



October 6th, 2016

Dear parents and friends of Ararat Primary 800,

Principal's Report

Our return to school routine this week has been a very smooth one, with students and staff settling quickly back to work, with a sense of enthusiasm, purpose and determination. It has been a particularly busy time for our Prep and Year 5 students, who have been involved in our camps and excursions program – [the Preps to the Halls Gap Zoo](#), and our [Year 5s to Sovereign Hill](#). All reports from the explorers and campers have been very positive, and we look forward to reading about their amazing experiences in next week's newsletter.

The repeatedly postponed [Black Ranges Division Athletics](#) event was finally cancelled on Tuesday afternoon, due to major safety concerns about the condition of the track and oval areas. Unfortunately, the organisers have been unable to reschedule, and have offered students and their families the opportunity to participate in trials tomorrow – again, weather permitting, at North Park. Information has been sent home to the families of students concerned, with a request that you organise personal transportation and supervision, as none of the schools involved will have staff in attendance.

Last term ended on a high, with our highly entertaining final assembly attended by a large audience. Special highlights included performances by Izzy Pope, William Hope, Wilbur Pope, and our Junior and Senior Choirs, and the announcement of end of term Student Achievement Awards. We extend particular thanks to Izzy for her inspirational drumming performance, and wish her the very best with her upcoming Year 12 exams.

Congratulations to the following students on receiving end of term Achievement Awards:

- Prep S – Navneet Doad and Lilly-Rose O'Donnell
 - Prep D – Shakhira Young and Willow Rickard
 - Grade 1-2 TB – Acacia Merrick and Toby McGrath
 - Grade 1-2 V – Stella McAdie and Kassie Smith
 - Grade 1-2 FJ – Cayden Fisher and Inika McKinnis
 - Grade 1-2 K – Dakota Eagles and Banjo Ramsay
 - Grade 3-4 H – Scarlett Sargent and Jed Rhodes
 - Grade 3-4 B – Maddy Ferguson and Hugh Toner
 - Grade 3-4 C – Josie Lind and Jim Jennings
 - Grade 5-6 C – Caleb Nicolaci and Ella Flamsteed
 - Grade 5-6 D – Koopa Xalfa-Alexander and Erin Peter
 - Grade 5-6 GP – Bailey Pennycad and Gretta Fennell
 - Specialists – Kassie Smith, William Hope and the students of 5-6C
 - Office – Tylah Woolley
 - Bounce Back – Chloe Bond, Nicky Watts and Jed Herbert
 - Mathletics Achievement Awards – Haylee Sobey, Rishi Kalluri and Tylah Moana
- Photos from our celebrations are featured on Page 3.

Our school continued to be a very busy place during the break, with Vacation Care in full swing during Week 1, and painting and grounds works undertaken. Most significantly, our Prep World space has had a make-over, turning it into a bubbly, vibrant, energising area – and we're thrilled with the dramatic results! On behalf of our school community, I extend sincere thanks to the Ralph family for their continuing work in maintaining the high standards of our grounds, and to George, our handyman, for his great work, painting, repairing and tidying up.

As mentioned prior to the school holidays, our LOTE student leaders are to be congratulated on their preparations for this year's [China Challenge](#), coordinated by Mrs Jerram. It's important to recognise that most of the work undertaken by the students was completed during lunch and recess breaks, which shows great commitment and determination. We're very pleased to announce that our school received a number of awards – congratulations to Ella Flamsteed and Amelia Greene for their achievements in the Chinese Language category, and Bella Bartlett, Navasha Madex and Louise Cooper for their results in the Chinese Culture section. The team will travel to the Ballarat Town Hall for the presentations on Wednesday of next week.

