

Engage Inspire Enjoy

Christmas Mural Project

Last Friday representatives from Woolworths Ararat were presented with the Christmas murals designed by Mrs Lugg and her team of talented student artists.





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A Message from our Principal ...

Positive Behaviour Awards

This week we held our last Whole School Assembly for the year. Congratulations to the following students who received Positive Behaviour Awards:

Year 7 and 8

Mia Chace
James Goode

Year 9 and 10

Dakota Back
Mai Nguyen

Year 11 and 12

Reece Kettle
Taryn Kelly



As always, it is important to acknowledge all students who have received nominations this month. A big well done to all of these students!

Joshua Hope
Milly Keilar
Hugh Toner
Izaiyah Turner
Milly Billett
Hannah Burns
Ruby Evans
Amber Russell
Ethan McKinnis
Marti Corbett
Dylan O'Brien
Bree Bond
Jed Herbert
Arie Cavanagh

Chloe Brasser
Jenae Marr
Molly-Ann Tate
Aaron Meizys
Tara Charlesworth
Jet Baldock
Jake Powell
Darcy Aitken
Reece Kettle
Mai Nguyen
William Maddern
Kaiti Scott Cochrane
Abbey Bell
Danah Burton

Dakota Back
Jeremy Breen
Ebony Dowling
Lana Fox
Mia Wood
Mia Chace
James Goode
Hayden Dowling
Allie Prophet
Jordy Bligh
Amiel Lillis-Pattison
Matt Sorensen
Zoe Carter
Taryn Kelly

Mobile Phone Policy 2020

On 26 June 2019, the Minister for Education, the Hon. James Merlino MP, announced a new mobile phone policy for every government school in Victoria.

The new mobile phone policy comes into effect from Term 1, 2020, and requires that students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

The role of technology

We live in an exciting and technology-rich world and mobile phones are an important modern day communication tool. The school acknowledges that access to a mobile phone by children is important to many of our families in providing a sense of safety for their child while travelling to and from school, and for confirming or changing after school arrangements.

Managing the impact of mobile phones

Research has found that mobile phones can be disruptive in classrooms and open to misuse at school (e.g. accessing inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and unauthorised photography). Additionally, research shows that the unregulated presence of mobile phones in classrooms can undermine students' capacity to think, learn, remember, pay attention and regulate emotion. A summary of recent, relevant research is available on the Department of Education and Training's [website](#).

Mobile phones often create disruptions and distractions in classrooms. Establishing a 'mobile phone free zone' helps teachers to establish and maintain a focused and productive teaching and learning environment.

At recess and lunchtime our school also values the opportunity for students to communicate with each other face-to-face or be involved in activities rather than being focused on a device, particularly when using the device to engage with social media.

For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss this.

As a school we are currently working with our Student Leadership Team to refine this policy and will have the ratified policy available on our school website on Friday December 13th at the latest.

Emergency situations

In the event of an emergency or if you need to contact your child, I ask that families contact the staff in the school office who will pass on a message as needed. The school acknowledges that this new policy may require some adjustments. As such, I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in its implementation.

Key elements of the mobile phone policy:

- A new mobile phone policy comes into effect from Term 1, 2020.
- Students will be required to switch off and store phones securely from the first bell until the last bell each day.
- Families should contact the school office should you need to pass an urgent message to your children.

Resilience Project 2020

Next year Ararat College is very excited to be participating in a whole of community project that aims to develop the resilience and emotional literacy of children, young people and adults in our community. The aim of this project is be proactive by developing positive mental and emotional health from the early years. As a school we are very passionate about the overall health of our students and we are continually striving to provide support and education in all areas of health and development.

If you have not heard of The Resilience Project you can find more information here <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/>

The workshops for this program will be happening in Ararat on February 24th, 25th, and 26th.

Ellie McDougall
Acting Principal

Students in The News



Congratulations to Marti Corbett and Byron Hemley, both of Year 8.

Marti recently won the Golden Whistle Award at the Ararat and District Umpire Association's annual presentation dinner.

Byron and Marti have also recently been accredited as boundary umpires, and were commended on their effort and commitment at training and their growing skills and knowledge of the game. Well done boys!

Ararat College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

Ararat College Presentation Evening 2019

Join us in celebrating the achievements
of our students during the 2019 school year.

Tuesday 17th December 2019

Commencing at 7.00pm

Ararat Town Hall
Corner Barkly and Vincent Street Ararat

Cost \$5.00 per ticket

Tickets on Sale from College Office
Wednesday 4th December 2019

This Week ... at the SSL

Throughout the past couple of weeks the six of us have had some really great times here at Gnurad-Gundidj. We have learnt so much more about what it is like to be a leader, and what a true leader means, but we know that we still have so much more to learn. The past few weeks we have done many things, ranging from Expo 2 (three days of hiking, beach activities and camping near Port Fairy) and canoeing, to working on our CLP and goals. During expo we all took on many different roles, such as the team leader, navigator, campsite manager and food co-coordinator. We went canoeing along the Hopkins river and are now starting to work on our CLP heaps more. We have all been enjoying being here and having a great time, we're sure we will continue to.

