



## Alpine School 2020 - Dinner Plain

We're all enjoying our time up here in the Alpine region and everything we have done so far has been fun and challenging.

Everyone here are so kind and welcoming and we are all getting along really well. Living with 44 people we have just met has been a challenge which all five of us have all dealt with differently. Sharing a room with someone isn't as hard as we all thought and doing our own washing isn't that bad either.



Everyone is enjoying the new experience being away from home for a long period of time and doing activities we never thought we could. We have completed expo 1 which involved learning basic skills of pitching tents, cooking in the open and living without the comforts of home. This all happened in the rain, which was a challenging but fun experience for all of us. We are going on expo 2 on Thursday which will involve hiking up Mount Feathertop and then camping. We all have great roommates, great food and everyone is enjoying soaking up a new way of life.

**Tylah, Aiden, Clare, Bella and Alanna**



## 7 News Young Achiever Awards

---

Jack has made it to the final four of the 7 News Young Achiever Awards! Congratulations Jack! Announcing the 2020 Finalists for the Budget Car and Truck Rentals Online Achievement Award are:

**Alexander Horton, 25 of Fitzroy North**  
**Ana Gavia, 27 of Hillside**  
**Angelo Giuffrida, 28 of Narre Warren**  
**Jack Ward, 16 of Ararat**

The Budget Car and Truck Rentals Online Achievement Award will recognise a Victorian young achiever who demonstrates not only success in this space but conveys the character traits important to the industry – creativity, innovation, agility and has a keen interest in information technology.

Winners will be announced at the Awards Gala Presentation Dinner on 12 June 2020.



## Music and Drama Night

---

Next Wednesday night, starting at 7 pm we have the first performances for 2020 involving music and drama students.

This will involve VET music students, the VCE drama group, and general music students who are ready. It will (probably) be right on the night !

Students are trying to show a performance level for early in the course, this may include a few mistakes , but that's okay. This establishes the baseline for assessment when they can show improvement / progress later in the year.

We have a range of students hopefully performing (depending on nerves !!) The evening should conclude at around 8pm.

We hope you can attend. Your support in being part of our audience would be greatly appreciated.

**Steve Mullin**  
**Classroom Music Teacher**



# ***A message from the Principal.....***

---

## **Student Leadership Camp**

This week our student leadership team have been in Melbourne. Students have been taking part in activities designed to develop their own personal leadership skills and build the foundations of their team and make a plan for the year ahead. It is essential that our students have ownership and input into their education and I look forward to seeing what ideas and strategies they come back with. A big thank you to Mrs Erhardt and Ms Jamieson for their organisation of this camp and to Ms Jamieson and Mr Barrie for attending with the students.

## **2020 Harvest**

This week our VCAL students have been working very hard to complete the harvest of this years grapes and also the bottling of the 2019 Commissioners Hill Shiraz. The work students and staff have put into the development of this wonderful program and the quality of what is being produced is very exciting. Congratulations to the VCAL students and teachers (Mr Andy Reynolds, Ms Henry, Mr Ellis and Mr Chris Reynolds)!

## **Staffing Changes**

This term we have farewelled Kim Barratt and Pradeep Chandak from our school. Kim has accepted a position at Melton Special School and we wish her every success within this position, no doubt she is already having an impact on the students she is supporting in Melton. I would like to thank Pradeep for his contribution to Ararat College over his time at our school and the work that he has done in our Maths Department.

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

Just a reminder our first round of Progress Reports will be published on Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. 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 bookings for Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences are now open and all families should have received information on how to book in the mail. If you would like further information or assistance with your bookings please contact our office on 5352 4177.

For more information on our Progress Reports please visit the following page on our school website <http://www.araratcc.vic.edu.au/reports>

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

# College Production - Alice in Wonderland

---

Hi All,

It is that time of the year again- the School Play this year will be Alice in Wonderland!!

Everyone is very welcome to audition - if you wish to audition for the Mad Hatter, please familiarise yourself with the song "Mad World" Imagine Dragons. if you wish to go for Alice, please prepare a song, but if you don't sing it's ok, as I have not designated her a song as yet. The other lead role for males is going to be the Jack of Hearts, I will have the Queen of Hearts (red Queen) and the White Queen. There will be many more exciting interesting parts and the opportunity to be in non-speaking roles and just dance roles if you wish. I will put up the audition sheets this week.

Auditions are on Wednesday 18th March at the following times.

