



Anzac Day 2021

After the cancellation of the 2020 Anzac Day ceremonies, it was fantastic to see the Ararat community come together to commemorate this most solemn of days. Once again, as has been tradition for many years, our school captains were actively involved in the ceremony. They executed their roles as flag bearers in the march with dignity and then participated in the reciting of the ode of remembrance from the Laurence Binyon poem 'For the Fallen'.



A message from our Principal....

ANZAC Day

Last week we commemorated ANZAC day at Ararat College with a school service on Friday and by participating in our local community service at the cenotaph in Ararat. Our school captains Mia Wood and Jack Ward represented our school at both of these services and did a fantastic job. It was wonderful to return to a face to face service and recognise the significant sacrifice of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

Curriculum Day – Friday May 7th

Reminder that next Friday May 7th is a Curriculum Day and therefore a pupil free day.



Student Attitude to School Survey

This week our school started our annual Attitude to School Survey. At Ararat College student voice is very important and this survey is a great way for students to provide our school with feedback. We have been talking to students about actively participating in this survey and valuing their opportunity to have a say in the future decisions of the school.

NAPLAN

This year our school is again undertaking NAPLAN online which means the testing will be conducted over a two-week period, beginning May 11th. Tests are spread out over this time so that students are not completing them every day and are only completing one test per day. Students need to ensure that they have a charged laptop during this time. At Ararat College we focus on effort, personal growth and attitude, NAPLAN provides a great opportunity for our students to try their best and then reflect on the growth they have made. It is important that all students sit NAPLAN and experience the test conditions they are likely to experience as they move into the senior years of their education. NAPLAN also provides rich information to our teachers about how they can continue to best support your child through point of need teaching and differentiated tasks.

If you are concerned that your child is anxious about NAPLAN please contact the school so that we can best support all of our students to have a positive experience!

Ellie McDougall
Principal

Attitude to Schools Survey

WE WANT OUR STUDENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing, and quality instruction, and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist our school to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, bullying and life in general.

Students from Year 7 – 12 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way “testing” your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any time.

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

This year the Attitudes to School survey will be conducted at our school over the period Monday 26 April to Friday 11 June. The survey takes around 20-45 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school in an aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

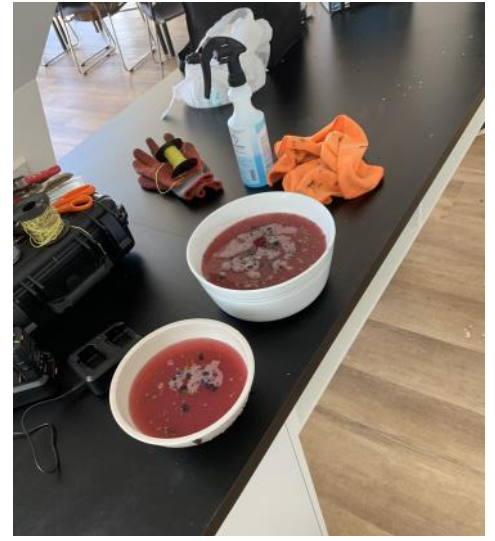
If you would like more information, please feel free to contact us at the school or go to the following webpage

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/data-collection-surveys/guidance/attitudes-school-survey>

News from the School Farm - Grape Harvest

On the last Monday of Term 1, the VCAL students took part in the most important part of their work at the school farm. It was picking and crushing day and the 2nd harvest picked from the school's Commissioners Hill Vineyard since its reintroduction into Ararat College's curriculum in 2018. All students that attended worked exceptionally well knowing how vital this day was to the successful completion of their work on the Vineyard and the production of the school wine 'Commissioners Hill Shiraz'. It was a bumper harvest that saw us picking in the vicinity of 1.5 – 2 tonne over 2 days. Students picked and crushed the grapes on the same day and pitched the yeast to ensure that the wine making process kicked off. Students were involved in temperature checking and running tests to ensure that the fermentation process was happening properly.





