

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER



A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Friday, March 24, 2023

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that there are just 2 weeks until the end of Term 1. It has been a very busy and happy fortnight here at school, in my absence. It is great to be back at school after a two-week absence as I had to return home to Canada, last minute, for a family illness.

I am thrilled to be back with the staff and students and doing what I love! I missed my weekly Music and Movement sessions with Learning Area 1, and our Ararat North Kinders. Every Wednesday at 10am you will find us singing and dancing in the Library. Pop in any Wednesday from 10-11am to join us-especially if you have a little one who would like a little socialization. I also enjoy teaching writing to LA2 and LA3 on Wednesday mornings from 9-10am. Writing is just one of my passions and working with the students in LA2 and LA3 is the absolute BEST! We have the most amazing humans in this school. They truly are the BEST! Friday mornings you will find me in the Library from 9-10:30 with LA1, LA2, and LA3, sharing with them my passion for books. We are in the process of creating an inviting Library space. We need walls painted, shelving, tables and chairs, and comfy cushions along with lots and lots of great books. I am looking for help with the library space, so if you are keen to help out or share ideas please give me a call or pop in and we can chat. Any help would be appreciated. Reminder: Library is on Friday so Thursday night it would be great if you could remind your child to pack up their library book to return to school. 😊 Thanks in advance.

When I'm not in the classroom teaching your beautiful children, you might find me out on the playground for recess on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. I love a good Disc golf game with the kids. We should plan a disc golf competition and get families involved. Students vs parents, has a nice ring to it. 😊 It is a lot of fun and the students and I are happy to teach you how to play. You will find students on bikes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, or on scooters Tuesday and Thursday. There is so much to do at recess time now that behavior challenges are minimal.

When I am not outside you might find me in my Office, and my door is usually open. I love it when you come to visit and we get to chat about your child. They truly are special to me. Thank you for entrusting their care each day to us here at ANPS.

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Our Year 6 students are settling into their leadership roles well, and are becoming more adept and practiced at leading our Friday assemblies. They never cease to impress me. You are more than welcome to attend our fortnightly assemblies. So what's new or coming up soon at ANPS? We have been thrilled to welcome 4th-year PST, Sarah Baker, to our ANPS family. As always, our staff/ students have been so kind in making her feel welcome.

NAPLAN assessments undertaken by our Year 3 & 5 students began last week and continue this week. Thank you for ensuring your child is well-rested on NAPLAN testing days.

A whole school excursion to the Ballarat Wildlife Park has been confirmed for Friday 31 May. Please keep an eye out for the permission form and return it promptly. We have also secured a 'free' 3-day 2- night camp at the Lorne Surf Lifesaving Club, in Lorne. It was a favourite camp by the students who attended last year. We are proposing Years 2-6 for this camp, and I will let you know when that has been confirmed. Camp dates are locked in for May 24, 25 and 26. More info to come on this camp.

Thank you to all of you who were able to join us for our Welcome Back evening a few weeks ago. It was a beautiful night, with great company and delicious food. Thank you for stopping by and we hope to have you back to school again soon to join us for an evening movie under the stars. I am also looking for interested parents/ carers who would be interested in creating a Parent Group for ANPS. Come have a chat with me if you're interested. It would be amazing to have an active parent group working to support our students at ANPS.

I just wanted to take this last opportunity to thank all of you for another tremendous term together. I can't say enough about how proud I am of this school and of its various accomplishments. I would like to formally thank our wonderful students for all of their hard work and efforts. We absolutely have the best students. They are committed, happy, hard-working, energetic, and fun. I could fill an entire page full of superlatives describing how incredibly intelligent and talented our students are. I will refrain at this point however since I am going to assume that you already know how great our kids are. Last, I would like to thank my fabulous staff. ANPS has a wonderful team of educators and support staff. Every day as I come to work I am filled with a deep sense of pride, humility, and excitement as I prepare myself to come to work with people whom I deeply respect and who are exemplary humans in their various fields and professions. I really cannot say enough about how lucky we are to have such an incredible group of people caring for our kids. I know as a principal that I count my blessings every single day.

Smiles,
Judy Jenkins
Principal



FROM OUR CLASSROOMS!

LEARNING AREA 1

Students in LA1 have been focusing on Geography as part of their Integrated Studies subject. We commenced with looking at 'our world' – the people, places and things that make up our individual lives. We then expanded out by looking at street maps and discussing what landmarks are, and identifying landmarks in our town. We have also learned about the seven continents, then narrowed our focus to Australia. LA1 have enjoyed using the magnetic map puzzle (pictured below), as a way of learning about our states and capital cities.



LEARNING AREA 2

In Geography, LA2 have been learning to identify and name capital cities, States and Territories of Australia. They have used compass points to describe location.



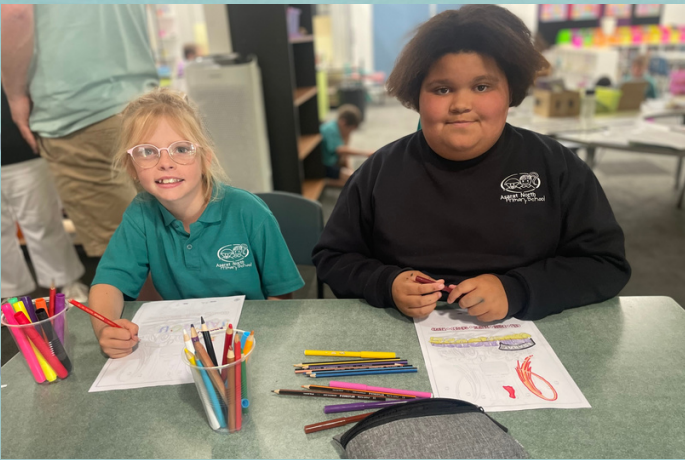
LA2 celebrated Harmony Day this week by exploring cultural diversity through both literacy and art.



