

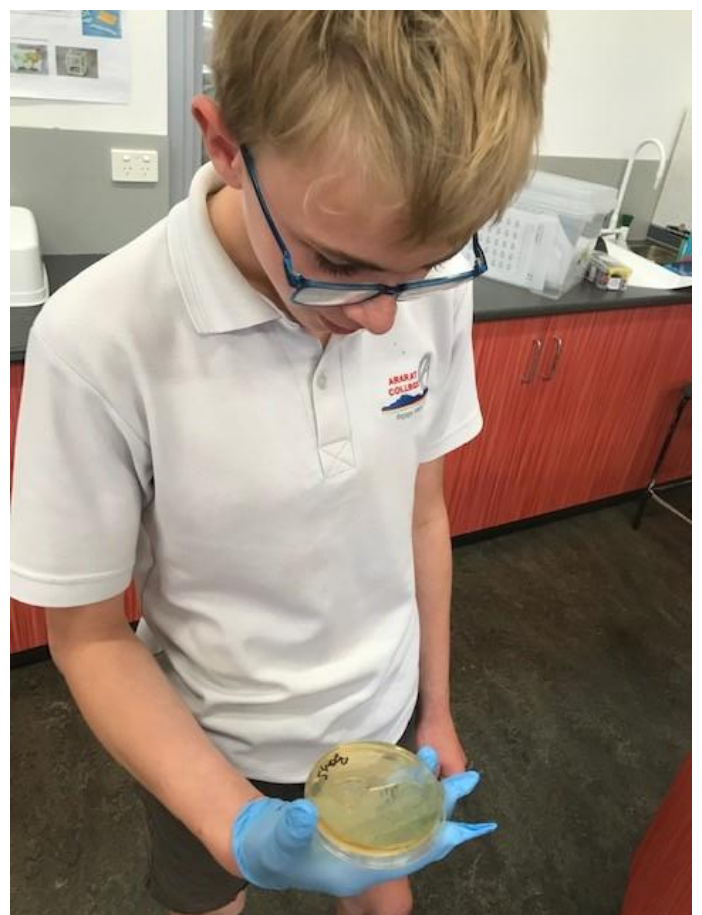


## Year 9 Science



In year 9 science we have swabbed surfaces of our classroom for potential microorganism growth. We then cleaned the surfaces to see if there would still be growth. We found the best cleaning agent to be hand sanitiser, and the least effective one to be water. The surfaces with the most growth were the windows and the door handle. We would like to thank the cleaners for doing a great job of keeping our classroom free from microorganisms, as we saw no growth from the tables and lab benches. Thank you to Donna for the preparation of our experiment.

**Ms Gaylard - Science Teacher**



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

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## **Expo Night – Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Next Wednesday we are holding our annual College Expo Night. This is for prospective families, who are considering enrolment in 2022 or even 2023. The night will commence at 6pm and will be held in our Trade Training Centre. It is the perfect opportunity for our local community to hear about our student-centred approach, the vast and varied educational opportunities and inclusive wellbeing support we provide. At the conclusion of the evening families will be taken on a tour of our school.

## **National Careers Week**

This week we have celebrated National Careers Week by having some of our staff share their work life experiences. The current generation may have numerous and varied career paths within their adult life and there will be jobs in the future that don't even exist today! Thank you to the teachers and education support staff that shared some information about their previous employment with students on Wednesday and to Mr Sherwell for putting this together.

## **Careers Expo**

Last week our Year 11 and 12 students attended the State Career Expo in Melbourne. This was a wonderful experience for students to hear from Universities, TAFEs, and workplaces about the opportunities that are available to them as they all start to plan their future pathways. Thank you to Mr Sherwell for organising and to Mrs Erhardt, Mrs Murnane and Ms Jamieson for attending.

## **NAPLAN**

This week our Year 7 and 9 students finished off their NAPLAN testing. Overall, this testing ran smoothly and our students have approached these tests in a positive way, working hard to apply their personal best effort. Completing NAPLAN online has been more engaging and interactive for our students which we believe can only be of benefit to them.

