

Newsletter ~ 10th July to 14th July 2023

Term 3 ~ Week 1

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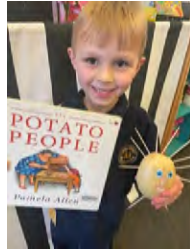


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Welcome Back for Term 3



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,

Welcome to Term Three! I do hope that you all managed to get some time to spend as a family, 'in the moment', over the past couple of weeks. The Oliver household enjoyed a change of pace and some 'togetherness', whilst balancing work commitments.

This week, our staff met to further refine our teaching and assessment of Reading Fluency, as this will be a large part of our improvement strategy for this term. This year, our staff have been working behind the scenes to adopt a few minor changes to our Literacy Instruction, with the intent of further improving our student learning outcomes. Fluency, has been one such area we have looked at, specifically.

What is Reading Fluency? It's not just a matter of reading with speed. In fact, an accurate definition is "Reading at an appropriate pace, with accuracy and expression." What does this mean for our students? Quite simply, if a child isn't able to read with fluency, then this creates a significant barrier to comprehension. Below is a table of reading rates we are supporting our students to achieve.

Grade 1	60 Words Per Minute
Grade 2	90-100 Words Per Minute
Grades 3-6	100-120 Words Per Minute

Want to help? Please continue doing what many of you diligently do almost every night, and listen to your child read. Sometimes, the books sent home may seem 'too easy'; however, this is actually a targeted strategy, as one of the ways we can build Reading Fluency is through repetition of familiar texts.

Next week, NAPLAN results will be released across the country. Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet regarding the changes to the format of how NAPLAN is reported. Our school leadership team is looking forward to analysing our school wide data, to plan for future school improvement.

I do worry, at times, that students place unnecessary pressure on themselves regarding their NAPLAN performance. I have written this before, and whilst NAPLAN gives our school the scope and capacity to further improve our practice, it does not define a child.

This week, we welcomed a new staff member, Chloe Hammill, to our Education Support Team. Chloe has worked with us in a casual capacity over the last 12 months, and has already endeared herself to students and staff.

I am feeling very positive about a great term ahead. As always, please reach out to our friendly staff if you have anything you would like to clarify.

Enjoy your weekend.

Ryan



Students Of The Week Awards

00B

Zelda

For your focused efforts to make the most out of every learning opportunity this week. Zelda, I have been so impressed by your determination to learn more about skip counting. Keep up the wonderful work!



0/1S

Arthur

For always arriving at school with a positive and enthusiastic attitude. Arthur, you consistently approach learning tasks with a growth mindset and are a respectful and kind classmate to all. Your acts of kindness do not go unnoticed! Keep up the great work, Arthur! You're a star.



1/2B

Leon

For improving your responsibility and persistence with which you approach tasks in the classroom. I am so proud to see you working to stay focussed and complete tasks within a set time frame, and to the best of your ability. Keep working hard to achieve success in your personal goals this term Leon!



1/2D

Alfie

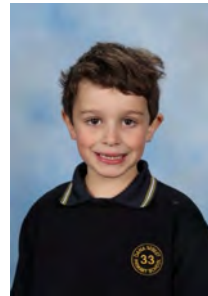
For the warmth and kindness you show to everyone. Alfie, you consistently demonstrate our school values of inclusion, respect and care by being such a wonderful friend and kind classmate. We are so lucky to have someone so calm, supportive and friendly to give us a little giggle each day. Keep it up, legend!



1/2K

Thomas

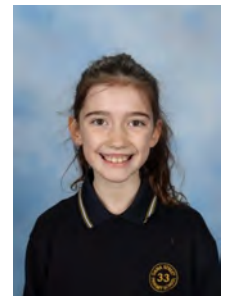
For working hard in writing this week. Thomas, you have remembered your capital letters! What a superstar! Keep up the good work, champ!



