

# ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

*~ Resilience ~ Respect ~ Responsibility*

## NEWSLETTER



### A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Friday, March 8, 2024**

#### **Combined School Fundraiser**

I would like to start by acknowledging the huge efforts made by our school community in raising funds for the Pomonal bushfire. Particularly when members of our school community were facing their own challenging and uncertain times due to the fires. The past two weeks have shone a light on the strength of our community and the willingness to help each other. Thank-you.

#### **DOXA City Camp**

This week our grade 4-6 students attended the DOXA City Camp. Students spent 3 days exploring the city, engaging in a range of educational and fun experiences. The Aquarium, IMAX, the State Library, and Old Melbourne Goal are just a few of the places our students visited. Experiences like this enrich our students educational experience and allow them to be pushed outside their comfort zone. It is also a great opportunity to strengthen their social connections with one another. Thank-you to Mr. Johnson for organising the camp and to Lauren, Luke and Shayna for giving up their time to ensure our students had the best camp experience possible.

#### **Student Leadership**

Our Grade 6 students have been working hard on their campaigns for School Captain. Nominated students wrote and presented speeches to staff and students this week. Our Ararat North Primary School 2024 School Captains will be announced and presented with their badges during our next assembly, Friday 15/3, 2:55pm.

#### **Parent/Teacher/Student Conversations**

3-way conversations will take place Monday 25/3 3:30pm-5pm, and Tuesday 25/3 9am-3:30pm. Students are encouraged to attend these sessions. There will be no classes on Tuesday 25/3, students are to stay home until their appointment time. These conversations are a great opportunity for parents to gain valuable insight into students learning. Having students present for these conversations empowers them to take control of their learning. Appointments can be booked via XUNO. Instructions can be found at the back of the newsletter.

Reminder that this Monday, 11th March, is the Labour Day Public holiday.

Keep an eye out for our My School Page in the Ararat Advocate 15th March.

*Jess Erhardt*

**Principal**

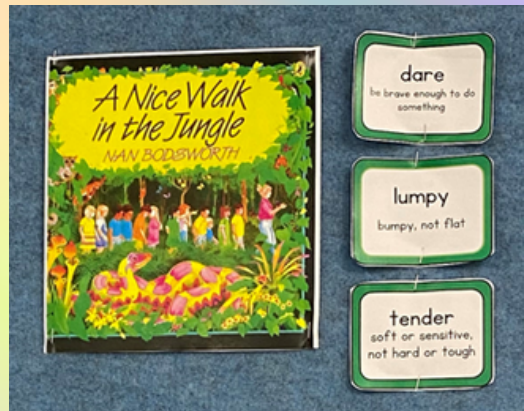
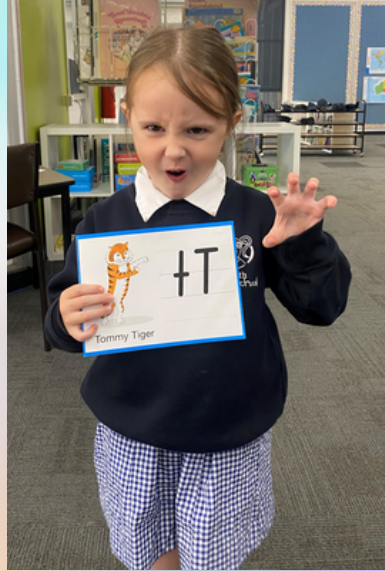
**Ararat North Primary School**





# News from Learning Area 1

LA1 have had a strong start to their year in Literacy. Students have been focussing on rhyming, syllables, letter names and letter sounds. Over the last two weeks students have been working hard to recognise letter names and sounds for 'm', 's' and 't'. Students have focussed on what sound the letter makes, what words have that letter sound at the start and matching pictures to the letters by sounding the word out. LA1 reads books daily and have been concentrating on learning new vocabulary from the books read to them in class.





# LA 1 Special Person Morning!

On Wednesday, LA1 students invited some of the special people in their lives to join them for a morning of fun. Thank-you to all who came to support .