## **Education Week**

Next week is Education Week with a focus on 'Building Connections'. As a rural secondary school connections with our local community are essential to the outcomes of our students. We are lucky to enjoy the support of many of the key organisations in our town and look forward to spending the week acknowledging these partnerships and how they benefit our students. A strong example of this has been 'Resilient Ararat' which has resulted in the community wide delivery of 'The Resilience Project'. This project was well supported by our local government schools, along with Central Grampians LLEN, Mellow in the Yellow, Primary Care Partnership, School Focussed Youth Services and Ararat Community Enterprise to name a few. Working together only strengthens the positive outcomes for all the young people in our town!

**Ellie McDougall**  
**Principal**





The eSafety Commissioner is the world's first government agency committed to keeping its citizens safer online. eSafety has powers relating to cyberbullying, image-based abuse and illegal and harmful online content. Their aim is to help people of all ages be safe online. eSafety can help Australians experiencing online bullying or abuse to take action or make a complaint and can also get information removed from online platforms. eSafety have a wide range of resources for students, parents and teachers including lessons with links to the Australian Curriculum.



I came across the eSafety Commissioner a few years ago and have been completing professional development with them annually. The latest session that I participated in focussed on online harmful sexual behaviours, misinformation and emerging technologies. It covered the following:

- identifying online harmful sexual behaviours, developing skills to support students'
- knowledge of consent, online respect and refusal skills.
- identifying the impact of online misinformation and supporting students to develop
- skills to critically evaluate information and trusted sources.
- exploring the social and safety implications of emerging technologies and
- understanding the key safety skills young people require.

I highly recommend that students, parents and teachers take the time to have a look at the eSafety website. It provides updated information about being safe online, programs and resources, webinars for parents and teachers and advice on how to be respectful, safe and kind online.

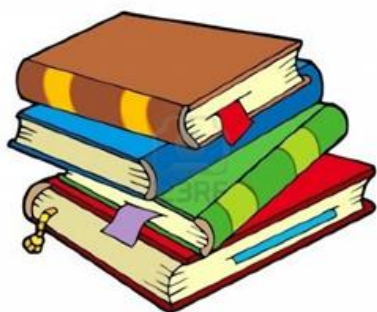
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

**Mrs Chrissy Prior**  
Health teacher



### ***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 !

## Careers Expo

On Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, our Year 11 & 12 students travelled to the Melbourne Showgrounds to attend the 2021 Careers Expo. It is the first time since Covid restrictions were enforced that we were able to visit Melbourne with the students and it was great to be able to get out and participate in these events again.

There were a number of career options on display and students were able to walk around and talk to representatives to gain further knowledge. I'd like to congratulate all of our students for their attendance and representing our school in a respectful and polite manner. I would also like to thank Mr Sherwell for his organisation – there was a bit more too it this year with each student having to have an individual QR code for entry. Thanks also to Taylah Jamieson, Jess Erhardt and office staff for organisation and supervision on the day. A great day was had by all!

**Melissa Murnane**  
**Senior School Coordinator**

*"It was very enjoyable and a great way to find out heaps of information for the future."* **Ebony Dowling**





