

## Principal's Report

Dear parents and friends of Ararat Primary School,



Yesterday morning, I had the great pleasure of accompanying our School Captains and Vice Captains to the official opening of the **Ararat Wind Farm** and the **"Bring on the Blades"** event at Kokoda Park. Olivia and James presented a very composed 'Welcome to Country', prior to the Premier, Mr Daniel Andrews, launching the massive project, the third largest in Australia! We were all amazed by the sheer size of the single blade, trucked in for the occasion – it measured



in excess of 50 metres in length. The celebration was a credit to the organisers, and we felt very honoured to be included. No doubt, the project will bring enormous benefits to the broader Ararat community.

Congratulations to our Senior School team on their fantastic efforts during Tuesday's **"Museums in Motion" 5-6 Showcase**, which demonstrated the students' curiosity, creativity and Growth Mindset - and thank you to all family members and friends who were able to join us. Your support, enthusiasm and feedback are greatly appreciated by our students and staff.

All Prep to Year 4 classes are gearing up for their end of term expos and showcases. Please note the following special events and starting times:

- **Prep "History and Change" Expo** on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, commencing at 9:30am at Gorrin House
- **Year 1-2 "Where in the World?" Expo** on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, commencing at 2:30pm in the Learning Centre
- **Year 3-4 "Looking Backwards and Looking Forwards" Showcase** on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 12:30 to 1:30 and 2:15 to 2:30pm in the Learning Centre

Tomorrow night's **Winter Disco** is all set to go ahead, so please track down your dancing shoes and start practising your moves. Our Learning Centre doors will open at 6:30pm, with the event wrapping up at 8:00pm. Once again, the Central Grampians LLEN have organised the music, and free face painting (sincere thanks to Brendan and the team), and our School Council and staff will provide supervision. The entry fee is \$5 per student, and drinks, snacks and glow-sticks will be on sale (prices overleaf). Please note that no children will be permitted to leave at the end of the disco without a parent or carer, and that everyone will remain inside the Learning Centre throughout the event. It should be lots fun, and a great way to end the term!

Looking forward to next week, we're happy to welcome back the **Flinders College Band**, who will perform for us on Thursday morning in the Learning Centre (9:30-10:30am). As always, parents, families and friends are very welcome to join us.

**Student Reports** will be distributed to parents and guardians next Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that you return your child's blue report folder by next Monday, if you have one. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, our mid-year reports have a strong emphasis on individualised improvement and having a Growth Mindset. Our teaching staff have worked very hard to make the reports reader friendly, personalised and engaging for family members. We will be seeking your feedback on our reports at the start of next term, and will touch base again during 3-Way Conferences, when student goals are discussed. We look forward to hearing your views. End of Semester 1 **Attendance Reports** will be posted to parents and guardians in the first week of Term 3, with information accurate to the last day of Term 2.

**Finally, Term 2 concludes on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, with classes dismissing at 1:30pm.** Bus travellers will remain at school, under supervision, until 2:20pm. **We invite you to join us for our end of term assembly on Friday of next week, commencing at 12:00. Student award presentations will be made, and our Senior and Junior Choirs and instrumental music students will entertain us. We look forward to seeing you there.**

Kind regards,  
Jennifer Molan

School values: Respect Honesty Self Awareness Learning Belonging



### Dates to remember in Term 2

Friday 17th June	School Disco 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Friday 24th June	End of term assembly 12:00 noon
Monday 11th July	Term 3 commences

### TERM DATES 2016

Term 2: 11th April - 24th June  
Term 3: 11th July - 16th September  
Term 4: 3rd October - 20th December

## Prep World . . .

### ~ PREP EXPO AT GORRIN HOUSE ~

**When:** Tuesday, June 21st, 2016

**Time:** Leaving school at 9:15am and returning by 11am. You are welcome to walk with us or meet us at Gorrin House.

Please feel free to come along for a morning filled with books, songs, dancing and a lovely morning tea made by the students in Prep World.



## Buzzy Bees . . .

Every day, Lachie and Marg head to the chook yard to feed the chooks and collect the eggs.

They collect the fruit scraps from the classroom and give them to the chooks.

Lachie loves to collect the eggs from 'the girls', and carefully carries them back to the classroom. There is usually one egg, but sometimes he gets a surprise and there will be more.

Milly uses them for her cooking program.

The chooks would love the occasional change in diet so, if you have some vegie or fruit scraps, you are welcome to leave them, in the morning, in a plastic bag, in front of the chook shed.



## Middle School . . .

The Middle School Discoveries Showcase is fast approaching. All Middle School families are invited to the Learning Centre on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June (Second last day of term) to celebrate the culmination of our Term 2 topic – 'Looking Backwards and Looking Forwards.'

Here's a sneak preview of what you might see:

"This is my recount of my day in Melbourne. I like it because it's easy to read, the colours and the border make it stand out and it's got lots of information about what we did in Melbourne." – [Eliza](#)

"I made a picture book about my day in Melbourne. It has five photos and five paragraphs. I wrote about the Melbourne Museum, the Eureka Skydeck and our walk around the city." – [Sevahn](#)

"We're writing fictional recounts about a day that we spent in Melbourne in the past. We wrote about Flinder's Street Station, catching trains and trams and the famous Melbourne street art (it's changed quite a bit!)" – [Joe and Hugh](#)

The Learning Centre will be open from 12:30 – 2:45.

Specific class times are:

**3/4C 12:30 – 1:00**

**3/4B 1:00 – 1:30**

**3/4H 2:15 – 2:45**



## Senior School . . .

Another busy period in the Senior School, with the Circus showcase, the "Art Is" excursion and Investigations preparation. On Tuesday, we had our History Expo – 'Museums in Motion'. Thank you to all the parents and grades who came out to see the many dioramas and posters on Australian pioneers and their significant events. The students did a fantastic job researching, and put so much effort into making their dioramas. They're definitely worthy of displaying at home.

