

Ballarat Primary School (Dana St)

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Respect & Care

Responsibility

Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding

Excellence



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,

This week marks the half way point of the term. I hope that you're all travelling well. It seems, that the Summer weather may have left us. I am hopeful for a few warm days through March.

I had the absolute pleasure of attending our 5/6 Camp alongside our students and staff this week. Having never experienced Camp Wyuna before, I was delighted at how engaging the activities were for the students. Our staff deserve a mention, as they continually went above and beyond to ensure that our students were well catered for. The students challenged themselves in a number of outdoor activities, like body boarding and canoeing, which brought out giggles, smiles and a whole lot of fun.

As a school, we pride ourselves on the positive relationships we have with our students and families. These relationships become the fabric of success for our students. Ensuring these relationships remain open and honest is incredibly important, so if you do feel the need to reach out to your child's teacher about something, please feel free to do so. At times, it can be hard to give time to everyone in need; especially before school when staff are busily preparing for the day. Rest assured, we will get back to you in a timely manner.

On Monday of next week, our Student Leaders will be presented with their Leadership Badges for 2023. I am excited to see how far this wonderful young group of leaders can take our school and how they can influence the direction of our school this year. Each of the leaders will present a speech to the Grade 3-6 students about what Leadership means to them.

A huge congratulations to Astrid B. who was the sole representative of Dana Street at last week's Division Swimming Competition. Astrid won both her backstroke and butterfly events, which qualifies her for the Regional Championships later this term. Amazing work, Astrid.

Next week, our amazing Foundation students will begin attending school full time. They have worked very hard to build up their resilience and endurance for school over the last few weeks, yet their enthusiasm for learning has not waned.

We have noticed a few bouts of gastroenteritis at our school. If a student has symptoms of gastroenteritis, it is recommended that they stay home for 48 hours from the point of their last symptom. We respectfully ask that parents consider this when sending your child to school. Thank you for your understanding.

This weekend looks to be favourable weather. I do hope you're able to make the most of it.

Ryan



Dates: Tuesday 7th to 15th March

Wednesday 22nd March



Somers Camp

2024 Prep Information Session 10am

Monday 13th March

Wednesday 29th March

Labour Day Holiday

Parent/Career Helper Program

Tuesday 14th March

make up Session 9am to 10am in Library

Community Picnic and games night
5pm—7pm.

Thursday 30th/Friday 31st March

Wednesday 15th March

Grade 3/4 Ecolinc

Whole school sports day

Thursday 6th April

Tuesday 21st March

Last Day Term 1 2.30pm Finish

Parent/Career Helper Program make
up Session 9am to 10am in Library



Students Of The Week Awards



00B
Grace
For the positive way you have approached all learning experiences. Grace, you are incredibly hard-working and you are a kind friend to all. Amazing effort!



0/1S
Evie
For your positive and enthusiastic engagement with our Phonics lessons and the kindness you spread around our classroom. Amazing effort, Evie!



1/2B
Claire
For always showing kindness and respect to your classmates. You are always willing to go the extra mile and help out your friends. You always come into class with a smile and a great attitude. It's a pleasure having you in our room, Claire, keep up the great work!



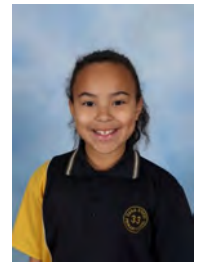
1/2B
Sam
For always trying your best in everything you do. You show great determination when completing tasks and willing to take on feedback to improve your work. I am proud of how you have started your Grade 2 journey Sam – keep it up!



1/2K
Henry
For working really well in Numeracy this week. Henry, you have understood how to calculate the area really well. I am very excited to see your dream house when it's finished.



3/4B
Isla
For the effortless way that you demonstrate the School Values each day. Isla, your kindness makes the classroom a better place. The categories of arguments that you have brainstormed about adopting shelter animals is wonderful. Amazing effort, legend!



3/4T
Jack
For flipping the switch and changing your attitude towards your learning! This week you have worked really hard in every lesson and brought your growth mindset along the way. With effort, you produce success. Well done Jack! You are a valued member of 3/4T, keep being you Jack!



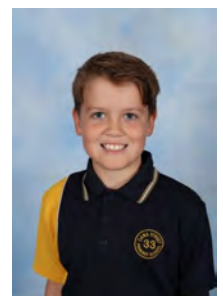
3/4C
Ava
For consistently making good choices and showing good manners and responsibility. It's great to see your effort in completing all learning tasks and having a go at everything. This week you've done a great job with your learning in persuasive texts and having a go at creating emotive words, as well as rhetorical questions. Keep up the great work. Well done, Ava!



