



Principal's Report

Dear parents and friends of Ararat Primary School 800,

Our students' involvement in the 2016 Golden Gateway Festival celebrations will wrap up this weekend with the staging of the annual **Golden Gateway Festival Parade**. A reminder to our parade participants that the procession will commence at 11:30am in Barkly Street near Ararat College. We plan to meet on the footpath down from the College at **11:00am**. In keeping with our "State Schools Rule" theme, we ask all parade participants to wear school uniforms, or bright circus-type clothing. We will have circus equipment for participants to use, along with ribbons, fans and streamers that children can wave about. Please feel free to bring along balloons or anything else you may have that is colourful and festive. Special thanks to Miss Sharp who has prepared a stunning collection of our children's art works for this year's Ararat Show.

Best wishes, also, to our Prep students and Senior Choir members who are set to perform at tomorrow evening's, **Carey Street Kinder Fair**. The children are to take centre stage at 5:30pm, so please come along and show your support.

Last Friday's **Golden Gateway Festival launch and Pushcart Challenge**, was a great success, with all students and staff joining in the fun of the occasion. Students in Years 5 and 6 tested their skills as pushcart drivers and pushers in fiercely competitive rounds of endurance and sprint events. Understandably, our students were very proud of placing first and second in the sprint events – well done to Jenae, Amy, Caleb, Logan and Walter (800 B Team) and Amber, Tori, Dakota, Oscar and Ashley (800 D Team). Our Year Prep to 4 students joined us for a picnic lunch, the festival launch, and an engaging 'magic' show and the finals of the Pushcart Challenge. On behalf of our students, thank you to Brendan, our Senior School staff and the CGLLEN organising team for pulling together such a great day.

Congratulations to our **Regional Athletics** team members who represented Ararat Primary and the Black Ranges Division at last Friday's championships in Ballarat – Gretta Fennell, Flynn Toner, Hugh Toner, Sevahn Maxwell, Bailee Turner and Jim Jennings. Our students were outstanding ambassadors for our school, and I commend them all on their courage and determination. Sincere thanks to our wonderful parent supporters, who assisted with transportation and event supervision.

Best wishes to our Grade 1 and 2 students who will stay at school this afternoon to participate in their "Late Night" and "Sleepover" experiences. Special thanks to our large team of Senior School student leaders, who will conduct after school

activities. We hope everyone has a wonderful time.

Congratulations to our twenty-eight students who attended the **National Institute of Circus Arts** last Saturday, for their final training session for 2016. Once again, they were brilliant ambassadors for our school, and a pleasure to work with. It was a sad day for our Year 6 NICA students, for whom it was their last 'official' visit, after four years of involvement. Special thanks to Chris Fiscalini and our strong parent and staff contingent of volunteers for their invaluable support, both on Saturday and throughout the year. We look forward to continuing our strong association with NICA in 2017.

Finally, a few further reminders to wrap up the week:

- Our school will host a Circus workshop for students attending the **Wimmera Asthma Camp** on Saturday, and the **"Teeny Tiny Stevies"** will perform in our Learning Centre from 10:30am
- **Walk to School Day** is rapidly approaching – Friday, October 28th. We invite you to join our school contingent in front of the Town Hall at 8:00am for the walk back to school and a nutritious breakfast, provided by the Ararat Rural City Council
- Planning for our **Sporting Schools Soccer Program** is well underway, with sessions set to commence for our Junior School students on November 2nd. Across the course of four weeks, all of our students will be involved in soccer sessions with Mr Gatehouse
- 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 – for their sake! Hats are available for purchase through 'Mensland', 'Embroidability' and Target
- Please continue to check your children's hair regularly for head lice, treat as required and notify us, so that families can be alerted. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Molan

Our 2016 Arts Extravaganza hits the stage on Wednesday of next week – October 26th - with tickets available through "Trybooking" at www.trybooking.com/NLNR. This year's showcase will be preceded by an art exhibition in the Town Hall foyer, with a massive range of our students' art works on display. Even if you can't make it to the Extravaganza, we invite you to drop in to view the works on display from 6:30pm.

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

Key Dates for Term 4



Sunday 23rd October	Golden Gate Festival Parade - 11:00am
Wednesday 26th October	2016 Arts Extravaganza Performance at Ararat Town Hall
Tuesday 1st November	Melbourne Cup School Holiday
Wednesday 2nd November	Gr 6 Sovereign Hill Camp - returning on Thursday 3rd Nov.



Prep World . . .

We have had a great time at our swimming lessons so far. Everyone is trying really hard and challenging themselves to try new things with their swimming teachers. We have been really pleased with how quickly and independently everyone is with getting themselves changed and being responsible for their belongings. We would also like to say a big thank you to all of our adult helpers - you are great!



Buzzy Bees . . .



The P-2 swimming program is well underway, and what a fantastic time we are having! We are enjoying our lessons at the Ararat Fitness Centre and everyone is making pleasing progress with their water confidence and swimming technique. This Friday we are going to the Fitness Centre for a fun swim after the Sleepover and we are looking forward to practising our new skills. Thank you to all of the parents and helpers who have joined us when walking to the pool, assisted with getting children changed and even bought us coffee! Next week we are looking forward to practising our survival swimming during our lessons!

Middle School . . .

