

# ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER



### A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Friday, April 26, 2024

#### WELCOME BACK FOR TERM 2!

It has been lovely welcoming our staff, students, and families back to school over the past couple of weeks. I have heard many stories of the exciting things you have been up to over the Easter break. We have a busy term ahead of us with lots of exciting opportunities for our students.

#### Martha Haylett MP Visits ANPS

To start the term off, we were fortunate enough to have a visit from our local MP, Martha Haylett. Martha spent some time wandering our grounds during lunch time speaking with many of our students about why they love coming to school. She then took part in LA 3's Civics lesson where she discussed democracy with them and shared a bit about her role as a Member of Parliament.

Thank-you, Martha, for taking the time to get to come and see us!



#### ANZAC Day Service



On Thursday, our School Captains, Kausha and Inari, represented Ararat North Primary School at the Ararat RSL ANZAC Day service where they were able to honour the sacrifices of our service men and women. Kausha and Inari did a great job representing our school.

#### Athletics Day

On Wednesday 8th May, we will be heading to Lake Bolac to participate in the combined Athletics carnival. During PE classes, our students have been learning and practicing a range of athletics events in preparation for the day. The combined Athletics carnival is a great opportunity for students to meet and mingle with students from other school in our region and have some fun! Parents are welcome to attend the day to cheer our students on.

*Jess Erhardt*

**Principal**  
**Ararat North Primary School**



# LA 1: "Celebrations and Commemorations"

LA 1 have had a fantastic start to the term, celebrating Athena's Birthday and learning a few things about ANZAC Day. Students learned the difference between celebrations and commemorations in preparation for the public holiday – ANZAC Day.

