

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER



Friday, June 16, 2023

Goodbye Judy Jenkins!

Next week is Principal Judy Jenkins' final week with us here at Ararat North Primary School. Judy joined the team at Ararat North in 2022, serving Terms 1 and 2 as Acting Principal. She then returned to the school in Term 4 of 2022 after being appointed as substantive Principal. Following the completion of another two terms this year, Judy is now moving away from the area and leaving the school. The staff and students of Ararat North Primary School thank Judy for all of her efforts and wish her "FAREWELL" as she embarks on a new chapter in her life. Should you see Judy around the school next week, please remember to wish her well. Good luck, Judy! **"SMILES"**.



Goodbye
&
Good Luck



farewell



FROM OUR CLASSROOMS!

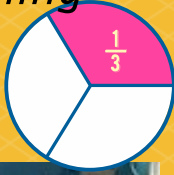
LEARNING AREA 1

Last Friday, students from Learning Area 1 worked with shapes for their Mathematics session. The children found shapes in their environment (on the playground - we also had a little play), named shapes, matched shapes and used wooden shape blocks to make an enormous line!

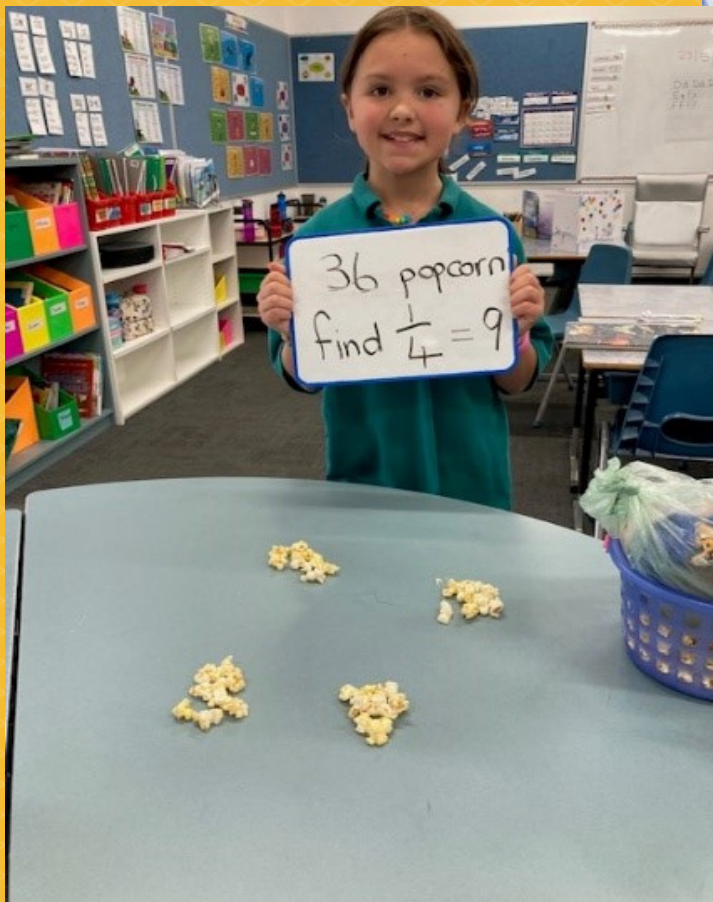


LEARNING AREA 2

Students in LA2 have been very busy representing and modelling fractions.



Students are using different cup measurements to show $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and a $\frac{1}{3}$ and how many make 1 cup (whole):



LA 2 students have used popcorn to count fractions of a collection.

FUNDAMENTAL MOTOR SKILLS - MR. JOHNSON

Over the last few weeks in Physical Education, all students have been working on their **Fundamental Motor Skills**. These skills include:

- Catching
- Throwing
- Bouncing
- Striking
- Running
- Kicking
- Punt kicking.



Children begin this learning journey in Foundation, (or Prep), and it is essential that they master these skills by the end of primary school. As I am sure you will know, Fundamental Motor Skills make up the foundations of many different sports, especially ones that utilize balls in them, such as basketball, football, tennis and cricket. If you would like to help your child develop these skills, most of them can be practiced at home in the backyard or in the street. I love kicking the football with my son in our street after school.

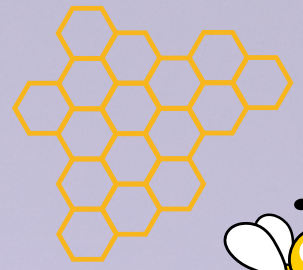


Around the Playground



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 JESS.



Hello Ararat North Primary School and Community

For anyone that doesn't know me, my name is Jess, I started at Ararat North at the end of 2022 as an Education Support staff member.

