



Step-up 2021 - Biology

Year 10 students have experienced their first biology lessons in preparation for VCE next year. Students have identified the structure and function of organelles via an agar cell modelling. Organelles including the nucleus, mitochondria, endoplasmic reticulum, golgi apparatus and ribosomes can be seen here in the student cell models.

Ms Gaylard
Biology Teacher



A message from the Principal....

Back to School Dates – 2021

I am excited to confirm the start dates for our staff and students for the beginning of next year.

- All teaching staff will return on **Wednesday January 27th** – this is a mandated Curriculum Day across Victoria and no students will be required.
- **Wednesday January 27th** the College General Office will be open from 8-30am to 4-30pm for the payment of the 2021 College fees and the collection of stationery and other items required for the start of the 2021 school year.
- **Thursday January 28th** has been approved by our School Council as a Curriculum Day for staff to continue preparations for the students return to school.
- **Friday January 29th** our Year 7 and Year 12 students will begin school. This is to assist our incoming Year 7's with their transition into Secondary School.
- **Monday February 1st** all students will return.

Presentation Night

We have been busy over the last couple of weeks preparing and recording our End of Year Presentation Night. This will be available for families to watch on Tuesday December 15th and communicated through our XUNO Parent Portal and Parent SMS Service. The video will be time stamped so families can choose to watch the entire Presentation Evening or the specific Sub School that may relate to their child or children.

A huge thank you to Ms Emma Henry for her organisation of this and to our School Captain Jack Ward for his extremely valuable expertise in filming, directing, editing and coming up with the final product!

2021 Planning

The last couple of months has seen extensive planning undertaken in readiness for 2021. We are excited about some of the initiatives that will be introduced at Ararat College next year, but more importantly having a full year in the classroom with students. A couple of key points:

- Increase the number of Maths periods in the Junior Sub School to 5 to match English.
- Introduction of Indonesian as a language within the school.
- Introduction of the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships Program throughout the school and continuing to work with Resilient Ararat and The Resilience Project.
- Increasing the number of Health periods in Year 8 to two each week for the entire year rather than one semester.
- Continuing with our highly successful PILOT of Hands on Learning and Flexible Learning Option Programs.
- Continuing to build the capacity of our whole school in the use of Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) to ensure high quality classroom teaching and learning.

Our school, like all schools in Victoria will be delivering a Tutor Program throughout our school and we are looking forward to having more teachers working across our school supporting students directly at their point of need so that learning growth can be maximised.

The next couple of weeks will see staffing finalised and I look forward to announcing this to our school community at the beginning of 2021.

Parent Payment Information for 2021

Parents will shortly receive documentation regarding our parent contributions for 2021. Some will notice that this information looks a little different to previous years. These costs have been reviewed and approved by our School Council. What families will find is that this information is more detailed and provides a complete breakdown of expected costs at each year level. If you have any questions regarding any of these costs, please do not hesitate in contacting our College Office on 5352 4177. We always aim to ensure these costs are reasonable for all of our families and this supports us in being able to provide every possible opportunity to your child in regard to their education and development.

November and December Student Positive Behaviour Awards

A big congratulations to all students who have received behaviour nominations throughout November and December. These nominations are based upon student actions that embody our school values, Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. The more nominations students receive the more entries they earn into the raffle that determines the monthly awards.

One of the best parts of working in education is being able to see students achieve success and experience their own personal growth – these are both very individual things for each and every student.

Next year we will be working with our Student Leadership Executive team to further develop our process for recognising positive behaviour within the school and I am excited to hear what they think would further strengthen our current nominations and awards.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Lastly, I would like to again thank all families and the wider school community for their continued support throughout what has been a very interesting year in education. I continue to be overwhelmed and grateful for the wonderful people we have within and around our school and couldn't be prouder.

I hope you all take the time and are able to have some sort of break with your family to celebrate Christmas and the move into 2021! I truly believe that whilst we may be feeling relieved that restrictions are easing, and we are getting back to normal the impacts of COVID-19 will be long lasting and need to remember to continue to look after each other. Stress and anxiety can slowly accumulate so be aware to recharge those batteries, focus on the GEM principals (Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness) and get some much-needed love, laughter and fun into your lives.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing break and look forward to seeing everyone in the new year.