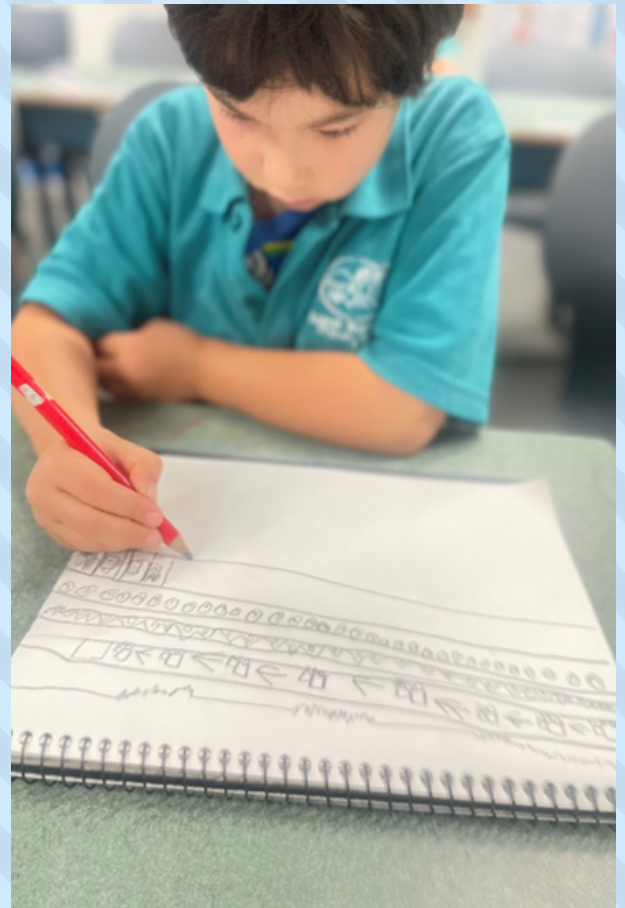
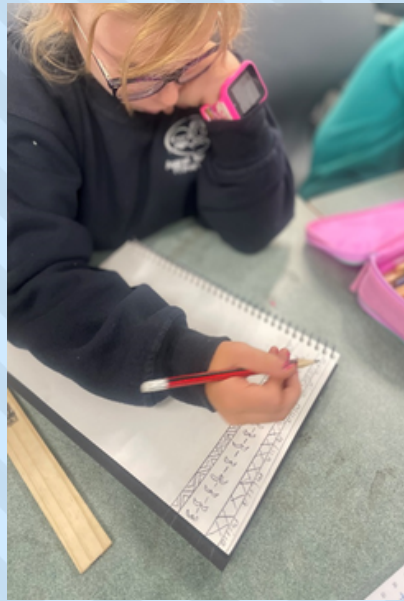




# News from Learning Area 2

LA2 have been developing a Writer's Notebook this term. This combines planting seeds of creativity using motifs from all Art Mediums to encourage the growth of creative writing. The students have found the initial Writer's Notebook experiences rewarding and engaging.

This week the students have been exploring a foundational concept of Linear Perspective.