3/4N
Jackson
For trying his best and having a go! You have worked hard in Maths this week and developed some new strategies to use. You are trying your best to stay focused and on task. I'm looking forward to reading your very convincing argument in your persuasive text. Well done Jackson, you should be very proud of yourself because I am!



5/6P
Ollie
For the tremendous mindset he had at 5/6 camp. Ollie, your positive attitude, enthusiasm, and willingness to embrace all activities was infectious. You should be so proud of the way you conducted yourself at camp. Keep it up superstar!



5/6A
Paddy
For being an outstanding role model on camp this week. You upheld our Dana St school values, demonstrating responsibility, respecting everyone and striving for excellence when completing the activities. You showed care and compassion and helped out others when they needed support. You are a superstar, Paddy!



5/6J
Art
For the way he conducted himself at camp this week. Art, you were a star! You gave everything a go with a smile on your face and you used your manners at all times. I hope you enjoyed camp as much as we enjoyed having you there!



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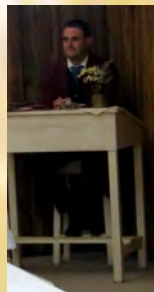
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Sovereign Hill Excursion

Last Tuesday and Wednesday, the Grade 5s had the privilege of attending Sovereign Hill. They all went back in time and experienced what it was like to be a student on the gold fields in 1854. Everyone dressed up in the clothes that were worn on the gold fields for students and teachers. Mr Jones and Sam were both sent to different schools.

Mr Jones in the St Peter's School and Sam attended St Alipius. Mr Jones and Sam certainly embraced their characters for the two days. Mr Jones was Mr Brown, a confectionist and Sam was Mr Hewett, a candle maker. Each of the Grade 5s school had many different experiences. The students in St Peter's school worked hard within the classroom, and were labouring to earn an apprenticeship from Mr Brown. Students learned cursive handwriting, how to speak Welsh, sewing, drawing and rope making. All students also learned their 12 and 16 times tables, which was also their homework. At St Alipius students used ink wells and learned the three S's: Size, shape and slope, it was not easy! Students also learned to sew and symmetrical draw. All students went gold panning and managed to source some of Sovereign Hill's finest gold. The gold pour was one of the major highlights for everyone. Lottie and Oliver were lucky enough to hold the gold bar. Sir, who smelted the gold and made the bar, was a great entertainer and kept all the Grade 5s on the edge of their seats. It was such a wonderful two-day experience for everyone involved!



Eureka primary school swimming carnival

Congratulations to Astrid, a talented student from Dana Street Primary School, on her impressive victories in the backstroke and butterfly swimming events! Winning in two different swimming styles is a remarkable achievement, and Astrid should be very proud of her hard work and dedication.



As she celebrates her well-deserved success, Astrid can take pride in knowing that she represented her school with great skill and sportsmanship. Her victories are a testament to her commitment to excellence and her determination to succeed.

With her talent and drive, there is no doubt that Astrid has a bright future ahead of her in the world of swimming. Here's to her continued success, and to the many more victories that are sure to come!

BUDDIES AND MATES


Once a fortnight the students meet up with their buddies across the school in their house groups. The house groups are **Dunne**, **Baker**, **Spielvogel** and **Martin**. They work together building friendships with other students from other year levels. Within this time the teachers take the students for a variety of fun and inclusive activities. The students get to voice what they would like to do and they spend time enjoying working with their buddy or mate. Each student has one buddy/mate that they develop a friendship with. The students develop a positive relationship with their buddy and sometimes play with them in the yard. It's another way Dana Street builds on its friendship's across the school and assists in building positive relationships.



ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

Parents and carers are urged to keep young children at home if they are sick amid a rise in outbreaks of viral gastroenteritis in Victorian schools.

Anyone experiencing vomiting or diarrhoea should not attend school or any other group activities until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have disappeared.

 Be vigilant for symptoms of gastroenteritis in children and reinforce basic hygiene measures.





PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Community Picnic Night

5pm - 7pm

14TH MARCH 2023

FUN GAMES (COINS ONLY)
MUSIC BY MISS ALLY AND SAM
BRING ALONG A PICNIC

*Ballarat Primary
School*



Parent/Carers Helpers Needed for Sports Day



On Wednesday 15th of March (Week 7), we have our Senior Athletics Carnival Llanberris Reserve.

We are seeking helpers from 9:00 to 2:30 to enable the day to run smoothly and provide our students with the best possible experience. If you are able to assist please see Michelle Jackson or email her on Michelle.Jackson@education.vic.gov.au.

All volunteers are required to have a Working with Children's Check and sign the Dana Street Volunteer Code of Conduct.

With thanks
Michelle Jackson
PE Teacher



KELLY SPORTS EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Tue 11th April - Fri 21st April 2023

Eastwood Leisure Centre, Ballarat

8am to 5pm weekdays

Prep to Grade 6

Fun-filled days featuring sports, games and activities to keep the kids engaged, entertained & active for the full day!

