

## Principal's Report

Dear parents and friends of Ararat Primary 800,

Congratulations to our students who were successful in the Literacy and Numeracy Week estimations. We're pleased to announce the winners of the following activities:

- What's the time, please, Lisa? – Xavier Lewis of Grade 3
- How many lollies in the jar? – Max Te Hau of Grade 3 and Aleara Madex of Grade 2
- How heavy is Pepe? – Lachlin Mullin of Grade 1
- How many people in the stadium at the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games? – Ned Sladdin of Grade Prep
- Olympic Games male pole vault result – Isobel Leggett of Grade 2, and Caleb Breen and Emmalee Jones of Grade Prep; and
- Lucky number draws – Fletcher Greene of Grade 2, Stella McAdie of Grade 2, Veruca Davies-Harrison of Grade 4, Emma Kennedy of Grade 1, Xavier Murphy of Grade 5 and Wykita Rutter-Gill of Prep. Well done, everyone!

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**weeks to go to the premier of our 2016 Senior School production - "Danger Kids".**

If you're a fan of humorous detective shows, like "Get Smart", and enjoy spoofs of "Bond" movies and the like, then "Danger Kids" should really appeal to you.

## **Dangerkids...or where the heck is Carmen San Francisco?**

*(A Joke & Dagger Musical by Bartlett-Fairbairn-Leehy-O'Mara)*

The story in a nutshell - the Heads of Government (HOGS) are worried. They have only seven days to locate Carmen's rocket, or she'll launch a satellite to control the world's video games so that the BADDIES always win. Time to send in the world's last hope - the DANGER KIDS.

Rehearsals for our big show are progressing very well, with students and staff starting to spend time at the Ararat Town Hall for their intensive sessions. The production is shaping up to be an amazing event, and we invite you to join us for our two-show season on Thursday and Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bookings can be made on-line at <http://www.trybooking.com/MMAQ>, or via the school office. We look forward to seeing you there, supporting our amazingly talented students and staff.

Our School Council has organised a **raffle** to run in conjunction with this year's Production. First prize is a very tempting hamper of goodies, donated by our Council members. Tickets will be available at the Town Hall for \$1 each, with the winning ticket drawn at the intermission of our Friday night show. Thank you to

our Council members for their strong support.

We have also been busy during the past few weeks organising gifts for our upcoming **Fathers' Day stall**, which will take place on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Order forms have been distributed with this newsletter, and additional copies are available from the office. Please ensure that orders are returned to school by Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Still on the Fathers' Day front, a reminder that our **2016 Blokes' Breckie** will be also conducted on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 8:15am in the Learning Centre. We invite our boys, their dads, grandfathers, uncles and male friends to join in a fun morning of games and special activities, designed to appeal to "the blokes". We look forward to seeing you there.

Please remember to book an interview time for our **3-Way Conferences**, scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup> (Years 3 to 6) and 30<sup>th</sup> (Years Prep to 2). Our web address and log in code are as follows: [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) **4xxud**.

Looking towards the end of term, we have a number of special events to mark on your calendar:

- Black Ranges Division Athletics on August 30<sup>th</sup>
- Our **2016 Book Fair** – from September 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> in the school Library. This year's theme is "Australia! Story Country. Find your story at the Book Fair!"
- Black Ranges Division Basketball on September 6<sup>th</sup>
- The 2016 Parliamentary Convention on September 8<sup>th</sup>
- Our Year 5-6 "Money Matters" Exhibition on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>
- Year 5-6 Golf Day at Chalambar on September 12<sup>th</sup>
- Our Prep Olympics Expo – on September 13<sup>th</sup>
- Our Year 1-2 "Faster, Higher, Stronger" Exhibition and Year 304 "Money Makes the World Go Round" Expo on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>
- Our Year 3-4 "Camping Out" Discoveries Expo on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, and
- Our end of term assembly on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, a reminder that **Prep enrolments for the 2017** school year are currently being taken. If you have not yet enrolled your child, please contact the school office and complete the process as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

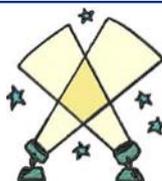
Jennifer Molan

School values: Respect Honesty Self Awareness Learning Belonging

### Key Dates for Term 3

**GR 5/6 Production: "Danger Kids" evening performances**

Thursday	September 1st	7:30pm
Friday	September 2nd	7:30pm



#### Tickets

Adults \$15 each

Children \$5 each  
(Under 18)

Tickets available through 'Trybooking' from **August 11th 2016** <http://www.trybooking.com/MMAQ>

### TERM DATES 2016

**Term 3:**

**11th July - 16th September**

**Term 4:**

**3rd October - 20th December**

## Specialists' Report . . .



We've had a busy time in the Chinese Room during recent weeks, hosting our Chinese students from Shanghai Experimental School, Literacy and Numeracy Week and student to student feedback and some cross age activities.

