



Principal's Report

Dear parents and friends of Ararat Primary 800,

Congratulations to our students and staff on the success of "Danger Kids" which wrapped up on Friday evening of last week. The production was an outstanding achievement and a wonderful team effort, showcasing the talents of our students and staff. Without doubt, the quality of the singing, and the timing of the humour were outstanding features of the show. Once again, I commend our students on their great enthusiasm, cooperation, persistence, determination and courage. I'd also like to recognise the outstanding commitment of our staff team in bringing the show together, which included only four days of rehearsals at the Ararat Performing Arts Centre, but many changes to timetables and school operations. Particular thanks to David Collins, Di Coles, Leah Sharp, Jamie Gatehouse, Adrian Pilgrim, Karen Walker, Zach Louder and Nicky Kelly, on their overall coordination of the production - their initiative, creativity and dedication are to be admired. Our staff and students were very strongly supported by a wonderful behind-the-scenes team, our very generous School Councillors, students and staff from Ararat College, Rose and Jodie who conducted our canteen and Rupert Coles, who constructed our stunning Chinese dragon. Sincere thanks, also, to all families and friends who made it into the audience over the two nights – your appreciation and enthusiasm made the experience extra special for all of us!

We're working on developing a **DVD copy** of "Danger Kids". Hopefully, it will be available through the school office early next term.

Congratulations to our 5/6 Basketball teams who took part in the Black Ranges Competition on Tuesday. All three teams should be very proud of their efforts and the way they represented Ararat Primary. Well done to our Team A boys, Team B boys and Team C girls, all of whom placed third in their competition divisions. Our team members were as follows: Flynn Toner, Tom Bartlett, Bailee Turner, Caleb Foster, Joel McNaughton, Walter Pope, Jack Manning, Tylah Moana, Cameron Nicholls, Taj Ewen-Jones, Sam Hanson, Sruthi Kalluri, Dakota Barrie, Amy Clarke, Holly McAdie, Elly Galoso, Talia Rhodes and Bella Bartlett. Thank you to Mr Hewish and Mr Collins for training our teams and coordinating the day, and a special thank you to our parent helper, Melinda McAdie.

As the end of the term nears, we continue to be very busy with lots of exciting things happening in and around the school.

Thank you to Mrs Tapscott, Mrs Jacobi and our staff team for their wonderful efforts in creating such a successful Book Fair again this year. The sale of books and novels around the theme of "Australia – Story Country" has been very well supported. We are yet to calculate the final total of money raised but are very appreciative to all who have participated in the fair. We are

looking forward to using the percentage of proceeds we receive to purchase new books to stock in our library for all to enjoy.

The first of our exhibitions kicked off yesterday in amazing fashion, with our Year 5-6s celebrating their unit of work on 'Money Matters'. Our students did a fantastic job demonstrating the knowledge and skills they had learnt over the term and should be very proud of their achievements and successes. Well done to our Senior School team, and thank you to all of our parents and friends who attended – the atmosphere was wonderful! Our expos and exhibitions will continue next week, with the Preps on Tuesday at 2:15pm in the Learning Centre, the 3-4s on Wednesday at 10:30am (3-4C), 11:45am (3-4H) and 12:30pm (3-4B), and the 1-2s also on Wednesday at 2:15pm.

Best wishes to the members of our athletics team who will represent us at the rescheduled **Black Ranges Division Championships** in Stawell tomorrow.

Next Monday is shaping up to be an extremely busy and exciting day, with two major events taking place. We're very fortunate to have 45 of our students, plus staff and parents, travel to Melbourne for the Degas Exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria. What has made this excursion extra special is that the total cost, including travel and lunch, has been covered by patrons of the gallery, whose donations support children from rural areas to access outstanding exhibitions. Special thanks to Miss Sharp for creating this remarkable experience for our students.

Meanwhile, twenty of our Senior School students will represent us at the Black Ranges Golf Championships at Chalambar. We wish our budding golfing stars all the best.

