

## Principal's Report

Dear parents, students and friends of Ararat Primary 800,

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope that your autumn holiday was safe, enjoyable and re-energising. Our return to school this week has been very smooth, with students and staff settling quickly back into routine with a real sense of anticipation and optimism. On the staffing front, we welcome back Mrs Terri Dagleish, who has replaced Mrs Dadswell in Prep World. It's great to have Terri with us!

Special thanks to our **School Council team and their families** who conducted a very successful Working Bee and grounds clean up on Monday of last week. The enthusiastic group focused on PlayScape, weeding, sweeping and spreading crushed rock. Thank you, one and all, for your efforts, which produced fabulous results. Thank you, also, to the Ralph family, who ensured that our playground looked spick and span, ready for the start of the new term. Tammy and Shaun are also organised to replace our missing goal posts this coming week, which will be greatly appreciated by our footy players!

Another playground change this week involved the arrival of the **East Grampians Health Services Dental Van** – two weeks ahead of schedule. Screening checks for authorised Year 1-2 students commenced yesterday, and parents have been, or will be notified of further dental work to be undertaken. The EGHS team will then move on to screening the Year 3-4s, 5-6s and Preps, before undertaking more formal treatments. Once again, thank you to EGHS for providing the Ararat schools with this great service.

The new term has also brought with it the full implementation of **School Wide Positive Behaviours** to Ararat Primary School. Our focus on **RESPECT** includes inside and outside behaviours, and we've been very pleased with the positive response from all students. Based on our Respect Matrix (printed overleaf), students receive green (positive) and red (negative) points, which are collected over a four week period, encouraging respectful behaviours in home-rooms, specialist spaces, corridors, the office and playground. We're also working on developing a school-wide 'reward' system, celebrating our students' achievements, particularly those of our 'invisible' children, who always behave respectfully, but don't always receive recognition.

Tuesday is **SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**. The first group to be photographed will be our Preps at 9:00am, so **please, please, please ensure that your child is at school on time, dressed in full school uniform** (printed overleaf), including black shoes, and is well-groomed. It's really important that all children are in uniform, as they are featured in class photos, and often feel very uncomfortable if they look different to the others in the group.

Another exciting initiative that will be launched next week is the **Ararat Primary School Breakfast Club** – an outstanding program, supported financially by the state government, and offered free of charge to all of our students. Our children are invited to drop into the Learning Centre for a sit-down breakfast from 8:30 on Thursday morning, where they'll enjoy porridge, Vitabrits, fruit, baked beans

and Milo. Parental permission is not required for your child to join us, but we are required to keep a register of attendees. **Please note that our Breakfast Club will operate on Tuesday and Thursday mornings after next Thursday's launch.** Thank you, most sincerely, to our team of parent, staff and student volunteers whose support and commitment is greatly appreciated.

As our **Mothers' Day stall** is rapidly approaching on May 4<sup>th</sup>, order forms have been included with this newsletter. A lovely range of pre-ordered gifts will be available, all priced at \$5, so please ensure that orders are returned to the office by Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Special thanks to Mandy and her team at the Stawell Craft Shop for their support again this year.

With **ANZAC Day** only ten days away, and falling on a Monday, we face the challenge of involving our students in the preparation of our "Lest We Forget" floral tribute. Our way around this is to invite families to join us in the Learning Centre between 9:00am and 11:00am on **Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**, at a time nominated by you. If you are interested in being involved, please complete and return the reply slip included with this newsletter, indicating when you will be available. We hope you're able to join us – keeping alive our sixty-year ANZAC tradition. Our committed community team will also be involved in the preparation of Ararat's traditional ANZAC Day floral display at the cenotaph in Barkly Street on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

As always, we cordially invite all students, parents, families and friends of Ararat Primary to join us at the Cenotaph from 9:45am on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, for the 2016 ANZAC Day remembrance service. Please note that Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup> is a public holiday, and classes will operate as usual on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Individualised **Student Attendance Reports** will be distributed next week as part of our commitment to the Education Department's "Every Day Counts" program. These reports inform you of your child's level of attendance during first term, and the implications for their learning and social development. The reports also indicate whether or not your child's teacher is concerned about late arrivals. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about your child's school attendance.

Finally, **congratulations to all students who received Achievement Awards during our final assembly for Term 1:** Prep D – Maggie and Malik; Prep S – Zia and Blayde; 1-2 TB – Delta and Jacob; 1-2V – Ella and Wyatt; 1-2K – Chloe and Kyle; 1-2FJ – Maddi and Eli; 3-4B – Summer and Sonny; 3-4C – Ruby and Lachie; 3-4H – Shelby and Ryan; 5-6C – Tori and Sam; 5-6D – Arianna and Tyson; 5-6KP – Ariana and Adam; Specialists' – 3-4C, 3-4B, 1-2TB, Jake, Gracie, Chloe, Max, Louise and William; Office – Eliza and Kaiden; Principal's – Natasha and Eli; Bounce Back – Bailey, Joel and Dante.

