

Newsletter ~ 5th June to 9th June 2023

Term 2 ~ Week 7



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Respect & Care



Responsibility



Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding



Excellence

Congratulations Vicki



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,

I certainly hope that you have all managed to stay warm and dry this week. The rain gauge at home said that we had over 40mm of rain on Wednesday alone.

Our staff made great use of the time on Tuesday to finalise a number of assessments, input these into our system, moderate results and finalise drafts of semester reports. Thank you to our community for supporting our Curriculum Day. I know our staff really appreciated the ability to quarantine time to complete this work.

I dedicate this newsletter to our beloved Vicki.

When I first met Vicki, I remember being riddled with nervousness and anxiety as I approached the entrance to Dana Street Primary School's Jubilee Gates for the first time, having just been appointed as Acting Principal. Of course, not realising that one could actually enter the smaller side gate next to the larger padlocked one, had me decide to quickly google the school's phone number and call. Who should answer, with her tell-tale warm and caring voice, but Vicki.

"Welcome to Dana Street Primary School, this is Vicki, how may I help you?"

After a quick, open, honest and shameful admission of my inability to locate simple entry points to schools, Vicki emerged from the main building; a wry smile on her face. Maybe it was the casual discussion that followed, or her ability to break the tension, I soon felt lighter and more relaxed.

That feeling of knowing that someone genuinely cares about you, wants to support you and has a heart full of love for the world is something that I grew to really appreciate about Vicki. For the 11 months I have been at Dana Street, it has something that I have experienced every day from her. She greets the kids every morning with a smile and makes sure they have everything they need to learn and thrive. I can even ask Vicki about a child who attended Dana Street in 2005 and Vicki will tell me everything about them. Having worked at a number of schools and having experienced a plethora of working relationships in my time, I can't say that I have met anyone with more care and heart than Vicki.

But, it is now time for Vicki to enjoy this exciting next stage of her life. I know that she will visit us regularly, and she will always have a place here at school. I am sure that our community agrees that we are forever indebted to Vicki for her tireless dedication and commitment to Dana Street and public education. Thirty-five years in the same profession, let alone the same workplace is a phenomenal feat. Congratulations Vicki and thank you, for everything.

Have a great weekend

Ryan



No school Monday
Kings Birthday Long
weekend

Dates:

Monday 12th June King's Birthday

Public Holiday



Wednesday 21st June
Student Led Interviews

Thursday June 22nd
Foundation & Foundation/1 Ecolinc

Friday 23rd June Last Day Term 2 2.30 pm
departure



Students Of The Week Awards

00B

Poppy

For the positive way you have approached our inquiry into creatures big and small. Poppy, you have worked well with your buddy to investigate frogs and we have loved hearing about what you have discovered. Amazing effort!



0/1S

Wulfric

For always approaching your learning tasks with positivity and your willingness to embrace challenges in your learning. Wulfric, you always take pride in your learning tasks and are motivated to progress your own knowledge and abilities. Keep up the great work.



1/2B

Emma

For always displaying our school values to a high standard in our classroom. You always strive to put your best foot forward and are continually improving. Tolerance & Understanding, Inclusion and Respect & Care are evident in the way you approach friendships and treat your classmates. Excellence and Responsibility are demonstrated with the persistence with which you approach tasks in the classroom. I am proud of the determination when completing tasks and willing to take on feedback to improve your work.



1/2D

Violet

For her consistent display of our school values. You take such pride in your work and always strive for excellence. You have wowed us with the quality of your published poem and the way you have sought feedback to make your writing better. Keep up the awesome effort!



1/2K

William

For working hard on his limerick poem. William, you counted the syllables accurately, made your writing rhyme and also entertaining us. Keep up the great work.



3/4B

Kentaro

For the way that you contributed to your group's stop-motion animation this week. You have brought some important technical skills to your group and you share your ideas in a respectful way. This makes you a great collaborator and an important team member. Well done, legend!



3/4C

Adwin

For showing a willingness to learn and complete all activities. You've shown real leadership whilst working in your group for inquiry. It's been great to see your enthusiasm and preparedness to help others with their learning. I can't wait to see what you and your group produce with your stop motion video. Keep up the great work. Well done, Adwin.



