



Respect & Care



Responsibility



Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding



Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Assembly

At assembly today, several students from across the school shared their thoughts on our school value of Respect and Care. Hannah (5/6W), Ava (3/4R) and Luca (1/2H) explained what this value means to them, and the ways in which they show it. Our school values are explicitly taught and revisited constantly throughout the year, as they underpin all our practices.

Student Leadership

At Dana St Primary School, there are many opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate leadership skills and qualities. Our Junior School Councillors, from grade 3 to 6, have been selected by their peers.

Joining Eva and Neve on our 2021 Junior School Council are Scarlett (5/6W), Harry (5/6P), Spencer (3/4R), Charles (3/4P) and Pippa (3/4M).

The Junior School Council will liaise with students across the school, in their efforts to enhance school life for all students and to fundraise for charities and school initiatives. We also have two Environment leaders, Astrid (5/6W) and Dom (5/6P), who will work with a team of students and teachers to explore and implement ways to make our practices more sustainable. Congratulations to all of these leaders were all introduced at assembly today!

Bringing toys from home....Learning our school value of Responsibility

We understand that some students occasionally like to bring sports equipment and toys from home, including balls, bats, cars and dolls. We would like to emphasise that students must take responsibility for toys and equipment brought from home. Students must not bring valuable or expensive equipment/toys. It's a lot of fun to race cars or play with marbles or other things from home; just remember not to send anything too precious! We do not have insurance for personal belongings.

School Council Elections

Today, accompanying the newsletter, are details on the nomination and election process for School Council membership. Our School Council is an important group, which helps to set future directions and provides a forum for parents and staff to contribute to policy and planning. All parents and staff are eligible to participate in the election process by seeking election or exercising a vote. Please contact me if you are interested in serving on the School Council or if you would like to know more information. Nomination forms are available at the office.

Learning Support Program

Our ongoing monitoring and assessment practices allow us to quickly identify the students who need extra support to maximise their potential. We currently have several students from grades 1 to 6 who are receiving additional assistance in small groups with other students who have similar needs. Louise Brown, our Literacy Support teacher teaches these students, in addition to their usual literacy lessons.

Community events- Term 1

In the newsletter today, you will see an advertisement for our Welcome Picnic and Games night. Please come along and get to know other families and our wonderful staff. We will provide games, activities and musical entertainment. Just bring something for dinner and chairs or a rug!

You will also see an ad for some much-needed volunteers at our Bunnings Barbecue, on Saturday 13th March. Please let us know if you can spare a couple of hours to help cook or sell sausages. Every person helping makes the day so much easier!

Natalie Toohey
Principal

Dates:

Monday 15th February
School Council Meeting 7pm (at school)

Monday 15th February
Parent –Teacher meetings Grade 3/4

Tuesday 16th February
Parent –Teacher meetings Grade 1/2

Wednesday 17th February
Parent-Teacher meetings Grade 5/6

Friday 22nd February
Pupil Free Day



Tuesday 23rd February
Welcome Picnic & Games Night - 5:45pm to 7:00pm

FUNDRAISING BBQ



Bunnings Barbecue - volunteers needed!

Can you spare a couple of hours on Saturday 13th

March? Our major Bunnings Barbecue fundraiser is coming up at the Creswick Road store. A roster is available for sign-up at our office. Please add your name if you can assist. We will need a large number of parents/ grandparents for two hour shifts throughout the day. Thanks for your support!

PARENTS AS HELPERS PROGRAM

Are you interested in helping in the classroom or going on excursions?

It is a requirement to come along to all our parent helper information sessions to become a registered parent helper for 2021; a parent helper is someone who can help in the classroom or around the school. Our parent helpers assist with specialist programs, can attend excursions, help with swimming or attend camps.

Our sessions this year are:

Thursday 25th February 9:00

Thursday 11th March 9:00

Writing, reading and the requirements for being a helper will be covered in the above sessions.

Venue: Art Room

Notes will be going out today with the eldest child in the family to fill out and return if interested.

We are able to run these sessions in a COVID safe manner. However, we do not as yet have a starting date for volunteers and helpers in our classrooms.

With thanks

Louise Brown

Parent Helper Co-ordinator



Newington Primary School

Outside School Hours Care Program

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Limited Spots Available

Email ballarat.urquhartoshc@ymca.org.au
or call 0491 188 578 for details.

The Y Ballarat
at: 25-39 Barkly St, Ballarat East VIC 3350
p: 4311 1500 e: ballarat@ymca.org.au



Student Of The Week Awards

00B ~ MILLI

For how you have taken everything in your stride since starting school. We love how you are so ready and eager to learn and appreciate how quickly you lock into your learning. Way to go, Milli!

00C ~ ISAAC

For the fantastic way he has started school. Isaac, you have given each set task a 'red hot go' and your dedication to challenging yourself is inspiring to others. It was great to see you become a Word Investigator in our word study sessions. Great effort!

1/2B ~ ARCHIE

For a fantastic start to the year. you have a red hot go at all tasks and demonstrate care by helping others. Well done!!!

1/2H ~ LARA

For making an excellent start to Grade One. Lara, you give all work your best efforts, listen carefully to all instructions and always display the Dana Street values within the classroom. You should be very proud of all the work you have completed. Excellent work, SUPERSTAR!

