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### Ryan's Ramblings

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Another fantastic week here at Dana Street! I have particularly enjoyed visiting classrooms this week to see our students locked into learning and keeping learning environments calm.

Today many of our Grade 6 students channelled their inner Growth Mindset and performed their House Captain speeches in front of their house peers. I was very impressed with just how serious the students all took to the task and some of the speeches were very well thought out. Our staff will tally the votes and announce the leaders over the course of the next week. The successful House Captains along with our School and Junior School Council Leaders will form a 14 person Student Leadership Group.

On Tuesday of this week we held our Meet the Teacher evening. Thank you to our parents for making the time to touch base with your child's teacher and form that ever so important home-school partnership. We are most fortunate to have such a positive and caring staff and they should always be your first port of call if you have any concerns.

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website. We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education, please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy. All the above information is available on our School Website.

As you will see from this newsletter, our School Council Elections are now open. Please see the information overleaf regarding the purpose of School Council and how Governance at public schools in Victoria works. I encourage you to nominate yourself or someone you know, if there is interest.

We have a number of very exciting things on our calendar over the next few weeks, including Ecolinc Excursion, Hockey Incur-sion, 5/6 School Camp and much more. We really are back into the full swing of school.

Have a fantastic weekend

Ryan



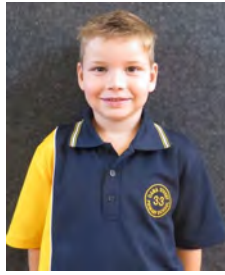
Dana Street Primary School is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.



# Students Of The Week Awards



**00B**  
**Fergus**  
For the wonderful start you have had to your first week of school. Fergus, you are helpful, you have an enthusiastic approach, and you are quick to lock into your learning. Amazing effort!



**0/1S**  
**Ted**  
For an outstanding start to school. Ted, you are a kind classmate, focused listener and share wonderful insight to class discussions. Amazing effort!



**1/2B**  
**Tasman**  
For showing commitment to your learning this week!

**1/2D**  
**Orlando**

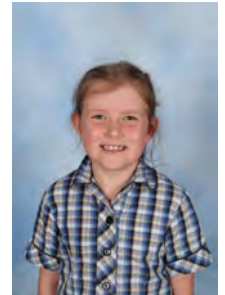
For the determination and maturity you have displayed upon returning to school. We have been so impressed by the way you have settled into Grade 2. you have tried your best in all learning, followed our class expectations, and made such a wonderful effort in verbalising your needs. Keep it up, legend!



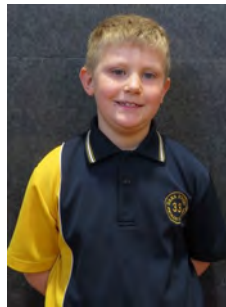
**1/2K**  
**Glyn**  
For being able to quickly lock into his learning and producing his work to a high standard. What a fantastic role model you are Glyn! Keep up the great work!



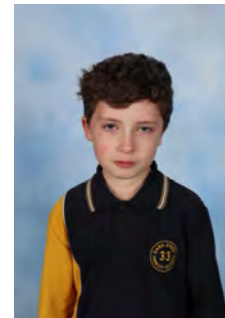
**3/4B**  
**Lara**  
For a sensational start to the year! Lara, you go above and beyond to be a positive role model in the classroom. Your kindness and infectious laugh brightens the room each day. Thanks legend!



**3/4C**  
**Helena**  
For having a great start to the year and locking-in to your learning. You've settled well into your new learning space and demonstrated respect and responsibility with in the classroom. It's been great reading your letter to the teacher and seeing you engage in all of our reading and maths activities. An excellent start to the year. Keep up the great work. Well done, Helena.

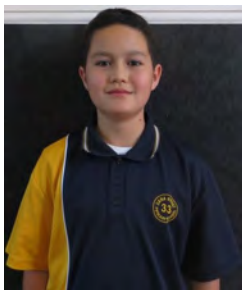


**3/4N**  
**Riley**  
For being an outstanding leader and always trying his best!



**3/4T**  
**Teddy**  
For having such a marvellous start to the year. Your 'can do' attitude is going to see you move mountains. I can't wait to see all the wonderful things you are going to achieve in 2023! Keep being you , Teddy.