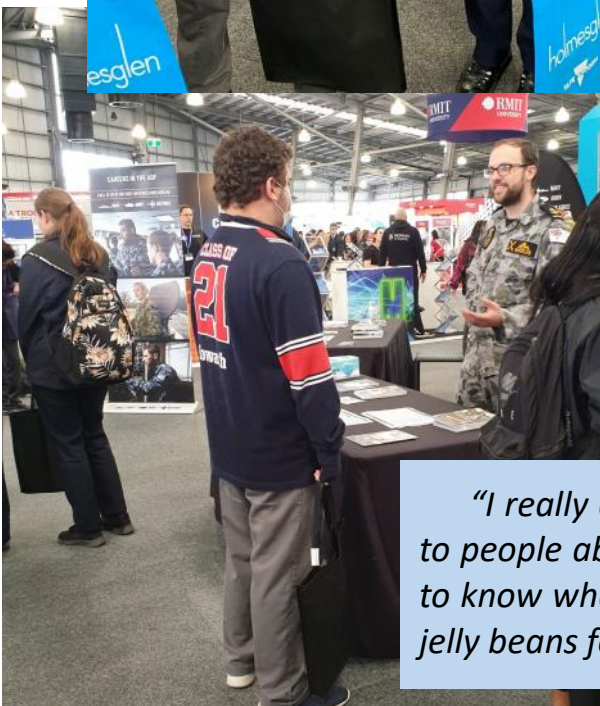
*"It was nice to talk to people who shared the same interests as me and to find that there are course about those interests." **Angus Cavanaugh***



*"My experience on going to the career expo was very helpful. This was because I had a chance to look at different stalls with different universities and courses for the career I am hoping to achieve. The people there were very helpful and extremely nice ." **Athena Pretty***



*"I really enjoyed the expo, it was good to be able to talk to people about university and what to expect. It was great to know what course were available and we even got some jelly beans for completing a quiz." **Caitlin O'Brien***





## ***Culture on Court Excursion***

Last Friday Buldau Yioohgen ran 'Culture on Court' - a program for Aboriginal kids led by Aboriginal people. It was a day in which culture was immersed in conjunction with the game of tennis. The day included a number of cultural events and activities including a smoking ceremony to open the event and a "Little Long Walk" with a leader from The Long Walk foundation. Tennis Victoria provided equipment and community leaders to run tennis games which everyone enjoyed no matter their skill level. Aboriginal students attended from multiple schools including local Ararat primary schools, Ararat College, Horsham and Ballarat. A big thanks to David Law, Ian Goolagong and Kellie Hunter from Anglicare/Buldau Yioohgen for organising the event as well as Tennis Victoria and The Long Walk Foundation for providing culture and fun activities.

**Tahnee Skewes**

**First Nations Cultural Coordinator**





## Hands on Learning

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The latest Hands on Learning project that Deakan and Darnell have completed is to turn an old teacher's desk into a dog kennel for new proud owner, Sadie. The corrugated iron was sourced from Chris Barwick's recycling pile to go with other materials bought from Mitre 10. The boys constructed the kennel over 2 days.

**Michael Spalding**  
Program Coordinator



## Year 10 English

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### Year 10 English Excursion "Hell's Canyon" by Emily Sheehan

Year 10 English & Creative Writing students enjoyed an excursion to the performance Hell's Canyon at the Ararat Town Hall on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Hell's Canyon is a multi-award winning Australian drama about a teenage road trip across the Australian outback. The play was contemporary, the lighting and music was exciting and fast paced. The two characters in the play were grappling with challenges that we could all relate to: friendship, love, grief and loss. Some of the issues were confronting. The play was followed by a Q & A with the two actors & the stage manager. Thanks to Marcus & Bella for asking very thoughtful questions about the process of rehearsing & performing a play. The actors & stage manager answered questions about the different pathways to careers in the Arts & their gratitude to be able to perform & travel again this year. Thanks to all who attended for a memorable experience.

**Ms Lidgerwood & Ms Fairley**

## ***Victorian Law Week 17-23 May***

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The County Court hosted virtual events for this year's Victorian Law Week. The hour long sessions were made available to our students via zoom during lunchtimes.

### **Monday 17 May, *What's in a Sentence?***

Ever wondered what factors are taken into consideration when a judge sentences an accused in a criminal proceeding? In this session a panel of judges, including the Chief Judge, discussed all things relating to sentencing.

### **Tuesday 18 May, *Women in the Law***

What is it like to be a woman working in the law in 2021? How have things changed for women in the law over the years? In this session, a panel of women who work at the County Court – in various stages of their careers, from judges to researchers and lawyers – spoke about their experiences working in the law.

