

22 July 2026
T3, Wk 2

THE LINK



School Calendar

Term 3

Week 1 - SAKGF

Monday 13 July Semester 1
Reports available

Wk 1-10 - Fridays Robotics Club

Week 2 - PT Interviews 20/21/22

Wednesday 22nd Hockey 7's,
Dimboola

**Thursday 23rd - Day of Industrial
Action**

Week 4

Monday 3 Aug - Staff CPR
Update

Week 5 - SAKGF & Meals on
Wheels

Thursday 12th - Yr5/6 Ecolinc
Excursion

Week 7 - SAKGF, Book Week &
Book Fair

Monday 24th - Book Character
Parade

Wednesday 26th - Grandparents
Morning, 9-11.30am

Friday 28th - Donald Athletics

Week 10 - 2027 Enrolments due
Friday 18th September - End T3



RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION

Principal's Report

Industrial Action at St Arnaud Primary School - COMPASS email 21 July

The Australian Education Union has called on its members to take strike action on Thursday 23 July 2026. Based upon the information provided to me, 11 of our teaching staff will be taking part in the strike action. As a consequence:

- students in Years Prep, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are not required to attend.

If this will cause you difficulties, in particular if you are a critical services worker, please get in touch as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate through this process.

Hockey 7's at Dimboola

Today our students are competing in the Hockey 7s round robin in Dimboola against St Mary's, St Patrick's and Birchip P-12. We look forward to hearing the outcomes of their games and wish them well for a wonderful day of sport. Thank you to Sam Greenaway for umpiring and Mrs Weir and Riley for their coaching and supervision.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to parents who have participated in the PT interviews for Semester 2. Communication between school and home is one of the most important ingredients in supporting student achievement. Unfortunately this process has been impacted by tomorrow's industrial action. Classroom teachers will be in touch with parents to reschedule any missed appointments.

Student Medications & Allergies - PARENT ACTION REQUIRED

As part of St Arnaud Primary School's commitment to meeting our legislative requirements we require you to provide us with a current Asthma Action Plan and/or Anaphylaxis Plan for your child.

If your child's medication device has changed since their Asthma Action Plan was last updated, please ensure that this is noted by their practitioner on the new plan.

Once completed, please return it to us ASAP, or by the end of August, together with your child's medication (please check the dates on these) and any other device aid for administration (e.g. spacer device/ auto injector pen). If your medical practitioner has informed you that your child no longer experiences asthma symptoms, they will need to provide a letter, on the practice letterhead, to the school stating such.

To be able to provide the best possible care for your child, we respectfully ask that parents are proactive in this area.

New Staff

Welcome to Jasmine Vanrenen. Jas will be in the P1E classroom on Thursdays. Jas currently works at Wedderburn College when she's not at our school and has a wealth of ES experience, as well as being mum to 5 great kids!

Melissa Mitchell
Principal



VALUE AWARD WINNERS



P/IE
Theo Vanrenen



P/IP
Isaiah



P/IP
Mingi Takarangi-Kapene



2C
Loki Teggatz



2C
Rafe Kinnane



2C
Alita Mitchell



2C



3/4A
Skye Alvarez



4/5W
Brianna Chugg



4/5W
Alfie Coates



5/6T
Pippa O'Donnell



5/6T
Alaric Rylatt-Arpea



Music
Torah Watts



H & PE
Chloe Perko



Art
Ryan Thursby



Art
Loki Teggatz



Art
Rafe Kinnane



Art
George Coloe



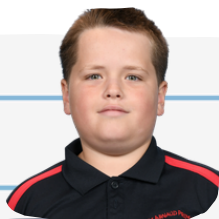
I.C.T.
Lailah Teggatz



KINDNESS
Alvie Dix

ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

BRONZE AWARDS



Brax Evans

SILVER AWARDS

Dental Health Week Colouring Competition!

Prizes to be won!

Two categories:

Kinder Ages | Primary School

Return your colouring form to your nearest
East Wimmera Health Service campus

by Friday 31st July

Pick up a colouring form from your primary school,
kindergarten or any EWHS campus.



Email: healthpromotion@ewhs.org.au | Phone: 03 5477 2100

RUSTY'S HOME READING



Regular reading significantly enhances children's academic development by improving cognitive skills, boosting vocabulary, and fostering a love of learning. It supports academic success by strengthening comprehension, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities.

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Knox Newton
Lewis Coates

50

Phoenix G

75

Jarvis Mactaggart

100

Gianna Sierra

150

Ivy Ezard

SELF CARE

Day

24th July 2026

What is self care?

Any action you take that looks after your own physical, mental and emotional health.

Includes general hygiene, managing stress and enjoying your hobbies. We should be practicing self-care every day to give our body and mind time to rest and reset.