The next few weeks and weekends are shaping up to be very busy for our students, staff and families, with the following events worth noting on your calendar:

- [Year Prep to 2 Swimming Program](#), commencing next week – timetable printed overleaf
- [Golden Gateway Festival launch, picnic, and Pushcart Challenge](#) on Friday, October 14th at the Alexandra Gardens
- [Regional Athletics Carnival](#) in Ballarat, also on October 14th
- [NICA training session in Melbourne](#) on Saturday, October 15th
- [Golden Gateway concert](#) at 2:00pm on Sunday afternoon, October 16th, involving our Junior and Senior Choirs, followed that evening by the RSL's "Light the Night" celebrations
- [Grade 1 and 2 late night and sleepover](#) on Thursday, October 20th – our Year 1 students will head home after their barbecue tea, while the Year 2s will camp out for the night in the Circus Hall
- [Annual Kinder Fair](#) from 5:00pm on Friday, October 21st. Our Preps students and Senior Choir members are set to perform at 5:30pm, and a selection of our students' art work will be on display
- [Golden Gateway Festival weekend and Ararat Show Parade](#) on the Sunday, October 23rd. All students and their families are invited to join us for this year's parade, starting

School values: [Respect](#) [Honesty](#) [Self Awareness](#) [Learning](#) [Belonging](#)

Key Dates for Term 4

Friday 7th October	Grade 5 camp returns
Monday 10th October	Prep to Grade 2 swimming program
Saturday 15th October	NICA - Melbourne
Sunday 16th October	Festival Concert
	Light the Night support Leukaemia @Ararat R.S.L



Congratulations to Darren and Natalie Beer on the early, but safe arrival of Henry Maxwell (8lb 5oz) - a little brother for Charlie to play with.



at 11:30am from the Ararat College Barkly Street entrance. Our combined schools' theme this year is "State Schools' Pride" and we encourage all of our walkers to wear their school uniform for the big occasion

- The [Ararat Primary School Arts Extravaganza](#), scheduled for 7:00pm on Wednesday, October 26th at the Ararat Performing Arts Centre. Ticketing information will be included in next week's newsletter. Please note that ticket purchases (\$5 each) will be allocated, and unlimited

Two further requests:

- Please continue to monitor your children's hair for head lice, as outbreaks are common after school holidays, and
- Please ensure that your child has his or her hat at

school every day (bucket or broad-brimmed), in keeping with our SunSmart policy.

Finally, term four is always the busiest in the school year, with programs wrapping up, assessments undertaken, reports written, and preparations for the new school year completed. We are very keen to finalise our 2017 student numbers as soon as possible, and will appreciate word from you if your child will not be with us in the new-year, or if you have a Prep student due to commence with us. Enrolment forms are available from the school office. Whole-school and Kinder-Prep Transition events are planned for November 18th, and 25th, and December 2nd and 6th, with Kinder Buddy visits scheduled for the week beginning November 7th.

Kind regards,
Jennifer Molan

Prep World . . .

Prep World had a wonderful time visiting the Halls Gap Zoo on Tuesday. We made sure we were all rugged up and headed off in the wild weather for our very first big school excursion. After a special reptile presentation from James, featuring a carpet python and blue tongue lizard, we were very lucky to make it the whole way around the park without being rained on. There is an amazing array of animals from all over the world on display and the next step in our learning is to choose one of them to find out some more information.



Buzzy Bees . . .



Buzzy Bee World had a fantastic end to Term 3 with our 'Messy Day' being a complete success. Special thanks to Mrs. Tapscott for organising the event.

Term 4 has started well with our multiplication and division maths groups. We are also hard at work writing procedures this week as well.

We are looking forward to starting our swimming next week and hope the weather warms up a bit for us!

Don't forget your bathers!



Middle School . . .

Students in the Middle School have picked up right where they left off, as we get very busy in Term 4. 3/4 H had a great holiday and even found lots of time to do some fantastic homework tasks, and reading was a priority for the students. A great positive for the visible learners they are becoming.



Our Mappen task this term is 'Curiosity', asking the big questions, 'Why? Why? Why?'. This entails a range of things, but of particular interest so far is natural science.



Will – "I really want to learn how eels produce electricity and why, if they shock something, they don't shock everything in the water."



