

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

~ Resilience ~ Respect ~ Responsibility

NEWSLETTER



Friday, September 1, 2023

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL *~ Matt Smith*

Another 2 weeks have passed since our last newsletter and the great experiences continue to roll out. Each week at ANPS we continue to move forward and implement new and exciting structures, processes and behaviours that will no doubt have a positive impact on students academic and wellbeing outcomes. Each day I continue to be proud of our students and their ability to showcase our school values of Respect, Resilience and Responsibility. If you've been into our school lately you will notice we have been busy remodelling our office space, decorating our walls and displays board with collages and re instating 20 years' worth of whole school photos and signature artwork pieces. Watch this space for further happenings at ANPS.

Book Week

What a fantastic Book Week celebration we had last Wednesday. It was wonderful to see so many students dressed up and so many parents attend our luncheon, classroom activities and special assembly. We look forward to providing further opportunities for our community to engage with our school.

Assembly

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

·Friday 8th September (week 9)

Parent/Guardians Opinion Survey

We would love to hear what you think about our 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. The closing date for this is Friday 8th September.

Smile Van Visit

In week 10, we have the Smile Van onsite on Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th and Friday 15th September. Please ensure your forms are returned.

Last Day of Term

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

Matthew Smith
Acting Principal



FROM OUR CLASSROOMS!

LEARNING AREA 1

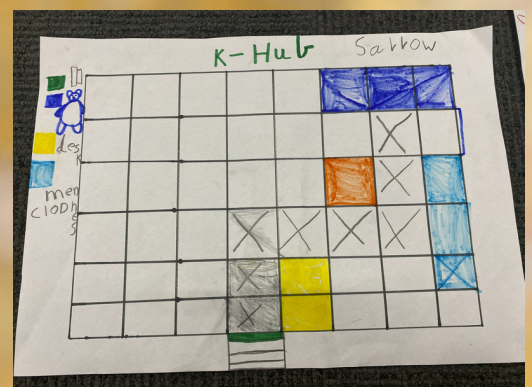
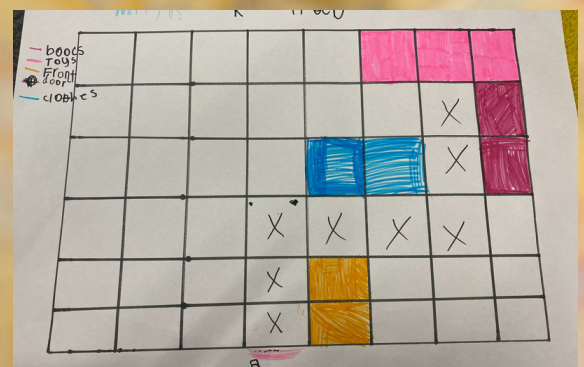
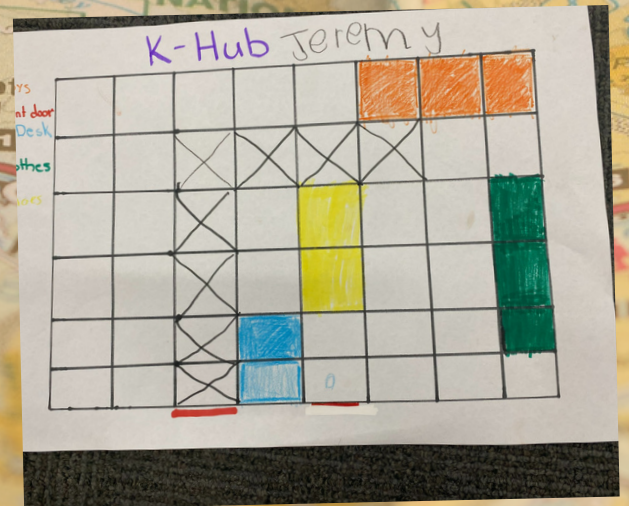
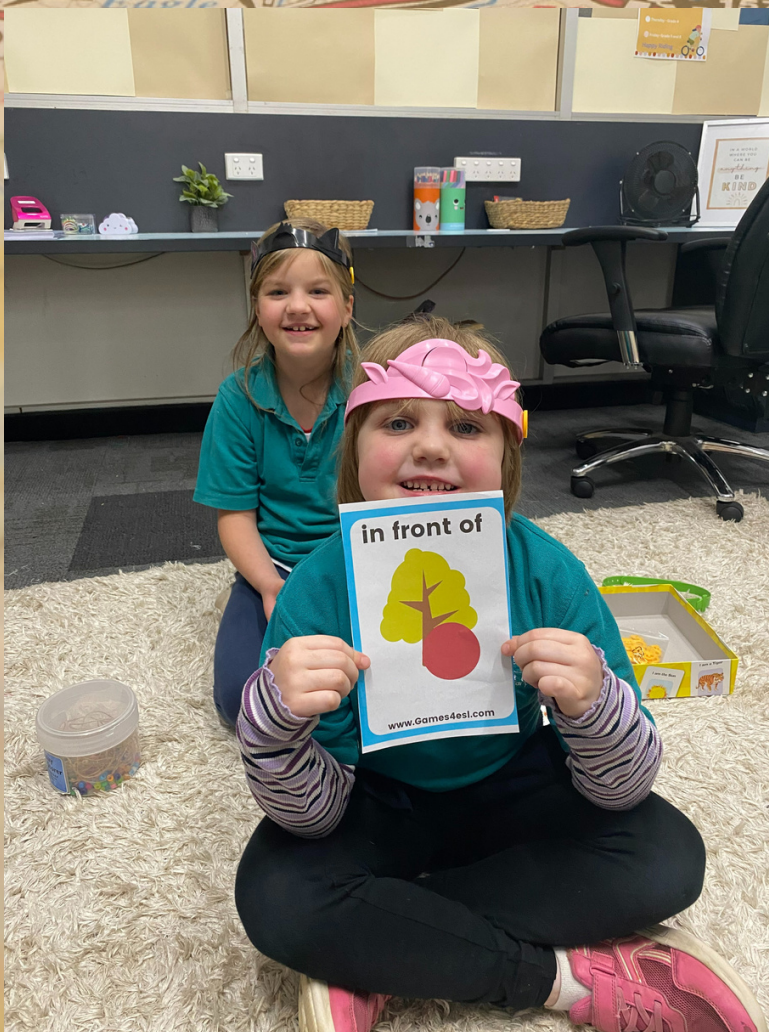
LAI students are learning about Location and Transformation in Numeracy at the moment.

