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Respect & Care



Responsibility



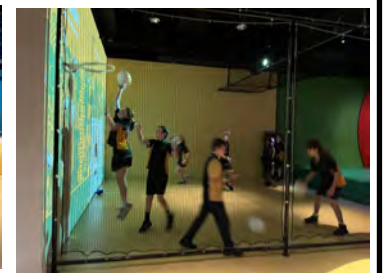
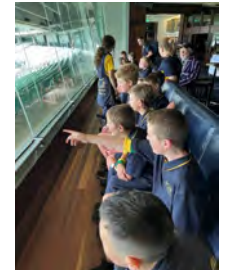
Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding



Excellence



# Grade 6 Day In Melbourne



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 parent, grandparent and friends,

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2023. As I write this, I find myself reflecting on a fantastic year for Dana Street, but also questions where the year has gone.

We are about to farewell an incredible group of young people as they complete their final few days before graduating. Our 2023 Graduates will be sorely missed by our staff and we wish them all well for the future. On Monday, our staff will enjoy a meal with the students before they have their Graduation Ceremony. I am looking forward to reflecting on their many successes and celebrating their many achievements as a community.

Sadly, it is time for us to farewell some departing staff members. David Collins has been with us for the past eighteen months and has endeared himself to both staff and students. David's emotional constancy, dedication and sense of humour will be missed. Emma Taylor has had a positive and productive twelve months with us at Dana Street and I thank her for her commitment to our students. Ally Said will continue her Performing Arts teaching at Mount Clear Primary School next year where I am sure she will be most welcomed. I will fondly remember our School Production from this year. Thank you for your time and dedication to our school.

On Monday we will be honouring a wonderful group of community members, whom have diligently ensured our many events across the year have run smoothly; specifically, our amazing group of volunteers. Dana Street Primary School has flourished this year due to the incredible amount of hours dedicated by our volunteers. Thank you so much to the many of you who have supported us across the year. There are just too many to mention individually.

Today at our assembly, we were lucky to have Federal Parliamentary Member, Catherine King, present to hand over two Community Awards. The first, to Vicki Dunne, who sadly retired from Dana Street this year. Vicki still volunteers with us and was only accompanying our Grade 6s to Melbourne on an excursion yesterday. Georgina Trgovac was also a very worthy recipient after her many years of dedication to student safety at our crossing. It was a very nice moment to honour both of these wonderful individuals in front of our school community.

As we head into the final week of school, I wanted to thank our entire school community for a fantastic year. However you choose to spend the next few weeks, I do hope that you are able to celebrate with those who matter the most with peace and harmony. For those who celebrate it, have a fantastic festive season. I look forward to another positive year for our students in 2024.

Ryan





## Harvey

Harvey is a treasured member of Foundation B. He has shone since starting school this year with an eagerness to make the most of every learning opportunity and his ability to spread a little kindness everywhere he goes.

The respect and care Harvey shows to every member of our school community is something to be admired. His warmth, gentle nature and willingness to support anyone who may need some help is something special and we thank him for always looking out for others.

Harvey approaches everything positively, is happy to work with anyone and always seeks feedback on how he can take his work to the next level. Harvey lives our School Values every single day.

We could acknowledge so many of Harvey's achievements this year, like learning to read and learning to write. He really knocked those out of the park. But the one thing I would like to celebrate is how you have been such a great friend to his peers. Harvey, you have helped make our school and Foundation B a beautiful place to be!

Congratulations Harvey, you thoroughly deserve the Term 4 School Values Award!



## Sophie

Being a winner of the School Values Award is awarded to a student who is always showing all of the values of the highest level. Looking at this criteria, it was very easy to name Sophie the School Values Award winner for Term 4.

Inclusion, Tolerance and Understanding, Respect and Care, Excellence and Responsibility are all values that Sophie constantly displays inside and outside of the classroom to the highest level.

Sophie always approaches her learning with drive and determination. She constantly places herself in the learning pit and strives for excellence in all lessons. She always ensures that all students feel welcome and soon gives them a little 'pick me up' if she can see someone upset or alone. Sophie has the most wonderful manners. You continuously hear the words 'please' and 'thank you' and she encourages others to do the same. She always ensures that everyone is feeling included and welcome into our classroom. Regardless of gender, race or background, Sophie always welcomes them with a smile. Sophie, you are a role model student and we can't thank you enough for all of the effort and kindness you show throughout your day.

Everyone needs a little 'Sophie' in their life. Sophie, I can't thank you enough for you being part of our school, just keep being you!



## Emily

Emily is an exemplary student, who takes responsibility for herself, how she moves around spaces at school and within her interactions with others. She is always prepared for learning with all necessary supplies, and takes care of her own and school property with pride.

On a daily basis Emily demonstrates respect and care to all members of the Dana Street community, including herself. Modelling how to use good manners and speak kindly towards others, in a variety of situations. When passing Emily, she always greets peers and staff with a great big smile and a polite hello. She has a natural ability to sense when someone is not feeling their best and is genuine in asking if they are ok. Listening intentionally and thoughtfully to their woes.

Making good choices, in any space within the school, working collaboratively within teams and consistently striving to do her best in all learning areas, are all assets Emily encompasses. Sitting in the learning pit and outside her comfort zone are areas that Emily warmly welcomes and thrives within.

Emily embodies the school values of Inclusion, Tolerance and Understanding. She has a natural ability to make her peers feel seen and valued for who they are, encouraging them to tap into their strengths during group activities. Emily shows empathy towards all; providing comforting and reassuring words to peers during trying moments to uplift their spirits.

