

THE LINK

T1, Wk6
7th March
2024

Today's Learners: Tomorrow's Future



Week 6

Tuesday 5th March

9.30-10.30am Shake, Rattle & READ

Thursday 7th

Parents Club Mtg @ The Royal

Week 7

Monday 11th

Labour Day Public Holiday

Tues 12th

North Central Summer Sports

13th - 15th

NAPLAN Testing

Week 8

Monday 18th

Responsible Pet Ownership visit P/1/2; Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 19th

9.30am Shake, Rattle & READ; Somers Camp departs; Cultural Incursion for Harmony Week; Parent Teacher Interviews

Week 9

Tuesday 26th

"Respectanator" Day

Wednesday 27th

School Council AGM

Thursday 28th

9.15am Easter Bonnet Parade; Diversity Dash; 2pm dismissal



Green Team



Our Green Team Students have very proudly participated in Clean Up Australia Day and they did a wonderful job up at Lord Nelson Park making our beautiful sporting facility even nicer for those who use it for sport and leisure. By registering our participation in the event St Arnaud Primary School was able to access reusable bags and gloves and avoid unnecessary waste going to landfill. If anyone wants to donate to the cause to help with the provision of gloves and bags for future events - please follow this link:

<https://register.cleanup.org.au/.../primary-school--oval...>

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Principal's Report

Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews—Week 8

Our school provides parents with an opportunity to meet with teachers in Term 1 for Parent/Teacher Interviews, from Monday 18th March. The purpose of these interviews is to connect with Teachers over student progress in academic and social and emotional aspects of their school life. Time is dedicated in Week 8 for staff to be free from meetings and after school commitments to allow these interviews to occur and we ask parents to take up the valuable opportunity to make an appointment.

Bookings are made via COMPASS. Every family has been allocated an account and if you have forgotten your password please contact Shirlee in the General Office to have this reset. If you need assistance navigating COMPASS please speak to your child's teacher or to Shirlee about some guidance.

We look forward to speaking with all families in Week 8.

Parents Club

Our Parents Club are meeting TONIGHT (Thursday 7th March) at the Royal Hotel, for a meal first and a meeting to follow, at 7pm. Any interested parents who would like to attend are warmly encouraged to come along to meet other parents and get involved in a supportive and proactive group that does great things for our students and school.

Public Holiday Monday

Next Monday is the Labour Day long weekend and there is no school for students. We wish everyone an enjoyable and safe long weekend and look forward to seeing everyone return on Tuesday.

NAPLAN testing

The NAPLAN testing for the nations Year 3/5/7/9 students will be held next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It is important that all children are present for these tests and come to school well rested and prepared to do their best.

It is customary at our school that students in Years 4 and 6 participate in practice NAPLAN simultaneously. We believe that this provides additional exposure and the opportunity to build confidence with taking online tests for students who will continue into year 7 and 9 where testing is mandatory across Australia.

Prep Rest Days

For our littlest learners next Wednesday will be the first Wednesday for their attendance. Mrs Ezard has communicated with our families that in the event that the rest day needs to be extended for your child, to please make contact with her. It is important that there is a common day nominated to reduce interruption to the teaching and learning program.

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance of \$150 is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to these activities for the benefit of your child. Application forms are available from the Office and need to be completed for any new enrolments (newly started or change of school) or for any change of family circumstances ie: new sibling has commenced. Please check with the office if you are unsure. Applications close 28 June 2024.

Student Attendance

Last week letters were sent home to parents of students with less than 90% attendance so far. It is very easy to lose track of the number of days a child has missed or to realise the long term accumulative effect of missing a few days each term. Less than 10 days per year is our school goal for every child, to minimise the impact of lost learning time on student achievement. Your support in minimising the number of days missed by our students is greatly appreciated by our staff.

