

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER



A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Friday, December 8, 2023

Reflecting on the past fortnight, it's hard to believe we have been able to pack so much in! Our students have demonstrated some amazing growth in their swimming abilities. With the summer holidays quickly approaching, it's a great opportunity for our students to brush up on their water safety skills.

On Monday we hosted our 2024 Prep information session. We saw a fantastic turn out, it was great to meet our new families as the excitement of next year grows for those future Ararat North Primary School students. State-wide Transition Day is next week, Tuesday 12th December, where we will enjoy having our new Preps with us for the day. Grade 4 & 5 students will play important roles throughout the day as they get to know their 2024 buddies. Our Grade 6 students will be spending the day at their future secondary schools, meeting their teachers and new peers for next year.

Staff have been reflecting on our school wide Instructional Model. This document underpins everything we do in our classrooms. This week I have had the pleasure of spending some extra time with our students, as we work together to create a student facing instructional model. Students from LA2 and LA3 have been collaborating to express what a lesson should 'look like, sound like, feel like' at Ararat North Primary School. We will continue to refine our student Instructional Model over the remainder of the year.



A reminder that our final assembly for the year will be held on Friday 8th December. Families are invited to attend, with a BBQ lunch starting at 1pm. This assembly will be an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students this year, also acknowledging our Grade 6 students who will be moving on to the next phase of their education career in high school next year. I hope to see you all there!

As this is our final newsletter for 2023, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for such a positive term 4. I have felt very welcomed by the ANPS community and look forward to what the future holds for our school. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Jess Erhardt
Principal



News from Learning Area 1

LA1 have been loving going to swimming lessons these past two weeks. It has been such a pleasure seeing the children in a different context - out of the classroom and in the community. The students have walked to and from the pool in a timely and polite manner, and have been super organised, bringing their swim gear and getting ready for lessons. I have been very proud of their resilience, responsibility, and respect these past two weeks.

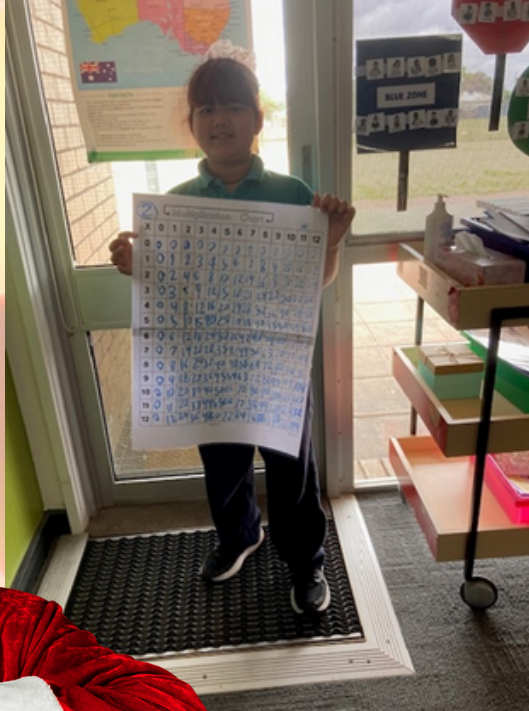
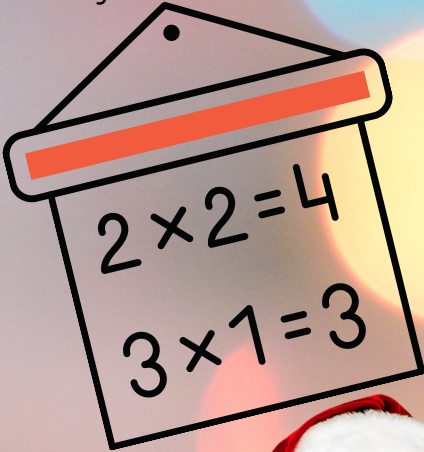
~ Lauren Nitschke, LA1 Classroom Teacher



News from Learning Area 2

In Maths, LA2 students are revising multiplication and division facts. Next week students will be revising addition and subtraction.

Maysi has done a wonderful job completing her times tables:



Happy Holidays



CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

2. One of Santa's Reindeer
4. You hang them by the chimney
7. On Christmas morning we unwrap our _____
9. _____ to the world!
10. He hates Christmas!

DOWN

1. December 25th is _____
3. Christmas Month
5. Santa's Helpers
6. The name of a popular snowman
8. Christmas Drink _____



News from Learning Area 3

LA3 were very happy to be invited by Grampians Community Health to design their 2024 calendar, along with other senior school students from the area.



