Dear Parents, Grandparents and Friends,

Next week we are having our annual **House Sports**. This year the sports will run over two days. The senior sports (Grades 3 to 6) will take place at Wendouree No. 2 Oval on Thursday and the junior sports (Grades P to 2) will take place at school on Friday. Some students will qualify for the Ballarat Zone Athletics Trials as a result of their performance at the senior sports.

Nominations are now open for our **2016 School Council Election**. If you are interested in nominating for School Council please contact me. Nominations close on Friday March 4th at 4:00p.m.

Thank you to all of those families who are taking part in the **Ballarat Relay for Life** this weekend! Also, many thanks to all who have made donations to our team “This is for Tina!”

Next Tuesday the Grade P/1 children will be taking part in a **dental health workshop**. This will be facilitated at school by staff from Dana Street Dental.

Have a great weekend!
Paul Nolan
Principal

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**Autumn Trash on a Tarp** - Had a closet cleanout recently? Got some stuff lying around that you want to sell? Trash on a Tarp is Saturday March 19th - buy a tarp for only $20 - please encourage any family and friends you know who have stuff to sell to join in - the more the merrier, the bigger the better!!!

*School Council*

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**Upcoming Dates**

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**WANTED Easter Raffle Donations**

The Junior School Council is running an Easter Raffle to raise funds for the Katira School in Uganda. We are asking for Easter egg donations - these can be left at the office. Thank you.

- **2016 BALLARAT RELAY FOR LIFE - Zooper Dooper Fundraiser.** What a wonderful effort from the Junior School Council for organizing this fundraiser. The total amount raised was $115.00 and will be donated to the 2016 Ballarat Relay for Life. Thank you for your support.

- **Family camping trip over Easter** - For the 3rd year running, a group of DSPS families are organising a camping trip over the Easter weekend. This year the details are: Camperdown Lakes and Craters Holiday Park (www.lakesandcratersholidaypark.com.au)
  
  Arriving Good Friday, leaving Easter Sunday (there is availability if you’d like to stay longer). There are only 6 sites available so GET IN QUICK!!! We need to have all sites confirmed by no later than this Monday 29th February – so unfortunately its first in best dressed. Phone (03) 5593 1253 to make your booking, and mention you’re part of the Dana Street Primary School group. It’s always loads of fun - a great way to relax and catch up, meet other families, and let the kids enjoy a campfire and a bit of exploring. The parks we go to are very civilised (they have camp kitchens, showers, loos, etc), but if you need camping gear just let us know. To find out more join the private Facebook Group ‘Unofficial DSPS Camp’ www.facebook.com/groups/DSPSfamilies/

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**Every Day On Time Counts**

Going to school every day and being at school on time is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school or arriving late puts them behind.

Research has shown that each missed day or late arrival is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

*From DET, Vic, 2016*
Students of the Week

P/1A - Micah
For an amazing start to school! You always try your best in everything you do and you are a fantastic friend to your classmates. Wonderful work Micah!

P/1B - Annie
For always being a caring friend to others. You enjoyed each of the Fire Station activities with enthusiasm, especially using the great big hose! Brilliant effort, Annie.

P/1C - Oscar
For being an absolute delight in Prep/1C! You are so thoughtful and considerate towards others and you are so eager to learn and do your very best! Well done on a great start to Prep!

2A - Wil
For the amazing efforts that you put into counting to 1000 this week. It was great to see you using new counting strategies and to see your confidence grow each day. Well done!!!

2B - Ashley
For being a wonderful student in all areas. Ashley you take great pride in everything you do. You have shown amazing maths skills this week in numbers to 1000. Keep up the amazing work!

3/4A - Sage
For his excellent work on his information reports. Sage has included some great detail into his writing about his topics and also put thought into his presentation. Well done, Sage!

3/4B - Scott
For consistently producing amazing work in all areas of the curriculum. You always complete all tasks. I was extra impressed with your Animal Classification Information report.

3/4C - Nancy
For always putting in her best efforts with her school work. She is now making sure she finishes her work on time, too!

5/6A - Rebecca
For working hard during writing tasks and producing a great piece (even if it is too scary for me). Great job Bec!

5/6B - Paria
For working hard on your writing tasks. You have been working extra hard with Loretta and your improvements have been amazing! Keep it up!

5/6C - Jet
For your fantastic efforts during your start to grade 5. You are a helpful student who is always positive and try your best in all areas. Keep it up!

Positive Behaviour Award Winners

Lilac - for being a kind friend.
Samuel-John - for being a Super Student.
Adam - for donating books to the library.
Lachlan - for 25 nights of Home Reading.

Reports of Chicken Pox
This week we have had a number of cases of students diagnosed with chicken pox reported to us. In accordance with Victorian Health Department guidelines, students with chicken pox must be excluded from school “until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash appears in unimmunised children, but may be less in previously immunised children”.

BOOK CLUB ~ ISSUE 2 2016
Issue 2 Book Club was handed out today ~ please return money and order to the office by Thursday 10th March. 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. No late orders can be accepted.