Personal Belongings at School

Parents are advised that personal belongings brought to school by students are not covered by insurance and often represent an unnecessary distraction to students and a loss of learning time in classes. If your child requires a fidget or regulation tool, please discuss this with the classroom teacher and avoid children bringing their prized possessions to school.

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Mobile Phones and Devices

In line with State Government mandate, students are not to be in possession of mobile phones at school. Phones brought to school must be handed in at the General Office at the beginning of each day and collected at the conclusion of each day. Students who have a device for their use on the bus are also encouraged to follow the same practice of handing it in at the General Office for safe keeping. Parents are asked to reinforce this expectation with their children.

Literacy Leadership

Earlier this week our school hosted Literacy Leaders and Learning Specialists from Horsham West & Haven, Warracknabeal, Stawell West, Stawell 502, Dimboola Primary Schools for a day of literacy planning under the guidance of our network Literacy Coach Xanthi Rice and literacy consultant Amina McLean. The group worked on developing units of work to be taught in each of our schools, following the structured literacy model. This group is leading a huge body of work in the area of literacy for the Wimmera South West Network of schools. Kirri Ezard and Emily Gosden are leading our school staff in this work and it is exciting to see the results.

Summer Sports

Next Tuesday a number of our Yr 5/6 students will be involved in the annual Summer Sports at LNP. Students must have adequate water, snacks and lunch, as well as be in their correct school uniform. Students not participating in T-ball or Cricket will be reallocated to classes remaining at school.

Melissa Mitchell, Principal



WE'RE HIRING!

CHILD CARE WORKERS NEEDED

St Arnaud Primary School After School & Vacation Care

Seeking Child Care Qualified Educators
to join our fun & passionate team in providing
high-quality care at our

- ✓ **Pay rate ranges up to \$41 per hour**
(incl super and pending qualification held/ studying)
- ✓ **Secure Casual Position-** up to 6hrs+ per week in
school term & 25hrs+ during school holiday periods.

Applicants are required to hold or be studying an
approved qualification in the education/ child
care/ allied health sector.



Email your resume to:
hr@afterthebell.com.au

APPLY NOW



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Celebrating our Students

respect resilience kindness honesty aspiration

WEEK 5 WINNERS



1/2P
BRAX EVANS



3/4T
SEBASTIAN TIFFIN



45J
GIO SIERRA



6W
IMOGEN WATTS



ART & STEM
LATISHA JACKSON



MUSIC
INDI FISH



HEALTH & PE
LEWIS LOWE



100% BAKERY BUCKS
HARLOW NEWTON



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Congratulations!

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Parents Club

President—Mel Watts

Vice President—Mark Mactaggart

Secretary—Jade Miles

School Council Rep—Alison Coloe/Mark Mactaggart

Treasurer—Bernie Thursby

Next Meeting— Thursday 7th March—7pm at The Royal Hotel. Meal and/or meeting

Calling for donations of Easter Eggs, Easter Craft, gift baskets etc for the Annual Easter Raffle to be dropped into the General Office by 22nd March. Parents Club will be selling Raffle Tickets from Weir's IGA on March 14th

Ongoing Fundraiser

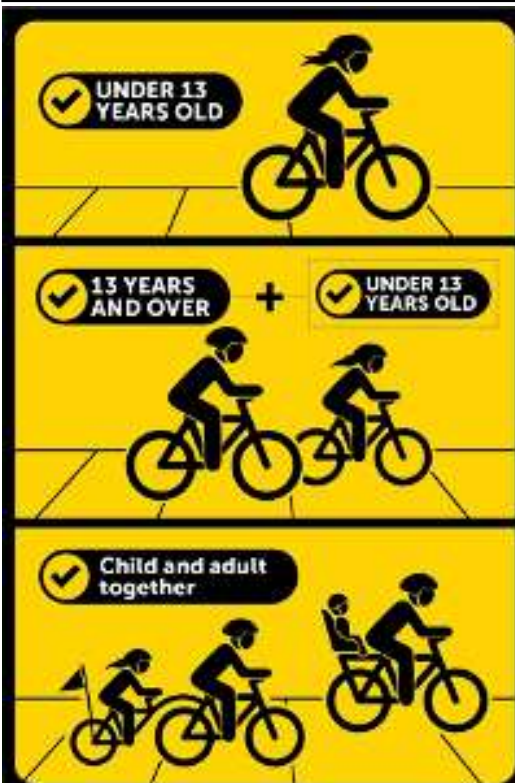
Jolly Soles Socks—available from Esmores' BP Service Station

