

Newsletter ~ 13th March to 17th March 2023

Term 1 ~ Week 7

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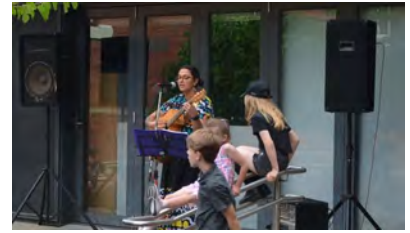


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Responsibility

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DSPS  
Community Picnic Night



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.



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## Ryan's Ramblings

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

The long weekend brought about some much needed respite for many. It is probably with good fortune and timing, as this week has been a busy one, with many fantastic and wonderful events for our students.

On Tuesday evening, we hosted our community event of the year, with our Family Picnic. Thank you to the many families, who made the time out of your busy schedules to enjoy some time as a community. It was fantastic to see our newer Dana Street families present, making new connections and friendships, which I hope will be long lasting. It was also a great opportunity for staff to mingle with families in a friendly, relaxed environment. The weather was also most fortuitous, which topped off a great evening. A special thanks to Sam and Ally for providing some entertainment for us all.

The very following morning we hosted our first Whole School Sports day in quite a long time. I was very impressed with our young people as they spent the day challenging themselves in all manner of friendly competition. There were many parents who assisted us throughout the day, to ensure all students participated. To each and every volunteer, please know that we really appreciated all your support. Of course, the day would not have been possible without Michelle, who has spent countless hours coordinating everything. Thank you, Michelle.

Also this week, our Grade 3 and 5 students sat their first of four NAPLAN tests. Despite some initial nerves, all the students did a fantastic job. After this week, the students have three remaining tests to sit. These will occur over the course of the next couple of weeks. Reminders will continue to be sent out, but to the parents of students sitting NAPLAN, please ensure that your child charges his/her laptop and brings it to school every day.

In some inspirational news, our very own Astrid Buchanan competed in the Regional Swimming Carnival this week. Again, she outshone her competition and won both her backstroke and butterfly events. This qualifies her for the State Swimming Championships, to be held in April. How amazing is that! Well done, Astrid.

Hot Cross Bun orders are due by Wednesday of next week, at the latest. Please ensure you send your orders to school by then.

Have a fantastic weekend, everyone.

Ryan



### Dates:



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

Wednesday 22nd March

2024 Prep Information Session 10am

Wednesday 29th March

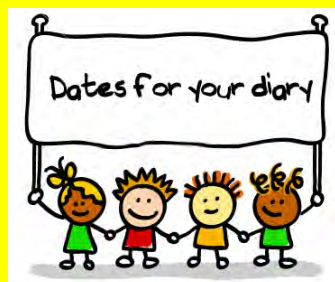
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Thursday 30th/Friday 31st March

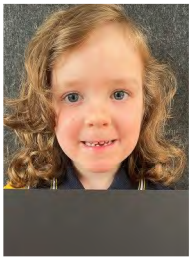
Grade 3/4 Ecolinc

Thursday 6th April

Last Day Term 1 2.30pm Finish



# Students Of The Week Awards



**00B**  
Elsie  
For embracing every opportunity at school. You should be so proud of how you approach each day both in and out of the classroom, we are so lucky to have you in Foundation B. Wonderful work!



**0/1S**  
Trixie  
For your wonderful enthusiasm on sports Day. Trixie, it was fantastic seeing you give all events a red hot go and supporting and cheering on your peers. Amazing effort, Trixie!



**1/2B**  
Clara  
For always coming to school with a positive attitude and a smile on your face! You show perseverance and courage with tasks, even if you might be a little unsure. This was evident at our Athletics Day this week where you had your best go at all activities and encouraged your friends to do their best as well. I am proud of how you have started Grade 2 Clara, keep it up!