As a result of when the grapes were ready to be picked, and where the school holidays fell, the process of breaking the cap and punching the wine on a daily basis was left to the VCAL staff and their families. On the middle Monday of the school holidays Mr. Briody and Mr. Reynolds (and his family) were joined by Will Maddern and Zaviour Quarrell to transfer the wine into the storage tanks and press off the skins, undoubtedly the messiest job of the process. Thanks to all that helped out with these procedures and the local wineries and wine makers for their guidance and advice during this process. Watch this space as we prepare to sell the 2019 Shiraz in the upcoming weeks, and give updates on the progress of the 2021 vintage. **Andrew Reynolds - School Farm Coordinator**



Diversity Club

In term 1 we launched Diversity Club at Ararat College which aims to build a safe and inclusive atmosphere for all students. The particular focus is on celebrating diversity and creating a space for LGBT students and allies to share the sense of belonging. We are proud to display our identity maps on the wall of SL10 which we created as part of Diversity Club. Similar self-awareness and confidence building activities will continue into term 2. Diversity Club runs at Friday lunchtimes in SL10 and all are welcome.

Ms Gaylard



Everyone is invited to the

ARARAT COLLEGE BOOKCLUB

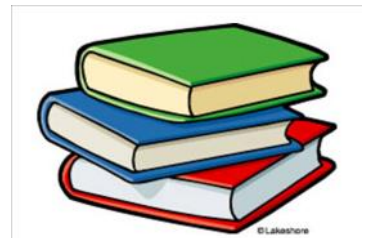
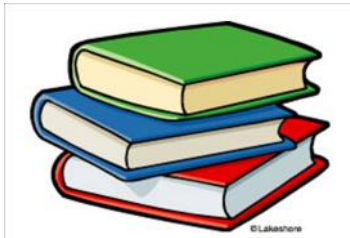
BOOKCLUB DATES FOR TERM 2:

Thursday 6th May

Thursday 20th May

Thursday 3rd June

Thursday 17th June



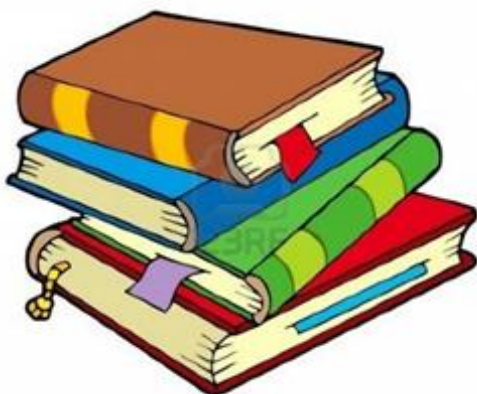
WHERE: School Library - Enter via the door near the SL Wing.

TIME: 1:10-1:15pm until the end of lunch (no food allowed).

Come and chat about whatever book you have been reading.

Mrs Prior

Missing Library Books!



We're missing a number of library books and English novels which were not returned after last year's lockdowns.

Can we please ask that all families check carefully at home for any books belonging to the school and return them as soon as possible.

Thanks for your help !

CSEF 2021

If you feel you are eligible to receive the CSEF payment and have not made a claim yet, please contact the college office and we will happily assist you.

Applications close 25th June 2021.

Who is eligible?

- Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.
- If a student is a holder of a valid concession card (e.g. a Youth Allowance Health Care Card) in their own name they will be given special consideration.
- Eligibility will be subject to the concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink in 2021.



Ararat West Primary School Drive-In Movie



TOM & JERRY Movie Info – Rating PG

One of the most beloved rivalries in history is reignited when Jerry moves into New York City's finest hotel on the eve of "the wedding of the century," forcing the event's desperate planner to hire Tom to get rid of him, in director Tim Story's "Tom & Jerry." The ensuing cat and mouse battle threatens to destroy her career, the wedding and possibly the hotel itself. But soon, an even bigger problem arises: a diabolically ambitious staffer conspiring against all three of them. An eye-popping blend of classic animation and live-action, Tom and Jerry's new big-screen adventure stakes new ground for the iconic characters and forces them to do the unthinkable... work together to save the day.

Friday May 14

Ararat West Primary School Oval
(Entry via McDonald St)

Cost is \$30 per car

Entry from 6.30pm

Movie begins at 7.30pm

Movie snack food will be available

Bookings are essential as places are limited.
Once the oval is full it is full!

Contact the office on 5352 1909 to secure
your booking

Please note: 4WD vehicles cannot park in front of cars



*To watch the trailer for
Tom & Jerry search on YouTube
or the internet!*

Do you have a child aged 12 years or older?



38% of teens aged 13-15 have sent a sexual picture/video



62% of teens aged 13-15 have received a sexual picture or video



Approx 1 in 4 young people* have experienced bullying behaviour in the last 12 months

Approximately 50% of young people experiencing bullying are likely to seek support from a parent



WOULD YOU KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP IF YOUR CHILD WAS BEING BULLIED ONLINE?