# News from Learning Area 3

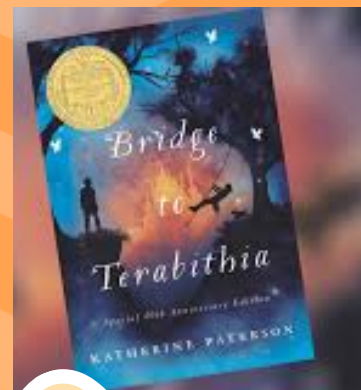
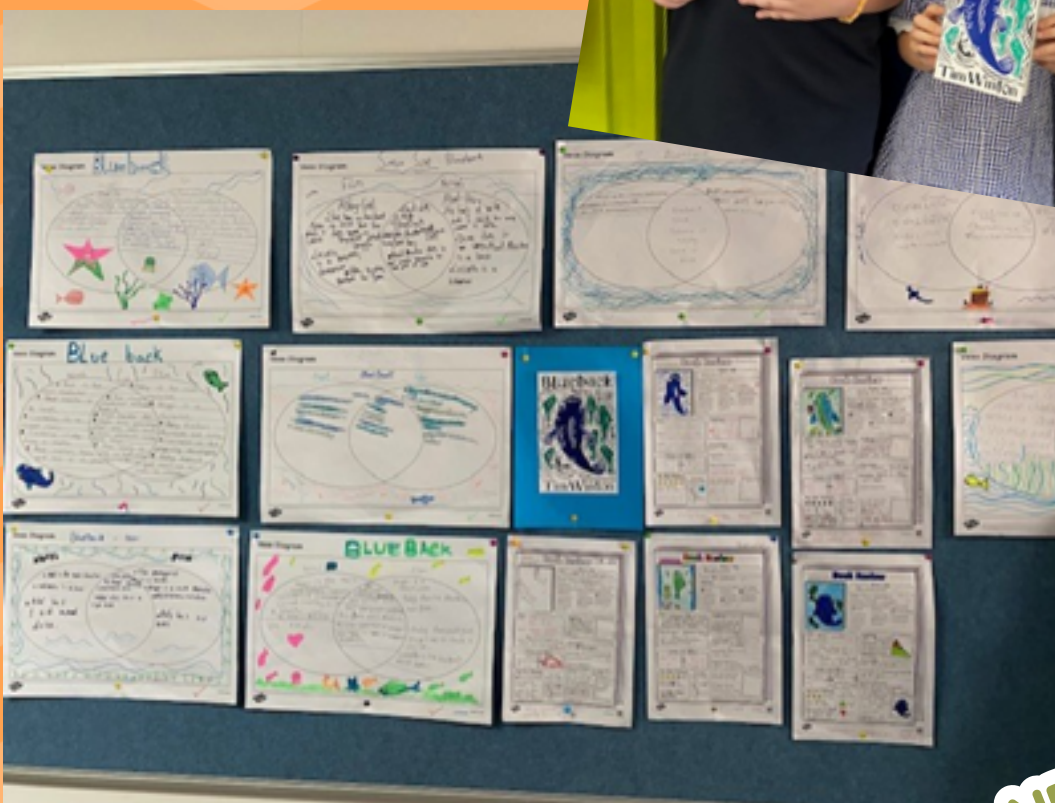
LA3 students have recently completed their studies of *Blueback*, a wonderful story about a boy and his best friend, a Western Blue Groper. This tale is set against the backdrop of the Western Australian beaches, making for some rich discussions linked to history, geography, and numeracy. The students have completed a book review to conclude their studies of this story. Up next, the class will be reading and delving into *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson. Students are welcome to take their novels home to read.

Meanwhile, I have been extremely pleased with our results in Numeracy, for both Place Value and Factors. We are currently exploring Decimals, so if you are at the supermarket with your young person, this is a good opportunity to do some mental maths and add some decimal numbers.

Finally, last week our prospective Grade 6 leaders commenced the selection process. Grade 6 students were given the opportunity to self-nominate and present a speech to the ANPS community about why we should vote for them. More to come on this soon, so stay posted!

And, it is DOXA camp week! We are all super excited to head to the city for a few days, and explore all it has to offer us country folk 😊

Until next time,  
Lauren and LA3.



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# Play Based Learning

Students from Learning Area 1 have settled well into their Play Based Learning program. Whilst having huge amounts of fun the students have been working on collaboration, sharing, creating, trying new things and using their imaginations. All children have also started their Play Journals which will be a written and photographic record of their learning experiences and link literacy learning to their work in Play.







