



Respect & Care



Responsibility



Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding



Excellence

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

Assembly

At assembly today, we celebrated our specialist areas. Several students shared what makes these areas so special!

Lewis: "I like Art. I like painting and making all kinds of stuff."

Henry: "I like P.E. We play games and it's fun."

Harry: "I love P.E. Mr O. encourages us to try harder things. He gives lots of feedback. He takes our ideas and uses them."

Mia: "I love Art. Dee is an amazing teacher. She gives us lots of helpful feedback and we have choice. I love Performing Arts with Mary. She is very creative and lets everyone learn at their own pace. She teaches songs in different languages, we use different instruments and learn body percussion as well."

Daniel: "I love Japanese because Sensei Lauren makes everything fun and interesting. She has some unique ways of helping us to learn. She challenges us to learn hiragana and some katakana. I love P.E. My skills are improving because of Mr O's teaching and feedback."

Our students always speak with great enthusiasm about the specialist areas, where we deliver high quality learning.

Kate Maloy also presented 15 students with a special author's pack. These students, from grade 4 to 6, successfully applied to be part of the Ballarat Young Author's program. They are about to begin a great writing adventure!

- Have a red-hot go!
- Lock into learning
- Make mistakes
- Try a different way
- Listen to others
- Watch others
- Show grit
- Seek feedback
- Challenge yourself
- Aim high

Education Week – "Building Connections"

Next week is Education Week. We will be celebrating the week with several activities. Each family will be asked to do some "homework," by answering a question on a jigsaw piece. With our Growth Mindset

lens, we will ask each family to answer "When was a time that you tried really hard to learn something new? What helped you?"

"What do you say to yourself when something is really hard?"



We will focus on building relationships with a Buddies and Mates session on Friday. This follows a special Education week assembly, where we will interview several students who have achieved success in a range of areas. We will be asking them about their "back story."

Staff Professional Learning Days

Early notice: In term 3, our staff will be involved in a professional learning day on Monday 12th July. We will be working with a consultant on that day, to further improve our teaching of Numeracy. We know that parents require notice about student-free days in order to make arrangements. It is very important that our staff continue their professional learning, to enable us to provide an excellent education for all students.

Natalie Toohey ~ Principal

Student Of The Week Awards



00B ~ NEVAEH

For the respect and care you display at school on a daily basis. We appreciate how quickly you show you are ready to learn and how considerately you listen to your teachers and your friends. Wonderful work, Nevaeh!



00C ~ FINLAY

For his focus and positive growth mindset during writing sessions. Finlay, the way you add detail in your work and challenge yourself in writing has been impressive! You are a writing super star!



1/2B ~ ELSIE

For listening attentively during our lesson introductions and then going on and challenging yourself with your learning. You seek opportunities to help others and do so in a kind and respectful manner. Well done!



1/2H ~ ISLA

For consistently setting a high standard when working on all reading and writing activities within the classroom. Isla, I have been so proud of your work and the use of strategies you have used to decode words. It was great to see you want to read out loud to the whole class during our whole class reading session. Keep up the hard work, SUPERSTAR!



1/2K ~ EMILY

For constantly impressing me with her writing. Emily, you are remembering all of the key areas that make a good writer. Your work is blowing my socks off! Keep up the good work.



1/2R ~ LACHIE

For your wonderful attitude to school and learning this term. Lachie, you've made fantastic progress with your interactions and adults and student around you. Your smile and laughter light up the room!



3/4M ~ GRETA

For the enthusiastic way you approach all your learning. It is great to see you giving everything a red hot go and challenging yourself. This week, it was great to see you sharing your knowledge with others about area and perimeter in maths. Keep it up, super star!



3/4P ~ SUMMER

For showing excellence in your learning every day. You have blown me away in word study sessions with your progress of segmenting sounds. In numeracy, you confidently used your understanding of multiplication to find the area of rectangles and squares. Keep up the amazing effort, Summer!