1/2K ~ TEDDY

For his fantastic effort in writing this week. Your confidence and determination have increased dramatically. You should be very proud of your published piece, Teddy.

1/2R ~ EVA

For your exceptional and enthusiastic approach to all learning and settling into new classroom routines. You have shown great resilience and maturity in your self-awareness and are proactive in seeking solutions to challenges. You're an extraordinary role model, Eva.

3/4M ~ MACKENZIE

For the positive way you approach all learning and share your ideas with our class. It has been so wonderful to see your passion and creativity in writing. In maths, I have loved seeing you show a growth mindset and how you have been embracing new challenges. Keep up the amazing effort!

3/4P ~ OLLIE

For demonstrating your understanding of how to model and expand four-digit numbers. You applied feedback to your learning and showed grit when accurately placing numbers on a number line. Keep up the fantastic effort, Ollie!

3/4R ~ SAMUEL

For demonstrating wonderful care for his classmates, by providing them with valuable assistance with their learning. He is consistently displaying excellence by completing all work to the best of his ability and challenging himself to learn. Thank you, for displaying our classroom expectations. Well done!

5/6KP ~ CLAIRE

For the outstanding writing qualities that she has demonstrated this year. Claire, your ability to incorporate the senses and use of language within your writing, allows the reader to feel as if they are there in the moment! Keep up the great work, legend!

5/6W ~ CASH

For showing excellence in your learning and striving for high expectations within the classroom. Keep up the positive attitude, Cash. You've got this!



Mathletics!

Congratulations to Angus for receiving the first Gold certificate for the year.



WELCOME FOUNDATION STUDENTS

It has been an exciting start to the year in the foundation classrooms with our eager students getting use to the daily school routine. We are enjoying watching some lovely friendships develop and the Grade 6 buddies have done a wonderful job in helping our new students feel comfortable in the school environment.

In Literacy, students have been learning about letters and sounds, how to hold a pencil correctly and using pictures to plan for writing.

In Numeracy, students have been active participants in lots of hands on tasks and games exploring counting and numbers to 10.

You may have even noticed some writing on our windows. These are our wonderings for our inquiry "My School and I". We asked the students "What do you wonder about school?" and "What would you like to know about school?" There answers will be sure to put a smile on your face.



Japanese News



All classes have jumped straight back into their Japanese learning this term. Our junior grades have been writing their names in Japanese and remembering to use the Japanese language. It is wonderful to hear the students saying hello in Japanese as I walk around the school. The foundation students have explored the tradition of Mochitsuki (mochi making) and had fun making their own playdough Mochi.

Our senior students have set themselves some Japanese learning goals for the term whilst also learning about the Japanese New Year traditions. The students have created Ema (wishing plaques), with their personal learning goals for the term. To support your child in achieving their goals you can encourage them to revise the hiragana characters using the quiz at japanga.com/kana/quiz

This year we will continue to use the 'Karate Belt' system for learning the Japanese hiragana alphabet. The students from year 3-6 work through levels of hiragana characters to achieve the coloured karate belts. This system allows the students to work through the levels at their own pace to reach their personal learning goals.

Over the summer holidays we received lots of letters and videos from our Friendship schools in Japan. Our students have enjoyed reading them and understanding more about life in Japan for someone their age. We will continue to send videos and letters to our friendship schools this year which will help to provide our students with a greater understanding of the Japanese culture and language.

The Melbourne Japanese Summer Festival will be held **online** this year on **Sunday 28th Feb.** This is a great festival to see traditional Japanese dance, songs, art and various cultural activities such as flower arranging, origami, cooking and anime drawing. If you can, I highly recommend going to www.mjfsf.com.au and follow the links to the various activities.



REMINDER:

Our parent teacher meetings will take place **next week**, beginning 19th February.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions. Simply enter the code and press "Go"

Enter code... The code is **xy8p5**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



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 make sure you have spelled your email address correctly**

You may change your bookings any time prior to 6pm the day before your interview, 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.



FOUNDATION 2022 PARENT INFORMATION MORNING

Tuesday March 2nd

10:00am – 11:00am

Please come along for a tour, enrolment details and transition information for the 2022 school year.

Phone 5332 1301
www.danaps.vic.edu.au

Meet our 2021 Junior School Council



Our grade 3-6 representatives, joining Presidents Eva and Neve on the Junior School Council, are Scarlett, Harry, Spencer, Charles and Pippa.

Teachers Emma and Dee will assist the Junior School Council this year.

Meet our Environment Leaders



Astrid and Dom will work with interested students and teachers Kylie and Sophie to explore ways to make our school's practices more sustainable.

Welcome Picnic and Games Night ~ Tuesday 23rd February at school 5:45pm to 7:00pm

Come along and join the fun!

This is a great night to get to know the parents of other students at the school. Families just need to bring their own picnic dinner, a rug or chairs and a smile!



Children are welcome to bring some change for the coin toss games.



We will provide games for children to play, and we have some very talented members of our school community providing music for us to enjoy.

As your children have fun with their friends, this is a great opportunity to get to know other members of the school community!

**Try the coin toss
for chocolates
and drinks!**



As a COVID-safe practice, QR codes will be in use at each gate for our school community to "check in."