**Year 7 - period 1,**

**Year 8 - period 2,**

**Year 9 - period 3,**

**Year 10 - period 4 ,**

**Year 12 - lunchtime,**

**Year 11 - period 5**

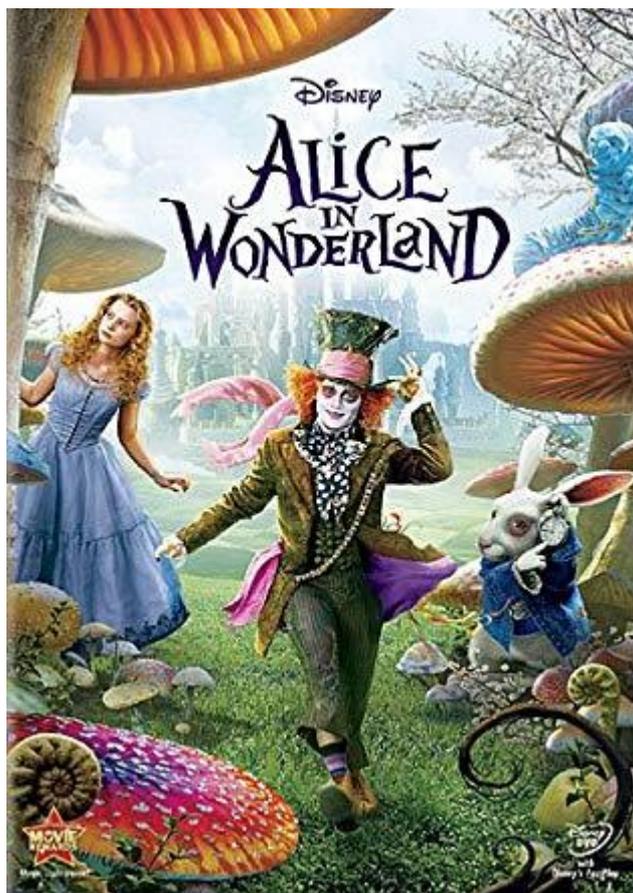
period 6 is for anyone who missed the opportunity- discussions and designating roles.

Let's get excited, it should be great! Expect a blend of the story, the play and the movie!

See you all Wednesday!!

**Janine Poole**

**Production coordinator**



## Music / Drama Night

**Wednesday 18th March at 7.00pm**

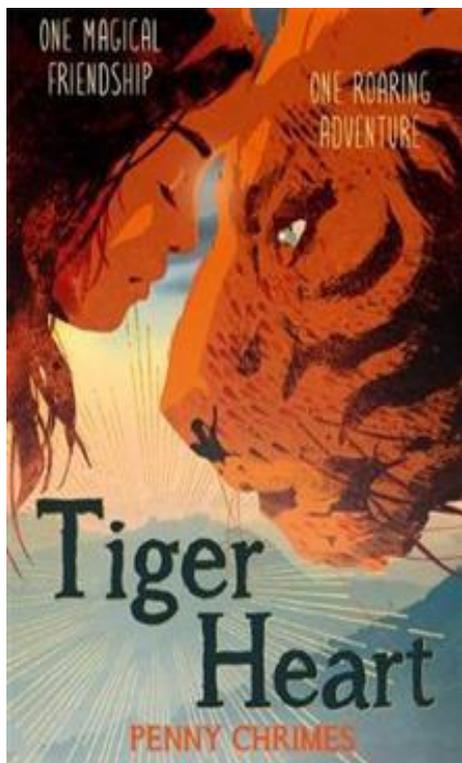
**in the College Arts Wing**

**All Welcome**



# AC Reads

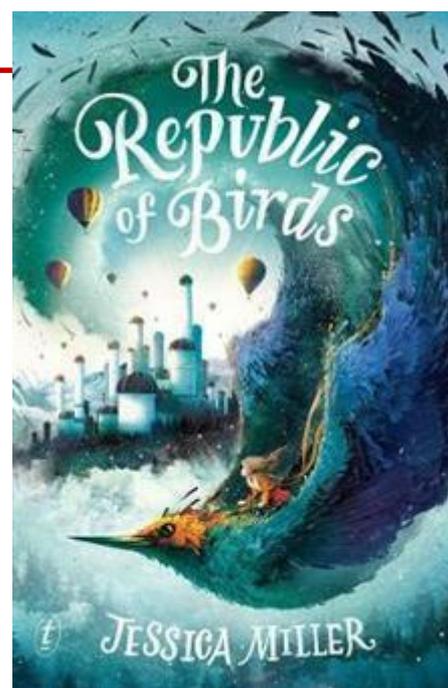
These new novels are now available to borrow from the library.



One magical friendship. One roaring adventure. The magical tale of a bold young chimney sweep and a remarkable Tiger, a dangerously hypnotic ruby and a mystical land found across an ocean and through a storm. When sooty orphan Gobby falls down a chimney she's meant to be cleaning and straight into a Tiger's cage, she thinks her short life is about to end right then and there. But instead of gobbling her up, the Tiger bows, and addresses the bemused Gobby as 'Your Majesty'. Shocked but intrigued, Gobby vows to free the Tiger from his captivity. Together, they embark on a journey that will take them from the dark and twisty lanes of London over the ocean in order to reach what the Tiger says is their homeland. Will Gobby be able to fulfil her destiny and become the princess she was born to be?

