



## VCE Drama - Billy Elliot

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Our Year 11 Drama class headed to Melbourne on Wednesday with Miss Anderson and Melissa Fiegert to watch the critically acclaimed production of Billy Elliot The Musical.

The show is listed on the VCAA Drama and Theatre Studies Playlist as an integral part of the VCE curriculum in Year 12. We attended the production to begin building our analysis skills ahead of next year, looking at the production elements in depth as we will do again in Unit 3. Featuring music by Elton John, Billy Elliot the Musical is an extraordinary theatrical experience that has captivated audiences around the world. Seen by over 12 million people worldwide and acclaimed by audiences and critics alike, Billy Elliot is the recipient of over 85 awards internationally.

Set in a northern town during the miners' strike of 1984/5, the show follows Billy's journey from boxing ring to ballet class where he discovers a passion for dance that unites his family, inspires his community and changes his life forever.

We all entered the theatre filled with optimism and were not disappointed. The three hour production made us feel all the emotions of the characters in the narrative and left us amazed at highly technical use of sets. An unforgettable portrayal of Lee Hall's storyline and we can't wait to examine the show further!

### Jack Ward



# A message from the Principal.....

## Positive Behaviour Awards

This week we held our monthly Whole School Assembly and celebrated students who have received Positive Behaviour Nominations for the month of February. Students are nominated by staff members when they display behaviours that align with our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. Each nomination earns that student a raffle ticket into our monthly award. Congratulations to all students who received nominations this month, it is always wonderful to hear about the positive contributions students are making to our school community!

### Year 7

BARRIE Connar  
BELCHER Harry  
BILLETT Ruby  
BOND Chloe  
CLEARY Dylan  
CLEARY Logan  
COMBER Zaylen  
DAY Kieren  
FERGUSON Madison  
HANCOCK Gabrielle  
KELLY Emily  
KETTLE Tamsyn  
KNIGHT Aylah  
LANCASTER Lily  
MANGELSDORF A'Leaha  
MCADIE Ryan  
MCKINNIS Gio  
RHODES Jed  
ROBERTS Callum  
SLOPER Lily  
TONER Patrick  
TOWNSEND Caleb  
WEBSTER Ally  
WELLS Connor

### Year 11

DOWLING Ebony  
FOX Lana  
LEWIS Emily  
RUSSELL Amber  
ST JACK Wyatt  
WARD Jack  
WILL Brock  
WILSON Tahlia  
WOOD Mia

### Year 8

AITKEN Darcy  
BILLETT Milly  
CARTER Zoe  
COOPER Rahni  
DEANE Makayla  
DOWLING Hayden  
DOWSETT Wilson  
GRAHAM Olivia  
HAUSER Harry  
HEDGER Hannah  
HOPE Joshua  
JONES Ashlyn  
KAHLE-PHILLIPS Ava  
KEILAR Milly  
KETTLE Sonny  
KOBELT Jayden  
LOW David  
MCDONALD Olivia  
MERRICK Summer  
NAAWI Darnell  
O'CONNOR Michael  
PRICE Dylan  
RICHARDS Jaz  
SCOTT COCHRANE Kaiti  
SHEFFIELD Mia  
SHERWELL Monique  
SHERWELL Olivia  
TONER Hugh  
TOWNSEND Sophie  
TURNER Izaiyah  
VERMEEND Ryan  
WALLIS Tylah  
WOOLLEY Cody

### Year 12

LOW Jessica  
ROBERTSON Zoe

### Year 9

BAKER Jackson  
BOND Bree  
CORBETT Marti  
FLAVELL Aiden  
GORANOVIC Gorica  
KUZMICH Jyelan  
LOW Regan  
MEIZYS Aaron  
MOANA Tylah  
MONCRIEFF Jed  
ROBERTSON Alanna  
SHAY Abby  
TATE Molly-Ann  
WALTER Tayib

### Year 10

BARRIE Dakota  
BENNETT Riley  
BLENCOWE Seb  
CLARKE Amy  
COOPER Logan  
DAY Taneka  
GRAHAM Ashley  
HEARD Ryan  
HEWITT Madison  
JENNINGS Joseph  
LAWSON Bailey  
LOW Kiauna  
MCADIE Holly  
MILLAR Jake  
MILSOME Kiera  
O'BRIEN Caitlin  
SKUBNIK Benjamin  
TONER Flynn  
TOSCH Bodey  
TURNER Bailee  
VERMEEND Cody  
WALLACE Bly

