

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

~ Resilience ~ Respect ~ Responsibility

NEWSLETTER



A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL ~ *Matt Smith*

Friday, July 21, 2023

It is a privilege to introduce myself as the Acting Principal of Ararat North Primary School and to join this wonderful school community. I hope this message finds you well and that you and your children are looking forward to an amazing term 3 together. I can assure you that I share in this school community's commitment to caring for your children each day while providing them the learning environment which they deserve. I arrive to Ararat North as a seasoned primary school teacher and developing principal, but in addition to my role as an educator, I am first and foremost a father and husband.

The 2023 school year will mark my 14th year in education. Since graduating from the University of Ballarat, I have served communities such as Melton Primary School, Little Bendigo Primary School, Miners Rest Primary School and recently as Acting Principal at Navarre Primary School. Although I have always felt at home in the classroom, it is in my position as a principal where I have been most fulfilled in my life's work. This Acting Principal role at Ararat North provides me the chance to work collaboratively with teachers daily, while also remaining connected to our students learning and growth in the classroom. I firmly believe that every child can excel and that the partnership between home and school builds confidence in students to use their powers to shape their future and the future of our community.

My conversations with staff and families over the last few weeks have brought me privileged insights into the core beliefs and values that underlie Ararat North Primary School. I am committed to exploring new ways to meet the needs of all students and to more effectively communicate with parents and community members. I will be meeting with parents, students, and as a staff throughout the term to identify specific goals in the areas of student achievement, school climate, and parent communication.

To our students, I have enjoyed the interactions we have already had, and I look forward to many more! I hope that you are excited for this coming school term as we are going to have lots of fun learning together. If you are nearby the school at all this term, please stop by and say hello!

In closing, please know that my door is always open to you. I heartily welcome your conversation and positive input throughout the term. Let us always keep our students the primary focus of our work. I look forward to celebrating our collective successes.

Matthew Smith



FROM OUR CLASSROOMS!

LEARNING AREA 1

I am very happy to be back in LA1 after being on leave at the end of Term 2. It is such a joy for me to reconnect with the students, and to see their smiling little faces!

We have been talking about the chilly winter months and brainstorming some words we associate with it. Some of the students love winter because of things like hot chocolate (yummy), whilst others do not like it because it is too cold (brrr). In numeracy, we are focusing on shapes. I would encourage families to look for and name the various shapes they can find at home, i.e. a clock is a circle, the table is a rectangle, etc.

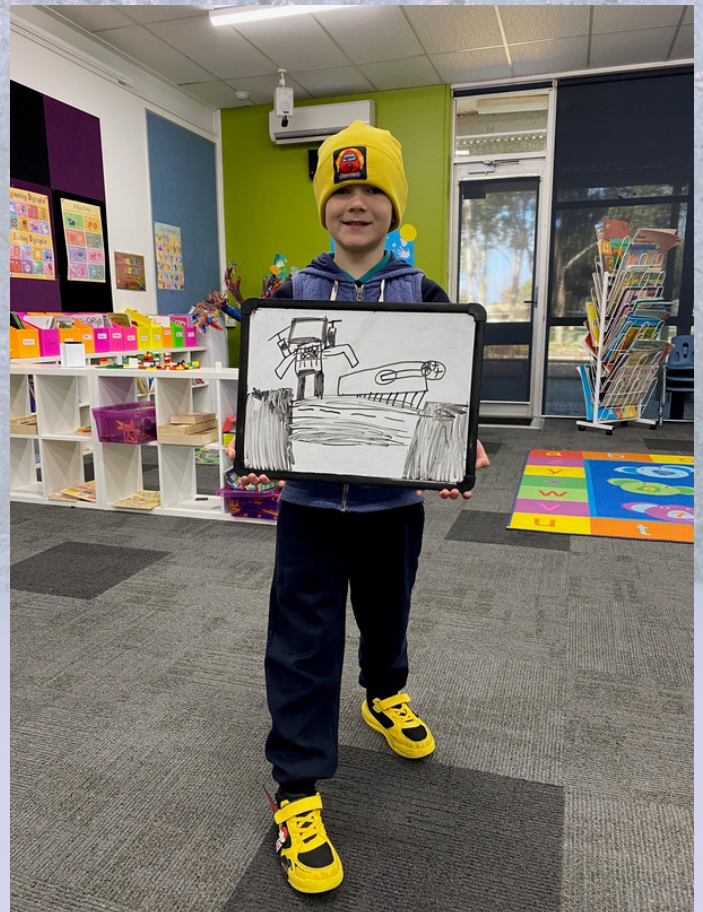
I would personally like to thank the families who attended the 3-way conferences. These rich conversations are so valuable to us all.

Lauren, LA1 Teacher.

The students enjoyed a story about Winter, then created posters about the things we associate with this chilly season!



Max has used the Skibidi toilet craze as inspiration in our recent numeracy lessons on Shape.



A SPECIAL EVENT FOR THE STUDENTS OF LEARNING AREA 1!