3/4N

Jasmine

For approaching everyday with a big smile and a great attitude. Jasmine you always complete all activities to the best of your ability and have been showing some amazing growth in your reading. You give everything a go and show all your peers anything is possible. You are a great friend to everyone. Keep up the amazing work! Well done Jasmine!



3/4T

Eleanor

For locking into learning all week this week. You challenged yourself and are reaping the rewards, keep up the wonderful work and keep believing in yourself. You've got this! You are a valued member of 3/4T, keep being you Eleanor!



5/6A

Oliver

For working hard during our numeracy sessions this week. It was great to see you challenging yourself with your understanding of fractions. You showed Excellence when placing improper fractions on a number line and using multiplication and division strategies to find equivalent fractions. Keep up the super work, Oliver



5/6J

Mae

For always looking to excel in her learning. This student always completes each task that she is given to an excellent standard and always seeks to further herself in all areas of her learning. You are an absolute pleasure to have in the classroom and bring a positive attitude with you each day. Keep up the amazing work!



5/6P

Sienna

For the superb work ethic that she consistently demonstrates in class. Sienna, you always complete tasks to an excellent standard, and embrace challenges with a can-do attitude. Keep it up superstar!



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Buddies and Mates



Our Buddies and Mates sessions this semester has seen the students work with their house on a number of inclusive and sharing activities. We incorporated "Reconciliation Week" within a session and the students learnt further about the "Lost Generation" and how moving forward what we would like our world to look and feel like. The students came up with some great ideas; equality, inclusiveness, kindness and treating people how you would like to be treated. Much of this work will be up on display by the end of Friday, if anyone would like to take a look.

Buddies and Mates continues to build bonds between different students and teachers across our school and is an important part of our culture at Dana Street.



5/6 Newsletter Article

What a jam-packed term it has been in the 5/6 Unit. We have had many exciting events take place. The excursion to Earth Ed and Bio Cats being some of the main highlights!

In Week 5, the 5/6s attended Earth Ed. For the day, students turned into engineers, seismologists and geologists for the day. The 5/6s investigated why, how and where earthquakes occur. This was extremely interesting as they examined the treacherous island Terra Felix for liveability and the influence that earthquakes and tsunamis can have on the different land levels. The tsunami wave creator was one of the favourites!

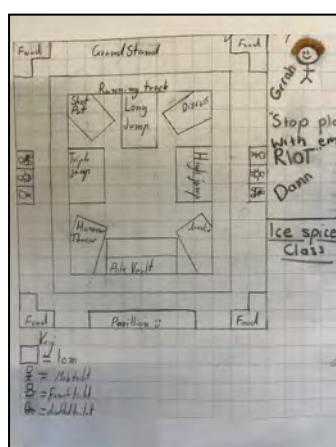
As engineers, students created their very own infrastructure using only a limited amount of resources. This had to stand the test of an earthquake simulator. There were several designs that reached 9.0 on the seismometer! Some true engineers in the making!



Bio Cats is always a long-awaited excursion on the calendar. Students had the opportunity to experience a day in the life of an elite athlete through GPS data tracking and analysis, the skill of handballing and the importance of nutrition and hydration and the benefits that come from sports participation. It was another sensational experience for our grade 5/6 students.



There have been many exciting learning experiences taking place in 5/6. Maths has been a highlight! The 5/6s have been completing an investigation on the 2026 Commonwealth Games. The students have worked on different skills each week and applied it to the investigation tasks. They applied the skills of length, area, perimeter, volume and angles to real world scenarios where they designed a building, an athletics track, a marathon course and a mountain bike track. The creativity and problem solving skills that students have displayed has been superb!



Marathon Cost and Key	
Key: = Start/Finish = Track = Water breaks = Barriers	
Start 1	14,500
Train 2	5,000
Workers 2	9,500
Lakes and parks 3	18,000
Total cost	18,000
Street cost	14,500
Train cost	5,000
Lakes and parks	9,500
Workers	8,500
Barriers	175,000
Total cost	\$203,080
	Big Brains

DSPS OFFICE NEWS

The New News from the Dana Street Primary School Office Team.



As Vicki transitions into her well deserved retirement, we take this opportunity to introduce the new faces seen in the school office.

You may recognise **Leanne Relouw** from her amazing work with students in the classroom. Leanne also holds superpowers in school administration and is joining the Office Team across 3 days a week. **Penny Kaletsch**, who joined us as Business Manager at the beginning of Term 2 is available in the office Monday to Friday. Please come in and say hello.



