



Meet School Vice Captain Summer Merrick

Hello school community!

I am the current Junior School Vice Captain and I work alongside Mia, Jack, Kate and Amy who have introduced themselves over the last few weeks. This week, I will share a little bit about myself and why I took on the role.

As some of you may know, I live on a property just 15 minutes out of Moyston. I went to Ararat 800 Primary School before I came to Ararat College. I have always loved being outside, socialising, doing sports and just going on adventures and trying new things.

One of my few hobbies is basketball, I have been doing basketball since I was in grade 5. I have always loved playing it and being a part of the basketball community. I have always been a part of the mixed basketball teams but in the last 3-4 years they have been doing females basketball which I love. I currently play three nights a week, under 16 and 19s and females basketball.

I am also an active member of the Ararat Swim Club and have been able to travel around the district/state for competitions.

Please don't feel scared to come up and ask or suggest any ideas about ways to improve YOUR school environment with me, as that's what we're all here for. As junior leader I work closely with the leadership team, so if you need to ask a question or have a suggestion, feel free to and if I don't know the answer, I can find out for you.

I took on the role as junior leader to help out around the school and be a part of making OUR school environment a better place. Being the junior leader has been a great experience so far, and has been fun and full of laughs and a good excuse to chat with lots of students. I look forward to the rest of the year in this role.

Summer Merrick, Junior School Vice Captain



A message from our Principal....

Grampians Fundraiser

Yesterday our Grampians leaders ran a fundraiser, with all funds going towards supporting past student Jordan Ferguson. The fundraiser consisted of an out of uniform day, BBQ with vegan options and hot cross buns. Congratulations to the students who organised this fundraiser, as a lot of thought and organisation went into this event. A big thank you to Grampians House Leader Ms Rees for her support with the event.

School Athletics

Next week we will hold our athletics carnival on Thursday April 1st (last day of Term) at Alexandra Oval. Students can be dropped off at the oval and should be there by 8:45am for a 9am sharp start. Bus students will be transported down to the oval by staff. This is a big day in the school's House competition, and it is important all students attend and compete in events. The focus is on contributing to the athletics by trying your best and supporting peers. The weather forecast is looking good! Students should remember to bring hats and sunscreen on the day. We will have our school canteen operating at Alexandra Oval and Frothies and Froffies will also be available for hot drinks. Parents and families are welcome to attend throughout the day.

School Council Annual General Meeting

Last week we held our School Council Annual General Meeting. Our Annual Report for 2020 was presented and accepted and will be available on our school's website next Term. At our Annual General Meeting we also acknowledged outgoing members Tammie Meehan, Jess Paterson and Wade Carman for their contribution to our School Council and school. Tammie Meehan in particular has been a longstanding member of our school council, and during this time has made a significant mark on the school community by always being a passionate advocate for our school, and providing many ideas about ways we can further support our students at Ararat College. Thank you Tammie for your many years of service!

We also welcomed the following new members to School Council – Mia Wood (Student Representative) and Janine Adams (Community Representative). Congratulations to Adam Merrick who has taken on the role of School Council President and David Sanders who has taken on the role of Vice President for the 2021 school year. David has served as our School Council President since 2014 and throughout his tenure has freely given up his time for the benefit of our students. We have truly been lucky to have David as our School Council President for so many years. His support has been unwavering, and ideas greatly valued. David acts passionately in the best interests of our students with every decision that is made. Thank you Dave!

Our School Council for 2021 will consist of:

Adam Merrick, President – Parent Representative

David Sanders, Vice President – Community Representative

Leeanne Hyland – Parent Representative

Emily Toner – Parent Representative

Natasha Ferguson – Student Representative

Mia Wood – Student Representative

Janine Adams—Community Representative

Jack Ward – Co-opted Community Representative

Emma Henry – Staff Representative

Coralie Whitworth – Staff Representative

Ellie McDougall – Principal

Greater Western Region Swimming

Last Friday Caleb Townsend represented our school at the Greater Western Region Swimming. Caleb came second in his 50m Backstroke event and took over three seconds off his personal best. Congratulations Caleb on an outstanding performance!