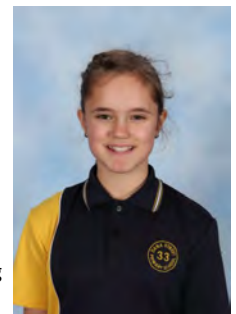
**5/6A**  
**Ramon**  
For the exceptional start you have made at Dana St. It has been great to see you settle in and connect with your peers. You have approached this week's tasks with a can-do attitude and a growth mindset. Keep up the amazing effort, Ramon!



**5/6J**  
**Jakob**  
For displaying all the School Values in his return to school this year! Jakob, I have been extremely impressed with your application towards all your learning tasks and the way that you have settled into the classroom. I look forward to a fantastic year with you! Keep it up!



**5/6P**  
**Ava**  
For the brilliant first week of school she has had. Ava, you have settled into your new learning environment superbly, and have approached all learning tasks with a can-do attitude. What a start to grade 6! Keep it up superstar!



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**00B**  
**Stevie**  
For giving everything a red hot go! Stevie we love your willingness to give things your best effort along with your enthusiasm for Maths. Keep up the amazing work!

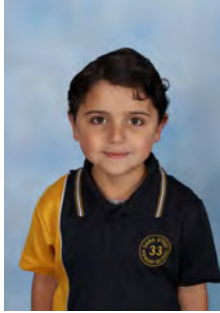


**0/1S**  
**Amalia**  
For being a kind, helpful and inclusive member of our class. Amazing effort, Amalia!



**1/2B**  
**Aleida**  
For showing commitment to your work and always trying your best.

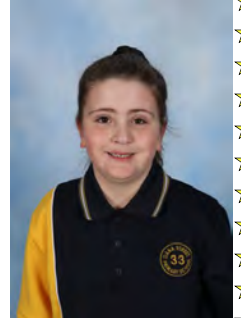
**1/2D**  
**Leo**  
For your positivity and enthusiasm. We are so proud of your drive to build your stamina and persistence in learning. You are always willing to help others and your smile brightens our class. You are a superstar!



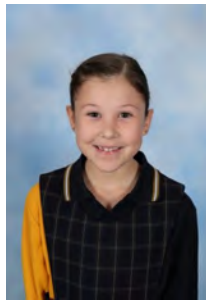
**1/2K**  
**Oscar**  
For being a fantastic role model in our class. Oscar, you have made some great choices this week and you have blown me away! Keep up the amazing work



**3/4B**  
**Bella**  
For an incredible start to the year. Bella, it has been fantastic to see you putting your best effort into your tasks and seeking teacher assistance when required. It is wonderful having such a helpful person in the class. Well done, Legend!



**3/4C**  
**Harvey**  
For a great start to the term, showing a willingness to learn and engage in all of your activities. It's great seeing your efforts and focus on completing learning tasks, as well as modelling this to your classmates. An excellent start to the year. Keep up the great work. Well done, Harvey.



**3/4N**  
**Isla**  
For her 'can do' attitude towards all her work across Literacy and Numeracy this week. You've done a fantastic job on building your reading stamina, and creating complex sentences in your writing. The effort you have put into your Writer's Notebook is outstanding. Thankyou for being such a great leader in our room. Well done Isla, you should be very proud of how you have started this term.

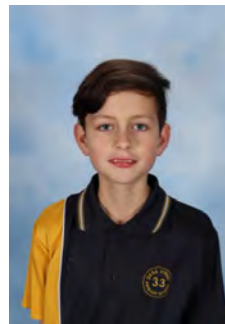


**3/4T**  
**Emily**  
For having a great start to the year, engaging and locking-in to her learning. It's been wonderful to see you flourish in all aspects of learning. You've shown self-motivation to stay focused and complete all independent tasks diligently. You are a valued member of 3/4T, keep being you Em!