Dear Family,

Our class is celebrating the 100th Day of School on

→ Wed. 26th July, 2023

To show our school spirit and commemorate this special day, our class is going to dress up like we are 100 years old. If your child would like to participate, it's easy! I don't encourage you to purchase a costume, but instead find items at home. Here are a few ideas that may help your child dress the part. ☺ For safety reasons, please wear school appropriate shoes. Thanks for helping us celebrate the 100th Day!

Dress Like You're 100 Years Old!

- Gray Hair
- Hair Curlers
- Glasses
- Shawl
- Robe
- Bow Tie
- Gray Beard/Mustache
- Cane
- Knee Highs

Or...

Use your imagination!



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* The school has some dress-up items we can loan on the day.

LEARNING AREA 2

In LA2 we are learning to make models of 3D shapes and then use mathematical language, for example, how many faces, vertices and edges to describe a shape.



LA2 students are playing a "guess the shape" game.



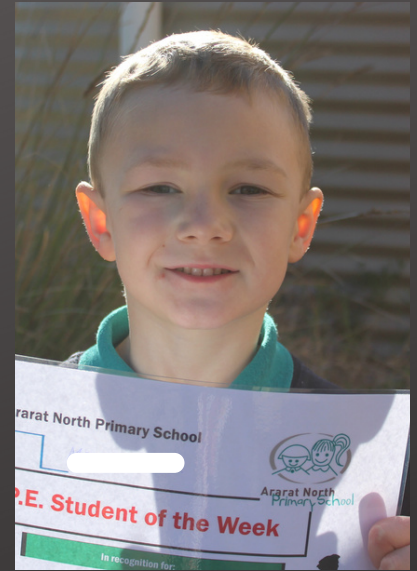
LEARNING AREA 3

The class have been exploring 2d and 3d shape, making nets and locating vertices, faces and edges.



Awards

Awards are presented at each assembly to acknowledge student achievement in demonstrating our School Values of **Resilience**, **Respect** and **Responsibility**. Some lucky students also receive awards from the Principal or for their efforts in Health and PE. Here are some of this week's award winners:



Well Done!





From the Art Room



We are thrilled to be back for new semester of Visual Art! For Term 3 the main focus of Art will be re-purposing materials. Expect all the cereal boxes that have been sent in to be turned into wonderful art creations. As well, students will continue to develop skills in drawing, collage, painting and print-making. So much fun!



Around the School



Welcome, Matt!

WELCOME TO OUR OTHER HAPPY NEW FACES!



AFL Football Clinic

by Mr. Johnson

During the last week of term 2, we were lucky enough to have Ryan and Narayan from the AFL come to our school to run another football clinic. Students participated in a variety of activities. This included playing lots of different football games, handballing, kicking to partners and a kicking-at-goal game. Ryan and Narayan commented on how enthusiastic the children were and how much they improved over the hour. Football involves many fundamental motor skills such as punt kicking, running and catching. All of the students thoroughly enjoyed the session and the rain held off for the day.



*ARARAT WEST UNITING
CHURCH Ladies Guild*

Corner Banfield & Coad Street

**GARAGE
SALE**

SATURDAY JULY 29th

STARTING AT 9.00 am

Our Cake Stall is Back!

***Trash and Treasure *Preloved clothes**

****Books *Wool *Preloved Jewellery***

BARGAINS.... LOTS OF BARGAINS !!

EVERYONE WELCOME !

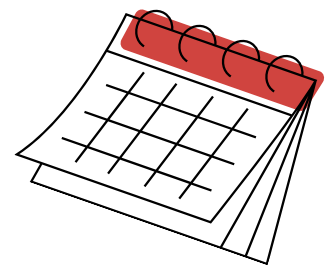
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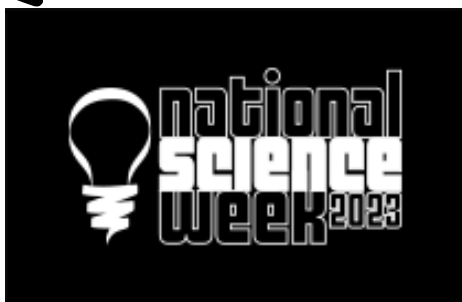
READ, GROW, INSPIRE IS THE BOOK WEEK THEME FOR 2023, AND THE FEATURED ARTIST IS AUSTRALIAN ILLUSTRATOR MATT OTTLEY WHOSE BOOK LUKE'S WAY OF LOOKING WAS A CBCA HONOR BOOK IN 2000.

KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

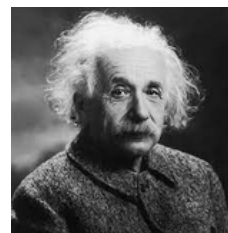
- Wednesday, July 26 - LA 1 Dress-up Day
- Monday, August 14- Science Week begins
- Monday, August 21 - Book Week begins
- Friday, September 15 - Last day of Term 3



CELEBRATING SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



The theme for National Science Week 2023:
Innovation: Powering Future Industries.



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Our Newsletter is published every second week. Our next Newsletter date is **Friday, August 4, 2023**. If you would like to **submit something** for our Newsletter (e.g. a community or sports group announcement) please send it to school by **Wednesday, August 2, 2023**.



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We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first peoples and Traditional Owners and custodians of the land and waterways on which we live. We honour and pay our respects to Elders past and present.