



Ballarat Primary School (Dana St)

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Respect & Care

Responsibility

Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding

Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

COVID-19

Thank you for your feedback in relation to the updates we have been sending home this week, in terms of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the impact on our school and your children. School is a happy, busy place where children can be less aware of the worries of the world. We hope to remain this way!

We will continue to update families regularly as we receive new information.

Assembly

Today we had an 'assembly' with a difference! Students remained in classrooms and listened to the announcements over the speakers. We even sang the National Anthem and our school song! I was reminded of the ABC program, "Let's Join In" which was routine in every primary school over the speakers in the 1970s and 1980s!



Dana Bop Music Festival

Our Dana Bop music festival was an enormous success last Friday evening! Although the weather was not optimum, thankfully the rain stayed away for the evening. There was a great, lively vibe, with plenty of smiles, dancing and laughter. Special thanks to everyone in our school community for their enthusiastic participation. Special thanks to *Princess Pinkie, The Vinleys, Mark with the Sea, Whizz Bang* and our own Dana Bop choir, who ably entertained everyone throughout the evening. Thanks also to our amazing parents who volunteered to paint faces, cook, and sell sausages, drinks and icecream. Our wonderful staff provided games and first aid and greeted people enthusiastically at the gate. Particular thanks to our School Council fundraising committee- Loren Laverty, Bonita Mellors and Mary Card, who carried out most of the planning and organisation! We have a wonderful Dana St community, which we appreciate deeply. We raised an amazing \$1500.50 Thank you!

Fundraising Goal- Resurfacing our oval

Our School Council recently confirmed that we will target funding carried forward from 2019, along with funds raised in 2020 and 2021, towards resurfacing our oval with synthetic turf. This is a project that is much needed and would make a huge difference to the ability of our students to be active at school. We are in the process of obtaining quotes at the moment and will work towards the total cost with the support of our community. We are anticipating that this will take some time. After adding the profit from the Dana Bop Music Festival and the Hot Cross Bun fundraiser, we currently have \$ 28,857 saved towards this project.

School Council Meeting

The first meeting of the 2020 School Council was conducted on Monday evening this week. The executive positions of Council are President- Steve Martin, Vice President- Steven Rothberg, Treasurer- Loren Laverty, Secretary- Kate Maloy and Assistant Secretary- Kylie Watson.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank retiring members, Juelz Sanders, Sarah Cahill, Jeremy Rough, Paige Duggan and Felicity Barrow. We thank them for their involvement and valuable contributions to council over a number of years.

2021 Prep Information Morning postponed

In an effort to minimise the number of people at events in our school at the moment, we have decided to postpone the Prep Information morning next week. We hope to reschedule the information session early in term 2. We will still be excited to

Student Of The Week

00K ~ EVERYONE IN PREP K

For always giving things a red hot go! Keep up the amazing work Prep K!

01B ~ PREP/1B

For displaying fantastic team work and giving all tasks a 'red hot to' this. This term I have seen you inspire, care for and challenge each other. What a bunch of super stars!

01S ~ PREP/1S

For showing grit and determination throughout the entire week. You have all had a red hot go with each and every task Vicki has given you. Great work super stars!

1/2D ~ AINSLEE

For exceptional choice in your learning. The positive attitude, excellent manners and respect that you are showing everyone makes our classroom a better place. Keep it up "SUPERSTAR"!!

1/2K ~ SCARLETT

For wowing me away with your interesting word choices and narrative writing. You are continuing to build on your sentences and adding voice to your writing. Well done, Scarlett. You superstar!

23S ~ FLICKY

For being a wonderful and committed learner. You always give 100% in everything you do. You go above and beyond to help you classmates when they need help! Keep it up superstar!

34A ~ ISHIKA

For writing a detailed and entertaining narrative. You showed excellence and took on feedback to increase the reader's ability to visualise your story through descriptive language. Great work, Ishika!

34K ~ SAVANNAH

You consistently make excellent choices in learning! It was fantastic to see you demonstrating our school value of excellence and a growth mindset while learning about subtraction this week.

56E ~ EVA

For having an incredible term of learning. It has been wonderful to see your confidence growing and consistent positive 'can do' attitude. Amazing effort superstar!

56K ~ CLEMENTINE

For the outstanding effort she puts into her work at all times. This is reflected in the excellent results she achieves.

56S ~ LILAC

For demonstrating a growth mindset in maths. Lilac, your willingness to use constructive feedback has seen you master the skills of long multiplication! Great work, champion!



Hot cross Buns



One a penny, two a penny.....thanks for supporting our fundraiser! We raised \$280. Hot Cross buns will be delivered next Wednesday, 25th March.

Mathletics News

Congratulations to Jasmine and Adwin on achieving their first silver certificate for the 2020 school year!



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM VICKI:

If any of your family information changes, can you please let the office know immediately. This includes email addresses. If you require any further information please contact me.



FRIDAY 27th MARCH ~ Last Day Of Term 1. 2:30pm Dismissal.

TUESDAY 14th APRIL ~ Start Of Term 2



Postponed until term 2. Date confirmed early next term!

Please come along for a tour, enrolment details and transition information for the 2021 school year.

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Students in families impacted by volunteering or loss of income:

Every government school student whose family has been financially impacted during the current bushfire season can receive assistance with the cost of their return to school at the beginning of Term 1 2020.

This support covers uniform items including school shoes, books and stationery, and other essential items for school. The amount of this support is \$500 for each student.

Families have a choice of one of the following two options for receiving support:

Option 1 - uniform package to the value of \$500 **OR**

Option 2 - uniform items to the value of \$250 plus voucher for school items to the value of \$250

SCHOOL CONFIRMATION OF CFA MEMBERSHIP OR LOSS OF INCOME IS REQUIRED. Please see Vicki in the office if you need more details.

Year 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion

Last Thursday 12th and Friday 13th March, our Year 5 students stepped back in time to experience the life of the 1850s at the Ballarat Goldfields. The students thoroughly enjoyed their role play experience of dressing up and being in character throughout their two day excursion at Sovereign Hill. The students attended St Peter's Denominational School and were taught by Ma'am. The enjoyable activities included cursive writing on blackboards and with ink, reciting times tables, sewing and drawing. The best experiences were panning for gold at the creek and having the hilarious Pastor come to visit the school. Each student fully demonstrated our school values and I proudly received compliments from visitors attending Sovereign Hill, highly commending the students' behaviour. Each of us walked out feeling thankful for the lives we live in 2020, compared to the harsh times of the 1850s.





Dana Street Community Bopped the night away!