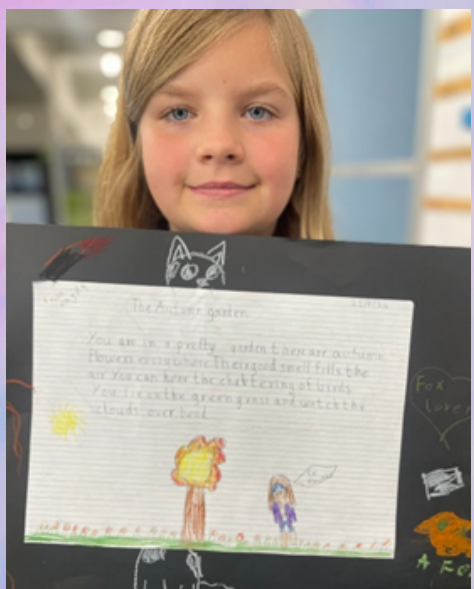
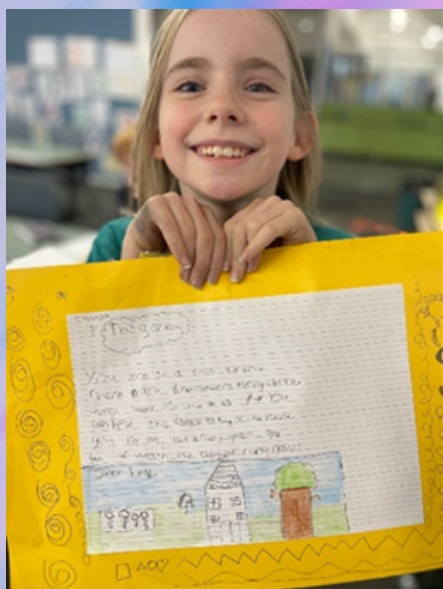
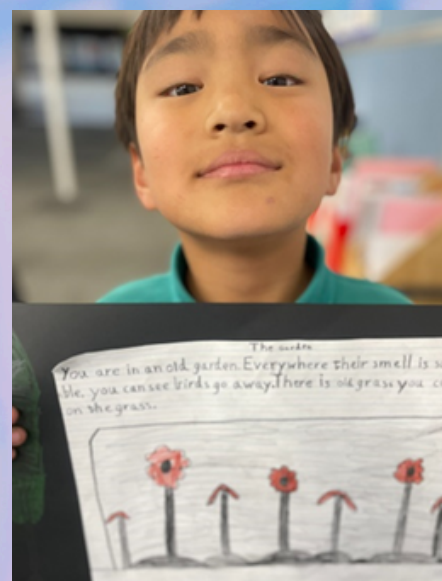
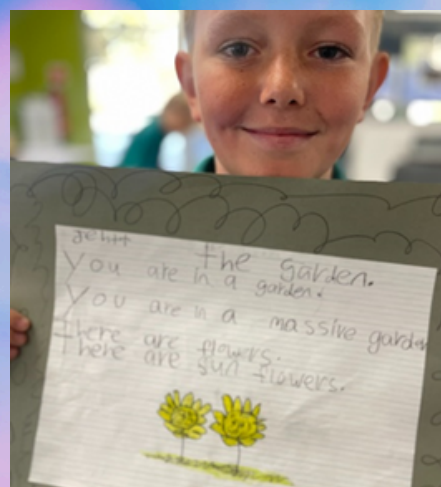
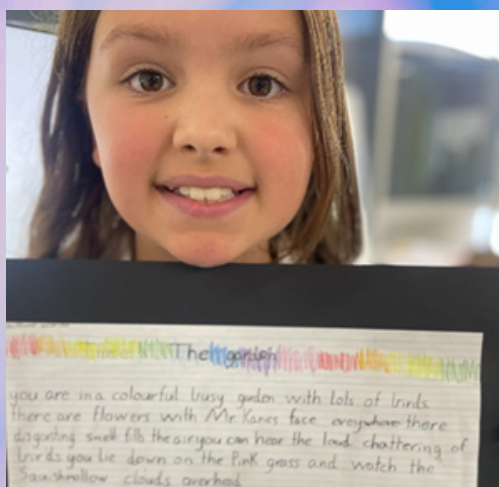
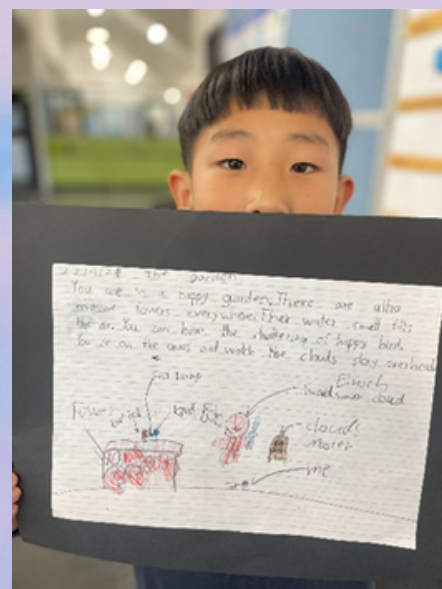
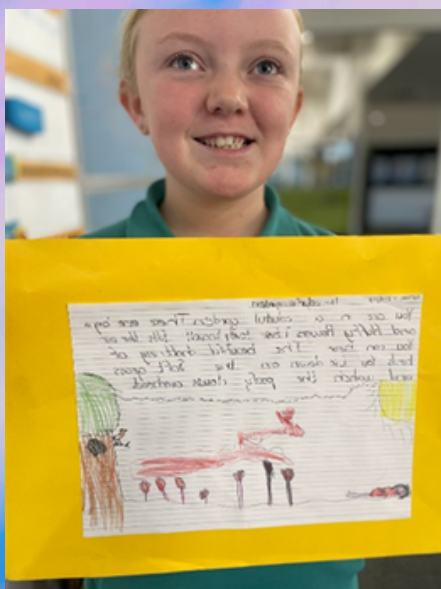
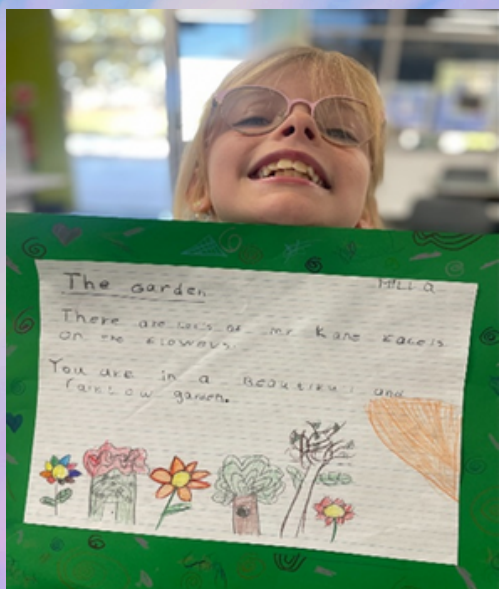
Students learned all about soldiers and poppies. They learned about soldier uniforms; all things camouflage and how to march like a soldier. Students marched in a group and completed a hula hoop team activity to learn the importance of mateship and working together.

LA 1 created a lovely wall display outside their classroom to show their appreciation for all the ANZACs.



# LA 2: "The Power of Adjectives"

In LA 2 this week, we have been learning about the power of adjectives. Using our MultiLit program, we have been exploring how to 'paint a picture' using language. The students were given a passage to add describing words to, then enjoyed creating their own experience for the reader and took pride in sharing their learning with each other. Feel free to come into LA 2 to read all our texts.