Ellie McDougall
Principal

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.

Positive Behaviour Awards - November



Respect

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| ASHLEY Ashley | 7 |
| BARRIE Connar | 7 |
| BARRIE Dakota | 10 |
| BELCHER Harry | 7 |
| BILLETT Milly | 8 |
| BILLETT Ruby | 7 |
| BLADES Ty | 10 |
| BOND Chloe | 7 |
| CARTWRIGHT Tyson | 8 |
| CLARKE Amy | 10 |
| CLEARY Dylan | 7 |
| CLEARY Logan | 7 |
| COCKSEGE Clare | 8 |
| COOPER Logan | 10 |
| COOPER Rahni | 8 |
| COOPER Sophie | 7 |
| DAY Kieren | 7 |
| DAY Marcus | 7 |
| DOWLING Hayden | 8 |
| DOWSETT Wilson | 8 |
| ETTLES Jacinta | 7 |
| FERGUSON Tash | 10 |
| HEWITT Saxon | 7 |
| INTERLANDI Rhylan | 8 |
| JANTZEN Dylan | 7 |
| JENKINS Reggie | 7 |
| JONES Ashlyn | 8 |
| KEILAR Milly | 8 |
| KELLY Emily | 7 |
| LANCASTER Lily | 7 |
| MANGELSDORF A'Leaha | 7 |
| MCADIE Holly | 10 |
| MCADIE Ryan | 7 |
| MCGRATH Olivia | 10 |
| MCKINNIS Gio | 7 |
| MCKINNON Ethan | 7 |
| MERRICK Summer | 8 |
| MILLAR Jake | 10 |
| MONCRIEFF Lily | 7 |
| POWELL Jake | 8 |
| PRICE Dylan | 8 |
| PROPHET Allie | 8 |
| REYNOLDS Audrey | 7 |
| RHODES Jed | 7 |
| RICHARDS Jaz | 8 |
| RICHARDS Rhiarna | 8 |
| ROWE Clare | 7 |
| SHERWELL Monique | 8 |
| SHERWELL Olivia | 8 |
| SLOPER Lily | 7 |
| STARICK Maxi | 7 |

Responsibility

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|-------------------|----|
| THOMAS Jake | 10 |
| TONER Hugh | 8 |
| TONER Patrick | 7 |
| TUCKER Connor | 7 |
| TURNER Izaiyah | 8 |
| WALLIS Tylah | 8 |
| WALTER Shylah | 7 |
| WARD Jesse | 7 |
| WELLS Connor | 7 |
| WOOLLEY Tyler | 8 |
| BILLETT Milly | 8 |
| BOND Chelsea | 8 |
| BRADY Jake | 8 |
| CAMILLERI Alyssa | 11 |
| CARTWRIGHT Tyson | 8 |
| CHACE Mia | 9 |
| CLARKE Amy | 10 |
| COCKSEGE Clare | 8 |
| COOPER Logan | 10 |
| COOPER Rahni | 8 |
| DOWLING Hayden | 8 |
| DOWSETT Wilson | 8 |
| EVANS Ruby | 8 |
| FERGUSON Tash | 10 |
| HEARD Ryan | 10 |
| HOPE Cain | 10 |
| HOWARTH Zac | 11 |
| INTERLANDI Logan | 10 |
| INTERLANDI Rhylan | 8 |
| JONES Ashlyn | 8 |
| JONES Cara | 10 |
| KEILAR Milly | 8 |
| KOBELT Jayden | 8 |
| LOW David | 8 |
| MCADIE Holly | 10 |
| MCGRATH Olivia | 10 |
| MCCLOUGHLIN Ella | 10 |
| MORRISON Miranda | 9 |
| O'HARA Ned | 8 |
| POWELL Jake | 8 |
| PRICE Dylan | 8 |
| PROPHET Allie | 8 |
| QUARRELL Zaviour | 10 |
| RHODES Jed | 7 |
| RICHARDS Jaz | 8 |
| ROBERTSON Alanna | 9 |
| ROWE Clare | 7 |
| TONER Hugh | 8 |
| WOOLLEY Tyler | 8 |

