

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

~ Resilience ~ Respect ~ Responsibility

NEWSLETTER



A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL ~ *Matt Smith*

Friday, August 4, 2023

To say my last 4 weeks at ANPS have been a real treat would be an understatement, this is a great school to be involved with. The generosity, genuine kindness, and positive interactions I witness from the students each day is truly remarkable and makes each day so rewarding. As a staff we continue to challenge our students each day with their learning and work alongside them to achieve set goals, this takes dedication from our staff to improve student outcomes and resilience from our students to 'work tough'.

On the 20th of July our 5/6 students ventured off to Ararat College for an 'experience', the children had a wonderful time participating in numerous activities across a range of subjects. The engagement levels from students were high, they were a positive example of ANPS in the community.

As a staff it has been great to see teachers continuing to collaborate during staff meetings on matters such as instructional models for effective teaching and learning to occur and working alongside each other to observe practice. It is important that as a staff we role model a growth mindset to our students and community. Learning is a journey not a destination.

We have Science Week and Book Week to look forward to in the coming weeks, further communication about these days will be sent out.

In closing, please remember that my door is always open to you. I welcome your conversation and positive input throughout the term, a big thanks to those families who have already introduced themselves and taken the time to have a conversation.

Matthew Smith
Acting Principal



FROM OUR CLASSROOMS!

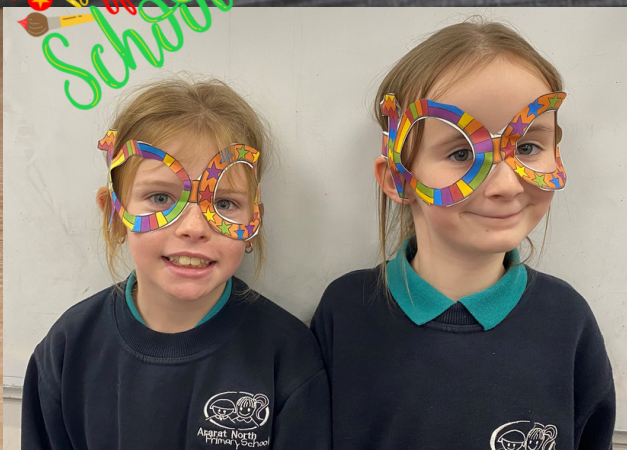
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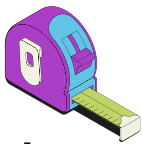
LA1 students had a wonderful day celebrating 100 days of school recently. In the lead-up to our dress-up day, we used the number 100 as a theme in both literacy and numeracy classes.

Students were asked to complete a list of 100 words, with some students showing great motivation by finishing it for homework. We have also been focusing on vowels. In numeracy, we spent some time looking at all the different ways we can make the number 100. We also had fun making a class clock for our new topic, measurement.

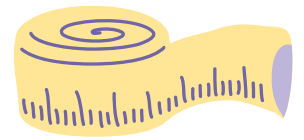
LA1 have commenced Drama in their afternoon lessons. We are currently working on a class production of 'The Three Little Pigs' – rehearsals and prop-making are in full swing...watch this space!

Lauren, LA1 Classroom Teacher.



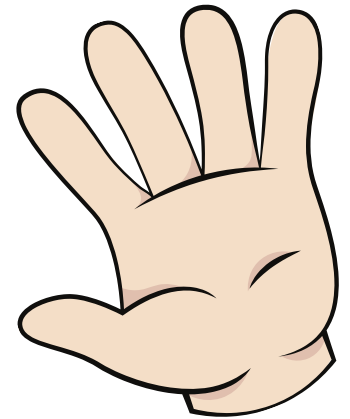


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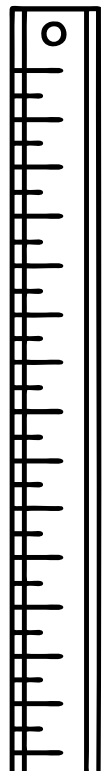
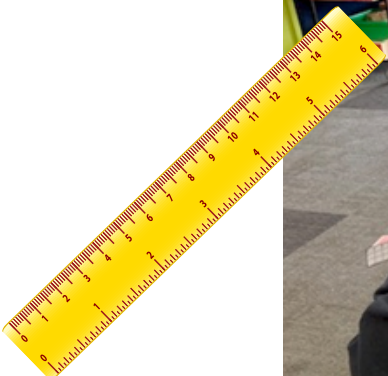


LA2 students are learning measurement in Maths.

Students used informal units of measurement to find out how big various objects are in the classroom. Here they have used a cut out of their foot and hand span to measure the door frame. We problem solved to answer, why was measuring this way inaccurate?



