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Respect & Care

Responsibility

Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding

Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Assembly

At assembly today, we congratulated Hannah, who represented our school at the state swimming championships in Melbourne earlier this week. We wished our cross country team well for next week. Eighteen students will represent our school at the Sturt District Cross Country at Lake Wendouree on Wednesday.

Fun Run

On Wednesday, we conducted our Fun Run in beautiful autumn sunshine! Students and staff dressed up, with some brave parents and grandparents adding to the colourful display of costumes. Students challenged themselves to achieve a personal best in lap totals, and our foundation students did a fantastic job in their very first Fun Run! Congratulations to everyone for helping to make this event such a great success. A special thanks to the army of volunteers who helped with scanning the QR codes and ensured the safety of our students around the course!

Please ensure all sponsorship forms and money are back at school by Wednesday next week.

Attitudes to School Survey

Each year, our grade 4,5 and 6 students complete an Attitudes to School Survey which enables us to gain information about students' perceptions of school. The survey covers a range of areas including teaching and learning, safety and connectedness to peers. The survey will be administered online between April 29th and May 10th. This takes place at school during class time for students in these year levels. Results from the survey will be available to us in later this term. This data will also be used to measure progress in relation to our Annual Implementation Plan (A.I.P.) targets.

Specialist Program

This term, our students will have weekly sessions of Performing Arts with Mary Card from Coco Sounds. The students will learn many different songs as they learn about world music and a wide range of instruments.

Anzac Day Commemoration Service



Last Sunday, our school captains represented our school at the Arch Memorial wall during a commemoration service which focused on the youngest soldiers remembered in the Avenue of Honour. Matilda, Heidi, Mitchell and Louis laid a floral tribute to the soldiers. One of our 2019 school captains, Charlie Hann, recited a moving poem during the service

Mother's Day Stall

Do you have some spare time on Thursday 6th May? Our School Council fundraising committee is holding a Mother's Day stall on Thursday morning, and need some enthusiastic volunteers to help sell presents to our students from 9.00 until approximately 12pm. If you can spare an hour, please see Melissa or Vicki in the office. All help **very much** appreciated! Thank you!

Natalie Toohey ~ Principal

Student Of The Week Awards

00B ~ ALFIE



For focusing on being positive when trying something new. It has been great to see you challenging yourself and your efforts in the fun run were incredible. Keep up the amazing work!

00C ~ HUNTER



For his infectious positivity and the way he always gives his 'best efforts' in all he does. Hunter, your hardworking nature is admirable and you should be proud of the fantastic role model you are in our grade. We are so lucky to learn with you. You are a super star!

1/2B ~ JASMINE



For the growth mindset and "can do" attitude that you demonstrate every day. I am so proud of the effort that you put into your Ecolinc recount. Well done!

1/2H ~ SANTOS



For giving his subtraction work a 'red hot go'. Santos, it was great to see you use the number beads to work out two digit subtraction equations. You have been listening hard to different strategies and showing that you can apply these to your learning. Excellent work, SUPERSTAR!

1/2K ~ PADDY



For being a fantastic role model. Paddy, you constantly set a good example, take leadership opportunities and strive for excellence. You are constantly impressing me! Keep it up.

1/2R ~ CHLOE



For coming to school each day with a warm smile and a ready to learn attitude. You give everything a red hot go and show grit when faced with a challenge. You ask questions and seek feedback, and it's wonderful to watch you grow as a learner and a person. Keep it up, Champ!

3/4M ~ MADDY



For a great start to term two. This week, you have really expanded your knowledge of persuasive texts and multiplication. It has been great to see you getting into the pit and learning to persist when tasks are challenging. Keep it up, Superstar!

3/4P ~ MIKIAH



For displaying a growth mindset when completing all tasks. You were an absolute superstar during the Fun Run and never gave up. You show grit when learning tasks are challenging and use a range of strategies to support yourself when you are in the 'learning pit'. Keep up the amazing work, Mikiah!

3/4R ~ JAKOB



For displaying a growth mindset, wonderful listening skills and having a red hot go at each activity. I have been most impressed with his consistent contributions to creating our Success Criteria in every lesson. Thank you and keep up the amazing effort!

