

School Calendar

Week 6

Mon 3rd - Halogen Leadership
Excursion
Wednesday 5th - 9.30am Shake,
Rattle & READ
Thursday 6th - Summer Sports, LNP
Friday 7th - 9.15am Crazy Hair &
Shave for a Cure

Week 7

**Monday 10th - Labour Day Public
Holiday**
Tuesday 11th - Pupil Free Day
12/13/14th - Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN

Week 8

Monday 17th - Harmony Week
Family Brekky
Wednesday 19th - Open Day &
Classroom Tours 9.15am and
10.15am; 9.30am Shake Rattle &
READ; Parents Club AGM 7pm

Week 9

Tuesday 25th March - School
Council AGM

Week 10

Wednesday 2nd April - Shake Rattle
& READ 9.30am
Friday 4th April
Easter Hat Parade for RCH and
Diversity Dash @ Secondary
College; 2pm dismissal for end T1

**Tuesday 11th March - Pupil Free
Day for Staff Development**



School Leaders Ceremony

On Monday our School Leaders were formally presented to our school community at the Leadership Ceremony at the Town Hall. With almost 300 students and many parents in attendance, it was terrific to see students from Prep to Yr12 acknowledged for their elected roles.

The Year 6 students were presented with their unique Yr6 T-shirt; the Yr12's received their Yr12 Jumper, badge and mug; and each student receiving a badge gave their pledge to undertake the role with pride and responsibility. Well done everyone - we are filled with anticipation for what the year will bring.

Principal's Report

Parent Information Session—Monday Night

On Monday night Mrs Ezard and Ms Gosden hosted a Parent Information Evening covering the structured teaching approach used at our school. It was a very informative session and if you missed it but would like to know more, please contact Kirri or Emily.

Parents Club—Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th March at 7pm in the Staff Room. If you are interested in getting involved—please come along.

Visiting School Dentist

We are expecting the school dentist to visit our school in the week of 24-28th March. Every student has received an information/consent sheet—these are required back 28th February.

Summer Sports

Many students in yr3/4/5/6 will be involved in the Summer Sports at Lord Nelson Park on Thursday 6th March. Students will be playing T-Ball and T20 Cricket. They will need packed lunches and drinks on this day as there is no canteen running. The competition will be made up of teams from St Marys, Donald PS, Birchip P-12 and St Pats. Team information will be shared closer to the date, notes w

Parent Teacher Interviews

If you were unable to attend your child's Interview last week, please contact the classroom teachers for an appointment.

Thank You—Tori Jesse

Late last year Tori spent some time at school taking photos in classrooms which are often used on our website and flyers. The photos are absolutely terrific and we are very appreciative to have Tori's artful eye and camera creating these photos. Thank you Tori!



Student Attendance Matters

Monitoring Student Attendance is a Department priority and is linked to longer term student success. At the end of Week 4 (18 days of school) there are 40 students at 100%; and 21 students below 85% (having missed 3 or more of the 18 days of school so far—new prep rest days are not included in this percentage). Our school goal is for students to miss no more than 10 days of school for the year. If you are experiencing any difficulty getting your child to school, please let us know.

Principal's Report

School Open Day & Classroom Tours

The school will be holding an open day for prospective families with an opportunity to book a tour of classrooms. These will be available at 9.15am or 10.15am on Wednesday 19th March. Anyone who is unable to make it on that day or at those times may ring the office or email the school to make an alternate booking.

If you are aware of family or friends who are interested in seeing our teachers and students in action, please encourage them to book in. A school tour provides the opportunity to experience our school environment and ask questions.

Shake, Rattle & READ

We are very excited to welcome Shake, Rattle & READ back to our calendar. Sessions will run each fortnight and this year will be run by Aliza Lockhart and Molly Hendy. Molly and Aliza both work at the school as Education Support Staff while they study Primary Teaching at University. Parents and children aged 0-5yrs are most welcome to come along for a fun hour of reading, rhyme, play and friendship.

Halogen Young Leaders Excursion

Next Monday 3rd March, Mrs Weir and I will be taking our 17 school leaders to Melbourne for the annual student leadership conference at the Convention Centre. Guest speakers on the day include Emma McKeon Olympic and Commonwealth Swimming Medallist, Thomas Duncan-Watt young screen writer and author on shows including Space Nova, Home and Away and many more, Majak Daw Sundanese born AFL player and one surprise speaker to be introduced on the day. The day is heavily subsidised using Student Excellence funding from the school budget and is a terrific day for our young leaders to hear about the journeys of others.