Thank you for being an amazing member of the Dana Street Primary School. Thank you for being you, Emily.



## Astrid

Astrid arrives at school each day with a positive and can-do attitude always demonstrating the Dana Street Primary School Values. She always completes her learning to a high standard and uses feedback to improve aspects of the task. During Inquiry sessions, Astrid always collaborates with her group members in a respectful manner. She always shares her knowledge on the topic and implements her creative edge!

Astrid is always looking out for her peers. Her caring and inclusive nature makes her a well-respected member of the 5/6 cohort. She always looks out for others, ensuring they are ok. Astrid's bubbly and humorous personality always lights up the room, creating a positive environment for your peers and teachers.

Astrid has not only shone in the classroom this year, but she has also demonstrated excellence in her competitive swimming. Walking into the classroom each Monday morning, she greets her teachers with a warm welcome. The first point on the agenda, how did you go with your swimming? The same reply each week; yeah alright. Quickly diverting from the question. However, when we dig a little deeper, we learn that Astrid has won every event, and by a big stretch! This highlights Astrid's modest nature and dedication to her swimming. Astrid, making it to the National Championships is a superb effort, and the entire Dana Street community are so proud of all your achievements.

Astrid, you should be extremely proud of receiving the Term 4 School Values Award, congratulations!

## PIANO RESULTS



Congratulations to the piano students who sat for their Piano Examinations on the 3rd December. All students scored over 90 with the Highest mark 96/100.

**'YOU CAN DO ANYTHING IF YOU TRY HARD ENOUGH'**



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**DSPS Office**

We will be closed from:

**3 pm Wednesday 20 Dec 2023**

**9am Monday 29 January 2024**

**Yr 1 - 6 Students return Wednesday 31 January 2024**  
**Foundation begin on Thursday 1 February 2024**

# DSPS Term 4 Planner

|         | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  |
|---------|---|--|--|--|---|
| Week 1  | 2nd October<br>Curriculum Day   | 3rd October  | 4th October  | 5th October  | 6th October<br>Assembly<br>Buddies and Mates  |
| Week 2  | 9th October<br>Swimming week<br>F, F/1, 3/4s  | 10th October<br>Swimming week<br>F, F/1, 3/4s  | 11th October<br>Swimming week<br>F, F/1, 3/4s                      | 12th October<br>Swimming week<br>F, F/1, 3/4s  | 13th October<br>Swimming week<br>F, F/1, 3/4s<br>No assembly<br>Foundation/F/1<br>FireFighter Incursion |
| Week 3  | 16th October<br>Swimming week<br>1/2s, 5/6<br>School Council 7pm  | 17th October<br>Swimming week<br>1/2s, 5/6<br>Grade 3/4 Incursion  | 18th October<br>Swimming week<br>1/2s, 5/6                         | 19th October<br>Swimming week<br>1/2s, 5/6   | 20th October<br>Swimming week<br>1/2s, 5/6<br>No assembly<br>Foundation/F/1<br>FireFighter Incursion    |
| Week 4  | 23rd October<br>FUN RUN MONEY<br>DUE BACK   | 24th October<br>Grade 3/4 Incursion<br>FUN RUN MONEY<br>DUE BACK   | 25th October<br>FUN RUN MONEY<br>DUE BACK                          | 26th October<br>Ballarat High School<br>Transition visit<br>FUN RUN MONEY<br>DUE BACK          | 27th October<br>Assembly<br>Fun Run<br>TEACHERS DAY   |
| Week 5  | 30th October<br>Extraordinary School<br>Council meeting 7pm   | 31st October<br>Grade 3/4 Incursion  | 1st November<br>Ballarat High School<br>Transition visit           | 2nd November<br>money due for<br>FUN RUN   | 3rd November<br>Assembly<br>Buddies and Mates   |
| Week 6  | 6th November  | 7th November<br>Melbourne Cup Day<br>Holiday   | 8th November   | 9th November   | 10th November<br>Assembly<br>Remembrance Day<br>1 min silence 11am                                      |
| Week 7  | 13th November<br>Report Writing Day/<br>Pupil Free Day  | 14th November  | 15th November  | 16th November<br>Phoenix Band visit<br>10.15am   | 17th November<br>Assembly<br>Buddies and Mates  |
| Week 8  | 20th November<br>9:30am - 10:30am<br>Transition Session<br>Foundation 2024<br>Tabloid/Buddy<br>School Council | 21st November  | 22nd November  | 23rd November  | 24th November<br>Assembly   |
| Week 9  | 27th November   | 28th November  | 29th November  | 30th November  | 1st December<br>Assembly<br>Buddies and Mates<br>Scholastic orders<br>due online.                       |
| Week 10 | 4th December  | 5th December   | 6th December<br>BHS Band visit<br>10am                             | 7th December<br>Sovereign Hill<br>FB & F/1 9.50 am—12.40<br>pm<br>1/2 B,D, & K 11am-<br>2.10pm | 8th December<br>Assembly  |
| Week 11 | 1th December  | 12th December<br>Transition Day whole<br>school<br>Foundation transition<br>Secondary School<br>Orientation Day Yr 6 | 13th December  | 14th December<br>Grade 6 Celebration<br>Excursion TBC  | 15th December<br>Assembly<br>Buddies and Mates<br>Reports/Portfolios<br>sent home.                      |
| Week 12 | 18th December<br>Grade 6 Graduation<br>Dinner   | 19th December  | 20th December<br>Assembly 12.45pm<br>Students P-6 finish<br>1.30pm |  |   |



*Wishing you a*

**safe & happy**

*holiday*