

# ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

*~ Resilience ~ Respect ~ Responsibility*



## NEWSLETTER

Friday, November 24, 2023

### A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

How wonderful it is to be experiencing some sunshine! Once again, I remind families that students are to wear hats during recess and lunch breaks during term 4.

You may start to notice some changes to the exterior of the school. Over the coming weeks we will be adding some colour to our buildings, starting with the gazebo at the entrance of the school. Towards the end of the school year, the Grade 6 students, with some assistance from the rest of the school will create a commemorative mural to mark the end of their primary school journey on one side of the gazebo.

Over the coming weeks we will be welcoming future grade Prep students to Ararat North Primary School with a series of transition sessions. This is an important step for these young children. Starting school can be an overwhelming time. Providing opportunity for these children to spend time at our school will assist in limiting the anxiety felt by some of these young people. Our senior students will also be making kindergarten visits this week to meet their 2024 buddies. It's a very exciting time for all involved!

Our final whole school assembly will be held on Friday 15th December (more information to come), it would be great to see as many faces as possible to celebrate the close to another great year at ANPS with our students.

*Jess Erhardt*

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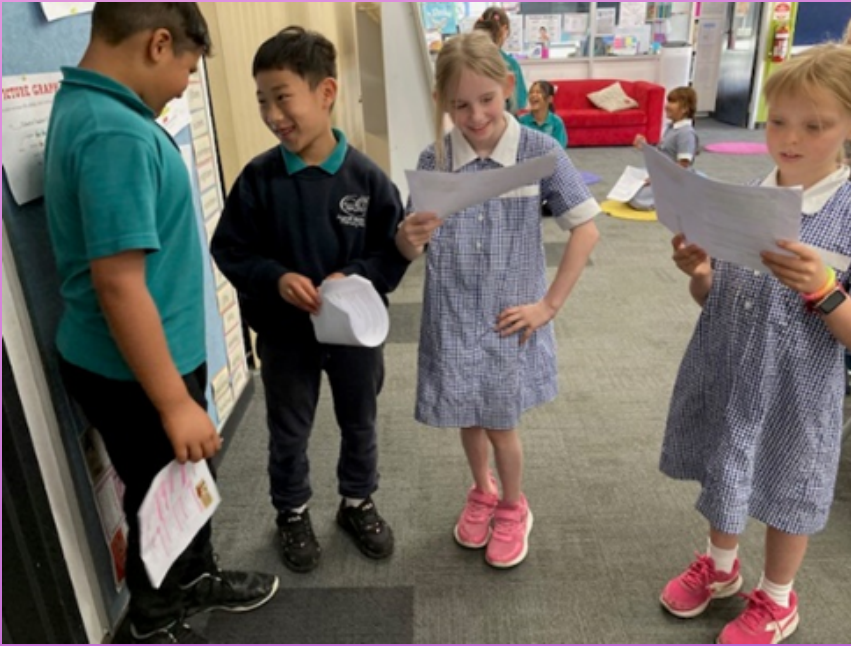
# Learning Area 2

In literacy, LA2 have been working on building their fluency in reading.

They have listened to each other read and then completed a reading fluency checklist.

Reading with expression was a common trait students agreed they needed to work on.

Students have been practicing reading with expression through “readers theatre”, helping them to read with feeling and not like a robot.



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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS:

Thank you to the parents who are contacting the school when their child is absent. It is important that children who are ill stay at home.

That said, the correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels is well established. The more time students spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

*Remember, it’s not okay to be away, unless you are sick.*



# SPOTLIGHT ON...*LEARNING AREA 1*

LA1 students have recently completed their very own self-directed learning task. They were asked to choose a topic to find out information about, then present this information in poster format.