Firstly, our students had a great time welcoming four visiting Chinese students, Kitty, Hanna, Lewis and Steven into 3/4 C and 3/4 B. At the start of the week, it seemed like our visitors from China were very different to ourselves, yet as the week went on, we all started to realise that we shared many similarities. We helped our visiting students learn English and they helped us practise our Chinese character stroke order and our Chinese conversational skills and pronunciation. We all loved having native speakers in our classrooms, and the way in which they helped us to recognize that there's a real purpose for us learning Chinese as a language other than English. We hope to have more visitors in the future so that other grades in our school can participate in this excellent program.

Thank you very much to our wonderful families who went to great efforts to ensure our visitors had a valuable and comfortable stay in our area. Jim, Leona and Mick Jennings and Adam, Tracey, Summer and Acacia Merrick, we thank you for having our Chinese visiting students stay in your homes.

Other students from Shanghai were hosted at Ararat West, Ararat North, Stawell 502, Stawell West and Great Western. Ms Molan and I would like to thank all the other schools and their principals for their participation in this program.

Heidi Jerram

Chinese Language Program Coordinator



## Danger Kids



**Sruthi:** Hi I'm the President. You should all listen carefully to me as I am one of the most powerful heads of government.

**Gretta:** And I am Carman San Francisco. Welcome to my parlour! This is my stage and my show!

**Sruthi:** Wait a minute... Don't get ahead of yourself. What Carmen means...

**Gretta:** That's not your line!

**Sruthi:** Well if you want to know more about our play and our lines, you will need to come to our 5/6 School Production called "Danger Kids".

We would like to invite you to join us as spy agents in the crowd in just a few weeks time.

**Gretta:** Next week ,we'll be going down to the Town Hall to do some big rehearsals for the opening night! I can't wait until dress rehearsals!

**Sruthi:** We are all learning our lines and are doing GREAT! Dance moves and lyrics are being worked on, as we fine tune our performance for all of you.

Hopefully, the Danger Kids can save us!

**Gretta:** We hope to see you all there! My character, Carman San Francisco, will be hoping to spoil the fun!

**Sruthi:** This is our update for now.

## Have you made your appointment yet . . . ?

3 Way Conferences are being held on Monday August 29th for Grade 3 to 6 students, and Tuesday August 29th for Prep to Grade 2 students. **You need to book your interview online, and you can do so at:**



[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Enter School code: **4xxud**



**Bookings close 8:00am - of school interviews.**

## 1-2TB visit Retirement Village . . .



Our Buzzy Bees have been very busy visiting the Ararat Retirement Village. All classes have been practising their reading and sharing their favourite books with the Gorrinn Village residents.

## Mid-Term Assembly . . .



**Band Performance**



**Award Winners for Mid Term Assembly**



**The Ararat and District  
Badminton  
Association Inc.**

**Junior Badminton  
for learners**

**No Charge**

**Mondays from  
3:30pm to 5:00pm  
at  
Alexandra Hall**

**Runners only requirement**

**For more information  
phone Joy on 5352 1522**





**Blokes' Breckie**

**Wednesday**

**31st August starting  
at 8:15am**

**in the  
Learning Centre**

**Bring along your Dad, Grandad,  
Uncle, Cousin or Friend as your  
guest.**

**Come and join  
in on the fun -  
hot milo, toast,  
games and  
much, much  
more . . .**




**August 19th** **Jakobi Cooper**  
**Miley Schirmer**  
**Ella McAuliffe**

**23rd** **Regan Price**

**24th** **Zoe McKinnis**

**Childcare Update**  We build strong **PEOPLE**  
strong **FAMILIES** strong **COMMUNITIES**

Grampians YMCA have advised us that, due to low attendance, they are unable to offer after-school care on Friday afternoons. We encourage families to make the most of the before and after school care programs offered by the YMCA, as it is a valuable service to our school community, and will be lost if not utilised.

**Please note that school supervision ends at 3:40pm, and families requiring childcare beyond that time should contact the YMCA.**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	 School Banking is processed on Tuesdays		18th Casual Clothes Day \$1.00  Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am  Production rehearsal Scenes 7,8 and 9	19th LUNCH ORDERS  Golf Clinics
22nd Assembly	23rd  Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am  Production rehearsal Marian College Transition	24th  Production rehearsal	25th  Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am	26th LUNCH ORDERS
29th  3 - Way Conferences 3-6	30th  Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am  3 - Way Conferences P-2 Division Athletics	31st  Blokes' Breckie Fathers' Day Stall  Production rehearsal	September 1st  Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am  Production: Dress Rehearsal @ Ararat P.A.C. 1:00pm	2nd LUNCH ORDERS
5th Assembly  Scholastic Book Fair 	6th  Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am  Division Basketball	7th	8th  Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am  Parliamentary Convention	9th LUNCH ORDERS  Years 5-6 "Money Matters" Expo