Melissa Mitchell,
Principal



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every Day Counts A day here or there doesn't seem like much but ...



When your child misses just ...	that equals	which is	and therefore, from Prep to Yr12 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 1/2 years of school	Equal to finishing Yr11
1 day per week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2 1/2 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

WEEK 4 AWARD WINNERS



P/IE
LOUELLA COLOE



1/2P
BILLY DEAN



2/3T
ERIAH MCINTYRE



3/4C
IVY EZARD



5/6W
AAVAH VOGLER



ART
FAITH BROOKE



PHYSICAL EDUCATION
ALBERT JESSE



ART
ARCHIE LYONS



I.C.T
DAKODA JACKSON



BAKERY BUCKS
THEO VANRENEN



KINDNESS AWARD
LOUELLA COLOE



KINDNESS AWARD
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School Open Day... **CLASSROOM TOURS**

St Arnaud Primary School is inviting prospective families into our school to see firsthand the quality teaching and learning that occurs behind the hedge.

Our school has an established and experienced staff of classroom teachers, specialist teachers, and trained and skilled Education Support Staff, in all learning areas of the school.

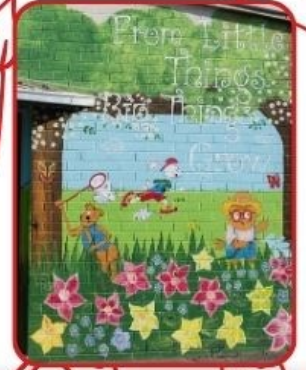
There is a strong emphasis on ongoing staff professional development and implementation of best practice approaches to teaching and wellbeing.

St Arnaud Primary School has an authentic commitment to inclusion and student wellbeing - every child is supported to achieve their best and provided with the tools to thrive in a warm and nurturing environment.

We look forward to sharing our passion for education with you!

Wednesday 19th March - SCHOOL TOURS
@ 9.15am and 10.15am
Please book:

www.starnaudps.vic.edu.au
ph. 54951028
e. st.arnaud.ps@education.vic.gov.au



CUPCAKES AT RECESS

Wednesday 5th March



The Wellbeing Leaders will be busy baking cupcakes to raise funds for the World's Greatest Shave.

PLEASE BRING ALONG A GOLD COIN DONATION

Zarleya, Maria and Izzy.

MRS WEIR'S WELLBEING WONDERINGS

As I sat at the Primary School and Secondary College joint leadership Ceremony on Monday, it really got me wondering!

What is Leadership and what does it mean to me? What is a leader? What makes a good leader? Are you born a leader? Do kids know what a leader is? Do they want to be a leader? When we think about Leadership as a character strength it is the tendency to organise and encourage a group to get things done.

Effective leaders are able to set goals and accomplish them, enlisting effective help and building teams around them.

I always say to the kids, you don't need a badge to be a leader - you are all a leader within your own right.

Students,
teachers, parents
and community:
building
partnerships



Mrs Melissa Weir
Mental Health in
Primary Schools



Maria Taylor
Isobel Green
Zarleya



Hutchinson
Wellbeing
Leaders

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO INSTILL LEADERSHIP IN YOUR CHILD..

- Allow your child to participate in team activities - Teamwork enhances communication skills, confidence and social skills.
- Have your child complete some jobs around the house - this instills a good work ethic.
- Encourage decision making skills - assess pros and cons of situations, discuss the importance of making a decision, listening to others and dealing with a setback.
- Practise communication - allowing children to order their meal at a takeaway shop or asking for something at the supermarket promotes communication.
www.biglifejournal.com



*"Be the change that you wish to see
in the world."*

MAHATMA GANDHI



WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE

Friday, 7th March.

Maria Taylor will be shaving her hair off for the World's Greatest Shave on Friday 7th March.

All proceeds are raising vital funds for Lukeamia research.



The shave will commence at 9.15am in the St Arnaud Primary School Arts Centre.

We would love it if you could join us. There will be a raffle on the door, that will be drawn after the shave.

Crazy Hair Day

STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO
COME TO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY
7TH MARCH, WITH THEIR
CRAZIEST HAIR STYLES!
AND BRING ALONG A GOLD COIN
DONATION TO SUPPORT
MARIA'S CAUSE.



SHAKE, RATTLE & READ

St Arnaud Primary School, Arts Centre

ST ARNAUD PRIMARY
SCHOOL
1646



COME AND JOIN US!

