

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

~ Resilience ~ Respect ~ Responsibility

NEWSLETTER



Friday, September 15, 2023

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL ~ *Matt Smith*

Dear Ararat North Primary School Community,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. It is with mixed emotions that I write to inform you that my as time as acting principal of Ararat North Primary School is coming to a close. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your principal, but the time has come for me to return to my home school and hand the reigns over to the appointed substantive principal. The school community is incredibly fortunate to have Jess Erhardt coming into the school as Principal.

Ararat North has been an integral part of my development in the field of principalship and I am immensely proud of all that we have accomplished together during my tenure this term. I have had the privilege of working with some talented staff, enthusiastic and hardworking students, and supportive and engaged parents. Together we have committed to moving forward in a calm and respectful manner for the benefit of our whole school community, I am confident that this environment will continue to thrive which will only benefit student outcomes and the school climate.

I would like to express my gratitude once again for the support I have received during my time at Ararat North, I will carry fond memories with me, it has been a privilege to serve you all as acting principal. I wish Ararat North Primary School continued success, growth, and prosperity the future.

Warm Regards,

Matthew Smith

Acting Principal



STUDENT NEWS...

Congratulations Ryan!!

Two weeks ago, Ryan travelled to North Park in Stawell to compete at the Black Ranges Athletics Carnival. Ryan represented our school exceptionally well, finishing in 4th place in the 100m Sprint and 3rd place in the Long Jump.

This is a fantastic outcome. The athletic standard at this level of competition is very high, and Ryan did an amazing job to compete at this level. Well done, Ryan!! We are all very proud of you.



Grade 6 Jumpers

After a very long wait for the Grade 6 jumpers to be ordered, another long wait for them to arrive AND another long wait for them to be fixed up (altered), the Grade 6 jumpers are finally here and being worn proudly by students and also some members of staff.



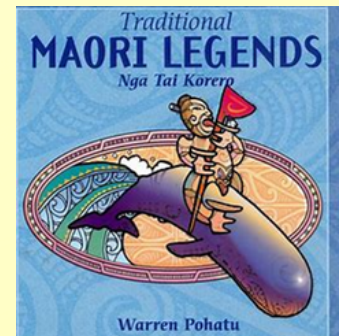
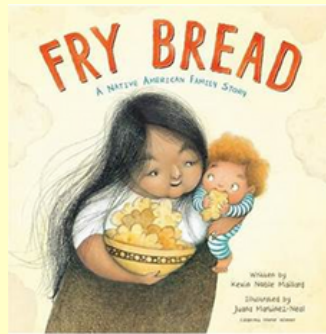
FROM OUR CLASSROOMS!

LEARNING AREA 1

LA1 students have been exploring stories from different cultures in our Literacy lessons and comparing them to our own culture to identify the similarities and differences.

The students particularly enjoyed reading 'Tikki Tikki Tembo', a story about a Chinese boy with a very long name. We also looked at traditional myths from India, New Zealand, and the Americas.

We had lots of fun trying to say Tikki Tikki Tembo's full name, as it was quite a tongue-twister!



LEARNING AREA 2



LA2 and LA3 have been busy learning how to write poetry in Term 3. A collection of poems has been chosen and are on display outside LA2's room. Families, please feel free to view your child's poem.

LA2 students are learning about area in maths. They were asked to estimate the area of their table using playing cards and then to accurately check the area and record.



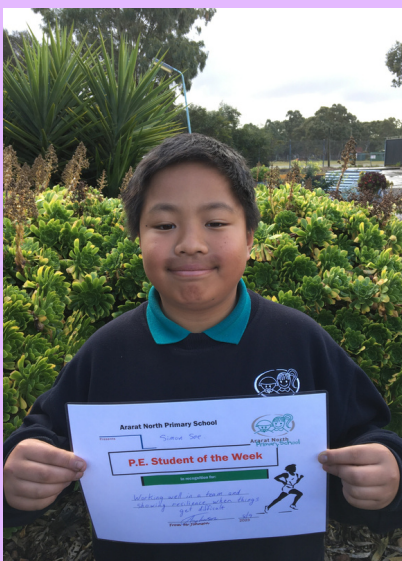
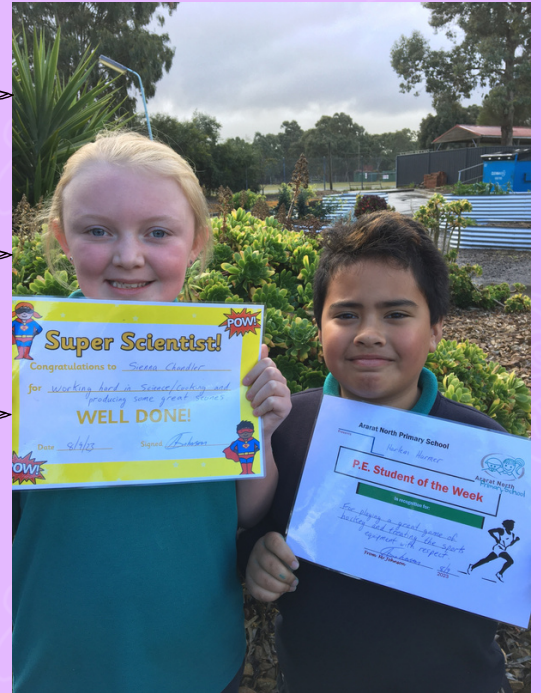
From the Art Room