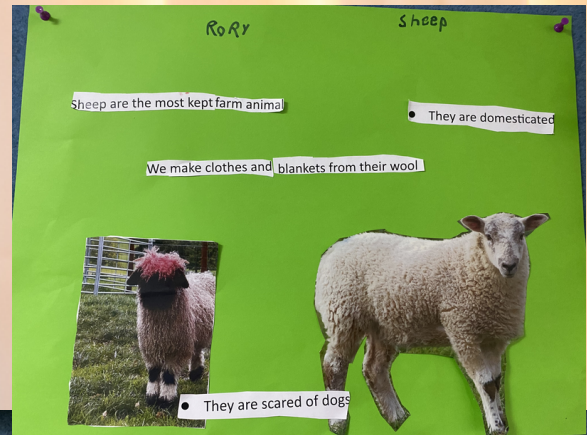
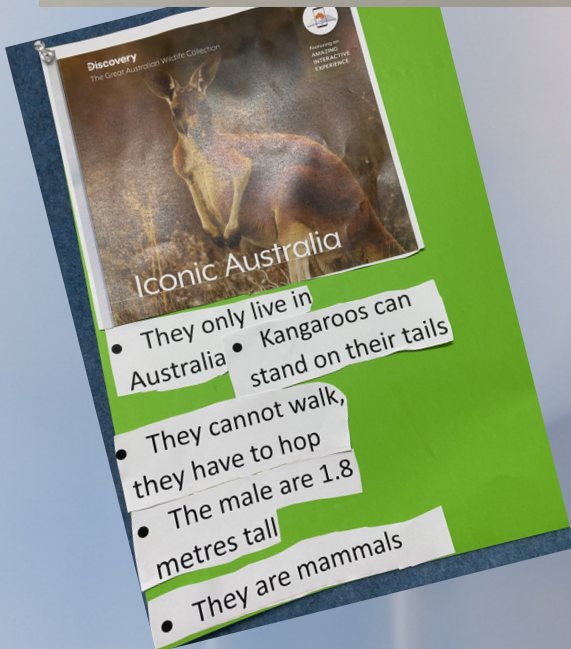
These tied in very nicely to our current Literacy focus, which is informative texts. Students have been exploring the concept of fact vs fiction, and examined features of informative texts including contents pages, indexes, glossaries, timelines, and sub-headings.

## LA1 Self-Directed Learning Task

### *Creative and Critical Thinking*

Questions and Possibilities:

- Identify, describe, and use different kinds of questions **to gather information and ideas.**



We have been revising the four operations in maths, and using different strategies to add, subtract, divide, and multiply. Here you can see Rory adding every single dice from the bag in his head! It was amazing to see his thought process, and the bonus was that he was able to explain to his peers how he does it!



# Awards

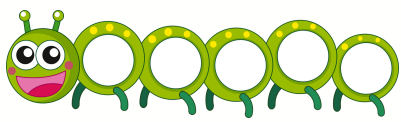
Awards are presented at each assembly to acknowledge student achievement in demonstrating our School Values of **Resilience, Respect and Responsibility**. Some lucky students also receive awards from the Principal or for their efforts in Health and PE. Here are some of this week's award winners:



Well Done!



