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Term 4 Week 2 Volume 30



## ***Back in Class!***

After many weeks of remote learning, we are thrilled to have everyone actively engaged back in the classroom. Whilst masks present a new challenge in face to face learning, both students and staff are adapting very quickly.



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

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## **Back to school**

This week has been wonderful as we once again have the school buzzing with students and staff, working back to a regular routine. This term we will have three main priorities that we will be focusing on to ensure our students are supported to the highest possible level. These priorities are:

- Mental Health and Wellbeing,
- Continuity of Learning and Student Voice and Agency
- Transitions across the school.

Students and staff have started the return to school excited to be back out and about and we look forward to this continuing for the remainder of this year.

## **Parent Opinion Survey**

This year our Annual Parent Opinion Survey will be providing all our families with an opportunity to provide feedback to our school. We value the ideas and feedback of our parent community and we are focused on making continual improvements for the benefit of our students. This being their learning and overall health and wellbeing. Parents will receive an email and information through our XUNO parent portal which will explain how this survey can be completed. If you have any questions regarding this or would like the details sent another way please contact out office on 5352 4177.

## **Grand Final Public Holiday**

A reminder to all families that next week, Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> is a public holiday for the AFL Grand Final.

## **Junior School Leader Position**

Over the holidays we completed the selection process for the position of Junior School Leader from 2021 – 2024. Congratulations to Ms Angela Ettles who was appointed to this position. As many of you would know Angela has been the Acting Junior School Leader for some time and has provided outstanding support to a number of our families and their children. We look forward to Angela's continued high level of support and communication in this role, as well as her exceptional knowledge and understanding of effectively supporting students with additional needs.

**Ellie McDougall**

**Principal**

# ***Parent Opinion survey***

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## **WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!**

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst all parents.

It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October** to **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

The survey will be available through the Xuno Parent Portal. Details on how to register and log into the Portal are included in this newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact the college office if you need any assistance with this process.

## ***Maths Competition 2020***

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At the beginning of Term 3 we had 21 students from Years 7, 8 and 10 take part in the Australian Maths Competition online this year. While formal certificates are still to be sent to the school, we do have the results of how students went. A total of 6 Credits were awarded to:

- Lane Jackson (Yr 7)
- Gio McKinnis (Yr 7)
- Monique Sherwell (Yr 8)
- Rahni Cooper (Yr 8)
- Milly Keilar (Yr 8)
- Amy Clarke (Yr 10)

There were also 8 Proficient awards and 7 Participation awards. Congratulations to all students involved in the competition this year and we hope to have even more give it a go in 2021.

**Katrina Pace**

**Maths Coordinator**



# Year 12 Chemistry



With the return of onsite learning, so does experiments for Unit 2 Chemistry. First day back and they started with two experiments relating to the online learning they did in Term 3. The first was looking at corrosion and methods of preventing corrosion, using iron nails. The second was looking at the decomposition of sodium hydrogen carbonate (bi carb) when heated. This was linked to its usefulness in baking by creating carbon dioxide gas and water vapour. It is great to get back in to class and use those laboratory skills.

**Katrina Pace**  
**Chemistry Teacher**





# Science Department Residents Return

The Science Departments resident insects have been bought back on site after a holiday at my home and have settled in comfortably. I think the staff and students have been surprised at the size they are now as they were around thumbnail size in June.

After donating 6 of each of the insects to the science department at Mount Rowan College, we now have 17 large Stick insects and 8 Spiny Leaf insects left on site. We have found that having these gentle and interesting creatures in the classroom generates interest and a sense of calm for many students.

Sharing resources like this, where possible, allows us to build a strong relationship with other schools. For instance, this has resulted in Mt Rowan College offering to loan some of their resources for one of our upcoming practical experiments. This saves us both time and money and eliminates the need to purchase single use materials.

**Donna Lavery**  
Science Technician





# ***A Message From the Wellbeing Team***

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## **Year 7 Welcome Back**

It has been great to be able to welcome everyone back onto school grounds this week. Something most of us have really missed with remote learning is being able to have face to face conversations.

With this in mind, we decided that it would be a great time to do some initiative games with the year 7 students to strengthen their social networks as a year level, and also as house teams. Students worked enthusiastic to support each other through the activities and a lot of fun was had by all. Each house managed to win one of the three activities. Well done to everyone including Mr Krol, Mr Healey and Mr Spalding who helped run these activities.