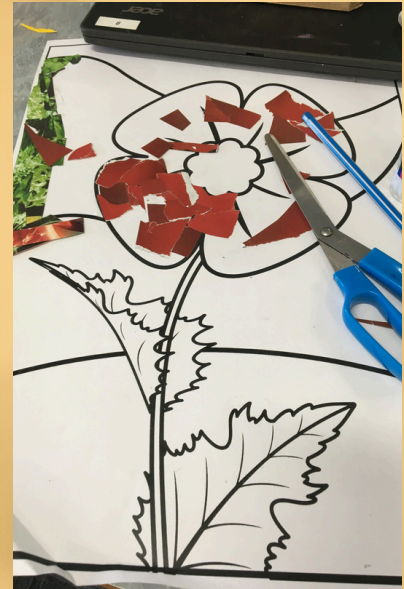




# LA 3: "ANZAC Art"



LA 3 students have been working on using their mixed media art skills to commemorate ANZAC Day. Students created poppies using torn-magazine collage. Mixed media artworks using collage have risen in popularity and recognition in modern art. Our students have produced some outstanding pieces, whilst also reflecting on the huge contributions made to Australian society by our service men and women.





Thank you to our school leaders, Principal Jess, and Captains Inari and Kausha who represented Ararat North Primary School at yesterday's ANZAC Day ceremony. The ceremony was held at the cenotaph in the Ararat Town Hall square and Inari and Kausha laid a wreath on behalf of our school community.



# *A Place For You*

The Anglican Church in Ararat has set up a coffee shop in their Church Hall. It operates every Thursday from 11am till 2pm.

They call the shop “A Place For You”.

Proceeds raised from the coffee shop, get donated back into the community. We were lucky enough to be presented with a cheque to the value of \$200 from Cheryl Haines on behalf of the church.





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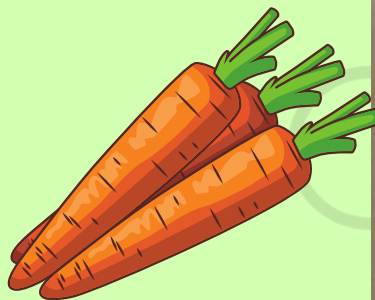
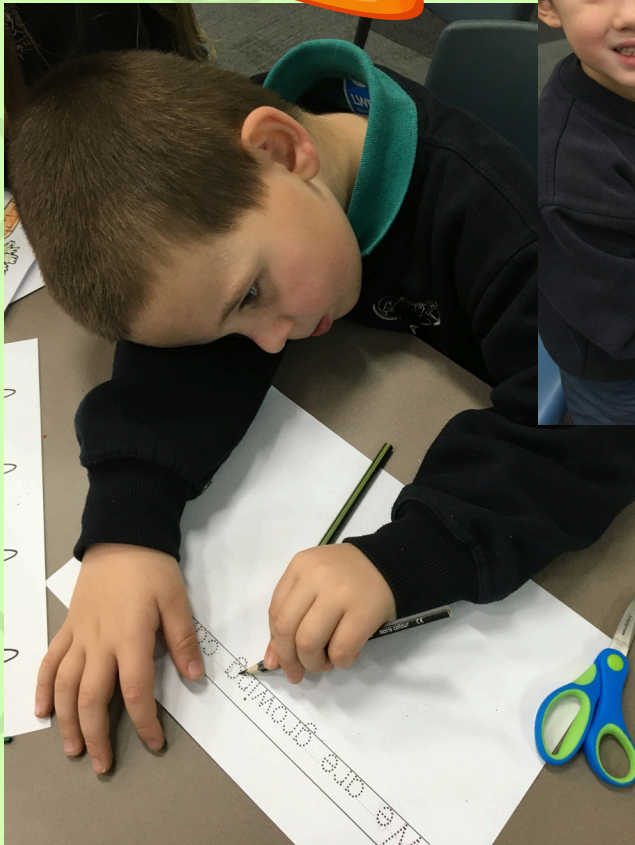


Students have commenced Term 2 by preparing the school garden beds ready for planting. The Prep/One and Five/Six classes will be following up throughout the term with planting vegetables and herbs. Across the school, all students will also be completing work on Earth and Space Sciences - seasons, weather and the solar system. In the photos we see LA 1 students in the garden, and also completing their bookwork about our first vegetable, carrots.



