

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

Friday, March 10, 2023

THANK YOU SO MUCH

Thanks to all students, families and friends who attended our **Back to School 2023 Celebration!** Thanks also to all the school staff who came along to help out and to our dentist and DASH friends who set up amazing displays. What a wonderful evening! Here are just a few snaps from the happy occasion...

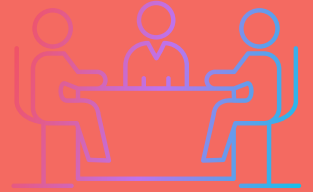




PLEASE HELP!

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
ALISTAIR 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:

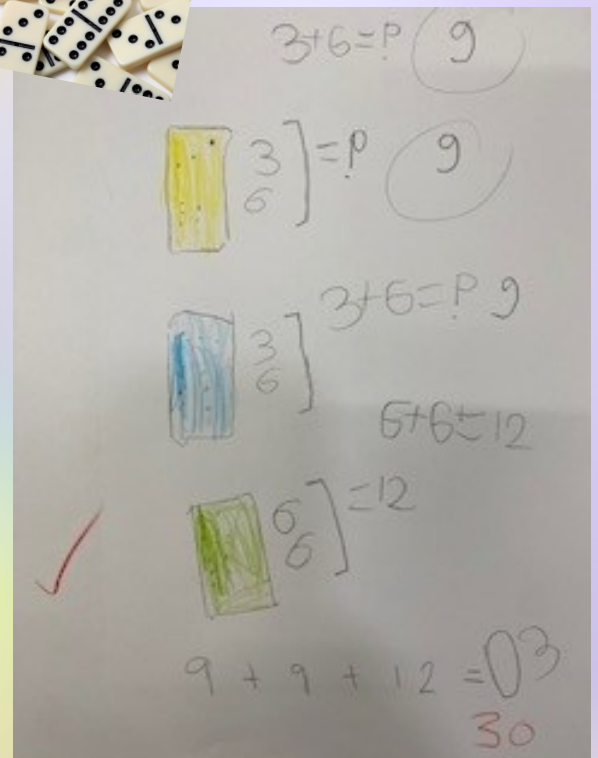
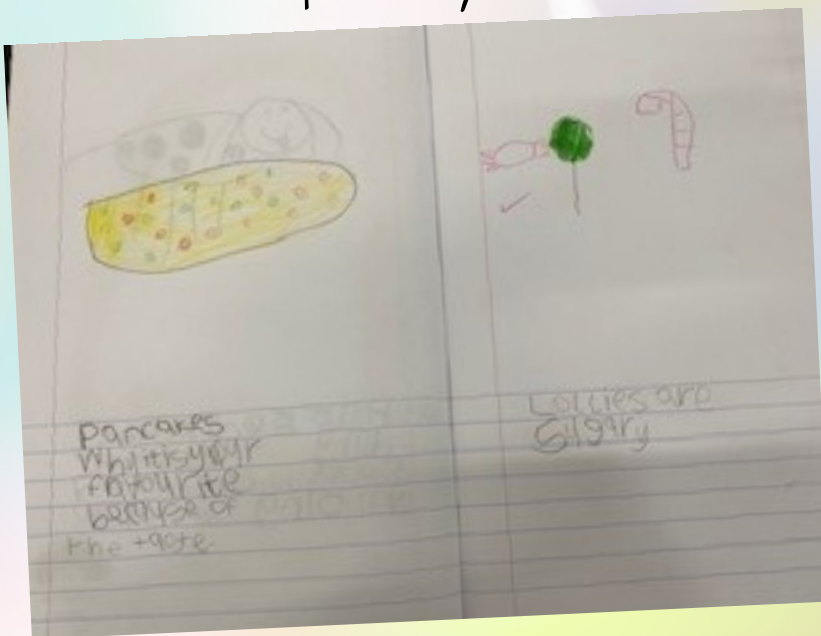
- establishing the **broad direction and vision** of the school within the school's community
- participating in the development and monitoring of the School Strategic Plan
- approving the annual budget and **monitoring expenditure**
- developing, reviewing and updating **school policies**
- **raising 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

FROM OUR CLASSROOMS!

LEARNING AREA 1

In the LA1 classroom this week, we have been focusing on writing prompts based on a story book reading that also incorporates sounds from our phonics lessons. In Maths, the students have been honing their number skills using a variety of resources, including dominoes, ten frames, and magic triangles. The class also farewelled one of our lovely Grade 1 students, Blayde. We wish him all the best at his new school.

Work samples by Alora



A couple of LA 1 Snaps from the welcome to school evening...



LEARNING AREA 2

In literacy, LA 2 have been looking at a selection of different text types to understand the purpose for reading each one. The students are reading the local newspaper to inform others about who won the basketball? Where and how a recent bushfire started? What is happening at other local schools, etc.



Students in LA2 and LA3 worked together to produce beautiful dot art.