LEARNING AREA 3 - BUDDIES



I like to teach them and help them.
Ashley



I think Buddes are infortant because they can look up to you. Why they are a grade six and they could show good leadership. And they could become a really good leader if they look up to us.
Ryan

1. you help them.
2. It's good for them to interce with you.
3. It's good for them to meet new people.
Kausha!

Buddies are cool.
Domink

My Buddy is so important to me because she makes me happy and proud. I think buddies are important because they look up to you and take after you because one day they want to be just like us.





From the Art Room



.This week we are sharing with you some of the wonderful Leaping Leprechauns created by Learning Area 1 students to mark St. Patrick's Day.





JAILHOUSE ROCK COLOURING COMPETITION WINNERS

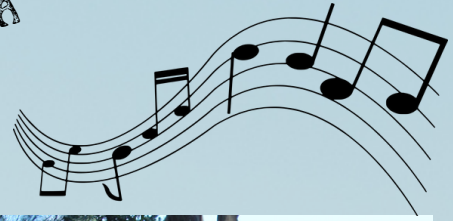


The Ararat Jailhouse Rock Festival is one of Australia's longest running Rock n' Roll festivals. It is a celebration of everything great about the 50's and 60's era. Created in 1995 to bring together all things Rock'N'Roll; the music, the dancing, the fabulous fashion, classic motorcycles & cars and of course, the Hot Rods. This year our students submitted entries into the Jailhouse Rock Colouring Competition and their work was displayed at the Astor Cinema. Some of our students were even awarded the prize of a movie ticket for their efforts. Congratulations to everybody who had their work displayed and to the three winners from our school!



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 MR. KANE.



Hello Ararat North Primary School community.

I am very excited to be back to work with the wonderful students of Ararat North. I will be teaching the grade 5s and 6s this year and will also organise Indigenous culture lessons, music and bike riding classes.



I have been teaching in the Grampians for four years now and myself and my family really love it here. I have two daughters aged 12 and 13. We like to cook, go for bike rides and travel together.

I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and supporting your child along their learning journey.



BIKE ED UPDATE FROM MR JOHNSON



As you are probably aware, the Bike Ed. Program has been a huge success at Ararat North Primary! I have been teaching for a long time and have never seen such much enthusiasm for a P.E. program. We have had many children who have never been on a bike, now riding confidently around the yard. This has instilled in them a real sense of pride and achievement.

For extra practice we have been allowing the students to ride at recess and lunchtimes. Each Learning Area is allocated to ride on the oval once a week during both recess and lunch on either a Monday, Wednesday or Friday, and then all students have the opportunity to ride scooters on the other two days.

All children are at different stages of their skill development. Some are building up their skills on bikes with trainer wheels and on balance bikes, some are now riding confidently for the first time without assistance, and others have very advanced skills that they are trying to develop further. I am sure you will agree that some of the photos look amazing. As they say "Practice makes Perfect!!"



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

Photo Album



This dress, worn by Salwaton for Harmony Day, has symbols on it which represent tales from Indonesian culture.





**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

<p> FRI 10 - MON 13 MAR PORT FAIRY FOLK FESTIVAL WED 15 MAR LAYERS HILL COMMUNITY HALL, LAYERS HILL, VIC THU 16 MAR DEANS MARSH MEMORIAL HALL, DEANS MARSH, VIC FRI 17 MAR ALGIE HALL, NEEREM 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 GLENELTON HALL, GLENELTON, VIC SAT 25 MAR MOYSTON HALL, MOYSTON, VIC </p>	<p> SUN 26 MAR MURTOA MECHANICS HALL, MURTOA, VIC WED 29 MAR CLAYTON BAY COMMUNITY HALL, CLAYTON BAY, SA THU 30 MAR DUNVOBIN PUBLIC HALL, DUNVOBIN, VIC FRI 31 MAR NARRAWONG MECHANICS INSTITUTE HALL, NARRAWONG, VIC SAT 1 APR GLENDRICH MEMORIAL HALL, GLENDRICH, VIC SUN 2 APR CALDWELL HALL, CALDWELL, NSW TUE 4 APR THROWGLA HALL, THROWGLA, 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 </p>
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Port Fairy Folk Festival to Lake Gkula Camping

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YEAR 7 2024 OPEN NIGHT

29th March 2023

6:30 PM - 7:45 PM



**Open Learning
Centre**



**Future families are invited
to join us to gain an
insight into our college.**



WHAT: ASSEMBLY

WHEN: MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023 @ 2.30 P.M

WHERE: IN THE SCHOOL HALL

KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- 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
- Thursday, April 6 - AFL Clinic (three sessions). **Casual clothes day** (out of uniform) for students today!
- Thursday, April 6 - Last Day of Term 1 - **EARLY DISMISSAL 2p.m.**
- Monday, April 24 - First Day of Term 2
- Tuesday, April 25 - ANZAC Day holiday - **NO SCHOOL**

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Our Newsletter is published every second week. Our next Newsletter date is **Thursday, April 6, 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 Tuesday, **April 4, 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.