WINNER

FINALIST



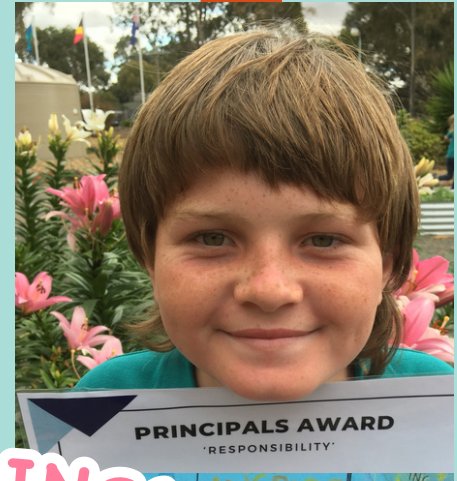
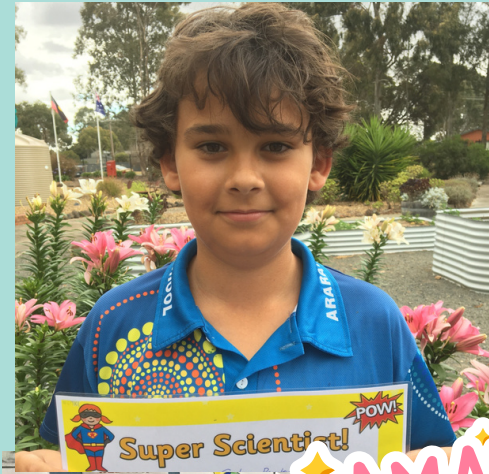
This design will be featured as DECEMBER for the 2024 GCH Calendar.



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:





