

# The Torch

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## Principal's Report

Dear parents, friends and students of Ararat Primary,

Congratulations to our team of twenty-two students who represented us at Tuesday's **Black Ranges Division Swimming Sports**. They were great ambassadors for our school, achieving personal bests while supporting and encouraging the efforts of others. Special congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the Regional level of competition on March 11<sup>th</sup> in Ballarat:

- Adam Quiao - 50m Backstroke and 50m Freestyle
- Louise Cooper - 50m Freestyle
- Sevahn Maxwell - 50m Backstroke
- Hugh Toner, Sonny Kettle, Jack Manning and Sevahn Maxwell - 9/10 Years Boys' 50m Freestyle Relay
- Sevahn Maxwell, Sophie Cooper, Summer Merrick and Ashlyn Wheeler - 9/10 Years Girls' 50m Freestyle Relay

Thank you to our team of parent supporters - Shaun Ralph, Martie Peter, Pauline Maxwell, Steve Madex, Amanda Cranstoun, Emily Toner, Melinda McAdie, Katherine Cooper and Kim Lind - and to Mr Pilgrim, Zach, Kate and Lisa for their organisation and coordination of the day.

Yesterday's **mid-term assembly** proved to be a very busy one, with a range of presentations made. We extend special congratulations to the following students on their academic, social and leadership efforts and achievements:

- Prep S - Jorja Ramsey and Nate Boyd
- Prep D - Zara Khan and Michael Segedinski
- 1-2 FJ - Asha Kent and Levi Wilson
- 1-2 K - Miley Schirmer and Hugh Morris
- 1-2 V - Charli Kilpatrick and Riley McArthus
- 1-2 TB - Phoebe Segedinski and Kade Bond
- 3-4 B - Nicky Watts and Connor Robinson
- 3-4 C - Jessi Murphy and Seth Dairo
- 3-4 H - Chloe Bond and Kaiden Cooper
- 5-6 C - Aria Davies-Harrison and Angus Cavanagh
- 5-6 D - Zoe McKinnis and Logan Interlandi
- 5-6 KP - Zaf Davies-Harrison and Jake Millar
- Specialists' Awards - Larni Sargent, Xavier Murphy, and the students of Prep S and D
- Office Awards - Milly Billett and Olivia McGrath
- Bounce Back Awards - Sruthi Kalluri and Bayden McDonald
- Principal's Awards - Rhiannon Lillis and Ethan Fenn

Great effort, one and all! Photos from our assembly will be published in next week's newsletter.

Our semester one **SRC representatives** were presented with their badges of office during the course of the assembly.

Congratulations to the following students on their leadership appointments:

- **Prep D** - Maggie Croft and Xavier Wilson
- **Prep S** - Ruby Jackson and Nate Boyd
- **1/2 TB** - Aleara Madex and Toby McGrath
- **1/2 V** - Mackenzie Johnson and Kobe Herbert
- **1/2 K** - Miah Townsend and Cokey Galoso
- **1/2 FJ** - Inika McKinnis and Levi Davies-Harrison
- **3/4 H** - Chloe Bond and Jono Fennell
- **3/4 B** - Veruca Davies-Harrison and Joe Pearce
- **3/4 C** - Josie Lind and Jim Jennings
- **5/6 D** - Louise Cooper and Logan Cooper
- **5/6 C** - Navasha Madex and Oscar Ramsay
- **5/6 KP** - Sruthi Kalluri and Jake Millar

**Head lice checks** commenced this week, and we're pleased to inform you that only a small number of children were identified as requiring treatment. Thank you for your vigilance in checking your children's hair regularly. We recommend a quick, daily check, and a conditioner follow-up treatment, if required. Please let us know if you have discovered and treated live lice, so that we can remind other families to carry out checks. Thank you, also, to our wonderful team of parent screeners, who provide us with a great service.

Looking forward, our first term **3-Way Conferences** are set to take place on Tuesday of next week for students in Years Prep to 2, and Wednesday for students in Years 3 to 6. Please take the time to book a time to meet with your child and their teacher. Please note that all students are expected to attend school as usual on these days. They will be withdrawn from their class to attend conferences.

Our Preps are also gearing up for their first **'Exhibition'** for 2016, and invite all families and friends to join them in the Learning Centre from 2:00pm on Thursday of next week, March 10<sup>th</sup>, for their "Shaping Up" presentations. We wish our students well!

Looking forward to next term, plans are underway for the establishment of Ararat Primary's **"Breakfast Club"**, which is to be funded through the Department of Education and Training and the Victorian Food Bank. We're very fortunate to be a part of this exciting initiative, and will be hoping to engage parent volunteers to assist with its operation. At this stage, we're looking at offering free breakfasts to our students on two mornings per week during the establishment phase. Further information will be published in future newsletters.

Kind regards,  
Jennifer Molan

School values: **Respect** **Honesty** **Self Awareness** **Learning** **Belonging**

### STUDENT FREE DAYS

Please note the following Student Free dates:

**Friday, May 20th** - Differentiating Number and Algebra PD

**To be advised** - Term 2 Report Writing Day



### TERM DATES 2016

Term 1: 1st February - 24th March

Term 2: 11th April - 24th June

Term 3: 11th July - 16th September

Term 4: 3rd October - 20th December

## Specialists' Report . . .



**ART IS FESTIVAL** We have been invited to participate in the **ART IS... FESTIVAL** in Horsham during May and June. A note has been sent home to the Grade 5/6's to see if they would like to participate. The program involves Mr C and Ms Fis attending a two day workshop on theatre studies. During May, the artist will attend our school and run a 1/2 day workshop with Grade 5/6 students. This will take place over four consecutive weeks. On the 6th June, students will travel to Horsham to watch a show by the artist. Following the show, students then rehearse their act, and perform it for the audience. It should be a lot of fun.