Excellence

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|--------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| ASHLEY Ashley | 7 | LOW David | 8 |
| BARRIE Connar | 7 | LOW Kiauna | 10 |
| BELCHER Harry | 7 | MAKOVEC Tayla | 7 |
| BELL Abbey | 8 | MAKOVEC Tyson | 11 |
| BILLETT Milly | 8 | MANGELSDORF A'Leaha | 7 |
| BILLETT Ruby | 7 | MARK-NICHOLLS Corey | 9 |
| BOND Chloe | 7 | MARSHALL Raechel | 8 |
| BRASSER Chloe | 9 | MAXWELL Sevahn | 8 |
| BURGER Liam | 7 | MCADIE Holly | 10 |
| CARTWRIGHT Tyson | 8 | MCADIE Ryan | 7 |
| CHACE Mia | 9 | MCGRATH Olivia | 10 |
| CLARKE Amy | 10 | MCKINNIS Gio | 7 |
| CLARKE Clare | 9 | MCKINNON Ethan | 7 |
| CLARKE Summer | 7 | MERRICK Summer | 8 |
| CLEARY Dylan | 7 | MOANA Tylah | 9 |
| CLEARY Logan | 7 | MONCRIEFF Lily | 7 |
| COCKSEGE Clare | 8 | MORRISON Miranda | 9 |
| COLEMAN Chloe | 7 | NICHOLS Cameron | 10 |
| COOPER Rahni | 8 | O'BRIEN Caitlin | 10 |
| COOPER Sophie | 7 | O'HARA Ned | 8 |
| CORBETT Marti | 9 | O'NEILL Alby | 7 |
| DAY Jasmine | 11 | POWELL Jake | 8 |
| DAY Kieren | 7 | PRICE Dylan | 8 |
| DAY Marcus | 7 | QUARRELL Zaviour | 10 |
| DOWLING Hayden | 8 | REYNOLDS Audrey | 7 |
| DOWSETT Wilson | 8 | RHODES Jed | 7 |
| ETTLES Jacinta | 7 | RICHARDS Jaz | 8 |
| FERGUSON Tash | 10 | RICHARDS Rhiarna | 8 |
| FERGUSON Zac | 9 | RIDD Hayley | 7 |
| FIEGERT Bella | 9 | ROWE Clare | 7 |
| FLAVELL Aiden | 9 | SHEFFIELD Emily | 11 |
| GORANOVIC Gorica | 9 | SHERWELL Monique | 8 |
| HEWITT Saxon | 7 | SHERWELL Olivia | 8 |
| HYLAND Jackson | 10 | SLOPER Lily | 7 |
| INTERLANDI Rhylan | 8 | SMITHWICK Fyn | 10 |
| JACKSON Lane | 7 | STARICK Maxi | 7 |
| JANTZEN Dylan | 7 | TATE Molly-Ann | 9 |
| JENKINS Reggie | 7 | TONER Hugh | 8 |
| JENNINGS Joseph | 10 | TONER Patrick | 7 |
| JONES Ashlyn | 8 | TOWNSEND Caleb | 7 |
| KAHLE-PHILLIPS Ava | 8 | TUCKER Connor | 7 |
| KEATING Nartarshka | 8 | VERMEEND Ryan | 8 |
| KEILAR Ada | 10 | WALLIS Tylah | 8 |
| KEILAR Milly | 8 | WALTER Shylah | 7 |
| KELLY Emily | 7 | WALTER Tayib | 9 |
| KNIGHT Aylah | 7 | WARD Jack | 11 |
| KUZMICH Jyelan | 9 | WARD Jesse | 7 |
| LANCASTER Lily | 7 | WEBBER Jackson | 12 |
| LANCASTER Rohan | 9 | WEBSTER Ally | 7 |
| LEWIS Emily | 11 | WELLS Connor | 7 |
| | | WILL Brock | 11 |

Positive Behaviour Awards - December

Respect

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|----------------------|---|
| ASHLEY Ashley | 7 |
| DAY Marcus | 7 |
| DOWSETT Wilson | 8 |
| JACKSON Lane | 7 |
| JENNINGS Jim | 8 |
| KNIGHT Aylah | 7 |
| O'HARA Ned | 8 |
| REYNOLDS Audrey | 7 |
| SCOTT COCHRANE Kaiti | 8 |
| SHEFFIELD Mia | 8 |
| SHERWELL Monique | 8 |
| SHERWELL Olivia | 8 |
| TIMMINS Georgia | 8 |
| TONER Hugh | 8 |
| WALLIS Tylah | 8 |

