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Respect & Care

Responsibility

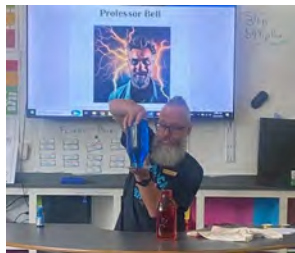
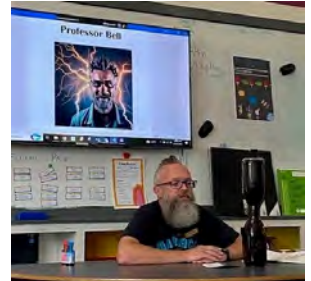
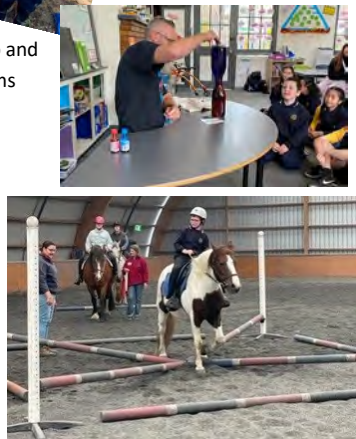
Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding

Excellence



The play pod is a never ending source of fun! Me (Arkady), Max, Rohan, Leo and Hamish built an fort! It was built from items that were abandoned by other kids.

Incredible



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 parent, grandparent and friends,

The middle of November has reached us, and we are now busily planning for 2024, along with finalising our assessment and reporting for this year.

We are incredibly grateful for the time and space to continue the work around our assessment and reporting for this semester. On Monday, our staff worked hard to compile and moderate a number of assessments completed in previous weeks, and continue reporting on the amazing learning of the students. This is a mammoth effort every semester and the support of our community for our Report Writing Day is certainly appreciated.

Over the course of the next few weeks, our staff will also be busy sorting students into classes for next year. Part of the transition process for sorting classes is to conduct a series of transition sessions, where we look at different student groupings and how well they 'gel' together. The first of these transition sessions will happen on Thursday afternoon next week. I wanted to be clear, that the students that your child will be with for these sessions will not be their 2024 class, nor will it be their 2024 teacher. At times, students can develop a misconception that the first transition session's class is theirs for 2024 and it can cause some worry. Thanks for your patience and understanding whilst we complete this complex and necessary work. We will inform you of our staffing structure and class placement before December 12th, which is the Statewide Transition Day.

This week, we were treated to a performance from the Phoenix P-12 College Band. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of listening to and being entertained by our local secondary school's many talented musicians. You children may come home asking to learn a musical instrument, if they don't already do so!

On Monday we will be conducting our Tabloid Sports Transition Session for our 2024 Foundation Students. Our Grade 5 students will be taking the lead in this space as they get the chance to develop their Leadership Skills. Each year, this transition session is an incredible success, and it gives both our newer and older students great benefit.

I do hope that everyone is looking after themselves. Many parents have said just how exhausted they are at this time of year.

Have a great weekend.

Ryan



Students Of The Week Awards

FB

Fergus

For being a leader in and out of the classroom. Fergus, you are looked up to by your peers for the kindness you show and the excellence you strive for. Outstanding effort!



F/1S

Clementine

For your outstanding efforts in Maths this week. Clementine, I was so impressed by your ability to 'number bust' to identify various ways to make the number 9. Keep up the amazing work, Clementine!



1/2B

Clara

For always having such a positive attitude and always giving your best effort to all aspects of school. You work hard to be inclusive and have fun with your friends, you put a smile on the face of everyone around you. Your gentle nature and compassion towards others is commendable. You are a wonderful role model and consistently shows the values. Keep being you Clara!



1/2D

Nevaeh

For showing kindness, caring and respect. What a wonderful member of 1/2D.



1/2K

Hugo

For his great work in morphology this week. Hugo you took on the challenge to locate the different 'y' rules within text and you even located two rules with in one word! Amazing!



3/4B

Lara

For The wonderful effort that you apply to your learning throughout the day. Your attentive listening makes you a fantastic role model in the classroom. I am so proud of the effort that you are putting into your reciprocal reading roles this term. You take turns in your group to help create very constructive discussions. Thanks, legend!



3/4C

Scarlett

For striving for excellence this week. You've done a great job staying focused during Reciprocal Reading activities: collaborating with your group, whilst taking on the role of Clarifier. It's great to see you using a Growth Mindset whilst having a go at different addition strategies for Maths. Keep up the great work, Scarlett



3/4N

Lillianna

For showing our school values of excellence. She has worked hard on writing and publishing an outstanding narrative, including excellent literary features. She always gives everything a 'red hot go'. Congratulations on all your hard work this term.



