



Dear parents, families and friends of Ararat Primary,

## Principal's Report

The last week, and weekend, have been incredibly busy for our students and staff, with our involvement in a wide range of extra-curricular activities, including the Regional Swimming Championships, our Harmony Day celebrations, National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, the Jail House Rock Festival, Ballarat Harmony Fest and our 2016 Athletics Sports. Congratulations, and sincere thanks, to our students and everyone involved in the organisation of these events, and to our parents and families for your invaluable support.

I extend particular congratulations to our "800 Rockers" dance team, who were outstanding ambassadors for our school and broader community at the Jailhouse Rock Festival launch on Thursday evening, and in Barkly Street on Saturday morning – Dakota Barrie, Isabella Bartlett, Thomas Bartlett, Ariana Bajer, Amber Bligh, Louise Cooper, Zaf Davies-Harrison, Nikhita Ewen-Jones, Taj Ewen-Jones, Natasha Ferguson, Matthew Fisher, Ella Flamsteed, Sam Hanson, Sruthi Kalluri, Amiel Lillis-Pattison. Olivia McGrath, Erin Peter, Haylee Sobey and Talia Rhodes. I was extremely proud of each and every one of them, as were their parents. Special thanks to Sally Bond and the Jailhouse Rock Festival committee for creating this remarkable opportunity for our students, and to Karen Walker and Tara Bajer for their fabulous support.

Last Sunday, our Bamboozle stilt-walkers represented Ararat Primary at the Ballarat Harmony Fest, roaming freely and impressing the enthusiastic audience. Congratulations to our team for being fabulous ambassadors for our school – Ella Flamsteed, Amelia Greene, Rhyder Simpson, Tamsyn Kettle, Bella Fiegert and Jess Hope - and special thanks to Chris Fiscalini, David Collins and our parent supporters for ensuring the success of the day.

Monday of this week proved to be action packed, with the staging of our 2016 Athletics Sports – and what an outstanding event it turned out to be. 'Being the best that you can be' underpinned all that we did throughout the day, as our students strived to achieve their personal bests, in an atmosphere of support, encouragement and sportsmanship. At the end of the day, **Flinders House (Blue)** proved victorious, closely followed by **Mitchell (Red)**, **Henty (Gold)** and **Sturt (Green)**. Congratulations to all of our student participants on their determined efforts, thank you to our House Captains for their outstanding leadership, Mr Beer, Mr Hewish and Mr Pilgrim for their excellent organisation of the event, ably supported by Jamie Toner and Adam Merrick, to our loyal staff team and parent and Ararat College volunteers who worked so hard to make the day a great success.

Particular congratulations to our age-group champions and runners-

up, who were presented with their medallions at the conclusion of the day:

Age division	Champion	Runner-Up
6 Years Boys	Malik Ghazal	Nate Boyd
6 Years Girls	Navneet Kaur	Grace Wheeler
7 Years Boys	William Hope	Dante Plunkett Prassopoulos
7 Years Girls	Stella McAdie	Stella Wheeler
8 Years Boys	Rhyder Simpson	Fletcher Greene and Kyle Watts
8 Years Girls	Scarlett Sargent	Lilly Murphy
9 Years Boys	Patrick Toner	Jed Rhodes
9 Years Girls	Chloe Bond	Jessi Murphy
10 Years Boys	Jim Jennings	Hugh Toner
10 Years Girls	Hayley Manning	Sevahn Maxwell
11 Years Boys	Lachlan Cranstoun	Adam Quiao
11 Years Girls	Gretta Fennell	Bree Bond
12-13 Years	Flynn Toner	Bailee Turner
12-13 Girls	Elly Galoso	Amelia Greene

Well done, everyone!

Looking forward, we have an exciting Term 2 coming up, with school photos on April 19<sup>th</sup>, ANZAC Day preparations, our Mothers' Day stall, Division Cross Country, School Fete, and NAPLAN testing all taking place within the first five weeks.

Back to the here and now, our extremely busy Term 1 will wrap up tomorrow. We invite you to join us for our end of term assembly from 12:00pm in the Learning Centre. Highlights of our assembly will include the presentation of end of term student awards, and performances by our "800 Rockers" dance group and Junior Choir. We look forward to seeing you there. Students will be dismissed at 1.20pm, with arrangements made for the supervision of bus travellers until 2:20pm.

As always, I sincerely thank our students, staff, families and community members for your continuing loyalty and support, and hope that your term break is both safe and relaxing. Please note that school resumes for students on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Kind regards,  
 Jennifer

School values: Respect Honesty Self Awareness Learning Belonging

### Important information on page 2

Please note Drought Assistance Payment

Funding available for all

Ararat Primary School Students



### TERM DATES 2016

Term 1: 1st February - 24th March

Term 2: 11th April - 24th June

Term 3: 11th July - 16th September

Term 4: 3rd October - 20th December

## 2016 Athletic Sports . . .



Congratulations to everyone who participated in the athletics carnival last Monday. Well done to all the other House Captains and their houses on their organisation and effort. Blue House was lucky to win, as it was a very close contest. Everybody did really well, and we would like to thank our house team for doing such a great job. We would also like to thank Ms Molan, Mr Pilgrim, Mr Hewish, Mr Beer, Mr Toner, Mr Merrick, the helpers from Ararat College and adults who helped throughout the day. It was a brilliant success for Flinders.



