



A Message From the Principal....

Welcome Back

I would like to welcome back all of our students and their families as we commence Semester Two. As a staff, we are very thankful that we have been able to continue face to face learning. We will continue to follow the advice released from the Department of Education and the Victorian Chief Health Officer. Currently that is - our school can continue to operate whilst observing the recommended health measures. That means our school will be following the same guidelines and processes we introduced towards the end of Term 2. For more information regarding this you can click [here](#).

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has confirmed that the use of face masks or coverings by adults or children is not recommended in schools at this time. As has always been the case, students who wish to wear face masks in school and in going to and from school may do so.

If you, your child, or a family member develops symptoms of a fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell or taste, you should be tested at a coronavirus (COVID-19) testing facility and stay home.

If you would like health information from the Department of Health and Human Services, you can visit dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

These continue to be challenging times and I will keep you updated on further information as soon as it is available.

End of Term House Olympics

The House Olympics that were held on the last day of Term 2 turned out to be a great day of activities for students and staff. I was extremely impressed by our Senior Students and the way they lead by example and encouraged the students within their House to compete in all events. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of two of our Senior Student Leaders – Alex Pagett and Jackson Morale, who cooked the BBQ lunch for the rest of the student body and even cleaned up from this at the end of lunch!

Thank you to Mr Spalding for organising and running the day, and to all staff for their assistance and supervision throughout. It was wonderful to see students and staff having fun and also some healthy competitiveness between our Houses!

Congratulations to Pyrenees for winning the House Olympics and Hopkins who were the winners of the cross country.

Uniform

We have started this semester with a focus on our school uniform. Our student leaders have commenced a consultation period with the student body to gain feedback on the current uniform so that this can be provided to School Council. Uniform's are an important aspect of a school as they create a sense of identity, pride and cohesion within the school that is also then projected in the wider community. It is important that our students have a sense of ownership and input into this and I look forward to hearing their feedback and possible ideas.

Whilst this is happening students should continue to follow our current uniform policy, any student or family that needs support organising a uniform should not hesitate to contact the school on 5352 4177.

Ellie McDougall
Principal

BOYS' UNIFORM

- Grey trousers or grey shorts
- White socks or black socks
- Plain white polo top, short or long sleeve with logo
- College woollen jumper with logo
- College polar fleece
- Plain black school shoes (fully enclosed)
- Sports polo shirt (purchased at College)
- White button up shirt (long or short sleeve)

GIRLS' UNIFORM

- Blue check summer dress or navy tailored shorts
- Navy tailored slacks
- Tartan kilt
- College woollen jumper with logo
- College polar fleece
- Plain white polo top, short or long sleeve with logo
- White socks, black socks or navy tights
- Plain black school shoes (fully enclosed)
- Sports polo shirt (purchased at College)
- White button up shirt (long or short sleeve)

Xuno - Parent Portal

Your Gateway to strong communication!

Parents or guardians who would like assistance in setting up or using the portal are strongly encouraged to contact the college office on 5352 4177. Our friendly staff will be more than happy to assist you in setting up your account and will walk you through how to use this essential communication platform.

The portal is password protected and secure, and gives parents the ability to:

- View attendance and notify the school of a student absence
- Communicate directly with your child's teachers
- Make bookings for student /parent /teacher conferences
- Download and view progress reports
- View homework and assignments
- View student timetables
- Excursion/Camp permission approval
- Receive notifications
- Access school calendar

Accessing The Parent Portal

- by installing the mobile App available free from the App Store or Google Play.
- Via the website <https://smttool.araratcc.vic.edu.au>



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House Sports and Cross Country

On the last day of term students participated in some fun activities to finish off what can only be described as a very challenging school term. Our house Olympics were organised in lieu of our usual school sports, which we were unable to conduct this year. Traditionally, senior students would dress up for the school sports, so they were given the opportunity to use this event to 'costume up' in their house colours. House groups rotated through the following activities: paper plane competitions, human coits, catch the flying vortex, potato race, skipping, bounce the exercise ball relay and keep the ball up. There were lots of smiles and laughs, which was the main objective of the activity. From a competition point of view, Pyrenees won the "Olympics" followed by Grampians then Hopkins.

After lunch, students ran or walked the school block for the House Cross Country. Some of our more active staff also went for a run and joined some of the students who ran two laps to get extra points for their House. The end result was a win to Hopkins over Pyrenees then Grampians.