# Physical Education



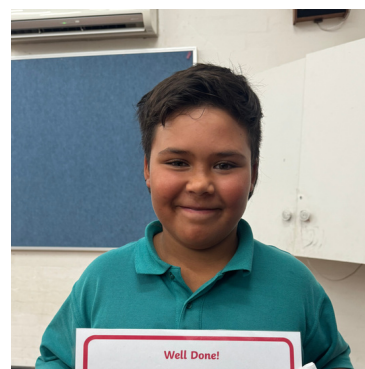
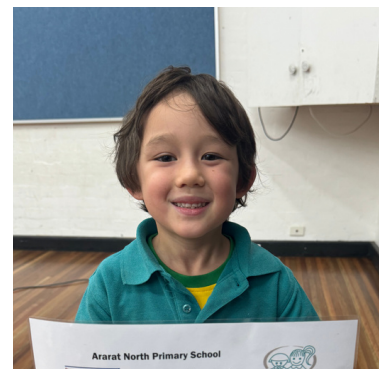
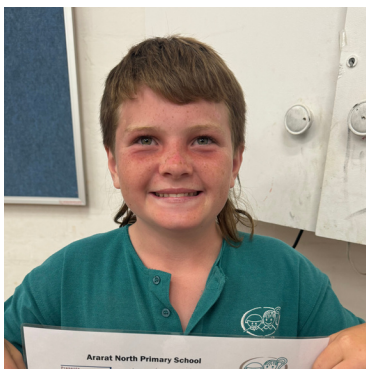
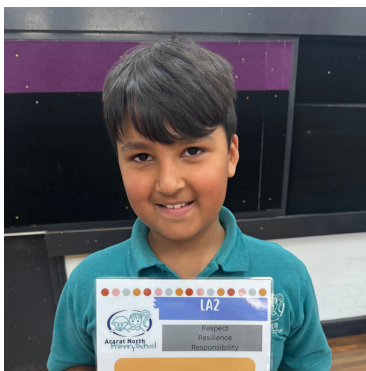
Last week Learning Area 3 started Newcomb for the first time. Newcomb is very similar to Volleyball, however the skills are a little easier to master. The aim is to hit the ball over the net into the opposition's space and try to get the ball to hit the ground before the opposition can catch and return it. The students practiced throwing the ball over the net to a partner and then moved on to serving the ball. When serving the ball to start play, the ball is thrown over the net not hit over like Volleyball. The action is a little like throwing a discus. The ball is thrown around the body.





# 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:

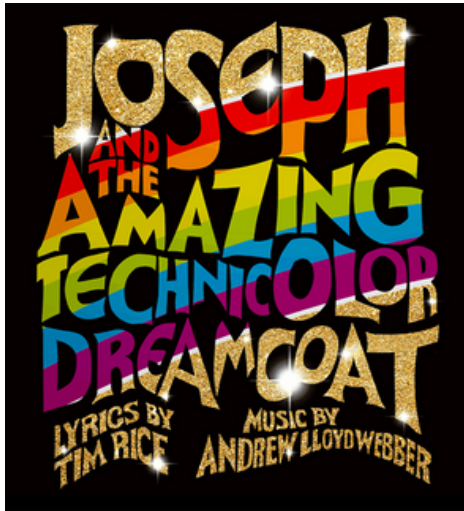




LOVE DANCING AND SINGING??  
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PERFORMING...

**WE NEED YOU!!!**

The newly formed group Ararat Regional Theatre Society (ARTS) are looking for people both young and old to be part of the production of:



The main roles have been filled but we searching for children to be part of the **Children's Choir** and adults to be part of the ensemble.  
Rehearsals for the children are currently on Thursdays between 6-7pm and adults Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7-10pm in the Ararat Scout Hall.

For more information, please contact Leanne McCready, Director on 0439 048 813.

**WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!!!**

## Pomonal Bushfire Fundraiser

JOIN US TO HELP SUPPORT THE  
COMMUNITY!

09 March 2024

Ararat RSL 74 - 76 High Street

KICKING OFF WITH A CAR  
WASH AT 10AM - 12PM

KIDS KARAOKE & FACE  
PAINTING 12PM - 2PM

LOCAL MUSICIANS FROM  
12PM - 10PM

AMAZING PRIZES TO BE  
WON

\*Because we are a club, all children will need to be supervised by a guardian

**PRIZES**





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ARARAT & DISTRICT  
JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION INC

# 2024 Season

Training will commence at 4:30pm on Tuesday 12th of March @ Richardson oval, followed by free BBQ and can of soft drink

Mixed league  
- Girls u/14  
- Boys u/13

Registration fees \$75  
Register NOW on Play HQ -  
<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/776d4>

**NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!!**

**AFL PLAY**

## COME & PLAY

AFL Wimmera Mallee are hosting a Come & Play for all 4 to 12 year olds who want to have heaps of fun while learning some new skills  
COME FIND YOUR AWESOME!!!!

**WHERE**  
NORTH PARK OVAL  
STAWELL

**WHEN**  
MARCH 24 10AM-12PM

**AFL WIMMERA MALLEE**

SCAN TO REGISTER

# PLAY FOR KICKS

Superkick is next level fun for 8 to 12 year olds who are new to footy, or want to continue to grow their skill levels.

**NORTH PARK OVAL**  
24/3/2024 @ 11:00AM

**AFL Superkick**





## 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



## 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**  
03 5331 5999  
**FREE call: 1800 466 488**



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.

