

Principal's Report

Dear parents, friends and students of Ararat Primary School 800,

Excitement is building in the lead up to our 2016 School Production which will open on Thursday evening of next week. Our Senior School students will take to the stage at the Ararat Performing Arts Centre from 7:30pm in their performance of **"Danger Kids"** – a very funny and entertaining tale of mystery, intrigue and skulduggery ... and a race to save the world (sort of)!



The Danger Kids story? Ssshhh! It's top secret. In a secret crisis meeting at a cinema, the heavily-disguised Heads of Government (HOGS) discuss the problem of CARMEN SANFRANCISCO, the evil scientist and master game-player who is preparing to launch a rocket in 48 hours. That rocket contains a satellite that will control the world's video games ... so that only the baddies ever win. All the usual secret agents have failed. It is time to send in ... the DANGER KIDS!

In their cubby hideout are the Danger Kids - CODY the brains, BUTLER the organiser, GIZMO the inventor and GAUCHO the bumbling detective. No sooner have they received their mission from the HOGS than they receive a mysterious message on their computer. It is a cryptic clue from none other than ... Carmen. She is playing her own game with them. The clue sends the Danger Kids to the Sahara. They don their 'tracking bracelets' and hit the Danger-mobiles (actually, they're BMX bikes and scooters).

Meanwhile, Carmen and her assistant, Cluedo, have been hiding and watching. They are always around, disguised, watching the fun as the Danger Kids race to save the world.

In the Sahara, the kids meet the RUNAWAY LEGIONAIRES and get their next clue - sending them to ... Switzerland.

Meanwhile, the disguised HOGS are having a very tricky secret meeting on a roller coaster. There are now only 36 hours left.

In the Swiss Alps, the Danger Kids come across the VON SHUT-YOUR-TRAPP FAMILY SINGERS, who introduce them to the delights of yodelling. They also run into MAXWELL SMARTYPANTS and his assistant, 98.6. They too have been on the trail of Carmen Sanfrancisco. The next clue is discovered and, in the excitement, Max and the Danger Kids head off in different directions and Gaucho gets lost.

Meanwhile, disguised at a football match, the HOGS become concerned. There are now only 24 hours left. A disguised Carmen slips them a fake message, allegedly from the Danger Kids, and

they head off to ... Gibraltar.

The Kids, Max and 98.6 all end up in a Chinese restaurant, where the "Dance of the New Moon" is being performed. But, divided by screens, they do not see each other. Gaucho arrives and finds Max and 98.6. While checking the tracking bracelets, looking for Gaucho, Cody notices four blips on the screen – the HOGS! They could be heading into a trap! Meanwhile, Gaucho gets a clue in a fortune cookie and he, Max and 98.6 head to Gibraltar.

At the same time, the HOGS are on board the HMS Britannia, squabbling over the deckchairs.

Carmen and Cluedo are holed up in Mystery Manor on the Rock of Gibraltar. Their rocket is hidden but ready. They await the arrival of their 'guests', looking forward to winning the game. First to arrive are the HOGS. Carmen makes them sit – to witness her triumph. The Danger Kids arrive, but cannot find the rocket. Then Gaucho arrives with Max and 98.6. An old grandfather clock chimes down the last remaining seconds, when Gaucho puts the clues together, turns the clock around and reveals ...

Will Carmen and Cluedo escape? Will the Danger Kids save the day? Will the gaming world ever recover?

This year's show is highly entertaining and full of great singing and humour, and we look forward to seeing you there. Please note that tickets are still available for both nights. To avoid disappointment, we recommend that you book online at <http://www.trybooking.com/MMAQ> as soon as possible.

Best wishes to the members of our **Athletics Team**, who will travel to Stawell on Tuesday for the Black Ranges Division Championships – Olivia Graham, Jim Jennings, Sevahn Maxwell, Summer Merrick, Rhiarna Richards, Hugh Toner, Izaiyah Turner, Nicole Watts, Byron Hemley, Ellouise McAuliffe, Isabella Bartlett, Bree Bond, Ella Flamsteed, Tylah Moana, Hayley Manning, Jack Manning, Adam Quiao, Louise Cooper, Flynn Toner, Amy Clarke, Ashley Graham, Caleb Nicolaci, Bailee Turner, Nikhita Ewen-Jones, Gretta Fennell, Elly Galoso, Amelia Greene, Joel McNaughton, Kiera Milsome, Walter Pope, Shelby Kidd and Leo Murphy. Good luck, everyone, and special thanks to Mr Pilgrim and Mr Beer for their organisation of our team.

Please remember to return order forms for our **Fathers' Day Stall**, scheduled for Wednesday morning of next week. We have a lovely array of gifts organised for purchase, which I'm sure will be greatly appreciated on Sunday the 4th.