## **DROUGHT ASSISTANCE PAYMENT AVAILABLE – APPLY NOW**

As part of the Victorian Government's drought assistance package, **ALL** Ararat Primary School students are eligible for a drought assistance payment through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

This includes parents who **do not** hold a means-tested concession card. Families who receive the means-tested CSEF payment are **also** eligible. A **"one off"** amount of **\$375 per student** will be paid to **the school to be used towards educational expenses for the direct benefit of your child.**

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Please complete the CSEF Drought Package application form - sent home with today's newsletter - and return it to the school office as soon as possible, or by April 22nd.

## Jailhouse Rock Festival . . .



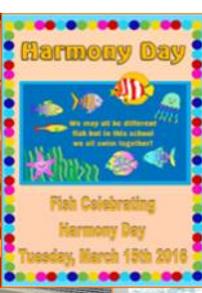
We really enjoyed our rock and roll dance lessons this year. We have practised every Thursday for the past four weeks and learnt four dances: "The Wanderer", "Stray Cat Strut", "The Nutbush" and "The Bus Stop". We performed "The Nutbush" at J-Ward last Thursday, then on Saturday we did "The Wanderer", "Stray Cat Strut" and "The Nutbush" at 11:00am and again at 1:00pm. We had lots of fun practising with Sally, Karen and Ms Molan.



Written By  
Thomas B and Dakota B



## Harmony Day and Ballarat Harmony Festival . . .



**mSP photography**  
Capturing School Moments

MSP Photography will be here on Tuesday April 19th for our school photos. **Photo sessions will commence at 9:00am with the Prep classes.**

Photo envelopes will be sent home 1st week of Term Two, and students need to bring them back to school completed with correct payment enclosed on photo day.

**(No envelope . . . No photos)**

Family Photo envelopes will be available for collection at the office from the beginning of Term 2.

Three important things to remember for school photos:

- 1. Arrive at school on time. Do not be late.**
- 2. Wear your correct school uniform, including black shoes and polar fleece jumper (Grade 6 to wear jackets)**
- 3. Personalised envelopes must be with your child at the time of the class photo. Your child needs to hand their envelope over the photography staff - not the front office.**



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## Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal 2016

The Ararat Fire Brigade is looking for  
Children/Parents/Families to help with the Royal Children's  
Hospital Good Friday Appeal street collection

**When: FRIDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**Where: REGISTER AT THE ARARAT FIRE STATION AT 8.30AM**

- Children will ride in buses and be supervised whilst collecting
- Morning Tea supplied
- Collection will conclude approximately 1pm with lunch provided.

**We are also looking for Parents/Teachers that would be available to help with the traffic light collection, even if it is just for an hour every bit helps.**

If available for traffic lights or for further information, please contact:  
Peter Cooper on mob: 0407 363 811 or email: araretreha@gmail.com

# Ararat YMCA Holiday Adventure Program

The Ararat YMCA Holiday Program is running over the Term One school holidays, with an extensive morning and afternoon program planned for both weeks, starting on Tuesday March 28th.

Booking forms are available now at OSHC sites, and new enrolments can be made online. See below for details.

Spaces are filling, so act fast.



## Book Now!

For **NEW** enrolments book online  
[www.grampians.ymca.org.au](http://www.grampians.ymca.org.au)

Further enquiries contact  
 YMCA Children Services on 5358 1100



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| March 25th | Nahriya Turner                                      | 5th  | Abby Shay<br>Amelia Greene      |
| 27th       | Charlee Kilpatrick<br>Asha Klemm Kent<br>Josie Lind | 6th  | Navneet Kaur                    |
| 29th       | Emma Kennedy  | 7th  | Wilbur Pope                     |
| April 1st  | Makaylah Young<br>Bailee Turner                     | 8th  | Milly Billett                   |
|            |   | 10th | Brodie Jensen<br>Ashlyn Wheeler |

## SCHOOL WORKING BEE

Monday April 4th and Saturday April 9th

9:00am to 12pm



PlayScape and school grounds.  
 All help accepted and appreciated.

BBQ lunch provided.

Contact Adam Merrick  
 email [adam@tfn.org.au](mailto:adam@tfn.org.au)  
 0458 965 333



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	 SCHOOL BANKING processed on Tuesdays	23rd	24th <b>Assembly at 12:00</b> <b>1:20 dismissal</b>	25th <b>Good Friday</b>
<b>School Holidays - Term 2 commences on Monday 11th April</b>				
<b>April 11th</b> Term two commences	12th	13th	14th	15th <b>LUNCH ORDERS</b>
18th <b>Assembly</b>	19th <b>School Photos</b> envelope and money need to be with your child	20th  SCHOOL COUNCIL and AGM	21st	22nd <b>LUNCH ORDERS</b>  <b>ANZAC Day</b> Preparations

Stay up to date with all our news and events by following us on our website. All school notes sent home can be found in our virtual office.

You can find us at:

[www.araratps.vic.edu.au](http://www.araratps.vic.edu.au)

### Are your contact details up-to-date?



Have you up-dated your phone or address details lately? It is imperative that all contact details for parents and emergency contacts are correct. Please take the time to call into the office and confirm your changes.