### **Thursday 20 May, *Courts and the Media***

Most of the general public hear about court cases through the media. So what role does the media play in the delivery of justice? And how do you report on court cases accurately and responsibly? Students heard from judges and members of the Court's Media Team about the relationship between media and the Court.

**Ms Lidgerwood & Ms West**

## ***College Uniform***

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It is the policy of the college that all students will wear the correct uniform whilst attending school and travelling to and from the college. The policy determined by the College School Council reflects accurately the findings of numerous surveys and the recommendations of representative committees including student input. Wearing correct uniform demonstrates pride and respect towards our school.

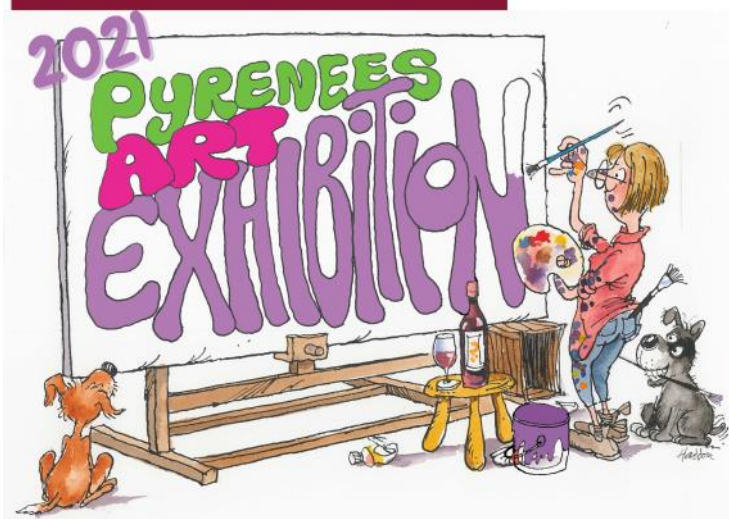
Parents please ensure that your student is in full uniform as they depart for school each day. Students who wear incorrect uniform for consecutive days will be provided with a spare uniform to borrow for the day. If you require assistance with the purchase of uniform items for your child please contact the college office.

Our uniform policy can be viewed on our website or by going to the following link.

[Uniform Policy](#)







**Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 June 10am - 5pm**

**Monday 14 June 10am - 2pm**

**Admission \$10** (includes Devonshire Tea)

**Beaufort Shire Hall, Lawrence St, Beaufort**

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**Friday 11 June 7.30pm**

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Check out [www.pyreneesartexhibition.org](http://www.pyreneesartexhibition.org) for more details.



Everyone is invited to the

## ARARAT COLLEGE BOOKCLUB

### BOOKCLUB DATES FOR TERM 2:

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

## What's in a Name?

Last week we launched a naming competition for our resident blue tongue lizard. As a result students have submitted the following names for consideration.

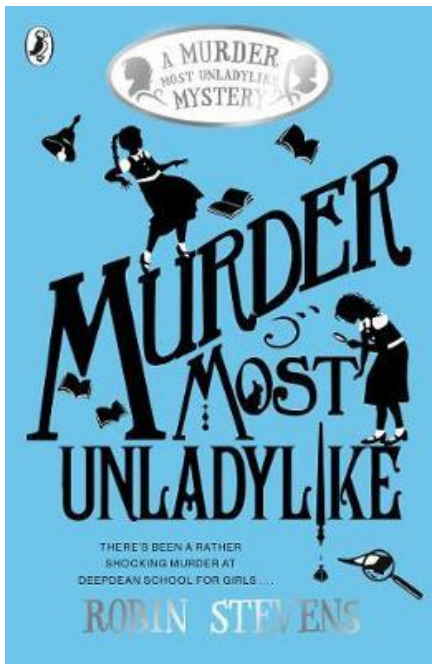
<b>Geckxy</b>	<b>Rango</b>	<b>Axell</b>	<b>Callum</b>
<b>Stripes</b>	<b>Charlie</b>	<b>Speckles</b>	

Students will now have the opportunity to cast their vote for their favourite name.