<b>Performances</b> 	<b>Food</b> 	<b>Workshops</b> 
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The Ararat Rural Harmony Day 2024 was supported by the Victorian Government



**ARARAT FITNESS CENTRE**

JOIN US FOR AN  
**INDOOR POOL PARTY**

**Tuesday**  
**9 APRIL**  
5pm - 7pm

**\$7 entry**

**MUSIC • INFLATABLES • PRIZES**

**ARARAT FITNESS CENTRE**  
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Ararat Rural City



# Moyston Easter Market

9-2pm Easter Saturday

March 30, 2024

Moyston Oval, Ararat-Halls Gap Rd



- ▶ Over 50 Market Stalls of local artisan goods, pre-loved items, and handcrafted gifts.
- ▶ Vintage/Classic Car and Motorbike Display.
- ▶ John Vanderwaal Long Kick Competition @ 11am.
- ▶ Live Music.
- ▶ Community BBQ.
- ▶ Country Kitchen Devonshire Tea.
- ▶ Coffee Vans.
- ▶ Kids Activities including FREE Easter Egg Trail.
- ▶ CFA Firewood Raffle.
- ▶ Doggo Refreshment Stations.
- ▶ Ample Free Onsite Parking.
- ▶ Giant Pumpkin Competition.
- ▶ Gold Coin Donation goes towards Moyston Community Improvement.

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# How to book Parent Teacher Interviews using the Family App

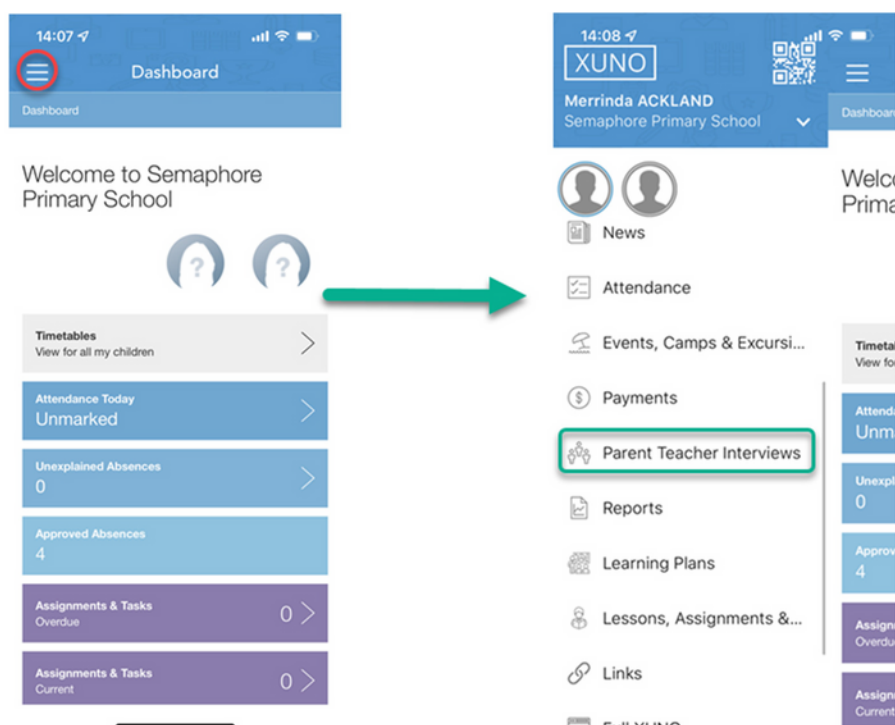
This article is for parents/carers wishing to book Parent Teacher Interview slots for their children using the XUNO Family App.

XUNO allows you to book times for Parent Teacher Interviews with your children's teachers and/or coordinators. You can easily see the available times for each teacher, and select the times to suit your schedule. XUNO's Autobook feature will work out the best times for most of your bookings, which can make the process a breeze if you need to book with multiple teachers.

