

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

~ Resilience ~ Respect ~ Responsibility

NEWSLETTER



Friday, February 24, 2023

You're Invited

Ararat North Primary School Families

Back to School 2023 Celebration!

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

5.00-6.30 p.m.

Pizza, ice-cream and drinks

Door prize

Disc golf, bikes, scooters and DASH information stand

Come along and join in the fun!



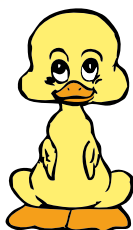
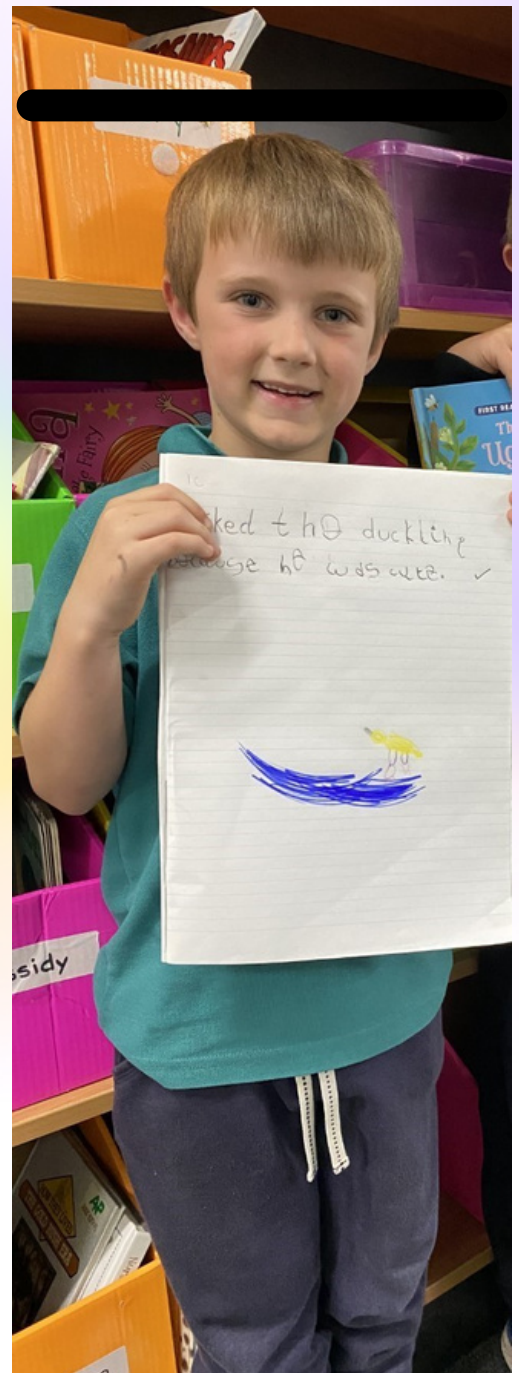
FROM OUR CLASSROOMS!

LEARNING AREA 1

In L.A. 1 the Grade 2 students have been learning the basic functions of a calculator to add 2s, 3s, and 5s, to see if a number pattern emerges.

Meanwhile, the Grade 1 students have been reading *The Ugly Duckling* and responding to a writing prompt: "who is your favourite character in this story, and why?"

And of course our Prep students are doing well as they continue to learn the routines of daily school life and make new friends.



LEARNING AREA 2

In Geography, LA2 students are learning to name the States/Territories and Capital Cities of Australia. They are learning to use an Atlas effectively to research special features in each State/Territory.



LA2 and LA3 have been working together in several subject areas. It has been great to see the students learn so well together, enjoy each other's company and form new friendships.

LA2 and LA3 are playing a game of "Thumbs up, heads down" together at the end of the day...



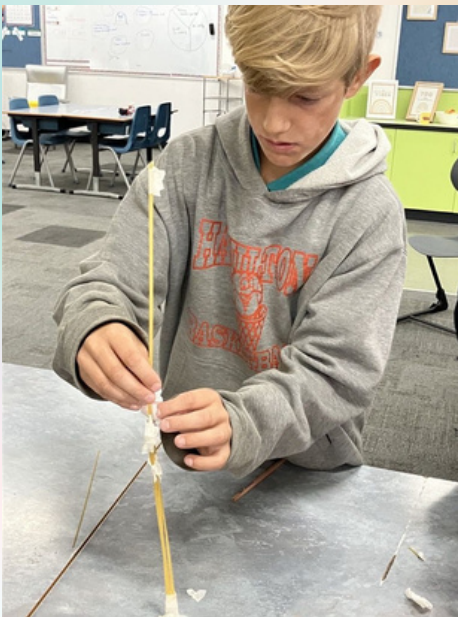
LEARNING AREA 3

DASH

This term LA3 has been participating in the DASH program with Cindy. We have been learning about the community and how it was made, we learned that the community is a big part of our life and that we need it. Today during DASH, we learned how we might define the meaning of personal strength. Some strengths we discovered are friendships, instinct, being helpful, teamwork and creativity.