COMMUNITY SURVEYS

To help understand the needs and wishes of the school community we have put together 2 short surveys.

The first survey is around your [lunch order experience](#).

Please look for the GOOGLE FORM survey link on Class DoJo.

Please submit your feedback by Friday 16th June 2023.

ENROLMENT NEWS

Prep | Sibling 2024 Enrolments are open and due by Week 3 , Term 3 , Friday 28th July 2023

New Digital Enrolment Forms, Enrolment Information, Residential Checklist can be found on our website: www.danaps.vic.edu.au - **Enrolments Tab**

"CHECK IN" | LATE PASS REMINDER

Students arriving after the 9.00am bell must collect a yellow 'Chek In" pass by checking in with the Office Team and having their name noted down.

OFFICE HOURS | CONTACTS

Office Hours: 8:15am - 4:00pm

Phone: 5332 1301

Email:ballarat.ps.dana@education.vic.gov.au

TO NOTIFY OF AN ABSENCE

- Phone: 5332 1301

- Teachers on ClassDoJo

**PLEASE MAKE CONTACT BEFORE 9:30AM.
SMS ARE SENT A BY APPROX 10:15AM**

IMPORTANT!

Enrolment Reminder

2024 Prep | Sibling Enrolments

Close Week 3, Term 3. Fri 28 July 2023

For all enrolment information, forms and
checklists, please visit our website

wwwdanaps.vic.edu.au

Cold and Flu Season!

Students with cold or flu-like symptoms or vomiting or diarrhoea are encouraged to seek medical attention, limit contact with others and stay at home until symptoms have passed.



School Council Profile

Leith Thomas



Why I joined Council:

To get involved with the life of the school and contribute to making it a great place for our kids.

What I like about Dana Street Primary School:

There is a fantastic community spirit embedded in Dana Street. We felt welcome from the moment we arrived. That openness and connectedness is important because it creates an environment where our kids can grow into themselves and thrive.

What I would like to help Dana Street Primary School achieve:

My focus is on developing a master plan for the school. This is about setting a vision for what we want from our school and developing a road map for achieving it. We're going to be engaging with the school community – from the students and staff to the parents and wider community – all throughout Term 3. However, if you've got any thoughts or want to talk about the future of the school, please don't hesitate to say hello in the yard. I'm often about at drop-off and pick-up and am always up for a chat.

THE EASY WAY TO BOOK
**SCHOOL
INTERVIEWS**

Dear Parents,

Student-Led Learning Conferences (parent/teacher/student interviews) for students in grades Foundation – 6 will be held on Wednesday 21st June 2023. Meetings will run from 11:00am until 5:45 pm. Students are included in these meetings with their parents. **Therefore, students are not required to attend school on this day except for their meeting.**

Bookings must be finalised the day before your interview day.

Meetings will be held on **Wednesday 21st June 2023 from 11:00am until 5:45pm**.

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Nb: Foundation 00B will hold meetings on Thursday 13th July 2023

Now you can book meetings for the times that suit your family.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code and press "Go".
The code is bcrpm

1 Enter your details

2 Select the teachers you wish to see

3 Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately –

Check your junk mail folder AND ensure you have spelled your email address correctly
You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews – until the bookings close at 6pm the day before your interview day.

You may change your bookings any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking.

ICAS ASSESSMENT - TERM 3

GRADE 3-6

ENGLISH MATHEMATICS SCIENCE

\$10 PER TEST - PLEASE PAY \$ TO OFFICE
NOTING WHICH TESTS ARE BEING
COMPLETED.

PAYMENT DUE BY END OF TERM 2.

[HTTPS://WWW.ICAASSSESSMENTS.COM](https://www.icasassessments.com)

BCMA's Junior Musical Theatre production of

Disney • PIXAR

FINDING NEMO JR.

Saturday 17th June 2.00pm & 6pm
Sunday 18th June 2.00pm
Gay Gough Theatre Mt Clear

Book, Music and Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez
Book Adapted by Lindsay Anderson
Music and Orchestrations Adapted and Arranged by Myrna Conn

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bcma get into it!

Queries: 0417 967 621

KELLY SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 26th June - Fri 7th July 2023

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SYLVIA HALL
as PEACH

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