

# ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

*~ Resilience ~ Respect ~ Responsibility*

## NEWSLETTER



**A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL** ~ *Matt Smith*

**Friday, August 18, 2023**

We have had an enjoyable two weeks since our last newsletter, students continue to regularly display school values and staff continue to collaborate towards a better tomorrow for our ANPS community. Please see a rundown on some exciting events and happenings below.

### **Science Week**

This week we have had science week at school. Students have participated in some wonderful classroom activities with Mr J and some exciting experiments during lunch times. A big thanks to Mr J for all his work during the week.

### **Book Week**

Next week is book week and Quinny has organised a great day of activities on Wednesday. I look forward to seeing students in their costumes and lots of families attending our afternoon session at school. A big thanks to Quinny for all her work with arranging Book Week.

### **Assembly**

It has been great to see different parents coming through the doors for assembly, all families are encouraged to attend. Our last 2 assemblies for the term are listed below.

- Friday 25th August (week 7)
- Friday 8th September (week 9)

### **Instructional Model**

Staff have been working busily behind the scenes during staff meetings to develop a consistent instructional model across the school in reading, writing and numeracy. We are very excited to implement this instructional model from next week. We anticipate this will have a profound impact on student outcomes and teacher practice.

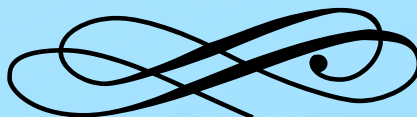
### **Last Day of Term**

Please note that the last day of term is Friday 15th September, students will finish school early at 2:15 pm.

### **Parent/Guardians Opinion Survey**

We would love to hear what you think about school, this feedback is critical to developing our school and driving it forward. All families should have received an email with instructions of how to complete this survey. There are also details in the newsletter.