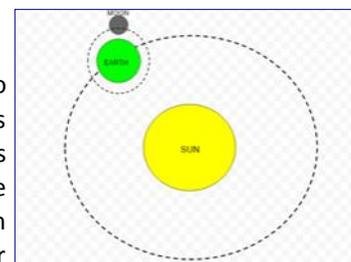
This term the 3/4s Mappen topic is Curiosity – Why? Why? Why? focusing on Science. To start the term, students were involved in developing their curiosity and asking questions about why and how things work. Last week we were focusing on Space Science. Students explored the distances between the Sun, Earth and Moon, as well as how they move together. You can see students from 3/4C estimating the distance between the Sun, Earth and Moon and drawing the orbit lines. Students then had fun becoming the Sun, Earth or Moon and practising rotating and revolving around each other at the right speed.

Here is what they learnt:

Makaylah: "It takes 27 days for the sun to spin on its axis. This is caused by the sun being so big. It takes 24 hours for the earth to rotate on its axis, and a year for it to orbit around the sun."

Gio: "The Earth is the only planet that provides life. It takes 27 days for the sun to spin around. The sun is 109 times bigger than the Earth."

They also learnt to use Google Drawing to make a diagram showing how the Earth, Sun and Moon move together.



Senior School . . .

On Friday the 14th of October the 5/6s went down to the Alexandra gardens to compete in the Pushcart Challenge. First was the endurance race; we had 4 teams. Our Team B came first in their heat but came fourth overall. Two of our sprint teams made it into the finals, Team B and Team D. Team B came first and team D came second overall. The day was amazing and I cannot wait for next year.



We had two different events sprints and endurance we had two teams get into the sprint finals and one team get into the endurance finals. My team, Endurance Team B, came fourth overall and sprint team B and D came 1st and 2nd. We all had a great day and would like to thank Mr C, Karen, Mrs Coles, Mr Pilgrim, Zac, and all the teachers and classes who came to support us.

-Tori R

-Ella F

Push Cart Challenge . . .



Term 4 NICA visit . . .



Visual Learning . . .

Helping our students to see and understand their learning!

Ararat Primary School encourages and supports our students to be actively involved in the learning process. As part of this, we have been helping them to understand the characteristics that effective learners exhibit. We will select a 'Habits of Thinking and Doing' characteristic to focus on, which will be taught to our students over a two to three week period. We would love for you to become involved in this at home by having some discussions with your child about what this means to them. Our current focus is "Do you ask questions, and questions and more questions?". This fits nicely alongside our work immersing students in new topics and concepts. Keep an eye out in the newsletter in the coming weeks as we introduce a new concept.



VicHealth's Walk to School

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.**

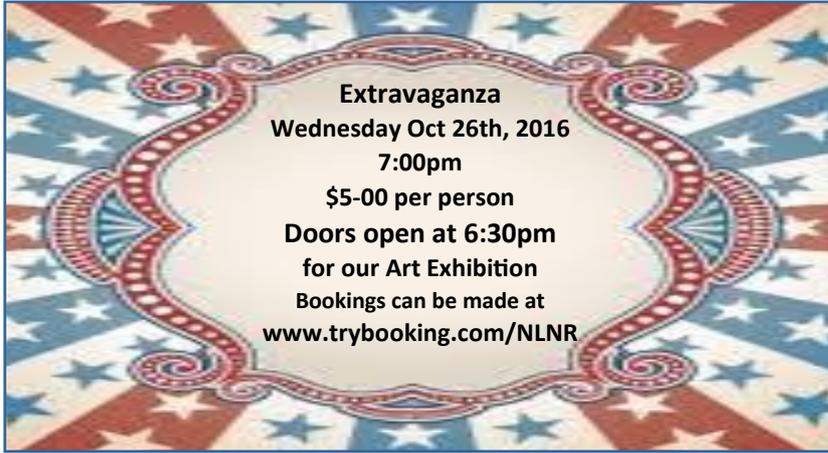
We will also be keeping track of students who walk, bike or scoot to school for the month of October. We will send this data away to VicHealth, with our school going into the draw to win some great prizes.





October 15th
18th
20th

Bella Belcher
Gracie Bakker
Erin Peter



TEENY TINY LIVE!
Stevies

Ararat 800 Primary School
78-80 Moore Street Ararat

kids \$15
adults free! **Saturday Oct 22nd**
10:30am

www.TeenyTinyStevies.com

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<p>Spring</p>	<p>School Banking is processed on Tuesdays</p>	<p>Students must wear a hat in Term 4. We are a SunSmart school</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>Coding 3:20pm – 4:30pm</p>	<p>25th</p> <p>Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am</p> <p>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>
<p>7th</p> <p>Buddy Kinder visits</p>	<p>8th</p> <p>Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am</p> <p>Regional Golf</p>	<p>9th Assembly</p> <p>School Council</p>	<p>10th</p> <p>Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am</p>	<p>11th LUNCH ORDERS</p> <p>Remembrance Day</p>



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.



Mrs Powell's Art School

Where: 71 Viewpoint St, Ararat 3377
Times: Seniors (Gr 3 to 6) Wednesdays
Juniors (Prep to Gr 2) Tuesdays
Cost: \$15.00 per lesson (9 lessons this term)

