

Newsletter ~ 25th July ~ 29nd July 2022

Term 3 ~ Week 3

Ballarat Primary School (Dana St)

401 Dana St, Ballarat. Phone 53321 301  
email: ballarat.ps.dana@education.vic.gov.au



*Respect & Care*



*Responsibility*



*Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding*



*Excellence*

**Dear parents, grandparents and friends,**

I hope that you have had a fantastic week.

This week I had the absolute pleasure of attending the South Street Debating Competition to witness some of our 5/6 students compete. I was reminded of the privileged role of the educator at the event as I truly witnessed our students at their admirable best. The way that they articulated their arguments and rebutted their opponents' views was incredible. I was delighted that both teams came away victorious against their respective opponents. To Annie, Scarlett, Mae, Josie, Oscar, Harry, Amelia and Claire, well done! I am hopeful that we are able to move on to the semi-finals, next month. If you were at assembly today, no doubt you would have been mightily impressed with Harry and Claire as they delivered their speeches to the school, hopefully inspiring next year's participants.

We have had a select few cases of COVID 19 over the course of last week. Please be reminded that Rapid Antigen Testing is no longer required for surveillance; however, we continue to offer RATs for symptomatic testing. Therefore, if you require additional Rapid Antigen Tests, please contact the school. They will no longer be sent home routinely.

This week, students involved in the Young Authors' Program, met to discuss the power of illustrations in picture story books. The students returned to school in the afternoon abuzz with fresh ideas and inspiration for their next writing piece. At assembly this week, Mae and Scarlett shared their reflections on the day and their learning.

The 1/2 students visited Earth Ed, in Mount Clear this week to participate in a range of science and STEM activities. The students loved creating their own marble runs, designing their own playgrounds and a whole stack of other experiences. After two years of restrictions, it is wonderful that we have been able to plan such authentic learning experiences for our students.

Speaking of which, our 5/6 students were treated to an incursion yesterday entitled Just Like Me. In speaking with our presenter, she was extremely impressed with our students engagement as she discussed all things culture and global. Again, it's great to be able to provide these experiences for the students. We will hear more about this incursion at next week's assembly.

Finally, I hope the weekend brings you joy, quality family time and some rest. Look after yourselves.

*Ryan*



**Dates To Remember:**

**Tuesday 9th August**  
Gr 56 (Selected Students) Basketball Tournament

**Monday 15th August**  
School Council Meeting 7:00pm

**Wednesday 17th August**  
South St ~ Choir

**Friday 19th August**  
Movie Night

**BOOK WEEK ~ Monday 22nd August - Friday 26th August**

**Thursday 25th August**  
Book Week Dress Up Day - Come as your favourite character

**Friday 26th August**  
F - 2 Responsible Pet Owners  
3/4 Garden Excursion



# Students Of The Week Awards



## **00B ~ WULFRIC**

For the sparkle and smile you bring to the classroom everyday. Your complimentary, kind greetings are contagious and are always a highlight of our mornings.



## **00R ~ THOMAS**

For having a red hot go in all learning tasks. Thomas, you have been locked into your learning and you have demonstrated the school value of excellence in the classroom. We look forward to seeing your smile each date. Keep up the top effort, Thomas!



## **1/2B ~ CONALL**

For the fantastic effort that you put into your haiku poems this week. You demonstrated a thorough understanding of syllables and challenged yourself by finding interesting synonyms.



## **1/2H ~ SANTOS**

For being an amazing scientist on our Earth Ed excursion. Santos, you participated with such enthusiasm in all activities and displayed our Dana Street values all day! WELL DONE, SUPERSTAR!



## **1/2K ~ EDIE**

For representing our school beautifully on our excursion. Edie, you are such a role model. You always show the school values to the highest level and wear the Dana St colours with pride. Your manners and willingness to help others is a true asset. Keep up the good work superstar!



## **1/2S ~ SOPHIA**

For the way you have shown grit and challenged yourself in writing this week. You have had an awesome week learning about syllables and applying this knowledge to your haiku poem. I have been so impressed by your effort and the way you have challenged yourself! Awesome work, legend!



## **3/4M ~ CAMBELL**

For the way you have been locking into your learning. It has been great to see you working in groups and sharing your ideas to really challenge yourself to calculate the elapsed time in maths. It has also been great to see you taking on and applying feedback in writing!



## **3/4P ~ SUMMER**

For the incredible effort she puts into all learning tasks. You showed grit when developing your ability to calculate elapsed time and interpret timetables. You blew me away with your carefully planned and drafted response text on "Pig the Pug" using accurate language features. Keep up the amazing work, Summer!



## **3/4R ~ MIKIAH**

For being a kind and caring student who demonstrates the Dana Street values every day. He always listens respectfully in class and speaks kindly to his peers. He is organised with his work and gives 100% to all tasks. It is wonderful to see your confidence grow! Congratulations Mikiah, you should be very proud of all your achievements.



## **5/6J ~ BRIANNA**

For showcasing her talents as a young poet this week during our poetry unit. Brianna, you have displayed a willingness to listen and learn, by applying various literary devices to your poetry, which engaged your audience beautifully. Keep up the great work!



## **5/6P ~ CHARLES**

For locking into our poetry writing unit this term. Charles, you have created captivating poems, that instantly hook in the reader. You always strive for excellence by consistently seeking feedback on your poems. Keep up the great works legend!



## **5/6W ~ EBONY**

For the calm and quiet way you approach your learning each day. You do a great job of tuning in and listening to myself and others, and your thoughtful ideas shone through in your haiku poems this week. You have been such a lovely addition to 56W, Ebony. Keep up the great work!

# DANA ST PRIMARY SCHOOL DEBATING TEAM

On Tuesday, the debating team consisting of Annie, Scarlett, Josie, Amelia, Claire, Mae and Harry attended the 2022 ACU Debating Cup. The two teams demonstrated their excellent debating skills, focusing on the manner, matter and method in the way they developed their arguments. The two teams debated on different topics against Buninyong Primary School.

Annie, Scarlett, Josie and Amelia were on the affirmative side with the topic 'we live in a better world than our grandparents'. Claire, Mae and Harry, were on the negative side with the topic 'competitive sport does more harm than good.'

Their arguments were exceptional as well as their rebuttals. Both teams won their debates, a fantastic achievement.

We will wait to hear when the next round takes place for debating. We are all so very proud of their achievements!





## Gr 5/6 INCURSION ~ Just Like Me

On Thursday all the grade 5/6 students went into the Spielvogel Learning Centre to learn about poverty in places like Nepal.

We learned some very interesting things, like how 43% of adults can't read or write.

We then moved onto an activity where we had different coloured cards. Yellow represented people who have enough to eat but are still poor. Red represented people who didn't have enough to eat, and blue represented people who have enough food, a car and all in all, were wealthy.

We then watched a five minute video about a girl named Phoebe. It showed us how far people walked to get to school.

After watching the video, the people with blue cards got to play. Yellow cards had to do homework and play, and red cards had to sweep, do homework and carry water.

To complete our incursion we played a kahoot. The prize being a book and Charlie won.

### EVE LAVERTY

56W