From the Art Room



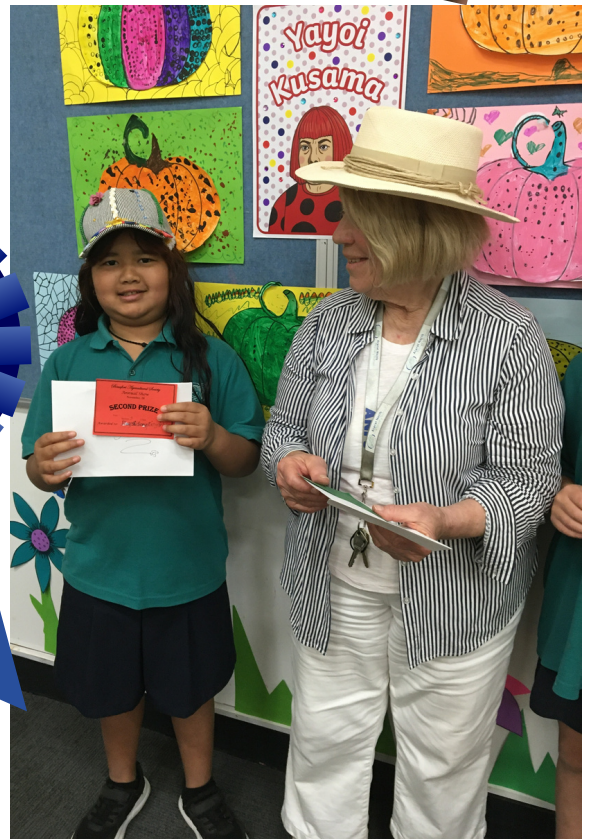
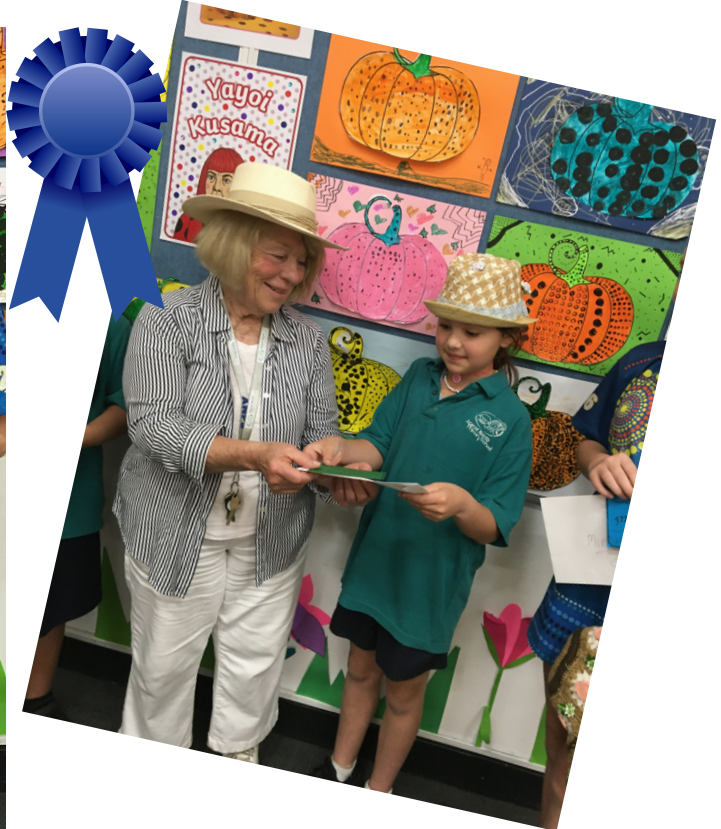
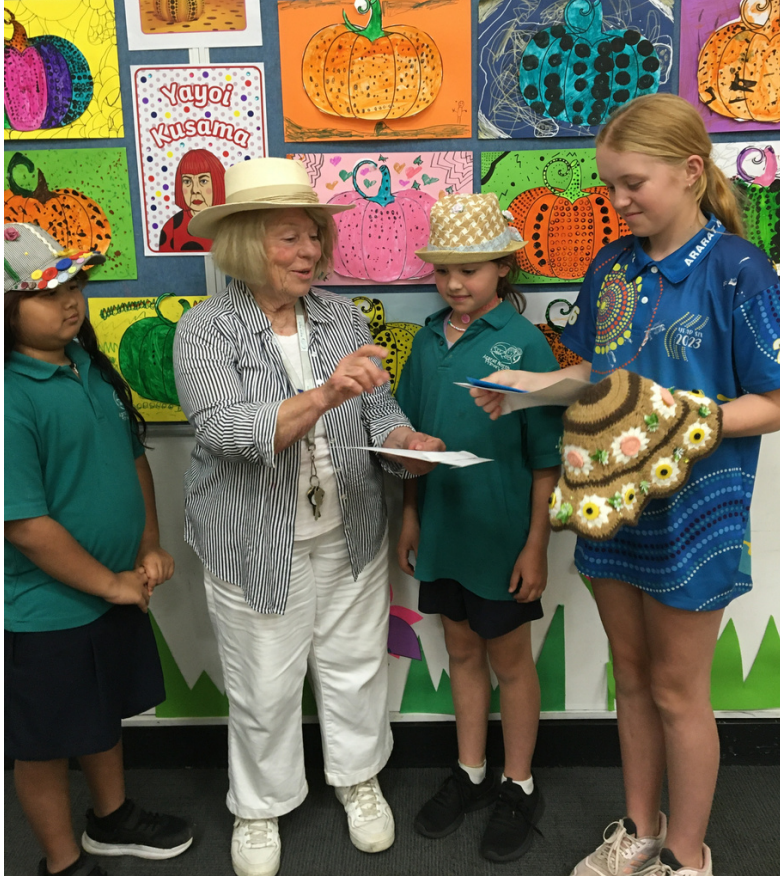
All students have commenced art craft activities to recognise the celebration of Christmas. Whilst we understand that not everyone celebrates Christmas, we use our art skills to create artworks from many cultures, and try to acknowledge many ways of celebrating from around the world.

As this is our last newsletter for the year, I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has supported our Art program this year and wish you all a wonderful holiday season. I really love working in the ANPS art room and I can't wait to continue our art adventures in 2024!



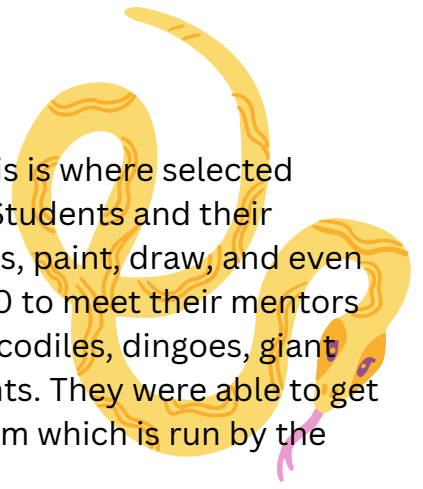
Success at Art Show!

Recently our students created upcycled hats as part of their art program. All of the completed hats were exhibited at the Beaufort Agricultural Show and three of our students were awarded prizes for their efforts! The winners can be seen here being presented with their awards by Barb Blamey, who is a member of the Beaufort Agricultural Show Society. Congratulations to all of our students and sincere thanks to Barb, who has been a wonderful supporter of our Visual Art program this year.





