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House Art Show 2019

This year's House Art Show is on today in the Trade Training Centre. Don't miss this opportunity to see some amazing work by our student artists.



A Message from our Principal ...

Victorian Final of Legacy Junior Public Speaking

Congratulations to James Mullin who last Friday represented our school for the second year in a row at the state finals of Legacy Junior Public Speaking. James gave a fantastic prepared speech on his topic 'The Flame' and was also outstanding in his impromptu on 'Cold Feet.' James should be very proud of his efforts and I look forward to getting some public speaking tips from him very soon!



James would like to thank members of Ararat Legacy who travelled to Melbourne to support him on the day.



Positive Behaviour Awards

This week we held our monthly whole school assembly. Congratulations to the following students:

Junior School

Clare Clarke
Makayla Deane

Middle School

Lana Fox
Caitlin O'Brien (absent from photo)

Senior School

Grace Dunn X 2



The following students received positive behaviour nominations. I would like to remind students that every time you are nominated you earn an additional entry into our awards.

Grace Dunne
Reece Kettle
Ethan McKinnis
Michael Purnell
Kirsty Skubnik
Carly Sporton
Abbey Bell
Danah Burton
Rahni Cooper
Darcy Aitken
Jenae Marr
Jake Brady
Holly McAdie
Kaiti Scott Cochrane
Zaf Davies-Harrison
Natarshka Keating
Ryan Vermeend
Emma Lavery
Corey Mark-Nicholls

Sonny Kettle
Austin Stacpoole
Veruca Davies-Harrison
Makayla Deane
Jackson Harris
Milly Keilar
Jayden Kobelt
Colby Miller
Georgia Timmins
Hugh Toner
Izaiyah Turner
Tylah Wallis
Caitlin O'Brien
Chloe Brasser
Kaiden Cooper
David Low
Bree Bond
Amiel Lillis -Pattison
Michael O'Connor

Indianna Will
Aaron Meizys
Molly-Ann Tate
Ryley Ball
Kristian Hart
Milly Billett
Ruby Evans
Lana Fox
Olivia Graham
Hannah Hedger
Jim Jennings
Ashlyn Jones
Jake Powell
Clare Clarke
Hayden Dowling
Monique Sherwell
James Goode
Abby Shay

Year 12 Exams

Our Year 12 VCE students commenced their exams this week. We wish them all the best throughout this exam period, and remind them to continue to seek the support of their teachers as they work their way through their final assessments.



Student Leadership Positions 2020

We are currently in the process of appointing our student leaders for next year. This year we are accepting applications from all Year 11 and 12 students for both the School Captain and House Leader roles. It has been fantastic to see the quality of applications coming in and I look forward to the interviews and speeches that will happen in the next fortnight.

This year we are also taking applications from all students in Years 7-10 for the Vice School Captain positions. This is a great opportunity for our junior leaders to work with our more senior students and further develop their leadership skills.

Doctors in Schools Recommencing

Next Wednesday we have our Doctors in Schools program recommencing. We welcome our doctor and nurse from the Royal Flying Doctors, and look forward to having this resource once again up and running in our school. If you have any questions regarding this program and how it works in our school, please feel free to contact the front office.



Doctor Jane and Nurse Jo visited the school earlier this term to meet staff and students.

Monday November 4th

Classes will be running as normal on Monday before the Melbourne Cup public holiday. I look forward to seeing students at school, before a break on the Tuesday.

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.

Clontarf Academy Visit

On Wednesday afternoon our 7Blue Physical Education class played a friendly game of football with a group of boys who were on a Clontarf camp. Clontarf has a number of academies around Victoria with this group made up of boys from Warrnambool and Mildura. One of the aims of the Clontarf Academies is to encourage indigenous students to stay engaged in schooling up to Year 12. We have had boys visit our school to interact with our students for about the last five years. The two teams were made up of a mixture of both groups and they played four 10 minute quarters. There were lots of smiles and laughs with occasional displays of brilliant football. Chelsea Bond and Sonny Kettle were given “Spirit of Clontarf” awards for their sportsmanship and energetic play – receiving a football and cap respectively.

Mr Spalding



Want to be ahead of the pack



GET VET

WIMMERA
SOUTHERN
MALLEE
LLEN



2020 VET Induction Day- Wednesday 30th October

Yesterday, five students from Ararat College and thirty-one students from Stawell Secondary participated in the 2020 VET Induction Day. Next year, students will be able to access the VET Courses delivered by the Wimmera and Southern Mallee VET Cluster. With this opportunity there is a greater spread of courses available due to the numbers that they are supporting.

