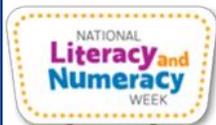


Principal's Report

Dear parents and friends of Ararat Primary School 800,



Welcome to Ararat Primary's celebration of **Literacy and Numeracy Week 2016**, which recognises the significance of literacy and numeracy in our lives every day, in a thousand ways. In celebration of the event, our students joined with partner classes on Monday for our traditional 'Read In' launch, which was followed up yesterday by our Buddy Family activity and Mini Olympics. Each of our sixteen families adopted a country, prepared their national flag, and participated in a parade of nations, torch relay, official opening and mini Olympics. Thank you to Mrs Tapscott for her organisation of the event, our Grade 6s, Mr Beer and Mr Collins for their coordination of the activities, our Year 5s for leading their teams, and to our students and staff for joining in our special activities with such enthusiasm. Concurrently, we have had a range of maths estimation activities in circulation around the school, the outcomes of which will be announced during next week's mid-term assembly. To wrap up the week tomorrow, students will put their chance and probability skills to work in our school-wide lucky-numbers activity, before fourteen of our Bamboozle stars head to Eventide Homes to entertain the residents as part of their "We Go To Rio" celebrations. Good luck, everyone!

The intensity of our week has been enhanced by the arrival of four Chinese student-guests from Jincai Experimental Primary School in Shanghai, who have been openly accepted into 3-4B and 3-4C, and into the Merrick and Jennings households – thank you Tracey, Adam, Summer and Acacia, Leona, Mick and Jim. Kitty, Hannah, Steven and Lewis have enjoyed every moment of their stay with us, experiencing country life and the novelty of being in a relatively small primary school – their Shanghai school has a student enrolment of 3200 in 70 classes! Our four students are part of a group of 24 ten to twelve year olds who have enjoyed the week at Stawell 502, Stawell West, Great Western, Ararat West and Ararat North schools. We've also been honoured to host the large contingent of teachers who have accompanied the children, led by Principal Zhao. I extend my personal thanks to Mrs Jerram, Miss Carey and Mr Beer for their outstanding coordination of their students' program, and to our school communities for making our guests feel so welcome.

Last Friday we celebrated Schools' Tree Day with the planting six beautiful heritage apple trees – thanks to the generosity of Karen Ceccon. The trees have been established in the Prep World tanks and in the garden beds near the Earthlings 'Herbervillar'. Well done to our Earthlings team, Ms Sharp, Miss Sanford, Mr Kean and Karen.

Another celebration has taken place today, with our Prep students recognising their 100th day of school – a very special milestone. Congratulations to our Preps on all that they have achieved in such a short period of time, to the children's families for their support and encouragement, and to Miss Sanford, Mrs Dagleish and Mrs Dadswell for ensuring that our Prep World team have had the very best start to their formal schooling.

Our Senior School production, "Danger Kids", is now only four weeks away, with the show set to hit the stage on Thursday and Friday evenings – September 1st and 2nd - from 7:30pm at the Ararat Performing Arts Centre. As of Monday, tickets became available to our Senior School families through the website, www.trybooking.com. Bookings for all other families and friends will open next Thursday, with the website details published in Thursday's newsletter. The booking process is very straight forward – after entering the site, simply select your preferred night, and the number and type of seats required. Payment is by credit card. Please note that no specific password is required. Seats will be allocated, with a section of front row seating reserved for people with mobility requirements.

Thank you to our selected families who have returned **Parent Opinion Surveys** during the past fortnight. Our return-rate is currently around 50%, so if you have not returned your survey, please do so by tomorrow. After that date we will make phone contact, as required by the Department of Education.

Head lice checks wrapped this week, with a small number of cases of live-lice detected. Thank you for your support in following up on the checks and please continue to monitor your children's hair on a regular basis, treat as required and notify us so that we can keep our community up to date. Thankyou also to our dedicated team of volunteer head lice screeners.

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.

