



Principal's Report

Dear parents and friends of Ararat Primary School 800,

With 2016 drawing rapidly to a close, staffing and class lists are being finalised, and plans are now in place for the commencement of the 2017 school year. Please note the following important dates on your calendars.

Teaching staff will return to duty on Monday, January 30th.

Tuesday and Wednesday of that week have been set aside for individualised student testing, as took place at the start of 2016. Parents and guardians will be invited to book a time slot with their child's teacher during the two days to undertake literacy and numeracy benchmarking activities. Further details regarding the booking process will be published in the next few weeks.

Book pack collection days coincide with our testing days – Tuesday, January 31st and Wednesday, February 1st - 9:00am to 4:00pm on both days, through the front office.

Subject contributions, swimming fees and computer leasing payments are payable on these days. We'll also ask families to update their contact details at that time.

All Prep to Year 6 students will return to school on Thursday, February 2nd. Please note that our Preps will attend school four days per week throughout the month of February, with Wednesdays taken as their 'rest day'.

The Grade 3 to 6 Swimming Program will commence on Wednesday, February 8th at the Ararat indoor pool – later sessions will be conducted at the outdoor pool. Swimming program payments are to be made on book collection days, but authorisation forms will be distributed to families this year.

Looking well ahead, our Grade 3 to 6 Swimming Sports will take place on Wednesday, February 22nd at the outdoor pool, so please set this date aside.

Congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 **T20 Cricket** team members, who represented us in the annual competition on Monday of this week. A wonderful time was had by all, and some excellent scores recorded. Photos and Mr Pilgrim's report on the teams' efforts are published overleaf.

Our Year 1 and 2 students will arrive back at school at around 5:30pm today, after an exciting day at the Melbourne Zoo. Special thanks to our parents helpers, whose invaluable support made the day possible: Amy Dempsey, Emily Toner, Kara Bartlett, Judy Leggett, Adam Merrick, Kayla Pyke, Brooke Turner, Evelyn Harmer, Leonie Cowie, Troy Hull, Alison Mullin, Nerida Cowling, Sri Kalluri, Kosta Prassopoulos, Rhonda Malcolm, Rebecca Eagles

and Melinda McAdie; and to our wonderful staff team for bringing it all together: Cathy Tapscott, Maddy Vernon, Owen Kean, Bernie Fitzpatrick, Heidi Jerram, Marg Dyer and Kate Battye.

Our Year 4 students are all geared up for their first **Prep Transition visit tomorrow afternoon**, and are looking forward to spending time with their new friends in our school setting. Our Kinder Buddies will visit us between 2:15 and 3:20pm. Meanwhile, all students in our school will 'transition' into their next level of schooling for the afternoon. **Please note that the teacher and group that your child is placed with tomorrow is not permanent, at this stage.** We're very keen to find the 'best fit' for all of our children, and transition afternoons provide us with a great opportunity to trial groupings. Our second transition session will be conducted from 2:15 on Friday of next week.

Looking back to the end of last week, congratulations to our Year 6 students leaders on their presentation of our annual Remembrance Day service – Olivia McGrath, Jess Hope, Angel Herbert-King, Thomas Bartlett, Millie Greene, Holly McAdie, Dakota Back, Louise Cooper, Gretta Fennell, Flynn Toner, Amy Clarke, Dakota Barrie, Kiera Milsome, Walter Pope, Logan Cooper, Elly Galoso, Tahlia Rhodes, Arianna Bajer, Taj Ewen-Jones and James Mullin. The dignity and respect demonstrated by our students was of the highest order, and I commend them on their efforts.

Friday wrapped up with a performance by our Bamboozle students at the Ararat College Fair. Well done, once again, to our team and Ms Fis, who were outstanding ambassadors for our school.

Finally, as the end of the school year rolls towards us, plans are in place for our expos, exhibitions and showcase events:

- Wednesday, November 30th at 2:15 in the Learning Centre – Year 3-4 narrative-writing sharing session..."Read with Me"
- Wednesday, December 7th – Year 3-4 Community Games from 10:00am at the Alexandra Gardens, and Year 1-2 Discoveries Expo from 2:15pm in the Learning Centre..."Fabulous Beasts And Where To Find Them"
- Thursday, December 8th from 11:30am in the Learning Centre – Year 5-6 Exhibition..."Curious About Science?"
- Monday, December 12th from 2:15pm in the Learning Centre – Prep Expo..."Curiosity!"

We look forward to seeing you at these special events.

Kind regards,
Jennifer Molan

School Values: Respect Honesty Self-Awareness Learning Belonging



Dates to remember for Term 4

Friday 18th Nov	2017 Prep Transition day #1	2:20pm to 3:20pm
Friday 25th Nov	2017 Prep Transition day #2	2:20pm to 3:20pm
Friday 2nd Dec	2017 Prep Transition day #3	2:20pm to 3:20pm
Tuesday 6th Dec	Whole of School Transition day #4	8:50am to 3:20pm





Prep World . . .

We are a bit sad in Prep World to be saying good-bye to our student teacher, Isabel. We have been very lucky to have her visit us throughout the year. We have been helping her to become a good teacher and she has been helping us to learn new things. Good luck in the future, Isabel!

“We have shown Isabel how we show our manners by putting our hand up before we speak.” – Lilli

“I have shown Isabel how I can be respectful by making good learning choices about who we sit next to on the floor and helping people.” – Xavier



“Isabel has taught me how much rice can fit in a container. You fill it to the brim and if you put too much in then it will overflow. She has taught me what the right amount is.” – Jorja



Buzzy Bees. . .