**1/2D**  
Rory  
For your resilience and positivity when faced with challenges. You have amazed us over the past few weeks with your maturity. From adapting your play style to learning how to write left-handed, you have shown that nothing can stop you! You consistently display an unwavering love of learning. We are beyond proud of you!



**1/2K**  
Sylvia  
For being proactive, organised and a great roll model in our class. Sylvia, what would we do without you! Thanks for being such a great helper who is always locked in. Keep it up!



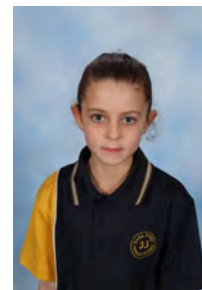
**3/4B**  
Archie  
For the team spirit that you showed at our Athletics Day. Archie, you embody the term "good sport" by always doing your best, cheering for others and being a positive role model. You can always be heard saying kind and positive things to others. Thanks legend!



**3/4C**  
Aggie  
For modelling the school spirit, especially during sports day, as well as our school values. You have such enthusiasm to learn and try your best. It's great to see you use your creativity in everything you complete. I can't wait to see your finished creation during inquiry, displaying how your family tree influences who you are. Keep up the great work. Well done, Aggie!



**3/4N**  
Copeland  
For trying your best in everything that you do. You are a brilliant Grade 3 leader who is always showing 3/4N the way! You have worked hard in Maths this week and developed great strategies when problem solving. You had an amazing attitude on athletics day. Thanks for being a kind and respectful member of Grade 3/4N. Well done Copeland, you are a super star!



**3/4T**  
Greta  
For being an amazing cheerleader and participant at the whole school athletics this week! Every activity that you took part in, you gave it your all. You demonstrated team spirit by continuously cheering for others and wearing your house colours. Well done Greta! You are a valued member of 3/4T, keep being you Greta!

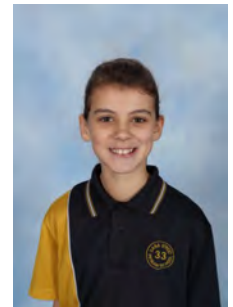
**5/6A**  
Larry  
For his outstanding effort at our Sports Day this week. Larry, you strived for excellence in all events and it was amazing to see you cheering on your house and supporting your peers. You are a superstar!



**5/6J**  
Marley  
For the way she conducted herself on Athletics Day. Marley, you were exemplary in upholding the school values. You not only gave every event your best effort but you made sure everyone else felt supported and valued. You are a star!



**5/6P**  
Jasmine  
For demonstrating care and empathy to her fellow peers during the Athletics Day. Jasmine, you should be so proud of the way you were able to support your friends when they were in need. A great asset! Keep it up legend!



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# Whole School Sports Day

The 2023 Dana Street whole school sports day was a vibrant and energetic event, with students from all grades showcasing their skills and abilities. The day was filled with excitement and anticipation as students competed in a variety of sports, including track and field events, relay races, and team games. The atmosphere was electric, with cheers and encouragement coming from both participants and spectators alike. The spirit of camaraderie and healthy competition was palpable, as students pushed themselves to achieve their personal bests while also supporting their teammates. The event was a true testament to the importance of physical activity and teamwork in the development of young people.

The pictures speak for themselves. Results will be announced at Assembly 24th March 2023.





# 5/6 Unit

What a jam-packed start to the year the 5/6 Team have had! Camp has been one of the standouts for the term thus far. Students were pushed out of their comfort zone and engaged in a variety of exciting activities.

