



Principal's Report

Dear parents and friends of Ararat Primary School 800,

Tuesday saw five of our students presented with **"China Challenge" Schools' Language and Culture Awards** during the presentation ceremony at the Ballarat Town Hall. Congratulations to Louise Cooper, who received the Mayor's Prize for the best entry, Ella Flamsteed and Amelia Greene who won first and third prizes, respectively, in the Chinese Language section, and Navasha Madex and Bella Bartlett and Louise Cooper, who won first and second prizes, respectively, in the Chinese Culture section. The girls were worthy recipients and, as always, outstanding ambassadors for our school. We are very proud of their achievements, and honoured to have received such prestigious awards. Once again, special thanks and congratulations to Mrs Jerram for her coordination of our 2016 project.

Tomorrow is launch day for this year's Golden Gateway Festival. Students in Years 5 and 6 will depart school at 9:15am for the walk to the Alexandra Gardens, with the first pushcart endurance heat scheduled for 10:00am, and the sprint heats from 11:05am. The endurance and sprint finals will take place from 1:40pm and the children will return to school by around 3:00pm. Students in Years Prep to 4 will remain at school during the morning, and walk to the gardens at 12:30pm for a picnic lunch and special performance. They will return to school by around 2:45pm, following the awards ceremony. Please ensure that your child is well prepared for the event with a packed lunch, drink, hat and sunscreen. **Please note that lunch orders will be transported to the venue at 12:30pm tomorrow.** Festival launch activities have been coordinated by personnel from the Central Grampians LLEN – we extend sincere thanks to Brendan and his team for their efforts.

Best wishes to the members of our athletics team who will represent Ararat Primary School and the Black Ranges Division at the Regional Championships in Ballarat tomorrow – Gretta Fennell in the 100m sprint, Flynn Toner in discus and Hugh Toner in high jump. Good luck, everyone!

Our Grade 1 and 2 students are in for an exciting time on Thursday and Friday of next week with the staging of their annual late-night / sleepover event. Students will remain after school on Thursday, participating in a range of special activities coordinated by a team of our Grade 5 and 6 student leaders and staff. Following a barbecue tea, our Grade 1 students will head home, while our Grade 2 children bunk down for the night in the Circus Hall. Special activities will continue for our students on the Friday, including a trip to the pool. We hope everyone has a wonderful

time!

With the **Golden Gateway Festival Parade** rapidly approaching, preparations are in full swing for the first Ararat Government Schools' joint entry. We invite our students and their families to meet us at the Ararat College-end of Barkly Street from 11:00am on Sunday, October 23rd, dressed in uniforms or colourful circus gear, in readiness for the procession to the Show Grounds at 11:30am. Our theme for this year is "State Schools Rule", as we'll be joined by students, families and staff from Ararat West, Ararat North and Ararat College. So that we have an ideas of numbers, an expression of interest form to participate in the parade, is included as an insert with this newsletter. Please ensure that it is completed and returned to the office by Wednesday of next week. If you can help us out by driving our float-truck, please let me know, as soon as possible.

A reminder that **tickets for our 2016 Extravaganza are now on sale through Trybooking, using the following link:**

<http://www.trybooking.com/NLNR>.

The matinee/dress rehearsal and evening shows are due to hit the stage on Wednesday, October 26th. Please note that the Extravaganza does not involve all students - our 2016 focus is on showcasing the achievements of our choirs, band and circus performers. We are, however, planning a special end of year **Christmas Concert and family picnic** which will involve performances by all classes. At this stage, that event will take place on Thursday evening, December 15th, so please mark that date on your calendar.

