

# ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

*~ Resilience ~ Respect ~ Responsibility*

## NEWSLETTER



### A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Friday, March 22, 2024**

#### **2024 Ararat North School Captains!**

CONGRATULATIONS to our new school captains for 2024 – Kausha Harmer and Inari Cleggett. After presenting speeches to their peers and staff, Kausha and Inari were voted in by their school community. Congratulations also to Isaac Hustler and Will Sloper for being voted in as Vice Captains for 2024. I am very proud of these four students and am excited to support them on their leadership journey this year.

#### **Harmony Week**

Harmony Week is a week to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, based on the successful integration of migrants into our community. It is an opportunity for all Australians to embrace cultural diversity and to share what we have in common. This year we celebrated Harmony Week by coming together as a school to create a mural of our hands together on our gazebo. This was a fun and important activity. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

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

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**, student 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.

#### **End of term BBQ**

Thursday 28th March will be our final day of Term 1. We invite families to join us for our end of term BBQ, followed by our final assembly of Term 1. It is always great to share our student achievements with our families, there will also be an Easter door prize. **BBQ lunch will commence at 1:30pm**, assembly will begin at 2pm, we have a 2:15pm dismissal this day.

*Wishing our Ararat North Primary School community, a safe and happy holiday break.*

*Jess Erhardt*

**Principal**

**Ararat North Primary School**

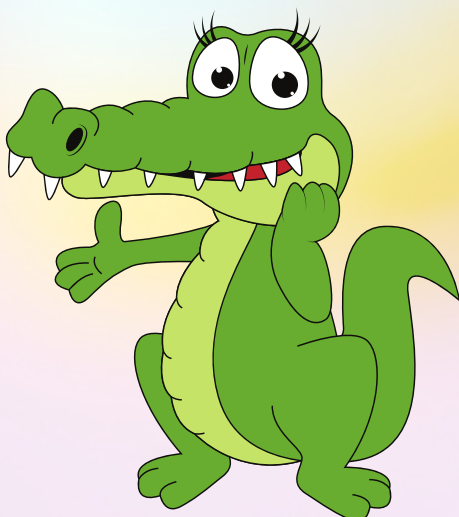




# News from Learning Area 1

LA 1 learned that letter activities can be a lot of fun. Students participated in our Class Letter Challenge. Students competed with a partner sitting across from them, and they had letters placed in the middle. The race was to see who could grab the correct letter first that corresponded with the first letter of what word Miss Ella said. Students had a lot of fun playing, with multiple winners across the class. Evie was the overall winner for the Class Letter Challenge – well done, Evie!

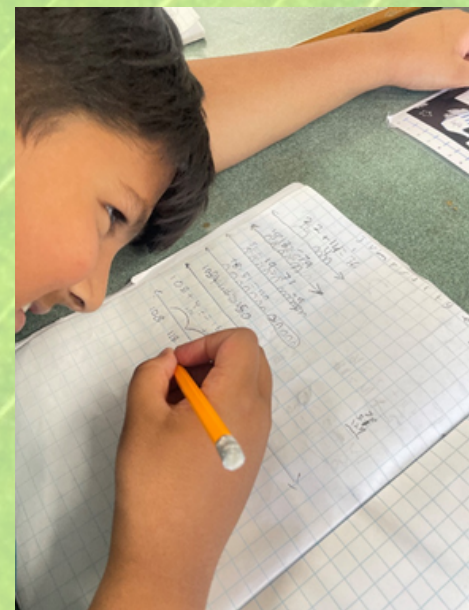
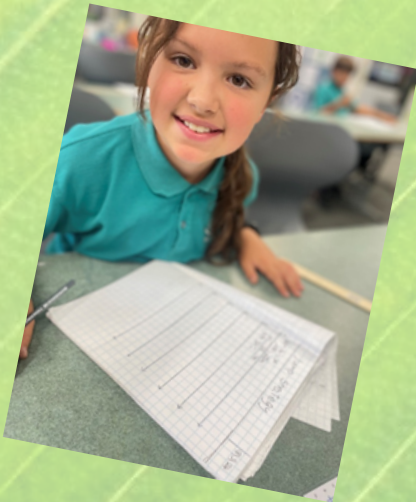
Students also spent time crafting letters into words that the letters start with. Below are a few letter 'a's turned into alligators and angels.





