

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER



A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Celebrating Reconciliation Week 2023

Friday, June 2, 2023

A warm hello to each of you.

This week is National Reconciliation Week. It runs from 27 May to 3 June and is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Here at school, students, have been exploring the meaning of Reconciliation with teachers conveying the message in a child-friendly manner through stories, videos, discussions, and activities. The theme for National Reconciliation Week, **Be a Voice for Generations**, encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in our everyday lives - where we live, work, and socialise. We urge all Australians to use their power, their words, and their actions to create a better, more just Australia for all of us.

I would like to CONGRATULATE all of the students and staff who attended our **Lorne Surf Camp** last week. It was another fun-filled 3 days and 2 nights of living and playing at the ocean. Going to camp can be a bit scary for first-timers, and for some it was, but they mustered up the bravery they needed to enjoy first-time experiences such as boogie boarding, surfing, and sleeping away from home. The older students were perfect role models and an absolute delight to have on camp. Well done, everyone! The pictures tell a beautiful story of a very successful and enjoyable camp.

Monday and Tuesday the students met and talked with members of our **School Review** panel. Over the 2 days classes were observed, conversations were had and a new Strategic Plan was created. The new Strategic Plan will be enacted in Term 3. Once it is received by us, it will be shared with you. Feel free to ask questions and seek clarity around the content, goals, and any other wonderings you may have.

All ANPS staff have been actively involved in **ZONES** training. The ZONES of Regulation is a systematic, cognitive-behavioral approach used to teach us how to regulate our feelings, energy, and sensory needs in order to meet the demands of the situation around us and be successful socially. Is your child struggling to manage their feelings? Are you unsure how to help them through their anxiety, anger or sadness? A **Parent ZONES training workshop** is being planned for the last week of Term 2. We hope you will join us to learn strategies and practical tools using The Zones of Regulation framework. This 2-hour session will define self-regulation and co-regulation and highlight the basics of using The Zones in your home. We will explore how to set up check-ins and visual supports, identify triggers, build a toolbox of regulation strategies, and create daily structures to help your child and family thrive. An EOI (Expression of Interest) will be sent out next week to gauge interest in the Parent/ Carer ZONES PD. This PD is open to Parents/ Carers of children regardless of the school or Kinder they attend. Please spread the word and Bring a friend. This event is free.

Have a wonderful weekend. I look forward to the adventures and exciting events that will be taking place this last half of the Term for our school and community. Keep an eye out for **special notes** being sent home and on our **Facebook** page. You won't want to miss how we're wrapping up Term 2!

Smiles,
Judy Jenkins 😊
Principal



LEARNING AREA 3

All About Me
31/5/2023



Hi, my name is William.

I am 10 years old and in Grade 5.

I like to play video games on my PS4, ride bikes and go to the skatepark. I also play futsal on a Friday at the Ararat Fitness Centre; my teams name is Burnley.

I have two big sisters (Naomi and Mietta), two little brothers (Emmett and Jehtt) and three big brothers (Ryan, Peter and Josh).

At school I like to learn about maths and enjoy writing. I also like to help people in class and out in the playground.

My favourite food is Chop Suey.
My favourite colour is green.

