



On the last day of Term One we held our House Athletic Sports at Alexandra oval. The day began with the now regular costume parade of the Year 12 to the grandstand, before the House leaders took charge of their teams. Competitors throughout the day did the right thing by either successfully displaying their level of skill or fitness, or participating for House success. Disappointingly there were a number of students who failed to attend on the day despite attendance being compulsory as per a normal school day. These students will not be offered the chance to represent the school in inter-school sporting teams.

Congratulations to event winners, record breakers and age group champions. Event winners will be offered the chance to participate at the Black Ranges Athletics in Stawell early in term two.

Congratulations to Hopkins for repeating their 2017 success by winning the Overall and Boys' aggregate and Pyrenees winning the Girls' aggregate.

A huge thankyou to staff for judging events throughout the day, Mr Bowles for his hours of preparation entering students into events on the computer, and Jodie and Mel for offering a canteen.

Mr Spalding

A Message from our Principal ...

Welcome Back

I hope that everyone enjoyed a restful break and a happy Easter. Term 2 has started off in a very busy manner with a lot happening, meaning that everyone has hit the ground running. I would also like to welcome Rachel Denney Allen, who was successful in gaining an Education Support Role at our school for Term Two.

Farewell to Ms Henry

Last week we farewelled Ms Henry as she finished up to begin her maternity leave. We wish Ms Henry and her husband Tom all the best at this very exciting time! Ms Henry will be very greatly missed.



Acting Assistant Principal Term Two

Congratulations to Mrs Erhardt who was successful in gaining the Acting Assistant Principal for Term Two. Mrs Erhardt has been working as a Leading Teacher in our school and will be fantastic in her new role. During this time Mr Reynolds will be Head of our Senior School and overseeing both the VCE and VCAL programs – congratulations to Mr Reynolds.

Student Attitude to School Survey

This week the 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 the opportunity to have a say in the future decisions of the school.

ANZAC Day Service

Last week we commemorated ANZAC day at Ararat College with a school service and also at our community service in Ararat. The students who represented our school at both of these services did a fantastic job and should be very proud of themselves. I would like to give a special mention to Tylah Moana who spoke on behalf of the Maori community at the Ararat Service with a speech that he had written. Tylah's speech was very touching, well done Tylah!



House Athletics Results

Congratulations to Hopkins House, who took out the overall victory at our recent House Athletics! Congratulations to all of our Age Group Champions and to all students who participated on the day. I am sure that 2020 will be the year of Grampians!

Expo and Information Night

This week we have held our School Expo (where Grade 5/6 students come and visit our school) and our 2020 Year 7 Information Night. It has been fantastic to meet some of the Grade 5/6 students and families in our community, and to talk to them about the next stage of their schooling, which is a very exciting time! A big thank you to Ms Ettles and Ms Henry for organising these days, and to the many students and staff who assisted. If any parents would like to arrange a tour of the school or to ask any questions, please contact the school on 5352 4177.



School Psychologist



It is with great sadness that I announce the resignation of our school psychologist Ms Bonnie Hendricks and her therapy dog Harlow. During her time at our school Bonnie has been a great asset and support to our students, parents and staff, and she will be greatly missed. Bonnie finishes at our school at the end of this term and during this time will be assisting us in the recruitment of a suitable replacement. Bonnie is going to continue to be available in Ararat through her private practice.

NAPLAN

This year our school is undertaking NAPLAN online, which means the testing will be conducted over a two week period, beginning May 13th. Tests are spread out over this time so that students are not completing them every day. Students need to ensure that they have a charged laptop during this time. At Ararat College we focus on personal growth and effort 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 end of our school. 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 best support all of our students to have a positive experience.