# News from Learning Area 2

In Maths this week, LA 2 have been engaged in learning number facts using addition to 10, 20, and far beyond. Using multiple approaches and providing different learning programs for students at varying levels of need, the students jump into their learning with enthusiasm and confidence.



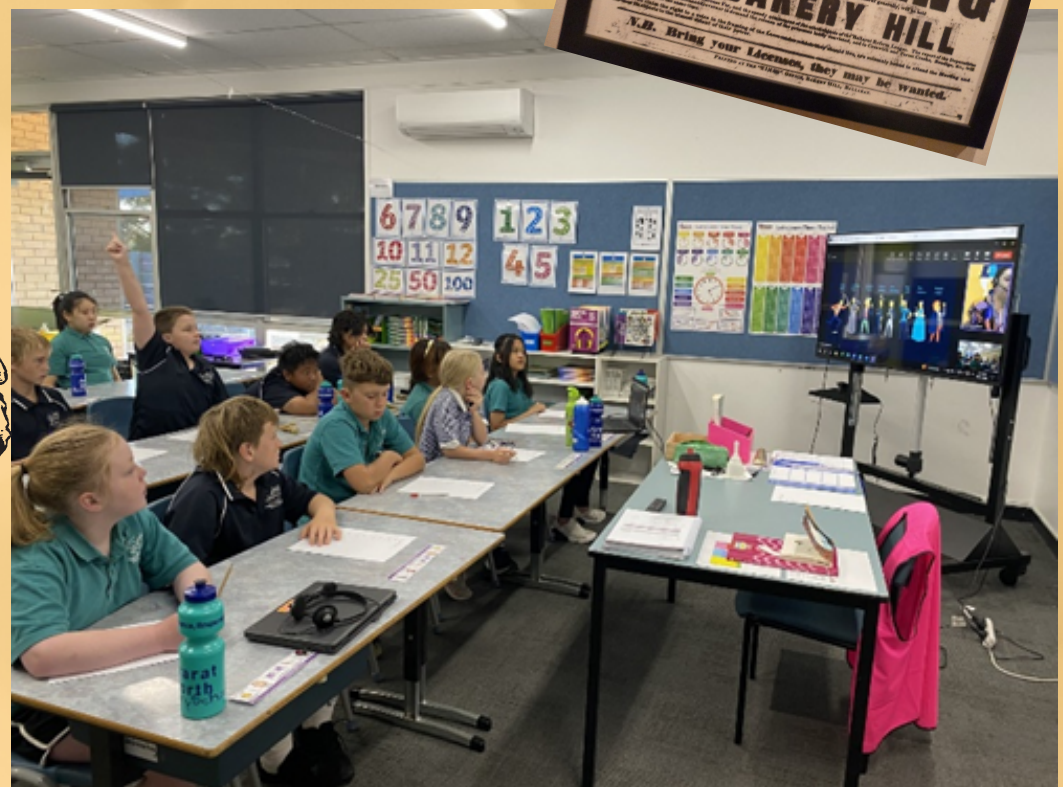


# News from Learning Area 3

LA 3 students participated in an incursion today, hosted by the Ballarat Eureka Centre. The students learned about the story behind the legendary Eureka flag, and took part in a poll which asked them to consider the uprising at the Eureka Stockade from multiple perspectives.

Colonial Australia has been our focus this term, and this afternoon the students commenced work on their dioramas depicting a scene from the colonial period. Students have used their knowledge of the Eureka Stockade, their camp visit to Old Melbourne Gaol, or the story of Moondyne Joe, as inspiration.

