



## Meet School Vice Captain Kate Sellon

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Hello school community!

I'm Kate Sellon, one of your School Vice Captains for 2021. It has been great to hear from Mia and Jack in recent weeks, so this week I wanted to introduce myself.

I have grown up and lived in Ararat my whole life and went to Ararat 800 primary school. I played basketball for seven years when I was younger, and during that time, it was a big part of my life. My interests mainly consist of psychology related topics, video games and drawing. Many of you may have seen me at my work - McDonalds in Ararat.

I am always ready for someone to come and have a chat. I have two older siblings and we have all completed our schooling here at Ararat College, and none of us would have preferred a different school community to be a part of. My siblings and I have all enjoyed our schooling at Ararat College and the great connections we have been able to form with many of our teachers.

When I finish school I do not really have a plan for what I want to do, which I am okay with, because I believe many opportunities and events can come up in your life to help direct you to where you want to be. Currently I am undertaking management training at work which is going to be a new and exciting challenge to grow my skillset.

Lastly, I just want to say, that if you see me around the school or have any issues don't be afraid to come and have a chat! Next week we will introduce you to my peer and fellow Vice Captain, Amy Clarke.

**Kate Sellon, School Vice Captain**



# ***A message from our Principal....***

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I hope that all families enjoyed their long weekend! I would like to thank Ms Henry for taking the reigns as Acting Principal whilst I took some long service leave to attend a family wedding.

Term 1 has flown and the next few weeks will be no exception with a number of different events and activities happening.

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

On Monday our first round of Progress Reports will go live on the XUNO parent portal. If you require assistance accessing this portal or setting up the app on your phone please contact our office staff on 5352 4177. 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. Information on how to book a time with your child's teacher at our Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences will be posted to families on Monday. This will take place Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> from 4pm – 7pm and Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> 9am – 12pm. To accommodate these conferences, there will be no classes running on Friday March 26<sup>th</sup>. Having students present for the conferences is extremely important. As a parent or guardian, the active role you play in your child's education cannot be underestimated, so if you would like further information regarding reports or how to make bookings for the upcoming conferences please contact the school.

## **Year 7 Meet and Greet Night**

We have rescheduled our Year 7 Meet and Greet BBQ to Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup>. We welcome all Year 7 families to attend to meet our Year 7 teachers, have a look at some of our school facilities and ask any questions that you have in relation to your child's transition into secondary school. A BBQ tea will be supplied and this will be held at our Trade Training Centre (building at the front of the school) from 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

## **School Council AGM**

Our School Council Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> from 6pm in our Trade Training Centre. At this meeting our 2021 Office Bearers will be elected (the election processes have closed and been completed) and our 2020 Annual Report will be presented. Following the meeting our School Council members for 2021 will be announced.

## **School Photos**

Next Friday March 19<sup>th</sup> school photos will be taken. It would be great to see all students organised and prepared with their uniform and photo envelopes.

**Ellie McDougall**  
**Principal**

# ***School Photos - Friday 19th March 2021***

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Ararat College's annual school photos will take place on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021**.

All students have been given an order form on Tuesday to take home.

Students are required to be in **full correct school uniform** on this day. Students may be asked to put on spare uniform if they are not in correct school uniform.

The studio taking the photos this year will be :

**MSP Photography**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 426 Sturt Street,**  
**Ballarat 3350**  
**Phone 5333 5577**



Students will need to bring their envelope with them on **Friday 19th March**. Please note that envelopes and money do not need to be sent back to the school until the day of the photos. Students give their envelopes **directly to the photographers**.

If you order and pay for your photos online, students must still bring their envelope to give to the photographers.

The cost of photos **cannot** be included on school payment plans or added to school accounts as you are dealing directly with the photographers and we do not collect payment on their behalf.