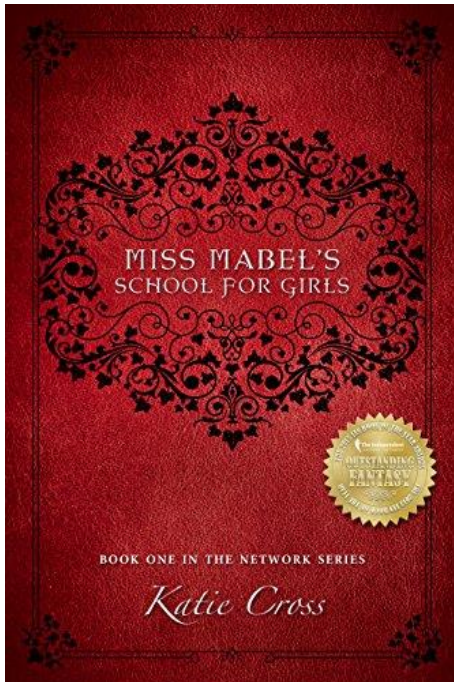
At this stage School Sport Victoria have not scheduled the interschool sports due to the evolving Covid19 situation. When we receive information about this, we will pass this on to students and parents.

Michael Spalding
Coordinator





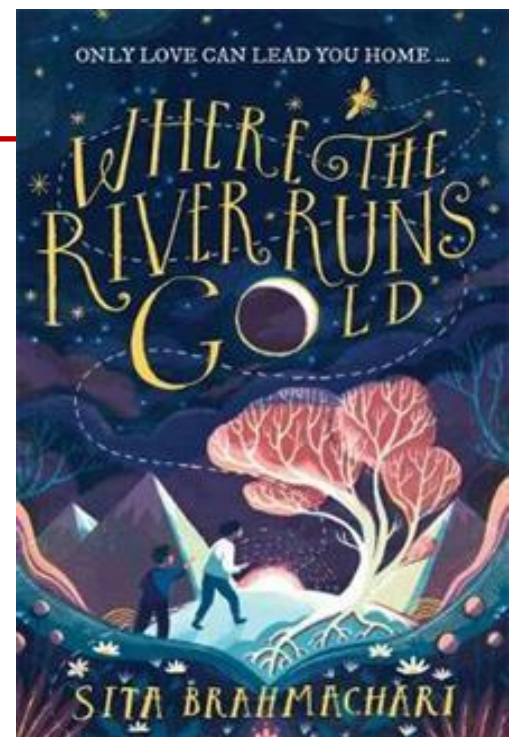
These new novels are now available for borrowing from the library.

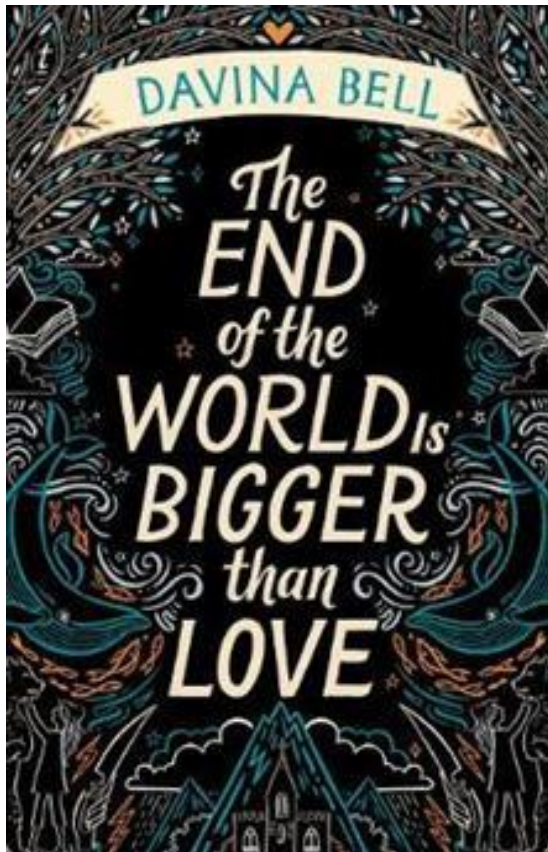


Never underestimate the power of a determined witch. Letum Wood is a forest of fog and deadfall, home to the quietly famous Miss Mabel's School for Girls, a place where young witches learn the art of magic. Sixteen year old Bianca Monroe has inherited a deadly curse. Determined to break free before it kills her, she enrolls in the respected school to confront the cunning witch who cast the curse: Miss Mabel. Bianca finds herself faced with dark magic she didn't expect, with lessons more dangerous than she could have ever imagined. Will Bianca have the courage to save herself from the curse, or will Miss Mabel's sinister plan be too powerful? Miss Mabel's School for Girls is the first novel in The Network Series, an exciting new fantasy collection. A gripping tale about the struggle to survive, it will take you to a new place and time, one you'll never want to leave.

