



New Principal Announced



It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Ellie McDougall as Principal of Ararat College! Earlier this week Ellie was 'officially' retained as substantive principal for our college after spending 14 months as Acting Principal. Ellie replaces Mr Geoff Sawyer who has recently retired from the role.

Ellie began her teaching career at Ararat College in 2009, and after a short stint with the Department of Education Wimmera Office, she returns as the first female Principal for Ararat College.

Ellie's focus will continue to be on the students of Ararat College and the opportunities we can provide to allow them to exceed their potential in any area of their choice.

We look forward to the future under Ellie's guidance and a continuation of the positive influence she has already established. Congratulations and welcome Ellie, from all of the staff, students and wider community!

Emma Henry
Acting Assistant Principal

A Message From the Principal....

End of Semester Reports

Our next round of Progress Reports will be available to families today. They will be live on XUNO from 9am. If you need assistance accessing your XUNO portal or the Progress Report for your child please contact our office on 5352 4177 or [click here](#) for a step by step guide.

As a result of remote learning throughout Term 2 we are not required to provide an A-E assessment on students (against the Victorian Curriculum). Given the interruptions we have all faced (students, families and teachers) it is challenging to accurately assess progress, particularly against the Victorian Curriculum. Our reports will look very similar to how they looked during remote learning.

It is important to go through these reports with your child and celebrate their progress and achievements! Setting goals based on the results demonstrated will also help students focus their efforts when we start back next term.

As always if you would like further detail on your child's progress please contact the school to talk to your child's teachers or coordinator.

House Olympics

We are really looking forward to our House Olympics and House Cross Country today and finishing off the term in a fun way! Please remember to tune into our social media accounts to keep up with all the action. A big thank you to Michael Spalding for his organisation of these events.

Positive Behaviour Awards

Congratulations to our June Positive Behaviour Award winners! These awards are a result of students receiving nominations from their teachers throughout the month for demonstrating behaviours in relation to our values – Respect, Responsibility, Excellence. Names are then selected randomly for the award winners at each Sub School level. Well done to every student who has received an award for this month!

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone that has reached out to congratulate me on the provisional appointment of Principal at Ararat College. I have been truly overwhelmed, and it is another reminder of why I love being a part of this school community. Leading this school is an absolute privilege and I look forward to continuing to progress our school – students, staff and families, with a focus on student learning and wellbeing.

I would like to wish all our families a safe and restful break – it is well deserved! I look forward to seeing everyone return at the start of Term 3.

Ellie McDougall
Principal

Positive Behaviour Awards - June

Junior School

BELL Abbey
BILLETT Milly
BILLETT Ruby
BOND Chelsea
BRADY Jake
CARTER Zoe
CAVANAGH Arie
COOPER Kaiden
COOPER Rahni
DEANE Makayla
DOWSETT Wilson
EVANS Ruby
GRAHAM Olivia
HARRIS Jackson
HEDGER Hannah
HOPE Joshua
JENNINGS Jim
JONES Ashlyn
KEILAR Milly
KETTLE Sonny
KOBELT Jayden
LANCASTER Damien
LOW David
MAXWELL Sevahn
MCDONALD Olivia
MERRICK Summer
NAAWI Darnell
O'CONNOR Michael
PROPHET Allie
SCOTT COCHRANE Kaiti
SHEFFIELD Mia
SHERWELL Monique
SHERWELL Olivia
STACPOOLE Austin
TIMMINS Georgia
TONER Hugh
TOWNSEND Sophie
WILL Indianna
WOOLLEY Cody
WOOLLEY Tyler

Middle School

BACK Dakota
BAKKER Gracie
BENNETT Riley
BOND Bree
BRASSER Chloe
BROWN Dean
COOPER Logan
CORBETT Marti
DAY Taneka
DICKSON William
DIDOMENICO Ari
DOWER Zach
FERGUSON Tash
FLAVELL Aiden
GORANOVIC Gorica
HEARD Ryan
HOPE Cain
JONES Cara
KUZMICH Jyelan
LAVERY Emma
LAWSON Bailey
LILLIS-PATTISON Amiel
LOW Kiauna
LOW Regan
MAJUK Achol
MCADIE Holly
MCGRATH Olivia
MILLAR Jake
O'BRIEN Caitlin
ROBERTSON Alanna
TATE Molly-Ann
THOMAS Jake
TOWNSEND Will
TURNER Bailee