Over the last two weeks we have been working hard on decorating wooden clocks using acrylic paint markers. We watched a clip about one way of decorating the clocks - with abstract shapes and lots of colours. Some students elected to use the ideas from the clip but most wanted to showcase their own imaginations. A special thanks to Craig who put many of our clocks together!

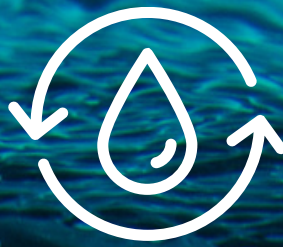


Awards

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:



SWIMMING IS BACK



SWIMMING PROGRAM

All students will be participating in an intense swimming program in Term 4, at our local indoor pool. The program will run over a 2 week period.

Dates:

- November 27th, 28th, 29th
- December 4th, 5th, 6th

More information and pricing will be sent home with students at the start of Term 4.

ARARAT FITNESS CENTRE
61-73 High Street
ARARAT



As you may know, this Thursday was National “R U Ok?” Day. This is a day designed to raise awareness of Mental Health issues and what people can do to support each other.

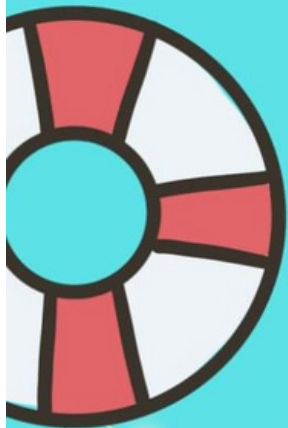
R U Ok Day, attempts to inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with the people around us and start a conversation with those in our world who may be struggling with life. You don’t need to be an expert to reach out – just a good friend and a great listener.

Mental Health issues such as anxiety or depression, affect many people in our community. Asking a child, family member, friend or someone you work with you, R U Ok is a great way to start a conversation of Mental Health issues with the people we care about.

This week, students in Learning Area 3, learned about R U Ok day, and the importance of recognising that the people around us may be suffering from poor Mental Health. In groups, students had to develop a range of R U Ok questions or sentences, and learnt how to ask them in a caring and compassionate manner. It is important that students learn how to support their peers and talk about how they feel. This is an important life lesson and one that can start in the classroom.

If you would like know more, the “R U Ok” website is a great source of information and help.





JOIN US FOR AN
**INDOOR
POOL
PARTY**

Tuesday

**19
SEPTEMBER**

5pm - 7pm

**\$7
entry**



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**ARARAT FITNESS CENTRE
5352 1064**



Ararat Rural City

Spring! SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

MON 18 SEPT
2.00pm: Movie Monday - Ararat Library
Stroke Technique Workshops - Ararat Fitness Centre*

TUES 19 SEPT
10.30am: Baby Rhyme Time - Ararat Library
Stroke Technique Workshops - Ararat Fitness Centre*
5.00pm: Pool Party - Ararat Fitness Centre

WED 20 SEPT
Stroke Technique Workshops - Ararat Fitness Centre*

THURS 21 SEPT
10.30am: Preschool Story Time - Ararat Library
Stroke Technique Workshops - Ararat Fitness Centre*
3.00pm: Extended Lego Free Play - Ararat Library

FRI 22 SEPT
2.00pm: Arts & Crafts Fun - Ararat Library*
Stroke Technique Workshops - Ararat Fitness Centre*

MON 25 SEPT
2.00pm: Movie Monday - Ararat Library

TUES 26 SEPT
10.30am: Baby Rhyme Time - Ararat Library
1.00pm: Paint What You Hear workshop - Pomonal Hall*

WED 27 SEPT
1.00pm: Paint What You Hear workshop - Willaura Hall*
2.00pm: Arts & Crafts Fun - Ararat Library*