A land of forbidden magic. A book of ancient maps. A story of courage and sisterly love.

Magic is banned in Tsaretsvo. Any young girl who shows signs of being magical is whisked away to Bleak Steppe - to a life, so the story goes, of unspeakable punishment. So when strange things begin to happen to Olga, she knows she has a dangerous secret, one she must guard with great care. Then the birds take the thing most precious to her, and Olga must summon all her courage to go into the Republic of Birds to get it back. It's an impossible task - unless she can find a way to unlock her hidden magic.



# Celebrating International Women's Day

The HOPKINS Correctional Facility hosted its third International Women's Day event on Tuesday March 10th with Ararat College being represented by students Chloe Brassler, Bree Bond, Fyn Smithwick, Dakota Barrie, Jessica Burns along with teacher Melissa Murnane.

Jessica Patterson from the CGLLEN was the keynote speaker and she spoke to the audience about her experience of having worked with strong women from poverty stricken countries and now her current role in the 'Resilient Ararat' project.

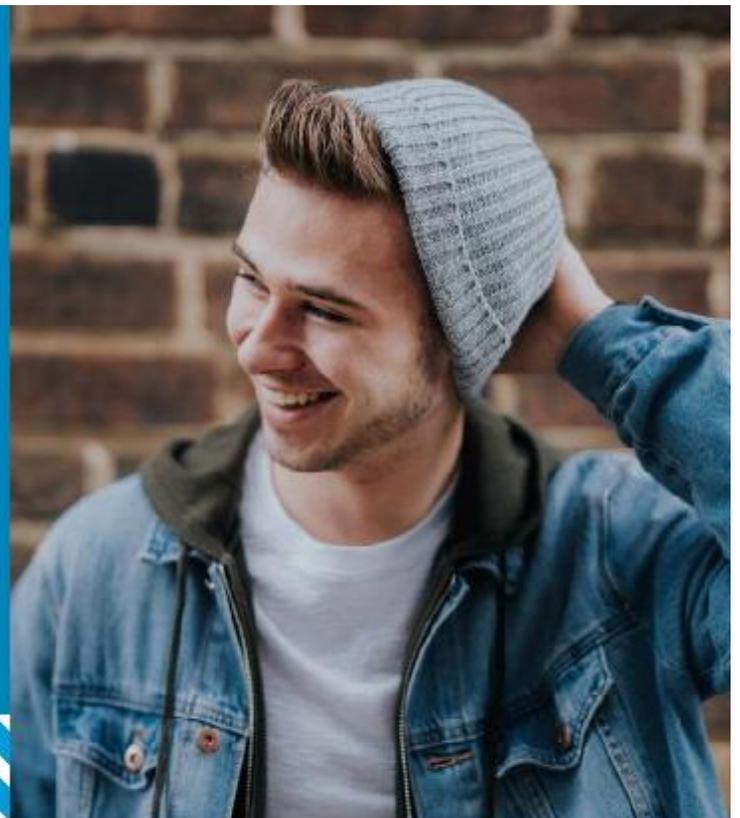
The event was attended by members of community groups including Ararat College, Ararat Community Enterprise, as well as Ararat Rural City Council mayor, Jo Armstrong.



## TAC L2P Program

The TAC L2P program is free for eligible young people aged 16-21 years. The young learners are matched with fully licensed volunteer mentors and have access to a sponsored vehicle, which they can use to get their 120-hour supervised driving experience.

For more information please call the L2P coordinator on 5352 3266



Central Grampians

**LLEN**

engage. innovate. inspire.



ARARAT  
COLLEGE



Respect - Responsibility - Excellence



## Mission statement

"We provide an education that empowers young people to find their voice and thrive in any endeavour with respect, responsibility and excellence"

## Values

### Respect

We are inclusive of all and celebrate diversity  
We take pride in ourselves and our physical and social community  
We show kindness to one another

### Responsibility

We are accountable for our own actions  
We resolve differences in constructive ways  
We contribute positively to our community

### Excellence

We aspire to exceed our potential  
We challenge ourselves to be continuously improving  
We embrace opportunities



## Motto

"Nothing without effort"



# Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

Factsheet for the Victorian public

**Last updated: 03 March 2020**

**If you think you may have coronavirus disease, please call the dedicated hotline on 1800 675 389. This hotline is serviced by Nurse-on-Call. Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies.**

## What is coronavirus disease?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV).

This coronavirus disease is a new strain that has not been previously identified in humans.

## Am I at risk?

At this time, anyone who has been in Iran or mainland China or mainland China (excluding Hong Kong SAR, Macau and Taiwan) in the past 14 days or is a close or casual contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 is at the highest risk of infection.

