



Last week Mr Andy Reynolds attended a ceremony in Melbourne with Mr Sherwell where our VCAL team were recognised by the VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) for their excellence in creating a VCAL partnerships program. Congratulations to our VCAL team! This program would not have been possible without the support of AME Systems who have actively supported our school and our programs for many years. Our VCAL program has developed into a wonderful pathway for our students and continues to create new and positive opportunities for our students and school community.

A Message from our Principal ...

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. This will begin on Tuesday May 14th and conclude Thursday May 23rd. At Ararat College we focus on personal growth and effort and attitude, NAPLAN provides an opportunity for students to practise this. 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!

IDAHOBIT Day



For the last couple of years our day has supported IDAHOBIT Day (International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia & Transphobia). This year this falls on May 17th. As a school community we celebrate this day to recognise the importance of diversity and inclusion. This day is driven by our students and I would like to thank those who have worked hard to organise this event in our school.

Black Ranges Athletics

On Tuesday the Black Ranges Athletics were held at North Park in Stawell. Congratulations to the students who represented our school at this event! Thank you to Mr Spalding and Mr Bowles for their organisation of this day and to Ms Bibby, Ms Pace, Ms Barratt for supervising our students.

School Play

Rehearsals for the school play are in full swing. Thank you to Ms Poole and our cast who regularly give up their time to attend these rehearsals. This year our school play is Buffy the Musical and will open early in Term 3.

Ellie McDougall

Acting Principal

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.

Black Ranges Athletics

On Tuesday we had 53 students who travelled to North Park, Stawell for the first level of regional competition with schools coming from Ararat, Stawell, Horsham, Murtoa and Warracknabeal. As you can see below we gained a number of podium finishes against some high quality competition.

A huge thank you to Mr Bowles for his computer work before and on the day, Mr Thompson for being the starter, Lauren Bowles for entering results and Ms Bibby, Ms Pace and Ms Barratt for supervising students.

The next stage is at Ballarat on Monday 16th September.

First Placings

Ella McLoughlin 15 years Javelin 25.42m

Chloe Graham 18/20 years Triple Jump 9.88m

18/20 Female Relay



Second Placings

Hugh Toner 12/13 High Jump

Demi Bligh 12/13 years 800m

Byron Hemley 14 years Javelin

Amy Clarke 15 years High Jump

Jess Burns 15 years 200m, 100m

Ella McLoughlin 15 years Long Jump, Triple Jump

Taneka Day 16 years High Jump

Kobe Davis 16 years Discus

Soph Graham 18/20 200m

Third Placings

Demi Bligh 12/13 400m

Olivia McDonald 12/13 800m

Jim Jennings 12/13 years 800m

Chloe Graham 18/20 Javelin

Sonny Kettle 12/13 Discus

Ben Skubnik 15 years 100m, 200m

Bella Salmi 15 years Shot Put

James Mullin 15 years 1500m

Riley Bennett 16 years 100m

Jess Low 17 years 800m, 1500m

Michael Purnell 17 years 800m

Hugh Toner 12/13 Triple Jump

Toneya Hurst 18/10 Shot Put

Olivia Graham 12/13 Long Jump

12/13 Male Relay



IDAHOBIT Day

Even though things might seem like they're 'getting better' for the LGBTIQ community in Australia, individual experiences can vary wildly. Those good vibes aren't always felt by everyone – bullying and discrimination still exist, even in a post-marriage equality country.

May 17 is International Day Against Homophobia, Biophobia, Intersexism and Transphobia. It's a day for allies to stand up alongside the LGBTIQ community and take a stand against discrimination. We do this by wearing rainbow, showing visible support, running events and building inclusion. Together, we can make the world a safer place for people who are LGBTIQ.

May the 17th will be an out of uniform day. Students are asked to join us to celebrate this event and champion inclusion by **wearing rainbow**.

Gold coin donation – proceeds going to Minus 18
For further information see Mr Ellis or Ms Jamieson



This Week in ... Year 8 English

Alanna Robertson from Mrs Canty's Year 8 English class completed this account of her holiday adventures. Well done Alanna !



On the holidays I went to Canberra to go on the Space Camp. There were about forty other students from all over Australia. When everyone got there we did astronaut training and mechanics. A bit later we went stargazing and I got the most amazing photo of the moon.