On our very first session of DASH we all had the opportunity to write one fact about ourselves, then we put them all in a bag. Every session we have been pulling a couple out of a bag and we have to guess who it might belong to. This helps us get to know about each other a bit more.

By Mietta and Mackenzie.





D-A-S-H

Dynamic activities, Active voices, Safe communities and Healthy engagement

DASH program delivers at Ararat North Primary School

This term we are very lucky to have the DASH program being taught at our school. The DASH program is about developing youth voice, local partnerships, and collective action to build social recovery. DASH adopts an inquiry-based learning approach through fun and interactive activities with grade 5 & 6 students. Students define their community, learn about their values, and design a project that acts on a local problem they identify. The DASH project at Ararat North Primary School is led by Cindy O'Sullivan along with Emergency Services and local community groups who come along to class and share their knowledge. Kristy McMahon (Ambulance Victoria) who attended Ararat North Primary School and Jack Main (Vic Police) attended session one and later in the term Gaby Hutchinson (East Grampians Health) will join us also. So far students have explored their community, their values, and their strengths. At the end of the 8 week program, students will present a 'Showcase of Ideas' showing the projects for positive change students they would like to see in the local community. \$2000 will go towards funding one of the projects.

On Wednesday 1st March at the Family Fun Night, Cindy O'Sullivan and some of the students will present an overview of the DASH program for parents and friends, some of the achievements of the Ararat North students, and talk about the project students are beginning to design. I hope to see you there. I can't wait to eat some yummy pizzas!!

Mr Johnson





From the Art Room



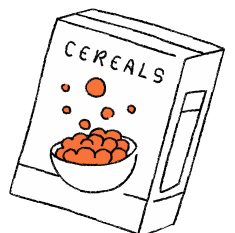
We have had a fantastic start to our 2023 Art program! All classes have learned our Art Room rules, made art journal covers and experimented with a variety of art materials. Over the coming weeks we will be mixing colours, making 2-d and 3-d colour displays, collaborating on class murals and completing some yarn paintings. Very exciting!



Wanted for our art activities!

Donations of the following items will be gratefully received:

- Plastic bottle lids - all colours and sizes (clean please)
- Empty cereal boxes
- Empty ice-cream containers and lids (clean please)



Science Update!

In Science this term, students have been studying **Biology. Learning Area 3** have been learning about **DNA**, the important role of **photosynthesis** and how humans have **adapted** over time. **Learning Area 2** have been learning about **living things** and the **four functions** all living things do. These four functions include: growing & changing, needing energy (eating/drinking), reproducing and responding to changes in the environment. **Learning Area 1** have been learning about the **features of living things**. For example, a fish has scales, a cat has fur, a frog has skin and a bird has feathers.

At the end of each lesson students have been going out into the vegetable garden and watering the plants. The plants have struggled with the hot weather but as you can see from the photos, we have tomatoes, pears and other vegetables nearly ready to be eaten!! There will be more garden updates coming to our newsletter soon. Mr J.



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 for their efforts in Health and PE.



CONGRATULATIONS



Staff Biography

EACH NEWSLETTER WE WILL PUBLISH A SHORT BIO FROM A STAFF MEMBER TO HELP YOU GET TO KNOW US - THIS WEEK WE LEARN A LITTLE BIT ABOUT KAREN.



About Me:

Hi Families,
My name is Karen.

I am the Learning Area 2 teacher for 2023.

I'm looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you!

MY FAMILY:

I HAVE TWO ADULT CHILDREN, JESSICA AND CAMERON.



A few of my favourite things:

- Colour: **Green**
- Animal: My dog, Karl.
- Sport: Mountain Biking
- Books: Australian Novels
- Food: Italian



HOBBIES

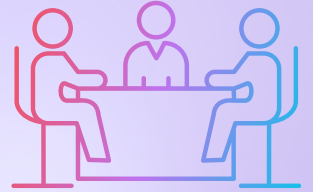
Cooking/gardening
I love spending time at the beach when I travel home.
I love bushwalking in the Grampians.



PARENTS NEEDED!

Support your child's school in a very important way. Join School Council...

Ararat North Primary School's School Council has **3 positions for parents** vacant this year.



**NEW PARENT COUNCIL MEMBERS
START AT THE MARCH MEETING**

School Councils play a key role in Victorian government schools. Participating as a School Council member is a **rewarding** and **challenging** experience. The School Council supports the Principal to provide **the best possible educational outcomes for students**. The Council is made up of elected parents and staff members with the majority being parents. We **meet twice per term**. A councillor serves **for 2 years**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE
JUDY AND MERRIN WILL BE MORE
THAN
HAPPY TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT
BECOMING A SCHOOL COUNCILLOR
AT ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY
SCHOOL!

