

The Torch



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Principal's Report

Dear parents and friends of Ararat Primary 800,

After months of preparations, tonight's the night for our Senior School students, as they take to the stage at the Ararat Performing Arts Centre from 7:30pm in their performance of **"Danger Kids"**.

This year's show is highly entertaining and full of great singing and humour. We look forward to seeing you there. Please note that tickets are still available for this evening and a small number for Friday's closing night. To avoid disappointment, we recommend that you book online at <http://www.trybooking.com/MMAQ> as soon as possible.

Organising, preparing for and staging a large scale school production is a major under-taking, and I extend particular congratulations to our students, staff and parent teams on their outstanding efforts, determination and commitment. Of particular note has been the work of our key players – Erin Peter, Angel Herbert-King, James Mullin, Adam Quiao, Gretta Fennell, Olivia McGrath, Bailee Turner and Holly McAdie - ably supported by our 80-strong Grade 5-6 cast, and superbly lead by our staff production team – David Collins, Di Coles, Jamie Gatehouse, Leah Sharp, Nicky Kelly, Adrian Pilgrim, Karen Walker, Zach Louder and Tammy Ralph. On behalf of that team, I extend sincere thanks to our large contingent of parent helpers and staff for their generous, enthusiastic support with make-up and after school rehearsals. A further special thanks to the Ararat College Canteen staff who will provide refreshments in the Town Hall foyer during the show's intermission. A full report on the production will be published in next week's newsletter.

3-Way Conferences, conducted on Monday and Tuesday of this week, have been fairly well attended – an 77% participation rate, with the following level breakdown: Prep – 85%, Year 1-2 - 75%; Year 3-4 - 72% and Year 5-6 – 75%. On behalf of our students and staff, thank you for making the time to join us to discuss your child's goals, successes and future work. Please note that contact will be made with those families who have not yet scheduled a conference time.

Yesterday's **Blokes' Breakfast** was an outstanding success, with a very large crowd of dads, grandfathers, uncles and friends joining our boys in a range of special activities organised by our staff team, and coordinated by Katie Sanford, Darren Beer, Anna Greene, Jenni Jacobi and Marg Dyer. Thank you to everyone who joined us in our celebration of Fathers' Day, 2016 – we hope you had a wonderful time. Further thanks to Green Eggs and Baker's Delight for their donations for our breakfast. Special thanks, also, to Kate, Lisa, Kelly, Tammy and Tracey on their organisation of

Tuesday and Wednesday's Fathers' Day stall, which proved to be very

popular. **On behalf of our students and staff, I wish all of our dads and grand-dads a very happy Fathers' Day for Sunday.**

A reminder that our **2016 Book Fair** will operate from Tuesday to Thursday next week, with an outstanding range of books and novelties on sale in the Library from 8:30 to 8:50am and 3:20 to 4:00pm across the three days. The theme for this year's Fair is "Australia – Story Country" which sounds intriguing! Students will have the opportunity to preview the books on offer on Monday. Please note that all purchases benefit our school in the form of free books for the library. We look forward to seeing you at our 2016 Book Fair.

On Tuesday of next week, our school will present two teams in the Black Ranges Division Basketball competition, to take place at the Ararat Fitness Centre. We wish the teams well, and thank Mr Hewish for his training and organisation of the teams.

Unfortunately, the organisers of the Black Ranges Division Athletics event were forced to postpone Tuesday's event, due to extreme weather conditions. The program has been rescheduled to Friday, September 9th at Stawell's North Park. As a consequence of this rescheduling, our Year 5-6 Money Matters Expo will now take place on Wednesday, September 7th.

Still looking forward to next week, our School Captains, Olivia McGrath and James Mullin, will accompany me to the Victorian Primary Schools' Parliamentary Convention at Parliament House on Thursday. We're very excited by the opportunity, which will see us working with students from across sectors, across the state. The discussion point for the convention is—**"All social media should be banned for children under 12"**, and we're anticipating powerful keynote addresses, followed by lively debate, in the lead up to our 2:30pm delegates' vote.

Next Wednesday will be a particularly busy day for us as our school hosts a number of principals, Education Department executives and Joanne Levey from Monash University, as we embark on day one of our school review. This process, which takes place every four years, involves looking closely at a massive range of data, and gaining input from parents, staff and students, to establish where we are in relation to our school-specific goals, and where we need to head in the future (sounds very much like a 3-Way Conference conversation!). Once again, thank you to students, families and staff who contributed to our "Community Conversations" – your input has proven invaluable.

Congratulations to our Bamboozle team who put on a brilliant performance at last Friday night's "WWW Ball" - the audience members were very impressed! Thank you to Ms Fiscalini, Alan, Mr

School values: Respect Honesty Self Awareness Learning Belonging

Key Dates for Term 3

GR 5/6 Production: "Danger Kids" evening performances

Thursday	September 1st	7:30pm
Friday	September 2nd	7:30pm



Tickets

Adults \$15 each

Children \$5 each
(Under 18)

Tickets available through 'Trybooking' from **August 11th 2016** <http://www.trybooking.com/MMAQ>

TERM DATES 2016

Term 3:

11th July - 16th September

Term 4:

3rd October - 20th December

Collins and Rod for their efforts in preparing for the show.