Later that week we went to the deep space

communication centre and we saw the satellites where the first man on the moon video was received. After lunch we went to Mt. Stromlo where



there was a huge telescope but in the early 2000s there was a big fire which burnt the telescopes. We learnt a lot of amazing information about space and astronauts and space communications.

On the flight home I was near a friend that I had made and now we talk over Instagram.



By Alanna Robertson



This Week in ... Year 8 Textiles

Students in Ms Henry's Year 8 Textiles class have been developing their skills on the sewing machine and starting to work on their aprons.





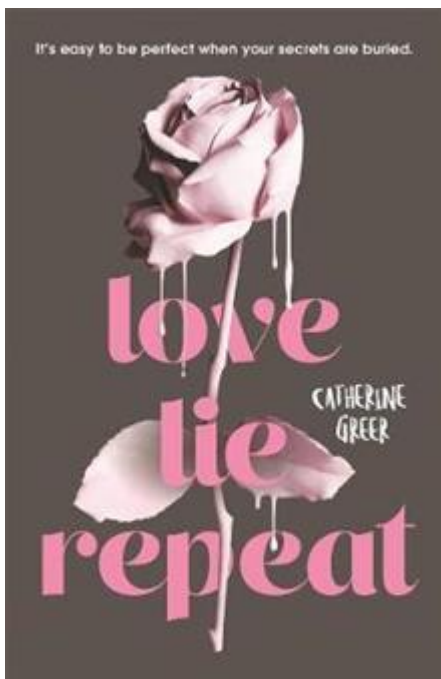
Year 8 Textiles



AC Reads

New Books in the Library

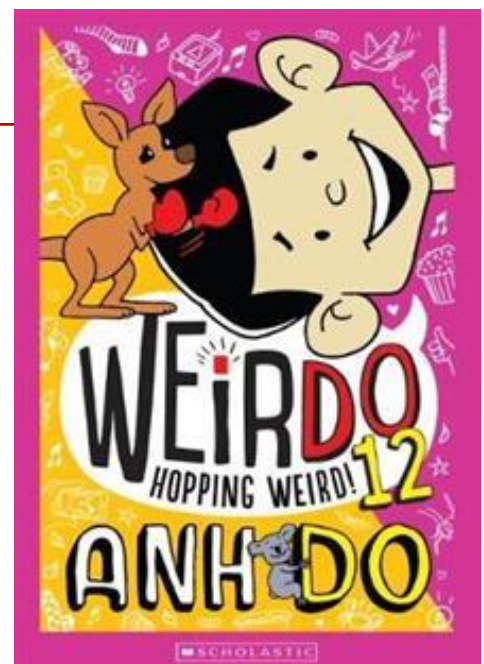
Students have read and recommended these two new novels this week



We call ourselves the Sirens. Annie, Ash and Ruby. Three girls, loyal to each other - that never happens. All the groups of three implode eventually. Two in, one out. Change. Betrayal. Again. And again. But not us. I make sure of it. I make Ash and Ruby see that our power is in our three-ness. We can do what no other trio can. Together, we're strong. Thick, thin, boys, mothers, divorce, other girls, secrets, lies, all of it. I'll keep us together. Watch me. Intoxicating and intense, lush and chilling, LOVE LIE REPEAT is the unmissable debut novel from Catherine Greer.

The new volume in the hugely popular WeirDo series by author Anh Do.

Mum's got a cool new job at the animal hospital... but now Weir's house is like a ZOO! How can Bella and Weir help look after all the animals AND finish their school project?! It won't be easy... but it will be FUNNY!



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is....	over 13 years of schooling, that's....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly HALF A YEAR
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Nearly 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 YEAR
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 AND A HALF YEARS
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2 AND A HALF YEARS



Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!