A reminder that during Terms 4 and 1 all students and staff are required to wear a school-specific bucket or broad-brimmed hat when outside. Please ensure your child has a hat at school daily. Hats are available for purchase through Mensland and Embroidability. Cancer Council Australia recommends the following five steps to protect against sun damage when the SunSmart UV Alert indicates that the UV index is at 3 or above:

1. Slip on sun-protective clothing that covers as much skin as possible
2. Slop on SPF30+ sunscreen - make sure it is broad-spectrum and water resistant. Apply 20 minutes before you go outdoors, and every two hours afterwards. Sunscreen should never be used to extend the time you spend in the sun
3. Slap on a hat that protects your face, neck and ears
4. Seek shade
5. Slide on some sunglasses - make sure they meet Australian Standards

And remember - extra care should be taken between 10am and

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

Key Dates for Term 4



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| Saturday 15th October | NICA - Melbourne |
| Sunday 16th October | Festival Concert Light the Night support Leukaemia @Ararat R.S.L |
| Thursday 20th October | Gr 1-2 Late night/Sleepover |



3pm.

Best wishes to a significant number of our students and staff who will be out and about as our ambassadors across the weekend and next week:

- Our Circus Stars, staff and parents who head to NICA on Saturday
- Our Junior and Senior Choir members who will perform at Sunday afternoon’s Festival Concert from 2:00pm at the Performing Arts Centre
- Students and family members who will join the “Light the Night” lantern parade from 8:00pm on Sunday evening (Alexandra Gardens)
- Our Year 5 and 6 students who are set to perform at the Senior Citizens on Thursday afternoon; and

- Our Prep students and Senior Choir members who will entertain guests at next Friday’s Kinder Fair (Carey Street from 5:00pm)

Finally, on behalf of our school community, I extend sincere congratulations to Darren Beer on his appointment as the Principal of Maroona Primary School, effective from the start of 2017. Darren has been an Ararat Primary School staff member for fourteen years, and will be greatly missed. Darren will be formally farewelled during our final assembly for the 2016 school year on Friday, December 16th.

Kind regards,
Jennifer Molan

Specialists’ Report . . .

We have 30 students heading to NICA on Saturday, some for the first time. Good luck to everyone attending! The NICA students have also started work on their act for the Arts Extravaganza, which we hope you will love.

Bamboozle have had plenty of opportunities to perform in the community recently. Unfortunately, we have had to refuse some offers as we are fully booked. As we are busy rehearsing for the Arts Extravaganza, a group of 5/6 students who are not in Bamboozle, will be representing our school at the Senior Citizens next Thursday. We wish them luck, and hope they have a wonderful time. We are also hosting the children from the Wimmera Asthma Camp, on Saturday 21st October. They are coming along to watch a show and have a try of our equipment.

On Monday Rod and I travelled to Juggleart in Melbourne to collect an expensive piece of equipment. We are hoping that a few students will be skilled enough to demonstrate it at the Arts Extravaganza. Stay tuned, as it promises to be an amazing spectacle— if it can be achieved.

In the Circus classroom, Grades 3-6 students are busy working on creating their own instructional videos. We look forward to seeing what they produce.

Our Arts Extravaganza is on Wednesday 26th October. We hope to see you there! We have lots of exciting new skills to show you. Our music will once again be provided by the Junior and Senior Choirs, and 800 Decibels.

Coding Club is a program for students aged 9-11. It runs from **3.20pm until 4.30pm on most Mondays**. This term we are learning to use Python, which is a programming language. If you would like your child to attend, please return the slip below.



My child in Gradeis interested in participating in PS 800’s Coding Club, on a Monday night in Mrs Coles’ room. He/She will be collected by at 4.30pm.

Contact phone number:

Signed





VicHealth's Walk to School month encourages primary school children to walk, ride or scoot to school throughout October to highlight the benefits of exercise on children's health.

In support of this campaign, students and families of Ararat Primary School are invited to join us at the Ararat Town Hall between **8:00am and 8:15am on Friday the 28th of October**. From here, students will walk to school accompanied by members of staff. A free, healthy breakfast will be supplied once we get to school for those students who participate. We will also be keeping track of students who walk, bike or scoot to school for the month of October. We will send this data away to VicHealth, with our school

going into the draw to win some great prizes.

Stay tuned for more information closer to the date.



Grade 5 camp at Sovereign Hill . . .