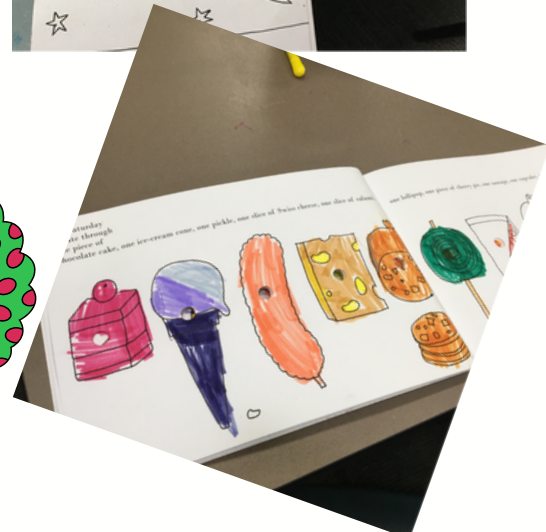
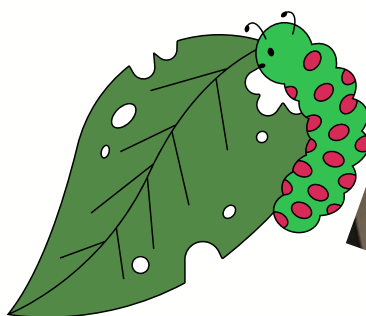
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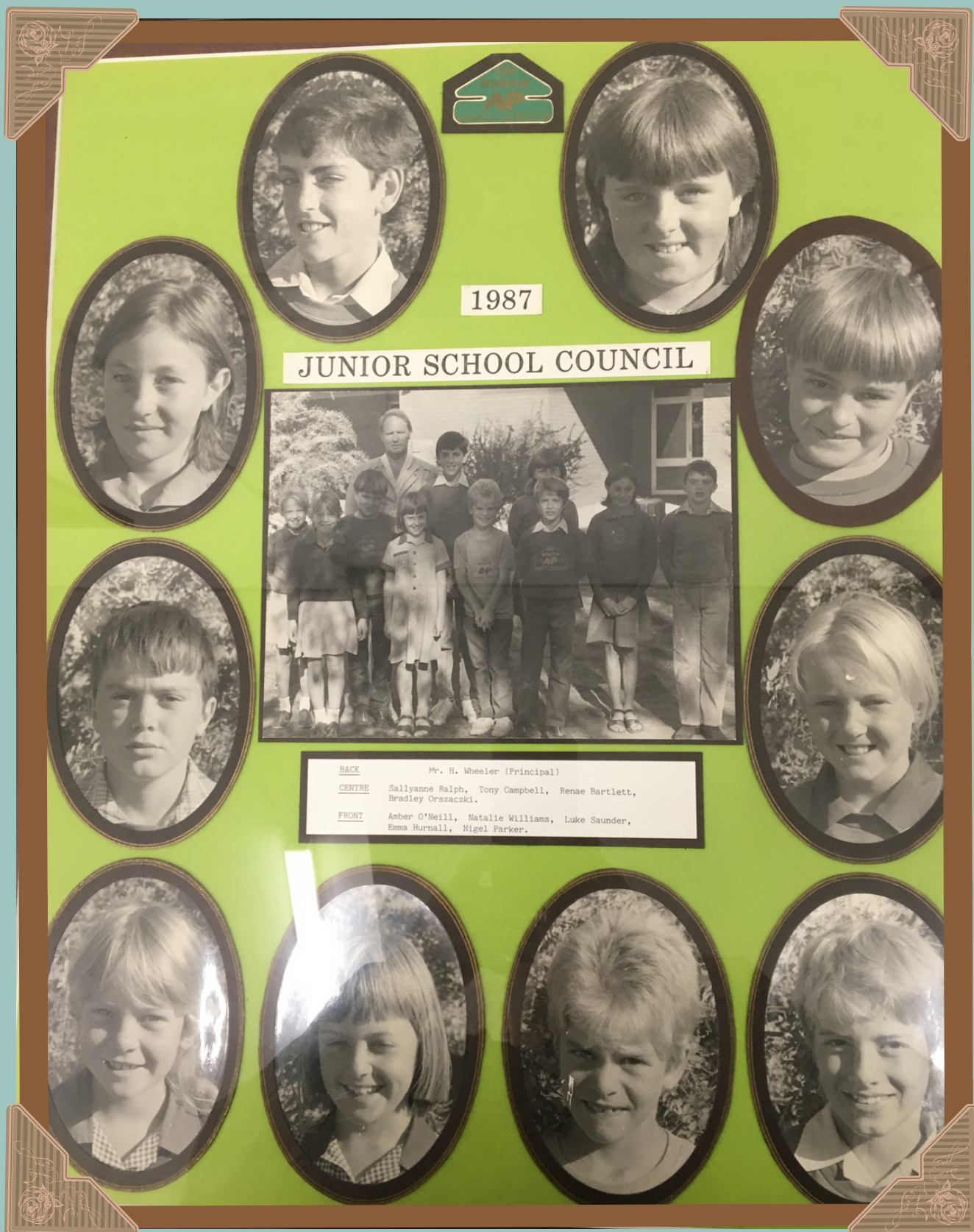
# Library