We look forward to learning what our resident reptile will be called.



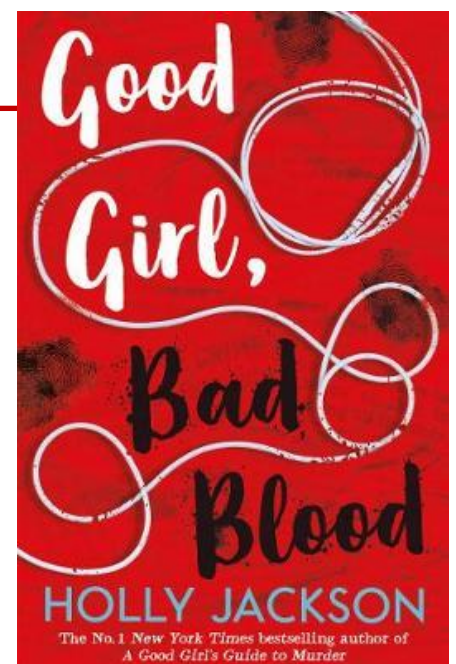
Everyone loves a murder mystery.  
Here are two new additions to the library.



When Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong set up their very own secret detective agency at Deepdean School for Girls, they struggle to find any truly exciting mysteries to investigate. (Unless you count the case of Lavinia's missing tie. Which they don't.) Then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. She assumes it was a terrible accident - but when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now Hazel and Daisy not only have a murder to solve: they have to prove one happened in the first place. Determined to get to the bottom of the crime before the killer strikes again (and before the police can get there first, naturally), Hazel and Daisy must hunt for evidence, spy on their suspects and use all the cunning and intuition they can muster. But will they succeed? And can their friendship stand the test?

The sequel to A GOOD GIRL'S GUIDE TO MURDER.

Pip Fitz-Amobi is determined that the media won't rewrite the truth of the local murder case that she and Ravi Singh worked so hard to just recently solve. And so, she releases a podcast covering exactly what happened - and unexpectedly finds herself with a massive and passionate following. When the six year anniversary of the victims' deaths arrives, fresh from hearing the truth of her podcast, Pip's town decides to host a memorial. And the past, it seems, has finally been laid to rest. But when another young person goes missing, it turns out that Little Kilton is hiding more than one dark secret . . . and this time EVERYONE is listening to hear whether Pip and Ravi can find the victim, before it's too late.





# Essay Competition

To celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the ABC on July 1, 1932  
ABC Friends Ballarat are conducting an essay competition.

1st prize—\$300 2nd prize—\$150 3rd prize—\$50

**TOPIC:** That a public broadcaster is essential in a democracy.

## Competition guidelines \*

- Open to students in years 9 - 12
- Form—persuasive, Word range 750-850 words
- Entries must be typed, double spaced
- On a cover page include name, year level, school and email. If you are a winner, your consent and parental consent will be required for publication in The Courier as an op-ed.



## How to submit

Email your entry as an attachment to [david.i.macphail@gmail.com](mailto:david.i.macphail@gmail.com)

## Deadline

All entries must be received by **Friday June 11, 2021**. Winners will be notified and presented with their prize on at a ceremony at the Canberra Hotel, Macarthur St Ballarat in June.

All prizes donated by The Canberra Hotel



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# ARARAT COLLEGE Open NIGHT

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

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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 6	Monday	24	Student Leadership Camp 24—26 May
	Tuesday	25	
	Wednesday	26	College Expo and Information Night
	Thursday	27	Reconciliation Week Commences
	Friday	28	Senior School Netball
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	
Week 9	Monday	14	Queens's Birthday Public Holiday
	Tuesday	15	
	Wednesday	16	
	Thursday	17	
	Friday	18	
Week 10	Monday	21	
	Tuesday	22	
	Wednesday	23	
	Thursday	24	
	Friday	25	Last Day of Term 2

**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.***