Senior School

BARRIE Declan
BREEN Jeremy
BURNS Hannah
CARTWRIGHT Tahlia
CHARLESWORTH Tara
DUNNE Grace Simpson
FERGUSON Jordan
FIEGERT Lachlan
FLAVELL Tyra
HART Kristian
HUTCHINS Liam
KELLY Taryn
LANCASTER Seth
LEWIS Emily
LOW Jessica
MAKOVEC Tyson
MCKINNIS Mitch
PURNELL Michael
SAUNDERS Zane
SHEFFIELD Emily
SOLOMONS Liam
WARD Jack
WILL Brock
WOOD Mia

June Award Winners

Year 7 & 8 (Junior School)

Jake Brady
Milly Keilar

Year 9 & 10 (Middle School)

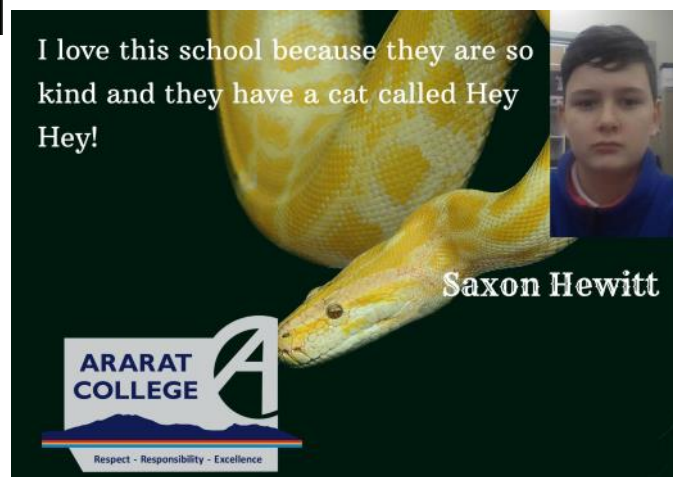
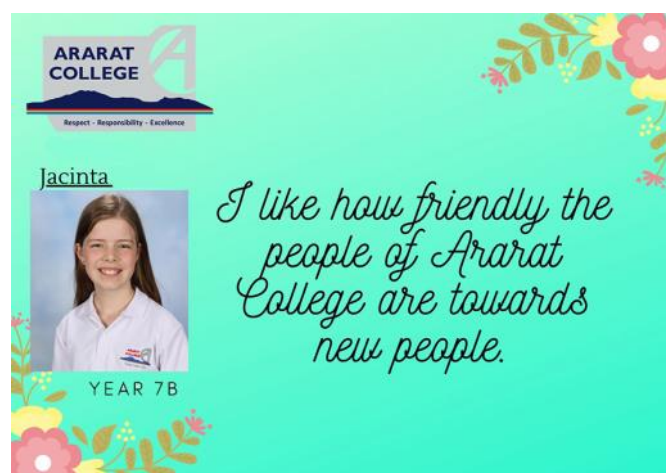
Kiauna Low
Taneka Day

Year 11 & 12 (Senior School)

Jordan Ferguson
Declan Barrie

Year 7 2020

With students once again back in the classroom, we thought it might be a good time to check in with our year 7 students. With this in mind, Mrs Murnane set her graphics class with the task of creating postcards about being back at school. Here are a few examples of their work and thoughts about school.



Ararat College is perfect for kids that need help in anything. The teachers are awesome, they are there for you whenever you need them and will always listen to you. The environment is clean and there is bins everywhere to put your trash in. AC is awesome!




Ashley
Year 7G




Respect - Responsibility - Excellence

I feel that school is a safe place to learn and I like hanging out with my friends.
My favourite subject is Art.



shylah
Year 7G



Respect - Responsibility - Excellence

My favourite thing about school is the subjects, we have lots of choices.




Dylan
year 7B



Respect - Responsibility - Excellence

This year is great but it was a bit different when we had to stay at home because of covid but it has been a good year this year and I have really liked this school so far.



Marcus Day
Year 7



Engage Inspire Enjoy

Eliza Farrington
year 7Blue





I like my school because I can learn new things and most of my teachers are very nice and helpful.



Respect - Responsibility - Excellence

Ryan McAdie
Year 7

This year has been really fun. Some of my favourite parts of school are doing different classes such as food, science and graphics.

Engage Inspire Enjoy

I like going to school each day to see my mates and learn new things.




Lane Jackson
year 7B




Respect - Responsibility - Excellence

I love attending Ararat College, the teachers always help me be the best version of myself. I also love spending time with my friends!!