We are looking forward to putting the finished products on display for the school community early in Term 2.





# *2024 School Captains*

**Congratulations to Isaac, Kausha, Inari and William who were presented with their Captains badges at our Assembly on Friday, March 15. Kausha and Inari will carry out the roles of School Captains and William and Isaac will be our Vice Captains. We wish them all the very best in these important leadership positions.**



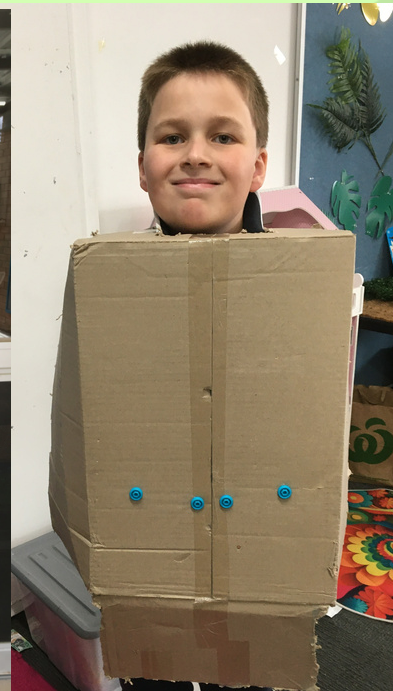
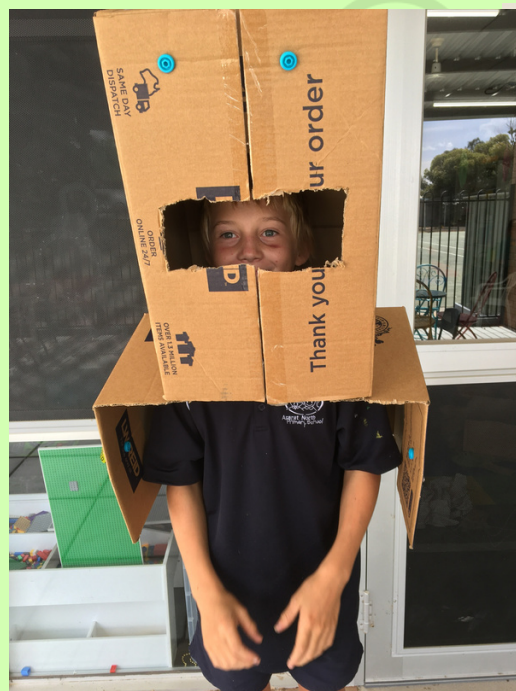




# Science



This year across the school, all students are participating in STEAM lessons. STEAM education is an approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics as access points for guiding student research, dialogue, and critical thinking. Initially, students in Prep and Year 1 will be experimenting with materials and some simple ways we join things together. Students in Years 2 - 6 will begin engineering by learning about the properties of selected materials and also about joining methods used in construction.





# HARMONY WEEK

This year to celebrate Harmony Week we all placed our handprints on the rotunda at the front of the school...