This month the winners of our Positive Behaviour Awards were:

#### Junior Sub School (Year 7 & 8)

Milly Keilar  
Summer Merrick

#### Middle Sub School (Year 9 & 10)

Ryan Heard  
Riley Bennett

#### Senior Sub School (Year 11 & 12)

Taryn Kelly  
Lana Fox

## **Billy Elliot, Wimmera Field Days & Outdoor Education Camp**

We have had a busy week with a number of students heading off on camps and excursions as part of the learning and teaching program at our school. Thank you to Mr Ellis and Ms Gaylard for their organisation of the Outdoor Education Camp to the Otways, from all reports students had a great time and were able to make real life links to the curriculum currently being explored in our Year 9/10 Outdoor Education and Year 12 Outdoor and Environmental Studies.

Our Year 11 Drama students attended 'Billy Elliot the Musical', thank you to Ms Anderson and Ms Fiegert for organising this wonderful experience. This year our school is a First Call Fund Partner School with the Arts Centre Melbourne and we are looking forward to providing more opportunities for our students to visit and explore what is on offer through this exciting program.

Yesterday our VCAL students attended the Wimmera Field Days – thank you to Mr Andy Reynolds and Ms Henry! Students were able to see first-hand the latest developments in farming practice, machinery, equipment, technology and services, whilst also exploring possible career options and pathways.

## **Black Ranges Swimming**

On Tuesday we had 3 students represent our school at the Black Ranges Swimming Carnival. I would like to congratulate and recognise the efforts of these students in making it to this level of competition, well done! Also thank you the parents who were able to attend and take our school team to the swimming carnival.

**Caleb Townsend** - 12/13 Boys: 4th Backstroke, 5th Butterfly, 7th Breaststroke, 8th Freestyle

**Summer Merrick** - 14 Girls: 6th Back Stroke, 7th Breaststroke, 7th Freestyle

**Amy Clarke** - 16 Girls: 4th Butterfly, 4th Freestyle, 5th Breaststroke, 5th Backstroke

## **Student/Parent/Teacher Progress Conferences & Progress Reports**

As we move quickly through the term, we approach our first round of Progress Reports. These reports contain information about student's academic achievement as well as their attitude and effort towards learning. There are six progress reports throughout the year which are then supported by Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences. By reporting more frequently and providing regular feedback to students and parents we believe we are creating a more constructive and positive learning environment. The first Progress Report will be live on our Parent Portal Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Information on how to book a time with your child's teacher at our Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences has been posted to families. If you would like further information regarding reports or on how to make bookings for the upcoming conferences please contact our office on 5352 4177.

## **Labour Day Long Weekend**

Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> is a public holiday due to Labour Day. I wish all families a safe and relaxing long weekend.

**Ellie McDougall**  
**Acting Principal**



# News from the Art Department

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**James Goodes**

Year 9/10 Art have been working on Ceramic Mugs this term.  
Here are a few examples of the great work students have been producing.