Audrey Reynolds
Year 7B



Respect - Responsibility - Excellence

Lily Sloper
YEAR 7 BLUE

My favourite thing about school is that I have a lot of subjects to choose from and I get to see my friends.





Respect - Responsibility - Excellence

I like that we can have a say in the work we do and and choose the way we want to do a task



TAYLA
YEAR 7G



Respect - Responsibility - Excellence

Wings of Gratitude



I am the year 12 Psychology teacher and understand the importance of being grateful for what we have in these difficult times. The school and the community are connected with the Resilience Project, so with this in mind, I asked students to focus on what they are grateful for and they then coloured and drew or wrote on the feathers of the wings what they were thankful for. We tried to ensure most students in the school completed at least one feather. I included staff and anyone else in the school community who wanted to contribute to this project. The aim was to be inclusive as possible and to put a positive spin on what we are going through in this unusual and challenging year of 2020.



Most students had a focus on family and friends, which was great to see. It is clear that they are aware how lucky they are to have shelter, food and clothing, the basic necessities of life. They added the 'black lives matter logos' and the LGBTIQ+ colours with words like 'acceptance', which was fantastic. I would like every student to walk past the display and feel proud of their contribution and to have a more positive outlook.

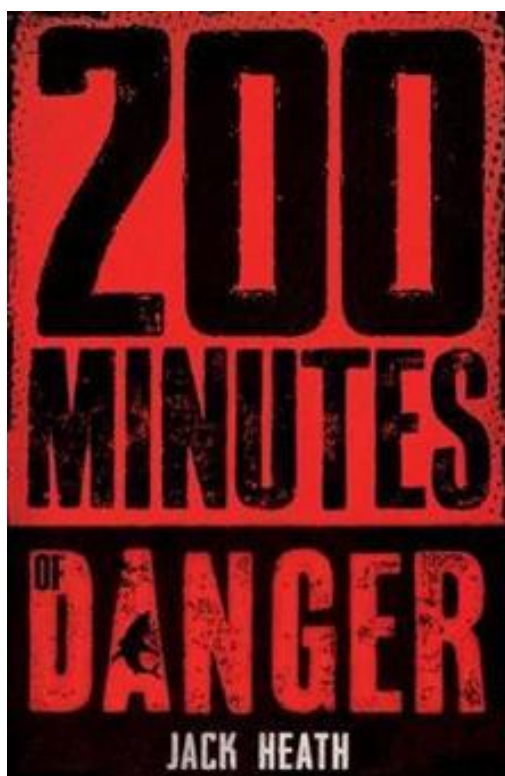
I have added at the bottom of this display- "Retrain your brain by thinking of 3 things you're grateful for each day". I also added the quote in the middle "Positivity will let you soar". I hope they read this every day and smile because it looks so good.



Janine Poole



These new novels by popular authors Jack Heath and Peter Helliard are now available to borrow from the library.



10 STORIES

10 DANGEROUS SITUATIONS

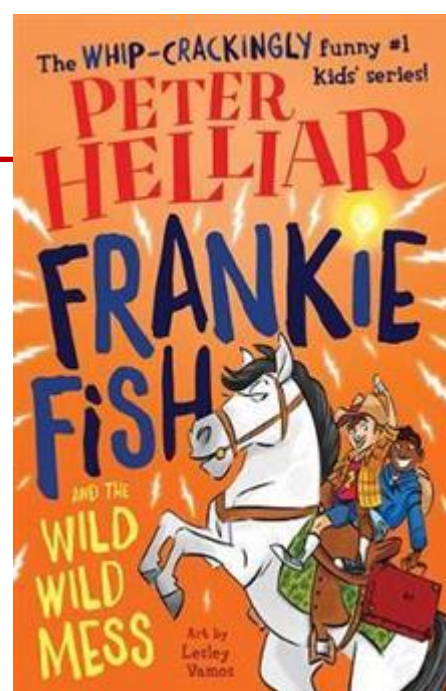
10 BRAVE KIDS

20 MINUTES TO ESCAPE

200 MINUTES OF DANGER

- Quinn gets thrown overboard into an icy ocean. Can he outwit the circling shark?
- Ashling is watching a history-making science experiment - but it's about to go horribly wrong . . .
- Oscar hides from two secret agents while something much more dangerous hunts all three of them!

