

# ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

*~ Resilience ~ Respect ~ Responsibility*

## NEWSLETTER



### A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Friday, February 23, 2024

#### TERM 1 IN FULL SWING!

As we approach the halfway mark of term 1, it's great to see our students feeling confident and capable in their learning. LA1 students are settling into school, forming special friendships, and getting used to their new routines. LA2 students are showing great learning behaviours and supporting each other to live by our school values. LA3 are stepping up to being the leaders of the school, leading by example in the yard, and supporting their buddies who might need a little extra reassurance. I'm very proud of the kindness I am seeing daily around ANPS.

#### Assembly

Thank-you to all families that attended our assembly last Friday, it's always lovely to chat with you all and have an opportunity to showcase some of the achievements of our students, your support means a lot. Our next assembly will be Friday 1st March at 2:55pm, we would love to see as many of you there as possible!

#### Uniform

I have been really impressed with the commitment to wearing our school uniform with pride. Sometime as the term progresses, we can become a bit relaxed with this priority, please continue to make an effort with our school uniform. Uniform can be purchased at the front office if needed.

#### XUNO

XUNO Welcome emails were sent out last week. I believe most families have been able to access their portal. If you did not receive the email, or need support in activating your account, please reach out. XUNO will be our main communication platform. Parents will be able to respond to attendance alerts and text's via XUNO.

#### Bushfire Fundraiser

Today we raised funds for those in need. Last week bushfire devastated the community of Pomonal and surrounds. We are grateful for the opportunity to support those impacted in any way possible. Thank-you for your support of our out of uniform day and sausage sizzle.

#### A few reminders:

- DOXA camp is coming up for G4-6 students. Notes have been sent home.
- Official supervision of students begins at 8:40am, this is when students should be arriving to school.
- Lunch orders can be ordered every Friday.
- Our assembly is every Friday fortnightly; next assembly is 1/3 @ 2:55pm.

Have a happy and safe weekend!

Jess Erhardt  
Principal



# News from Learning Area 1

## LA1 SPREADING THE LOVE

In the spirit of Valentine's Day and all things love, LA1 spent time crafting a card for someone special to them. Students created a heart collage, and with the help of their teacher wrote a message to their someone special to show how much they appreciate them.

Below are some of the wonderful cards they created.



# News from Learning Area 1

## LA1 BUDDIES

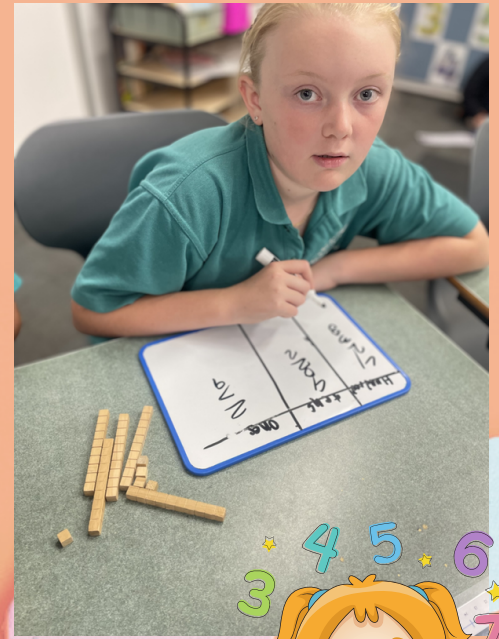
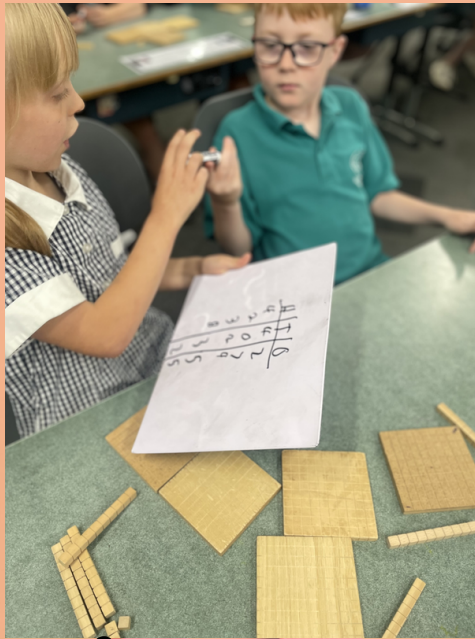
The Prep and Grade 1 students are lucky enough to have an older buddy from LA3, the Grade 5 and 6 students. Every second Friday afternoon, the buddy program runs. The purpose of the buddy program is to support our young students make a smooth transition at the start of their schooling. This week our buddies read together.