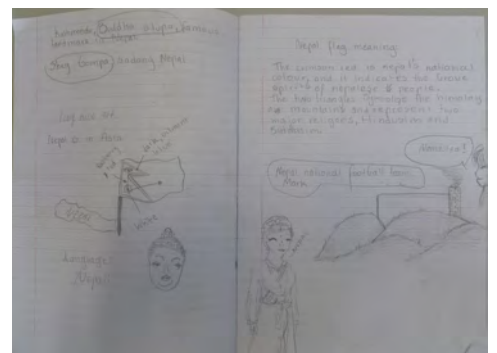
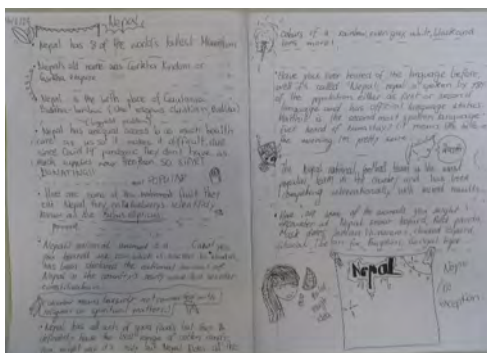
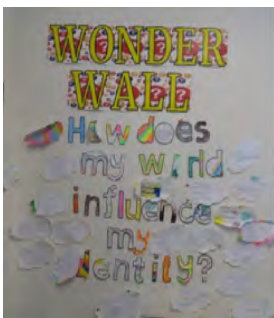


The 5/6s have experienced many exciting sequences of learning this term. In Numeracy, we have launched into a range of investigations. This allows students to apply their newly learned skills and implement this into real-world scenarios. This is providing the 5/6s with the understanding of how we use mathematics in our daily lives.

Throughout Reading, students have learned a range of comprehension strategies allowing them to successfully decipher a variety of texts. These skills are a crucial element for students' comprehension knowledge. Next term, in Reading, we start learning the roles for Literature Circles, which we commence in Term 3! This is one of the many highlights for the year!

In Writing, we have explored the text and language features of narrative and persuasive writing pieces. Students have learned a range of literary devices that captivate their audience. We want our writing to stand out from the rest. We have broken the mould in persuasive writing, by using the senses to set the scene for their topic. Ask your child about this skill!

Inquiry is something that all students thoroughly enjoy. This term's driving question, 'How does my world influence my identity?' has sparked the curiosity of all students. We have developed our wonderings, which has guided our inquiry to ensure we are learning about our passions in the topic. Students have picked a country from around the world and are researching elements that spark their interest and connect with their identity. For our 'Authentic Action' we will be conducting workshops that showcase key content that has been learned about their country, and what they wish to teach their fellow peers about. This is taking place in Week 11 of this term!



It has been a sensational first term for Grade 5/6s!



## Performing Arts



This year, our students have begun learning a new subject, Performing Arts! It is so exciting to see such an enthusiasm surrounding Performing Arts.

In Foundation and Foundation/Grade 1, we have been exploring call and response songs, and responding to music and making music. We have also been looking at beat and rhythm using body percussion.

We have begun learning songs in round and dabbling in some small group performances in Grade 1/2. We have explored singing while maintaining a beat and responding to music through body movements and acting.

Grade 3/4 students wowed the school with a wonderful performance of the song Tree Hugger by Kimya Dawson. We have worked hard in Grade 3/4 to learn about rhythmic patterns and have started to gain confidence in composing simple 4-bar rhythmic patterns.

In Grade 5/6, we have explored rhythmic patterns and composition, and begun to explore melodic composition. We have used online programming to experiment with compositions and have started learning to play ukuleles.

“It’s a really good way for students to learn music without having individual lessons” – Aggie

“Performing Arts is fun, entertaining and you can learn more things about music” – Braxton

“It’s really fun and creative” – Lara

“It’s a really good way to learn” – Hugo



# How can I help my child to **SUCCEED** at school?

**Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep.**



Have a quiet place for homework and encourage organisation and responsibility rather than rushing at the last minute.

Remember that we have our wellbeing services here at Dana St.  
 Kellie— Mental Health and Wellbeing Coordinator  
 Kerrie— Student Welfare Officer  
 Feel free to contact the school for any assistance.



*Ask your child about school and encourage them to talk about their day.*

**Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher.**



Insure your child has a healthy lunch packed and plenty of water to drink. It is important for brain development and keeping your child hydrated.

