

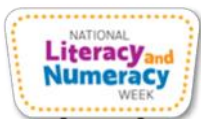
July 28th, 2016

## Principal's Report

Dear parents and friends of Ararat Primary School 800,

Congratulations to our NICA team who headed to Melbourne last Saturday for their third training session for the year. The group had a brilliant day, focusing on further developing their juggling, hat manipulation, hoops, tumbling and acro-balance skills. Special thanks to our dedicated team of staff and parents who volunteered their Saturday to bring the program together: Chris Fiscalini, Heidi Jerram, Marg Dyer, Jenni Jacobi, Leah Sharp, Kate Harwood, Anna Greene, Kara Bartlett, Lee Turner, Jo Collins, Sri Kalluri, Annette Manning, Sarah Smith, Mark Fenn and Matt Phillips. Further thanks to Leah who juggled her time to represent us at the "Our Sunset, My World" exhibition in Federation Square. Our children's art works were auctioned to raise money for the "Have a Heart" foundation, which supports students and schools in Cambodia –we feel very proud to have been associated with such a remarkable project.

Next Sunday afternoon will see the arrival of twenty-four Chinese exchange students and five teachers into the Ararat and Stawell communities for a one week stay. Our school will host four children, all of whom are in Year 4, and attend the Jincai Experiment Primary School in Shanghai. The Jennings and Merrick families have generously offered to act as home-stay hosts (thank you!). It should be an exciting learning experience for all of us.



National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2016 is set to be launched next Monday, and plans are in place for a great celebration of the importance of literacy and numeracy in our daily lives – with a nod to the Olympic Games. If you're free on Monday morning, we invite you to join us for our traditional 'Read In' session from 9:00am in the Learning Centre, because . . . **we love to read together!** We'll also introduce our 2016 Maths estimation activities – "What's the time, please, Lisa?", "How heavy is Pepe?" (the pumpkin), "How many people will attend the Olympic Games opening ceremony?" and "The Olympic Games Pole Vault...How high will the gold medalist vault?".

On Wednesday, we're planning a special **Olympic Games themed focus day**, with children working in their Buddy Families to find out more about their chosen country and make their flag, before joining in our parade of nations, opening ceremony and mini Olympics. Within their own classrooms, our students will make their own sportspeople, which will be displayed around the school, and write and illustrate how they can and do display the ideals of the Olympic motto every day – "Faster, Higher, Stronger" (think Growth Mindset).

To wrap up the week, fifteen of our Bamboozle stars will perform at the Eventide Homes "We Go To Rio" celebration on Friday afternoon, which should be lots of fun.

**"Danger Kids", our 2016 Grade 5-6 production, is now only five weeks away, with the show set to hit the stage on Thursday and Friday evenings – September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> - from 7:30pm at the Ararat**

**Performing Arts Centre.** Our Senior School students and staff production team have worked extremely hard to pull together a brilliant show, and I commend them on their efforts and remarkable achievements so far!

We are currently organising **ticketing** for the event, with all students involved in the production given until August 11<sup>th</sup> to book and pay for an unlimited number of tickets through "Trybooking" – the show-specific log-on code and booking process information will be sent home with our Senior School students next Monday. Adult tickets are \$15 each, while children's tickets (under 18) are \$5. Student performers do not require a ticket. Please note that specific seats in the hall will be allocated.

**On the 11<sup>th</sup> of August, tickets will be available to the general public, again through 'Trybooking'. The log-on code will be published in the August 11<sup>th</sup> edition of our newsletter.**

Thank you to our selected families who have returned **Parent Opinion Surveys** this week. It's very important for us to achieve a 100% completion rate, and ask for your full support by ensuring that your survey is returned to the school office by tomorrow, please. By doing so, you will be entered into our draw for a gourmet hamper. We've also developed a simple, on-line survey for all families to complete regarding our mid-year reports. This can be accessed via our website and Facebook page. We would really appreciate you taking a moment to reflect on your child's last report, and provide us with a little feedback on your reaction to it. Once again, all responses are anonymous, and suggestions for improvements will be seriously considered.

Congratulations to our semester two SRC representatives who were presented with their badges of office during Monday's assembly:

- Prep D** – Grace Wheeler and Malik Ghazal
- Prep S** – Charlie Bartlett and Sheanna McKinnis
- 1/2 TB** – Jye Hull and Phoebe Segedinski
- 1/2 V** – Stella McAdie and Jakobi Cooper
- 1/2 K** – Miley Schirmer and Fletcher Greene
- 1/2 FJ** – Miami Sherwell and Levi Wilson
- 3/4 H** – Kaiden Cooper and Ava Kahle-Phillips
- 3/4 B** – Summer Merrick and Sonny Kettle
- 3/4 C** – Zoe Flamsteed and Emmett Murphy
- 5/6 D** – Erin Peter and Connor Johnston
- 5/6 C** – Ella Flamsteed and Ashley Graham
- 5/6 K** – Jack Manning and Gretta Fennell

Well done, everyone!