THURS 28 SEPT
10.00am: Paint What You Hear workshop - Ararat Town Hall*
10.30am: Preschool Story Time - Ararat Library
1.00pm: Paint What You Hear workshop - Ararat Town Hall*
3.00pm: Extended Lego Free Play - Ararat Library

FRI 29 SEPT
PUBLIC HOLIDAY Grand Final Day

*Bookings required.
Please visit www.ararat.vic.gov.au/visitor/events for more information and booking links




ANH Lego Activity

Every Wednesday during the school holiday's Lego group will be starting on September 20th, 2023, At 11am to 1pm at Ararat Neighbourhood House



Cost: \$5 per session. Ages 5 -12 will be welcomed.
PH: (03) 5352 1551



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






COMMUNITY NOTICES



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SWIM INTENSIVE PROGRAM

18 September to 22 September

Bookings open on Thursday 7 September.

This program is offered to students 4 years of age and above
Lessons run for 30 minutes, between 9am to 11am.

All current direct debit members receive 1 free week of the program.
Cost for non members is \$75.00.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

We're gathering interest for the following junior grades for season 2024:

- 18 & UNDER NETBALL
- 15 & UNDER NETBALL
- 13 & UNDER NETBALL
- UNDER 16.5 FOOTBALL
- UNDER 12 FOOTBALL

If you and your kids are interested in joining, please contact President Nic Byrne (0427 275 227) or Netball Co-Ordinator Kylie Box (0409 808 452) to discuss further.



SEASON 2023-2024

ARARAT LITTLE ATHLETICS

STARTING THURSDAY
OCTOBER 12TH

Visit www.lavic.com.au to register.

@ George Road Oval, Ararat
4:15pm arrival for a 4:30pm start

**NEW MEMBERS
ALWAYS
WELCOME!**

Fun, fitness & friendship for ages 5 - 16 years.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- ✉ ararat@lavic.com.au
- f Follow us on facebook

***Note: New athletes can attend **FREE** for 2 sessions!
Please register as a trialling athlete on the LAVic website (www.lavic.com.au).



ARARAT FITNESS CENTRE PROGRAMS

TERM 4 SWIMMING LESSONS

Term 4 lessons commence Monday 2 October 2023 and run until Wednesday 20 December 2023.

To enrol your child/s, please contact:

Janeen Williamson jwilliamson@ararat.vic.gov.au OR
Amy Wood awood@ararat.vic.gov.au

Your child already enrolled? We will be reaching out to parents over the next couple of weeks with Term 4 times.

SWIMMING FOR KINDER AGED KIDS

Does your child attend Kindergarten and it's too difficult to get them to swimming lessons due to their kinder times? We are now offering after school lessons for kinder aged kids.

If this is something you are interested in please contact:
Janeen Williamson jwilliamson@ararat.vic.gov.au OR
Amy Wood awood@ararat.vic.gov.au

STROKE TECHNIQUE WORKSHOP

Monday 18 September - Friday 22 September
Suitable for kids Level 3 and above.
Instructor - Stephen (Mouse) Madex.

To enrol, please contact:
Janeen Williamson jwilliamson@ararat.vic.gov.au OR
Amy Wood awood@ararat.vic.gov.au



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!

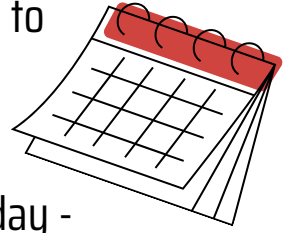
DATES:

16 – 22nd SEPTEMBER: Anglican Church 49 High St, Ararat 0407 857 378

23rd – 29th SEPTEMBER: Salvation Army Shop corner Vincent 5352 2720

KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

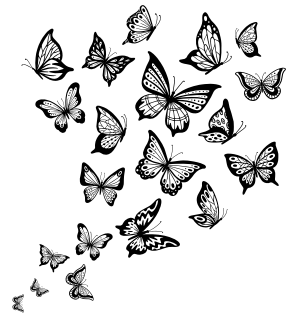
- Monday, October 2, 2023 - Term 4 begins. (All students return to school).
- Wednesday, October 18, 2023 - School Council.
- Tuesday, November 7, 2023 - Melbourne Cup Day (public holiday - no school).
- Monday, November 27, 2023 - whole school swimming program begins.
- Monday, November 27, 2023 - Book Fair begins.



Wishing everyone in the Ararat North Primary School community happy Spring school holidays! We look forward to starting Term 4 on Monday, October 2, 2023.



★ HAPPY ★
HOLIDAYS



Ararat North Primary School

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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, October 13, 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, October 11, 2023**.



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