Cheers





# Global Food

This week in Global food the focus was Thailand. Students made Chicken and Thai Basil Spring Rolls on Wednesday and Sticky Thai Mango Rice on Thursday. This is Angus with his beautifully presented Sticky Rice dish.

**Anne Henry**  
**Global Food Teacher**



## From the Art Department



**Year 11 Art**  
**Emily Lewis**

**Year 9 & 10 Textiles**  
**Pencil cases by Angus Cavanagh**  
**and Ella McLoughlin**





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SERVICES PRESENT A GAMBLING  
HARM AWARENESS WEEK EVENT



Join us for a panel discussion on how to keep you and your kids safer online. You'll get tips and tricks from the experts and learn the insider tactics that keep you playing. Bring your kids along to this free online session featuring:

Cyber Safety Project founder and gaming expert **Sam Macaulay**

Cafs Therapeutic Gambling Counsellor **Saniya Goriawala**

Moorabool PSA Youth Resource Officer, **Leading Senior Constable Jim Ross**

**FREE ONLINE EVENT FOR ALL AGES**

**WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER - 7PM**

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- ✓ **between 16 and 21 years of age?**
- ✓ **hold a current learner's permit?**
- ✓ **limited access to a vehicle or supervising driver?**






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**RESILIENT COMMUNITIES...**



**SUPPORT LOCAL.**

**PROMOTE POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH.**

**INSPIRE COLLABORATION.**

**ENCOURAGE KINDNESS.**



## 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**

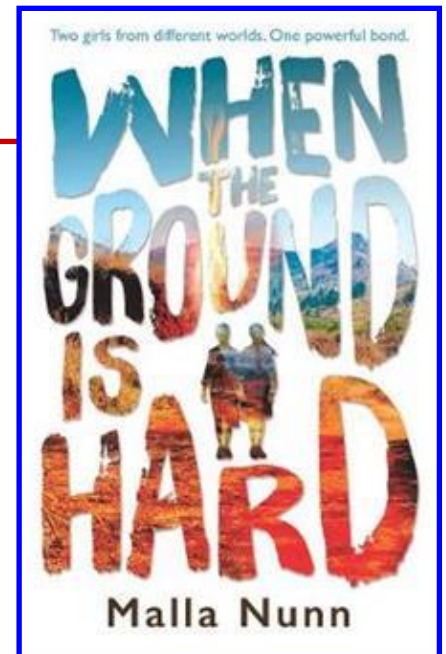
- by installing the mobile App available free from the App Store or Google Play.
- Via the website <https://smttool.araratcc.vic.edu.au>
- School Code **6hk3a4**

This year the annual CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) Book Week will run from October 17 - 23. The following titles have been shortlisted for the Book of the Year, Older Readers Category. All of these novels are available for borrowing from the library.

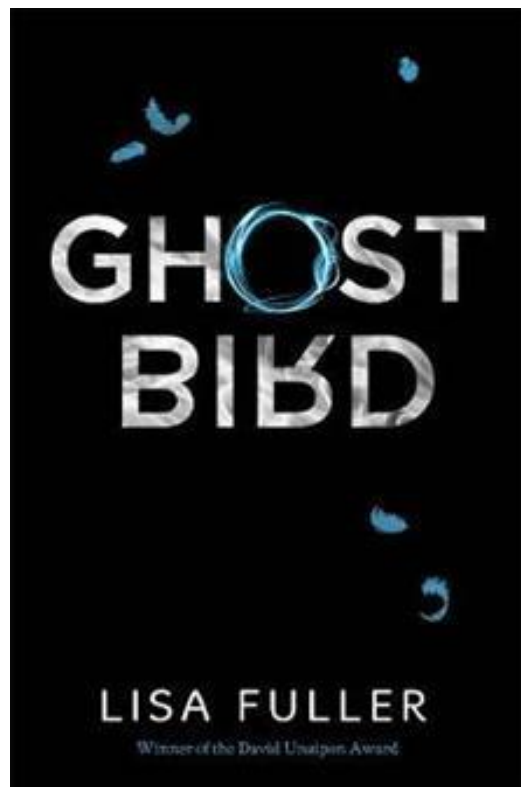


Can two broken boys find their perfect home? Sam is only fifteen but he and his autistic older brother, Avery, have been abandoned by every relative he's ever known. Now Sam's trying to build a new life for them. He survives by breaking into empty houses when their owners are away, until one day he's caught out when a family returns home. To his amazement this large, chaotic family takes him under their wing - each teenager assuming Sam is a friend of another sibling. Sam finds himself inextricably caught up in their life, and falling for the beautiful Moxie. But Sam has a secret, and his past is about to catch up with him.