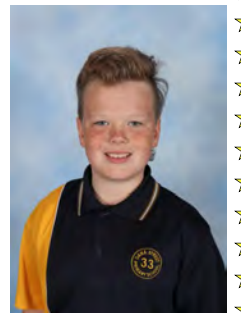
**5/6A**  
**Tiki**  
For the sensational effort you have been putting into your learning tasks this week. It has been great to see you giving all tasks a 'Red Hot Go' and ask clarifying questions to complete your work to a high standard. Keep up the amazing effort, Tiki!



**5/6J**  
**Oscar**  
For showing a terrific mindset in Maths this week. Oscar, I have been so impressed by the way you have challenged yourself and willingly taken on feedback when given to you. I look forward to seeing how far you can push yourself this year!



**5/6P**  
**Riley**  
For locking into all of his learning tasks this week. Riley, you should be so very proud of the way you have completed and engaged in your set tasks. Your willingness to take on feedback and challenge yourself is wonderful to see. Keep it up legend!



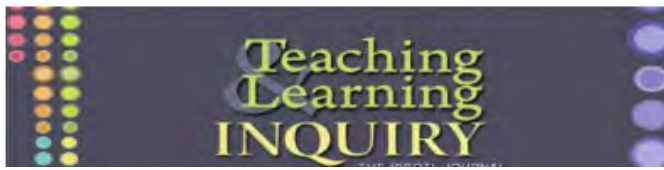
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## Inquiry



Another exciting term of Inquiry learning is starting to take place in all grades. This term's throughline, 'Everyone's Unique', will play an integral part in further developing student's understanding of who they are as individuals in the world around them.



Each year level is exposed to a different 'Driving Question' that teachers and students will investigate throughout the term. In Foundation, they will be focusing on the driving question, 'Who am I?' In 1/2, 'How does my family make me who I am?' In 3/4, 'How does my tree make my identity?' Finally, the 5/6s driving question is, 'How does my world influence my identity?'



Next week, year levels will commence the tuning in phase of their inquiry. This is where students will be immersed in engaging tasks that will spark their curiosity and provoke interest in this term's inquiry.

On the 20th of February, all staff will be further developing their skills and knowledge of inquiry learning with a professional learning day with Andrea Hillbrick. This is an excellent opportunity for all staff to dive deeper into the teaching practice of inquiry learning.



## Literacy



It has been great to see students excitedly engaging in literacy across the school! As a school, we are extremely proud of the literacy teaching and learning that occurs each day. This year, staff will continue to upskill themselves and improve their pedagogy by exploring evidence-based structured literacy strategies. It is an amazing time for staff and students to be challenging themselves by going forth into the learning pit. Our Foundation and

grade 1-2 students are continuing the fantastic work that they began with phonics last year. The 3-4 unit is eagerly implementing the study of morphology (the study of words and how they are formed). In the 5-6 unit, students will be investigating etymology (the origin of words and the history of their meaning). What a great way to launch literacy!



## ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR CSEF?

# DO YOU HAVE A HEALTHCARE CARD?

### Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a **Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent**, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

The payment amount this year for eligible primary school students is \$125. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

**If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.**

**If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office and ask for an application form.**

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

#### Dates:

**Wednesday 15th February**

*Grade 1/2 Ecolinc*

*No school for Foundation students*

**Monday 20th February**

*Staff Professional Development day - No Students*

*School Council Meeting*

**Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd February**

*Grade 5 Sovereign Hill experience*

**Wednesday 22nd February**

*No school for Foundation (prep) students*

**Monday 27th to Wednesday 1st March**

*Grade 5/6 camp Wyuna*

**Wednesday 1st March**

*No school for Foundation students*

**Monday 7th to 15th March**

*Somers Camp*

**Monday 13th March**

*Labour Day Holiday*

**Tuesday 14th March**

*Community Night BBQ and games*

**Wednesday 15th March**

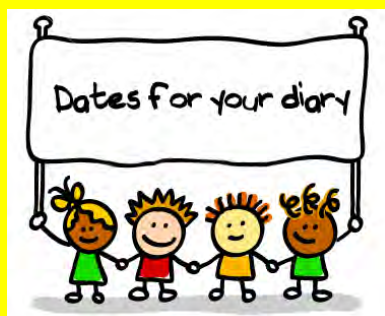
*Whole school sports day*

**Thursday 30th/Friday 31st March**

*Grade 3/4 Ecolinc*

**Thursday 6th April**

*Last Day Term 1 2.30pm Finish*







Whilst we are luckily heading into the latter part of the recent pandemic, we are not quite out of the woods yet. Current advice is that if a child or person tests positive to Covid 19, they remain at home for 5 days. This is no longer mandatory; however, please be reminded that we are a school, and many people who frequent our grounds are either related to someone, or they themselves have compromised immunity. I am appealing to our community's sense of collective empathy and responsibility when sending your child to school. Thank you for your understanding.