We used a grid to map our local K-Hub store and plotted a route from the front door to the toy section. The students were then asked to verbalise how they got from Point A to Point B.

We have also been learning key terms including up, down, between, behind, in front of, left, right, stop, etc. Here Penelope can be seen holding up a flashcard which describes her position in relation to Vayda.

We have also been trying out our new Tetris app, which helps us figure out which way to rotate shapes in order to make them fit together.

Lauren, LAI teacher.

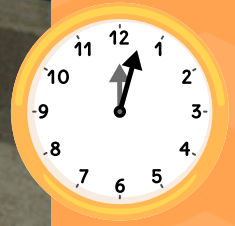
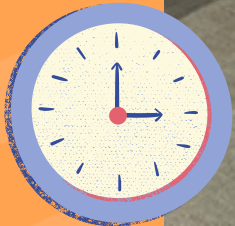
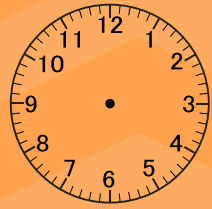




LEARNING AREA 2



LA2 students are learning about time in Maths. They have made their own clocks and will use these to demonstrate various times during the day.



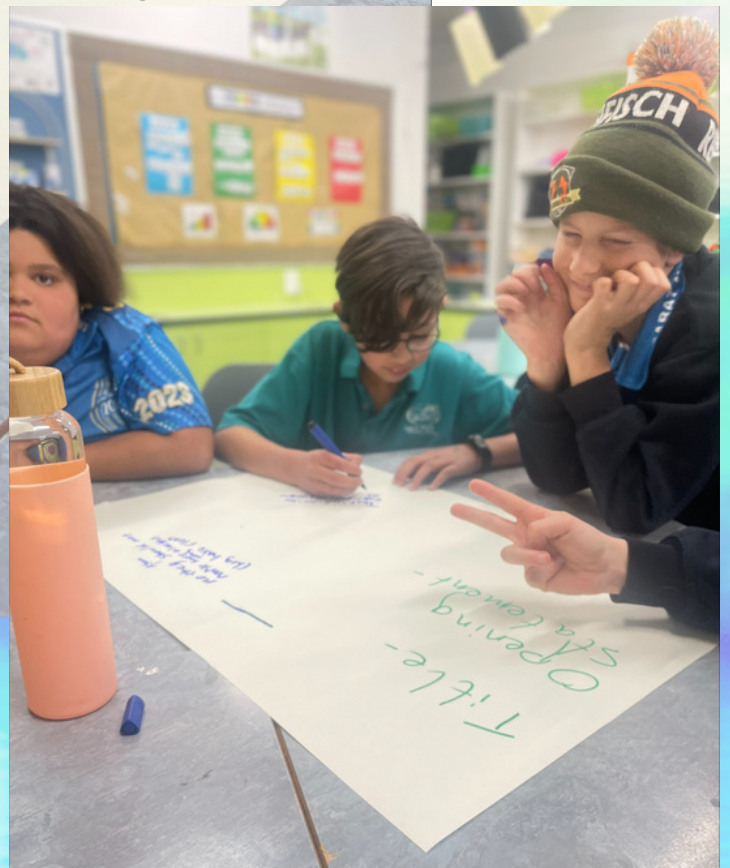
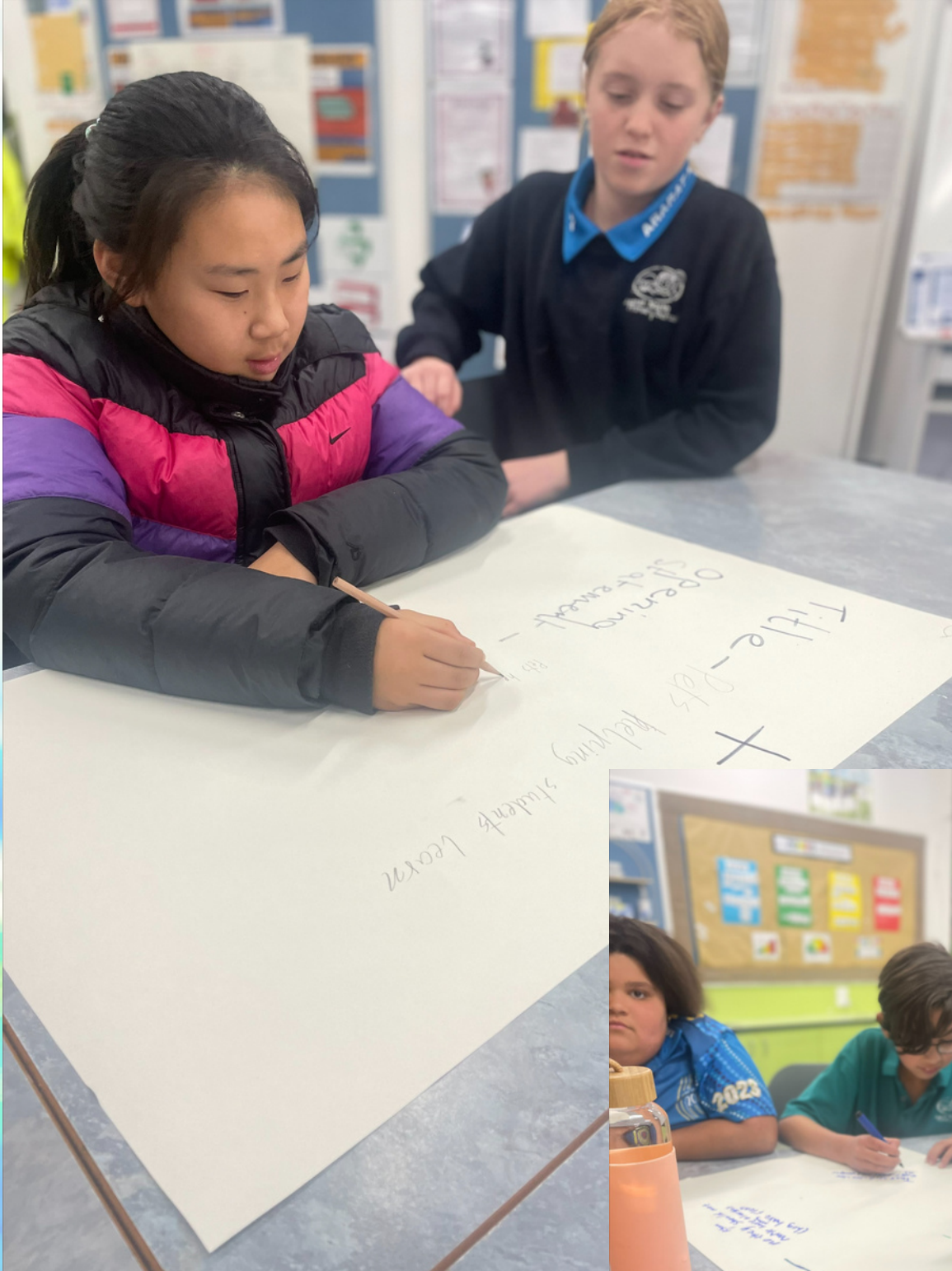
LA2 students looking fantastic in their costumes for Book Week.