Maria Island – Hike to Higher Education

Two weeks ago, after much nervous anticipation, we had four students head off to Maria Island for the Hike to Higher Education. Isabella Fiegert, Aiden Flavell, Tamika Moyle and Marcus Jerram attended and had a wonderful time. A huge thank you to Ms Tahni Skewes for supervising the students and also to Anglicare and David Law for their ongoing support and organisation of this highly valuable experience. This is an experience that runs annually at our school and is open to Year 10 students.

Easter Break

The last day of Term 1 will be our school athletics day next Thursday April 1st. Students will be dismissed from the oval at 2:30pm. Bus travellers will be transported back to school, in order to catch afternoon buses. I would like to wish all students and families a well-deserved break. I hope the Easter Bunny is kind and everyone enjoys spending Easter with family and friends! I look forward to seeing all students return for the first day of Term 2 on Monday April 19th.

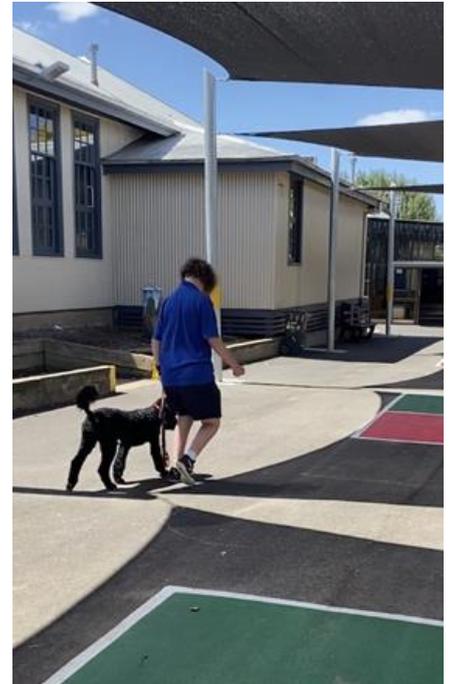
Ellie McDougall

Winston's World

At the start of the year we introduced our new staff member Winston, the therapy dog. Winston is now six months old and has recently completed his training. He is now fully qualified to receive as much love and attention as he can get.

Our school recently had the opportunity to put Winston's talents to very good use as a calming influence on students while waiting for immunisations. What can be a very stressful situation for many students turned out to be a positive experience as they had Winston to focus on and reduce their anxiety.

The staff of Ararat Rural City, who conduct the immunisations at the college were extremely appreciative of his presence, as it made their job just that little bit easier.



Hi, sorry I haven't let you know what's been going on for a while, but I have been busy spreading love and happiness at Ararat College.

My favourite thing is to get out of Tricia's car and realise that I'm at school for the day. Lots of hugs and pats and just everyone loving being with me.

I've had students draw pictures of me when they had free choice of what to draw, I've had lots of walks and generally I just try and make everyone feel a bit happier or calmer.

I'm getting rather big now and I have been doing really well with my Therapy Dog training. I hope everyone has a great holiday break and I'll see you all next term.

Winston

Grampians Fundraiser



Congratulations to the student and staff leaders of Grampians House, whose efforts yesterday raised over \$400 in support of former student Jordan Ferguson.

Maria Island 2021 - Hike to Higher Education

Year 10 students from Ararat and Wonthaggi College have once again completed the Hike to Higher Education across Maria Island, Tasmania. This year mentors included Brooke Pettit and Simone Falkenstein from Tennis Australia, ex-Olympian Nova Peris and tennis great Uncle Ian Goolagong, who joined the adventure to inspire our students with their journeys from regional schools just like ours, to finding their dream careers. Each mentor has had a different experience or struggle with education, however each acknowledge