3/4R ~ SAVANNAH

For being an amazing role model of each of our school values, at all times. She has a wonderful growth mindset and has a red hot go at everything she does. Thank you for being a positive member of our class.



5/6P ~ JAMESON

For always demonstrating the Dana Street School values of respect and care. Jameson, you are a thoughtful and kind member of our classroom by always putting others first. Highlighting to those around you, what a wonderful role model you are. Keep it up, legend!



5/6W ~ TILDA

For always showing excellence in all learning tasks and never afraid to have a 'red hot go'. You constantly show gratitude and empathy to those around you, making you an exceptional leader in our school. Keep up the great learning attitude, Tilda. You've got this!

GRIP Leadership Conference



On Thursday this week, our School Captains, Heidi, Matilda, Louis and Mitchell, and our Junior School Council Presidents, Eva and Neve, attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at Federation University with Kylie Watson and Mrs Toohey. They learned about being responsible, putting others first and making a difference. They also learned that anyone can be a leader, by putting their hand up when leadership is needed. They are eager to share their learning with their classes and in school assemblies.

Road Safety



Our school is situated on some of Ballarat's busiest streets and intersections. The safety of our students is of highest priority. Recently we have been made aware that some cars are dangerously double-parking, forcing students to walk onto the road in order to enter a car. A small number of people are walking across Dana St mid-block, which is highly dangerous. It is most important that children are able to travel safely to and from school and using the available crossing points. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Dates:

Tuesday 18th May ~ Wednesday 26th May
Somers Camp for selected 5/6 students

Wednesday 26th May
Grade 5/6 Winter Sports Day

Thursday 27th May
Art Gallery excursion Grade 1/2

Friday 28th May
Education Week assembly
Education Buddies and Mates session
Grade 5/6 Police in Schools program

Thursday 3rd June
Young Authors first workshop day

Monday 14th June
Queens Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 23rd June
School reports sent home

Thursday 24th June
Student Learning Conference (students do not attend school except for their conference)

Friday 25th June
Last day of Term 2

Monday 12th July
Professional learning day for staff ~ student free day

Tuesday 13th July
Term 3 begins for students

Community Involvement Reach out

At Dana Street Primary School, we are looking to engage with and utilise the wide variety of skills and connections that our community members have to share.

If you are happy to share your skills, knowledge and infectious enthusiasm with our students and teachers, then we would love to hear from you.

You don't have to be an expert, just enthusiastic and happy to share your knowledge.

Some examples are: enjoy playing chess, gardening, coin collecting or knitting.

If you would like to share your passion, please complete the Google form on the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedMaF7_hQCusftN6S_yarZgqkOD32BW

CAN YOU HELP?



How to give her a positive start to puberty (and share a special day!)

"I loved every single bit of it! I'm only 10 and haven't started changing but now I feel ready and prepared."

The workshop was nice, funny and explained everything in a really good way." - Ruby



To find out more:

Please contact Keitha Jane Theodore
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Next workshop: Sunday 6th June
9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Venue - Ballarat Grammar Pavilion

Limited numbers for this event

It's no secret that growing up involves change. But we can help girls to feel informed and confident about their body, their cycles and themselves.

Your 10 to 12-year-old daughter gets a day of craft, activities, relaxed conversation and stories.

Women, you get an evening beforehand to look at what we'll do and what you'd like for her, and join us from lunchtime on the day.

About Keitha Jane Theodore:

I offer Celebration Day for Girls workshops locally in the Ballarat area.

I'm a mother of two grown sons, a Science Teacher and a collector of buttons. My aim is to hold a safe space for groups with a bit of fun as an engaging facilitator.



A Celebration Day for Girls™

HEADLICE - Please to do a thorough head check of your children hair & treat if necessary. Thank you! We have had reported cases of head lice this week. One of the best preventative steps to take is to ensure that hair longer than shoulder length is tied back. When **live** headlice are detected, a child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started.