Ellie McDougall

Acting Principal

Athletics Results

RECORDS			
12/13	BLIGH, Demi	800m	3:05.00 min
	MAXWELL, Sevahn	Shot Put	9.1 m
	MCDONALD, Olivia	200m	34.62 sec
	EVANS, Ruby	Triple Jump	7.66 m
	BURTON, Danah	1500m	7.09 min
	TONER, Hugh	800m	2:54.00 min
	KETTLE, Sonny	200m	32.38 sec
	JENNINGS, Jim	400m	1:14.81 min
	LANCASTER, Damien	Shot Put	10.46 m
	TONER, Hugh	Triple Jump	9.15 m
	TONER, Hugh	Long Jump	3.99 m
14	MCARTHUR-SCHWAB, Leilani	1500m	7.35 min
	HEMLEY, Byron	Shot Put	8.38 m
15	MCLOUGHLIN, Ella	Triple Jump	8.2 m
	MCLOUGHLIN, Ella	Javelin	22.12 m
	BURNS, Jessica	400m	1:16.59 min
	BURNS, Jessica	100m	13.50
	SKUBNIK, Ben	Long Jump	4.66 m
	TONER, Flynn	800m	2:36.00 min
	HEARD, Ryan	400m	1:08.12 min
	SKUBNIK, Ben	High Jump	1.55 m
	SKUBNIK, Ben	100m	12.83 sec
	HYLAND, Jackson	Triple Jump	10.25 m
16	BURNS, Hannah	1500m	8.16 min
17	JAMIESON, Flynn	High Jump	1.67 m
	JAMIESON, Flynn	400m	1:02.43 min
18/20	GRAHAM, Chloe	Triple Jump	8.78 m
	GRAHAM, Chloe	Long Jump	3.77 m
	WOOD, Ella	100m	13.58
	Hopkins	4x100m Relay	1:03.09 min

AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS		
12/13	Olivia Graham	Jim Jennings
14	Emma Lavery	Byron Hemley
15	Lachlan Fiegert	Ella McLoughlin
16	Ben Skubnik	Kate Sellon
17	Flynn Jamieson	Kirsty Skubnik
18/20	Chloe Graham	Michael Purnell



OVERALL RESULTS			
	Females	Males	Aggregate
Hopkins	2nd 2288	1st 2037	1st 4325
Pyrenees	1st 2317	2nd 1658	2nd 3975
Grampians	3rd 1892	3rd 1542	3rd 3434



House Athletics





House Athletics



attendance MATTERS

**Did you receive an attendance certificate for term 1?
Did you receive a random prize for your attendance for
Term 1?
WHY ????**

At the end of each term, students who achieve 98% - 100% attendance and those students who have shown most IMPROVED attendance will receive a certificate and go into a draw to win random prizes. The prizes are donated by local businesses and Ararat College.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE STUDENTS!

On behalf of Ararat College I would like to thank those businesses which have so kindly donated to assist with prizes for our students. It is greatly appreciated by the school, our community and the students.



Attitudes to School 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 we are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

Students from Year 7 to 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 point before, during, or after completion of the survey.

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 29 April to Monday 13 May. The survey only takes up to twenty minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

The survey results will be reported back to the school before the end of Term 2. 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.

The survey results will be communicated to parents through our school's Annual Report.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's coordinator or visit: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>

This Week in ... Year 7 Food

Mrs Murnane's Food class made fried rice this week.



Year 7 Food



BUILDING RESILIENCE

from the Ararat College Welfare Team

WHAT IS RESILIENCE?

Resilience is the ability to cope when things go wrong. Resilience can also be described as:

- ♦ Bouncing back after difficult times
- ♦ Dealing with challenges and still holding your head up
- ♦ Giving things a go or trying your best
- ♦ Being strong on the inside
- ♦ Standing up for yourself



WHAT HELPS DEVELOP RESILIENCE?

- ♦ Having a positive attitude
- ♦ Finding good friends
- ♦ Feeling good about yourself
- ♦ Feeling like you belong
- ♦ Helping others and giving back
- ♦ Being able to solve problems/ overcome challenges
- ♦ Good communication skills

WHAT CAN I DO WHAT I AM FACING A CHALLENGE?