MATES Program



At Ararat North Primary School, we have a program called MATES. This is where selected students are set up with an adult mentor from the local community. Students and their mentors meet every fortnight for an hour to hang out, talk, play games, paint, draw, and even cook. For the annual MATES breakup, students travelled to Ararat 800 to meet their mentors and Jamie's Zoo. Jamie had a huge collection of wildlife including crocodiles, dingoes, giant frogs, possums and more. It was a fantastic experience for our students. They were able to get up close and personal with some amazing animals! The MATES program which is run by the local organisation CGLLEN is set to continue next year in 2024.



End of year Barbecue and Final Assembly!



Please join us on *Friday, December 15* for a barbecue lunch and our end of year assembly!

- **Lunch starts at 1.p.m.**
- **Assembly starts at 2.p.m.**
- **Fantastic Door Prizes - two family passes for 10 sessions at the indoor pool.**
- **Assembly will include end of year award presentations and celebration of our Grade 6 graduates.**



2024 Start of School Year Information:

- **Monday** 29/1/2024: Teacher professional development day - no students
- **Tuesday** 30/1/2024: Registration/student testing day, **no classes this day** (individual times will be communicated to families on 29/1/2024)
- **Wednesday** 31/1/2024: Registration/student testing day, **no classes this day** (individual times will be communicated to families on 29/1/2024)
- **Thursday** 1/2/2024: **First day of classes for all students**
- Breakfast Club starts Monday 5/2 from 8:40am, students should not be arriving to school prior to 8:30am as official supervision does not start until this time
- First lunch order day will be Friday 9/2, lunch orders will be every Friday from this date forward

Name: _____

Date: _____



Giant Christmas Word Search



b g y p y r u d o l p h s c f u l w a r r u o r z
 f d z f v b z l q x j k l t u r k e y l y h f e s
 s s l j j c o w q n n j e j g a r l a n d a f i l
 a n w o o v a p p r e c i a t i o n m p w i d n e
 l o t y l s a m c f s p e s t o c k i n g s g d i
 f w g t l y c h a v c h e g g n o g k a e d i e g
 a d w t y u v g e l i d o i k p h b z s d f f e h
 m w o c o w l k t i n s e l e n s c b m u y t r v
 i s v r h y k w b n s q v h l p x s a g q c s s j
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 x l b w g o r n a m e n t s w x a u g a k q c d e
 u a v m q c q n b o a j h a l c g t y t r l z i b
 j k b a v k c i e j f s s b l a y c s h u i z t e
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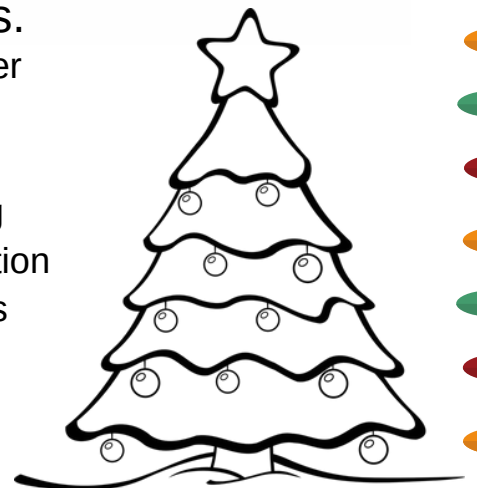
Find these **Christmas** words.

North Pole
 family
 joy
 tinsel
 thankful
 garland
 snow
 turkey
 cheer

Santa
 reindeer
 toys
 snowflake
 Frosty
 holly
 lights
 stockings
 jolly

ornaments
 tree skirt
 jingle bells
 eggnog
 gratitude
 carols
 sleigh
 snowman
 gifts

nutcracker
 mistletoe
 traditions
 gathering
 appreciation
 christmas
 Rudolph
 tree
 elf



(The words may be hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally.)

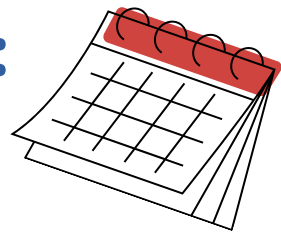
Congratulations and Farewell to our Grade 6 Graduates!



CLASS
OF
2023



KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Tuesday, December 12, 2023 - State schools' Transition Day
- Friday, December 15, 2023 - family barbecue @ 1.00p.m.
- Friday, December 15, 2023 - final school assembly for 2023 @ 2.00p.m.
- **Wednesday, December 20, 2023 - last day of 2023 school year - early dismissal (2.15p.m.)**
- **First full day of classes next year, for all of our students, is Thursday, February 1, 2024.**



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Our Newsletter is published every second week. Our next Newsletter date is **Friday, February 9, 2024**. 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, February 7, 2024**.



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