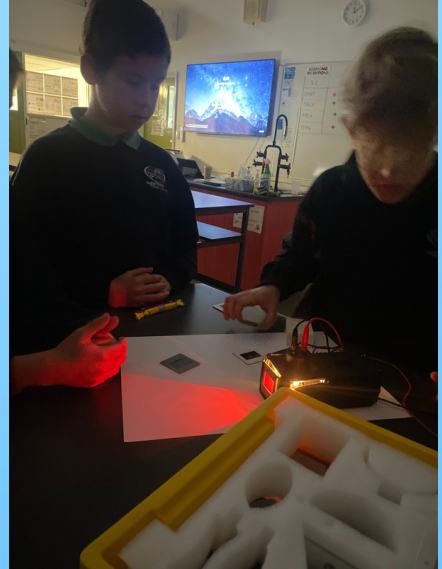
Students then made their own 30cm ruler and accurately measured various objects in the classroom.



LEARNING AREA 3

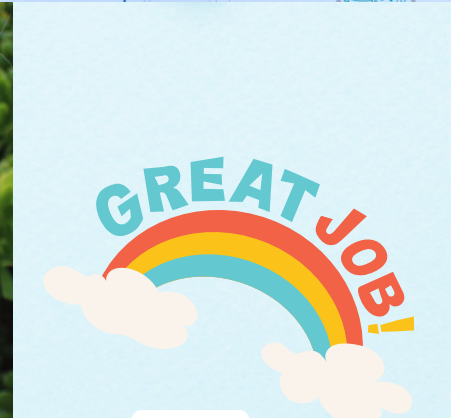
The 5/6s enjoyed an experience day at Ararat College participating in classes such as PE, Science and music. All students had the opportunity to ask questions and even catch up with ex-Ararat North PS students.

Also, the grade 6s are delighted with the arrival of their grade 6 shirts.

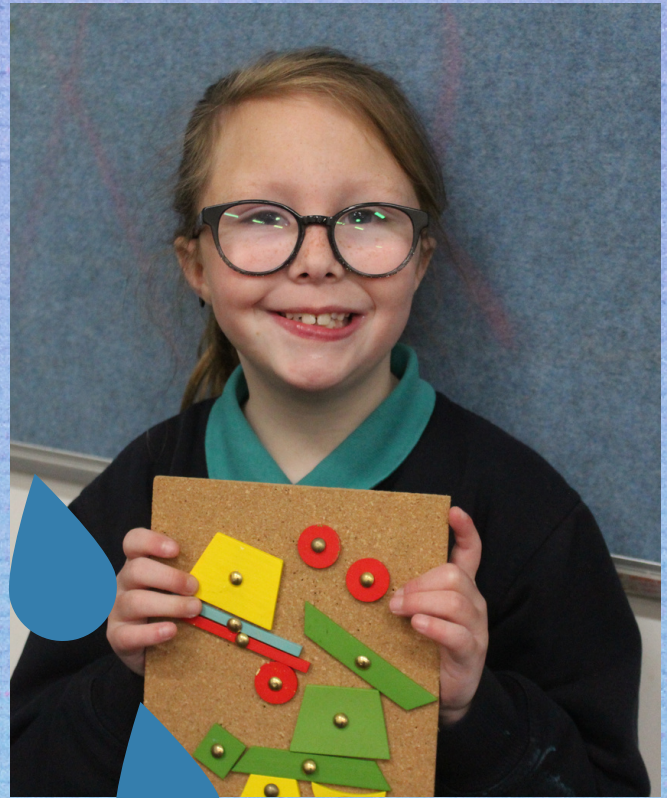
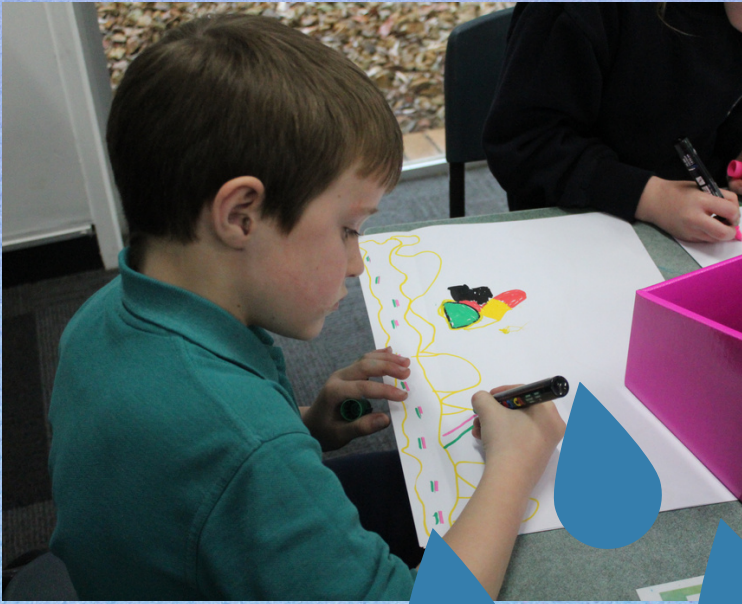


Awards

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:



Around the School



Rainy lunch-time activities...





From the Art Room



For the past two lessons in Art, all students have been decorating library bags in readiness for our wonderful new Library program which begins next week. Students have also continued work on various other activities such as 3-d name initials (LA 3) and paper mosaics (LA 1 and 2). The art room is often a lovely, calm space and it is joyful to see the children so engaged with their creativity. I thank them all for their interest and inspiring efforts!