TERM 1 2025

WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH

WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH

WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL

9:30-10:30AM - FRUIT SNACK

PROVIDED



St Arnaud PS
Green Team



Container deposit scheme

The students of St Arnaud Green Team are taking part in the Victorian Container Deposit Scheme to raise money for current and future projects designed to improve the environment and sustainability practices at our school.

You can support us by placing your eligible cans and bottles in the bin at our school, it's on the front veranda or alternatively, you can select our school in the 'donations' tab when returning your cans and bottles to the recycling point at Eco Swish.



Each eligible container you can collect will raise 10c for our school.

FREE MOBILE DENTAL VAN VISIT

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to announce the arrival of the Dental Van at our school! Your child's dental health is important to us, and we believe that prevention is the key to maintaining those healthy smiles. Here are some compelling reasons why you should consider taking advantage of this opportunity:

- **Convenience:** The Dental Van is coming directly to our school, saving you time and the hassle of scheduling separate dental appointments.
- **Free Dental Check-ups:** Yes, you read that right! Your child can receive a **FREE** dental check-up right here at school. ASG provides dental services under Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) via Medicare Bulk Billing meaning **"No Out of Pocket Cost Involved"**. CDBS provides financial funding of \$1095 per child every 2 calendar years for ELIGIBLE children between the age of 2-17 years. If the child is not eligible for CDBS, we will provide complimentary oral health screening for the child at no charge.
- **Educational Experience:** They will learn about the importance of oral hygiene, brushing techniques, and healthy eating habits.
- **Treatment Provided:** The Dental Van offers preventive services such as cleanings, sealants, fluoride treatments, fillings etc. all aimed at keeping your child's smile healthy and bright.

We encourage parents and guardians to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to ensure your child's dental health is in top shape. Please sign up for a dental check-up for your child at the school office, and feel free to ask any questions you may have about this program.

Let's work together to keep our children's smiles healthy and beautiful! Your child's smile is worth it!



AUSTRALIAN SMILE GROUP IS COMING TO YOUR SCHOOL TO



24th → 28th March 2025
Actual days TBC

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund APPLICATION Form

ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL

1646

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card.

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Victorian Department of Education (DE) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry about my Centrelink customer details and concession card status to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of any enquiry to DE regarding temporary care orders.

I understand that:

- DFFH or Centrelink will use information I have provided to DE to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DE personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to my child's school so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DE.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You can request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date / /

Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one; or
 - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder; or
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent; and
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Eligibility | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/eligibility)

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students' attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink (see [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Policy | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/policy)).

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. Please refer to the policy for the current rates.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund \(CSEF\): Payment amounts | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef/payment-amounts)

Foundation and Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents, so please register your interest at the school.

How to complete the application form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.

Net Set Go will run 21st March - 13th June 2025

Please note: Net Set Go does not run through the school holidays.

Exciting news, the GO Competition on Saturdays is back for the Set and Go aged participants (further information to come once NSG begins)

Follow our Club Facebook Page for updates.

Chelsea Gravener and Johanna Medlyn, Net Set Go Coaches



From first pass to final whistle, the **fun starts here!**
Join in the joy of Australia's leading grassroots netball program, for all kids aged 5-10.

St Arnaud Netball Courts
Fridays - 4pm-5pm (First session March 21)
Register using the QR code



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

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. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$154 for primary school students
- \$256 for secondary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

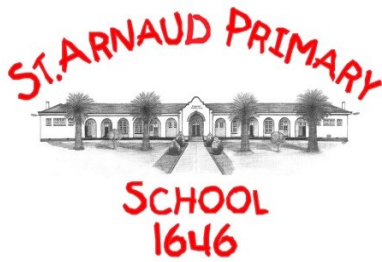
Check with the school office if you are unsure

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>





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February 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The CSEF (*Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund*) is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips/excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid concession card ie: Health Care Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. Please see attached flyer for more information.

The allowance of \$154 per child for Primary Students, is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to the above activities for the benefit of your child. It is paid into your St Arnaud Primary School family account as a credit.

Please find enclosed both the flyer and an application form for your convenience.

If you think you qualify, fill out the application form and present it, along with your valid concession card (for photocopying) to our school office.

If you are a new family to our school from another school, or you have a new family member who has started school in 2025 ie: New Prep student, you will need to fill out a new form as we cannot apply on your behalf.

If you do not submit the completed application and present it to the School Office (and satisfy the eligibility criteria) you will not receive it.

Applications close at the end of June 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Kind regards,

St Arnaud Primary School

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