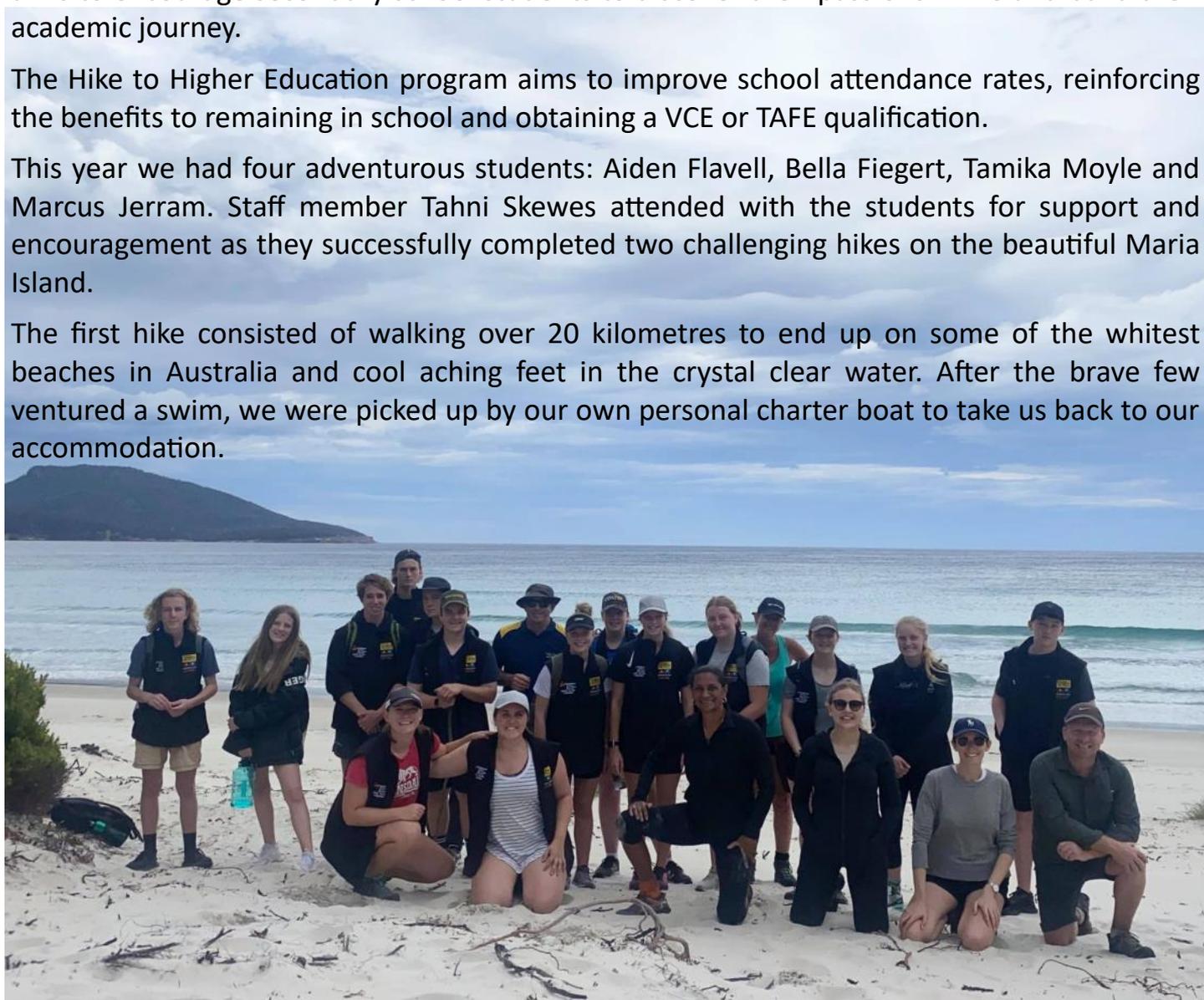
how it has helped them to get to where they are today. Staff from each school as well as staff members from Anglicare Victoria also shared their journeys and experiences with completing higher education and the opportunity and freedom of choice that comes with it.

The four-day camp is part of Anglicare Victoria's 'Hike to Higher Education' program, which aims to encourage secondary school students to discover their passions in life and build their academic journey.

The Hike to Higher Education program aims to improve school attendance rates, reinforcing the benefits to remaining in school and obtaining a VCE or TAFE qualification.

