



Respect & Care



Responsibility



Inclusion, Tolerance & Understanding



Excellence

Ryan's Ramblings

Dear parents, grandparents and friends,

It is with great excitement that I write our first newsletter for 2024.

Our staff have reflected on the incredible way our students have transitioned back to school life. Our classes have not only been calm and settled, but focussed and locked into learning. We have been particularly impressed with how well our 25 new Foundation students have settled into the early stages of primary school life.

I wish to pay particular attention to our new families who are joining us for the first time. Dana Street is a vibrant community school, where we value the opportunity to work collaboratively in the incredibly important and complex endeavour of educating the next generation. I personally look forward to making strong connections with you all and partnering with you over the course of your time at our school.

This year, we welcome Rebecca Wong, Claudine Lagier and Zara Smith to our team. Sensei Bec will be teaching Japanese, Claudine will be teaching Performing Arts and Zara will be teaching Physical Education. We also welcome back Kate McMillan (formerly Maloy) who will be teaching in 3/4 this year.

As you will know, our school has transitioned to the Sentral platform this year for all our communications and management. Class Dojo will no longer be used for communications once we have all parents signed up to Sentral. At this stage, we have a very positive 82% of parents connected to the Sentral app. If you are yet to register, or have misplaced your registration information, please contact the office. Please remember, our staff are also learning how to operate Sentral as the year progresses, so we may take a little time to get back to you.

Our Assembly will continue to operate every Friday morning in the SLC, from 9:00am. This morning, our School Leaders did a fantastic job of hosting their first Assembly of 2024. During the Assembly, we spoke about the importance of having a good Growth Mindset and that mistakes are learning opportunities in disguise. We welcome parents and family members to our weekly assemblies to join us in celebrating our students' achievements.

Finally, I can't help but feel a strong sense of optimism for the year ahead.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Ryan



Dana Street Primary School is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.



Back-to-School Transition: Supporting Your Child for Success



As the new school year begins, it can be a time of excitement, but also of uncertainty, especially for children. A smooth transition back to school is crucial for academic success and emotional well-being. It won't come as a surprise, but students who experience a positive transition to school are more likely to have better attendance, higher rates of academic success, and a more positive outlook on education.

Here are some tips and insights from experts on how you can support your child during the back-to-school transition:

1. **Establish a routine:** A regular routine helps children feel more secure and confident in their daily activities. Encourage your child to establish a consistent sleep schedule and set aside time for homework and after-school activities. Drawing up a calendar with them can help in this space.
2. **Get involved:** Show your interest in your child's education by asking about their day, helping with home reading, and attending parent-teacher conferences. It is also strongly recommended that parents connect with teachers in positive and productive relationships. Our staff are always willing and able to partner in a child's learning.
3. **Be positive:** A positive attitude towards school can have a lasting impact on your child's academic experience. Encourage your child to focus on the opportunities and experiences that lie ahead.
4. **Open communication:** Encourage open communication with your child to address any concerns or stress they may be experiencing. Allow them to talk about their feelings and offer support and solutions to any problems they may encounter. As a parent, it is quite challenging to mitigate our own emotional responses when we see our children upset; however, children often look to us for guidance on how to respond emotionally, so it is important to think about how we're reacting to stress.
5. **Encourage social connections:** Building strong social connections with classmates and teachers is essential for children's success. Encourage your child to make new friends and participate in school events. Outside of school, we are lucky to have access to a plethora of community groups and organisations.
6. Try to reduce the amount of screen time your child has; especially just before bed.,

According to educational psychologist Dr. Michelle Borba, "Starting the school year off on a positive note sets the tone for the entire year and helps children feel confident and successful." By implementing these tips, parents can help their children have a smooth and successful transition back to school.



ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR CSEF 2024?

DO YOU HAVE A HEALTHCARE CARD?

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a **Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent**, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

The payment amount this year for eligible primary school students is \$125. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office and ask for an application form.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.



BALLARAT

ABORIGINAL AND
TORRE STRAIT ISLANDERS
COMMUNITY

SUP PROGRAMS

What

Come join us for a feed and a Stand Up Paddle board session. Free for the entire family, everyone welcome. All equipment and life jackets supplied on request.

Where

Lake Esmond

When

Thursday 15th February - 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Thursday 29th February - 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Thursday 14th March - 4:30pm - 6:30pm

please bring bathers and towel

For more information and to register contact

jordie@surfingvic.com - 0488 935 183



Important Information

Please keep an eye on Sentral next week for Meet the Teacher Interviews Grades 1—6.

This event will be run on Tuesday 13th February between the times of 2 pm - 6pm.



2024 Sports Day - 28th February (Early Notice)

We are on the hunt for volunteers for our 2024 Sports Day at Llanberris Athletics Reserve. If anyone is able to help out on this day, please email

zara.smith@education.vic.gov.au



Piano Lessons 2024

For Students who have enrolled with Myrtle piano lessons will commence on Tuesday 6th February.

If any students wish to start learning piano please come to the office to collect a form.

QUERIES: CALL DOM 0417 967 621



SIZZLING SUMMER SPORTS!

DANA ST PS

STARTS THUR 1ST FEB!



\$23 +
GST PER
SESSION

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMS

TUESDAYS: MULTI-SPORTS 3:35PM-5:05PM

(TENNIS, CRICKET, FOOTY & BASKETBALL)

THURSDAYS: SOCCER SUPERSTARS 3:35PM-5:05PM

PREPS TO GRADE 6



OUR SESSIONS RUN DANA ST PS
PARENTS PICK-UP AT 5:05PM

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT

KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU

WWW.KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU/GREATER-BALLARAT

BALLARAT PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPUTER FORM **2024**

To support the continuing development of Digital Learning for all students at Ballarat Primary School, we offer the opportunity for students in grades 3-6 to have 1:1 access to a computer for daily use in the classroom.

We are pleased to announce that our supplier has sourced the 2024 computers which can be purchased. The school has made arrangements for netbooks to be purchased through a local provider Australian Business Machines Pty Ltd.

Acer ASPIRE 3 SPIN 14, Windows 11 Home in S Mode,
Intel® Processor N100, 4GB RAM, 128GB SSD
14 " WUXGA IPS 16:10 Touch
4GB RAM
128GB PCIe NVMe SSD
802.11a/b/g/n/ac wireless LAN + BT 5.0
USB 2.0, USB 3.2, HDMI



With 14.1" Everki laptop bag

Total \$585.00 inc tax

****Please note, netbooks will be collected at the end of each school year for maintenance.**

Kylie Watson

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Please fill in details below and return to school if you would like to purchase a laptop.

I understand that the supplier will invoice me, and I am responsible for the payment. The invoice will include payment details. Please include invoice number in payment reference. Students will not receive their laptops until full payment is made.

Student Name and Grade _____

Parent Signature _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Date _____