The day was warm but all survived, completing the required sign up and then were presented the rundown of the new year to come, including the responsibilities of the students, but also the positive outcomes that come from undertaking a VET subject.

I was pleased with the way that all students from as far as Hopetoun conducted themselves, and while all programs were staffed by secondary teachers and assistants, the students accepted the task of being responsible young people. A BBQ was provided for those at all of the meeting points - Federation University TAFE Horsham, Longerenong College, Longerenong and Horsham College.

Students will see the great value that comes from these courses in the short term, and after conversing with many of the schools, all students will be happy to continue the course come the New Year.

2020 CGVET Orientation Day- Tuesday 12th November

November 12th will see the Central Grampians VET Cluster Orientation Day which will involve the courses running for 2020 in Stawell and Ararat. These courses include Kitchen Operations, Health Services Assistance, Salon Assistant, and Automotive.

We also have students undertaking Orientation day today with the Highlands VET Cluster in Ballarat.

It really is a great opportunity that our students can access VET subjects across our region and we look forward to seeing the great outcomes for the students.

Mr Sherwell

Careers Practitioner

Epidemic Thunderstorm Asthma

Get ready for grass pollen season

Grass pollen season brings an increase in asthma and hay fever. During the season, a high pollen count and a certain type of thunderstorm can also trigger [thunderstorm asthma](#).

For people with asthma or hay fever, especially those who experience wheezing or coughing with their hay fever, thunderstorm asthma can be sudden, serious and even life threatening.

In Victoria, the grass pollen season runs from October through December. Take action to prepare and protect yourself and people in your care this grass pollen season.

Find out more on the [Better Health Channel](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/thunderstormasthma) <www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/thunderstormasthma>

Please ensure the college has your students most up to date asthma plan.

Cheers

From the Welfare Team

Taylah, Steph and Leo



This Week in ... 9/10 Masterchef

Mrs McAdie's Year 9/10 Masterchef class made some delicious looking soufflés this week. They've also been challenging themselves with regular 'mystery box' competitions.





AC Reads

These new novels are available for borrowing in the library.



Even though she lives on the wrong side of town, 16 year old Santee believes her world is like ours: that running late for curfew will only get you grounded, and that the government tries to keep its good citizens safe and secure. Until one night, everything changes. On her way home from school, Santee takes a detour to the outskirts of town with a boy that she likes - and then finds herself stranded overnight when his car breaks down. When she's finally able to get a lift towards home the next morning, Santee discovers that everything has changed. A 'safety border' - a wall - has gone up around her part of town, imprisoning her family and trapping her on the outside... A powerful novel about the importance of hope and standing up for what you believe in. From small cracks, big cracks grow.

Sixteen year old Nate McKee is doing his best to be invisible. He's worried about a lot of things - how his dad treats Nance and his twin half-brothers; the way his friend Merrick always drags him into fights. And he has never forgiven his mother for leaving. But none of it is his fight, right? He's just waiting for his time. Nate hangs out at YouthWorks, the local youth centre threatened with closure, and fills his notebooks with the things he can't say. But when some of his pages are stolen and his words are graffitied on the wall of the centre, Nate realises he has allies. He might be able to make a difference, change his life, and claim his future. Or can he? This is How We Change the Ending is a story that will have you on the edge of your seat, hoping Nate will find a way out, despite the odds.





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Calendar Term 4

(Week 5)	Monday	4	Year 12 Exams
November	Tuesday	5	MELBOURNE CUP DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	Wednesday	6	Year 12 Exams Doctor at school
	Thursday	7	Year 12 Exams Year 11 Oaks Day Luncheon
	Friday	8	Year 12 Exams
(Week 6)	Monday	11	Year 12 Exams Year 11 Exams
	Tuesday	12	Year 12 Exams Year 11 Exams CGVET Orientation Day - Ararat and Stawell
	Wednesday	13	Year 12 Exams Year 11 Exams
	Thursday	14	Year 12 Exams Year 11 Exams
	Friday	15	Year 12 Exams Year 11 Exams
(Week 7)	Monday	18	Year 12 Exams Years 8 and 9 Project Rokit sessions Year 12 2020 Step Up
	Tuesday	19	Year 12 2020 Step Up Graduation Dinner 2020 Student Leadership Seminar
	Wednesday		Year 12 2020 Step Up
	Thursday	21	Year 12 2020 Step Up
	Friday	22	Year 12 2020 Step Up

Please remember that classes will run as usual on Monday 4th November and all students are expected at school.

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.