This year we had four adventurous students: Aiden Flavell, Bella Fiegert, Tamika Moyle and Marcus Jerram. Staff member Tahni Skewes attended with the students for support and encouragement as they successfully completed two challenging hikes on the beautiful Maria Island.

The first hike consisted of walking over 20 kilometres to end up on some of the whitest beaches in Australia and cool aching feet in the crystal clear water. After the brave few ventured a swim, we were picked up by our own personal charter boat to take us back to our accommodation.





The next day, students had to back up their efforts with another challenging 12 km return hike up to the peak of Bishop and Clerk, which reaches an elevation of 700m. After rock scrambling the last 100m to the summit, we were treated to spectacular views of mainland Tasmania and the Tasman Sea.

Successfully climbing Bishop and Clerk highlighted a clear metaphor which students were able to mull over by the fire once we had again reached our base camp. *'Many things may seem out of reach, but with a bit of hard work, perseverance and resilience you can achieve anything you set your mind to.'*

Our thanks to Anglicare and David Law as well as the Ararat Anglican Ladies Fellowship for their continued support of our college through this program.



School Sports

Our Annual Athletics sports are back ! We are looking forward to this important team building event. **ALL students are expected to attend as it is a normal school day.** If there are students who for medical or other reasons are unable to actively participate in events, there will be opportunities to assist during the day. Students may be able to participate in extra activities if there are absences on the day.

The details are:

Sports Day Thursday 1st April 2021

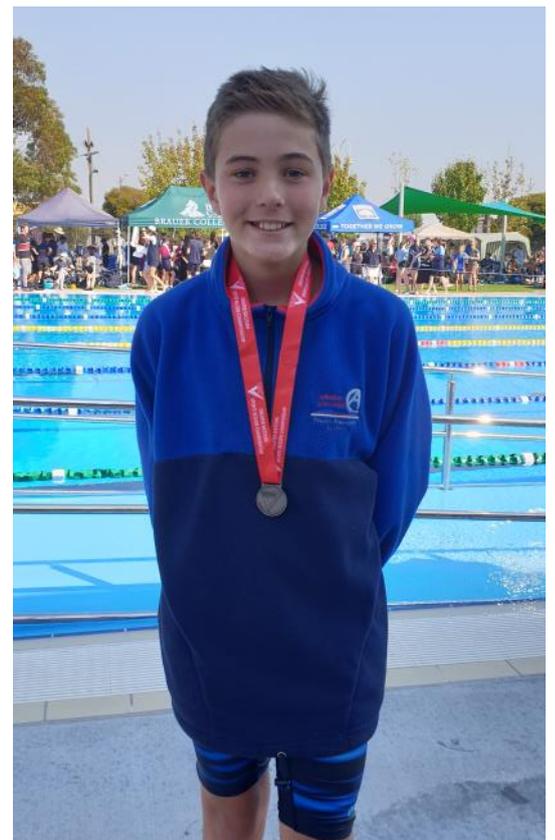
- Students are to go straight to Alexandra Oval and arrive by 8.30am.
- Attendance Rolls will be taken at the start and end of the day.
- Bus travellers will be transported to and from the oval.
- Students are requested to wear suitable sporting attire and should dress to the conditions. Dressing in team colours is encouraged if possible.
- Remember to slip, slop slap and bring a coat if cold.
- Students may bring their lunch and snacks or purchase their lunch as the canteen will be available.
- Students should bring a water bottle with them.
- **Strictly no lunch passes.** Students are not to leave the oval for the duration of the sports.
- Students will be dismissed from the oval at the completion of the sports at approx. 2.15pm.
- Due to maintenance works the grandstand will be unavailable.

If any students or parents have any concerns or queries regarding these arrangements please do not hesitate to contact the college.

Greater Western Regional Swimming

Last Friday, after being successful in backstroke at Black Ranges swimming, Caleb Townsend travelled to Horsham to compete at the next level - Greater Western Region swimming.

Caleb swam very well to finish in 2nd place in his backstroke with a time of 42.60 seconds – an improvement of 3.87 seconds on his personal best time. Congratulations, Caleb.