You can start to build resilience by asking yourself:

- ♦ What can I do to get back on track?
- ♦ I can't control everything, so what is in my control?
- ♦ Can I change something I am doing to make things better?
- ♦ What can I learn from this?
- ♦ Who can help?



“By dealing with challenges you can learn resilience and find inner strength you didn’t know you had!”

HOW TO BUILD YOUR OWN RESILIENCE:

There are lots of things you can do to develop your own resilience. Here are some ideas:

- ♦ Think positive thoughts
- ♦ Look after yourself
- ♦ Keep trying
- ♦ Talk to someone
- ♦ Learn from mistakes
- ♦ Work towards your goals
- ♦ Look for positives in the situation
- ♦ Accept that change happens all the time

Everyone can learn how to be resilient. You might still feel stressed at times but it’s how you deal with it that counts!



Every Day

+



On Time

+



Attendance

**= Academic
Success**



AC Reads

New Books in the Library

Students have requested these series as part of the Illuminate reading program.



The Magyk begins here ! Septimus Heap, the seventh son of the seventh son, disappears the night he is born, pronounced dead by the midwife. That same night, the baby's father, Silas Heap, comes across an abandoned child in the snow -- a newborn girl with violet eyes. The Heaps take her into their home, name her Jenna, and raise her as their own. But who is this mysterious baby girl, and what really happened to their beloved son Septimus?

Magyk is the first volume of the Septimus Heap series by Angie Sage.



Alex and Conner Bailey's world is about to change, in this fast-paced adventure that uniquely combines our modern day world with the enchanting realm of classic fairy tales. The Land of Stories tells the tale of twins Alex and Conner. Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, they leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic where they come face-to-face with the fairy tale characters they grew up reading about. But after a series of encounters with witches, wolves, goblins, and trolls alike, getting back home is going to be harder than they thought.

The Wishing Spell is the first volume in the Land of Stories series by Chris Colfer.

Computer Reminder

**Do you like using a computer at school?
YES?**

Then please make sure that you return your laptop to the library each afternoon.

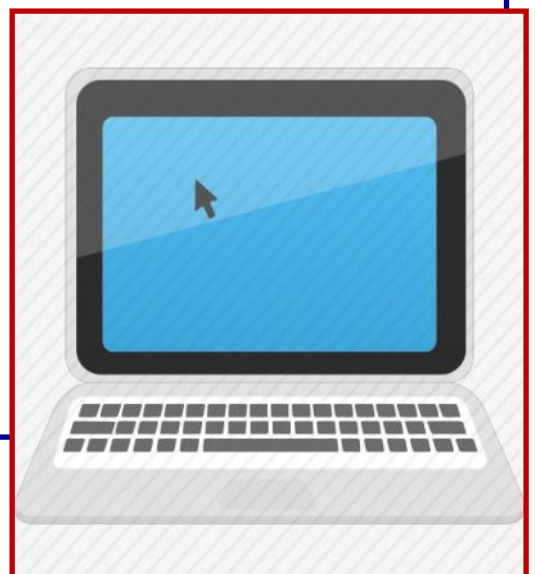
The laptops are a **privilege** to use and make your schooling easier.

They are stored in a secure location each night and are charged ready for you to use the next day.

If you have a computer that you are allowed to take home, please take it home or see Miss Jacobs in the library to arrange a secure spot to leave it overnight and **NOT in your locker.**

If your laptop is NOT returned to the library you are risking it being flat and unable to be used, or it could be stolen as the lockers are not a secure location. You also run the risk of losing the privilege of using it for a period of time.

If you have any questions please talk to Miss Jacobs in the library or to your coordinator.



You are invited to

School Councillor Training

Module: Governance

Are you familiar with the legislative framework within which school councils operate?

Who Should attend?

