



## A message from the Principal....



### **Remembrance Day 2020**

*This week we observed and commemorated Remembrance Day with two of our student leaders. Amy Clarke (School Junior Vice Captain) and Jack Ward (School Captain) visiting the Ararat Cenotaph to lay a wreath and show our respect and gratitude for all that gave up so much for our country and the lives we lead today.*

## **Naidoc Week**

This year NAIDOC Week was postponed from July to November. NAIDOC Week provides an important opportunity for all Australians to celebrate the history, culture and



**Always Was,  
Always Will Be.**  
**8-15 NOV 2020**

achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Across our school our First Nations Coordinator Tahni Skewes has organised and ran a number of different activities so that our students can be apart of these important celebrations and also further their understanding of our Nations history. The theme this year is 'Always Was, Always Will Be' and recognizes that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

Students have been very excited to be participate in NAIDOC trivia, The Marngrook longest kick competition and some native tree planting within the school.

A big congratulations to Alex Padgett who won the NAIDOC Deakin Art prize, well done Alex!

## **Year 11 Exams**

Next week our Year 11 VCE students commence their end of year exams. This signifies the end of their Unit 1 & 2 studies, so is an exciting and important time. These exams also further develop the students skills in preparing for their final year of VCE and exposing them to an exam situation. ALL Year 11 VCE students are expected to sit their exams and attend school on Monday for a study day. Following the exams, students will then move into their Year 12 Orientation (Headstart) classes for 2021. If any students or parents have any questions regarding these exams or the orientation program, please contact Melissa Murnane our Acting Senior School Leader.

## **Student Leadership Positions 2021**

We are currently in the process of appointing our student executive for next year. This includes the following positions: School Captain, School Vice-Captain and Junior Vice Captain. 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.

Students who wish to be involved in the student leadership team in 2021 should start to think about this opportunity and the impact they would like to have regarding decisions in our school. Any questions should be directed to Taylah Jamieson, who coordinates our student leadership program. This is a great opportunity for our junior leaders to work with our more senior students and further develop their leadership skills.

**Ellie McDougall**

**Principal**

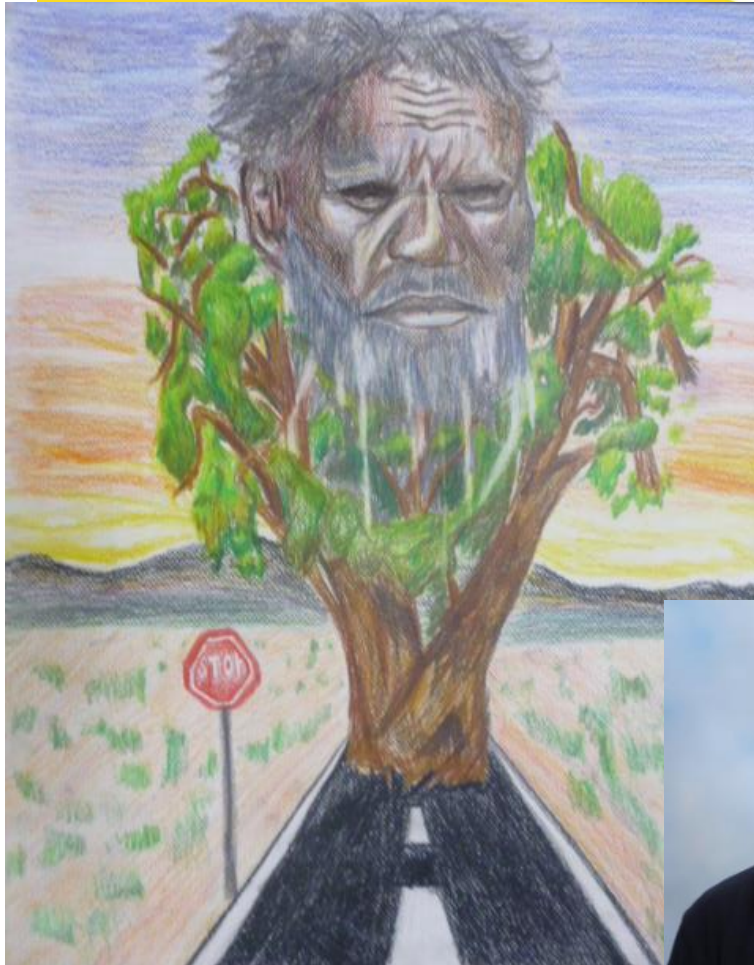


# Congratulations Alex

NAIDOC Week  
Always Was, Always Will Be.