Farewell Miss Adams

Last Saturday we farewelled Janine Adams from our staff, with a retirement dinner held at Chalambar.

Thank you to everyone who attended my farewell dinner. I really appreciated it, especially people who travelled to get there. Thank you to the organisers Peter and Pam Brennan, Rick Thomas, and Coralie Whitworth. I had a great time and enjoyed catching up with past and present colleagues. I was deeply touched by the speeches given by Ellie McDougall, Jack Ward and Ian McGregor. The cake made by Year 10 student Chloe Brassier was a masterpiece and tasted delicious. Check out on Instagram [sweetsandtreatsbychloe](#) to see what Chloe can make for you.



I am proud of the time, energy and dedication that I have given to Ararat College. I have made lifelong friends and been given many opportunities. I am enjoying calling myself a self funded retiree. I have discovered the University of the Third Age and am enjoying a number of classes there.

I have had the time of my life at Ararat College, but I know I leave the College in the extremely capable hands of Ellie and Emma and their present day staff.

Janine Adams



Year 9/10 Design and Photography



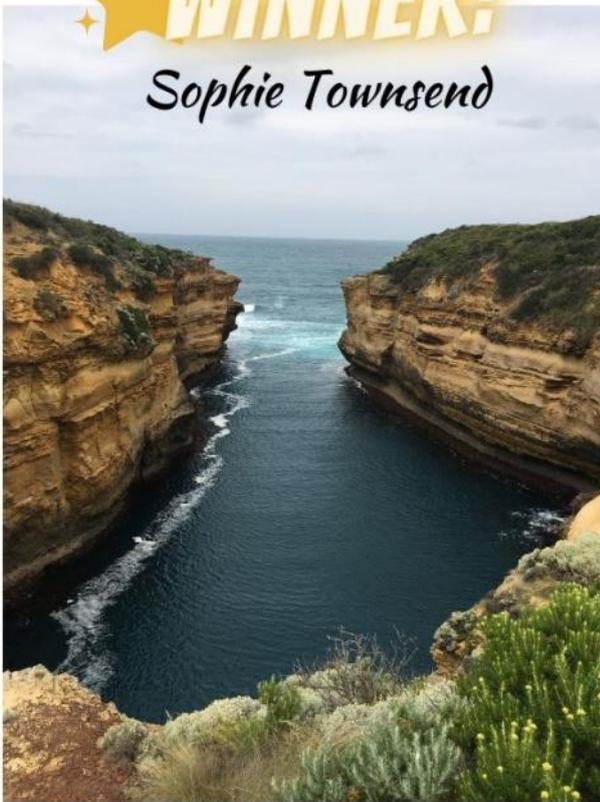
Year 9/10 Design & Photography

This term, students have been learning about digital photography and editing. We have a class competition where students submit photographs based on the photography style we are learning about. Here are some examples of student work for landscape and portrait photography, don't they look great!

Landscape Photography:

WINNER:

Sophie Townsend



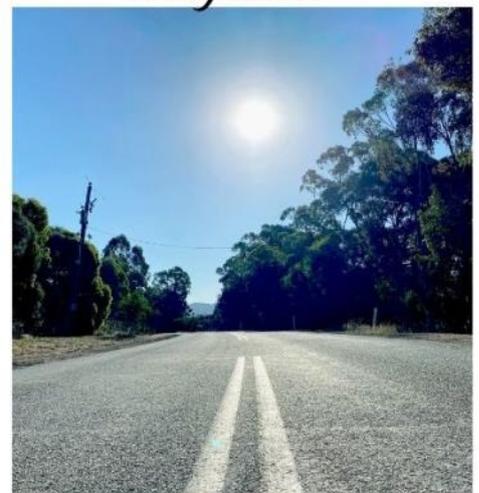
Summer Merrick



Olivia McDonald



Milly Keilar





Rahni Cooper

Olivia McDonald



Portrait Photography: (Pet portrait)



Sophie Townsend



★ WINNER!