If you are paying by cash please have correct money as the College will not be able to provide change on the day. If your child does not have their envelope with them on the day, they will still have their photos taken but you will need to contact the photographer to arrange payment. You may also organise a family photo (only available to students attending our school). Envelopes are available from the office.

## **Year 12 students**

Your photos will be taken **before** school on this day. Please make sure you are here by **8.45am at the latest**.

Please do not hesitate to contact the photographers on the above number if you have any concerns.





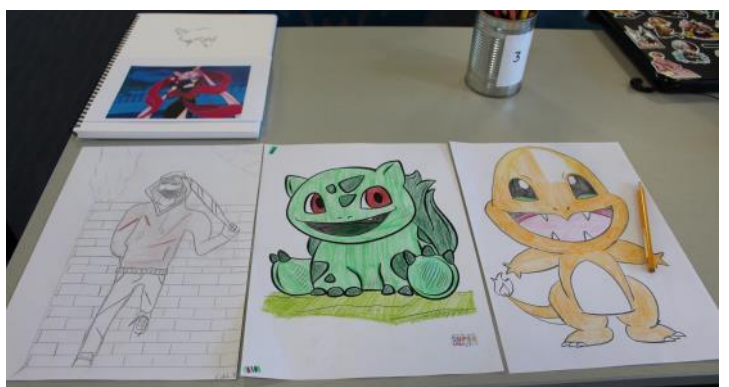
## 'Anime' Club

Anime Club is up and running at Ararat College! It runs every Wednesday for the whole of lunch in the VCAL/Open Learning Centre. Here we all share our passion for various anime and manga and celebrate each other's skills. Anime is either hand drawn or computer drawn animation, some examples are Pokemon and Dragonball Z. Much of anime originated from Manga, which is a Japanese style of comic or graphic novel.

In Anime Club we have a variety of activities students engage in. Our most popular is sketching and drawing. Students either sketch an anime character or create their own, with some students learning how to draw manga characters. There are also colouring sheets of common anime characters available. We have some talented writers that are writing their own anime and stories and hopefully we will be able to feature some of these in future editions of the newsletter. There is also a manga book club for those who want to come and read their manga with others that enjoy this as well. Eventually we would like to get into sewing and looking at making small outfits. Hopefully we can then transfer this into a larger scale where students can take the skills into making their own cosplay outfits if they choose.

There is something for everyone to enjoy in Anime Club and everyone is welcome to come and see what we do.

**Katrina Pace - Club Coordinator**

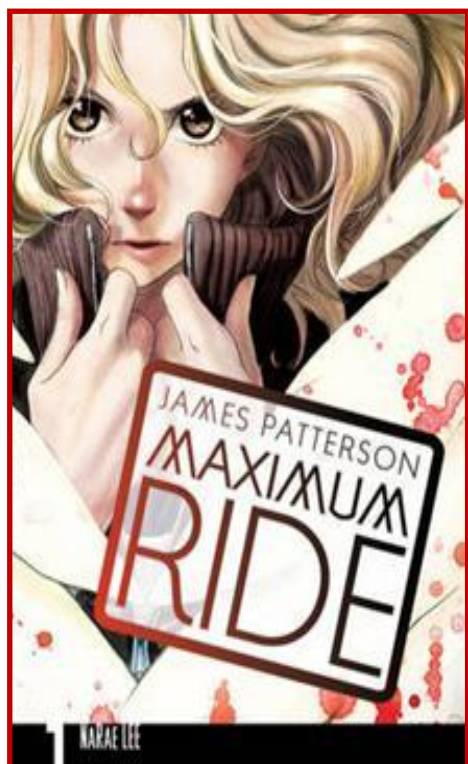
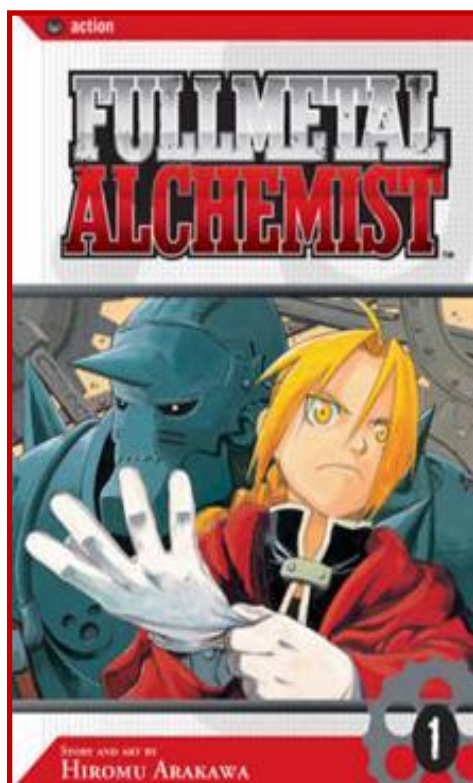