Finally, don't forget to add a splash of green or brown to school uniforms tomorrow, as we recognise "World Tree Day". Our Earthlings group will conduct a range of special activities in the Learning Centre during lunch time in celebration of the event. Thank you, Earthlings!

Kind regards,

Jennifer Molan

School Values: Respect Honesty Self Awareness Learning Belonging

### Dates to remember in Term 3

Friday 29th July	Schools' Tree Day
Wednesday 3rd August	Buddy Family day and Mini Olympics
Thursday 4th August	Drug-free lifestyles program - Senior School
Friday 5th August	Bamboozle performing at Eventide Homes

### TERM DATES 2016

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



## Prep World . . .



In Prep World we have started our new Discoveries focus in a new and challenging way. For the last two weeks we have visited the Buzzy Bees to start learning about the Olympics. We were split into four groups and each session we went to a different teacher to learn about the different sports, Australian athletes, what the Olympic rings symbolise and interesting facts about Rio. It was very exciting pretending to be a Grade 1 student and challenging ourselves to do the same work as them.



## Buzzy Bees . . .



In the past two weeks, we have been busy learning all about the Olympics in Discoveries. We have enjoyed having the Preps with us as we begin our unit, 'Faster, Stronger, Higher.' We have been learning about famous athletes who have represented Australia, where Rio De Janeiro is, all the different sports you can compete in and the history of the Olympics. We are also looking forward to the Mini Olympics next Wednesday.

Did you know that the Preps will be in Grade 4 when the next Olympics is held? How scary!



## Middle School . . .



The Middle School students have settled in well to the new semester, and are doing some wonderful work. We are immersed in our new Mappen topic - 'Money makes the world go round', learning about 'Needs vs Wants' and the overlaying motivation—'Necessity is the mother of inventions'.

Kaine Shaw says "We did a great task where Mr Hewish gave us more money than I could imagine, and we had to go and buy all the things we wanted. Mine cost \$114,359. But when we had to sort out those items into what we needed, I didn't spend a cent." 😊

Patrick Toner reflected, "I'm loving learning how my family does all their shopping and how hard it really is to look after us. Thank you, Mum."

On other news, keep an eye out for news about our next Community Games, coming up in the next few weeks. Our program is looking really exciting!



## Senior School . . .



A big welcome back to Term 3 and a welcome to Mr Gatehouse, who is teaching in 5/6K, whilst Mrs Kelly is enjoying motherhood. This term will prove to be another busy one. Firstly, production rehearsals are full speed ahead and we are busy making the final touches to the script and songs. Ms Sharp and Mr Collins will be doing a final order of costumes soon, but we will need a number of the children to provide their own. There will be a note to indicate what they will need. It's been great seeing the progress they have made in learning their lines and the enthusiasm that is shown during our rehearsals. Please ask your children about it and feel free to practise lines or songs with them. 😊

The 5/6 area is commencing the use of an excellent online resource called "Khan Academy". It provides activities, assessments and video tutorials on different learning areas that will complement what the students are learning in class. There has been fantastic feedback from 5/6K, who have started using it this past week. Notes were sent home so you could connect as well and see your child's progress. Thank you to Mr Gatehouse for introducing this to our learning area. We look forward to an awesome Term 3.

## NICA Visit on Saturday . . .

Last Saturday, our NICA people headed down to Melbourne for our third visit this year. We piled onto the train freezing, but couldn't wait for the day ahead.

When we got there we played a game of scarecrow tiggly to warm up, and then went to our groups. I started with juggling and hat manipulation, and moved around to hoops, then to tumbling and the foam pit. My favourite activity was the foam pit! We all had a great time and I'd like to thank Ms Fisc for organising the day, and all of the parent volunteers who gave up their time to support us.

Milly Greene



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# SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS



A Victorian Government initiative in partnership with Foodbank



**Breakfast Club**  
**8:30 - 8:50am**  
**Tuesdays**  
**and**  
**Thursdays**  
**in the**  
**Learning Centre**



## Wimmera Mallee regional U12 football Carnival . . .

It has been a busy weekend for some of our students, who were selected to take part in the Wimmera Mallee Regional Under 12 football carnival. The team, which included Ararat 800 students Ashley Graham, Bailee Turner, Flynn Toner, Logan Cooper, Thomas Bartlett, Joel McNaughton and Sam Hanson, were lucky enough to go into the final game after winning all of their five games. The boys were victorious by beating their opponent, Saints Black, in the final by 2 points.

Well done boys.





# Danger Kids



Ararat Primary's Senior School Production 2016.

## Performance dates:

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



Venue: Ararat Performing Arts Centre



July 30th Miami Sherwell  
 August 1st Grace Wheeler

## 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.



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
winter	 School Banking is processed on Tuesdays	 <b>No Excuses</b> Go to School Learn, play, explore.	28th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Production rehearsal Scenes 7,8 and 9	29th LUNCH ORDERS Schools' Tree Day
AUG 1st Assembly 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 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 Golf Clinics

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)