Two children must risk everything to find the impossible. A brave, thought-provoking adventure by award-winning author, Sita Brahmachari.

Kairos City was beautiful once, before the storm. Now the flowerbeds are built over with brick, the bees are long gone and children are sent to Freedom Fields to pollinate crops by hand for the good of the nation. Eleven year old Shifa knows her twin Themba won't survive this harsh existence for long: they have to escape. But then she uncovers an impossible secret. If she can protect it on their perilous journey home, Shifa could change everything ...





She said we didn't know what the world out there had become. We had been alone there so long on that tiny island, in that tiny church. But in the night, I couldn't bear it. My chest beat like wings. Identical twin sisters Summer and Winter live alone on a remote island, sheltered from a destroyed world. They survive on rations stockpiled by their father and spend their days deep in their mother's collection of classic literature - until a mysterious stranger upends their carefully constructed reality. At first, Edward is a welcome distraction. But who is he really, and why has he come? As love blooms and the world stops spinning, the secrets of the girls' past begin to unravel and escape is the only option. A sumptuously written novel of love and grief; of sisterly affection and the ultimate sacrifice; of technological progress and climate catastrophe; of an

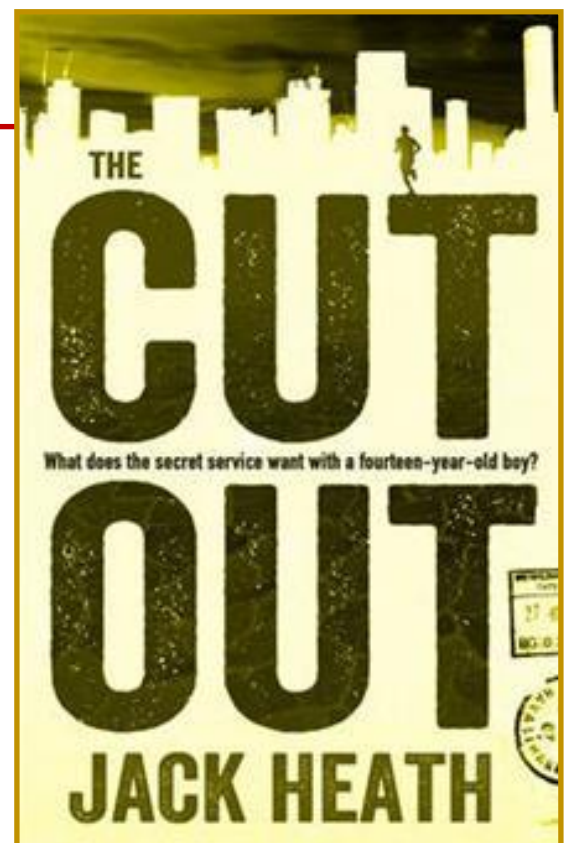
enigmatic bear and a talking whale. *The End of the World Is Bigger than Love* is unlike anything you've read before.

Fero isn't a spy.

But he looks exactly like someone who is: Troy Maschenov, a ruthless enemy agent.

What starts out as a case of mistaken identity quickly turns into a complicated and dangerous plan. Fero is recruited to fight for his country. He will have to impersonate Troy, enter enemy territory, hunt down a missing agent and bring her home in time to prevent a devastating terror attack.

Fero is 1 way over his head. Hastily trained, loaded up with gadgets and smuggled across the border, he discovers the truth about espionage.



July 2020

Week 2	Monday	20	
	Tuesday	21	
	Wednesday	22	
	Thursday	23	
	Friday	24	
Week 3	Monday	27	
	Tuesday	28	
	Wednesday	29	Western Bulldogs Leadership Program
	Thursday	30	Year 7 and 8 Elevate Sessions
	Friday	31	Year 12 Elevate Study Skills
Week 4	Monday	3	
	Tuesday	4	
	Wednesday	5	
	Thursday	6	
	Friday	7	
Week 5	Monday	10	
	Tuesday	11	Ski Camp Mt Buller
	Wednesday	12	Ski Camp Mt Buller
	Thursday	13	Ski Camp Mt Buller
	Friday	14	Ski Camp Mt Buller
Week 6	Monday	17	
	Tuesday	18	
	Wednesday	19	
	Thursday	20	Year 7 Basketball
	Friday	21	

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.