## Art Competition

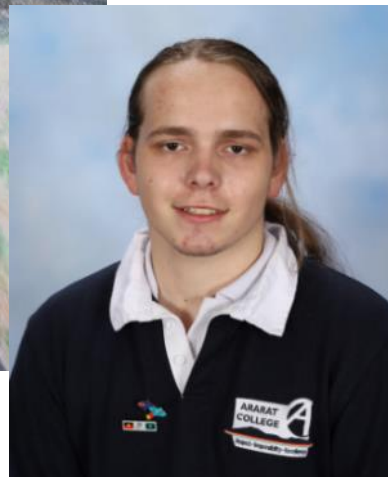
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Year 12 student, Alexis Pagett, has won the Deakin University NAIDOC Week Always Was, Always Will Be Art Competition. Alexis was awarded the Overall Competition Winner.

The DEAP (Deakin Engagement and Access Program) Team and importantly the judges were profoundly impressed with the creativity, passion and response to the theme Always Was, Always Will Be.

Alexis has always been passionate about both his art and his culture and his winning entry (left) was an artwork from of his Year 11 coursework.



Congratulations Alexis on creating a personal, relevant artwork, and being rewarded with winning this honour.

**Sheryl Lugg VCE Art Teacher**

## Year 8 Music

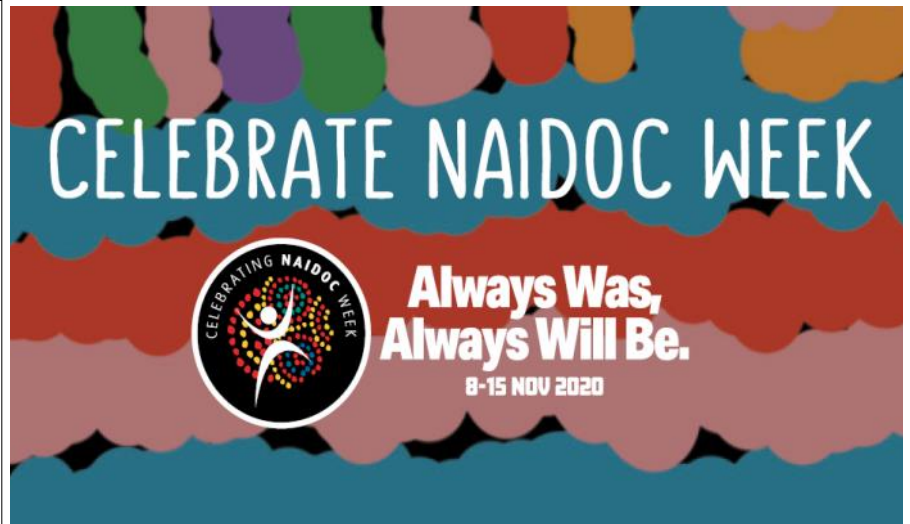
Year 8 music class are busy working on guitars and keyboards. Students are learning to read notation for these instruments and are pictured putting this into practice.





# NAIDOC Week

*NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.*



As part of our NAIDOC Week Celebrations we have conducted special Kahoot lunchtime trivia sessions for all students. The year 7 and 8 students participated on Tuesday, and years 9-11 on Wednesday.

The trivia tested all our students' knowledge on what they know about why NAIDOC week is celebrated as well as some general knowledge about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples culture and achievements.



Congratulations to Jed Herbert, Jesse Ward and Rhyder Simpson who won the junior trivia and Ash Cooper who won the senior trivia.

**Tahni Skewes**  
**First Nations Cultural**  
**Coordinator**





# Year 11 Oaks Day Celebration



On Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November we held our annual Oaks Day Luncheon for the Year 11 students. It was lovely to finally be able to celebrate something after having missed out on so many occasions throughout the year.

Year 11 students and staff were invited to dress in their finest 'race day' outfits and enjoy a catered meal together as a group. As fashion was high on the agenda, there were prizes awarded for best outfits of the day. Prize winners on the day were:

Best dressed Lady: Tara Charlesworth  
Best dressed Man: Zane Saunders  
Best dressed couple: Tara Charlesworth & Jack Ward  
Best 'headwear': Mia Wood  
Lucky door prize: Taylah Jamieson.

A big thankyou to local businesses 'Tasty Bird' for lunch, 'Foragers' for delicious mint slice, 'Sweet and Savoury' for amazing cupcakes and 'Three Blooms' for the beautiful bouquets that were awarded to the best dressed. Also special mention must be made to those who helped to set up the venue for the occasion, thank you for your time and effort to make it an enjoyable luncheon.

**Melissa Murnane – Senior School Leader**





## VET 2020 HAS FINISHED

VET has finished for our students for the year 2020. We would like to thank the Training Organisations and the trainers for their outstanding work. They have provided our students with all necessary support to successfully attain the outcomes needed to gain Certificate completion or Unit completion for their VCAL/VCE Certificate pass.



The students were required to complete a large amount of theory work over the time of Online Learning which made the task of only needing to complete the Practical Assessments on their return so much easier. All students should be proud of what they were able to achieve this year through their VET Course. We look forward to hearing about the future career pathways of those who have finished the course. For those going into their second year of the course in 2021, we wish them continued success.