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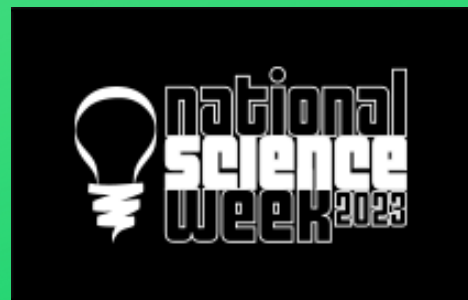
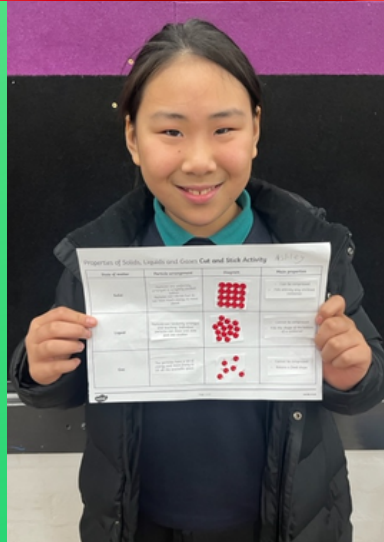


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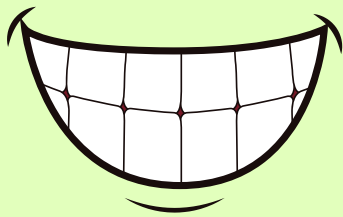
Science

Over the last few weeks, students have been learning all about Chemical Sciences. Students have learnt that solids, liquids and gases are all made up of matter, and that matter can be changed when they are mixed with other materials or when they are heated. Cooking is all about these chemical changes. When we mix different materials together, we create a new material. Sometimes these changes are reversible and at other times these changes are irreversible. An example of this is when we mix salt with water. If we increase the temperature, the water will evaporate leaving the salt behind. This is a reversible change. Alternatively, when we mix flour, oats sugar and other ingredients to make ANZAC biscuits, when they cool down, they do not go back to their original state. This is called an irreversible change. In our next newsletter, we will be talking about National Science Week. This happens in week 6 and this year's theme is "Innovation - Powering Future Industries". To celebrate Science week, we will have special classes and experiments.

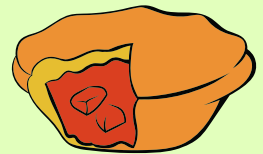


ATTENTION

Smile Van notices:
please return all
Smile Van notes to school
by Monday, August 14.



Warm -up Wednesdays:
all students are invited
to bring foil-wrapped
food for heating in the
pie warmer on
Wednesdays.



Our Way!



A new Exhibition by local artists

Lesley Hunter & Maggie Barnes-Oake

August 4 to Sept 12, 2023

Come and meet the Artists

Sunday, August 13,

11am – 3pm

Art Trax Gallery

Beaufort Railway Station, Pratt St,

Beaufort VIC

Open Hours: Fri & Mon : 11-3pm

Sat & Sun : 10-4pm



BOOK WEEK 2023



This year we will be celebrating Book Week on Wednesday, August 23. Activities will include **dress-ups**, fun and mixed learning groups for the morning, **family barbecue lunch**, **parent afternoon in classrooms**, **special assembly** and **prizes**. More information, including times for all activities will be provided in our **next newsletter**. Please start preparing children's costumes now (favourite book characters).

Child Safety and Wellbeing at Ararat North Primary School

The Victorian Government has announced new Child Safe Standards to further strengthen child safety across organizations, including schools. The new standards recognize the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Ararat North Primary School has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on our school website: <http://anps.vic.edu.au/> or in hard copy from our front office.

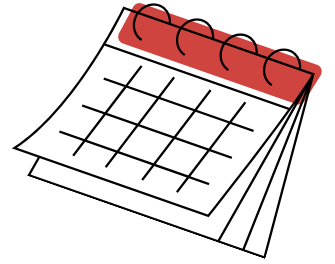
We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions please contact:
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KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Friday, August 11 - **Assembly**, 2.45-3.15, School Hall
- Monday, August 14- Science Week begins
- Monday, August 14 - **SMILE VAN notes back to school**
- Monday, August 21 - Book Week begins
- **Wednesday, August 23 - Book Week Celebration Day**
- Friday, August 25 - **Assembly**, 2.45-3.15, School Hall
- Friday, September 8 - **Assembly**, 2.45-3.15, School Hall
- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 13, 14 and 15 - the SMILE VAN will be at our school
- Friday, September 15 - Last day of Term 3 - early dismissal



Next week students will be starting a lovely new Library program at Ararat North Primary School. Library days are as follows: **LA 1 - Thursdays**, **LA 2 - Tuesdays**, **LA 3 - Wednesdays**. All students have participated in decorating a new and improved Library bag and will be able to use these for borrowing books. Parents and students are asked to have their bags and books back to school on their Library day. Thanks, so much!

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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.



Our Newsletter is published every second week. Our next Newsletter date is **Friday, August 18, 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 16, 2023**.