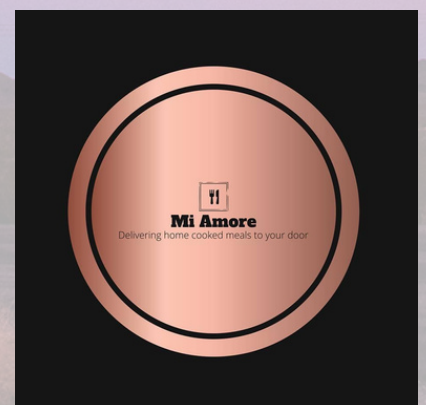
I am a mother to three girls: Scarlett, 15, Larni, 13 and Hazel, 10. They keep me extremely busy with all their after-school activities which include soccer, netball, swimming, basketball and horse riding.

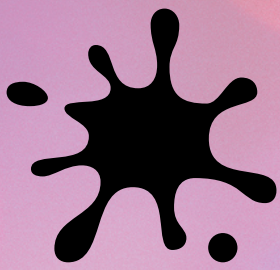
I look forward to working with all students and families this year and building respectful relationships.

Some fun facts about me:

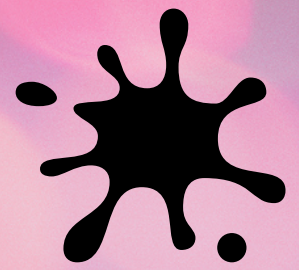


- I love camping
- I go fishing A LOT
- I've travelled Australia in 2022
- I have my own cooking business
- I used to be a beekeeper





From the Art Room



Students have been very busy working on different activities using textiles. Here we can see the children concentrating hard on their fabric collage butterflies. **Sincere thanks** to everybody who has helped support our Visual Arts program this semester through donating materials, cleaning the room, restoring shelves and tables, delivering our work to exhibitions or offering lovely, positive comments and feedback. It has truly been a wonderful semester of work and the children have been delightful in their participation and joy when making art.





Trinity Connect 5



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.



Location: 47 High St Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hall

Time: 5-7pm

For more information please contact: Anita (0432 172 183)

GREAT THINGS TO DO IN ARARAT OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

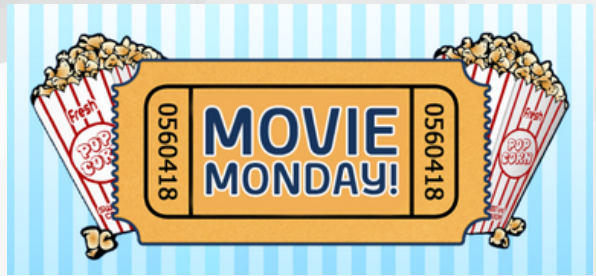
Ararat Library

Movie Mondays

Time: Each Monday @ 2-4.30.

Cost: Free.

Join us on the comfy cushions for a special kid's movie screening each Monday during the school holidays at the Library! Movies catering to primary/early secondary school level.



Ararat Art Gallery

School Holiday Workshop: Weaving

Tuesday 27th + Thursday 29th June

Join us for one of our three winter school holiday workshops exploring the magical art of Weaving!

These workshops are aimed at introducing children and young people to some basic weaving methods. In the session, we will complete a small project to encourage and inspire further creativity at home using accessible materials.

Cost: Free but bookings required.

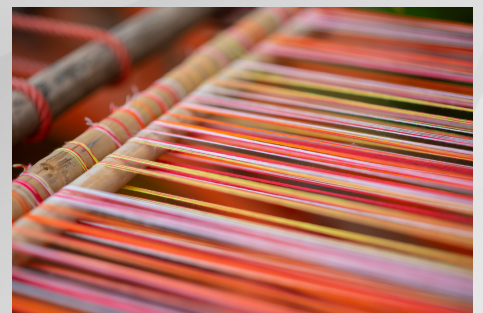
Venue: TAMA Studio – Ararat Gallery TAMA

Enquiries and Bookings:

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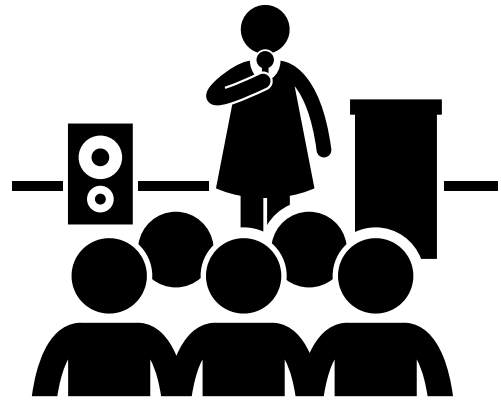
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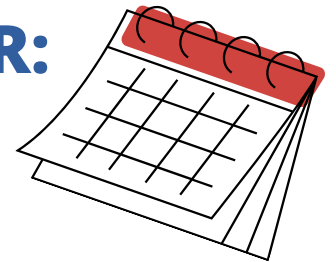


REMINDER

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



KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Monday, June 19 - School Assembly @ 2.30p.m.
- Wednesday, June 21 - School Council - 4p.m.
- Friday, June 23 - Last Day of Term 2 - **early dismissal and reports go home**
- Monday, July 10 - Term 3 begins. All students return to school.
- Wednesday, July 12 - Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews - **no school for students**

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Our Newsletter is published every second week. Our next Newsletter date is **Friday, July 21, 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, July 19, 2023**.



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