3/4B

Lucy

For an amazing start to Term 3! Lucy always tries her best in everything that she does. You have done a fantastic job researching your information for your Inquiry investigation and organising it into an Information Report. Well done Lucy!



3/4C

Kyrie

For settling in quickly to Term 3. It's been great seeing how you collaborate and work with others during learning. You show a positive attitude and demonstrate the school value of inclusion. Keep asking questions. I look forward to see what you find out with your research on the history of the Australian dollar. Keep up the great work, Kyrie.



3/4N

Luca

For an amazing start to Term 3. You are demonstrating you can increase your growth mindset. It has been wonderful to see you having a red hot go at all activities and striving for excellence in all areas. Luca you have worked to build on your knowledge of planning a very interesting information report about an Australian influence. Well done Luca!



3/4T

Lacey

For consistently locking into learning this week. I can see that you are trying your hardest at every task that you set your mind to. Let's keep this momentum for the Term ahead. You are a valued member of 3/4T, keep being you Lacey!

5/6A

Ella

For the super effort you have put into your learning this week. It was great to see you enthusiastically building your knowledge of cartesian planes and asking clarifying questions to support your understanding. Fantastic effort on developing a carnival map using coordinates correctly. Keep up the amazing work, Ella!



5/6J

Cahill

For having a terrific attitude towards all learning tasks this week. Cahill has listened intently during whole class instruction and has applied his newly learned information to his work wonderfully. Keep up the great work, Cahill!



5/6P

Aimee

For consistently locking into her learning this week. Aimee, you have applied a growth mindset when tackling challenging learning experiences, demonstrating brilliant determination. I can't wait to see what you achieve this term! Keep it up legend!



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Upcoming changes to NAPLAN reporting

Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released from Monday 17 July 2023, I'm writing to inform you of some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are:

- exceeding
- strong
- developing
- needs additional support.

Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

When we provide you with your results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean.

As ever, you're welcome to speak to me, or your child's teacher with any questions about these changes.

Yours Sincerely,

Ryan Oliver
Principal
Ballarat Primary School (Dana Street)

QUERIES: CALL DOM 0417 967 621



WILD WINTER SPORTS!



BACK AT DANA ST PS FOR TERM 3!

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMS

TUESDAYS: MULTI-SPORTS 3:35PM-5:05PM
(AFL, SOCCER, BASEBALL, BASKETBALL & BADMINTON)

THURSDAYS: GYMNASTICS & CIRCUS 3:35PM-5:05PM



LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!



WE RUN OUR SESSIONS AT DANA ST PS
PARENTS PICK-UP AT 5:05PM

\$23 + GST PER SESSION

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'Wanted'

Kind Donation

Our piano teacher Myrtle, is looking for a donation of a 64 (or 88 key) keyboard. Picture for reference below.



If any family has a keyboard they no longer need and would like to donate it, please can you contact the office.

U12 Ballarat JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTY 4 FUN



Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Ballarat U12 Junior Girls Footy 4 Fun is all about giving girls (turning 8-12 years old in 2023) the opportunity to experience football in a fun and safe environment through a modified game.

WHERE:

Alfredton Recreation Reserve #2 Oval, Ballarat

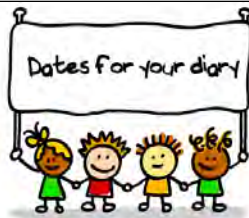
WHEN:

Friday July 28th until August 18th
5:00pm-7:00pm.



REGISTER HERE!

July 2023



Current as
of
14/07/2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 First Day of Term 3	11	12	13 OOB Student Led Conferences	14 Assembly Buddies and Mates	15
16	17 School Council Meeting 7pm	18	19 Year 7 Placement offers out (Due back 9th August)	20 Young Authors' Excursion	21 Assembly 1/2 Eureka Centre	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Assembly Buddies and Mates 2024 Prep Enrolments Due SSG Meetings	29
30	31					