A further reminder that our **Blockes' Breakfast** is also coming up on

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

Wednesday of next week – with all of our boys, their dads, grandfathers, uncles and male friends invited to join us from 8:15am in the Learning Centre in a celebration of Fathers' Day 2016. We look forward to seeing you there.

Looking forward to next term, please note that our **Prep to Grade 2 Swimming Program** is set to commence on Monday, October 10th, running on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings for three weeks. Please consider offering your assistance with

walking children to and from the pool, and change-room supervision, as we very much value your support.

A final reminder that **3-Way Conferences** will take place next Monday (Years 3 to 6) and Tuesday (Years Prep to 2). Bookings can still be made at www.schoolinterviews.com.au **4xxud**, or through the office.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Molan

Prep World . . .

Last week we had our first session of PMP. It is a fun and interactive way to focus on our balance, coordination, fine and gross motor skills, as well as building our resilience and team work skills. We all had a great time and these are some of our thoughts about it...

It was a really new thing to do – **Hannah**.

Some of the activities were challenging – **Xavier**.

When they were hard we kept on trying and they were lots of fun – **Grace**.

I love the balancing thing because it stretched my myelin and my legs – **Tanu**.

We had to trust our partner and work as a team – **Willow**.

We gave Miss Sanford and Mrs D some feedback about our session by giving them two stars and a wish.

Star – She set good things up (**Jorja**).

Star – Some things she set up were challenging (**Shakirah**).

Wish – Next time Miss Sanford could put out some more challenges that are a little bit harder but not too hard (**Willow**).



Buzzy Bees . . .

Last week our class went to visit the residents of the Ararat Retirement Village. We took our favourite books with us, so we could practise our reading. Everyone had a wonderful time, and we think the residents enjoyed our visit very much.

We hope to go again very soon.



Middle School . . .

MIDDLE YEARS USHERS

The Middle School is right behind our Senior School students as they prepare for their musical production. The following students have volunteered to be ushers and will be responsible for making a good first impression. Thank you for volunteering:

Eliza Farrington, Veruca Davies-Harrison, Wilbur Pope, Ashlyn Wheeler, Sophie Cooper, Jed Rhodes, Tyler Wooley, Sonny Kettle, Josie Lind, Mia Sheffield, Scarlett Sargent, Rhiarna Richards, Olivia Graham, Sevahn Maxwell, Maxi Starrick, Ellie Dawson and Ruby Billett.

Your help is much appreciated.



UPCOMING DATES

Our Discoveries Expo will take place on Wednesday of 14th of September. Each class will be taking you on a guided tour of Australasia (not a typo), and how we work together to provide goods and services.

We are also having our Term 3 Community Games on Wednesday the 7th of September. These will take place at the Alexandra Gardens from 12:00.



READING MILESTONES – CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ON THEIR RECENT READING MILESTONES

200 nights - Sonny Kettle, Rhiarna Richards, Lachie Cranstoun and Kaiden Cooper.

175 nights - Sevahn Maxwell, Will Anderson, Milly Billett, Ava Kahle-Phillips, Ryan McAdie and Patrick Toner.





Senior School preparation at the Town Hall for "Danger Kids". . .

On Wednesday, the Grade 5/6s went to the Town Hall for their second all day Production rehearsal. We did a run through the whole show, and then went back to the scenes that weren't as good. We think the Production is coming along very well. We can't wait for the dress rehearsals and the actual performances.

By Holly and Amy – 5/6C



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 30th for Prep to Grade 2 students. **You need to book your interview online, and you can do so at:**



www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter School code: **4xxud**



Bookings close 8:00am - of school interviews.

Blokes' BreKkie

Wednesday, 31st August
starting at
8:15am
in the Learning Centre

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



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

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

August 25th Solan Newman
 28th Archer Pfeifer



Fathers' Day Stall

Wednesday August 31st (next week)

Gifts \$5.00 each



Forms to be returned to the office by **tomorrow**
 Friday 26th, 2016 - forms available at office

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	 School Banking is processed on Tuesdays		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' Brekkie 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 "Loose Ends" workshops Years 3&4 Scholastic Book Fair 	6th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Division Basketball "Loose Ends" Performance P-6 at PAC	7th	8th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Parliamentary Convention	9th LUNCH ORDERS Years 5-6 "Money Matters" Expo
12th Assembly Black Ranges Division Golf Degas Exhibition Excursion	13th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Prep Expo	14th 3-4 Expo 1-2 Exhibition	15th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am	16th NO LUNCH ORDERS End of Term Assembly 12:00 noon Students to be dismissed at 1:30pm (Bus travellers will remain at school until bus departures at 2:20pm)

DANGER KIDS : 7:30PM Thursday & Friday Evening