

St Arnaud Primary School

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Term 1 Week 1
22nd April, 2021
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Today's Learners: Tomorrow's Future

RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION



At the end of term assembly student attendances of 98, 99 and 100% were acknowledged with our special School Certificate and gold principal's award sticker. Well done to these students and their families on this terrific effort.

Students with below 95% attendance rates were issued a letter as a statement of the days missed in Term 1 and the long term impact poor or inconsistent attendance has on student learning outcomes and overall achievement.

While students who are unwell are asked to stay at home to prevent unnecessary spread of illness to classmates and staff, students are discouraged from missing school for birthdays and non essential activities which should be scheduled for out of school time.

Term 2
Week 1
Monday 19 April Term 2

Week 2
Monday 26th
9am Assembly & ANZAC service
Wednesday 28th
12noon School Cross Country
Friday 30th April
Winter Sports, Birchip

Week 3
Wednesday 5th May
Black Ranges X Country

Week 4
11/12/13 May
NAPLAN for Year 3 and 5
14th May
NAPLAN Catch Up

Week 5
Monday 17th May
Year 6 Leadership Excursion, Bendigo

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Principal's Report

Welcome back

It has been lovely to see everyone back, along with some new faces amongst both students and staff, for the start of Term 2! We have enjoyed a smooth start back to school, and even better to see students wearing their correct school uniform each day—well done everyone.

Prep students received paperwork for a winter uniform package from State Schools Relief earlier this week—please ensure this is returned.

Don't forget that we have a supply of second-hand uniforms available for those needing any items—all \$5 with the proceeds going to parents club, which they in turn spend on school projects for our students.

New uniform items are readily available from RAMJAC in the main street. **Year 6** students needing new winter uniforms are permitted to purchase and wear the Secondary College logo pants and the blue winter jacket (to be embroidered in Year 7). Families experiencing any difficulty in providing uniforms for their children are encouraged to contact Chloe Freeman on 54951028 or chloe.freeman2@education.vic.gov.au. Grocery boxes are also available upon request (limited items available).



We are very pleased to welcome Miss Molly Gould to our school community. Molly is filling the Health and PE role across all year levels and will also lead the Green Team, starting today on a limited timetable, but commencing in full from week 3. If you see Molly around the school please introduce yourself and make her feel welcome.

Donation to School

On behalf of the school community I wish to thank Joan Postlethwaite for her ongoing support of our school through her tireless jam making and market stall. Joan regularly donates \$500-\$1000 to our school which is used to support programs that support students and families. Recently we also received a donation from Sister Angela who is now retired, but continues to support our school. Thank you to both of these wonderful and generous ladies.

COVID cleaning

The school continues to have additional cleaning time allocated from the Department due to COVID guidelines. Each class has ready access to hand sanitiser also, and students are encouraged to wash their hands regularly. Students with skin sensitivities are encouraged to bring along their preferred bar of soap in an appropriate container, to be kept at school or in their bag.

Up Coming School Events

-House Cross Country; Wednesday 28th April at LNP. Students are encouraged to wear their House Colours. Students will be participating in practice runs for the big day on this Friday and next Tuesday. Students with Asthma must have their puffer with them.
-Black Ranges Winter Sports, Birchip; Friday 30th April. A bus will be transporting stu-

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dents, notes and \$10 to be returned by Tuesday 27th April. Thank you to the parent helpers who have volunteered to coach, umpire and score on the day.

-Black Ranges Cross Country, St Arnaud; Wednesday 5th May at LNP. Volunteers are required for time keeping duties on the day. If you can help between 10am and 1pm please let myself or Melissa Weir know.

Grounds Person

We are currently looking for a new grounds person to join our team. The successful applicant will be organised, self motivated and keen on outdoors work, prior experience preferred. The role includes garden maintenance, yard work and mowing, undertaken over 10-12 hours per week. Please contact the school if you are interested, 54951028.

Student Arrivals at school, "8.45 is time to arrive"

We currently have students arriving at school by 8.10am in the morning. This is too early and students are not supervised at this time. Staff duty commences 15 minutes prior (8.40am) to the first bell (8.55am). Parents are asked not to drop students off, or send students to school prior to this time. Mornings are a busy time for all staff, frequently involved in meetings, planning and general organisation.

School Crossing & Bus Zones

There are a number of parents and students not correctly using the School Crossing at the beginning and end of the school day. It is very important that students are taught the correct and safest way to cross Charlton Road, which is to use the crossing every time, to, get to and from the other side of the road—regardless of whether they are supervised by a parent or adult, or not.

There is ample parking at the top of the school and no road crossing is required, for parents who cannot find a park at the front of the school. School staff are no longer parking along Charlton Road in an effort to reduce congestion in this zone.

ANZAC Day

As is our long held school tradition our school captains will be laying a wreath at the cenotaph and presenting a speech at the RSL Hall on Sunday for the Community ANZAC service. We will also be holding a service at Assembly on Monday, 9am, for the whole school—parents and friends welcome. Students are welcome to bring a sprig of rosemary or small posy if they wish to add it.

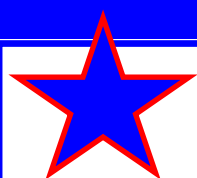
Icy Poles

Senior students will be selling icy poles on Fridays at lunchtime each week for \$1. Many thanks to Parents Club for this ongoing donation which allows the students to raise some funds for their projects throughout the year.

Found—children's scooter

Mid Term 1, a child's scooter was found hidden on school grounds. So far no owner has come forward. The scooter has been reported to the local Police. If you are missing a scooter, please contact the office. The owner will need to describe the scooter colour/brand to claim it.

*Melissa Mitchell,
Principal*



The next Parents Club meeting is next Wednesday 28th April, at the Farmer's Arms Hotel, 6pm for a meal, meeting to start at 6.30pm

All welcome!

Mel Watts, President



Footy fever has hit and St Arnaud Auskick has arrived
Lord Nelson Park east end 4.30pm to 5.15pm
Kick off Thursday 22nd April 2021 for 8 weeks

Some COVID restrictions will apply

Enrolments essential @ <https://play.afl/auskick/2021-registration>

More helpers needed please call Brett Kay 0407884621

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child can perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>	 Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2.5 years</u>	 Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>	 Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>	 Equal to finishing at grade 4

Everyday Counts!!

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