Darcy – "Why do Armadillos have armour, and how did the army use that idea to make a tank?"



Wilbur – "How do chameleons change their skin colour?"





Sunday 16th October
Ararat R.S.L
From 6pm to 9pm



Lantern lighting ceremony 8pm

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.

Senior School . . .

Welcome back to Term 4, we hope you had a great holiday.



On Friday the 14th of October, the Grade 5-6s are participating in the Golden Gate Festival Push Cart Challenge with other schools at the gardens. All of the Grade 5-6s are looking forward to competing, and we will start training next week.

The Grade 5's have left this morning for their camp at Sovereign Hill. They will be returning at approximately 5pm Friday evening. The Grade 6's will be heading off to their school camp at Sovereign Hill on Wednesday November the 2nd to the 3rd.



Make sure you wear hats for Term 4 because we are a Sun Smart school.



By Cherysh, Gracie & Dakota.

Frogs in a Pond Sale



Frogs in a Pond will be sold next week on **Wednesday the 12th of October for \$1 at lunch time.** All the money raised will go towards the renovation of Sarah and Chris Day's home who are trying to level all their floors to make their home wheelchair and walker friendly for their son Jacob who suffers from epilepsy and cerebral palsy.

Caitlyn [Golden Gate Festival entrant]

End of Term 3 assembly . . .



THE PLAYGROUND OF RACING LOYALTY

EMIRATES MELBOURNE CUP TOUR

3 July - 1 November

Gala Evening
Fully catered cocktail food. Drinks at bar prices 6 pm
Cobb & Co

Tickets \$50 pp
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Featuring Guest Speaker Darren Weir
Melbourne Cup Trainer
Australian Training Services founder

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Buangor Recreation Reserve
October 11th 2016

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Ararat City Tennis Club Tennis Coaching ON FRIDAY IN TERM 4

"Hot Shots" Coaching Program
for everyone 5 -10 years

Junior Coaching Program 9 - 14 years

Information & Enrolment
Peter Joyce

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 3rd Marcus Jerram
 4th Emmett Murphy
 6th Ruby Pyke



Prep to Gr 2 Swimming Program . . .

Please find below a swimming timetable for the Prep to Gr 2 swimming program. The program will run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for three consecutive weeks.

Students will need to bring their towel, spare underwear, bathers and a strong waterproof bag to carry their gear to and from the swimming pool.

We will need parent helpers each day. If you are able to help on any of these days, could you please see your child's classroom teacher.



Class	Leave School	Swim	Leave pool
1/2 T	8:55	9:20	10:05
Prep	9:20	9:50	10:35
Prep	9:50	10:20	11:10
1/2 FJ	10:20	10:50	11:35
1/2 V	10:50	11:20	12:10
1/2 K	11:20	11:50	12:35



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	 School Banking is processed on Tuesdays		6th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Gr 5 Camp Sovereign Hill	7th LUNCH ORDERS Gr 5 Camp Sovereign Hill
10th Assembly Prep - Gr 2 Swimming  Coding 3:20pm - 4:30pm	11th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Prep - Gr 2 Swimming 	12th Prep - Gr 2 Swimming  School Council	13th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Extravaganza Bookings open	14th LUNCH ORDERS Regional Athletics Pushcart Challenge Saturday 15th - NICA Melbourne Sunday 16th - Festival Concert Light the Night
17th Assembly Prep - Gr 2 Swimming  Coding 3:20pm - 4:30pm	18th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Prep - Gr 2 Swimming 	19th Prep - Gr 2 Swimming 	20th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Bamboozle @ Senior Citizens 2pm Buzzy Bees Sleepover/Late Night	21st LUNCH ORDERS Kinder Fair from 5pm
24th Assembly Prep - Gr 2 Swimming Extravaganza Rehearsals	25th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Regional Golf Prep - Gr 2 Swimming Extravaganza Rehearsals	26th Prep - Gr 2 Swimming Extravaganza Rehearsals Extravaganza Ararat PAC	27th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am	28th LUNCH ORDERS