## A C Reads

*Manga* novels requested by students have been a popular addition to our school library in the last year. These are some of the series now available.

Remember that you can always request new titles for the library using the forms in the Illuminate cupboard, or by speaking to Miss Jacobs.





## Year 7 Music

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All year 7 classes had a unique experience for music recently. They learnt about soundwaves and how they can be heard, felt and seen too! Mrs Potter demonstrated this using a special singing bowl.

Being able to feel and see sound was really cool and helps us to understand the definition of music: organised sounds.

**Nicole Potter**

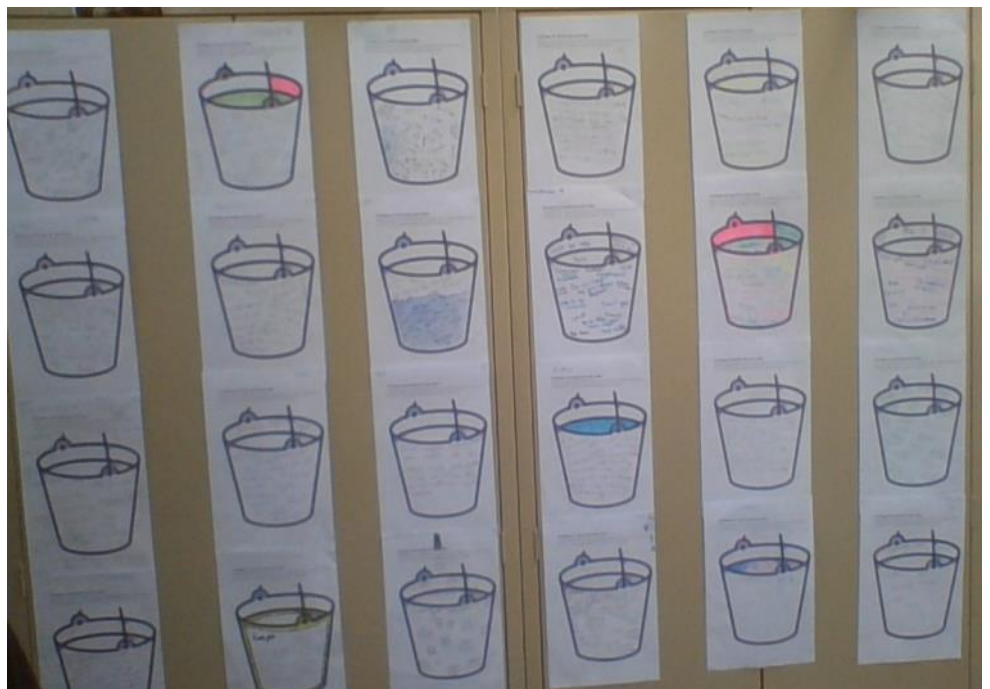


## Year 7 Health

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In the science and language centre there is a display consisting of a 'wall of buckets'. In Year 7 Health, the students had to come up with a list of 20 positive things we should say more often to others and convey these using a 'bucket'. The responses were surprising, thoughtful and considerate. If students get a chance they should have a read of these, they are in SL15.