Ada Keilar and Jackson Hyland



Expo 2



Expo 2



Tower Hill



Tower Hill



Tower Hill

This Week in ... 9/10 DigiTech

Students in the Year 9/10 DigiTech class have been learning about drones and virtual reality over the past couple of weeks. On Thursday, a very excited group of students went down to Melbourne to experience a full Virtual Reality session. In teams of eight they entered the world of "Engineerum" where the paths looked like corkscrews and you "moved" along narrow paths above a vast drop to the ocean. The illusion was so persuasive that several participants kept falling to the side trying to balance. In some stages you would see half of your team standing on the ceiling, or you were on the ceiling. The second half was playing through a "Zombie Survival" game. Graphics similar to normal gaming, but in full surround, made it much more challenging. Crossing "bridges" between skyscrapers over huge voids, not helped by fans coming on to give the feeling of the wind blowing at you. Not your usual game!

All students completed their sessions and the team scores ranked very highly, with several outstanding scores.

I am encouraging students to experience these opportunities, as with the release of "Oculus Quest", for example, the much more advanced home version of virtual reality is arriving. Augmented reality is also having another boost with "Minecraft Earth". Use of these technologies will become much more common place.

I was very pleased with the good behaviour and teamwork shown by our students, and thank the staff who volunteered to attend.

Steve Mullin





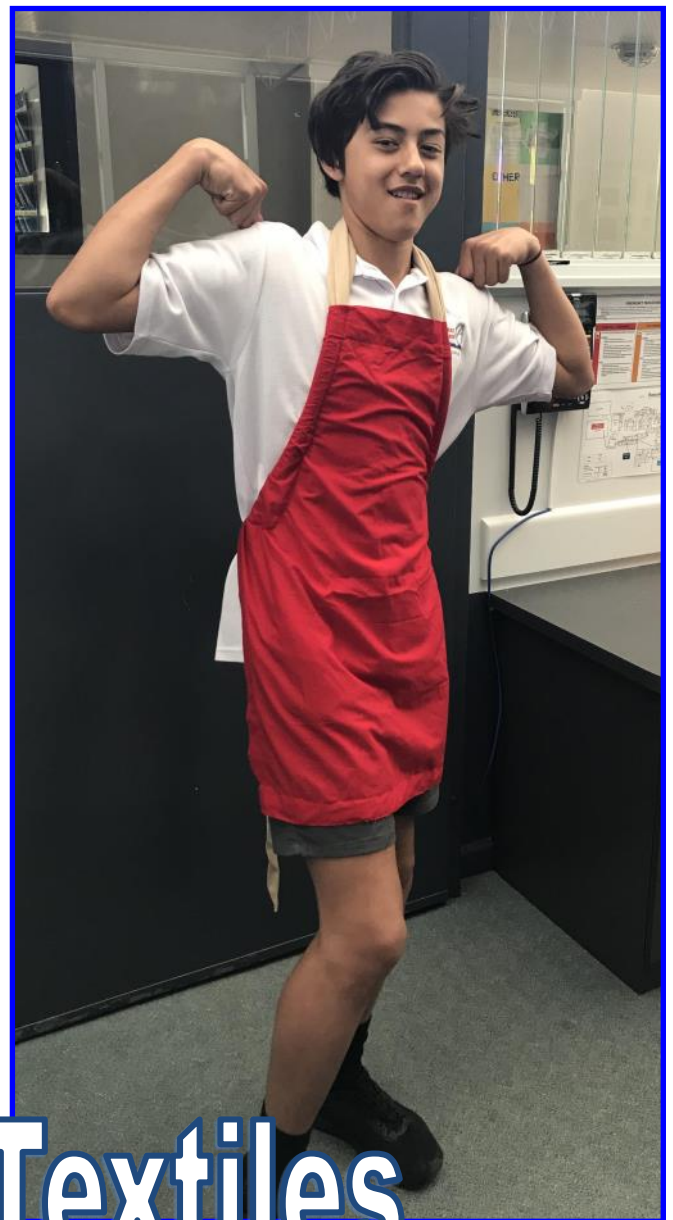
DigiTech v. Zombies



This Week in ... Textiles

Year 8 students have been putting the finishing touches to their aprons.