## How to book your children's Parent Teacher Interviews

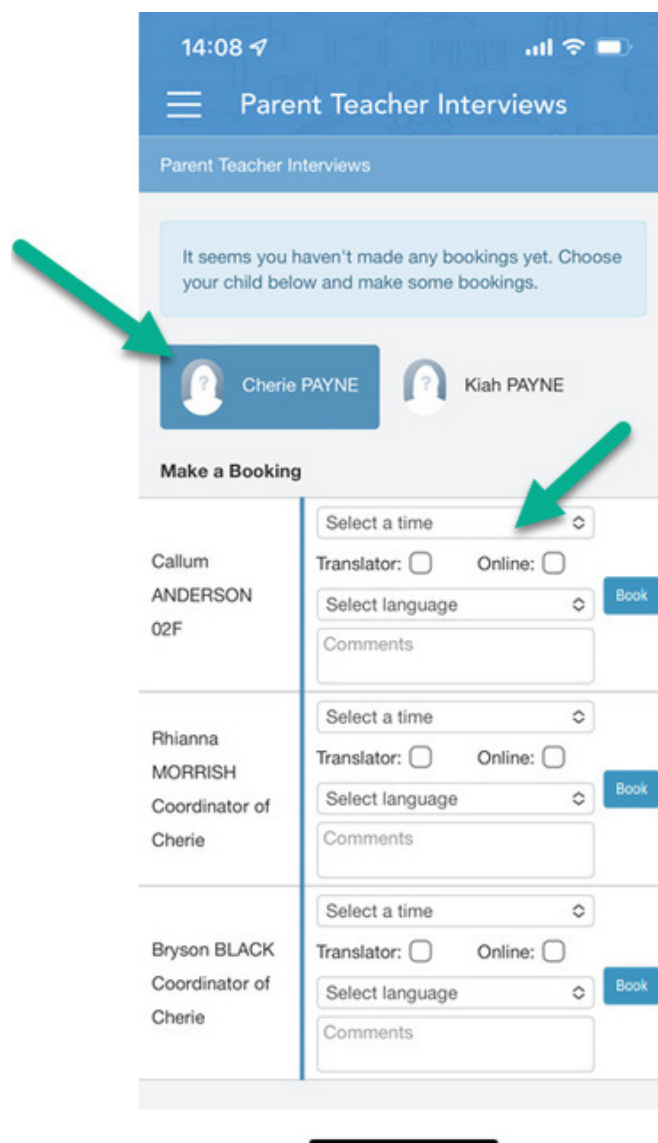
### Option 1: Book times for each child's teacher or coordinator individually

1. Tap the three horizontal lines at the top left of your XUNO Family App screen, then scroll down and select **Parent Teacher Interviews** from the menu.





2. You will see the teachers or coordinators your child can book a Parent Teacher Interview in the bottom half of the screen. If you have more than one child at the school, one will be highlighted when you first enter the Parent Teacher Interviews screen. You can easily switch between each child by tapping on their name.
3. Note that your school may have slightly different options available, depending on whether or not Translators or Online interviews are available.
4. Tap the **Select a time** dropdown menu to choose a time slot that suits you for this teacher.





5. If your school has enabled comments, tap in the **Comments** text box and enter your message to the teacher or coordinator.

6. Tap the **Book** button as shown below to save this booking.

Callum  
ANDERSON  
02F

Select a time

Translator:  Online:

Select language

Comments

Book

7. Repeat the above steps to complete all required bookings for all your children. XUNO will update the available times for each teacher as you save your bookings, so that you cannot double-book yourself with two teachers at one time.

8. You will see your confirmed appointments at the top of the screen after they are booked. If you need to cancel a booking, use the X icon to delete it.

14:09

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews

Huzzah! You've made your first booking, give yourself a pat on the back.

Confirmed Bookings

Fri 22 Jul 2022

6:30p m Callum ANDERSON - 02F  
Cherie PAYNE  
Translator: Yes Language: Auslan Online: [X icon]

6:40p m No  
Comments: -

Done

Huzzah! Cherie's bookings are done! Feel free to print this page using the icon in the top-right or select another student.

Make a Booking

Rhianna

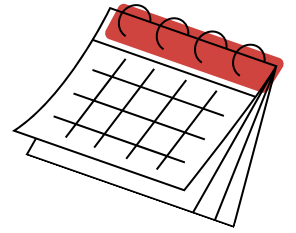
Select a time

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# KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- 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



## Library



A reminder that all students are asked to return their Library books **each week.**

Library days are:

LA 1: Mondays

LA 2: Mondays

LA 3: Tuesdays



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Our Newsletter is published every second week. Our next Newsletter date is **Friday, March 22, 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 20, 2024**.