**Ashlee Sewastenko**



**Ella McLoughlin**



**Charlotte Ramsay**



**Gorica Goranovic**



**Jet Baldock**



**Braiden Mill**



**Marcus Jerram**



**Angus Cavanagh**



**Emma Lavery**

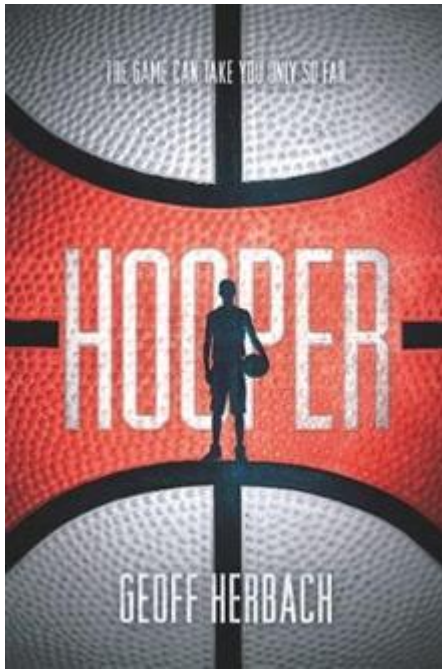


**Amiel Lillis-Pattison**

# AC Reads

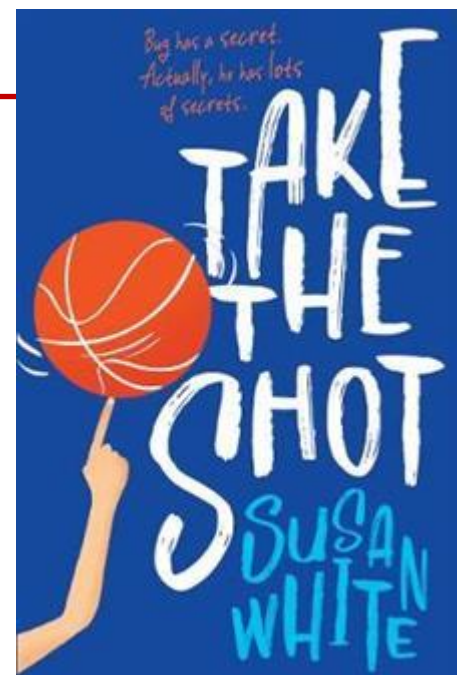


These new novels with a basketball theme are now available to borrow from the library.



For Adam Reed, basketball is a passport. Adam's basketball skills have taken him from an orphanage in Poland to a loving adoptive mother in Minnesota. When he's tapped to play on a select AAU team along with some of the best players in the state, it just confirms that basketball is his ticket to the good life: to new friendships, to the girl of his dreams, to a better future. But life is more complicated off the court. When an incident with the police threatens to break apart the bonds Adam's finally formed after a lifetime of struggle, he must make an impossible choice between his new family and the sport that's given him everything.

15-year-old Bug has a secret. Actually, he has a lot of secrets. Bug's secrets have secrets by this point. Number one: his parents don't know he is playing basketball again. Number two: his new teammates have no idea he isn't allowed to play, and they definitely don't know why. Number three: Bug's (pretty much only) friend at his new school has no clue he lied about her to get the basketball team together. Bug will do anything to keep his secrets, keep his new team and keep his life from falling apart. Because no one can know secret number four: Bug risks his life every time he steps out onto the basketball court.



# School Dental Initiative

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## Australian Dental Health Victoria to visit Ararat College 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

The Australian Dental Health Victoria has been providing Victorian public, private and regional secondary schools with free, high quality treatment to ensure students are getting immediate treatment. This initiative is in place for all students. Parents/guardians are directly informed and kept in the loop regarding their child's oral health and any plan of action.

Australian Dental Health Victoria services include:

- Examination and x-rays if need be
- Dental health and dietary advice
- Preventive interventions
- Fluoride and varnish
- Scale and clean
- Fissure sealants
- Restorations and extractions
- Free dental packs for students
- Fluoride and varnish
- The initiative does not include orthodontics.

An application form has been sent to all families.

Further questions please visit [www.adhv.com.au/privacy](http://www.adhv.com.au/privacy) or phone (03) 9323 9607

We encourage all parents to consider taking up this opportunity to have their child's dental health checked.

Leonie Cowey  
Adolescent Health Nurse

## Hearing Tests

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Just a reminder that Wimmera Hearing Society Inc. will be coming to complete hearing screening for all our year 7 students on **the 10<sup>th</sup> March**. Please make sure you **return your forms ASAP to office, or enter on Xuno**. If you require any further information, please contact the school.



*Ararat College*  
**Annual General Meeting**  
*Will be held*  
**Thursday 26th March 2020**  
**At 6.00pm**  
**Trade Training Centre (Barkly St Entrance)**  
**All Welcome**

## Save the Date—Music / Drama Night

**Wednesday 18th March at 7.00pm in the College Arts Wing**  
**All Welcome**







East Grampians Health Service



Ark Toy and Activity Library

Movie Day

## 'Military Wives'

Astor Cinema Ararat

Thursday March 12 | 1pm

\$20 per person, includes afternoon tea and entry in the raffle

Tickets | Jodie Holwell 5352 9387



## Youth Mental Health First Aid

**\*for community\***

Learn how to recognise the symptoms to give initial help to someone experiencing mental health problems, in a mental health crisis situation, or in the early stages of a mental illness.