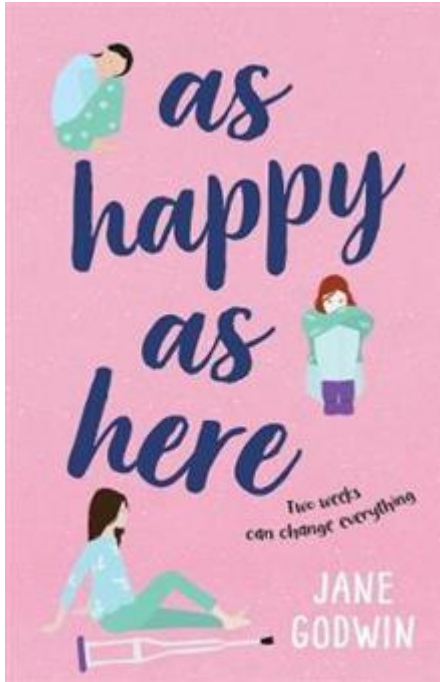


Year 8 Textiles



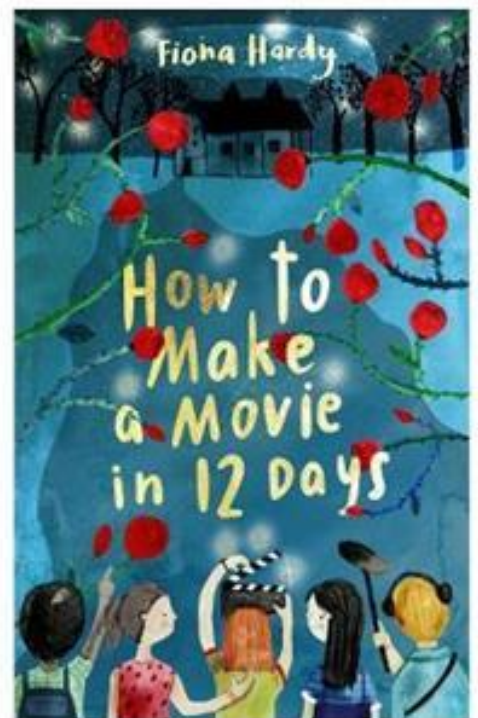
AC Reads

These new novels are available for borrowing in the library.



Three teenage girls from very different backgrounds find themselves sharing a hospital ward. When they witness a crime in the park below their window, they bond over trying to solve the crime and each one undergoes a profound change. A beautiful coming-of-age story about identity, expectation, class, justice, society, fairness, and, above all, kindness.

Twelve days. Five kids. Many special effects. One giant mystery. Hayley Whelan has spent her whole life dreaming of making a horror movie - and not just the type of movie that kids make on their dodgy second-hand iPhones. When her grandma passes away, she inherits the money for a proper, grown-up camera. But before Hayley even calls 'Action!', strange things start happening... Someone is sabotaging Hayley's movie - but who? Why? And can Hayley finish her movie in time for the premiere? From Australia's brightest new middle-grade talent comes this love song to movies, friendship and the summer holidays.



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**MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD
IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.**



Dolly's Dream Fundraiser

(Mental Health and Cyber Bullying Awareness Ararat)

Snags \$2
Soft drink \$2
Plate of slice \$5
Tea and coffee
will be available

**Friday the 29th of
November at
Alexandra Oval
Community
Centre 6-7:30pm**

Mental health
presentations, guest
speaker, BBQ, raffle,
donation boxes and a
banner signing are just
a few of the beneficial
activities available

Kids' vs
Parents
footy
match

-All money raised will be donated to 'Dolly's Dream'-



THE ARARAT Y'S MENS CLUB PRESENT

Ararat Carols by Candlelight @ Alexandra Gardens

Saturday 14th December 2019

Activities @ 6pm

Carols @ 7pm

Free (Face Painting Jumping Castles, Fairy Floss & Balloon Animals)

BBQ, Candles & Fireworks Display

Enquiries to Joe Perry on 0409 519 969 or salperry13@bigpond.com





TEAM



INTRO TO DRONE BASICS
12-17 YEARS WELCOME



Thursday 31st October 2019



Thursday 28th November 2019



Thursday 5th December 2019

4-5pm LLEN Offices
3-5 Laby Street, Ararat
Drones will be provided



APPRENTICE BOOTCAMP



Considering a career in Welding/Fabrication?

Come and spend a week with Gason & Fed Uni TAFE to see what it's like.

Gason will be offering exceptional participants an apprenticeship in
Cert III Engineering - Fabrication

When: Monday 2nd - Friday 6th December

Applications close 27th November 2019

For more information please contact David Lay on
5352 2151 or admin@gason.com.au

Calendar Term 4

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| (Week 9) | Monday | 2 | Year 11 2020 Step Up |
| November | Tuesday | 3 | Year 11 2020 Step Up |
| | Wednesday | 4 | Year 11 2020 Step Up Year 8 Camp |
| | Thursday | 5 | Year 11 2020 Step Up Year 8 Camp |
| | Friday | 6 | Year 11 2020 Step Up Year 8 Camp |
| (Week 10) | Monday | 9 | |
| December | Tuesday | 10 | Statewide Transition Day |
| | Wednesday | 11 | |
| | Thursday | 12 | Year 7 and 8 Undercurrent Sessions |
| | Friday | 13 | Last Day of Classes |
| (Week 11) | Monday | 16 | Ballarat Activities Day |
| | Tuesday | 17 | Last Day for students Presentation Evening |
| | Wednesday | 18 | Student Counselling |
| | Thursday | 19 | Student Counselling |
| | Friday | 20 | Student Counselling END OF TERM FOUR |

Ararat College acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country throughout Victoria. We pay our respects to them, their culture and their Elders past, present and emerging.