Visitor Map



As you are reading this, Buzzy Bee World will be busy enjoying a day at the Melbourne Zoo! We have been so excited about our trip and have been busy in Discoveries learning about the different animals, their families and habitats we will see.

Stay tuned for more exciting stories and photos from our amazing day at the zoo.



Middle School . . .

Over the last few weeks, Middle School students have been working on narratives. We would like to invite all Middle School families to celebrate our learning, and read our stories in the Learning Centre on Wednesday November 30th from 2:15pm. More information will be sent home prior to our “Read with Me” Expo.

Here is a sneak peek of what some of our young authors are creating:

A girl named Kate lived in a windy valley where every night the wind blew wildly. -Sevahn

Hiss! “What was that?” whispered Hairy Potter in a frightened voice. - Zay

Hairy Henry was hairier than a horse with an appetite to match. - Hugh

“Here’s my clever Mum” said Cooper. Cooper’s Mum smiled like a queen wearing a crown. - Nikki



Senior School . . .

It’s already halfway through the term and the Senior School continues to be busy. Following two successful camps, we are busy preparing for our Science Expo and our Great Debate.

The students are excited and enthusiastic in their preparations for these. There are many wonderful ideas for science experiments coming from all of the students, ranging from chemistry concepts, such as why oil and water don’t mix, to physics concepts related to motion and gravity.

As a Senior School team, we have been pleasantly surprised by some of the mature and grown-up ideas that have been expressed during our debate preparation. We definitely look forward to hearing the teams battle it out across the debating arena.

Coming up next week, both 5’s and 6’s are participating in Puberty Education, which is being run by Leonie Cowey (Adolescent Health Nurse). All students will be expected to attend this session unless the slip at the bottom of the note is returned for your child to opt out.

At this time of year, the Senior School students become quite restless. This is especially the case for our outgoing Grade 6s. As a Senior School team, we continue to encourage the students to stay focussed and on task, which aligns with our bell to bell teaching policy at school. We also appreciate any support you can provide with this at home and look forward to seeing you at our up coming events.

The Senior School Team



Remembrance Day . . .



Bamboozle at Ararat College Fair . . .



Milo T20 Blast Cricket Competition . . .

Three cricket sides made their way to Alexandra Oval on Monday to compete in the Ararat Schools' Region for the Milo T20 Blast cricket competition. Conditions were quite chilly, but fortunately, the rain held off for most of the day. We had one boys' side entered in the competition side of the draw and one boys' side entered into the participation draw. We also had one girls' team competing in the competition draw. Our sides represented our school with enthusiasm and fantastic team spirit. The boys' team competing in the participation side of the draw did remarkably well, combining accurate bowling with some power hitting to win all three of their games. A fantastic achievement! Our other boys' team, competing in the main competition draw, accounted themselves nicely and were in every contest until the last over or two. They managed to win one of their three games, displaying consistent and well-rounded performances. Our girls played some great cricket, showcasing their talents with the bat and ball to win one game and narrowly lose the other two by just a couple of runs. A big thanks to Mr Collins and Zach for umpiring and managing their teams.

Mr Pilgrim.



Buddy Kinder Visits . . .



Ararat North Kinder - Tuesday





November 13th Darnell Naawi
 Braiden Mill
 17th Angus Cavanagh
 18th Lily Murphy
 20th Veruca Davies-Harrison
 21st Bree Bond
 22nd Jono Fennell
 Holly Bowden



Kids Learn to Sail with TACKERS

The Boatshed is coming to **STAWELL** during the upcoming Summer holidays to provide kids the opportunity to learn to sail in our Australian Sailing accredited Tackers program.

Adult & Teenage courses are also available!

When
 24th-27th January 2017
 8:30am – 1:00pm

Where
 Stawell Yacht Club (Lake Fyans)
 Mokepilly Rd, Pomonal

Contact us now!
 Adam Gristwood
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	<p>School Banking is processed on Tuesdays</p>	<p>Students must wear a hat in Term 4.</p> <p>We are a SunSmart school</p>	<p>17th</p> <p>Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am</p> <p>GR 1-2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion</p>	<p>18th LUNCH ORDERS</p> <p>2017 Preps and school-wide Transition #1</p>
<p>21st Assembly</p> <p>Coding 3:20pm – 4:30pm</p>	<p>22nd</p> <p>Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am</p>	<p>23rd</p>	<p>24th</p> <p>Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am</p>	<p>25th LUNCH ORDERS</p> <p>2017 Preps and school-wide Transition #2</p>
<p>28th Assembly</p> <p>Coding 3:20pm – 4:30pm</p>	<p>29th</p> <p>Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am</p>	<p>30th</p> <p>Year 3 - 4 "Read With Me"</p>	<p>November 1st</p> <p>Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am</p>	<p>2nd LUNCH ORDERS</p> <p>2017 Preps and school-wide Transition #3</p>
<p>5th Assembly</p> <p>Coding 3:20pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>6th</p> <p>Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am</p> <p>2017 Preps and school-wide Transition #4</p>	<p>7th</p> <p>Year 3 - 4 Community Games</p> <p>Year 1 - 2 Expo</p> <p>School Council</p>	<p>8th</p> <p>Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am</p> <p>Year 5 - 6 Exhibition</p>	<p>9th LUNCH ORDERS</p>

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