Well done, everyone!

Kind regards,  
Jennifer Molan

School values: **Respect** **Honesty** **Self Awareness** **Learning** **Belonging**

### Dates to remember in Term 2

Sunday 24th April	ANZAC floral display construction
Monday 25th April	ANZAC Day - Public Holiday
Friday 20th May	Staff PD - Student free day
Monday 13th June	Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday



### TERM DATES 2016

Term 2: 11th April - 24th June  
Term 3: 11th July - 16th September  
Term 4: 3rd October - 20th December

## Specialists' Report . . .



Welcome back to the Specialist program for Term 2.

Miss Sharp has just returned from an exciting overseas holiday, visiting many Art Galleries and having her picture taken with the Mona Lisa.

Ms Fisc is helping students to achieve their Circus personal learning goals for Semester One. She will also be taking some of our students to Melbourne, for the next NICA Visit on Saturday, April 30th.



Mrs Jerram would like to thank our fabulous team of grandparent and parent helpers for starting to sew together our dragon panels over the holidays. They are looking wonderful, as you can see by the photos surrounding. We still have a few more to do, as the Preps will be making their panels this term. Stay tuned for details about our next workshop.



The Specialist Team will be running an open afternoon during Education Week – Week 6 this term. We look forward to seeing you all then.

*Heidi Jerram*

LOTE Program Co-ordinator



MSP Photography will be here on Tuesday April 19th for our school photos.

**Photo sessions will commence at 9:00am, starting with the Prep classes.**

Photo envelopes were sent home this week, and students need to bring them back to school completed with correct payment enclosed on photo day.

**(No envelope . . . No photos)**

Family Photo envelopes are available for collection at the office.

Three important things to remember for school photos:

- # **Arrive at school on time. Do not be late.**
- # **Wear your correct school uniform, including black shoes and polar fleece jumper (Grade 6 to wear jackets)**

**UNIFORM – BOYS**

Grey shorts or trousers **OR**  
 Navy blue tracksuit pants  
 Yellow polo shirt/skivvy  
 School polar fleece jumper  
 Black shoes or black sneakers  
 White/grey socks