*Matthew Smith*  
**Acting Principal**



# FROM OUR CLASSROOMS!

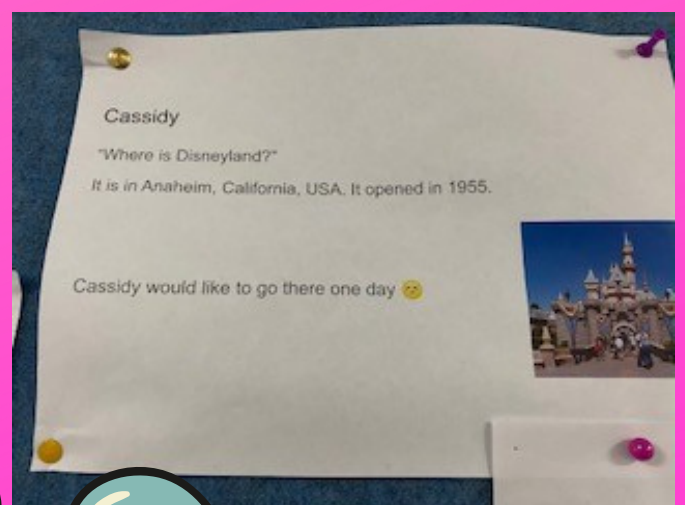
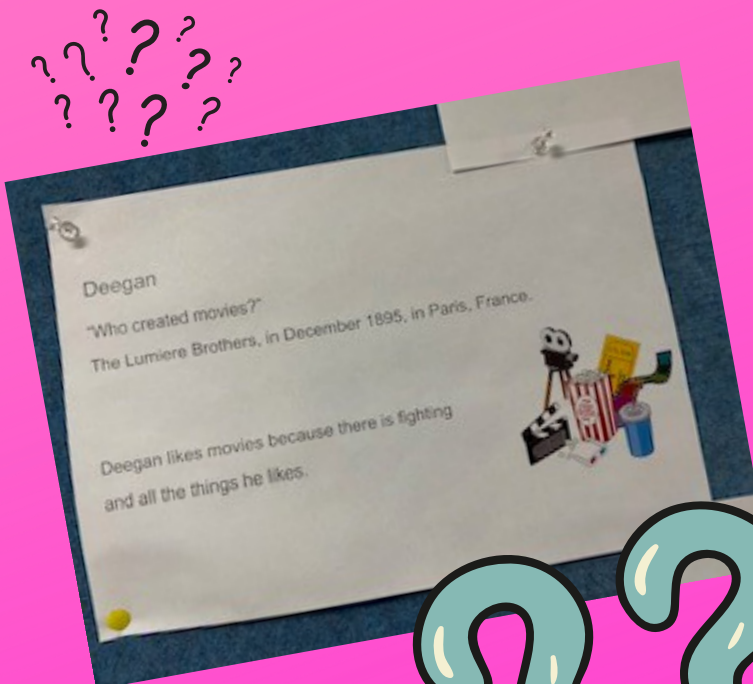
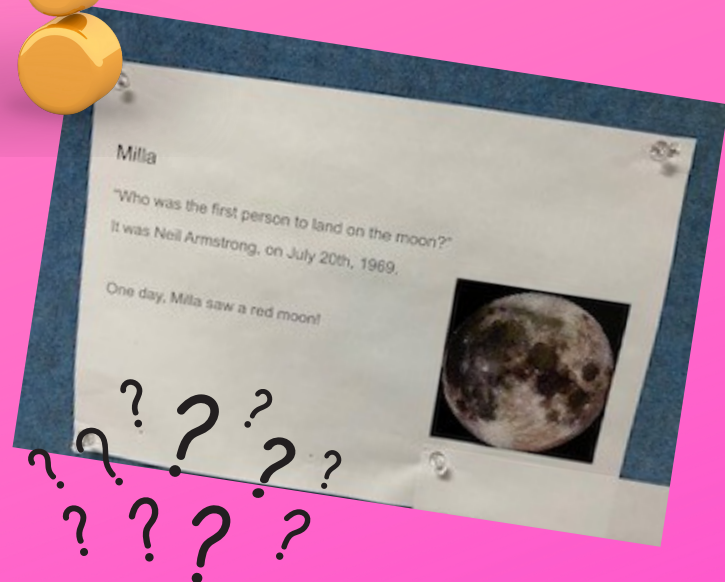
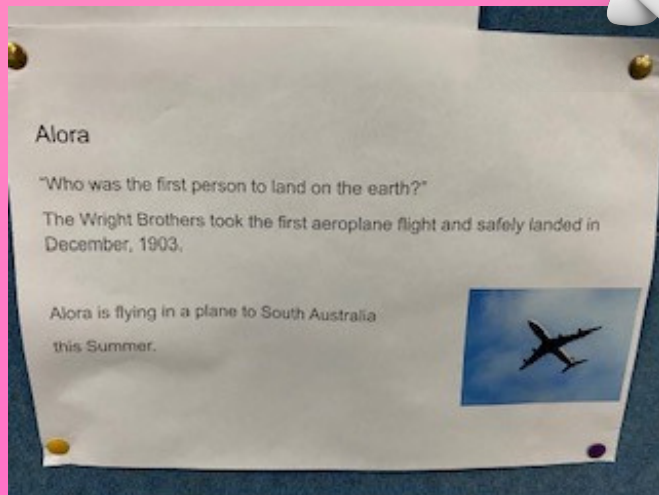
## LEARNING AREA 1

LA1 students have been asking all sorts of questions about anything and everything, from who created the earth to who invented teddy bears.

This was a fun activity which got the students thinking, writing, and researching. Each student composed a personal anecdote about their chosen topic to make their findings relevant to their own lives.

LA1 will continue to explore their own lines of inquiry as the term progresses.

Lauren, LA1 Teacher."



## LEARNING AREA 2

LA2 have been busy coding in Digital Technology.

They have used coding to formulate a set of instructions to move characters around various settings and obstacles.

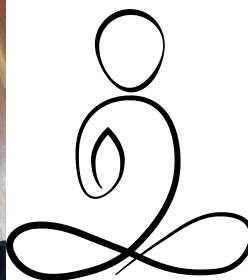
In Maths, LA2 students are learning about Measurement. They have compared, ordered and recorded, length, capacity, mass, area and perimeter.