Find us on Facebook:



St.Arnaud Primary School Parents Club

Organization · 373 followers



BIKE SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS & CARERS

- Children under 13 years old will now be able to cycle on footpaths.
- A person 13 years and older can accompany a child under 13 years cycling on a footpath.
- Adults with a young child in a child seat attached to their bicycle, or with a child pedalling on a bike attachment at the back of an adult bicycle, can cycle on the footpath

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Year 6W Menu
 Vegetable slice
 Tomato and Garlic Pasta
 Apple & Chia balls
 Fruit Muffins

We used tomatoes, apples, garlic and fruit from the orchard in our menu this week.



Big thanks to Tara Lowe for helping in the kitchen.



**Now available from
 the General Office**

**StAPS
 Beanies
 \$20**

www.st.arnaud.ps@education.vic.gov.au



Music



February in the music class saw many of us studying the Lunar New Year! We sang 'Gong Xi, Gong Xi', a favourite Lunar New Year song and composed our own music using word rhythms such as 'Dragon', 'Lantern', 'Firecracker' and 'Coin'.

We viewed animated films, theatre and puppet plays about Xian the Monster. To finish off our Lunar New Year music and performing arts unit we held a dragon parade around the school accompanied by the playing of drums and crashing cymbals.

Mrs Walsh, Music Teacher.



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First Aid Courses 2024



Tuesday 26th March

10am-4pm

CPR (HLTAID009)

Completed Annually — \$85 per person

HLTAID011 Provide First Aid

For first time or expired certificate

\$210 per person - Pre-class on-line work.

HLTAID011—Continuous Learning (Includes CPR)

For people with current Certificate—done every year to keep qualification current

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

HLTAID012—Provide First Aid in the Education and Care Setting

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 current Certificate—done every year to keep qualification current

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

Trainer:

CASEY KOSCH FIRST AID TRAINING
Enrol and Pay by Thursday 21st March.

Enquiries to:

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



Good Friday Appeal

Friday
29 March
From 2pm

**FARMERS ARMS HOTEL
ST ARNAUD**

Join us for our fun filled
family day out!

3PM Easter egg hunt

face painting, petting farm,
jumping castle, sausage sizzle,
live music

8PM goods & service auction

Funds raised for the Royal Children's Hospital
Good Friday Appeal

PLAY

FOR the Kicks

come find your awesome

**ST ARNAUD
AUSKICK CENTRE**

Lord Nelson Park
Thursday 4:30pm
starting 2nd May

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play.afl/auskick

Easter Hat Parade

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Join us in Napier Street on
March 28th at 9.15am

Students will have collection tins for
the RCH Good Friday Appeal

Give that they may grow



Health Promotion
EAST WIMMERA HEALTH SERVICE

MOVE MORE IN MARCH

Finding ways to be more active

There are many opportunities to sit throughout the day, whether that be in the classroom, on the school bus or in the car. What we lack is the same about of opportunities to move.

This March we challenge you to find more opportunities in your day to move and be active!

HOW WILL YOU MOVE MORE THIS MONTH?

GET YOUR GAME ON



Break up your day of sitting by playing a game of footy, 4 square or basketball during break times.



ACTIVE TRAVEL

You have to get there in some way or another, why not grab your helmet or walking shoes and walk or ride to your destination.