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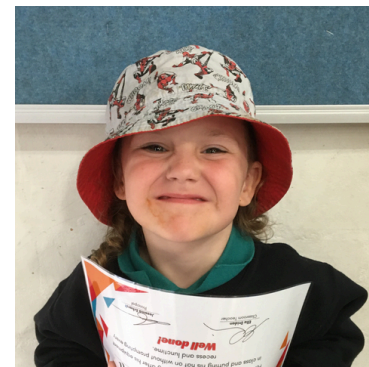
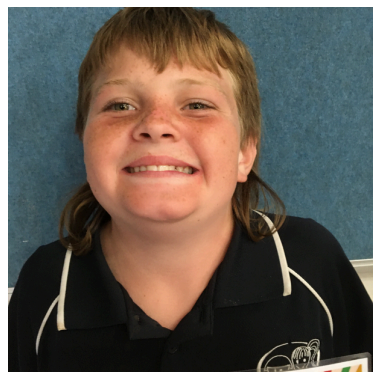
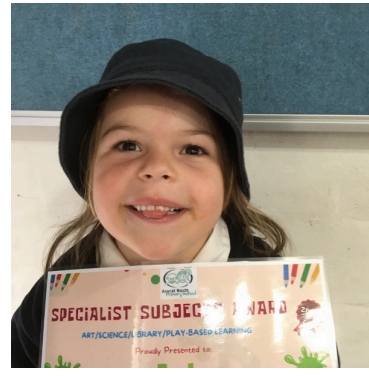
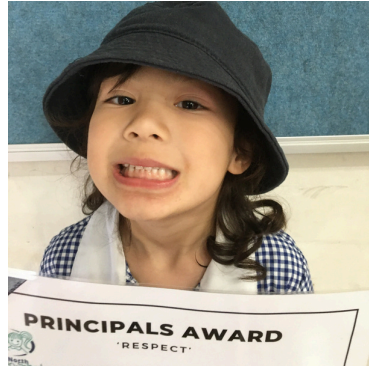


This term, students have continued training in preparation for our athletics excursion on the 8th May to Lake Bolac College. So far, students have learned about high jump, long jump, sprints, relays and as the photos show, shot put and discus. There will also be a BBQ on the day so that students can order a sausage in bread, and a drink. More information and permission letters will come out shortly. Parents are encouraged to attend on the day. If you would like to attend, the day starts at 9.45am at the college.



# End of Term 1 AWARDS

At the end of Term 1 assembly, Principal awards were presented to acknowledge outstanding student achievement in demonstrating our School Values of **Resilience, Respect and Responsibility**. Regular classroom and specialist subject awards were also presented. Here are some of the award recipients:



## PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER

### 2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Caregiver / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), which will be administered to all government school students in Years 4 to 12.

#### About the survey

The AtoSS is a voluntary annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools and the department to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and will be asking your child about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

ORIMA Research Pty Ltd has been contracted by the department to administer the online survey and will provide support to schools throughout the survey period via a telephone hotline and email. This year, the survey will be conducted at your school from 6th May until 14th June.

#### What are the benefits?

Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and is invaluable in helping schools understand student views to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. The survey responses also help the Department of Education understand how student's learning experiences can be improved.

#### What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable. A teacher will be present during the survey to support students.

The questions are selected from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

#### What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Please note:

- Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.
- The survey is available in a variety of different versions to enable all students to participate.
- The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

#### How is my child's confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that will be used by the department to link data for analysis and research purposes only. Identifiable information, such as student name or Victorian Student Number (VSN) is **not** used for linking datasets. Some student demographic data (i.e. year level, gender, age, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status) is derived from department-held

administrative records and is linked to the individual student login ID during survey set up work to support survey administration.

ORIMA Research will only use student personal information for research purposes to facilitate the administration and data collection of the Attitudes to School Survey. To ensure the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times, personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file that ORIMA Research provides to the department. All data is stored on servers located in Australia and access is restricted to staff who are working on the project.

All information collected about your child will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014 (Vic)*, the *Health Records Act 2001 (Vic)* and the *Public Records Act 1973 (Vic)*, as well as the Department's [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please note that consistent with the above legislation and our policy, there are instances where we may be required by law to share information provided by your child. For example, where there is a threat to your child's health and safety.

### How will results be reported?

Aggregated state-wide survey data will be used to report on initiatives and may also be used in public discussions of issues relating to student engagement and wellbeing. An example of how survey data has been previously used includes reporting levels of student engagement in the Performance Summary in the Annual Report to the School Community.