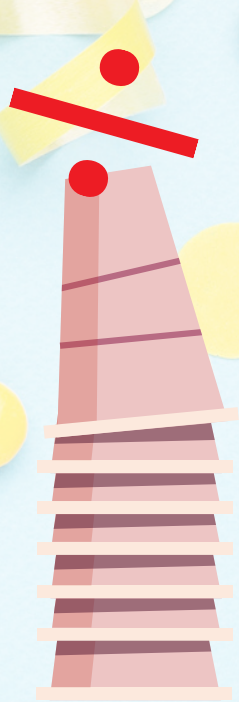
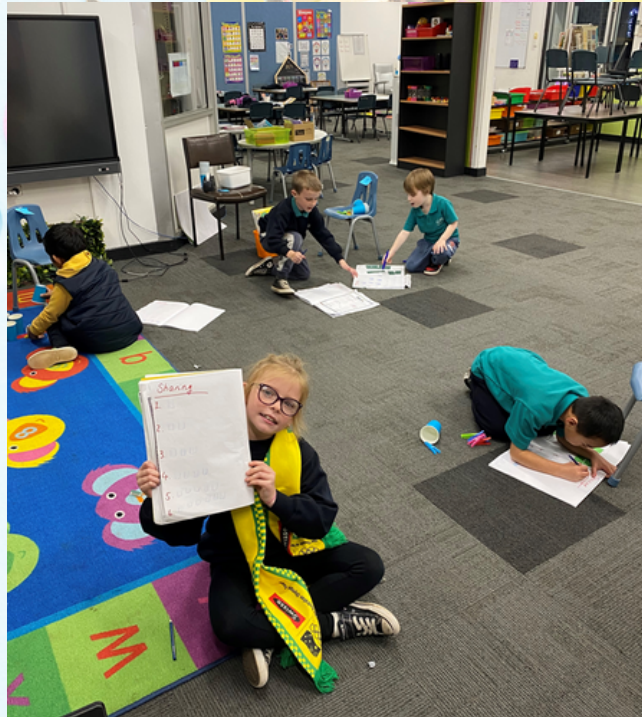


FROM OUR CLASSROOMS!

LEARNING AREA 1

LA1 students continued to learn about sharing this week in our Maths block, as a precursor to division in later years.

In this photo, the students can be seen dividing pegs between paper cups, then recording the outcome in their workbooks via illustrations.



LEARNING AREA 2

Students in LA2 are learning to be authors when they write.



Lorne Surf Camp



More Lorne Surf Camp



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 LAUREN.



All About Me!

Hi there!

My name is Lauren Jane Nitschke, and I am the L.A. 1 teacher for 2023. I am super-excited (and also just a tiny bit nervous) about teaching Prep, Grade 1, and Grade 2 this year.

All the way back in 1983, I myself started Prep at Ararat North Primary School. I loved my time as a student here, and it set me on my own path of lifelong learning.

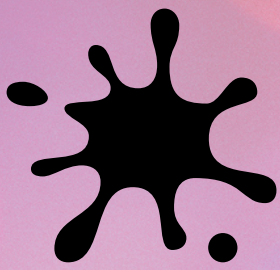
I attended the local high school, went off to university to learn how to be a teacher, lived overseas (New Zealand and Ireland), came home to Australia and had two children of my own. Through them I have gained a wonderful understanding of Lego, Roblox, Mr Beast, and pretty much all the things primary school-aged children are into!



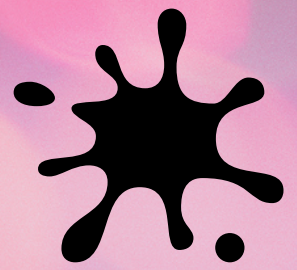
As for myself, here are a few of the things I love:

- Animals. I have two dogs, two cats, two horses, and one parrot (who can talk!)
- Being outdoors in nature
- History
- The colour green
- Eating spaghetti

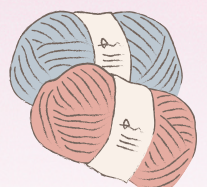




From the Art Room



This week in Art all students have been learning to identify, sort and use **textiles** in their artwork. Some students have also been racing to finish their contributions for the **2023 Pyrenees Art Exhibition**.





PIRATE GALLERY



REMINDER!

No school on Monday, June 5.

This is a Pupil Free Day.

Teachers will be writing reports.

A yellow poster for 'Trinity Connect 5'. At the top left is a green geometric logo. To the right is a smiling orange face. A green vine with leaves and flowers runs down the right side. At the bottom is a diverse group of people. The text is centered and reads: 'Family life can be challenging and so are complexities growing up these days. We are connecting families and young people in Ararat. Would you like to connect and make new friends? How about joining us every 1st Saturday of the month starting 3rd June 2023? Join us for a relaxed BYO dinner.' At the bottom, it provides location, time, and contact information.