**Mrs Prior**  
**Year 7 Health Teacher**





## VCAL Remote Learning

During the most recent remote learning period, VCAL students were challenged to learn new practical life skills. Cain Hope took this challenge on and decided that he would teach himself, with the assistance of his parent, to change a car tyre. Cain documented his learning and the safety procedures he went through to ensure that this was compliant with his work related skills studies. Congratulations Cain on taking up this opportunity to apply your learning outside of the typical school setting.

**Kriss Ellis - VCAL Personal Development Skills Teacher**



### **CLASSIC 4 STEP ROCK N ROLL**

**For Fun & Fitness**

**8 Week Beginners Class**

**Starts Thursday 18th March 2021**

**At The Ararat Senior Citizens Hall  
Barkly Street**

**All Ages & No Partner Required**

**90 Min Of Continuous Dancing & Tuition**

**Time 7.30 - 9.00pm**

**Cost \$ 4.00 Per Dancer  
Spectators No Charge**

**All Proceeds To The A. S. C. C**

**Recommended That You Bring A  
Water Bottle & Face Towel**

**For Enquires Please Phone Geoff 0449 228 797**



### **UNDER 16.5 FOOTBALL TRAINING**

**Wednesday nights @ 5:45**



**@ the Tatyoorn oval**

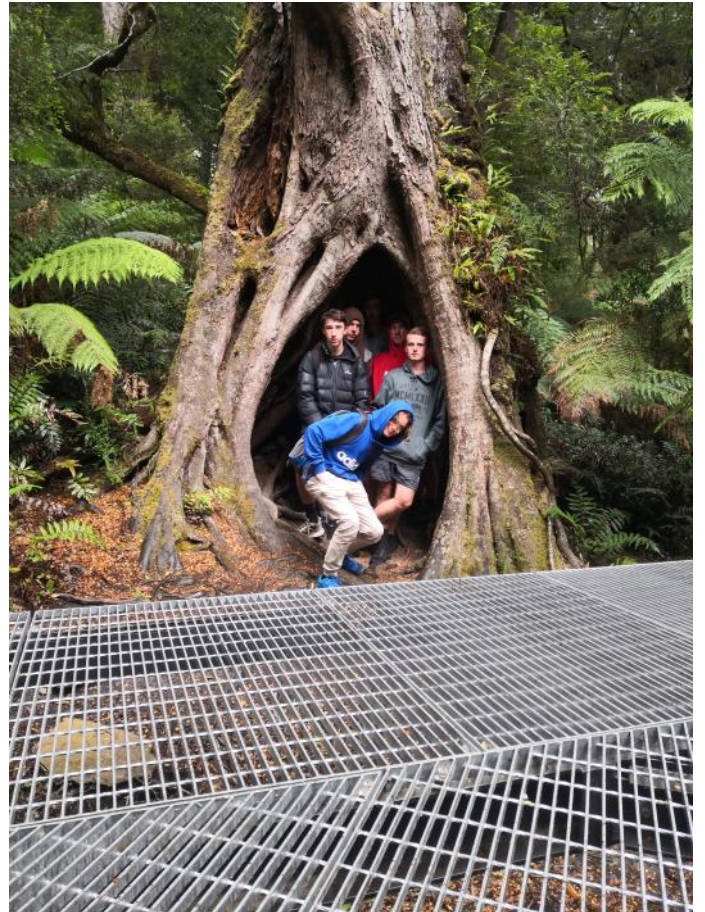
**Free BBQ!**

For any further questions  
just send a message to:  
[oscarh@araratcc.vic.edu.au](mailto:oscarh@araratcc.vic.edu.au)



# Outdoor Education Camp

Year 11 Outdoor and Environmental Studies class had an amazing educational experience in the Otways and Lorne region, where they explored everything from the coast to the sea. This opportunity was a first for many to the Otways and they had a chance to learn all about coastal environments and the processes that support the rich biodiversity of this region.