# Harmony







# Physical Education



## Athletics Excursion

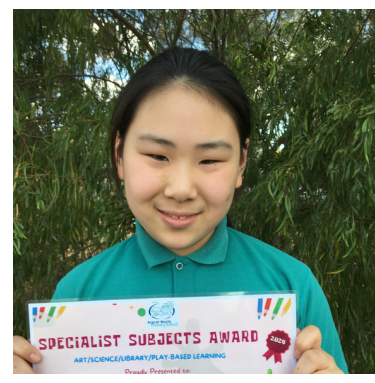
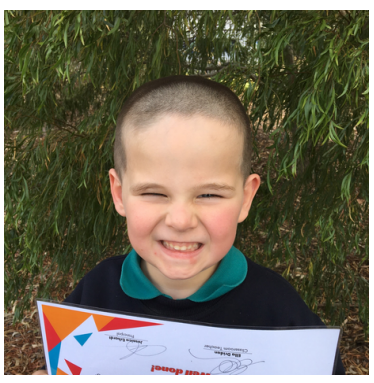
Hello everyone, I just thought I would use this week's newsletter to let you know that on Wednesday the 8th May 2024, all students will travel to the Lake Bolac College to compete in our annual athletics carnival. Students will travel by bus and compete against Willuara Primary School, Maroona Primary School and Lake Bolac College. So that we are prepared for this exciting day, students will start practicing over the coming weeks leading up to the event. The day will include shot put, discus, high jump, long jump, triple jump, relays, 100m run and some distance runs as well. A note with more information and permission forms will be sent out after the holidays next term.





# 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:





# Early Help Group Programs



## Solihull Approach Parenting Group – Understanding your Child

CAFS Early Help - Solihull Approach Parenting Group – Understanding your child.

This Parenting Program is for parents/carers of children 12 months to 18 years.

The group explores parenting and how children develop, and aims to understand children's behavior better.

Issues we will explore include:

- Having fun together
- Developmental needs
- Behaviour difficulties
- Communication
- Parenting styles
- Sleep

### Group Information

Group Day – Wednesdays 24<sup>th</sup> of April – 19<sup>th</sup> of June

Group Time – 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Location: Online

To enquire about any of Cafs Early Help Programs please contact:

Taite McNamara

[taite.mcnamara@cafs.org.au](mailto:taite.mcnamara@cafs.org.au)

0407 860 125



## Early Help Group Programs

### Tuning in to Teens

Would you like to learn how to:

- Be better at talking with your teen?
- Be better at understanding your teen?
- Help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
- Help prevent behavioural challenges for your teen?
- Teach your teen to deal with conflict?



Come along and join Salvo's Family Connections and Cafs Early Help team in our **FREE** parenting program **Tuning in to Teens!**

Developed by Melbourne University, Tuning into Teens looks at supporting our teenagers with navigating the difficulty's that come with adolesces through emotional coaching, preparing parents to support their kids to work through strong emotions such as sadness, fear and anger in a healthy way, all emotions are Ok but not all behaviour is!

#### Group Information

Group Day – Thursdays 2<sup>nd</sup> of May – 6<sup>th</sup> of June

Group Time – 10.30am –12:30pm

Location: Online



# Family Connections





# YEAR 7 2025 INFORMATION & OPEN NIGHT

**27th March 2024**



**6:30 PM- 7:45 PM** 

**Open Learning  
Centre** 

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

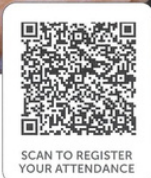




Delivering the NDIS in your community



## 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



## 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**





# 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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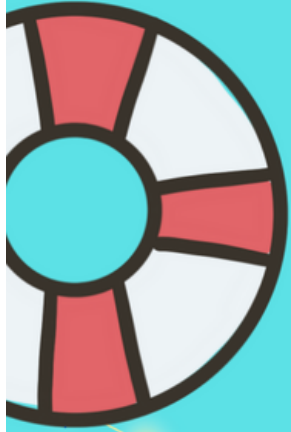
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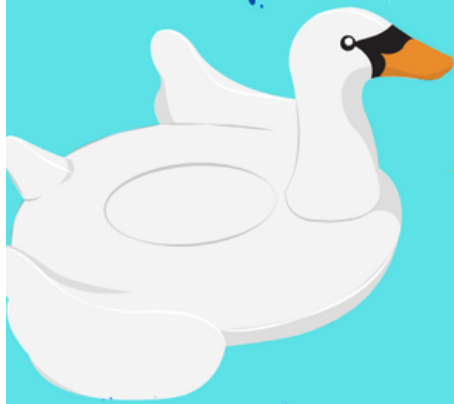
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# How to book Parent Teacher Interviews using the Family App