Adele loves being one of the popular girls at Keziah Christian Academy. She knows the upcoming semester at school will be great with her best friend Delia at her side. Then Delia dumps her for a new girl with more money, and Adele is forced to share a room with Lottie, the school pariah, who doesn't pray and defies teachers' orders. As they share a copy of Jane Eyre, Lottie's gruff exterior and honesty grow on Adele, and together they take on bullies and protect each other from the vindictive and prejudiced teachers. When a boy goes missing on campus, Adele and Lottie must work together to solve the mystery, in the process learning the true meaning of friendship.



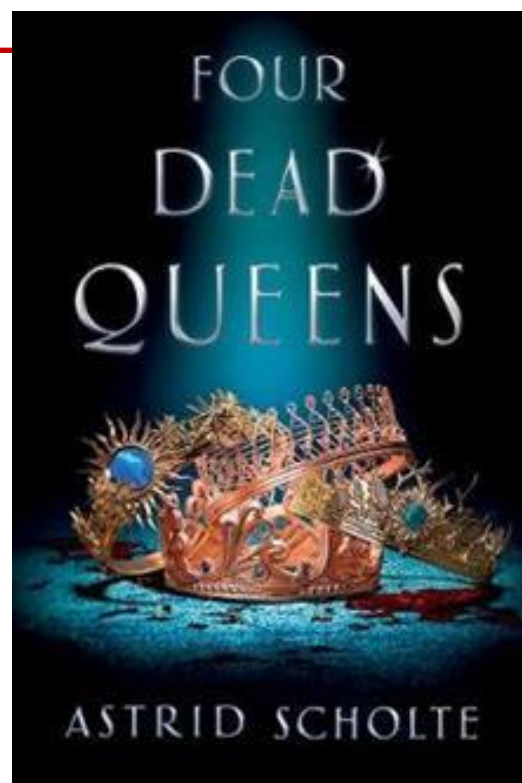




Stacey and Laney are twins - mirror images of each other - and yet they're as different as the sun and moon. Stacey works hard at school, determined to get out of their small town. Laney skips school and sneaks out of the house to meet her boyfriend. But when Laney disappears one night, Stacey can't believe she's just run off without telling her. As the days pass and Laney doesn't return, Stacey starts dreaming of her twin. The dreams are dark and terrifying, difficult to understand and hard to shake, but at least they tell Stacey one key thing - Laney is alive. It's hard for Stacey to know what's real and what's imagined and even harder to know who to trust. All she knows for sure is that Laney needs her help. Stacey is the only one who can find her sister. Will she find her in time?

Four Queens. A divided nation. A ruthless pickpocket. A noble messenger. And the murders that unite them.

Keralie Corrington is a talented pickpocket. She steals for the black market in her quadrant. Her nation is divided into four regions, each strictly separated from the other. Four queens, one from each quadrant, rule as one. When Keralie steals a particularly valuable item from a messenger, she discovers she's intercepted instructions to murder the queens. Hoping to find the culprit, Keralie teams up with Varin Bollt. But with Keralie and Varin each keeping secrets - and the lives of the queens hanging in the balance - everything is at stake. And no one can be trusted in a world full of ruthless thieves, black markets, a golden palace, daring heists, royal intrigue, noble messengers, forbidden love, four queens - each with a secret, and, of course, murder.



## October 2020

Week 3	Monday	19	
	Tuesday	20	
	Wednesday	21	
	Thursday	22	
	Friday	23	AFL Grand Final Public Holiday
Week 4	Monday	26	Student Reports - Year 12 only
	Tuesday	27	
	Wednesday	28	Year 7 and 10 Immunisations
	Thursday	29	
	Friday	30	Last Day of Classes - Year 12

## November 2020

Week 5	Monday	2	Year 12 Farewell Breakfast and Assembly
	Tuesday	3	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
	Wednesday	4	
	Thursday	5	Year 11 Oaks Day Luncheon
	Friday	6	
Week 6	Monday	9	
	Tuesday	10	Year 12 VCE Exams Begin
	Wednesday	11	
	Thursday	12	
	Friday	13	
Week 7	Monday	16	
	Tuesday	17	
	Wednesday	18	
	Thursday	19	
	Friday	20	

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.*