Visit [doh.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://doh.vic.gov.au/coronavirus) for the current information on risks.

## Who is most vulnerable?

Experience tells us that people with compromised immune systems, the very old and young and those with diagnosed heart and lung conditions are most at risk of developing complications if they contract an infection like coronavirus infection.

## What should I do if I am at risk?

If you are in one of the two risk groups listed above:

- Stay at home (self-quarantine)
- Avoid public settings - this means you should not attend work, school, childcare or university or go to other public places such as restaurants, cinemas or shopping centres and should not use public transport or taxis

Do this for 14 days after leaving mainland China, or when coming into close contact with a person that has coronavirus disease (other than when seeking medical care).

## What are the symptoms of coronavirus disease?

People with coronavirus disease are most likely to have a fever, and may have respiratory symptoms like a sore throat, runny nose, cough or shortness of breath. Not all people with the disease will have a fever.

## How does coronavirus disease spread?

Health authorities around the world believe the virus is spread through close contact with people carrying the virus. There is evidence that people are infectious before they begin to show symptoms of the virus, however they are likely to be most infectious for the first few days of illness.

## What is the Victorian Government doing about this problem?

Victoria has a world-class hospital system that is well-prepared and ready to deal with cases of infection.

The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services is working with health authorities across Australia and the world to monitor and track the situation. Work is underway to adapt pandemic plans and to develop responses to this infection should there be an escalation in infections seen in Australia.

## What should I do if I think I might have been infected with coronavirus disease?

If you are ill and have travelled to mainland China, including Hubei Province, in the 14 days before becoming sick, you should phone your doctor before attending a clinic.

If there is a risk of infection, your doctor will perform a test to determine if you have coronavirus disease.

## Can my child go to school?

Advice for attendance at schools, early childhood education services and TAFEs and training providers is available from the Department of Education at [education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx).

## How do I protect myself and my family?

The best way to protect yourself and your family is to pay attention to good hand and respiratory hygiene.

Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into your elbow, dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards. Wash your hands regularly, after using the toilet and before eating.

If you have concerns about your health, please see your doctor.

Healthcare workers are advised to use appropriate infection prevention control measures when looking after patients.

## Do I need to wear a face mask?

Face masks are not recommended for use by members of the public in Victoria for the prevention of infections like coronavirus disease.

## Where can I find current travel advice?

Check the Smart Traveller website for current travel restrictions and advice: [smartraveller.gov.au](https://www.smartraveller.gov.au)

## Where can I find out more information?

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: [dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus)

For national updates: [health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus](https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus)

For international updates: [who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus](https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019)

WHO resources: [who.int/health-topics/coronavirus](https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus)

# News from the School Farm

On Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup>, Ararat College VCAL students bottled the 2019 Shiraz from their vineyard.

This is the first time in approximately 10 years that the vineyard has been fully utilised to this extent. Students have been the drivers for this project and are gaining a good knowledge of the wine making process.

The Shiraz will be available to purchase later in the year.



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

**East Grampians Health Service**  
**Ark Toy and**  
**Activity Library**



**Thursday April 9 2020**

**Alexandra Gardens, Ararat | 10am**

(Meet at the Rotunda near the swimming pool)

**\$5 per child**  
(preschool age)

**BYO morning tea**

**Raising funds to purchase  
new toys and equipment  
for the EGHS Ark Toy and  
Activity Library**



**Visit by the  
Easter Bunny!**



**Picnic blankets  
and toys from  
The Ark Toy  
and Activity  
Library supplied**

**RSVP by Friday April 3**  
Jodie Holwell  
P: 03 5352 9387



**JUNIOR FOOTBALL  
AND NETBALL TRAINING  
HAS STARTED!**

**ALL PLAYERS WELCOME, OLD & NEW!  
SEE DETAILS BELOW:**

**Junior Football Teams:**



Under 16.5  
Under 12

Football training is every  
Monday & Wednesday night,  
5pm @ Alexandra Oval  
Contact: Laurie Moyle or  
Ned Hutchinson on messenger

**Junior Netball Age Groups:**

13 and Under  
15 and Under  
17 and Under



Netball training is  
every Wednesday night,  
4.30pm @ Alexandra courts  
Contact: Melissa Murnane on  
messenger



Follow us on Facebook @ Ararat Eagles Football Netball Club  
for training times and updates.

**Resilient  
Ararat**

**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)



## March 2020

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 Legacy Shrine Visit Melbourne
Week 2	Monday	20	
	Tuesday	21	
	Wednesday	22	
	Thursday	23	
	Friday	24	
Week 3	Monday	27	
	Tuesday	28	Ararat College Expo
	Wednesday	29	
	Thursday	30	
May	Friday	1	

**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.***