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*Responsibility*



*Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding*



*Excellence*

**Dear parents, grandparents and friends,**

Welcome to spring! In symbolic fashion, we did enjoy some sunshine on the first day of September this week. Hopefully we will see much more soon.

I just wanted to remind all parents that morning supervision of children does not begin outside until 8.30am and the classrooms are not officially open until 8.45am. We have had some students dropped off at school at 8.00am some mornings. This is crucial time for staff to finalise preparation for the morning and conduct essential meetings. We cannot supervise children during this time, so please do not drop them off before 8.30am. I thank you all for your support and understanding in this matter.

On Tuesday of this week, our staff were fortunate to have our consultant, Andrea Hilbrick, visit our school and work with each of our teams. Each team used this valuable time to reflect on our Inquiry learning progress and begin planning rich learning experiences for Term 4.

Today we held our Fathers' Day Stall. I would like to thank the Fundraising Committee; especially Katie Donnelly for the work in preparing our gifts, so that the students could all purchase something. On behalf of our school, I would like to wish all the fathers, grandfathers, uncles and any significant role model in our childrens' lives, a very happy Fathers Day this Sunday. Enjoy this special time with those who matter the most.

Tonight, we have our long awaited Movie Night! Thank you to all the parents and families who have purchased tickets to the event. Another huge thank you to the many parents who have volunteered their time for cooking BBQs, setting up, packing up or just being there for the school. I know that the students are incredibly excited about this evening and I am confident it will be most enjoyable. See you all there.

Nest Wednesday our 3/4 students are heading to Lady Northcote Camp! I know how excited our young people are, but I know how some parents may find the thought of your child's first camp a little daunting. I have a daughter in Grade 3, who will experience her first camp this year, too, so I do empathise with you all. Please rest assured, every element of care has been put into the planning and preparation for this camp and I am excited to be heading along too. Let's hope the weather is kind to us.

A final reminder that Monday is a Professional Practice Day for staff, therefore a student free day. Have a fantastic weekend and I will see you all Tuesday.

Ryan 

**Dates To Remember:**



**Monday 5th September**  
**Pupil Free Day**

**Tuesday 6th September**  
**Active Travel Day**

**7th - 9th September**  
**Gr 3/4 Camp**

**Thursday 8th September**  
**Foundation Firefighter Session**

**Friday 9th September**  
**Division Athletic Sports**

**Monday 12th September**  
**School Council**

# Students Of The Week Awards



**00B ~ OLIVIA**

Forgoing out of your comfort zone this week and embracing new experiences. We are sure you have found a new friend in Reggie. Amazing work Olivia!



**00R ~ RORY**

For giving absolutely everything your best effort! No task is too much for you, you're willing to take on anything and everything, and you have an admirable 'never give up' attitude. Rory, you're a superstar!



**1/2B ~ HENRY**

For being brave and going outside of your comfort zone. It has been great to see your confidence with multiplication soar this week and to hear you articulate your learning. Well done!



**1/2H ~ MOLLY**

For using your amazing detective skills to make fantastic inferences in Reading this week. Awesome work, Molly!



**1/2K ~ LUCA**

For working hard on his handwriting. Luca, your dedication and hard work is paying off. Your handwriting is blowing my socks off! Keep up the great work!



**1/2S ~ KIKO**

For your determination and showing grit each day. I have been so impressed by the way you always give your learning tasks a red hot go. You set such a wonderful example for the other students, striving to achieve your best every day. Keep it up, superstar!



**3/4M ~ SCARLETT**

For the effort and care you are putting into every learning task. You are doing an amazing job of asking questions about your learning and applying the feedback that you are given. What an incredible learner!



**3/4P ~ ALEXANDER**

For working hard in writing sessions this week. Alexander, it was great to see you discussing accurate punctuation with your peers and identifying the correct place for commas. You were able to confidently verbalise your own personal values and add this to your writing. Keep up the super effort!



**3/4R ~ AUDREY**

For consistently working and putting her best efforts into her learning. Well done with your work on our current inquiry topic of what makes a good citizen, particularly your ideas on which laws you would change if you were the Prime Minister. Well done Audrey, you should be very pleased. Keep up the great effort!



**5/6J ~ SAM**

For displaying a positive outlook and growth mindset towards his learning this is learning this week. Sam, you have had a remarkable week! Your learning has been completed to a high standard and I have enjoyed working along side you, as you applied feedback to improve elements of your work, qualities of a dedicated learner. Keep up the great work legend!



**5/6P ~ SIANA**

For always locking into her learning tasks. Siana, you consistently complete tasks to an exceptional standard. You always use feedback to improve elements of your completed work, qualities of a dedicated learner. Keep up the great work legend!



**5/6W ~ ASTRID**

For the fantastic job you did as Discussion Director in you Literature Circle meeting this week. I know that this was challenging and nerve-wracking for you and I'm so proud of the confident way you presented your questions, encourage others to contribute, and kept your group on task. Well done, Astrid, your amazing!

Well done!



**The annual Fun Run is fast approaching!**

We hope that all students have been finding sponsors. Remember that this is Dana Street's biggest fundraiser for the year! With some amazing prizes up for grabs, we encourage you to ask family and friends to sponsor your run and help our school raise money some at the same time. We are still searching for any parent volunteers that can help out on the day (Wednesday 14th September 11:30am—1pm). Please contact your classroom teacher if you are able to assist,

Let the countdown begin!

# 3/4 BOTANICAL GARDENS EXCURSION

This term in Inquiry the 3/4 students have been learning about laws and rules. They have developed their understanding about why laws and rules are important and who makes the laws that we all have to follow. The students have also researched the Prime Ministers of Australia.

Last Friday, the 3/4 unit journeyed to the Botanical Gardens to look at the Prime Minister busts. It was great to see all the students engaged, asking questions and sharing observations they made about different Prime Ministers.

The students completed a scavenger hunt around the gardens locating important information about the Prime Ministers and the surrounding nature. They also spent some time on the adventure playground at Lake Wendouree.

This week the students have been thinking about Australia and what improvements they would like to see within our country. Inspired by the text, 'If I was Prime Minister' written by Beck and Robin Feiner, the students have been thinking about their own values and what they would do if they were the Prime Minister.