Mrs Powell's Art School

Where: 71 Viewpoint St, Ararat 3377



Times: Seniors (Gr 3 to 6) Wednesdays (5 places left)
Thursdays (Full)



Juniors (Prep to Gr 2) Tuesdays (3 places left)

Cost: \$15.00 per lesson (9 lessons this term)

Total of \$135 to be paid by October 20th, 2016

Enrolments available at the school office and positions will be filled as forms are handed in.

For further details ring Kaye Powell on 0409 259 230

Registered teacher, Art teacher, Regional Art Consult-

Extravaganza Help Wanted



We are looking for some enthusiastic people to help set up artwork in the foyer of the Ararat Town Hall. We are also looking for a small garden bridge as well. If you are able to assist, please contact Miss Sharp.

- Balloons
- Fairy Floss
- Pop Corn
- Raffles
- Lucky Door Prizes
- Face Painting
- BBQ & Drinks
- Cake Stall
- Craft Stall
- Plant Stall
- Trade Displays
- Show Bags
- Entertainment
- and LOTS MORE !!

Carey Street Kindergarten

Spring Time Fair

FRIDAY 21 ST OCTOBER
5 — 7PM

CHILDRENS

ROCK N ROLL DANCE LESSONS

Learn to dance from the members of the Ararat Rockers Rock n Roll dance club.
(all members teaching have a current working with children's card)

Lessons held every Tuesday.

Located at the Senior Citizen's Centre, Barkly st Ararat (next to the Town Hall)

Cost: \$5 per lesson
\$10 Registration Fee

Start Date: 11/10/16

Time: 4pm—5pm

**Ararat
Rockers**



October 10th

Patrick Toner

11th

Isaiah Patterson
Darcy Aitken

12th

Willow Rickard

13th

Rhiarna Richards
Lucy Harwood



Sunday 16th
October

Ararat R.S.L

From 6pm to 9pm



Join our inspiring walk to help Australian families by raising funds for blood cancer research and support.

For more information please call Ararat R.S.L. on (03) 5352 2794 or the Ararat Primary School office.

Lantern lighting ceremony 8pm

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| | <p>School Banking is processed on Tuesdays</p> | <p>Students must wear a hat in Term 4. We are a SunSmart school</p> | <p>13th</p> <p>Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am</p> <p>Extravaganza bookings open</p> | <p>14th LUNCH ORDERS</p> <p>Regional Athletics Pushcart Challenge</p> <p>Saturday 15th - NICA Melbourne Sunday 16th — Festival Concert Light the Night</p> |
| <p>17th Assembly Prep - Gr 2 Swimming</p> <p>Coding 3:20pm – 4:30pm</p> | <p>18th</p> <p>Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am</p> <p>Prep - Gr 2 Swimming</p> | <p>19th</p> <p>Prep - Gr 2 Swimming</p> | <p>20th</p> <p>Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am</p> <p>Bamboozle @ Senior Citizens 2pm</p> <p>Buzzy Bees Sleepover/Late Night</p> | <p>21st LUNCH ORDERS</p> <p>Kinder Fair from 5pm</p> |
| <p>24th Assembly</p> <p>Prep - Gr 2 Swimming</p> <p>Extravaganza Rehearsals</p> | <p>25th</p> <p>Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am</p> <p>Regional Golf Prep - Gr 2 Swimming Extravaganza Rehearsals</p> | <p>26th</p> <p>Prep - Gr 2 Swimming Extravaganza Rehearsals Extravaganza Ararat PAC 7:00pm</p> | <p>27th</p> <p>Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am</p> | <p>28th LUNCH ORDERS</p> <p>Walk to School Day</p> |
| <p>31st Assembly</p> <p>Coding 3:20pm – 4:30pm</p> | <p>November 1st</p> <p>Melbourne Cup Public Holiday (No students to attend school)</p> | <p>2nd</p> <p>Gr 6 camp Sovereign Hill</p> | <p>3rd</p> <p>Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am</p> <p>Gr 6 camp Sovereign Hill</p> | <p>4th LUNCH ORDERS</p> |



Come and support our Junior and Senior Choirs at the
Ararat Golden Gateway Festival Concert
Sunday 16th October at 2:00pm