3/4T

Paddy

For writing a terrific persuasive piece. You stayed focused, determined and worked your way through the learning pit. You have showed perseverance when things have been challenging and this has seen you grow in all areas of your learning.

5/6A

Tiki

For being a responsible learner and locking into her learning this week. Tiki, it was great to see you taking detailed notes and showing confidence when completing your learning tasks. Keep up the super work!



5/6J

Jitaaaz

For showing initiative in his learning by asking for support when needed. Jitaaaz, it was great to see you seek feedback on how to show excellence in your Literature Circle role this week. Onwards and upwards for the rest of the term!



5/6P

Eve

For working superbly in her debating group this week. Eve, you have gone above and beyond by sharing your expertise, to ensure that your group are constructing well-crafted debates for the first, second and third speaker. Keep up the great work legend!



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BUDDIES AND MATES

This term in our Buddies and Mates sessions we have been focusing on chemical science. The students with their mates made paper twirls. They trialed how they would fly and different ways to make them twirl.

Our Buddies and Mates program provides an opportunity for students to work in their House Groups. Martin, Baker, Dunne and Spielvogel. The program works on a fortnightly basis on a Friday after assembly. Students are buddied up with a student that is from a different class and is given the opportunity to further broaden their friendship across the school. Buddy reading, games, drawing games and a variety of team activities are part of sharing time together with a different class teacher and a new friend.



5/6 News

It has been a jam-packed Term 4 in the 5/6 Team! There have been some new and exciting learning experiences taking place!

In Reading, our Literature Circles have been in full swing. We are currently undertaking our second cycle for this term. Everyone has been super engaged in their novels and have completed them to a high standard. Literature Circles have seen everyone embrace reading and explore challenging novels that spark their interest. We have continued to investigate new base words during Morphology sessions each week. Everyone has been open to the new learning and understanding of words and their morphemes.

In Writing, we have completed a narrative writing cycle. We had a major focus on sentence structure and how to effectively use literary devices in well crafted pieces of writing. We learned how to use dialogue in an effective way to enhance the background information on characters within the story. We have incorporated the skill of show don't tell and the use of the senses to allow the reader to feel as if they are there in the moment. We also successfully applied the skill of slow motion. This is where good writers identify a key scene and play with time and slow down the scene, allowing the reader to fully appreciate what has been written. There were some amazing narratives constructed! We have recently commenced our debating to finish our writing cycles this term. We have been allocated groups, a topic and whether we are on the affirmative or negative side. We are busily constructing our arguments for each speaker. We will have our formal debates taking place next week!

In Maths, we have consolidated our understanding of the four operations, solving complex BIDMAS and algebraic equations. It has been great to see everyone embrace these challenges in their maths learning. We have recently completed a unit of adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. We transferred our knowledge of multiplication facts to assist with solving complex fraction equations. Next week, we will commence an investigation where we will be designing our very own Business Shop!

In Inquiry, our driving questions for this term is, 'How do chemicals react?' We have investigated and completed a number of experiments. This has sparked everyone's curiosity with how different chemical reactions occur. Now, we are beginning to form groups and explore science experiments that we will present at our science fair as our Authentic Action at the end of the term. Everyone is super excited!

As the term comes to a close, the 5/6 Teaching Team would like to thank the students for a wonderful year and to the parents for your ongoing support!



OFFICE NEWS

WEEK 7, TERM 4

FAMILY | CAREGIVER CONTACT DETAIL UPDATE

Please keep an eye out for a bright yellow - PARENT CONTACT UPDATE forms heading home this week. We ask every family to update their school contact details.

From time to time we find records do not reflect current contact information. Once we successful transition to Sentral, parents /caregivers will be asked to refresh medical details, media consents , emergency contacts and update medical.plans. etc. More information will follow in 2024 about this next step.

Please return the yellow form to the office by end of Week 9 , Friday 1 December.

FORM 2024 COMING CONTACTS 2024
This form is used to update contact details for your child's school. It includes sections for Parent/Student Name, Address, and Emergency Contacts.

PARENTAL OCCUPATION GROUP CODES
This form is used to update parental occupation codes for funding purposes. It includes a grid of codes and a section for additional information.

DID YOU KNOW ?