*Read with your child every night.*

## Attendance- Every day counts!

Unless children are unwell, they should be at school. Important learning takes place at school every single day. Lessons are often designed in a sequence, and while we understand that sick children need to be at home, they can miss important learning with an excessive absence rate.

Have you thought, "It's only a day here and there?"

It's only .....			
They are only missing just....	That equals .....	Which is ....	And over 13 years of schooling, that's .....
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <b>1.5 years</b>
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <b>2.5 years</b>
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <b>5 years</b>
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <b>8 years</b>

## Greater Western Regional Championships

A huge congratulations to Astrid on her two gold medal wins for the 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke. Astrid now heads onto the SSV championships in Melbourne.



## Parent/Career Helper Program

Last induction sessions for Parent/Career Helper Program Session

Tuesday 21st March 9am to 10am

Wednesday 29th March 9am to 10am

Please sign in at the office and meet Louise in the library.



## 2024 Prep Information Session

Wednesday 22nd March

2024 Prep Information Session 10am



## Hot Cross Buns

Last week your family received a Bakers Delight Hot Cross Bun order form. There is also forms available on Class Dojo. Our School Council Fundraising Committee have organised this popular fundraiser.

There are several flavours available. Order forms are due back at school by Wednesday 22nd March.

The orders will be delivered on Wednesday 29th March, in the 2nd last week of term 1.



### 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](http://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](http://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 12<sup>th</sup>](#), Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!



## HOLIDAY SQUAD

### WHAT TO BRING

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

### 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

### COST

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



### BOOKINGS

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



[www.westernvicfootball.com](http://www.westernvicfootball.com)



# OPEN EVENING

Come along to experience the exceptional and unique opportunities our College offers for Years 7-12.

Our Open Evening will showcase our speciality areas and provide an insight into the quality education students are provided at our College. Join one of our tours to experience the exceptional and unique opportunities our College offers for Years 7-12. The tours will showcase our extensive renovations and refurbishments and you will view our speciality areas and gain an insight into the quality education students are provided at our College.

To provide a more personal and interactive tour, we are placing a limit on the number of people in each group. Tours will be conducted at 15 minute intervals, and we ask that you register for a tour via our College's website and select a time that is most convenient to you.

All tours will commence from the College Main Entrance/Foyer. We look forward to meeting you.

**22 MARCH 2023**

Book tickets at  
[mountclearcollege.vic.edu.au](http://mountclearcollege.vic.edu.au)



# BASKETBALL TRAINING



## DEVELOP SKILLS AND BUILD THE CONFIDENCE TO PLAY TEAM SPORT

Exies Acmy Basketball Club would like to invite anyone aged 6+, interested in developing their basketball skills with an option to train only before joining a team.

Training sessions are held weekly after School...

- Monday (Boys)
- Thursday (Girls)

For more information, please contact:

Lincoln Martin  
 (Boys Coordinator)  
 0427 870 241  
[lincolnmartin19@outlook.com](mailto:lincolnmartin19@outlook.com)

Marissa Ford  
 (Girls Coordinator)  
 0414 852 795  
[marissaf72@gmail.com](mailto:marissaf72@gmail.com)

Ben Halsall  
 President  
 0400 223 887  
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### **2023 NAPLAN Schedule**

		15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>  Grade 3 Writing (10am)  Grade 5 Writing 11:30am	17 <sup>th</sup>
20 <sup>th</sup>  Grade 3 Reading 10am Grade 5 Reading 11:30am (Grade 3 & 5 Writing Catchup)	21 <sup>st</sup>  Grade 5 Conventions of Language 10am Grade 3 Conventions of Language 11:30am	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>  Grade 3 Numeracy 10am  Grade 5 Numeracy 11:30am	24 <sup>th</sup>  Catchup Sessions
25 <sup>th</sup> Catchup Sessions				