### Parent/Carer Helper Program

Are you interested in helping out in the classroom or on excursions?



A parent helper is someone who can help in the classroom or around the school. Our parent helpers assist with specialist programs, and day to day learning at school. You will need to hold a current working with children's check and sign our Volunteer's Code of Conduct.

All new volunteers need to attend an induction session to become a registered helper. I will be running the induction session on **Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, 9:00-10:30 in the library.**

Reading, writing and the requirements for being a helper will be covered in the session.

Please fill out the [2023 Volunteer Program Questionnaire](#) if you would like to attend.

If you have previously participated in the induction session you don't need to attend another one! If you are still available to be on our register, you will need to make sure your working with children's check is current and let me know what days you are available this year through DOJO messages or the

[Questionnaire](#).

With thanks,  
Louise Brown  
Volunteer Program coordinator



### **AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM VICKI:**

**Have you got a new phone number?**

**Can you please share that with us!**



If any of your family information changes, can you please let the office know immediately. **This includes email addresses.** If you require any further information please contact me.

## School Council Elections - Information for Parents

### WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

### WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

### WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

### DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. Councilors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

### HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term one each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term one each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.


Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

### REMEMBER

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

**Contact the principal for further information.**



## Notice of Election and Call for Nominations - 2023

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Ballarat Primary School (Dana St).

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4:00pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

If a ballot is required, it will close at 4:00pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school.

The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category	Term of office	Number of positions
Parent member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025.	3
DET employee member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025	2
Community Member	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2023 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2025	1

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

*Ryan Oliver*  
(Principal)





**LUNCH ORDER ~ PRICE LIST ~ 2023**  
**GRANT STREET TAKE-AWAY**  
 40 Grant Street, Ballarat Central 3350



**Thursday & Friday Only**

**Lunch orders need to be placed in the box at the office by 9:00am**

Pies	\$3.60
Veggie Pasties	\$3.60
Party Pies	\$1.20
Sausage Rolls	\$1.20
Steamed Dim Sims	\$1.20
Chicken Nuggets x 3	\$2.20
Sauce	.20
Soy Sauce	.20

**OFF THE GRILL**

Chicken Schnitzel Burger with Lettuce, Cheese & Mayo	\$4.90
Chicken Parma Roll	\$5.00
Vegetarian Burger with Salad	\$5.00

**SANDWICHES**

Ham & Salad	\$3.50
Chicken & Salad	\$3.50
Salad	\$3.00
Cheese	\$2.50
Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato	\$4.00

**WRAPS**

Ham & Salad	\$4.00
Chicken & Salad	\$4.00
Salad	\$4.00
Chicken Caesar	\$4.00
Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato	\$4.00

**ROLLS**

Ham & Salad	\$4.00
Chicken & Salad	\$4.00
Salad	\$4.00
Cheese	\$4.00
Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato	\$4.00

**EXTRAS**

Fruit Salad	\$3.00
Yogurt & Muesli	\$3.00

**DRINKS**

Flavoured Milk~ Small	\$2.70
Choc or Strawberry	

Prima:	\$2.20
Orange/Apple/Orange & Mango/Apple and Blackcurrant	

- Be sure the writing is neat and clear.
- Correct money is appreciated, as change can be lost.
- If insufficient payment is enclosed we will send a lunch to the enclosed value.

**Please set out paper bags as below:**

<b>John Student</b>	
<b>3/4\$</b>	
3 Party Pies	\$3.60
Sauce	.20
Prima Orange Juice	\$2.20
Total	\$6.00
Enclosed	\$6.00
Change Required	.20