"Footy Day 2016" will take place on Tuesday, with all students invited to wear the colours of their favourite team, and join in special activities during lunchtime, organised by our SRC. We ask for a gold coin donation for the day, which will be put towards covering the cost of our Choirs and 800 Decibels rural schools tour during Term 4.

Finally, Term 3 will conclude at 1:30pm next Friday, following our end of term assembly. We invite you to join us for that assembly from 12:00 noon in the Learning Centre. End of term awards will be presented, and we'll be entertained by our Junior and Senior Choirs, and a number of Mrs Pope's music students. We look forward to seeing you there. Please note that bus travellers will be supervised until their departure at 2:20pm.

Kind regards,
Jennifer Molan

School values: Respect Honesty Self Awareness Learning Belonging

Key Dates for Term 3

Wednesday September 14	Grade 3/4 Expo	3/4C	10.30am - 11.00am
		3/4H	11.45am –12.15pm
		3/4B	12.30pm–1.00pm
	Grade 1/2 Exhibition		

TERM DATES 2016

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

Specialists' Report . . .

We have had a very busy term exploring artworks by Claude Monet and Edgar Degas and inspired by human movement. Preps have completed their Prep Art Books and have also enjoyed using a variety of different

techniques to create lily pads, lollipops, camels and dancers (although not all on the same artwork).

Grade 1/2 students have practised their cutting and collage skills, modelled with clay and pipe cleaners and exploring colours to create dancers in a variety of ways. They also enjoyed revisiting Monet's garden using paper plates to form ponds.

In Grade 3/4, students enjoyed participating as a dancer and an artist taking turns to sketch each other in a variety of poses. They completed their designs using chalk pastel techniques. They have also been very busy creating 3D plant and flower sculptures, which we are excited to present at the Arts Extravaganza next term.

5/6 students also enjoyed working as artists and dancers to create poses in chalk pastel. They found a variety of textures could be created by smudging, outlining and blending colours together. They have worked with wire to create sculptures of athletes inspired by artists and the Olympic games.

Next week we are very excited to be taking a group of 45 students the NGV in Melbourne to explore the Degas Exhibition. There are students from Grade 1 – 6 attending, who will get the opportunity to view original artworks by Edgar Degas and participate in workshops. We are very lucky to have this entirely funded by a very generous patron of the Gallery, who is covering all costs to get us there, as they wanted to give rural students a chance to attend. We look forward to sharing our photos and reflections of the day with you soon.



Thanks

Leah Sharp

Visual Arts

Grade 3/4. . .



The 3/4 team have had a very busy few weeks. This week particularly, with the 'Loose Ends' performance where students learnt about chain reactions and experimented with circuits of rubbish and general household items to make a constant reaction.

We also had our 'Community Games' yesterday with a great turn out from parents enjoying the organised scavenger hunt around the gardens. The answer was 'community', the quickest time will be announced at our Friday middle school assembly.



Danger Kids. . .



Strange Garden
 By Eliza- Jane Gilchrist
 Ararat Performing Arts Centre
 Wednesday 28th September
 SESSION 1 : 10 am - 12 PM SESSION 2: 1PM - 3PM
 TICKETS: \$5 DURATION: 120 minutes
 Creative Workshop Suitable for Ages 5-15

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 Thurs 15th September
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 3rd Ashley Graham
 7th Wykita Rutter-Gill
 9th Sarah Ghazal

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	 School Banking is processed on Tuesdays		8th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Parliamentary Convention	9th LUNCH ORDERS Years 5-6 "Money Matters" Expo
12th Assembly Black Ranges Division Golf Degas Exhibition Excursion	13th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Prep Expo	14th 3-4 Expo 1-2 Exhibition	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	6th Breakfast Club 8:30 - 8:50am Gr 5 Camp Sovereign Hill	7th LUNCH ORDERS Gr 5 Camp Sovereign Hill
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