Responsibility

| | |
|------------------|----|
| ASHLEY Ashley | 7 |
| BILLETT Milly | 8 |
| BILLETT Ruby | 7 |
| BOND Chloe | 7 |
| BRASSER Chloe | 9 |
| CAVANAGH Arie | 8 |
| CLEARY Dylan | 7 |
| CLEARY Logan | 7 |
| DAY Marcus | 7 |
| DEBONO Dakota | 9 |
| DOWLING Ebony | 11 |
| DOWLING Hayden | 8 |
| FERGUSON Madison | 7 |

Excellence

| | | | |
|-------------------|----|----------------------|----|
| ASHLEY Ashley | 7 | MANGELSDORF A'Leaha | 7 |
| BAM Hayden | 8 | MCADIE Ryan | 7 |
| BILLETT Milly | 8 | MCDONALD Olivia | 8 |
| BURGER Liam | 7 | MCKINNIS Gio | 7 |
| CAVANAGH Arie | 8 | MERRICK Summer | 8 |
| CLARKE Amy | 10 | MORRISON Miranda | 9 |
| CLARKE Clare | 9 | NAAWI Darnell | 8 |
| CLEARY Dylan | 7 | O'NEILL Alby | 7 |
| COCKSEGE Clare | 8 | QUARRELL Zaviour | 10 |
| COOPER Rahni | 8 | REYNOLDS Audrey | 7 |
| COOPER Sophie | 7 | RICHARDS Rhiarna | 8 |
| DAY Marcus | 7 | RIDD Hayley | 7 |
| DEBONO Dakota | 9 | ROBERTSON Alanna | 9 |
| DOWSETT Wilson | 8 | SCOTT COCHRANE Kaiti | 8 |
| ETTLES Jacinta | 7 | SHEFFIELD Mia | 8 |
| FERGUSON Madison | 7 | SHERWELL Monique | 8 |
| FIEGERT Bella | 9 | SHERWELL Olivia | 8 |
| GORANOVIC Gorica | 9 | SLOPER Lily | 7 |
| HEDGER Hannah | 8 | TATE Molly-Ann | 9 |
| INTERLANDI Rhylan | 8 | TIMMINS Georgia | 8 |
| JACKSON Lane | 7 | TONER Flynn | 10 |
| JENKINS Reggie | 7 | TONER Hugh | 8 |
| JERRAM Marcus | 9 | TONER Patrick | 7 |
| JONES Ashlyn | 8 | TOWNSEND Caleb | 7 |
| KEILAR Ada | 10 | TOWNSEND Sophie | 8 |
| KELLY Emily | 7 | TURNER Izaiyah | 8 |
| KNIGHT Aylah | 7 | WALTER Shylah | 7 |
| KUZMICH Jyelan | 9 | WARD Jesse | 7 |
| LAVERY Emma | 9 | WOOD Mia | 11 |
| LOW David | 8 | WOOLLEY Tyler | 8 |

Positive Behaviour Award Winners

| | November | December |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Junior School | Ashlyn Jones Ryan McAdie | Hayden Bam Jake Powell |
| Middle School | Olivia McGrath Dakota Barrie | Zac Ferguson Alanna Robertson |
| Senior School | Jackson Webber Emily Sheffield | Mia Wood Ebony Dowling |



Virtual Indigenous Science Experience 2020

Thirty Students from across the state were selected to participate in the Melbourne University collaboration with Gene Technology Access Centres annual Indigenous Science Experience. This unique opportunity provided mentor Q and A and additional pathways for Indigenous students to access science at the university level. Three practical activities were investigated over two days via the virtual experience: Water quality testing, local plants as antibacterial agents, and lightboard coding. By the end, students were able to set future goals and connect with community and culture in a meaningful way. Congratulation to Ararat College students Ash Cooper and Alyssa Camilleri on their participation in this event.



Year 7 2021 Transition Day

If only these pictures could show you how these music classes sounded! Our 2021 year 7 students had a great time participating in a drumming circle, using body percussion and making a whole class band to keep rhythm. Classroom music is sure to be a hit (!) next year. If any students would like to learn an instrument, please just ask at the office for more information.

