keen to have a joke and a laugh, but knows when it's time to be serious too. He shows a mature attitude to situations of conflict, applying problem solving strategies, seeking help as needed, and showing understanding and forgiveness when necessary. He is looked up to by many of his peers, including his prep buddy, and has shown friendship and support to others when they are having a tough time.

Harry has represented our school proudly on multiple occasions, including his participation in the Young Authors program, and in the Royal South Street Debating competition earlier this year. We know that we can always count on Harry to demonstrate our Dana St values when representing our school.

Thank you for all that you have brought to Dana St over your time here, Harry. I personally am glad that I have had this year to get to know you. I can't wait to hear about all the exciting things you achieve in the future. Congratulations and I wish you all the best for the next chapter!



Mrs Claus Storytelling



We had a very special visit from Mrs Claus yesterday to spread some Christmas cheer and share a story or two from the North Pole! I hope all students went home to show off their wonderful craft they made and a tale or two about those cheeky elves!



FROM THE DESK OF SANTA CLAUS

TO MY DEAR CHILDREN AT DANA ST PRIMARY SCHOOL.

LAST NIGHT MRS CLAUS AND I ENJOYED A LOVELY CUP OF HOT CHOCOLATE IN FRONT OF THE FIRE AND SHE TOLD ME ALL ABOUT THE WONDERFUL DAY SHE HAD WITH YOU AT SCHOOL. I WAS SO HAPPY TO HEAR HOW EXCITED YOU ALL ARE ABOUT CHRISTMAS AND HOW MUCH YOU LOVED HEARING ABOUT THE NORTH POLE.

I ESPECIALLY LOVED HEARING ALL YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ELVES. EVERYBODY HAS THEIR OWN SPECIAL ELF - EITHER IN YOUR HOME AT CHRISTMAS OR AT THE NORTH POLE - AND IT WAS SO EXCITING TO HEAR THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO FIND OUT A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT THEM.

AT THE MOMENT WE HAVE 3768251 ELVES AT THE NORTH POLE, SO IT IS A VERY BUSY PLACE! THERE IS LOTS OF HUSTLE AND BUSTLE AND LOTS OF CHRISTMAS CHEER. I DO HOPE YOU CAN VISIT ONE DAY.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM MRS CLAUS AND I (AND THE ELVES AND RUDOLPH!)

Santa Claus
Santa Claus



Ballarat Carols by Candlelight

Presented by
Harcourts

HOSTED BY
JULES ZASS &
GAV MCGRATH



JOIN US FOR A FREE AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF CHRISTMAS FUN!

BALLARAT CAROLS CHRISTMAS MARKET BY ROTARY FROM 2PM
KIDS ACTIVITIES (MAIN GATES) 4PM - 7PM
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 7:30PM - 9:30PM

KIDS PRE CAROLS ACTIVITIES INCLUDE KELLY SPORTS, KRYAL CASTLE CHARACTERS,
AND MRS CLAUS READINGS.

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UNITING, ANGLICARE AND THE SALVOS.



SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER | MARS STADIUM
2PM - 9:30PM | CAROLS START AT 7:30PM



The BIG Summer Read at Ballarat Libraries

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

The BIG Summer Read is open to children aged 0-18 years of age. Participants can register and log their reading via the **Beaustack** website plv.beaustack.org, choosing Ballarat libraries as your primary library. Alternatively, download the **Beaustack** Tracker app from the Google Play Store or Apple App Store. Want to participate offline? Paper reading logs are available from in-branch and are eligible for entry into the local prize pool only.

The Big Summer Read runs from 1 December 2022 until 31 January 2023. To register and for terms and conditions please see our website here <https://cutt.ly/bigsummerread> or scan the QR code below:



PRIZES TO WIN

State Prizes:

Three winners will be drawn randomly from participants across Victoria who complete the challenge on **Beaustack** only. Terms and conditions can be found at plv.org.au/projects/big-summer-read. The prize pool consists of:
0-8 years: \$250 Readings gift voucher
9-12 years: \$250 Readings gift voucher
13-18 years: \$500 Readings gift voucher

Local Prize: One local winner will be drawn at random from participants who complete the challenge with a paper entry. The winner will receive selected books to the value of \$100.00 from Collins Booksellers.

Terms and conditions can be found on the library website. **Beaustack** entries are not eligible for the local prize draw. Paper entries are not eligible for the state-wide prize draw listed above.