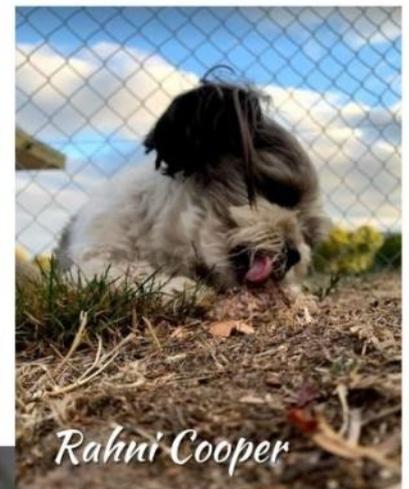
Milly Keilar



Olivia McDonald



Olivia Sherwell



Rahni Cooper



Olivia McDonald

The Ararat Fire Brigade invites kids (and parents) of all ages to help shake tins to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.



Where: Ararat Trotting Track,
Blake Street, Ararat

When: Good Friday, Friday 2nd April, 2021

Registration: From 8am

Children under 12 must be supervised by a parent.

Morning tea and lunch is provided.

Covid rules will be adhered to.



Ararat City Band

Development Program
Applications now open
for Term 2
Brass Instruments & Percussion

Cost: \$60 per term

Enquiries -
Scott Barrie 0438 033 381

Musicians of all ages and
abilities welcome

Ararat City Band logo features a stylized landscape with a bell tower and musical notes. The poster has a dark blue background with a white outline of a person's head and shoulders, and various musical instruments like trumpets and trombones are scattered around.

LIVE INFORMATION SESSION

All future students are invited to join us live to learn more about the courses delivered in partnership with Swinburne University of Technology.

Key topics covered will include: Course structure and units, Student Experience, Industry Partners, Pathways and Employment opportunities.

Information will be provided about:

Diploma of Sport (Sport Development) /
Diploma of Leadership and Management
(SIS50319/BSB51918)

Upcoming Date

Date: Tuesday April 6th

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Maurice Rioli Room, Richmond Football Club*

Session Duration

1 hour and 30 minutes

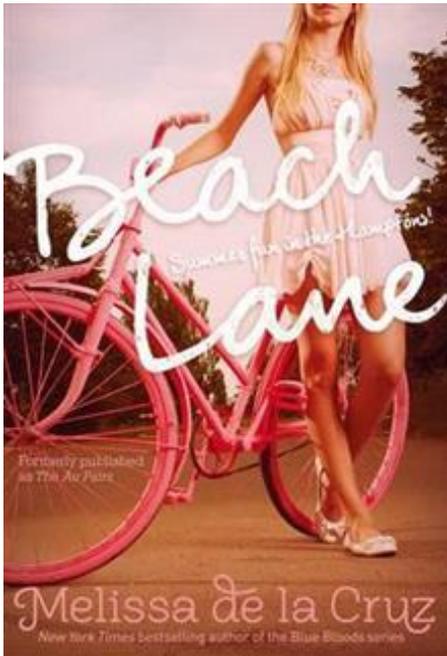
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*This is currently scheduled to run face-to-face however can change due to COVID-19 restrictions.

[Click to register](#)



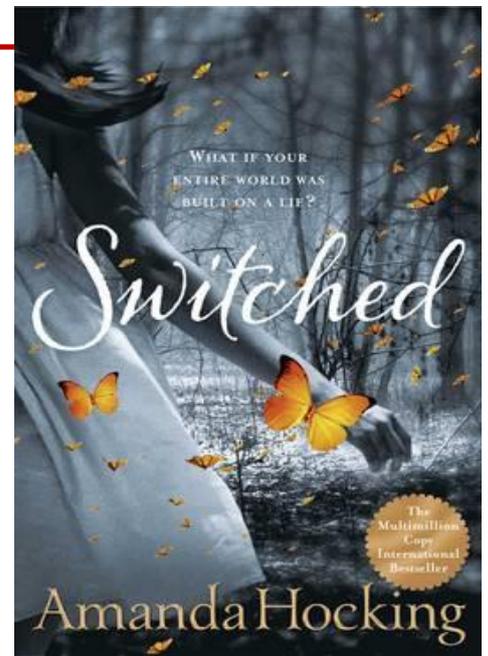
These new series are now available for borrowing from the library.