# News from Learning Area 2



LA2 have been unpacking place value in numeracy this week in student learning groups. Students have been using MAB blocks, dice, books and Digital Technologies to engage their development in this area.



# News from Learning Area 3

LA3 students commenced their swimming program this Friday. It was a lovely sunny morning when we walked from school to the pool.

Grade 5 students practiced freestyle, pin drops and torpedos.

Meanwhile, Grade 6 students practiced their backstroke and treading water.

The Swimming in Schools initiative provides funding for the delivery of quality swimming and water safety education in Victorian Government primary schools.

By the end of primary school, it is anticipated that students should be able to demonstrate the knowledge and skills identified in the Victorian Water Safety Certificate.

The certificate is awarded when a student can:

- swim 50m continuously
- answer water safety-based questions
- perform simple rescues.



# From the Art room

*All students have started their 2024 Art journeys by making covers for their Art Journals and creating colour collages. Up next we will be creating self-portraits on fabric which will be combined to make a whole-school banner. Over the course of this year we will also be completing many activities which encourage upcycling and recycling - seeing artistic potential in the ordinary and the discarded.*

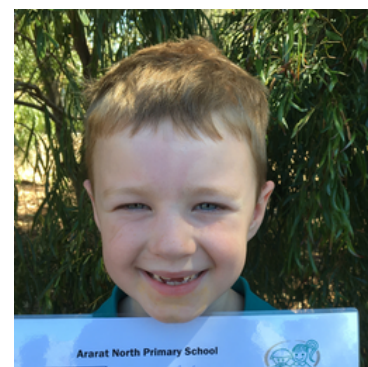
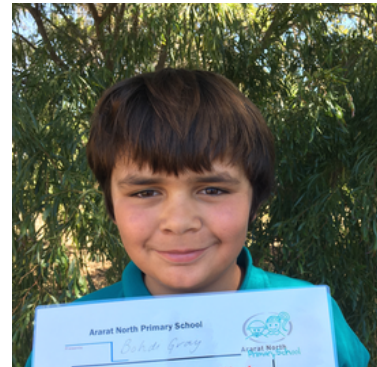


**Wanted!**  
**Clean, empty ice cream containers.**



# AWARDS

Awards are presented at each assembly to acknowledge student achievement in demonstrating our School Values of **Resilience**, **Respect** and **Responsibility**. Some students also receive awards for their efforts in our specialist subjects. Our Principal Awards will be presented in a special event at the end of each Term. Here are some of this week's award winners:





# STAFF PROFILE



## *Mr. Johnson: Health and Wellbeing Leader*

I would just like to say a big welcome to all of our families both new and old in 2024. My name is Alistair Johnson and I am the Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader at Ararat North Primary School. As part of this role, I support both students and families to improve the overall wellbeing of everyone in our community. In particular, I coordinate external support organisations such as One Red Tree and the psychologist program we have at our school, the MATES mentor program and Child and Family Services (CAFS) at our school, just to name a few. If you have any questions about how I might be able to support you, your child, or your family, or if you would just like a chat, please feel free to drop in, ring me at school on 5352 3766 or email me at [alistair.johnson@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:alistair.johnson@education.vic.gov.au).