Finally, we're all looking forward to the "Loose Ends" cultural performance at the PAC next Tuesday. Our Year 3-4s will also participate in workshops on Monday.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Molan

SRC Events . . .

Thank you to everyone who wore casual clothes on Thursday, August 18th, and donated money. We raised \$300.65 and we have given it to Sam Allgood at Ararat West Primary School. He is raising money for new equipment at the Ararat Skate Park. Thank you for your help and supporting our local community.



Our Footy Colours day is going to be on Tuesday September 13th.

-Pheobe and Jakobi

FOOTY COLOURS DAY
SHOW YOUR TRUE COLOURS!

5/6 Production - "Danger Kids" . . .



GAMERS SHOULD BE VERY WORRIED



All gamers out there should be concerned, because someone is trying to control all the world's video games, ensuring that the baddies always win.

Carmen San Francisco is about to launch a satellite - to achieve just that - and the Heads of Government (HOGS) are extremely worried, particularly because all the usual agencies have failed to locate the rocket.

There are now only seven days left, so it's time to send in the DANGER KIDS.

Of course the rocket is discovered - and disabled - just in time, but not until the Danger Kids have travelled to some rather exotic locations around the world and had one amazing adventure.

The villain, Carmen, and her assistant Cluedo, manage to escape in the end, but the gaming world is again safe, thanks to the DANGER KIDS.

Ararat Primary School 800 is set to present "Dangerkids" (or "Where the Heck is Carmen San Francisco?") at the Ararat Performing Arts Centre on Thursday, September 1st and Friday, September 2nd, with both shows commencing at 7.30pm.

This great show has been written by playwrights Bartlett, Fairbairn, Leehy and O'Mara and it is called a "Joke & Dagger Musical".

It is being directed by David Collins, a teacher at the Ararat Primary School, and he is being ably assisted by other teachers from the school.

It would be unfair to single out individual performers because, after sitting through a rehearsal, it became obvious that this - like all school productions - was one huge team effort.

"Dangerkids" will be colorful, exotic and energetic and there will be some surprises which will blow you away, including some wonderful songs and lots of laughs.

Congratulations, Ararat 800, for taking on this fabulous musical. It's a show which should not be missed, so get your tickets now.

Review by Doug Koschel



Blokes' Brekkie . . .



'Fabric Collage Creations' School Holiday Workshop at the Gallery



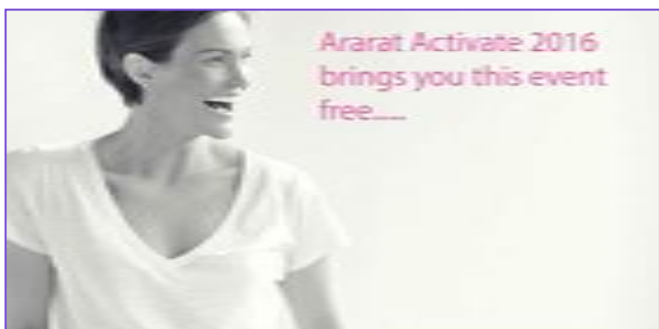
Find a beautiful picture in the range of books and magazines provided for the workshop and recreate your own stunning version of it using colourful fabric pieces and your creativity!

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:
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Ararat Activate 2016 brings you this event free....

UNLEASH YOUR AWESOMENESS WORKSHOP

Come and join Holistic Health and Lifestyle Coach, Joanna Fiorham, in what will be a fun, interactive and informative afternoon. Understand and learn the importance of nourishing yourself nutritionally, spiritually, physically and emotionally to become the healthiest, happiest version of you!

Enjoy the show and the great food!
Bookings: Open till the end of 2016 and your name is on the list for your going to Ararat Activate! Bookings are essential as numbers are strictly limited.
When: Sunday, September 11th, 2016 at 1.30pm
Where: Alexandra Oval Community Center, Ararat
www.theararatshow.com.au



Get into Golf



MyGolf is Australia's introductory golf program for 5 - 12 year olds.

The program runs for 6 - 10 weeks and introduces kids to golf in a safe and healthy environment.

Starts: Tuesday 13th September 4:00 - 5:00pm

Chalambar Golf Club - 5352 4297

\$55 (with golf kit) \$35 (without kit)

Register now at mygolf.org.au



August 28th Archer Pfeifer
September 2nd Jake Millar

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 PRESENTS
DANGER KIDS
 1ST & 2ND September
 Ararat Performing Arts
trybooking.com/mmaq

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	 School Banking is processed on Tuesdays		September 1st Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Production: Dress Rehearsal @ Ararat P.A.C. 1:00pm	2nd LUNCH ORDERS
5th Assembly "Loose Ends" workshops Years 3&4 Scholastic Book Fair 	6th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Division Basketball "Loose Ends" Performance P-6 at PAC	7th School Review Day 1 Years 5-6 "Money Matters" Expo Bamboozle 3:30pm-4:45pm	8th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Parliamentary Convention	9th LUNCH ORDERS
12th Assembly Black Ranges Division Golf Degas Exhibition Excursion	13th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am SRC - Footy Colours Day Gold Coin Donation Prep Expo	14th 3-4 Expo 1-2 Exhibition Bamboozle 3:30pm-4:45pm	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 COMMENCES MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER, 2016