

# The Torch



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## Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Friends of Ararat Primary School 800,

Welcome back to Term 3! On behalf of our staff team, I hope your winter break was restful – and relatively warm and dry. Our start to the new term has been very smooth, with both students and staff settling comfortably back into school routines– despite the fact that we're dealing with a water-logged playground and it's trying very hard to snow outside! We extend a particular welcome to Mr Jamie Gatehouse, who has taken over responsibilities as the Grade 5-6K class teacher, while Mrs Kelly is on Family Leave. We hope Jamie's experiences with us are very positive. We're very pleased to announce that Mrs Kelly's baby has arrived – a little earlier than expected! Welcome to the world, Elsie Grace Kelly, and congratulations to Nicky, Damien and Jack.

Planning for the 2017 school year is underway, and we are particularly keen to finalise our Prep enrolments as soon as possible. We are required to forward 2017 indicative student numbers to the Department of Education and Training early in August, and they depend very much on the size of our Prep intake.

If you intend to enrol your child in Prep at Ararat Primary School for 2017, we would appreciate you completing the enrolment process as soon as possible, please. Forms and advice are available from the school office.

**Please note that this year's Prep Transition Program will commence next Wednesday, with the staging of our initial Parent Information Session, commencing at 5:30pm in Prep World. We look forward to catching up with you at that time.**

Parent Opinion Survey time is with us again. Every year we conduct an anonymous opinion survey for parents and guardians, and use the information gained to drive school improvements. The use of parent opinion data to monitor school performance is a very important step towards making our school the best that it can be.

**On Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 40 randomly selected families will receive a Parent Opinion Survey through the post, and we ask those families to please complete and return the information to school by Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.**

It is important to our school community that you complete the survey as honestly as possible, seal your completed survey in the envelope included, and write your child's name and year level on the back of the envelope. Your child's name will only be used to

record the fact that you have returned the survey. The sealed envelope will not be opened at school - please be assured that your responses will be de-identified and totally confidential.

**We value your opinions very highly and look forward to a strong response from our community to the 2016 Parent Opinion Survey. It's very important for us to achieve a 100% return rate, and ask for your full support.**

A reminder that our lunch order system, supported by Baker's Brew, will continue each Friday this term, commencing tomorrow. Please ensure that orders and payments are placed in class bags by 9:00am on **Thursday mornings**. An updated lunch order price list has been included with this newsletter.

Congratulations to our End of Term 2 Assembly Student Award recipients:

Prep S	Sheanna McKinnis and Charlie Bartlett
Prep D	Elizabeth McKinnis and Tanu Parsons
1-2 TB	Tilly Belcher and William Leggett
1-2 V	Niya Turner and Jordan Jantzen
1-2 K	Lacey Farrington and Fletcher Greene
1-2 FJ	Nadia Lillis and Charlie McAuliffe
3-4 H	Bella Belcher and Wilbur Pope
3-4 C	Ashlyn Wheeler and Jacob Powell
3-4 B	Eliza Farrington and Joe Pearce
5-6 K	Elly Galoso and Taj Ewen-Jones
5-6 D	Tamika Moyle and Connor Johnston
5-6 C	Holly McAdie and Marcus Jerram
Specialists:	1-2V, Prep S, Rhyder Simpson, Tash Ferguson, Olivia Graham, Sarah Ghazal and Caleb Breen
Bounce Back:	Bailey Pennycad, Caleb Nicolaci and Isobel Leggett
Office:	Hugh Toner and Jordan Jantzen

Well done, everyone!

Congratulations, also, to the Leggett family who were the winners of our "Community Conversations" draw, and thank you, once again, to everyone who contributed their thoughts and ideas.

Finally, a reminder that our teaching and learning programs commence daily at 8:50am. All children are expected to be in attendance at this time every day. Unfortunately, the number of late arrivals each morning 'blew out' toward the end of last term, which placed those children at a learning disadvantage. We've also averaged more than 12 late arrivals each morning this week.

School values: Respect Honesty Self Awareness Learning Belonging

### Dates to remember in Term 3

Saturday 23rd July	Trip to NICA Melbourne 'Our Sunset, My World' Exhibition at Federation Square
Friday 29th July	Schools' Tree Day
Wednesday 3rd August	Buddy Family day and Mini Olympics



### TERM DATES 2016

**Term 3:**  
**11th July - 16th September**  
**Term 4:**  
**3rd October - 20th December**

The following quote about the importance of the start to the school day is worth your consideration: **“Like the beginning of a film, or the introduction to a book, the start of the school day is critically important. It sets children up with vital background information and establishes routines and expectations. As with books and films, missing the first part makes what happens next confusing, as there are pieces of the puzzle missing.”** Please help your children make a smooth start to the most critically important part of their school day by ensuring that they are here on time.

Kind regards,  
Jennifer Molan

## Spare Clothes . . .

Due to wet weather, we are running very low on spare clothes when children end up wet and muddy. If you know your child is someone who is drawn to water and mud, it might pay to send them with a spare change of clothes in their bag during this time.