### A few of Mr. Johnson's Favourite Things:

Colour: Silver

Food: Indian

Movie: Star Wars

Footy Team: Collingwood

Song: Thunderstruck by AC/DC

Dessert: Christmas pudding with custard

TV channel: YouTube

Hobby: Swimming







# WILLAURA HEALTH CARE OUTDOOR MARKET

Sunday March 3 2024, 10am-2pm

Grounds adjacent to Willaura Health Care, Delacombe Way



The Willaura Market is a charity event run by the Willaura Health Care Auxiliary, with funds raised going towards improving the lives of residents and patients at Willaura Health Care, East Grampians Health Service.

This boutique country market offers goods from local and regional artisans and is set in Willaura, surrounded by fertile farmland, which lies 34 kilometres south of Ararat on the south-eastern edge of the Grampians in Victoria's Western District.

#### Local producers and local artisans:

- Homewares
- Cards
- Jewellery
- Giftware
- Clothing for babies, children and adults
- Plants
- Gourmet Foods

#### Variety of food vendors including:

- Gourmet food
- Lions barbecue
- Coffee
- Icecream

+ Childrens entertainment, musical entertainment and raffle.

For more information: [willauramarket.com](http://willauramarket.com)



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We thank the following sponsors of the market:



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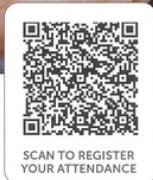


## Community Information Session

Latrobe Community Health Service and Ararat Neighbourhood House have partnered together to deliver a community information session that will help community members to understand the early childhood approach and how to access the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) for children, their families, carers and community.

Monday 25 March from 1pm - 2pm

Ararat Neighbourhood House  
56 Campbell Street, Ararat



Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or phone 5352 1551

# ARARAT RURAL HARMONY DAY 2024

**When: 16th March 2024**  
**Time: 10 am to 1 pm**  
**Where: Ararat College**

RAR and Ararat Rural City Council are pleased to invite the community, families and children to celebrate Ararat Rural Harmony Day 2024.

Performances

Food

Workshops

The Ararat Rural Harmony Day 2024 was supported by the Victorian Government



## FREE LEGAL SERVICES

Ararat Neighbourhood House is hosting FREE and Confidential Legal Services to our community with the collaboration of Ballarat & Grampians Community Legal Service.

All legal services will be provided by **APPOINTMENTS** only.

Please see the dates below for Feb and March 2024, for rest of the year dates yet to finalised.

Thursday 29th Feb 2024 : 12pm - 2pm

Thursday 28th March 2024 : 12pm - 2pm

**CALL NOW**

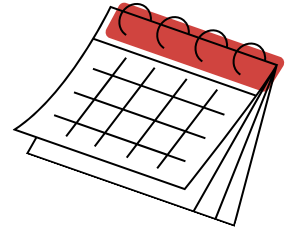
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**FREE call: 1800 466 488**



# KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Friday, February 23, 2024 - LA 3 Swimming
- Wednesday, February 28, 2024 - no school for Preps
- Wednesday, February 28, 2024 - **School Council @ 4.00 p.m.**
- Friday, March 1, 2024 - LA 3 Swimming
- Friday, March 1, 2024 - School Assembly @ 2.55 p.m.
- March 6,7 and 8, 2024 - DOXA Camp for students in Grades 4-6
- Monday, March 11, 2024 - Labour Day Public Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- Friday, March 15, 2024 - LA 3 Swimming
- Friday, March 15, 2024 - School Assembly @ 2.55 p.m.
- Friday, March 22, 2024 - LA 3 Swimming
- Monday, March 25, 2024 - Puppet Show LA 1 and LA 2 students
- Monday, March 25, 2024 - Parent Teacher Student Conversations 3.30-5.00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 26, 2024 - Parent Teacher Student Conversations 9.00-3.15 p.m.
- Thursday, March 28, 2024 - Family barbecue and end of Term 1 Assembly
- Friday, March 29, 2024 - Good Friday and the start of Easter break



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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, March 8, 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, March 6, 2024**.



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