Join Mara, Eliza, and Jacqui for a sizzling summer on the beaches of the Hamptons, with no shortage of scandal, in this start to the Beach Lane series. Meet Mara Walters, Eliza Thompson, and Jacqui Velasco, newly hired au pairs for a wealthy family summering in the Hamptons. For Mara this job means a fast way out of small-town life. Eliza just wants to return to the posh world she wishes she never left. And for Jacqui, it's a way back into the arms of the American boyfriend who told her he'd email as soon as he got home. And didn't. Besides, how bad can it be, watching a couple of kids on the beach all day? But things get complicated when romance enters the picture, along with superspoiled former

friends and lost loves. Mara, Eliza, and Jacqui have got to stick together, or their summer will be over before it begins.

Wendy Everly knew she was different. The new girl in High School, she's bored and frustrated by her small town life and then there's the secret that she can't tell anyone. Her mysterious ability - she can influence people's decisions, without knowing how, or why. When the intense and darkly handsome newcomer Finn suddenly turns up at her bedroom window one night her world is turned upside down. He holds the key to her past, the answers to her strange powers and is the doorway to a place she never imagined could exist. Forening, the home of the Trylle. Everything begins to make sense to Wendy. Among the Trylle, she is not just different, but special. But what marks her out as chosen for greatness in this world also places her in grave danger. With everything around her changing, Finn is the only person she can trust. But dark forces are conspiring not only to separate them, but to see the downfall of everything that Wendy cares about. The fate of Forening rests in Wendy's hands, and the decisions she and Finn make could change all their lives forever ...





EAST GRAMPIANS HEALTH SERVICE
ARK TOY AND ACTIVITY LIBRARY

EASTER EGG HUNT

THURSDAY APRIL 1 - 10AM

(PLEASE REGISTER FROM 9.30AM)

ALEXANDRA GARDENS - ARARAT

(MEET AT THE ROTUNDA NEAR THE CAFE)

\$5 PER CHILD (PRESCHOOL AGE)

RAISING FUNDS TO PURCHASE NEW TOYS AND
EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOY LIBRARY

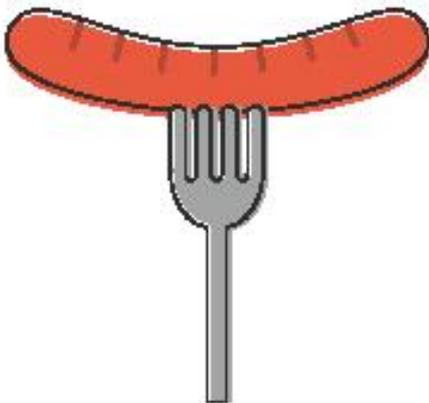
THIS IS A COVID-SAFE EVENT RUN UNDER COVID-SAFE GUIDELINES

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF UNWELL

Bookings required by Friday March 26
P: 5352 9387 E: jodie.holwell@eghs.net.au

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

FUNDRAISER FOR SES ARARAT



**Friday 30th
April, 2021**

All money raised will be donated to the Ararat SES unit for supplies and equipment

**HOCKEY OVAL AT
ARARAT COLLEGE**

LUNCHTIME 12 - 2PM

- Sausage in bread \$2
- with onion \$3

March 2021

Week 9	Monday	22	
	Tuesday	23	
	Wednesday	24	Music Performance Night
	Thursday	25	Parent / Teacher / Students Conferences
	Friday	26	Parent / Teacher / Students Conferences
Week 10	Monday	29	
	Tuesday	30	
	Wednesday	31	

April 2021

	Thursday	1	School Athletics Sports Last Day of Term 1
	Friday	2	Easter - Good Friday

Term 2

Week 1	Monday	19	First Day Term 2
	Tuesday	20	
	Wednesday	21	
	Thursday	22	
	Friday	23	
Week 2	Monday	26	
	Tuesday	27	
	Wednesday	28	
	Thursday	29	
	Friday	30	

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