Finally, our mid-term assembly will be conducted from 2:15pm next Wednesday in the Learning Centre. Achievement awards will be presented, our school band, "800 Decibels", will perform and we'll have the opportunity to congratulate and farewell Tammie Meehan, following her appointment to the Principal's position at Willaura Primary. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,
Jennifer Molan

School Values: Respect Honesty Self Awareness Learning Belonging

MEDICAL ALERT



A case of 'Slap Cheek' has been diagnosed within our school. Please make yourself aware of the symptoms. If you suspect your child has 'Slap Cheek', please keep them home and see your local doctor, as it is an infectious disease.

http://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/slapped_cheek_or_fifth_syndrome/

TERM DATES 2016

Term 3:

11th July - 16th September

Term 4:

3rd October - 20th December

Specialists' Report . . .



Schools' Tree Planting Day



Circus

We have 14 Grade 6 Bamboozle students heading to Eventide Homes tomorrow, to perform as part of their 'We Go to Rio' celebrations. Good luck to everyone attending!



Circus has just received a large parcel of new equipment—which we are keeping hidden from everyone, as it is part of our surprise finale for the Arts Extravaganza. We have already started working on our acts, and 800 Decibels and the Senior and Junior Choirs have chosen their music.

On Friday, 26th August, (not Saturday, as I previously publicised), Bamboozle will be performing at the WWW ball, which is a fundraiser for East Grampians Health Service. Some students will initially be performing out the front, or in the foyer of the venue, around 6.45pm. Other students will perform in the main hall at around 8pm. This should be a fun and exciting adventure for all students involved.



In the Circus classroom, all students are busy working on their goals. We have had a lot of success lately, with lots of students experiencing success! Well done, everyone, for their work ethic!



CODING CLUB!

If there is enough interest, we will be looking at running a Coding Club after school on a Monday, from **3.30pm until 4.30pm**. Currently, there are 45 000 Australian students registered with Code Club Australia.



We will use this website, which has structured lessons, that build over the course of the year.

<https://codeclubau.org/>

Term One: Scratch

Term Two: Scratch (Advanced)

Term Three: HTML and CSS

Term Four: Python



Please return the slip below, if your child is in Grades 3-6 and interested in attending.

Cheers, Ms Fis



CODING CLUB!

My child in Grade is interested in participating in PS 800's Coding Club, on a Monday night in Mrs Coles' room. He/She will be collected by at 4.30pm.

Contact phone number:

Signed

Mini Olympics Opening Ceremony . . .



Buddy Family name	Country
Mystic Topaz	Argentina
Amethysts	Australia
Onyxs	Brazil
Sapphires	Canada
Agates	China
Aquamarines	Denmark
Mystic Quartz	France
Emeralds	Great Britain
Alexandrites	Greece
Citrines	Iceland
Bloodstones	Jamaica
Rubies	Japan
Lapis Lazuli	Kenya
Opals	Lithuania
Obsidians	New Zealand
Diamonds	Norway

Literacy and Numeracy Week Read-In . . .



Chinese visitation reception . . .



Danger Kids

Ararat Primary's Senior School Production 2016.

Performance dates:

- Thursday, September 1st – Community Matinee (12:30pm)
- Thursday, September 1st – Evening Performance (7:30pm)
- Friday, September 2nd – Evening Performance (7:30pm)

Venue: Ararat Performing Arts Centre



PARTY LIKE A MOTHER

St Andrews Kinder presents the premier of

BAD MOMS

August 11th 6:30pm

Movie time 7:30pm

Lucky door prizes, nibbles and more!

Tickets are \$25 each

Tickets available at 2Taggs




HAPPY Birthday

August 5th	Banjo Ramsay
6th	Acacia Merrick
8th	Toneyha Curtis
	Inika McKinnis
	Izaiyah Turner
9th	Maxi Starick
11th	Summer Merrick

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



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	 School Banking is processed on Tuesdays		4th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Drug-Free Lifestyles Program - Senior School Production rehearsal Scenes 1,2 and 3	5th LUNCH ORDERS Bamboozle performance at Eventide Homes
8th	9th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am	10th Mid - term assembly at 2:15pm	11th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Production rehearsal Scenes 4,5 and 6	12th LUNCH ORDERS Golf Clinics
15th Assembly	16th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am	17th Production rehearsal School Council	18th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Production rehearsal Scenes 7,8 and 9	19th LUNCH ORDERS Golf Clinics
22nd Assembly Children's Book Week	23rd Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Production rehearsal	24th Production rehearsal	25th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am	26th LUNCH ORDERS

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