Thank you to the families who joined us in the classroom.



LEARNING AREA 3

This week in LA3 a highlight has been beginning our persuasive text unit. As a group, we have been learning to create arguments that reflect a subjective view whilst linked to evidence.



SCIENCE

Over the next couple of weeks in Science we will begin to focus on gardening. Students will have a lot to do. Our garden beds at the front of the school, need to be weeded, fertilised and dug over. When that is complete, students will be able to plant lots of spring vegetables, water them in and mulch around them. Currently the Silver Beet is looking fantastic and is ready to be picked, cooked and eaten. Students will have a range of vegetables to choose from and hopefully they will be ready to be picked and eaten during term 4.



From the Art Room

All students have continued learning about the work of famous artist Wassily Kandinsky and have completed paintings inspired by the artist's work. The children also enjoyed creating cards for Father's Day and are looking forward to making and decorating working clocks over the next couple of weeks. So busy and so much fun!



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.



Book Week Fun!







PREMIERS!



Congratulations to Jehtt and Isaac who played in the premiership winning Rovers Under 13s side last weekend. Well done, we are very proud of you both!



Photo courtesy of the Ararat Advocate

LOOK!



School Holiday's Fun

Ararat Neighbourhood House is hosting a kids cooking class every Friday during this school term holiday's.

Where: Ararat neighbourhood House

Start Date : 22nd Sept 2023

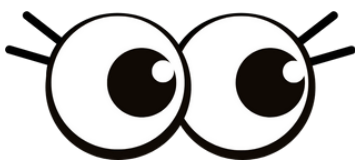
Time : 11am - 1pm

Cost : Gold coin donation

Ages 5 - 12 will be welcomed,

It's all about fun and spending some time together.

if interested Please book your child's place by phoning us on (03) 5352 1551



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

Food relief in Ararat

Times are tough, and with the ever-increasing costs of groceries, rent and mortgages a lot of people are struggling to put food on the table, and pay the bills.

You are not alone, and there is help available.

Ararat Neighbourhood House

56 Campbell St, Ararat

Ararat Neighbourhood House provide food relief Tuesday – Friday each week.

ANH Food Hub is made up of two food relief programs – the SecondBite program and ANH FoodBank. Individuals are able to access ANH Food Hub by contacting Ararat Neighbourhood House on **(03) 5352 1551**.

All welcome!



Ararat Emergency Relief

Ararat Emergency Relief runs on a rotating roster by 5 Ararat church groups.

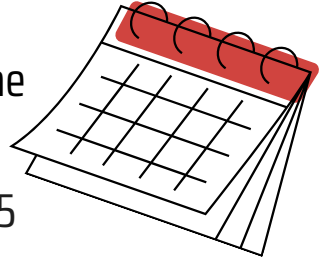
Food relief, vouchers, personal items, counselling and crisis accommodation are available between 1pm and 2pm, Monday to Friday.

All welcome!

Date	Church	Phone No.
2nd – 8th September	St Vincent de Paul	5352 5560
9th – 15th September	Uniting Church	5352 5580
16 – 22nd September	Anglican Church	0407 857 378
23rd – 29th September	Salvation Army Shop corner	5352 2720

KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- 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.



Happy Father's Day for Sunday, September 3 to all of the wonderful Dads, Grandads, Uncles and Carers in our school community. **THANK YOU** and have a great day!



Ararat North Primary School

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We honour and pay our respects to Elders past and present.



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Our Newsletter is published every second week. Our next Newsletter date is **Friday, September 15, 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, September 13, 2023**.