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

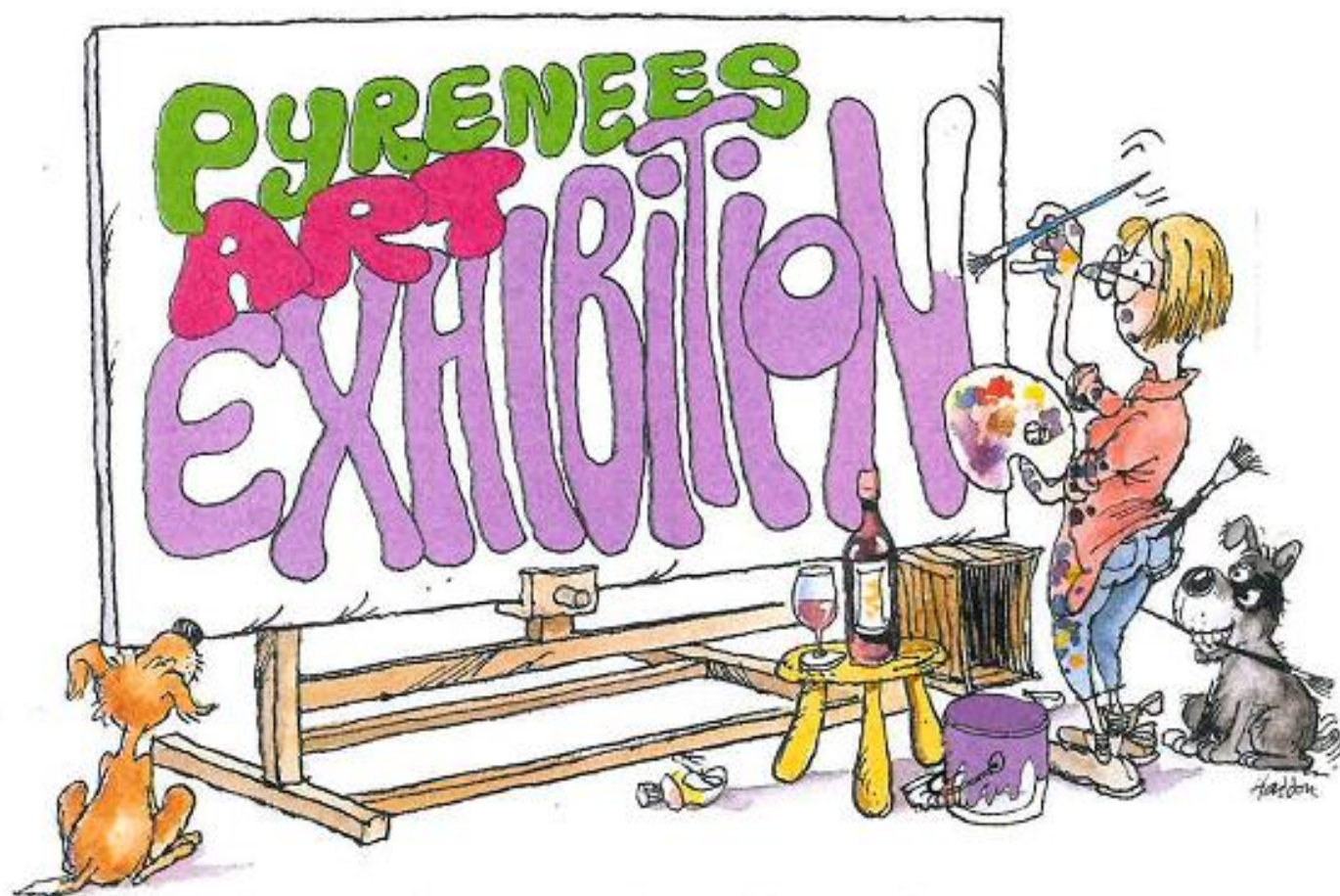
FIREWOOD - PLANTS

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COMPETITIONS

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

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUFORT & THE PYRENEES
ARTS COUNCIL PRESENT THE 14TH ANNUAL



Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 June 10am - 5pm

Monday 10 June 10am - 2pm

Admission \$10 (includes Devonshire Tea)

Beaufort Shire Hall, Lawrence St, Beaufort


Opening Night

Friday 7 June 7.30pm

\$25pp (bookings essential, ph. 0417 369 322)

Check out www.pyreneesartexhibition.org for more details



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Calendar Term 2

(Week 4)	Monday	13	
May	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	
(Week 6)	Monday	27	
	Tuesday	28	
	Wednesday	29	Play rehearsal - after school Music Night
	Thursday	30	Play rehearsal - after school
	Friday	31	
(Week 7)	Monday	3	
	Tuesday	4	School Spec Rehearsal - Ballarat
	Wednesday	5	Play rehearsal - after school
	Thursday	6	Play rehearsal - after school
	Friday	7	