Cost: \$55 per child per day (\$250 for a full week)

Enrol: www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat

Queries: Please call Dom 0417 967 621

KELLY SPORTS TERM 1 AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Spots still open in our after-school programs at Dana St PS

Tuesdays 3.35pm-5.05pm - Multi-Sports: Basketball, Soccer, Cricket, Tennis & Kids Choice

Thursdays 3.35pm-5.05pm - Crazy Games / Kids Choice

Prep to Grade 6

Cost: \$22 + GST per session

Enrol: www.kellysports.com.au/greater-ballarat

Queries: Please call Dom 0417 967 621

*NOTE: We will be running again in Term 2, same days & times (just different Sports!)

Basketball Ballarat Junior Miners Holiday Camp

Adroit Insurance & Risk Junior Holiday Camps are held during each school holidays for children aged 5-13 years old of all genders and abilities.

Improve your skills, develop techniques, enhance your game, meet new friends and ultimately have fun! Our camps cater for the beginner who has never picked up a basketball to the most experience 13 year old in the land!

All participants can expect:

- Meet your favourite Miners players
- Expert instructions from professional coaches including Miners player and coaches
- Develop new basketball skills and training methods
- Fun and inclusive learning environment
- Structured session content including great games and prizes at every camp
- Learn how to be a great team mate and help others succeed

Registrations for Term 1 Holidays are now open, with the camp being held on Wednesday [April 12th](#), Thursday April 13th and Tuesday April 18th from 9:00am till 3:00pm at Selkirk Stadium.

For more information and to register: [Adroit Insurance & Risk Holiday Camp – Ballarat Basketball](#)

For further details please contact Ethan Fiegert via email development@ballaratbasketball.com or for urgent enquiries call reception on (03) 5338 1220





JOIN THE FUN!

Ballarat & Surrounds T1 All Girls Auskick Centre
Western Oval, Ballarat

Monday March 6th - April 3rd from 4:30pm-5:30pm

For more information please contact
Mat Begbie: 0431 128 758



Scan the QR Code to register!



2024 YEAR 7 SHOWCASE EVENING

**TUESDAY
14TH MARCH**

4:30PM-6:30PM

**SEBASTOPOL
CAMPUS**



Parents and prospective students are warmly invited to attend the Showcase Evening at Phoenix P-12 Community College, Sebastopol Campus. The College will be open between 4:30pm - 6:30pm for visitors to undertake a self-guided tour, exploring interactive displays of students' work and activities across a variety of learning areas. Discover first-hand how your child can share in the lifetime benefits of an excellent secondary education, including a broad range of scholarship opportunities. Further information will be available on the night.



HOLIDAY SQUAD

WHAT TO BRING

- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Warm clothes
- Shin pads / Football boots / Runners
- Any medical requirements

COST

\$230
Optional extras:
 Shorts and T-shirt \$35



WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Snacks and lunch both days
- Lots of fun!

DATES

Miners Rest Primary School
 April 12th-13th 2023
 July 5th-6th 2023
 September 27th-28th 2023

BOOKINGS

To book your session scan the QR Code or visit our website.



www.westernvicfootball.com



Ballarat High School

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Dear Prospective Families,

We are writing to inform you of our upcoming Year 7 2024 Information Morning.

What: BHS Information Morning
When: Thursday 9th March 2023
 9:30am - 11:00am
Where: Robinson Centre (located at rear of school, easily accessed by the car park)
 Ballarat High School, Sturt St West

Purpose:

- to receive information about the school and its programs for 2024
- to observe students engaged in a variety of academic, physical, social and emotional learning experiences
- to become familiar with a Secondary School environment
- to experience the culture of Ballarat High School, while being welcomed as a member of the School Community
- to have opportunities to interact with school and student leaders
- to gain an understanding of the curriculum and how learning experiences sit within this

The morning will begin with a tour of the school, led by Student Leaders, followed by an information session.

Feel free to browse through our school website (www.ballarath.vic.edu.au) for further information about how our school can personalise the learning for your child, including the wide range of learning opportunities available at Ballarat High School.

If you have any queries, please contact the school on (03) 5338 9000. Alternatively, you can send an email to ballarat.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Ballarat High School.

Kind regards,

Melissa Pompe
 Year 7/8 Principal

Dani Bjelanovic
 Leading Teacher - Year 7/8 Sub School



WOODMANS HILL
 SECONDARY COLLEGE

Parents of students in
 Grades 4, 5 and 6 are
 warmly encouraged to attend

INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 15th March, 2023

Information Sessions

will be held at 5.00pm and 6.00pm
 in the Theatre, followed by school tours.

Bookings essential.



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