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Location: 47 High St Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall
Time: 5-7pm
For more information please contact: Anita (0432 172 183)

PYRENEES ART EXHIBITION:

- Saturday 10th June - 10am-5pm
- Sunday 11th June - 10am-5pm
- Monday 12th of June - 10am-2pm

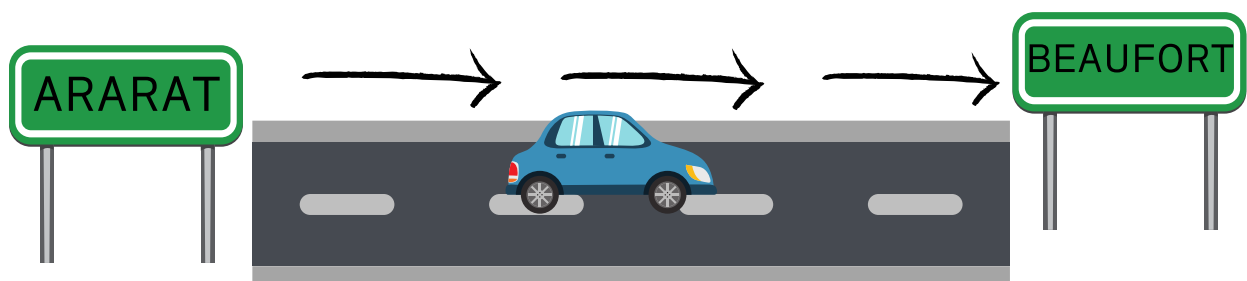
At the Pyrenees Shire Hall, Beaufort and the Beeripmo Development Centre, Beaufort

Featuring the collaborative art works of **Ararat North Primary School** students (in the youth section):

"EMOTIONS"



Why not make a special day of it? Visit our artwork in the exhibition and have a relaxing wander around Beaufort, taking in the all the other activities on offer. Don't forget to visit one of Beaufort's delicious cafes or the bakery!





2024
ENROLMENTS
NOW OPEN

OPEN DAY

9:30-11:00AM

2024 PREP FAMILIES

Come along and have a tour! See the school and all of our wonderful facilities. Join in on some fun activities and meet our classroom teachers.

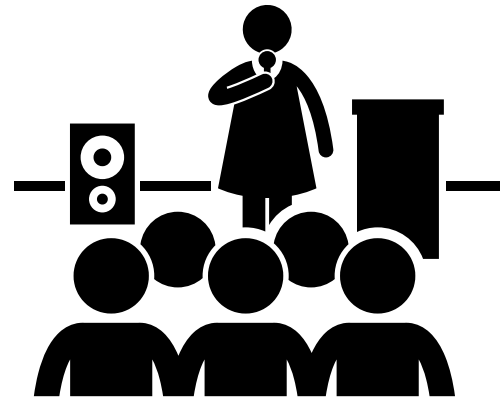
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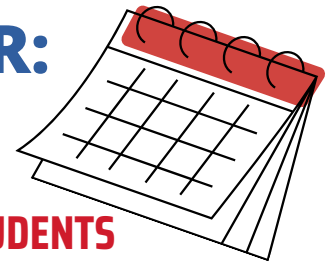


REMINDER

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
MONDAY, JUNE 19
2.30 P.M.
IN THE SCHOOL HALL
ALL WELCOME



KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Monday, June 5 - Report Writing Day - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Wednesday, June 7 - Open morning for 2024 Prep families @ 9.30 a.m.
- Monday, June 12 - King's Birthday - **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
- Monday, June 19 - School Assembly @ 2.30p.m.
- Wednesday, June 21 - School Council - 4p.m.
- Friday, June 23 - Last Day of Term 2 - **early dismissal**

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Our Newsletter is published every second week. Our next Newsletter date is **Friday, June 16, 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, June 14, 2023**.



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