In Literacy at the moment, we are looking at poetry. It is inspiring to see how enthusiastic all the children are to write different types of poems. Some of these have included limericks, sonnets and haiku poems. We clearly have some budding poets in the making. In class, we have been reading famous Australian poems, such as, 'The Man from Snowy River', by Banjo Patterson. It's also been fun giving the children a word, such as, 'apples' and having them create their own poem, using that theme. Although we are on the lead up to the holidays, the Senior School is working hard to value every student's learning time and helping them to achieve success.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Senior School Team.



## 'Our Sunset, My World' Art Project . . .

Students this term have been working on three collaborative artworks to be part of an exhibition at Federation Square in July. The exhibition titled, 'Our Sunset, My World', will feature artworks from schools across Victoria, both Primary and Secondary. We have developed three pieces on the theme.

The first is a patchwork of mini panels created by every student in the school. Each student created their own design of them or something that represents them, in the sunshine. We arranged the four colours of the panels to look like a sunset. It's kind of like an artwork made up of lots of pictures.



The second pieces were partially completed at our School Fete, with lots of families, siblings and students adding the dots to form a sunset and an earth painting. Our Grade 5/6 students have added the fine dot details using pointillism techniques. They are already getting lots of lovely comments about the finished works.

The final piece was devised by Xavier and Zac and is a child sized mannequin that is being created to look half Australian and half Cambodian. The child will also be holding a papier mâché sun and earth to show that, even though we might look different, we have lots in common.

Last term we had several students enter artwork in a neuroscience competition run through Monash University on the theme, 'I Use My Brain 2...'. I was very pleased to receive a letter earlier this term to tell me that two of our students had been shortlisted as finalists. There were over 470 entries from across Australia and only 19 made the shortlist. Congratulations to Sarona Melenhorst from 1/2K and Ava Kahle Phillips from 3/4H on their achievements. We also received a special mention as the only school to have entries from all three of the age group areas. Well done everyone!

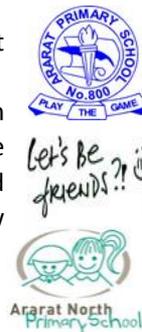
## Grade 6 Transition Day @ Ararat North P.S . . .



On the 9th June, seven Grade 6 students went to Ararat North to meet their Grade 6 students.

Firstly, they took us for a tour around the school. We then played some games and went to the art room to make friendship bracelets. We ate food with them and had a good chat. The day was really good and we were able to meet new friends who are going to Ararat College next year.

Angus



## The G.J. Garden . . .

Last week, we planted the plants in our new garden. There were nine different varieties of vegetables. We have baby spinach, peas, spring onion, red onion, pack choy, lettuce, and a couple of others. Sally came from GJ Gardner Homes to help us with the planting and to see the garden set up. G.J. Gardner Homes donated and sourced all of our new garden, including the garden beds, plants from Autumn Blaze Nursery and the soil from McKay Earthworks. It's great so many people have helped out with the G.J. Gardner Garden.

We enjoyed planting the new gardens and even shovelling the soil into the garden beds so we could plant. We have been very lucky with the rain and the weather, and the plants are all growing well so far. We can't wait to cook and eat the vegetables from our new garden. Thankyou very much G.J. Gardner Homes for our garden.

**The Earthlings Sustainability Team**



## Student Family Occupation Reminder . . .

Families received a letter recently, requesting parents to update and confirm school information in relation to Student Family Occupation and Education (SFOE). This data is very important, as it determines the level of funding we receive to run school programs.

Thank you to all families who have returned their form already.

If you have not returned your form, please do so by Friday, 24th June.



June 10th Chelsea Bond  
 Sonny Kettle  
 Ariana Di Domenico  
 12th Mackenzie Johnson

## Term 2 School Disco

Friday June 17th, 2016

6:30pm to 8:00pm

\$5.00 per person

(pay at the door)

Ararat PS Learning Centre

Drinks and snacks available on the night

Items for sale on the night:

Glow sticks 3 for \$1.00

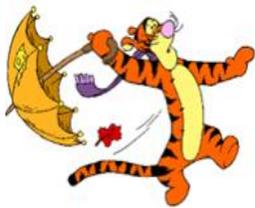
Fruit Box \$1.00

Water .50¢

Chips .50¢

Students must be collected by parents



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	 School Banking processed on Tuesdays	 Learn, play, explore.	16th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am  Production rehearsal - Scene 6 & 7 3:30pm to 5pm	17th <b>LUNCH ORDERS</b>  Sporting Schools Volleyball  Disco in the Learning Centre—6:30-8:00pm
20th Assembly	21st Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Prep World Expo at Gorrin House (9:30am)	22nd Gr1-2 Expo in the Learning Centre (2:30pm)  <b>NO BAMBOOZLE</b>	23rd Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Flinders College Band performance 9:30am Gr 3-4 Expo at the Learning Centre (12:30, 1:00, and 2:15pm) Production rehearsal - Scene 8 & 9 3:30pm to 5pm	24th <b>NO LUNCH ORDERS</b>  <b>End of Term assembly 12:00 noon</b> Students to be dismissed at 1:30pm. (Bus travellers will remain at school until bus departures at 2:20pm)

### School Holidays

Term 3 commences Monday July 11th, 2016

July 11th Assembly	12th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am	13th	14th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am  Production rehearsal	15th <b>LUNCH ORDERS</b>
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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)