Benefits

Benefits of partaking in self-care include:

- Feeling happier and healthier
- Improved stress management during challenging times
- Stronger social connections
- Increased energy and productivity

Ways to self care

- Going for a walk outside
- Listening to your favorite music
- Colouring
- Writing in a journal about your thoughts and feelings
- Gardening
- Taking a warm bath or shower
- Reading your favorite book
- Getting a good night's sleep
- Eating nutritious food
- Practice gratitude by noticing things you are grateful for



Health Promotion

EAST WIMMERA HEALTH SERVICE

ROCKET MATHS



Chloe Perko



Indi Gigg



Madi B



Gianna Sierra



Bailey Gigg



Dom David

Rockets Maths is a daily program for all year levels, providing the opportunity to practise number facts in an engaging way. As students achieve success they move onto the next level where they continue to improve their number skills.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every Day Counts - It's Not OK to Be Away!

When your child misses just ...	that equals	which is	and therefore from P-12 that is ...	This means the best your child can achieve is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	nearly 1.5 years of school	equal to finishing Yr11
1 day per week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	over 2.5 years of school	equal to finishing yr10
2 days per week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	over 5 years of learning	equal to finishing yr7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	over 8 years of learning	equal to finishing yr4



Readathon

1-31 August

We're taking on the
2026 MS Readathon
to support families impacted by MS

Our fundraising goal

\$1500

Our book goal

2000



SUPPORT
US TODAY!

Scan me

Search: St Arnaud School

msreadathon.org.au

@msreadathon
 /MS Readathon

Aus Alert information

This information was sent in a COMPASS email on Tuesday 14th July at 2.40pm

We've been advised that a national test of [AusAlert](#) will happen across Australia on Monday 27 July at 2 pm.

AusAlert is a new, national emergency warning system. It sends warning messages to compatible mobile devices during emergencies, to keep people informed so they can act quickly. The Australian Government plans to launch AusAlert in October 2026.

On Monday 27 July at 2 pm, all [compatible mobile devices](#) will receive a [Critical Alert](#). Compatible mobile devices include phones, tablets, smart watches, safety watches and some vehicle devices. These will vibrate and make a loud, siren-like warning sound for about 10 seconds. This will happen even if they are on silent or do not disturb. The message will clearly state that it is a test. No action is required from the test.

To minimise disruption, student phones and smart devices should always be switched off and stored securely in lockers or bags during the school day. Students who use their mobile phone as part of a documented exception can continue to do so. If appropriate, they can turn their phone off during the test.

You may also wish to let your child know that if they see or hear the alert, school staff will support them. You can learn more at [AusAlert: children and teens](#). Information is also available in other [languages](#).

Safe phones

AusAlert may increase risk for people experiencing violence, especially if they live with someone who uses violence. Alerts may expose safety devices.

If you or someone you know has a hidden device, the best way to stay safe during the test is to:

- turn off your mobile device or put it in aeroplane mode
- keep your device off or in aeroplane mode for 24 hours.

Silent mode and do not disturb will not stop the alert.

For more information, please refer to the [Staying safe with AusAlert page](#).

Victoria Police

Northern Grampians Neighbourhood Policing Forum



VICTORIA POLICE

The Victoria Police Neighbourhood Policing Forum welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what issues are important in your community.

The forum will explore topics including:

- Current crime trends and crime prevention
- Young people
- Family violence
- Road policing
- Drugs and drug related crime.

The Neighbourhood Policing Forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel and questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event.

Registration is a must.

To attend, please register by sending your details to:

NORTHGRAMPPSA@police.vic.gov.au

or scan the QR code.

To submit a question prior to the forum:

[Northern Grampians NHP questions](#)

Event details

Date:

Thursday 6th August 2026

Time:

6:00pm – 8:00pm

(Doors open 5:45pm)

Location:

**Northern Grampians Shire Council
St Arnaud – Stewart Hall
40 Napier Street, St Arnaud**



Scan here to
register your
attendance



Got a question for police?

Scan the QR code to submit
prior to the forum



A SAFE VICTORIA



First Aid Courses 2026



10am-4pm Tuesday 18th August

CPR Only (HLTAID009)

Completed Annually — \$90 per person

HLTAID011 Provide First Aid (Includes CPR)

(No asthma or anaphylaxis)

For first time or expired certificate

\$180 per person - Pre-class on-line work.

HLTAID011—Continuous Learning (Includes CPR)

For people with a current Certificate less than 2 years old

—Renews for another 3 years

(proof required) \$110 Per Person - Pre-class on-line work.

**HLTAID012—Provide First Aid in the
Education and Care Setting (Includes CPR)**

(Includes asthma or anaphylaxis)

For first time or expired certificate -

\$230 Per Person - Includes asthma and anaphylaxis

Pre-class on-line work.

HLTAID012—Continuous Learning (Includes CPR)

For people with a current Certificate less than 2 years old

—Renews for another 3 years

(proof required) \$120 Per Person - Pre-class on-line work.

Trainer:

RICH RIVER FIRST AID TRAINING

Enrol and Pay by Tuesday 11th August.

**Enquiries to: St Arnaud Community Resource
Centre, 85 Napier St, St Arnaud. Ph: 5495 1997
9am-2:00pm Mondays to Fridays**

