



Principal's Report

Dear parents and friends of Ararat Primary School 800,

It may be the last week of term, but the level of activity at our school has not abated. Last Thursday, I had the pleasure of accompanying our School Captains, Olivia McGrath and James Mullin, to the Victorian Primary Schools' Parliamentary Convention at Parliament House. Olivia and James joined 50 student leaders from government and private schools from across the state in a series of debates around the use of social media by children. We were also joined by the Minister for Education and Shadow Minister, the Speaker of the House, and the e-Safety Commissioner. Under the broad motion, "Social media should be banned for children under the age of 12", topics discussed were:

- **Privacy:** All social media should be "supervised" by the government. The authorities should be able to see and read everyone's messages.
- **Cyberbullying:** It is proposed that funds that have been previously committed to traditional anti-bullying programs and projects will now be directed exclusively to cyberbullying.
- **Digital Technologies:** \$33 million will be allocated from the education budget to provide each student in Victorian Schools with a digital device to learn to code.
- **Learning:** Learning about social media will be a compulsory subject in all schools.
- **Digital Reputation:** Employers will not be able to use any information about a job candidate taken from their social media when making a decision about their employability; eg, photos, comments they made, groups they joined, etc.
- **Filtering:** All families identified by the census as having children under the age of 15 will be provided a compulsory filter to be applied to their home internet service.
- **Addiction to Technology:** To deal with the issue of online addiction, there will be a compulsory limit of two hours per day playing time introduced on any online game or mobile application.
- **Sharing Personal Information:** Currently, to post and share images, comments and stories about or by children and young people under 18, parental consent is required. It is proposed that this age limit be lowered to 10.
- **Online Gaming:** It is proposed that all online games be removed from the devices of children under 18, as they distract from their learning.
- **Social Networking and Unwanted Contact:** All social media would be managed by every child's parents up until the age of 15. Who they talk to, which groups they join and what they publish, would need to be approved by an adult.

At the conclusion of opening addresses, it was clear that the majority of student delegates believed that social media should be banned, but opinions changed during the course of the day, with the final

vote rejecting the motion. Congratulations to Olivia and James on their outstanding work as ambassadors for our school – we were one of only a few from country Victoria. It was an amazing experience, spending the day in the Legislative Assembly and the Queen's Chamber, debating real issues with some of the sharpest young minds in the state. Hopefully, an invitation to participate will be extended to us again next year.

Congratulations to our team of 19 students who represented us at the **Black Ranges Division Golf Championships** at Chalambar on Monday – a brilliant time was had by all, despite the wet conditions. Special congratulations to Amelia Greene, who qualified to complete at the Regional Championships in Ballarat on October 25th. Thank you to Tony Collier from Golf Victoria and Mr Collins for coordinating the event for our students. **Please note that the Black Ranges Division Athletics have been rescheduled to Wednesday, October 5th.**

As our golfers teed off, 43 of our students were bussing their way to the National Gallery of Victoria to experience the **Degas Exhibition**. Our introductory session on Degas' artwork, viewing of the exhibition and creative workshop were remarkable learning opportunities for students, staff and parents, alike – that will be long remembered. Special thanks to Miss Sharp for organising the event, and to our wonderful team of staff and parent volunteers, who gave so generously of their time to ensure the day was successful. Most importantly, thank you to the National Gallery team, and the generous patrons of the gallery who created this opportunity for us.

With the term drawing to a close, it's been "Exhibition Season" during the past week. Our Preps have showcased their "Prep World Mini Olympics", Year 1-2s their "Stronger, Higher, Faster" investigations, and the Years 3-4s their "Money Makes the World Go Round" learning experiences. Congratulations to all of our students and staff on their fabulous work, and thank you to our families and friends for supporting our expos.

Mrs Jerram and our Chinese Student Leaders have also been busy this week preparing for the **2016 China Challenge** – an initiative of the City of Ballarat and the Ballarat China Community Committee – which seeks to encourage children to show what they know about China's amazing cultural and linguistic story. The topic of this year's Challenge is "Chinese Architecture", with an invitation for students to examine, explore, explain or research different styles of Chinese buildings. Entries will be judged in 'General' and 'Chinese Language' categories, and will be on display at the Ballarat Regional Library during the school holidays.

Our school will continue to be a very busy place during the holidays, with Vacation Care operating each day, and buildings and grounds works being undertaken. Most exciting will be the repaint of Prep World – a massive undertaking, involving scaffolding because of the ceiling height. We can't wait to see the results.

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

Key Dates for Term 4

Tuesday 4th October	Prep World excursion to Halls Gap Zoo
Wednesday 5th October	Gr5/6 Black Ranges Athletics @ North Park Stawell
Thursday 6th October	Grade 5 camp to Sovereign Hill
Monday 10th October	Prep to Grade 2 swimming program
Saturday 15th October	NICA - Melbourne



TERM DATES 2016

Term 3:
11th July - 16th September
Term 4:
3rd October - 20th December

Looking forward to the start of next term, our first week back will be a very busy one, with our Prep students enjoying a visit to the Halls Gap Zoo, and our Year 5 students venturing to Sovereign Hill for their 1860's educational program over two days.

The new term will bring one staffing change at our school, with Mrs Beer commencing family leave, and Mrs Tapscott increasing her time in 1-2TB to five days per week. We wish Nat, Darren and Charlie all the best for their new arrival's smooth and safe delivery.

A special reminder for all students and staff to locate their school hats during the holidays, ready for the start of Term 4. As a SunSmart School, we are all required to wear bucket or broad brimmed hats when outside during Terms 4 and 1.