If your children have borrowed spare clothes from us, please return them to the Office as soon as possible. We would also gratefully accept any donations of spare clothes you may no longer need.



## End of Term 2 Assembly . . .



## Flinders College Band . . .



## Respect Celebration Term 2 . . .

## School Wide Positive Behaviours





## Baker's Brew

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### School Canteen Lunch Order

Party pie	\$ 1.30
Meat Pie	\$ 3.30
Party Pastie	\$ 1.30
Pastie	\$ 3.30
Party Sausage Roll	\$ 1.30
Sausage Roll	\$ 2.40
Vegie Patie	\$ 3.30
Steamed DimSims ( Sauce yes/no)	\$ 0.80
Chicken Nuggets x 3	\$ 1.50

chicken schitzel burger	\$ 5.00
hot chicken roll	\$ 4.00
ham and cheese crossant	\$ 3.50
Lasagne	\$ 5.00
vegie burger	\$ 5.00
Baked spinach and fetta parcels	\$ 4.00
oven baked potato cake	\$ 1.00
oven baked pumpkin cake	\$ 1.50

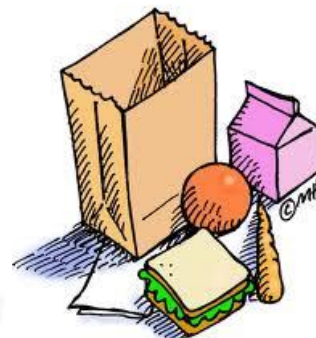
Vanilla Slice	\$ 1.80
Hedgehog Slice	\$ 1.80
Custard Tarts	\$ 1.80
Lamington	\$ 1.90
Cinnamon Donut	\$ 0.90
Orange Cake	\$ 1.80

Prima - Organge	\$ 2.00
Prima - Apple/Blackcurrent	\$ 2.00
250ml Stawberry Milk	\$ 2.00
250ml Chocolate Milk	\$ 2.00
250ml Plain Milk	\$ 2.00

Ham & Salad Roll (whmeal /white Bread)	\$ 4.40
Chicken & Salad Roll (whmeal /white Bread)	\$ 4.40
Ham and Salad Wrap	\$ 4.40
Ham and Salad Wrap 1/2	\$ 3.00
Chicken and Salad Wrap	\$ 4.40
Chicken and Salad Wrap 1/2	\$ 3.00

chicken & cheese	\$ 4.00
chicken , lettuce & mayo	\$ 4.00
chicken	\$ 3.50
lettuce & egg	\$ 3.50
egg	\$ 3.00
cheese	\$ 3.00
tomato	\$ 3.00
vegemite / sultana	\$ 2.00

Frozen Fruit Juice Tubes	\$ 0.50
Greek Low Fat Yoghurt	\$ 1.50
Fruit Salad	\$ 4.00
Jelly Cups	\$ 1.50
Apple/ Orange/Banana	\$ 0.50



## Holiday happenings . . .



Our school has been a very busy place during the school holidays, with workers on-site installing a new ramp access into the 1-2FJ classroom (ready for Archer's return), replacing component parts on our big playground (thank you, Shaun) and repairing ceilings in the main building (thank you, Craig). Special thanks to the Ralph family for their great work in tidying up our playground ready for the start of term.



**Happy Birthday**

July 12th Bailey Jensen  
 15th Caleb Breen  
 16th Jackson Wilkins  
 18th Haylee Sobey  
 20th Logan Interlandi

## Delivery to Federation Square . . .

We have three pieces of art-work, which are being shown as part of an exhibition being held on July 23rd at Federation Square, called 'Our Sunset, My World'.

We are looking for anyone who may be going to Melbourne, particularly on Friday 22nd, or before, who could deliver our pieces to Federation Square.

If you can help us, please contact Leah on 58352 1253, or call into the office/art room.



*Thank you*

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
 18th Assembly	 School Banking processed on Tuesdays 19th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am	 20th Prep 2017 Information session 5:30pm in Prep World Bamboozle 3:30pm-4:45pm	14th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Production rehearsal Scenes 1,2 and 3 21st Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Production rehearsal Scenes 4,5 and 6	15th LUNCH ORDERS 22nd LUNCH ORDERS 23rd - NICA Melbourne and Our Sunset, My World Exhibition
25th Assembly	26th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am	27th Bamboozle 3:30pm-4:45pm	28th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Production rehearsal Scenes 7,8 and 9	29th LUNCH ORDERS Schools' Tree Day
<b>AUG 1st</b> Literacy and Numeracy Week Read In	2nd Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am	3rd Assembly Literacy and Numeracy Week Buddy Family day and Mini Olympics Bamboozle 3:30pm-4:45pm	4th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Drug-Free Lifestyles Program - Senior School Production rehearsal Scenes 1,2 and 3	5th 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: