



Koori Mentor Group

In week 2 our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students had the opportunity to attend the first of a regular after school Koorie mentor group with Nikki Bell from BADAC (Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative). This mentor group is intended to provide support and further cultural learning opportunities for our Aboriginal students as well as time to plan for upcoming national events such as Reconciliation week (May 27th-3rd June) and NAIDOC week (4th-11th July). During the first group meeting there were a lot of exciting ideas and planning for Reconciliation week which will be built on at the next meeting in two weeks. Thanks to Nikki Bella and BADAC for providing exciting resources and opportunities for our students.

Tahni Skewes (First Nation's Coordinator)



A message from our Principal....

Farewell

This week we held a Morning Tea hosted by our VET Hospitality students to farewell Mrs Sheila Baxter. It was an amazing morning tea with outstanding food! Sheila has been a highly valued member of the Ararat College community for over 31 years. During this time, she has been a diligent, professional, well respected and passionate teacher of both Humanities and the French Language, having a positive impact on countless students throughout her teaching career.

For me, Sheila embodies what it means to be compassionate, caring and kind to all around her. She sees the value in everyone, students, staff and parents and challenges students to reach the potential she knows they can have.

Thank you, Sheila, for the commitment, dedication, and care you have given to our school over your many years of service. I would like to wish you a wonderful retirement, full of many happy memories and hopefully some trips over to France very soon!



Welcome Riley!

Congratulations to Riley Mason who was successful in gaining the Instrumental Music Coordinator role at our school. Riley brings to our school a wealth of knowledge in his field as well as a high-level experience in performing.



Progress Reports

The second round of Progress Reports will go live on Monday on the XUNO parent portal. If you require any assistance accessing these or setting up the XUNO app on your phone, please contact our office staff on 5352 4177. The Progress Reports provide a great opportunity for you to have a conversation with your child about how they are progressing academically as well as their attitude and effort in classes. If you would like more detail on the topics covered in each class and the assessments that inform the reports please check out the assessment guides via this [page on our website](#).

School Photo's and Student ID's

This week school photo packs have been handed out to students, if your child is yet to receive theirs, they can be collected from the office. Student's were also provided with their ID card which is endorsed by PTV for concession travel, these can also be collected from the office.

NAPLAN

Next week our school begins our NAPLAN assessment schedule. We are undertaking our assessments online which means the testing will be conducted over two weeks, with students sitting an assessment every second day. This will begin on Tuesday May 11th and conclude Thursday May 20th. At Ararat College we focus on personal growth, effort and attitude, NAPLAN provides an opportunity for students to practice this in an assessment environment. If you have any questions about NAPLAN please contact the school. We want to support all of our students to sit NAPLAN and to have a positive experience!

Mother's Day

I would like to wish all of the Mum's a very happy Mother's Day! May you enjoy being spoilt and enjoying a day all about you!

Ellie McDougall
Principal

VET Kitchen Operations



The students from VET Kitchen Operations class had the pleasure of catering for the High Tea on Wednesday celebrating the retirement of French teacher Mrs Sheila Baxter.

An amazing assortment of cakes, sandwiches and other delicacies were prepared by the students. The feedback from those present was very positive and all who attended enjoyed the food immensely.



SES Activities Day and Fundraiser

On the 30th of April, students from the Ararat College VCAL program coordinated an SES Activities day and fundraising event.

William Maddern was the main driver of this day, as he is a passionate volunteer with the local SES. He wanted students from across our school to have the opportunity to learn more about what volunteering for the SES involves while also raising funds to support our local SES branch.

SES brought along a number of different implements and plant to demonstrate for students, including the “Jaws of Life”. Students were given the chance to get firsthand experience via the challenge of moving fragile items such as plastic cups and eggs with the “Jaws of Life”, which was a real hit.

In total, we raised \$129.55 for the local SES and students had an amazing time.

Congratulations to William Maddern for his hard work in planning and coordinating the day and a huge thankyou to all the VCAL students who provided their support by pitching in with cooking, cleaning and promoting the day.

A big thanks to the members of SES that volunteered their time to come out in support of this event.

We would also like to acknowledge the amazing support of Woolworth’s Ararat and Baker’s Delight Ararat for their kind donations of sausages and bread for the fundraiser.

Kriss Ellis - VCAL Teacher



Year 7 Health



Year 7 Health have been looking at gratitude during class in Term 2. Students first made gratitude paper chains which allowed them to list the people they were grateful for and why. The class then went on to create gratitude trees and listed objects that they were grateful for.

Mrs Prior

Year 8 Art



Students have been introduced to lino cutting. They have drawn their own designs and are now in the process of using special (very sharp) lino cutting tools. Having to plan, draw and cut away the negative space is a challenge, as is also learning to keep fingers out of the way of the tools. Stay tuned for the final printed pieces.



Nicole Potter - Art Teacher



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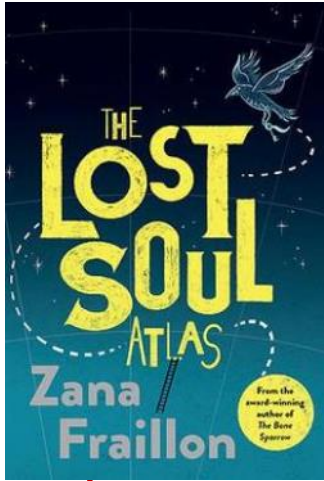
WEDNESDAY MAY 26, 2021
6 PM | TRADE TRAINING CENTRE
BARKLY STREET, ARARAT

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

School Tours will be conducted following an
information session.

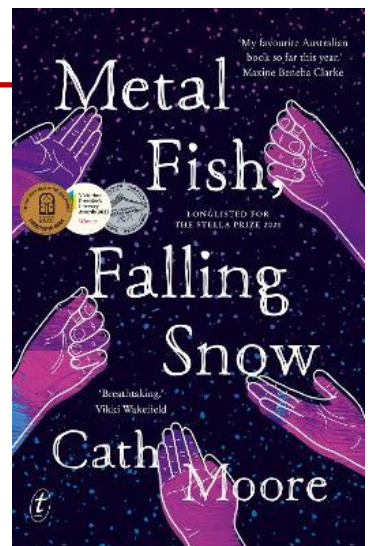
For more information, please contact the College
Office (03) 5352 4177

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



A warm, funny and highly original portrait of a young girl's struggle to deal with grief, *Metal Fish, Falling Snow* explores the complex and confronting dynamic between colour and identity that people of mixed race must often reconcile within themselves. Through families lost and found, this Own Voices story celebrates the resilience of the human heart and the need to know who we truly are.

Tink was street kid with a missing dad. But when he meets Flea, a cheerful pickpocket, the pair become fast friends, better even than blood family itself. Together, Tink and Flea raise themselves on the crime-ridden streets, taking what they need and giving the rest to the even-poorer. Life is good, as long as they have each other. But the all-powerful Boss who rules the streets has other plans. Loyalty will be tested, and a cruel twist of fate will lead to an act of ultimate betrayal that will tear the friends apart ... forever?



Lissa is home on her own one afternoon when a stranger turns up on her doorstep carrying a baby. Reed and baby Mercy are on the run and his parents are trying to find him. He's trying to find out who he really is and thinks Lissa's mum might have the answer to all his questions. But, he's got the added complication of having to look after a baby - not something your average 13 year old knows how to handle. A coming of age story about finding out who you are in the face of crisis and change.

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.

Everyone is invited to the

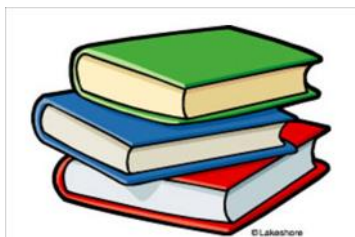
ARARAT COLLEGE BOOKCLUB

BOOKCLUB DATES FOR TERM 2:

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!

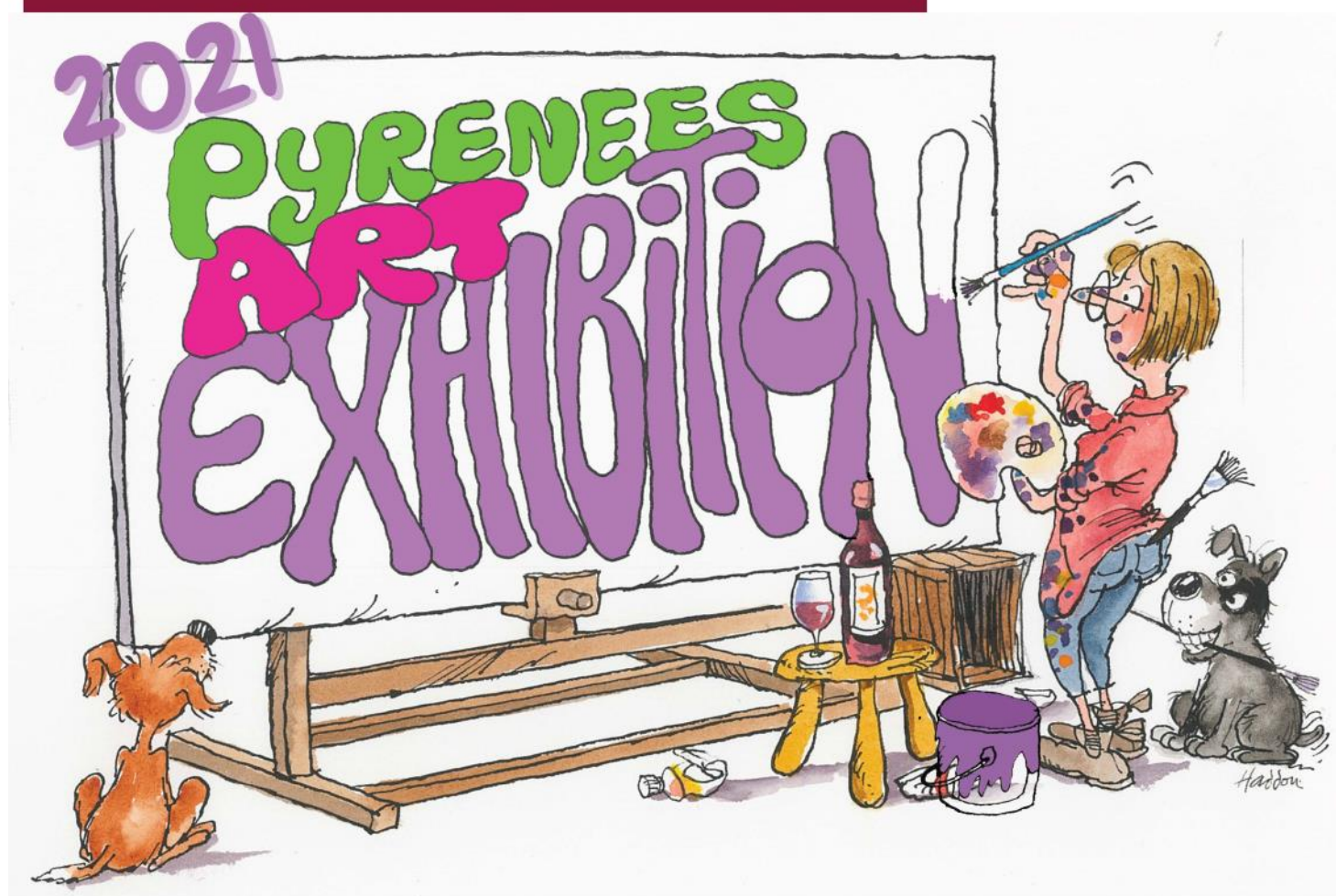


We're missing a number of library books and English novels which were not returned after last year's lockdowns.

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 !

Beaufort Community Bank
Pyrenees Art Exhibition



Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 June 10am - 5pm

Monday 14 June 10am - 2pm

Admission \$10 (includes Devonshire Tea)

Beaufort Shire Hall, Lawrence St, Beaufort

Proudly presented by

Opening Night

Friday 11 June 7.30pm

\$25pp

(bookings essential, ph. 0417 369 322)



Check out www.pyreneesartexhibition.org for more details.



HYBRID DYNAMICS



Ararat McDonalds Walk – In interviews 12th May 1pm – 6pm



Ararat McDonalds is looking for motivated, passionate people who prioritize health and safety as much as we do. If you love to create and serve seriously great food, possess an infectious attitude, provide world-class customer service, and most importantly, like to have fun while you're working please come in for an interview on Wednesday 12th May from 1pm – 6pm

For further information or questions contact the hiring manager Esther Fry directly 0401 252 399.



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!*



Ararat Y's Menette's Club 2021 Debutante Ball

Information Evening and Registrations

Monday 10th May 2021

6.30pm

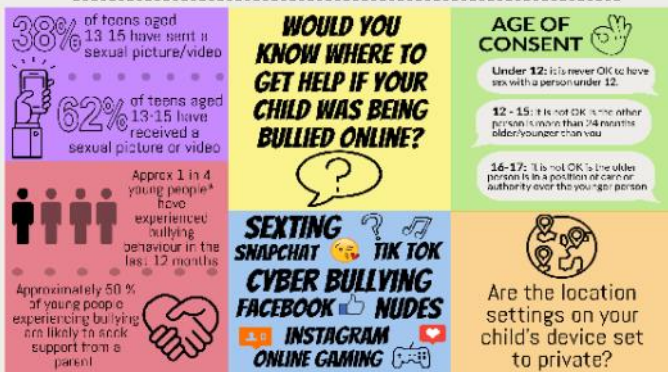
Ararat Performing Arts Centre

For more information contact

Marlene - 5352 2966 or Sally - 0419 583 623



Do you have a child aged 12 years or older?



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

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Law Week

17-23 May 2021

Register here

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VICTORIA Zero Tolerance

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

Term 2			
Week 4	Monday	10	Black Ranges Cross Country - Murtoa
	Tuesday	11	Naplan Year 7 and 9 Commences
	Wednesday	12	
	Thursday	13	
	Friday	14	
Week 5	Monday	17	Education Week
	Tuesday	18	Year 10 Holocaust Museum Excursion
	Wednesday	19	
	Thursday	20	
	Friday	21	Naplan Year 7 and 9 Finishes
Week 6	Monday	24	
	Tuesday	25	
	Wednesday	26	College Expo and Information Night
	Thursday	27	Reconciliation Week Commences
	Friday	28	
Week 7	Monday	31	
June	Tuesday	1	
	Wednesday	2	
	Thursday	3	Reconciliation week Mabo Day
	Friday	4	
Week 8	Monday	7	
	Tuesday	8	
	Wednesday	9	General Achievement Test - GAT
	Thursday	10	
	Friday	11	

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.