EXTRA INFORMATION:

The functions of a school council are outlined in the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 and include:

- establishing the **broad direction and vision** of the school within the school's community
- participating in the development and monitoring of the School Strategic Plan
- approving the annual budget and **monitoring expenditure**
- developing, reviewing and updating **school policies**
- **raising funds for school-related purposes**
- maintaining the school's grounds and facilities
- entering into **contracts** (such as for cleaning or construction work)
- reporting annually to the school community and to the Department
- **creating interest in the school in the wider community**
- taking into account the views of the community
- regulating and facilitating the after hours use of school and grounds
- operating a children's service at the school or other premises controlled by the Minister

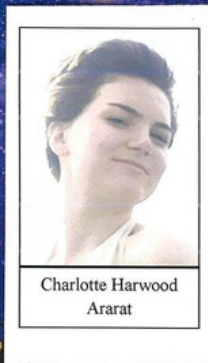
WOODFORDIA INC. PRESENTS

Coming to a Small Town Near You

Festival of Small Halls



Scott Cook (CAN)



Charlotte Harwood
Ararat



Folk Bitch Trio (AUS)

@ Moyston Hall

Saturday 25th March

Tickets online at www.festivalofsmallhalls.com

Doors open at 6.30 pm

BYO food & drinks

\$25

Autumn tour 2023

FRI 10 - MON 13 MAR PORT FAIRY FOLK FESTIVAL

WED 15 MAR LAVERS HILL COMMUNITY HALL, LAVERS HILL, VIC

THU 16 MAR DEANS MARSH MEMORIAL HALL, DEANS MARSH, VIC

FRI 17 MAR ALGIE HALL, NEERIM SOUTH, VIC

SAT 18 MAR TARWIN LOWER MEMORIAL HALL, TARWIN LOWER, VIC

SUN 19 MAR HEYFIELD MEMORIAL HALL, HEYFIELD, VIC

WED 22 MAR MERTON HALL, MERTON, VIC

THU 23 MAR SEDGWICK PUBLIC HALL, SEDGWICK, VIC

FRI 24 MAR GLENLYON HALL, GLENLYON, VIC

SAT 25 MAR MOYSTON HALL, MOYSTON, VIC

SUN 26 MAR MURTOA MECHANICS HALL, MURTOA, VIC

WED 29 MAR CLAYTON BAY COMMUNITY HALL, CLAYTON BAY, SA

THU 30 MAR DUNROBIN PUBLIC HALL, DUNROBIN, VIC

FRI 31 MAR NARRAWONG MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL, NARRAWONG, VIC

SAT 1 APR GLENORCHY MEMORIAL HALL, GLENORCHY, VIC

SUN 2 APR CALDWELL HALL, CALDWELL, NSW

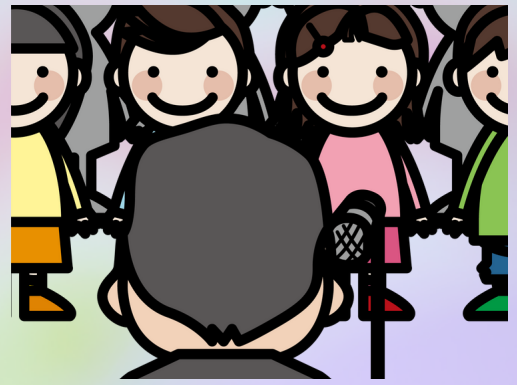
TUE 4 APR THOWGLA HALL, THOWGLA, VIC

WED 5 APR MITTA HALL, MITTA MITTA, VIC

THU 6 APR TALGARNO HALL, TALGARNO, VIC

SAT 8 - SUN 9 APR 2023 LAKE GKULA CAMPING, WOODFORD

Port Fairy Folk Festival to Lake Gkula Camping



WHAT: SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

WHERE: IN THE HALL

WHEN: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 AT 2.30 PM.

ALL WELCOME!

KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Monday, February 27 - School Assembly 2.30 in the Hall
- Tuesday, February 28 - LA 3 Youth Leadership Conference
- **Wednesday, March 1 - Back to School Celebration 5.00-6.30**
- Wednesday, March 8 - Book Fair starts
- Monday, March 13 - Labour Day - NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday, March 15 - School Council AGM 4.00
- Tuesday, March 21 - Harmony Day
- Thursday, April 6 - Last Day of Term 1 - EARLY DISMISSAL

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Our Newsletter is published every second week. Our next Newsletter date is **Friday, March 10, 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, March 8, 2023**.



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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.