Nicole Potter
Music Teacher



Breads, Cakes and Pastries



Clare Clarke



Mollie Ann Tate

As the final assessment to the Breads, Cakes and Pastries class, students select and carry out their own cake recipe and plan to decorate it to a given theme of their choosing. Molly Ann Tate's white chocolate Christmas trees were a stand out, as was Clare Clarke's red velvet cake, and Bella Fiegert's delicious Mississippi mud cake.

Wellbeing Team



RESOURCE GUIDE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Online / Phone Counselling



eHeadspace

headspace.org.au/eheadspace/



Kids Helpline

kidshelpline.com.au/
or call 1800 55 1800



Parentline

Search Parentline into google
or call 13 22 89



Lifeline

lifeline.org.au or call 13 11 14

Local Supports



Child and Family Services (CAFS)

For help or advice visit
www.ararat.vic.gov.au/child-family-services-ararat



The Orange Door

For information or advice visit
<https://orangedoor.vic.gov.au/>

For more information, further support or assistance please talk to your GP



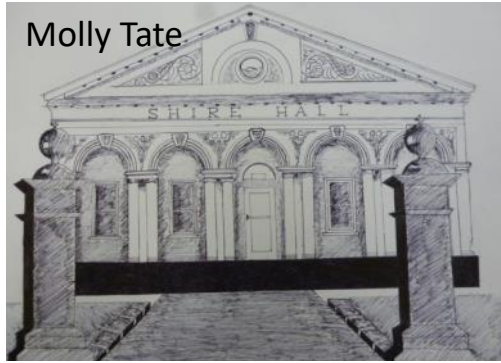
The Ararat College Wellbeing Team would just like to wish the Ararat College community a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year! See you all in 2021.

Taylah, Bonnie, Leo and Harlow



Year 9 Art

Molly Tate



Clare Clarke



Tyler Moana



Chloe Brasser



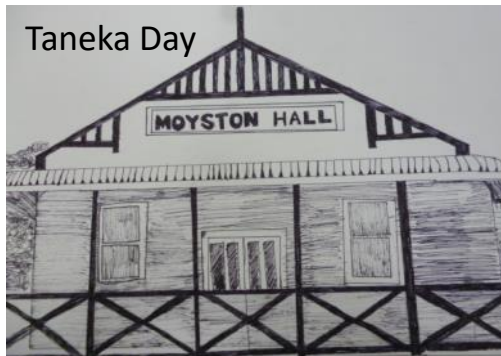
Marcus Jerram



Jake Thomas



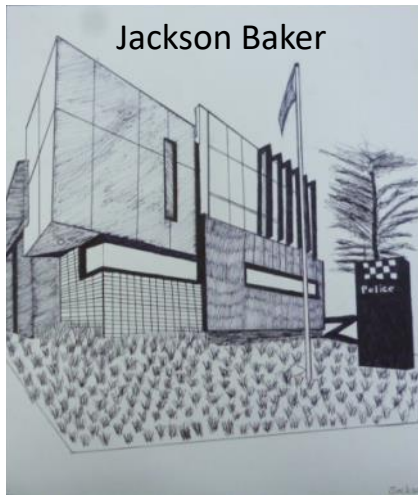
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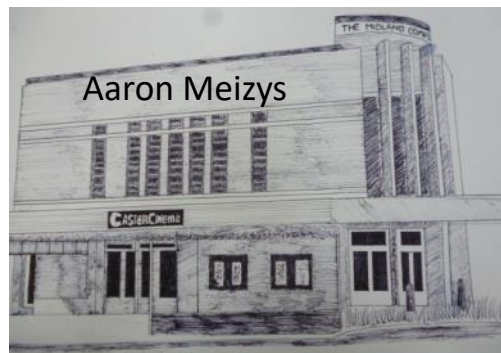
Dakota Debono



Jackson Baker



Aaron Meizys



Kiauna Low



December 2020

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| Week 11 | Monday | 14 | Final School Reports for 2020 Ballarat Activities Excursion |
| | Tuesday | 15 | Presentation Evening 2020 End of Year activities |
| | Wednesday | 16 | Student Counselling |
| | Thursday | 17 | Student Counselling |
| | Friday | 18 | Student Counselling |