LEARNING AREA 3

SOME EXTRA PHOTOS FEATURING LA 3 STUDENTS FROM OUR WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL EVENING

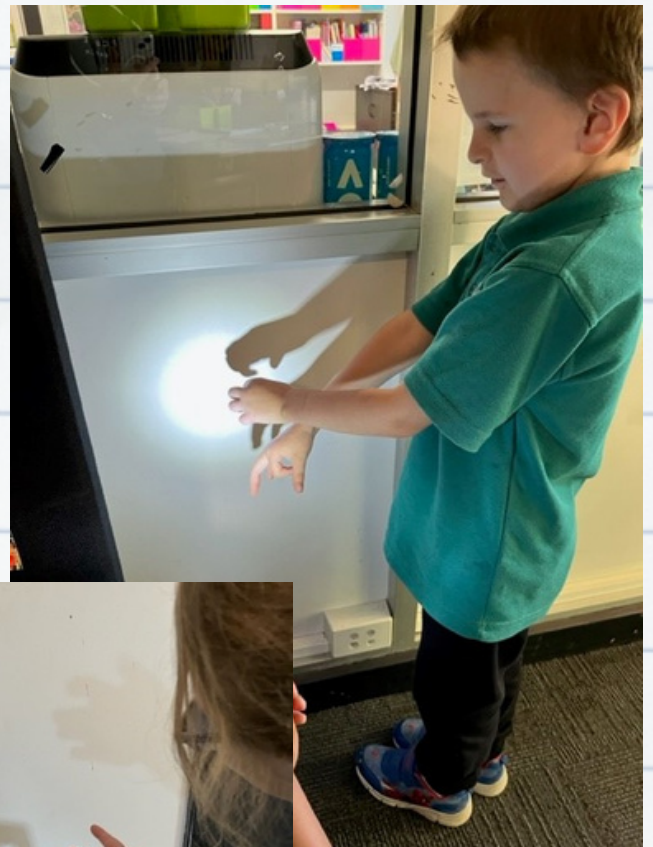




SCIENCE WITH MR. J



In Science, Learning Area 1 students are presently studying Biology. We have been learning about the “External Features of Living Things” such as horns, ears, wings, fins etc.. and what these features allow them to do in the way of movement and other life essential activities. Some of our lessons have focused on the body coverings of animals such as fur, scales, feathers and skin and why animals have these features. Students then had a lot of fun completing a “Shadow” experiment, where they used torches and their hands to create the physical features of their chosen animal against a wall.



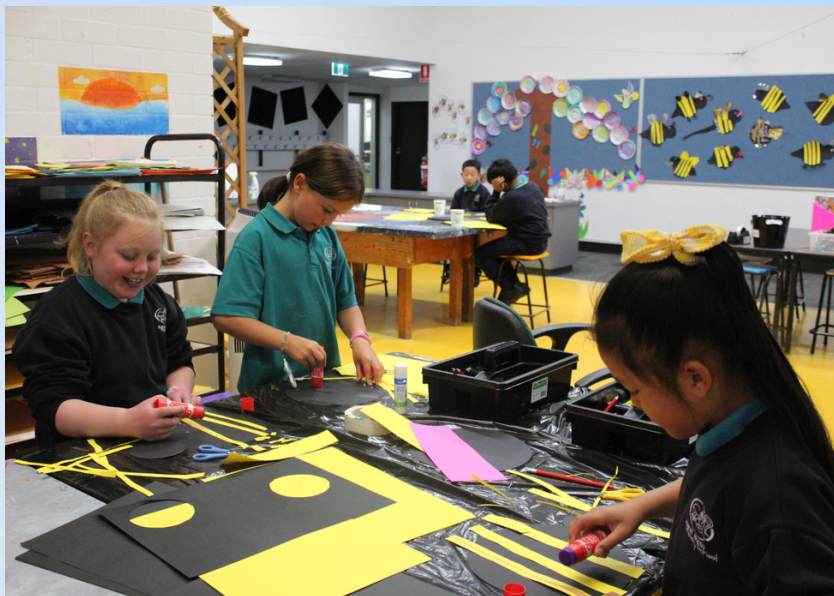




From the Art Room

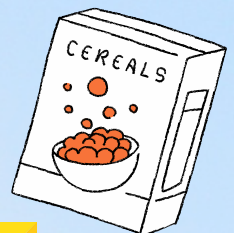


It has been a busy two weeks in the Art Room. Students from Learning Areas 1 and 2 have been working hard on making a beautiful garden scene in the Art Room including tree blossoms, butterflies, flowers and autumn leaves. Also, beware of the Big Buzzing Bees! Students from Learning Area 3 have started learning about primary, secondary and tertiary colours and have begun making their own colour wheels.



PLEASE HELP!

Next term the students will be completing a fantastic art unit called "I am not a Cereal Box". We need to collect *lots of cereal boxes* for this activity. If you can send along your empty cereal boxes to school this would be a great help. Thank you!



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.



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 SHAYNA.

Hello,

My name is **Shayna Dahlstrom!**

I spent all my primary school years here at Ararat North.