GET FITTER WITH LITTER

Improve your own and the environments health by going on an adventure and picking up litter along the way. You never know one man's trash could be anothers treasure...



**ANYTHING IS BETTER THAN NOTHING. SO
GET MOVING IN A WAY THAT BEST SUITS
YOU!**

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After The Bell



St Arnaud Primary School

Monday 1st April

Public Holiday

No Program Operating

**EASTER
PUBLIC
HOLIDAY**

Monday 8th April

Our ANZAC's

Celebrating the upcoming ANZAC Day, we will spend the day learning about the importance of this day through different activities and cooking traditional ANZAC biscuits.



Tuesday 2nd April

Clowning Around (Incursion)

Today will be filled with laughter and clowning around with some circus fun.

Our incursion today will test your balloon twisting skills, but that's not all we will be ending the day with some sparkle with a glittery tattoo creation.

Estimated incursion time: 12.30pm



Tuesday 3rd April

Master of Disguises (Incursion)

Be a secret agent or be a superhero or come as you are, as we journey through the day with mystery and fun.

Come join in our sports, cooking, craft activities and best of all being part of the face painting incursion.

Arrive to the program by: 1.00pm



Wednesday 3rd April

Movie Time (Walking Excursion)

Heading off to the movies to watch the latest children's movie 4th out these holidays.

Children will be provided with a treat bag, popcorn, and a drink for the movie fun.

Arrive at the program by – 9.00am
Back at the program – 2.00pm



Wednesday 10th April

On The Hunt

Grab your checklist we are off on a mega scavenger hunt today.

How quickly can you find the mystery items today?

Let's set the timer and find out!



Thursday 4th April

Paint, Plaster and Play

Enjoy a day of painting, plaster crafts and playing our favourite games.

There is so many things to explore today, so come and dive into this creative fun day.



Thursday 11th April

Rainbows In The Kitchen (Lunch Provided)

There are so many vibrant colours when cooking food.

We are going to get creative by cooking up a storm in the kitchen making a yummy lunch dish, refreshments, and rainbow cupcakes for afternoon tea.

To go with our theme children will be decorating a kitchen utensil for them to use or to give to someone special.



Friday 5th April

Wheels Day

Come along and bring your bike, scooter, rollerblades, or skateboard.

Test your skills on our Wheels Day obstacle course.

Note: Helmets and safety protective gear must be always worn. No sharing of equipment will be permitted.



Friday 12th April

Wax It

Enjoy the art of candle making, as we will be creating our own candles and painting with candle.

We will also end this creative day with some cooking in the kitchen.



What Do I Bring To Vacation Care?

Please ensure that your child's bag is packed with a nutritional morning tea, lunch, a refillable bottle and SunSmart hat. We ask parents not to pack their children's bag with soft drinks, lollies and chips. After The Bell Aus follows the Heart Foundation, Healthy Together programs and Nutrition Australia policy and promotes healthy eating at our programs. Children are not permitted to have any food that contain nuts or that requires refrigeration, re-heating, or cooking. Please note some days in Vacation Care lunch maybe provided, please read the Vacation Care program carefully for these indicated lunch provided days.

Government Child Care Subsidy applies to all below fees (if eligible)

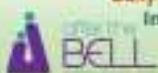
Pay as little as **\$11.17 per day/child**

Daily cost ranges per day/child

In-house between- \$75 – \$82

Incursion- \$85 – \$90

Excursion- \$95 – \$105



All bookings are to be made through your **Kidsoft iParent portal.**

Less than 48hrs business days bookings requests are to be emailed to the bookings email address for approval.

Note: VAC days will operate where 12 or more bookings. Families will be notified via email on the 18th March 2024 on operational status.

Program Information

Address: 2 Charlton Road, St Arnaud VIC

Room Location: OSHC Room (Hall)

Program Number: 0403 273 494

Program Hours: 8am till 5.30pm



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