5/6P ~ HARRY



For consistently challenging himself in every aspect of his learning. Harry, you embrace new learning tasks with a growth mindset, and are always eager to add new skills and strategies to your repertoire. An aspect of your learning you should be extremely proud of! Keep up the great work legend!

5/6W ~ HANNAH



For showing excellence this week throughout your learning. You have locked into learning tasks and pushed yourself to a high standard. You should be proud of your amazing effort in swimming and the Fun Run this week. You superstar, Hannah.

Our Ecolinc Excursion:

The grade 1/2 students had a frog-tastic time at Ecolinc on Monday. Once we got over the thrill of the bus journey and arrived in Bacchus Marsh we went straight into our amazing activities. Students learned about the effects of pollution on our waterways and how to identify different frog calls such as the Pobblebonk and Growling Grass Frog. We had a scavenger hunt outside where we had to find different signs of wildlife, including nests, feathers, footprints and droppings. One fact many of the students learnt was that female frogs don't make any sounds, unlike the male frogs. Finally the students got to explore macroinvertebrates from the pond and look at them magnified on the big screen! It was such a novelty to be out on an excursion and learning about our native frogs and minibeasts.



Dates:

Wednesday 5th May
District Cross Country
Fun Run money due back

Thursday 6th May
Mother's Day stall

Tuesday 11th - Tuesday 18th May
NAPLAN assessments – year 3 and 5

Friday 14th May
Year 6 to year 7 transition information due back



Families of Grade 6 students are reminded that transition forms are due back at school by Friday 14th May.

Can all outstanding Fun Run money please be returned by Wednesday 5th May.

Thank you

BOOK CLUB ~ ISSUE 3 2021

Issue 4 Book Club ~ please return money and order to the office by **Friday 7th May**. Please put order form and money in an envelope with your child's name and class on the outside. If paying by **cheque** please make it payable to **Dana St Primary School**. Alternately you can order online at:

www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/



EE Webinar with Bobbi Cook

Topic: School Refusal

When: Thursday, 6th May Webinar at 8:00 pm (Melbourne Time)

In this webinar, Bobbi will discuss School Refusal and task and demand avoidance. She will share a range of practical strategies, stories, and ideas to support you in getting your child to school.

**Mother's Day Stall**

Thursday 6th May
Bring along \$4 to buy Mum / a special person a gift for Mother's Day!

**Staff Car Park – safety warning**

Our staff car park can be a busy place before and after school. For safety purposes, we ask that parents and children do not use or walk through the car park. Thanks for your support.





Last Friday, the Grade 5/6s went to Earth Ed and became earthquake explorers. We got to explore earthquakes through virtual reality and discover how they relate to tectonic plates. We also worked as engineers and geologists to help discover ways to survive different types of natural disasters!

It was a valuable learning experience and a great springboard for our Inquiry unit this term, "Shake, Rattle and Roll".

"I liked the part where we got to try experiments with the volcano and tsunami. I liked the activities which were hands-on but the VR experience made me feel sick in the belly." - Bourne 5/6W

"I liked the part where we got to be engineers and build the structure to try and make it stronger. Our structure survived the highest level the table shook at. The rubber bands were diagonal which made the structure strong!" - Scarlett 5/6W

"My favourite part was playing with the VR in the morning. We saw natural disasters and watched them happen around the world. Making the wall was fun, but tricky." Noah 5/6W

"My favourite part was the virtual reality. It was really fun because I liked seeing the pictures of the planet in 3D." Dom 5/6P

"It was really fun because I got to use the Virtual Reality. Then I got to build a wall and see it stand up against the earthquake." Maddy 5/6P.

"I liked the testing of the Tsunami simulator, the volcano and the earthquake watcher. They were fun because we all had a vote at the end and we were involved in the simulators." Eva P 5/6P



Congratulations to our Best Dressed Winners

Foundation ~ Henry & Mac

1/2 ~ Arkady & Hazel

3/4 ~ Mae & Charles

5/6 ~ Molly & Ottie



Most Laps for each grade level

Foundation ~ Hugo, Otto

Elke, Deliah & Clara

1/2 ~ Conall & Archie

Ava R. & Edith

3/4 ~ Max

Cecilia

5/6 ~ Raiyan

Annie T.