I am mother to 4 children, Layla, Stella, Milla and Deegan.

I have been married for three years to my lovely husband Chris.

This is my 4th year at Ararat North Primary School as an Education Support worker, prior to working here I worked in Early Childhood and Education.



Fun Facts about me;

I love spending time with my family

I coach B grade netball at Moyston Willaura Football Netball Club

I enjoy camping and the outdoors

My favourite colour is purple

I love the Richmond Tigers and Dustin Martin



I look forward to working with all students this year and I am enthusiastic to see the accomplishments made by the students and to see the achievements they reach throughout the school year. We have so many fun and exciting things to look forward to in 2023.

Early Help

Whether you want to strengthen your parenting skills or need assistance accessing support for your children. Cafs Family Support Team want to help:

- **The health and wellbeing of your children and family**
- **Support identifying and implementing alternative parenting approaches**
- **Child development – ages and stages, and other parenting resources**
- **Support families experiencing family violence, financial strain, substance abuse and/or mental health issues**

Cafs Early Help team are available for a free, confidential chat about your support needs.

Early Help Practitioners can attend initial face-to-face consultations with families both onsite at Ararat North Primary School or via phone call.

Early Help practitioners will listen to your story in a non-judgemental way, allowing us to get an encompassing picture of your family's dynamics and circumstances. We aim to link you into the most appropriate supports, including but not limited to the following:

- **Mental Health**
- **Disability**
- **Family Services**
- **Parenting**
- **Housing**
- **Family Violence**



Parents and caregivers can request an in-person appointment or call back
via:

Alistair Johnson – Ararat North Primary School – 5352 3766

Jessie Gibbons – Cafs – 0448 395 904



**ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL**

FRIDAY 7TH APRIL 2023

ARARAT FIRE BRIGADE INVITES ALL CHILDREN AND PARENTS TO ASSIST IN SHAKING OF TINS TO RAISE MONEY BY WALKING AROUND STREETS OF ARARAT

Registration: From 8AM at Ararat Fire Station, Tuson Street, Ararat.

When : Good Friday, 7th April 2023

Children under 12 years must be supervised by a parent.

Morning tea and lunch provided.

Collectors will be transported by buses to each location to begin collection.



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 **\$25**
 BYO food & drinks

Autumn tour 2023

FRI 10 - MON 13 MAR	PORT FAIRY FOLK FESTIVAL	SUN 26 MAR	MURTOA MECHANICS HALL, MURTOA, VIC
WED 15 MAR	LAYERS HILL COMMUNITY HALL, LAYERS HILL, VIC	WED 29 MAR	CLAYTON BAY COMMUNITY HALL, CLAYTON BAY, SA
THU 16 MAR	DEANS MARSH MEMORIAL HALL, DEANS MARSH, VIC	THU 30 MAR	DUNVOBIN PUBLIC HALL, DUNVOBIN, VIC
FRI 17 MAR	ALGIE HALL, NEEREM SOUTH, VIC	FRI 31 MAR	NARRAWONG MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL, NARRAWONG, VIC
SAT 18 MAR	TARWIN LOWER MEMORIAL HALL, TARWIN LOWER, VIC	SAT 1 APR	GLENDRICH MEMORIAL HALL, GLENDRICH, VIC
SUN 19 MAR	HEYFIELD MEMORIAL HALL, HEYFIELD, VIC	SUN 2 APR	CALDWELL HALL, CALDWELL, NSW
WED 22 MAR	MERTON HALL, MERTON, VIC	TUE 4 APR	THROWGLA HALL, THROWGLA, VIC
THU 23 MAR	SEGWICK PUBLIC HALL, SEGWICK, VIC	WED 5 APR	METTA HALL, METTA METTA, VIC
FRI 24 MAR	GLENELYON HALL, GLENELYON, VIC	THU 6 APR	TALGARNO HALL, TALGARNO, VIC
SAT 25 MAR	MOYSTON HALL, MOYSTON, VIC	SAT 8 - SUN 9 APR 2023	LAKE GKULA CAMPING, WOODFORD

Port Fairy Folk Festival to Lake Gkula Camping

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WHAT: NO SCHOOL

WHEN: MONDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2023

WHY? LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY



KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Wednesday, March 8 - Friday, March 17 - **Book Fair**. Sales in the Hall daily - 3.00-3.30p.m.
- **Monday, March 13 - Labour Day - NO SCHOOL**
- March 15 - March 27 - Naplan for Years 3 and 5
- Tuesday, March 21 - Harmony Day
- Wednesday, March 29 - School Council AGM 4p.m.(note change of date)
- Friday, March 31 - School Excursion
- Monday, April 3 - School Assembly - 2.30p.m. in the Hall
- Wednesday, April 6 - Easter Extravaganza from 1p.m.
- Thursday, April 6 - Last Day of Term 1 - EARLY DISMISSAL 2p.m.

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Our Newsletter is published every second week. Our next Newsletter date is **Friday, March 24, 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 22, 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.