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## CLUBS

Last week some students started participating in lunch-time Clubs on Tuesday and Wednesday. Clubs are voluntary and offered as an alternative to regular lunch-time activities. Each Club is run by a teacher and there are limited places in each Club, depending on the activity. This round of Clubs will go until the end of term but new Clubs will be offered in Term 4 for students who have missed out this time or to whom our current Clubs (Board games and Zen Club) do not appeal.





# From the Art Room



All students have started learning about the work of famous artist Wassily Kandinsky who is thought, by some, to have been the world's first, true abstract artist. The children have been making collage trees featuring concentric circles, based on his work. In coming weeks students will also be painting "Kandinsky style". We also enjoyed creating invitations for next week's Book Week Celebration Day and are looking forward to the many book related art activities occurring on that day.



# 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:



## 2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023**.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information or telephone the school office: 03 53 52 3766.



# Science Week Dinosaur Dig!







## Early Help

Whether you want to strengthen your parenting skills or need assistance accessing support for your children. Cafs Family Support Team want to help:

- **The health and wellbeing of your children and family**
- **Support identifying and implementing alternative parenting approaches**
- **Child development – ages and stages, and other parenting resources**
- **Support families experiencing family violence, financial strain, substance abuse and/or mental health issues**

Cafs Early Help team are available for a free, confidential chat about your support needs. Early Help Practitioners can attend initial face-to-face consultations with families both onsite at Ararat North Primary School or via phone call.

Early Help practitioners will listen to your story in a non-judgemental way, allowing us to get an encompassing picture of your family's dynamics and circumstances. We aim to link you into the most appropriate supports, including but not limited to the following:

- **Mental Health**
- **Disability**
- **Family Services**
- **Parenting**
- **Housing**
- **Family Violence**



Parents and caregivers can request an in-person appointment or call back via:

**Alistair Johnson – Ararat North Primary School – 5352 3766**

**Jessie Gibbons – Cafs – 0448 395 904**

# Find Someone Who..

(A little activity to help you find out more about family and friends)...



loves to swim

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has a bicycle

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wears glasses

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has brown eyes

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plays an instrument

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has a dog

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has a skateboard

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likes football

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has a little sister

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likes sushi

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dislikes broccoli

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likes red color

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has a cat

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was born in June

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loves chocolate

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# **BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION DAY 2023**

This year we will be celebrating Book Week on Wednesday, August 23. Here is an outline of our day:

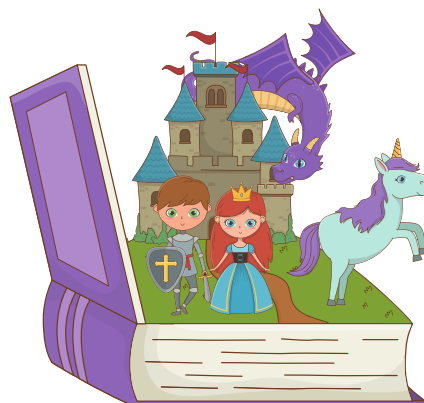
**Morning sessions:** students will be participating in special Book Week learning activities, in mixed age groups, moving around the school.

**At 1.00:** families are invited to join us for a **free barbecue lunch**.

**At 1.45:** families are invited to **head to classrooms with students** to participate in some Book Week activities organised by the classroom teachers.

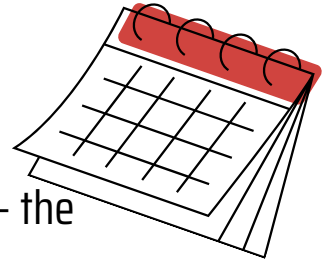
**At 2.45:** families and students will attend a **special assembly** where we will hold a little costume parade and award a few special prizes for best costumes, poster making and the Book Week colouring competition.

All students are asked to dress up for the day: **FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER** (but if you have nothing available we will be able to offer a few back-up costumes at school).



# KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- 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** 2.15 p.m.



**A REMINDER FOR ALL FAMILIES - Our School Library days are as follows:**

**LA 1 - Thursdays, LA 2 - Tuesdays, LA 3 - Wednesdays.** 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, September 1, 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 30, 2023**.