Students from Learning Area 1 have an extended Library session (one hour) each Thursday. Activities include borrowing and returning books, Epic reading (iPad reading app), puzzles/construction and literature study (this Term we've been doing Fairy Tales). One extra special activity we do is working on our Very Hungry Caterpillar books. Each child has been provided with their own copy of the book to colour and decorate. This is a long project and is taking most of the term to complete. The results will be worth it - see the progress being made in the pictures below:



# FROM THE ARCHIVES - OUR SCHOOL'S HISTORY



BACK Mr. H. Wheeler (Principal)  
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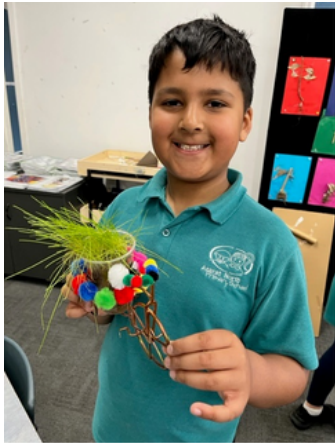
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# Science Update

Over the last few weeks, we have been learning about plants. Students have been out in the vegetable garden weeding and watering now that it has heated up. The carrots, corn and Bok Choy are all looking good and have shot up quickly. Hopefully we will get a harvest to send home before the end of the year!! Students have also focused on the physical features of plants. This includes the roots, stems, trunks, branches and leaves. We have also looked at photosynthesis and other chemical reactions such as how plants get nutrients from the soil. As a treat, students grew their own "Grass heads". To make these we used a stocking, some sand, a cup and a hand full of lawn seeds. As I am sure you will agree, they came out looking fantastic!!





**A RARE OPPORTUNITY!**

Get up close and personal with **NBL South East Phoenix** star player Mitch Creek.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CNAXS>



**ST ANDREWS UNITING CHURCH**



**GARAGE SALE**

**Saturday, November 25**  
**Starting at 9am**



**Cake Stall - Books**  
**Trash and Treasure stall**  
**Teddy Bears - Furniture**  
**Raffle**  
**Something for everyone**







# PREP 2024 INFORMATION NIGHT

Join us and learn about our Prep program. Hear about the exciting opportunities we have to offer your children at our wonderful school.

## **INFORMATION EVENING**

WHEN: Monday 4th December  
VENUE: Ararat North Primary School Hall  
TIME: 4:30PM ONWARDS

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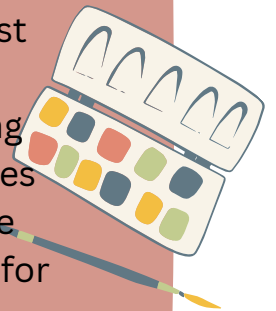
## **FOCUS**

An overview of our school and the Prep program. Meet school staff and find out about:

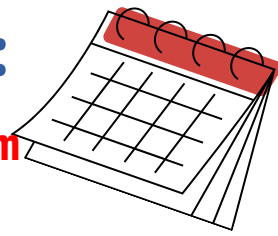
- The school's vision and values
- Our Prep learning curriculum
- The school's specialist programs
- Our student wellbeing systems and strategies
- Our Buddies initiative
- Preparing your child for school

## **SCHOOL VALUES**

- Respect
- Resilience
- Responsibility



# KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- **Monday, November 27, 2023 - whole school swimming program begins.**
- Monday, November 27, 2023 - Book Fair begins.
- Friday, December 1, 2023 - school assembly @ 2.45p.m.
- Monday, December 4, 2023 - Prep Information Night @ 4.30p.m.
- Wednesday, December 6, 2023 - School Council @ 4p.m.
- Tuesday, December 12, 2023 - State schools' Transition Day
- Friday, December 15, 2023 - final school assembly for 2023
- Wednesday, December 20, 2023 - last day of 2023 school year - **early dismissal** (2.15p.m.)



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.

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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, December 8, 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, December 6, 2023**.



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