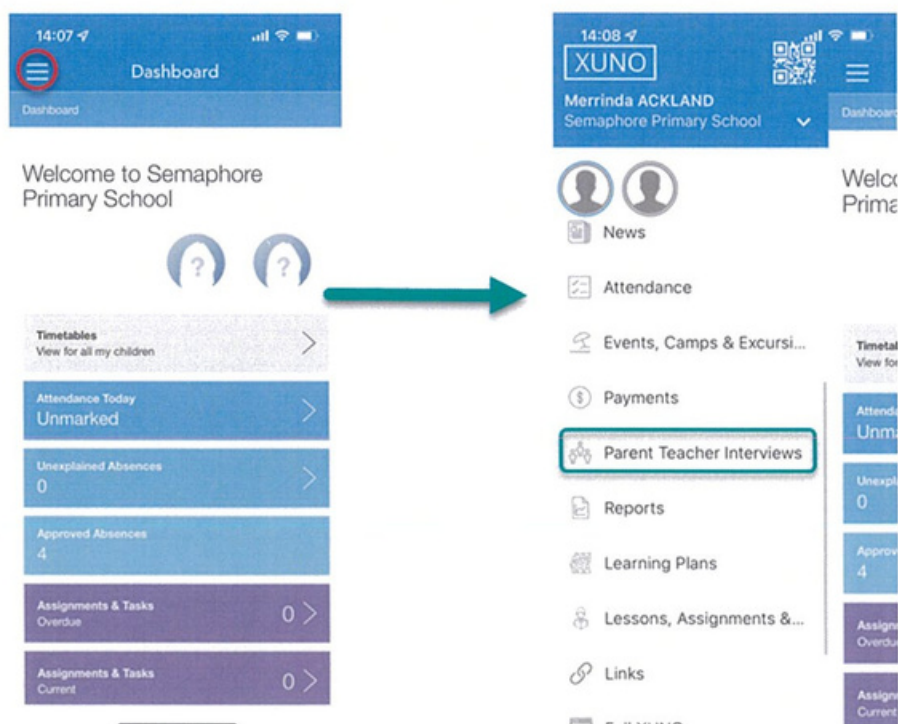
This article is for parents/carers wishing to book Parent Teacher Interview slots for their children using the XUNO Family App.

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

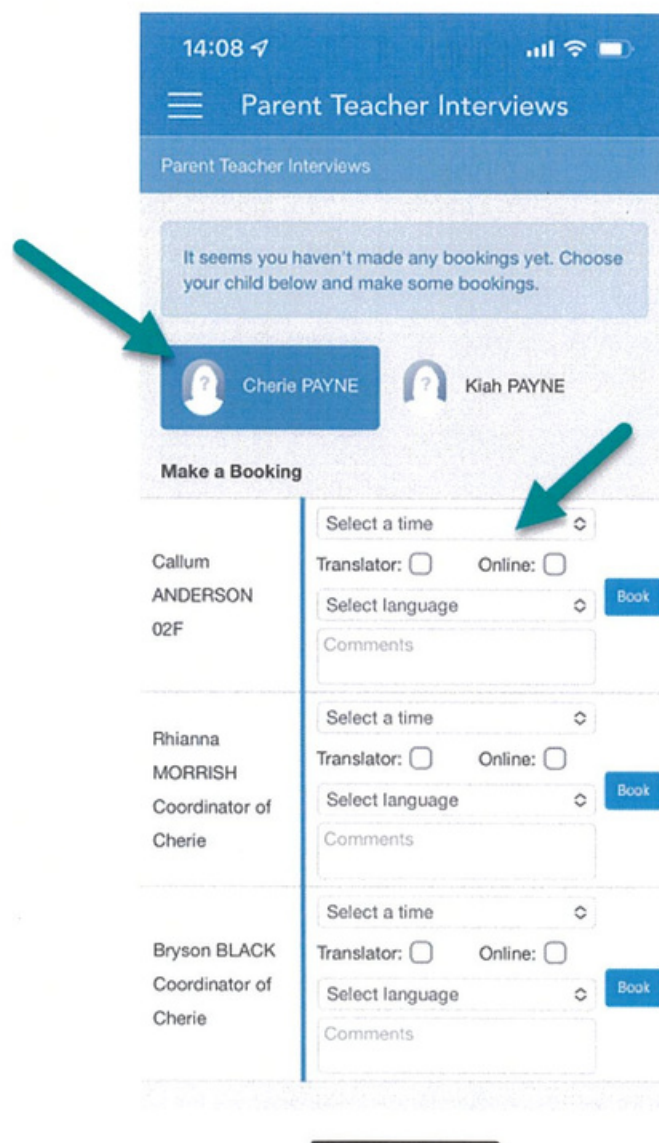
### Option 1: Book times for each child's teacher or coordinator individually