- All members of school council
- Principals

The School Council Governance Training will:

- Discuss roles and responsibilities
- Clarify legislative requirements
- Help develop skills and knowledge to support your work in strategic planning, finance, policy development and review
- Encourage discussion to understand common issues for school councils
- Assist school councillors to support the principal in achieving the best possible outcomes for students

Bookings are Essential

To secure your place, please go to our website below and book yourself in directly by Wed 24th April

<http://www.synergistiq.com/councillortraining/>

Governance training

Date: Monday 6th May 2019

School: Ararat College

**Address: 4-30 Barkly Street, Ararat,
3377**

**Time: 6pm registration and
refreshments, 6:30pm –
8:30pm training**

You are invited to

School Councillor Training

Module: President

Do you understand your roles and responsibilities as School Council President?

Who Should attend?

- Presidents
- Principals
- Vice-presidents
- Other councillors or executive support staff who play a support roll for the president

The School Council President Training will:

- Help you understand what makes an effective school council
- Discuss ways that councils can engage the school community
- Provide guidance about the supports and information available to you in this role
- Provide information about running meetings and representing the school in the wider community

Bookings are Essential

To secure your place, please go to our website below and book yourself in directly by Monday 29th April

<http://www.synergistiq.com/councillortraining/>

President training

Date: Monday 13th May 2019

School: Ararat College

**Address: 4-30 Barkly Street, Ararat,
3377**

**Time: 3:30pm registration
and refreshments, 4pm –
6pm training**

ARARAT UNITING CHURCH **ANNUAL** **FETE**

SATURDAY 11th MAY 2019

9am - 1pm

St Andrew's Uniting Church, Barkly St.

CAKES - JAMS

SAUCES - PRESERVES

TEA & COFFEE

BBQ SAUSAGES

EGG & BACON SANDWICHES

BOOKS - TOYS



JEWELLERY
TRASH & TREASURE
FIREWOOD - PLANTS
STRAW-MANURE
COMPETITIONS

**Prizes kindly donated by Jane Thomas —
Moyston Store and Café — Forager's Gallery Café**

EGHS Ladies Auxiliary invites everyone to the 2nd

Vintage Roadshow Luncheon

Tuesday 7th May 2019

Guest Speaker & Valuations by Ruth & Rhys Colliton



Location :- Willaura Memorial Hall

Cost: \$35 (includes raffle ticket)

Valuations & Stalls from 11am

Lunch served at 12.30pm

Bookings necessary for catering, please RSVP before April 26th

To Leonie King Ph 5352 4550 Email - bowmont1@bigpond.com

or Kathy Tucker Email - kathy_tucker@bigpond.com.



**Pre-booking for your valuation
is essential as space is limited.**

1 item per person - cost is \$5 for a 5 min valuation

**TO BOOK FOR A VALUATION - contact Bev McRae
Ph 0458 728 008 or Ph 5352 7006**

from April 25th until 2ndMay, between 10am & 2pm.

Calendar Term 2

(Week 3)	Monday	6	
May	Tuesday	7	Black Ranges Athletics - Stawell
	Wednesday	8	Play rehearsal - after school
	Thursday	9	Play rehearsal - after school
	Friday	10	
(Week 4)	Monday	13	NAPLAN
	Tuesday	14	NAPLAN
	Wednesday	15	NAPLAN Play rehearsal - after school
	Thursday	16	NAPLAN Play rehearsal - after school
	Friday	17	NAPLAN IDAHOBIT Day
(Week 5)	Monday	20	NAPLAN
	Tuesday	21	NAPLAN School Spec rehearsal - Ballarat
	Wednesday	22	NAPLAN Play rehearsal - after school
	Thursday	23	NAPLAN Play rehearsal - after school
	Friday	24	NAPLAN
(Week 6)	Monday	27	
	Tuesday	28	
	Wednesday	29	Play rehearsal - after school Music Night
	Thursday	30	Play rehearsal - after school
	Friday	31	

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.