Given that tomorrow is the last day of term, we invite all families to join us for our end of term assembly at 12.00pm in the Learning Centre. Our Junior and Senior Choirs will entertain us, along with solo performances by Ararat College's Izzy Pope, and some of Sandra Pope's instrumental students. Teachers will also present their end of term student awards. **Classes will be dismissed at 1.30pm, with arrangements made for supervision of bus travellers until 2:20pm.**

Finally, thank you to all staff, students, and our wonderful school community members, for an excellent term. We wish you a safe, happy and relaxing spring holiday, and look forward to seeing everyone at the beginning of Term 4 – Monday, October 3rd.

Kind regards,
Jennifer Molan

Degas Exhibition in Melbourne . . .



I really liked the workshop, because the challenge was to make a person in movement without using scissors. I made a girl running with a mono-brow.

-Rhylan



I really loved the art gallery, and seeing all of Degas' artwork. One of my favourites was a calm beach. It was a really great experience.

- Louise

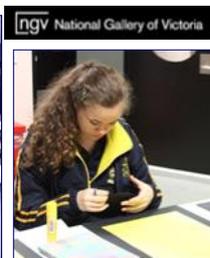


On Monday, we went to see the Degas Exhibition. My favourite part was the workshop, where we got to make a person in a posing position. My artwork was of a 'hip hop' person. - Seth



I had a fun time at the Degas workshop. We made pictures that had movement in them without using scissors.

-Ava



community
LIGHT THE NIGHT
Supporting the **Leukaemia Foundation**

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.



<https://lightthenight.org.au/event/ararat>

JOIN THE WAMA NATURE PLAY EVENT

Young families are invited to come and enjoy playing in the beautiful, natural environment at the WAMA site.

WHEN: 24 September, 12-4pm. GOLD coin donation.

WHERE: WAMA site, Corner Neal Road and Ararat-Halls Gap Road, Pomonal.

ACTIVITIES: will include mud play, cubby building, exploration, face painting, building stick towers and bush fairy homes, a discovery hunt.

Denis Crawford, our local insect expert will be there to bring wonder and delight to children as they discover the magical world of small critters that can be found in gumtrees or under logs.

BRING: gumboots, spades for digging and picnic lunch or afternoon tea.

CONTACT: Michele Forbes on 0438 067 848

Parliamentary Convention . . .



On Thursday the 8th of September, we went to Melbourne with Ms Molan, to the Parliament House of Victoria. We listened to lots of speakers, adult and students, and even got to speak ourselves. We had a great time debating and discussing the matter of 'Social media should be banned for children under the age of twelve'. We would like to thank, Ms Molan for driving us up there and back safely, and Mr Collins for registering us.

By Liv and James.



'Fabric Collage Creations' School Holiday Workshop at the Gallery



Find a beautiful picture in the range of books and magazines provided for the workshop and recreate your own stunning version of it using colourful fabric pieces and your creativity!

On: Tuesday 27 September 2016 From: 1:00 to 4:00 pm
At: The Gallery's Craft Room (Town Hall, Vincent Street, Ararat)

For children aged 7 to 12 years. All materials provided.
Bookings essential as numbers are strictly limited.

Cost - \$5 per child



For information and bookings, please contact the gallery:
T: 5352 2836
E: gallery@ararat.vic.gov.au

Ararat
Regional
Library

Spring School Holiday Program

Avast me hearties!

International Talk Like a Pirate Day
Monday 19 September

Join in the fun and come dressed as a pirate! If it be your liken and make a pirate hat, ship or sword! An all day event.

Boogle Roo's

Wednesday 21 September 11.00am-12.00pm

Boogle Roo's is a fun and interactive musical playgroup for babies, toddlers and kinder ages. Bookings essential.

Parachute Games

Friday 23 September 11.00am-12.00pm

#drawyourselfie

Monday 23 September 11.00am-12.00pm

Armed with a mini Polaroid picture you will sketch a Self Portrait (taken on the day) and create your image in colour, collage and more. Bring your silly and/or smiley face! Suitable for upper primary secondary. Bookings essential.

Wado the Great!

Magic & Balloon making

Friday 30 September 11.00am-12.00pm

Bookings essential.

For more information contact
Ararat Regional Library on (03) 5352 1722



Afternoon Variety Concert

In aid of the Ararat Emergency Relief Fund

Sunday 25th September, 2016

Starting at 2pm

St Andrews Uniting Church Hall

Barkly St, Ararat

Entry fee \$5-00 per adult children U14 free

Includes afternoon tea.

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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- September
- 11th James Mullin
 - 13th Jessi Murphy
 - 14th Madison Herbert
 - 15th Michael Segedinski
Odin Klemm Kent
 - 19th Ned Sladdin
Mia Sheffield
 - 24th Wyatt Chace
Oscar Ramsay
 - 25th Fletcher Greene
 - 26th Kaiden Cooper
 - 27th Navasha Madex
 - 29th Ella Flamsteed



Registration Night
Thurs 15th September
5pm, McDonalds Party
Room - High St. Ararat.
Enquiries: 0423 464 800
www.lavic.com.au

Jetstar
Little Athletics
Victoria

Register at
littleathletics.com.au

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	 School Banking is processed on Tuesdays		15th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am	16th NO LUNCH ORDERS End of Term Assembly 12:00 noon Students to be dismissed at 1:30pm (Bus travellers will remain at school until bus departures at 2:20pm)

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

TERM 4 COMMENCES MONDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, 2016

Oct 3rd	4th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Prep World Excursion Halls Gap Zoo	5th Black Ranges Division Athletics—North Park Stawell	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 	11th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Prep - Gr 2 Swimming	12th Prep - Gr 2 Swimming 	13th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Extravaganza Bookings open	14th LUNCH ORDERS Regional Athletics Pushcart Challenge Saturday 15th - NICA Melbourne Sunday 16th— Light the Night