A portion of school funding is directly related to the education level and working status of the school parents/caregivers? Ie. The higher education level/ work status parents have, the lower the funding school receives. The Department calls it "Equity Funding". DSPS receives approx. \$53,000 pa compared to a neighbouring school (of like # enrolments) of \$165,000

[Refreshing our data may increase the schools department funding.](#)

What's Next ?

The School Council will meet on Monday 20 November. We anticipate the 2024 Parent Payment Arrangements will be endorsed ready for publication and circulation.

In coming weeks we will send home copies of the **2024 Parent Payments** with a **NEW Excursion Financial Planner**. The planner is designed for you to keep for reference throughout 2024. We also offer a suite of FAQ Documents around SENTRAL, Lunch Orders and Parent Payments.

These documents will also be posted to the schools website.

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Respectful school communities start with respectful behaviour

Parents, carers, staff and students can help keep our school community safe, supportive and respectful.

Good relationships are based on:



Open and honest communication



Trust and respect



Working together



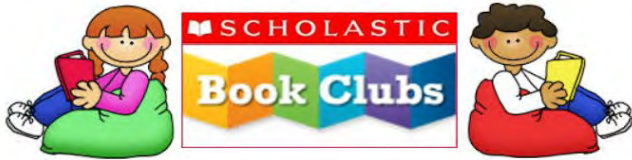
Fair and reasonable expectations by all

These behaviours are not okay in our school community:

- ⊗ Threats
- ⊗ Violence
- ⊗ Rudeness
- ⊗ Harassment
- ⊗ Discriminatory and derogatory comments
- ⊗ Aggression
- ⊗ Intimidation
- ⊗ Threatening gestures

This includes in-person, over-the-phone, email, text message, social media and online platforms.

For more information ask your school about the Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy.



BOOK CLUB ~ ISSUE 8 2023

Issue 8 Book Club ~ please order by
[Friday 1st December.](#)

Please visit scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the LOOP app. Your order will be electronically linked to the schools orders.



Lost Property

We have quite a few jackets on the lost property clothes rack in the foyer. These are all non school jackets, eg; Katmandu ect. If you child has misplaced a good non school jacket please come and check as they are not named. If they are still here after the last day of the school year they will be donated to good will.

DSPS Term 4 Planner

Current as of
10.11.2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1	2nd October Curriculum Day	3rd October	4th October	5th October	6th October Assembly Buddies and Mates
Week 2	9th October Swimming week F, F/1, 3/4s	10th October Swimming week F, F/1, 3/4s	11th October Swimming week F, F/1, 3/4s	12th October Swimming week F, F/1, 3/4s	13th October Swimming week F, F/1, 3/4s No assembly Foundation/F/1 FireFighter Incursion
Week 3	16th October Swimming week 1/2s, 5/6 School Council 7pm	17th October Swimming week 1/2s, 5/6 Grade ¾ Incursion	18th October Swimming week 1/2s, 5/6	19th October Swimming week 1/2s, 5/6	20th October Swimming week 1/2s, 5/6 No assembly Foundation/F/1 FireFighter Incursion
Week 4	23rd October FUN RUN MONEY DUE BACK	24th October Grade ¾ Incursion FUN RUN MONEY DUE BACK	25th October FUN RUN MONEY DUE BACK	26th October Ballarat High School Transition visit FUN RUN MONEY DUE BACK	27th October Assembly Fun Run TEACHERS DAY- FUN RUN MONEY DUE BACK
Week 5	30th October Extraordinary School Council meeting 7pm	31st October Grade ¾ Incursion	1st November Ballarat High School Transition visit	2nd November money due for FUN RUN	3rd November Assembly Buddies and Mates
Week 6	6th November	7th November Melbourne Cup Day Holiday	8th November	9th November	10th November Assembly Remembrance Day 1 min silence 11am
Week 7	13th November Report Writing Day/ Pupil Free Day	14th November	15th November	16th November Phoenix Band visit 10.15am	17th November Assembly Buddies and Mates
Week 8	20th November 9:30am - 10:30am Transition Session Foundation 2024 Tabloid/Buddy School Council	21st November	22nd November	23rd November	24th November Assembly
Week 9	27th November	28th November	29th November	30th November	1st December Assembly Buddies and Mates Scholastic orders due online.
Week 10	4th December	5th December	6th December	7th December	8th December Assembly
Week 11	1st December	12th December Transition Day whole school Foundation transition Secondary School Orientation Day Yr 6	13th December	14th December Grade 6 Celebration Excursion TBC	15th December Assembly Buddies and Mates Reports/Portfolios sent home.
Week 12	18th December Grade 6 Graduation Dinner	19th December	20th December Assembly 12.45pm Students P-6 finish 1.30pm		