Australia's favourite comedian and children's author Peter Helliard is BACK! Giddy up for the next instalment in the best-selling Frankie Fish series: it's the wildest time-travel adventure to date ... Frankie Fish has a hunch that a famous Medicine Man from the Wild West holds the answer to his grandad's forgetfulness, so he and Drew pack their cowboy hats and spurs and take the Sonic Suitcase for another spin. But when they arrive, gold fever has struck, and Frankie and Drew must take on some sneaky outlaws and clear their new friend's name. Can Frankie Fish and Drew Bird yee-haw their way into the history books?



Crazy Hair Day

Kids Helpline Fundraiser

Our names are Will, Jack & Acacia and we are in Grade Five and Six, at Ararat Primary School. We haven't been able to go to school for 9 weeks and during this time we've been missing our friends and teachers. We've also been missing out on getting our hair cut so Jack and William decided to cut one another's hair, which resulted in 2 mohawks, lots of laughs and horrified parents!

When we had a Zoom meeting with our classmates and teacher, they were very surprised to see our shaved heads and we thought it would be a good idea to turn it into a fundraising event to raise money for Kids Helpline. At the end of term 2, we will shave our heads and have a Crazy

Hair Day For the students at school. One of our classmates Acacia has also agreed to shave her head to help raise money for Kids Helpline.

We are doing this because we have been thinking during the Covid-19 crisis lots of kids have been feeling sad and scared. We chose to support Kids Helpline because we know how hard it is being separated from our friends and we want to help those children who don't have the support of a caring family or are just under stress. During the last 29 years Kids Helpline have helped 8 million kids, can you believe that? Since March this year contacts have increased from 6,500 calls a week to 9,000 calls a week, that means that a child is reaching out to Kids Helpline every 60 seconds of every day, that's a lot of kids needing help.

Kids need good mental health - not only to be able to deal with challenges and adapt to change but so they can feel good about themselves, build healthy relationships with others and enjoy life.

We are wondering if you would like to donate some money and it will go to Kids Helpline to raise money for children that need our help. If we can raise \$200 our Principal will also shave his head, which is something we would love to see happen. We understand that this has also been a difficult time for businesses and we appreciate any help.

For more information or to make a donation please go to:

<https://give.everydayhero.com/au/CrazyHairDay>



kidshelpline
Anytime Any Reason

Go Pink!

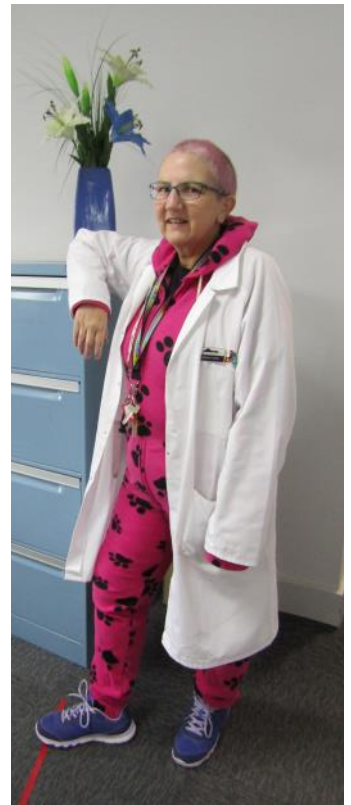
Wear it. Shave it. Colour it.

Several weeks ago Donna Lavery, our Science Lab Technician, elected to take part in the Go Pink for Breast Cancer research fundraiser. Donna made the pledge that if she raised:

- \$500 she would wear a pink tutu or onesie to work for the last week of term 2
- \$1000 she would also dye her eyebrows pink,
- \$1500 she would also shave her head (but not too close).

Donna is please to announce that so far she has raised over \$2000 and true to her word, she arrived at work his week sporting a new hair cut and bright pink onesie. Donna has decided to keep her fundraiser going until the end of the month and if anyone would like to contribute they can go to <https://fundraise.nbcf.org.au/fundraisers/donnalavery/go-pink>

Well done Donna!



July 2020

Week 1	Monday	14	First Day of Term 3
	Tuesday	15	
	Wednesday	16	
	Thursday	17	
	Friday	18	
Week 2	Monday	20	
	Tuesday	21	
	Wednesday	22	
	Thursday	23	
	Friday	24	
Week 3	Monday	27	
	Tuesday	28	School Doctor Visit
	Wednesday	29	
	Thursday	30	Year 7 and 8 Elevate Sessions
	Friday	31	Year 12 Elevate Study Skills

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.