**LEGGINGS OR SHORTS** Could all girls wearing dresses please wear leggings or shorts underneath? We are doing a lot of acrobalance, and it saves embarrassment.



**BAMBOOZLE @ WILLAURA** We have had twelve students register their interest in performing in Willaura on Sunday. We will be doing one show, at around 12pm. Our stilt walkers will be performing prior to this, and hopefully our clowns will do a show too!



**MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE** Our Mothers' Day raffle will be held this year—we do it every two years. Late this term, or the start of next term, the raffle books will go out. Lots of lovely gifts to win again this year.



**CLASS TIME** We are all busy learning various acrobalance poses so we can perform them for you at the Circus Showcase. Some are quite difficult. We have certainly had to focus all of our attention on achieving them.



All the **SPECIALISTS** are focusing on Visible Learning qualities. We have been talking about 'Do you know what to do when you don't know what to do?' Currently we are working on 'Do you ask for feedback?' We've found this isn't something the students do very much. Everyone is improving though. We've also made links to the **HABITS OF MIND**. These are the habits that highly successful people demonstrate.



## Gr 6 Jackets . . .

On Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, all Ararat Primary Year 6 students received their brand new commemorative jackets as part of the mid-term assembly. The students are very happy to have them, as they're comfortable and warm. We think that the jackets stand out really well and they look incredible. We wish all of our Year 6s well for our last year of primary schooling.

By Olivia and James – School Captains



## 3 Way Conferences . . .

Our 3 Way Conferences are being held on Tuesday March 8th for Prep to Grade 2 students, and Wednesday March 9th for Grade 3 to 6 students. You need to book your interview online, and you can do so at:

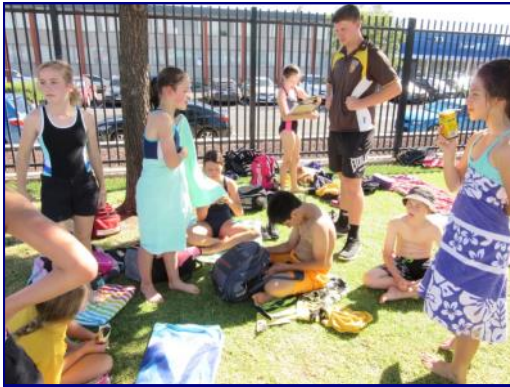
[www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)

Enter School code: **sepzu**



Bookings close **Monday March 7th, 2016**  
(Next Monday)

# Black Ranges Swimming Sports . . .



**BULLYING. NO WAY!**  
TAKE A STAND TOGETHER

Friday 18 March 2016  
www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

**National Day of Action** against Bullying and Violence

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Mar 4th Nate McLean      14th Larni Sargent  
Louise Cooper

6th Bailey Lawson

7th Elly Galoso      17th Bayden McDonald

9th Delta Murphy  
Kassandra Smith

**SRC Easter Raffle . . .**

Our new SRC's are organising this year's "Easter Raffle"

Raffle tickets will be included in next week's newsletter, which we encourage you to sell and return by **Monday March 21st** (This includes all unsold tickets as well)

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday March 24th at end of term assembly.

All money raised will be donated towards purchasing Library resources.

Donations of Easter eggs are being accepted at the front office.

**NICA FUNDRAISER**

Icy poles will be available for purchase at lunch time \$1.00 per icy pole.

Funds raised will go towards bus transportation costs.

**The Ararat and District Badminton Association Inc.**

**Junior Badminton for learners**

**No Charge**

**Tuesdays from 3:30pm to 5:00pm**

**at Alexandra Hall**

**Runners only Requirement**

**For more information phone Joy on 5352 1522 or Teresa on 0427 521 812**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	 School Banking processed on Tuesdays	 <b>SUNSMART POLICY</b> Hats must be worn when outside during Term One	3rd Rock 'n' Roll Dance Lesson #2	4th <b>LUNCH ORDERS</b> Sporting Schools #3
7th	8th <b>Prep - 2 3 - Way Conferences</b>	9th <b>Gr 3 - 6 3 - Way Conferences</b> Bamboozle 3:30 - 4:45pm	10th <b>Prep Exhibition "Shaping Up" Learning Centre 2pm</b> Rock 'n' Roll Dance Lesson #3	11th <b>LUNCH ORDERS</b> <b>Regional Swimming Ballarat</b> Clean up Australia Day Sporting Schools #4 <b>6th Willaura - Bamboozle</b>
14th <b>Labour Day Holiday</b>	15th <b>Harmony Day</b> Division Hockey School Council	16th Bamboozle 3:30 - 4:45pm	17th Rock 'n' Roll Dance Lesson #4	18th <b>LUNCH ORDERS</b> <b>Bullying. No Way! day</b> Sporting Schools #5 19th - Jail house Rock Festival 20th - Harmony Festival (Ballarat)
21st <b>Prep to 6 Athletics Carnival</b>	22nd	23rd Bamboozle 3:30 - 4:45pm	24th <b>Assembly at 12:00 1:20 dismissal</b>	25th <b>Good Friday</b>

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)

**Price List for 2nd Hand Uniforms . . .**

We now have set prices for our 2nd hand uniform pieces.

School Jumpers \$5-00  
Dresses \$2-00  
T'Shirts & Bottoms \$1-00

**All funds raised are used to support the circus program.**