SEXTING ?
SNAPCHAT **TIK TOK**
CYBER BULLYING
FACEBOOK **NUDES**
 INSTAGRAM
ONLINE GAMING

AGE OF CONSENT



Under 12: it is never OK to have sex with a person under 12.

12 - 15: it is not OK if the other person is more than 24 months older/younger than you

16-17: it is not OK if the older person is in a position of care or authority over the younger person



Are the location settings on your child's device set to private?

*8-14 years old

Want to know more? Attend our Free Information Session

Supported by the Victoria Law Foundation, Ballarat & Grampians Community Legal Service is excited to bring this Law Week Event to Parents and Carers in the Ballarat region.

The session will explore:

Cyber-bullying, Sexting, Age of Consent and Online Gambling, what the law says, as well as some tips on how to keep your kids safe online.

A panel of professionals from Ballarat & Grampians Community Legal Service, Child & Family Services, Ballarat Community Health and Victoria Police will be available to answer your questions after the session.

This event will be held in a Covid Safe manner.

When: 17th May 2021, 5:30 pm

Where: Seminar Theatre, Ballarat Technology Park Central, 106-110 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat

Supported by:

[Register here](#)



Victorian

Law Week

17-23 May 2021



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ARARAT COLLEGE

Open
NIGHT

WEDNESDAY MAY 26, 2021
6 PM | TRADE TRAINING CENTRE
BARKLY STREET, ARARAT

All future families welcome to join us for an insight
into our College.

School Tours will be conducted following an
information session.

For more information, please contact the College
Office (03) 5352 4177




ATTENTION: LITTLE REDBACKS

NEW AND EXISTING
PARTICIPANT NEED TO
REGISTER FOR TERM 2


GO TO
WWW.ARARATBASKETBALLFUTSAL.COM.AU
TO REGISTER

Any queries contact Cas on 0409 388 129



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1300 308 620

Traineeship - Certificate III in Water Industry Operations - Ararat



On behalf of GWMWater, an exciting opportunity exists for a Trainee to join their Service Delivery team in Ararat for a fixed period of two (2) years. This is an entry level position and the successful applicant will complete a Certificate III in Water Industry Operations.

Duties will include:

- Liaise with customers, GWMWater employees and other service providers in relation to service requests, system faults and customer complaints
- Operate and maintain water and wastewater systems and assets
- Engage contractors for assistance with faults or works when required
- Identify and assist in the solution to any communication and workflow problems observed

This position is an excellent opportunity, and ideally the successful applicant will possess the following attributes:

- A strong customer service focus
- Physically Fit
- Attention to detail
- Strong desire to work in a team environment
- Possess creativity and innovation

***2020 School Leavers encouraged to apply.**

For further details, please contact Chris Folkes on 0458 030 097.

TO APPLY: Written applications including a resume and cover letter to be submitted via our website www.skillinvest.com.au.

Skillinvest is an equal opportunity employer

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DONALD, HORSHAM, LONGERENONG COLLEGE

EAST GRAMPIANS HEALTH SERVICE AUXILIARY
PRESENTS

MOVIE NIGHT

Live Again, Love Again
June Again

**THURSDAY
MAY 6**

**ASTOR CINEMA
ARARAT**

7.30PM

Cinema opens at 6.45pm
Drinks and snacks available from snack bar

TICKETS \$25

Includes entry in the raffle, bottle of water and a chocolate

Tickets available from
Auxiliary members
Fosters Mensland
We're Knot Crazy
(cash only)