**16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**9am-5pm**

(must be able to commit to both days)

**Central Grampians LLEN Training Room**

**3-5 Laby Street, Ararat 3377**

What is Youth Mental Health First Aid?

The 14-hour Youth Mental Health First Aid Course is for adults working or living with adolescents (aged between approximately 12 and 18 years). However, the course can be relevant for those helping people who are a little younger or older. This course is particularly suitable for **parents, teachers, sports coaches, and youth workers**. You don't need to work in this field to be able to learn useful skills and strategies.

**COST – \$60** \*Eventbrite booking fees apply

includes manual, take home materials, lunch and refreshments for both days

Please register via Eventbrite:

<https://ymhfcommunity.eventbrite.com.au>

For more information and enquiries please contact Lauren Dempsey

[lauren.dempsey@gppcp.org.au](mailto:lauren.dempsey@gppcp.org.au)




**Dogpro Moyston Sheepdog Trials**  
The longest running sheep dog trials in Australia

**Spectators welcome**  
● Gold coin donation

**March 12-14, 2020**

Located 15 mins from Ararat at the picturesque Moyston Oval, Ararat-Halls Gap Rd, Moyston, Victoria

### NOVICE TRIAL

9am Thursday, 12th March

### IMPROVERS & OPEN TRIAL

8am Friday, 13th March

8am Saturday, 14th March

### BRACE DOG TRIALS - PAIRS

6.30pm Friday, 13th March



### COUNTRY CATERING

Morning Tea \$5

Lunch – two course \$12

Afternoon tea \$5

### FRIDAY NIGHT

MEALS 6-7PM

Dinner \$12 – Roast and salads plus veggie option

Dessert \$5

Brace Dog Trials – dogs working in pairs

Starts 6.30pm

Bar open 6-10pm

Entertainment 6-9pm

### ACCOMMODATION

• Powered sites \$10/night

• The Apartment 5354 2545

• Grampians Country Cottages 5354 2516

### ENQUIRIES

Max: 0419 382 315




**EGHS MURRAY TO MOYNE CYCLE RELAY TEAMS PRESENT**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Theme – Friday the 13th

**FRIDAY MARCH 13 | 7PM FOR 7.15PM START**

**NURSING EDUCATION STUDENT TRAINING ROOM**  
(REAR OF PATRICIA HINCHEY CENTRE – GIRDLESTONE STREET ARARAT)

Tables of 8 – \$20 per head  
BYO Drinks and Nibbles – Supper provided

Best dressed individual and table | Prizes | Buy an answer | Raffle

Table bookings to Jodie Holwell by Tuesday March 10  
5352 9387 or [jodie.holwell@eghs.net.au](mailto:jodie.holwell@eghs.net.au)

Proceeds towards a bladder scanner and ECG machine for 70 Lowe Street and Garden View Court aged care.

## March 2020

Week 7	Monday	9	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday	10	Student Leadership Team Camp 10/3 to 12/3
	Wednesday	11	Year 7 Hearing Tests
	Thursday	12	
	Friday	13	Maria Island Camp 13/3 to 16/3
Week 8	Monday	16	Student Reports
	Tuesday	17	
	Wednesday	18	Music/Drama Night
	Thursday	19	Year 7 and 10 Immunisations Student / Parent / Teacher progress meetings - Evening session
	Friday	20	Student / Parent / Teacher progress meetings - Morning session
Week 9	Monday	23	
	Tuesday	24	
	Wednesday	25	
	Thursday	26	
	Friday	27	School Athletics Day - Last Day Term 1

## April 2020

Week 1	Monday	13	Easter Monday Public Holiday
	Tuesday	14	Term 2 begins
	Wednesday	15	
	Thursday	16	
	Friday	17	Careers Expo Melbourne Year 11 and 12
Week 2	Monday	20	Dental Van Visit 20—24 April
	Tuesday	21	
	Wednesday	22	
	Thursday	23	
	Friday	24	

**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.***