The survey results will also be reported back to the school in aggregate form throughout the survey period. Data or results about individual students will not be shared with schools. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Where there are low numbers of students, the data will be suppressed so that the school cannot view the results for that group.

Your school may share the results of the survey with parents and carers.

#### Options for participation

Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school [ararat.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:ararat.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au) before the survey commences on **6th May 2024**.

Student personal information will be shared with ORIMA Research to facilitate survey preparations prior to this opt out process. If you opt your child out of participating, then your school will ensure that your child is not provided with access to the survey. Student details will be deleted by ORIMA Research at the conclusion of the survey.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email before the survey commencement date, as above, this will be taken as your consent for your child to participate in the 2024 Attitudes to School Survey. However, as noted above the survey is voluntary: even with your consent, your child can choose to skip questions or withdraw at any time.

Further information about this survey, including the questions your child will be asked to answer, please visit the department's [survey information page](#).

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the department at [school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

Department of Education, Victoria



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# Chalambar Golf Club Junior Golf

Sundays from Apr 5th to Jun 23rd

4:15pm to 5:15pm

8 week Junior Golf Program

Ages 7 to 15

All equipment supplied

Register at: [www.golf.org.au/mygolf](http://www.golf.org.au/mygolf)

For more info call: 0419977170

or email: [golf@araratchalambargolf.com.au](mailto:golf@araratchalambargolf.com.au)



An Invitation from  
Ararat Neighbourhood  
House...

Join us in celebrating Neighbourhood House Week with a special treat for our amazing community! 🏡

Ararat Neighbourhood House are hosting a FREE lunch for everyone! Come together with your neighbors, share stories, and enjoy delicious food on Thursday, 16th May at Ararat Neighbourhood House.

RSVP is required by Tuesday, May 14th.

Let's strengthen our bonds and celebrate the spirit of togetherness! Don't miss out - mark your calendars and spread the word!

#neighbourhoodhouseweek #communitylove #freelunch

# FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH

Come Join us for a community lunch to celebrate Neighbourhood House week on the 16th of May from 12pm to 2pm

RSVP required by the 14th of May contact us on (03) 5352 1551



**Food relief in Ararat**

Times are tough, and with the ever-increasing cost of groceries, rent and mortgages; a lot of people are struggling to put food on the table, and pay the bills.

You are not alone, and there is help available.

**Ararat Neighbourhood House**

56 Campbell St, Ararat

Ararat Neighbourhood House provide food relief Tuesday – Friday each week.

Individuals are able to access ANH Food Hub by contacting Ararat Neighbourhood House on (03) 5352 1551.

All welcome!



**Ararat Emergency Relief**

Ararat Emergency Relief runs on a rotating roster by five Ararat church groups.

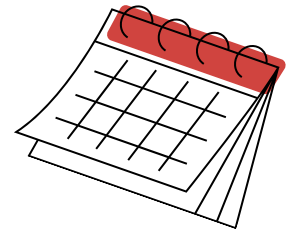
Food relief, vouchers, personal items, counselling, and crisis accommodation are available between 1pm and 2pm.

All welcome!

Date	Church	Location	Phone No.
<b>29th April – 3rd May</b>	Life Links	86 High St, Ararat	5352 2435
<b>6th – 10th May</b>	St Vincent de Paul	264 Barkly St,	5352 5560
<b>13th – 17th May</b>	Anglican Church	49 High St,	0407 857 378
<b>20th – 24th May</b>	Uniting Church	Cnr King and Barkly St	5352 5580
<b>27th – 31st May</b>	Salvation Army	Shop Corner Vincent and High St,	5352 2720

# KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- Friday, May 3, 2024 - School Assembly @ 2.55 p.m.
- Wednesday May 8, 2024 - Athletic Sports @ Lake Bolac - 9.45 a.m. start
- Wednesday, May 8, 2024 - School Council @ 5.15 p.m
- Friday, May 10, 2024 - Mother's Day Stall
- Wednesday, May 17, 2024 - Education Week Open Morning
- Friday, May 17, 2024 - School Assembly @ 2.55 p.m.
- Thursday, May 23, 2024 - Smile Squad at school (dentist)
- Friday, May 31, 2024 - School Assembly @ 2.55 p.m.
- Monday, June 10, 2024 - King's Birthday Public Holiday - **NO SCHOOL**
- Friday, June 14, 2024 - School Assembly @ 2.55 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 19, 2024 - School Council @ 5.15 p.m.
- Friday, June 21, 2024 - Report Writing Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- Friday, June 28, 2024 - Family Barbecue/End of Term Assembly/Early Dismissal



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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, May 10, 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, May 8, 2024**.



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