Raising funds for new equipment at East Grampians Health Service



Central Grampians **LLEN**
Learning Leaders Network

TAC

L2P

PROGRAM

SIGN UP TODAY

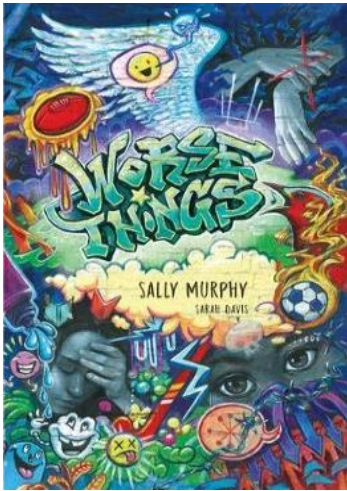
LEARNERS AND MENTORS WELCOME

Contact Penny at Central Grampians LLEN
l2p@cglln.org.au

TOWARDS      

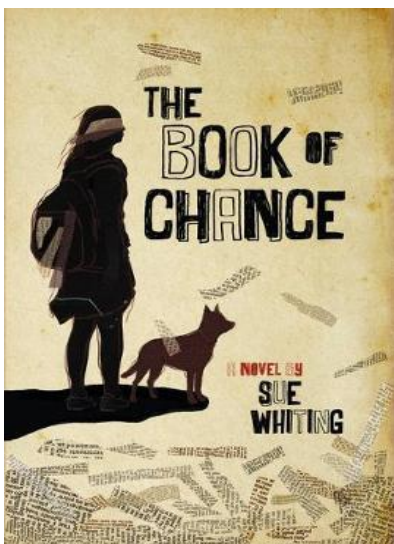
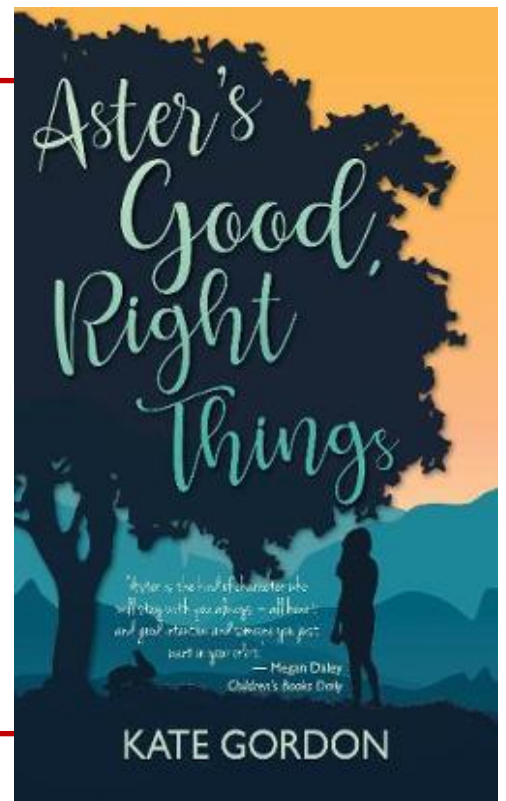
The TAC L2P Program is a joint partnership between the Transport Accident Commission and Department of Transport, supported by the Victorian Government.

These novels have recently been shortlisted for the Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Award for Younger Readers.



After a devastating football injury, Blake struggles to cope with life on the sideline. Jolene, a gifted but conflicted hockey player wants nothing more than for her dad to come home. And soccer loving refugee Amed wants to belong. On the surface, it seems they have nothing in common. Except sport ...

Aster attends a school for gifted kids, but she doesn't think she's special at all. If she was, her mother wouldn't have left. And if she isn't careful, everyone else will leave her too. Each day Aster must do a good, right thing - a challenge she sets herself, to make someone else's life better. Nobody can know about her 'things', because then they won't count. And if she doesn't do them, she knows everything will go wrong. Then she meets Xavier. He has his own kind of special missions to make life better. When they do these missions together, Aster feels free...but if she stops doing her good, right things will everything fall apart?



This powerful story explores what is true and what is fake in today's world For Chace Callahan, life is black and white. Fake or real. Right or wrong. Truth or lies. There are no in between. When a reality TV show starts filming, Chace's family is thrown into the spotlight and Chace uncovers a devastating truth. A truth that challenges everything that Chace believes is true. A truth from which there is no turning back.

Term 2

Week 3	Monday	3	
	Tuesday	4	Black Ranges Athletics - Stawell
	Wednesday	5	
	Thursday	6	
	Friday	7	Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
Week 4	Monday	10	Black Ranges Cross Country - Murtoa
	Tuesday	11	Naplan Year 7 and 9 Commences
	Wednesday	12	
	Thursday	13	
	Friday	14	
	Monday	17	Education Week
	Tuesday	18	Year 10 Holocaust Museum Excursion
	Wednesday	19	
	Thursday	20	
	Friday	21	Naplan Year 7 and 9 Finishes
	Monday	24	
	Tuesday	25	
	Wednesday	26	College Expo and Information Night
	Thursday	27	Reconciliation Week Commences
	Friday	28	
	Monday	31	
June	Tuesday	1	
	Wednesday	2	
	Thursday	3	
	Friday	4	

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.