**Andrew Sherwell**

**VET Coordinator**



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**GREATER ALABAMA BUSINESS NETWORK**

## EGHS Residents' Support Group Shopping Spree Week

Shop any time from November 16-22

Join the 2020 Shopping Spree to support our local businesses, pick up some great bargains and go into the draw to win a voucher from participating businesses.

Due to COVID-19, this year's Shopping Spree will be held over a week.

Raising funds for aged care at East Grampians Health Service.

### \$20 PER PERSON

Purchase your passport at Perry's Footwear or 2Tags from Monday November 9.

Shopping from Monday November 16 to Sunday November 22 inclusive.

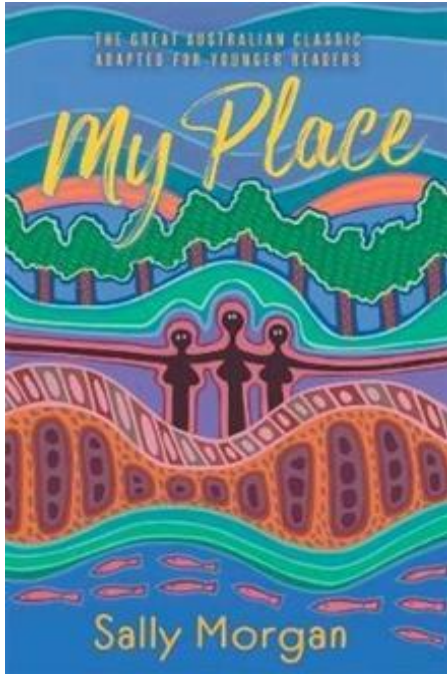
All passport holders go into the draw for a voucher from participating businesses.

Giant raffle - tickets available from participating businesses.

For further information, phone Marlene on 0419 117 279.

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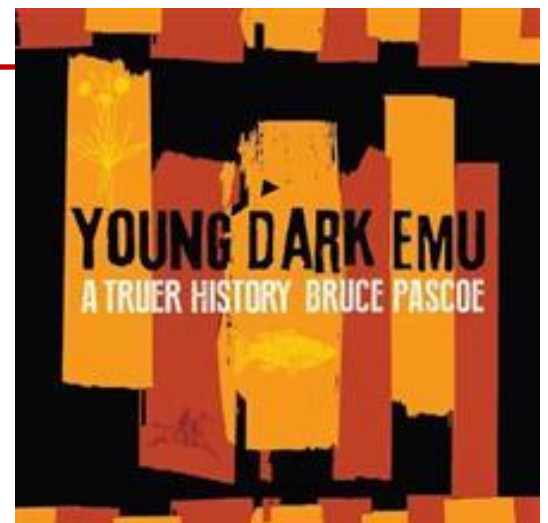
These Australian First Nations stories are now available for borrowing from the library.



Since its publication in 1987, Sally Morgan's *My Place* has sold more than half a million copies in Australia, has been translated and read all over the world, and been reprinted dozens of times. Sally's rich, zesty and moving work is perhaps the best loved biography of Aboriginal Australia ever written. *My Place for Younger Readers* is an abridged edition that retains all the charm and power of the original.

Sally always wondered about her family: who they were; where they came from; what they were hiding. She asked questions, but received few answers. So Sally travelled to her grandmother's birthplace. What started as a tentative search for information became an extraordinary pilgrimage that would change their lives forever.

Bruce Pascoe has collected a swathe of literary awards for *Dark Emu* and now he has brought together the research and compelling first person accounts in a book for younger readers. Using the accounts of early European explorers, colonists and farmers, Bruce Pascoe compellingly argues for a reconsideration of the hunter-gatherer label for pre-colonial Aboriginal Australians. He allows the reader to see Australia as it was before Europeans arrived - a land of cultivated farming areas, productive fisheries, permanent homes, and an understanding of the environment and its natural resources that supported thriving villages across the continent. *Young Dark Emu - A Truer History* asks young readers to consider a different version of Australia's history pre-European colonisation.



## November 2020

Week 7	Monday	16	Year 11 Exam Week
	Tuesday	17	
	Wednesday	18	
	Thursday	19	
	Friday	20	
Week 8	Monday	23	Step Up Program Year 11 & 12 2021 Week 1
	Tuesday	24	
	Wednesday	25	
	Thursday	26	
	Friday	27	
Week 9	Monday	30	Step Up Program Year 11 & 12 2021 Week 2

## December 2020

	Tuesday	1	
	Wednesday	2	
	Thursday	3	
	Friday	4	
Week 10	Monday	7	
	Tuesday	8	Statewide Transition Day - Year 7 2021
	Wednesday	9	
	Thursday	10	
	Friday	11	
Week 11	Monday	14	Final School Reports for 2020
	Tuesday	15	Presentation Evening 2020
	Wednesday	16	
	Thursday	17	
	Friday	18	Last Day of School 2020

**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.***