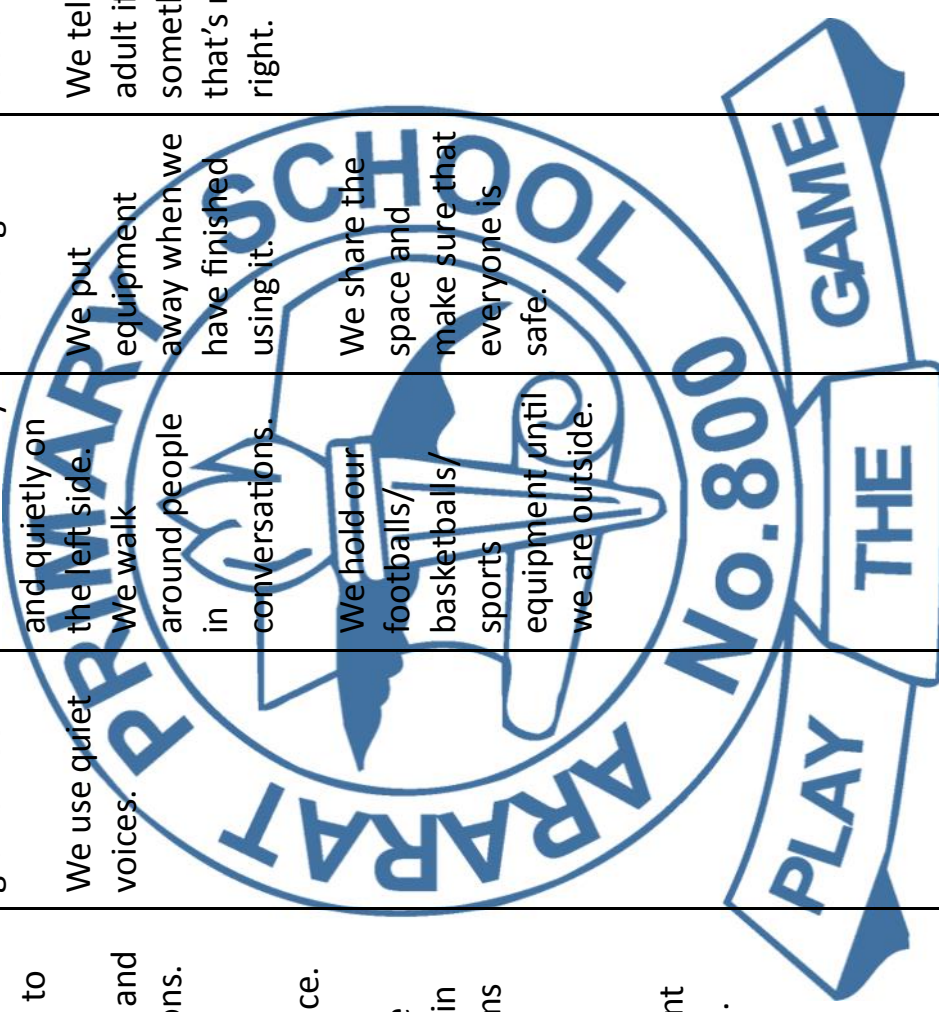
**UNIFORM – GIRLS**

Blue and white gingham dress **OR**  
 Navy shorts/culottes/skort/trousers  
 Yellow polo shirt/skivvy  
 School polar fleece jumper  
 Black shoes or black sneakers  
 White socks/navy blue tights

- # **Personalised envelopes must be with your child at the time of the class photo. Your child needs to hand their envelope over the photography staff - not the front office.**

# We Are Respectful.

School-wide Positive Behaviour . . .						
Other People	Learning spaces	Toilets	Corridors	Playground	Online	Excursions
<p>We speak respectfully to others; no put downs, racist comments or swearing.</p> <p>We take turns to speak.</p> <p>We follow instructions</p> <p>We show kindness and care for each other.</p>	<p>We let our peers learn in their own way.</p> <p>We listen to people's thoughts and suggestions.</p> <p>We use a polite voice.</p> <p>We move carefully in classrooms</p> <p>We use equipment with care.</p>	<p>We leave the toilet area clean, tidy and graffiti free.</p> <p>We use quiet voices.</p>	<p>We use quiet voices.</p> <p>We walk calmly and quietly on the left side.</p> <p>We walk around people in conversations.</p> <p>We hold our footballs/ basketballs/ sports equipment until we are outside.</p>	<p>We take care of the equipment we are using.</p> <p>We put equipment away when we have finished using it.</p> <p>We share the space and make sure that everyone is safe.</p>	<p>We use respectful language on social media.</p> <p>We tell an adult if we see something that's not right.</p>	<p>We respect the property of others.</p> <p>We take care of our own belongings.</p> <p>We choose our words carefully and use our manners.</p>





## Are your family details up-to-date . . .

Have there been any changes in your household over the holidays, or before?

Such as:

- New phone number
- New email address
- New job
- New home address
- Changes to medication - for example asthma
- Changes to emergency contacts



Or any other information you feel will help us support your child.

It is imperative that all details are correct, as this allows us to correctly collate information or contact you if required.

Please take the time to call into the office and confirm your changes.



March 25th	Nahriya Turner	5th	Abby Shay Amelia Greene
27th	Charlee Kilpatrick Asha Klemm Kent Josie Lind	6th	Navneet Kaur
29th	Emma Kennedy	7th	Wilbur Pope
April 1st	Makaylah Young Bailee Turner	8th	Milly Billett
		10th	Brodie Jensen Ashlyn Wheeler

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS

Available during school time on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

All brass instruments, flute & violin

Contact Sandra Pope 0413 624 175



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	 School Banking processed on Tuesdays		14th	15th LUNCH ORDERS
18th Assembly	19th <b>School Photos</b> envelope and money must be with your child. Refer over page for more information.	20th  Bamboozle 8:30pm - 4:45pm SCHOOL COUNCIL and AGM	21st  <b>Breakfast Club 8:30am –8:50am</b>	22nd LUNCH ORDERS
25th  <b>ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	26th  <b>Breakfast Club 8:30am –8:50am</b>	27th  Bamboozle 8:30pm - 4:45pm	28th  <b>Breakfast Club 8:30am –8:50am</b>	24th—ANZAC Day preparations
May 2nd Assembly	3rd  <b>Breakfast Club 8:30am –8:50am</b>  Division Cross Country	4th  <b>Girls, Giggles and Games</b>  <b>Mothers' Day Stall</b>  Bamboozle 8:30pm - 4:45pm	5th  <b>Breakfast Club 8:30am –8:50am</b>	29th LUNCH ORDERS
				30th - NICA Melbourne
				6th LUNCH ORDERS Northcote College Band performance

Stay up to date with all our news and events by following us on our website. All school notes sent home can be found in our virtual office.

You can find us at: [www.araratps.vic.edu.au](http://www.araratps.vic.edu.au)