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.





- If your school has enabled comments, tap in the **Comments** text box and enter your message to the teacher or coordinator.
- Tap the **Book** button as shown below to save this booking.

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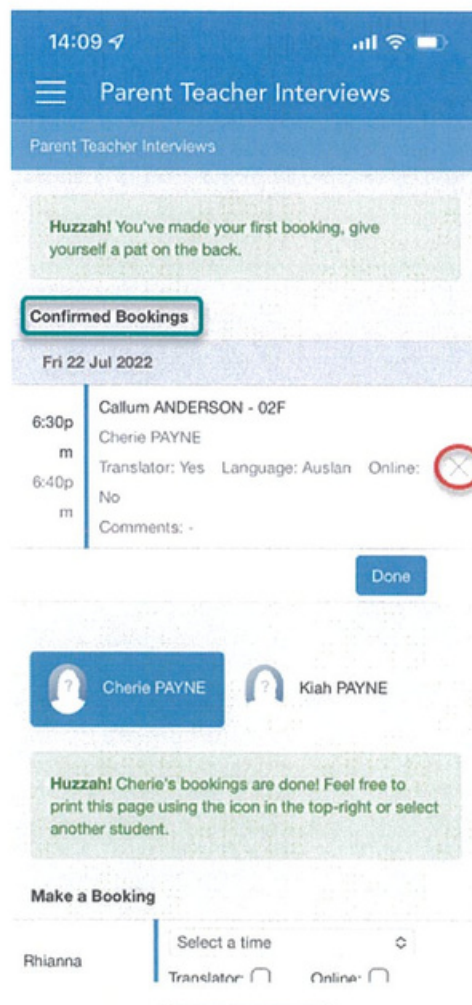
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**Book**

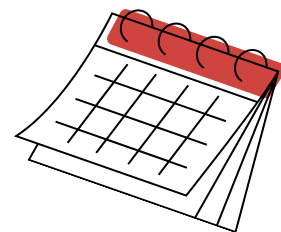
- Repeat the above steps to complete all required bookings for all your children. XUNO will update the available times for each teacher as you save your bookings, so that you cannot double-book yourself with two teachers at one time.
- You will see your confirmed appointments at the top of the screen after they are booked. If you need to cancel a booking, use the X icon to delete it.





# KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- 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 - **NO SCHOOL** - Parent Teacher Student Conversations from 9.00 a.m.
- Thursday, March 28, 2024 - Family barbecue @ 1.30 p.m.
  - End of Term 1 Assembly @ 2.00 p.m.
  - **Early dismissal @ 2.15 p.m.**
- Friday, March 29, 2024 - Good Friday and the start of Easter break
- Monday, April 15, 2024 - **Term 2 starts**
- Friday, April 19, 2024 - School Assembly @ 2.55 p.m.



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**We wish all members of the Ararat North Primary School community a happy, restful and safe Autumn 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, April 26, 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, April 24, 2024**.



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