## Our Spiny Leaf Insects Turn 1

Last year in May, we adopted our horde of spiny leaf insects from the breeding program at Horsham College. They turn one later this month and we hope to set up our own breeding program here at Ararat College. Spiny leaf insect eggs take one to three years to hatch, and they reproduce both sexually and the females can reproduce asexually via parthenogenesis. These processes are key components in science and VCE biology and we are proud to have our own living models to study. Thank you to Donna, our lab technician, for the care and maintenance involved in this project.



## Year 12 Biology

The year 12 biology class are preparing for their SAC (school assessed coursework) this week which is on photosynthesis. They hypothesised that if the concentration of carbon dioxide increases then the rate of photosynthesis will increase. This was evaluated in this 'prac' by using spinach leaves and varying concentrations of carbon dioxide.

**Elouise Gaylard - Biology Teacher**



*Alumni*

## BEC HINCHLIFFE

CLASS OF 2014

### **Favourite Memories at School?**

The friendships, school sports and camps, and going to Snowy River (Alpine School).

### **Who was your favourite teacher(s) and why?**

All my teachers were amazing in their own ways, but Pam Brennan was one of my favourites - best methods teacher.

### **What are you up to now?**

After I finished school I moved to Geelong and studied bachelor's degrees in commerce and arts at Deakin University, majoring in accounting and international relations. After graduating from Deakin I started working with Pitcher Partners (Melbourne) completing their graduate program and continuing on as an analyst, working in Business Advisory and Assurance (management accounting and audit services). With Pitcher Partners, I am currently studying for my Chartered Accountants (graduate diploma).

### **What advice would you give our current students?**

Be yourself.



**Ararat College**

## **Annual General Meeting**

*Will be held*

**Thursday 18th March 2021**

**At 6.00pm**

**Trade Training Centre  
(Barkly St Entrance)**

**All Welcome**





# supporting young people during COVID-19

headspace Ballarat in partnership with headspace National, are hosting a webinar for parents and carers of young people to support their mental health through COVID-19.

Information presented will:

- Strengthen your understanding of mental health and mental health literacy.
- Build skills and strategies to support the mental health and wellbeing of your young person, including their transition to work and study.
- Build awareness of local, state and national supports available to young people.
- Showcase local headspace centre community resources.

The webinar will consist of a presentation on youth mental health, followed by a panel with guest speakers.

**When**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
7pm – 8.15pm AEDT**

**How do I register?**

[Click here](#) to register via Eventbrite, or type the URL below into your web browser:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ballarat-covid-19-parent-and-carer-webinar-supporting-young-people-registration-133800636305>

After you have registered, you will receive an email confirmation from Eventbrite which will include the Zoom meeting link to access the webinar.

**Contact**

For more information email:  
[headspaceSchools@headspace.org.au](mailto:headspaceSchools@headspace.org.au)

## March 2021

Week 8	Monday	15	Student Progress Report 1
	Tuesday	16	
	Wednesday	17	
	Thursday	18	
	Friday	19	School Photos
Week 9	Monday	22	
	Tuesday	23	
	Wednesday	24	Music Performance Night
	Thursday	25	Parent / Teacher / Students Conferences
	Friday	26	Parent / Teacher / Students Conferences
Week 10	Monday	29	
	Tuesday	30	
	Wednesday	31	

## April 2021

	Thursday	1	School Athletics Sports Last Day of Term 1
	Friday	2	Easter - Good Friday

## Term 2

Week 1	Monday	19	First Day Term 2
	Tuesday	20	
	Wednesday	21	
	Thursday	22	
	Friday	23	
Week 2	Monday	26	
	Tuesday	27	
	Wednesday	28	
	Thursday	29	
	Friday	30	

**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.***