

14th May 2026
T2, Wk 4

THE LINK



School Calendar

Week 5 - Education Week

Monday 18th - Dance Ministry workshops

Tuesday 19th - 6.30pm School Council

Wednesday 20th - 8.30am Family Brekky;
9-10am Open Classrooms

Week 6

Monday 25th - 10am Walk for Autism

Thursday 28th - 9.15am #3 School Tour

Week 7

Friday 5th June - 9.15am #4 School Tour

Week 8

Monday 8th June - King's Birthday Long Weekend

Thursday 11th - Yr3/4 Earth Ed Excursion

Week 9

Wed 17th - 7pm School Dance - Jungle Theme @ Town Hall

Week 10

Tues 23rd - Yr5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion

Fri 26th - 11.30am Trash Test Dummies & End T2



RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION

Principal's Report

Black Ranges Cross Country

Yesterday we entered 6 runners into the Black Ranges Cross Country, held at Lord Nelson Park. This Zone event includes schools from Ararat to Birchip, Lake Bolac to Moyston and several hundred children. Competition is quite fierce and entrants are expected to be able to run their course distance in a guide time. Our team represented our school proudly and were supported by the Yr 45 and Yr 56 classes upon their crossing of the finish line. Georgie Mactaggart, Alvie Dix and Rennie Dix have qualified to run in the Greater Western Regional Championships in Warrnambool on May 26th - congratulations!

Education Week - Showcase your school!

Next week our school has planned an activity everyday to celebrate Education Week and the theme of showcase your school. Please see the plan of what is on each day - but of particular note to families is the Family Brekky on Wednesday morning from 8.30am followed by Open Classrooms from 9-10am - we hope you can join us for an hour of classroom learning!

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Market Stall

Last weekend at the St Arnaud Country Market, our school hosted a stall selling sausages, and bacon and egg sandwiches, jams, sauces, chutneys and a variety of cordials. The market raised \$800 which will go back into the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and support our plans to expand and improve on the kitchen and garden infrastructure. The continued donation of clean jars and bottles of all sizes (with metal lids) is very welcome - likewise excess garden produce. If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact the school by phone or email - 54951028, st.arnaud.ps@education.vic.gov.au. Thank you to everyone who supported our very first stall.

Parents Club

On behalf of the students who loved their shopping experience, I'd like to thank the Parents Club for their work in planning and running the Mothers' Day Stall, in particular Mel Watts and Chrysal Culliver for setting up and running the stall. I hope everyone who received a gift, loved what their child selected so carefully and enjoyed a wonderful day on Sunday. The weather certainly was lovely.

Attitudes to School Survey - Year 4/5/6

Each year students in Years 4/5/6 at Government Primary Schools are asked to complete the Attitudes to School Survey. The survey results are anonymously collected and collate for each school, network and similar school cohort across Victoria, and help schools to track student engagement, wellbeing and connection to school. Over the coming weeks, we will be running the survey with small groups of students. An email was sent home to parents last week with details for opting out of the survey, should they wish to do so.

Year3/4 Malmsbury Camp

Yesterday our campers returned from their time at the Malmsbury Camp with Mr Akin, Mrs Weir, Riley, Belinda and Aliza. They enjoyed a full program of outdoor activities, challenging themselves individually and in groups to conquer a range of tasks. School camps offer significant benefits for children, including enhanced social skills, increased independence, improved mental health, and deeper peer connections through immersive outdoor learning. Away from parents and screens, students build resilience, self-confidence, and teamwork skills while engaging in physical activities that promote overall wellbeing. I thank our staff for their willingness to attend camp and offer this opportunity for students.

Nude Food Challenge

Green Team's Nude Food challenge continues to run each Tuesday, and every day, and we have noticed a reduction of litter in classroom bins and in the yard. Thank you to our families at home who are supporting this initiative - it is a wonderful thing to be developing our awareness around both healthy eating choices and care for the environment.

Education Support Staff Appreciation Day May 16th

We recognise the essential contributions of our Education Support Staff to every day school functioning, student wellbeing and learning. Our team of ES at St Arnaud Primary School are the foundation of our inclusive learning and working environment - enabling teachers to teach, and our school to provide safe, inclusive and effective learning environments for all. Thank you for all that you do, every day; every day you make a difference; every day you are opening pathways to better futures.

Melissa Mitchell.
Principal

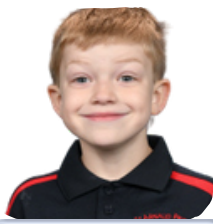


3/4 CAMP

VALUE AWARD WINNERS



P/IE
Esme Talbot



P/IP
Alex Hardy



2C
Loki Teggatz



3/4A
Skye Alvarez



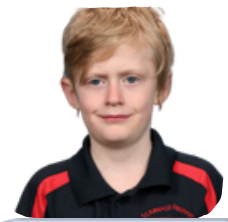
4/5W
Ben Thomson



5/6T
Pippa O'Donnell



MUSIC
Brax Evans



HEALTH & P.E.
Rafe Kinnane



HEALTH & P.E.
Harlow Newton



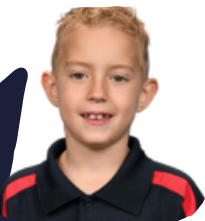
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Knox Newton



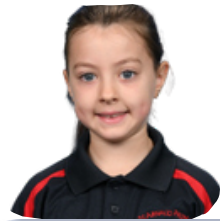
I.C.T
Tahnaya Murrary



KINDNESS
Jack Jesse



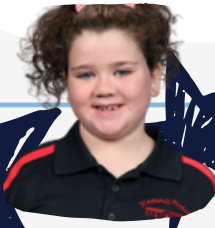
BAKERY BUCKS
Jimmi Donaldson



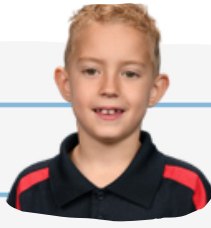
NUDE FOOD
Claudia Knights



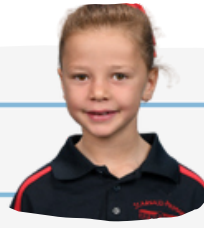
BRONZE AWARDS



Harlow Newton



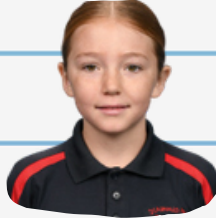
Jimmi Donaldson



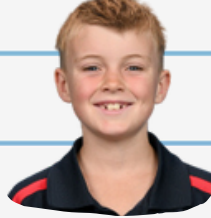
Louella Coloe



Chad Polkinghorne



Dakoda Jackson



Ben Thomson



Ivy Ezard

RUSTY'S HOME READING



50

50

Theo Vanrenen

50

Bertie Jesse

75

Leeara Williams

100

Rusty's Rocket Maths



Oakley Cook



Bertie Jesse



9/10yr old
boys & girls



9th

Cross

5th

Country



13th

2nd

11yr old boys



14th

1st

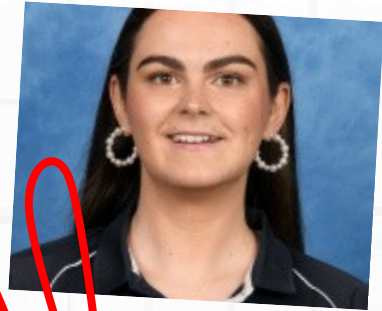
12yr old girls

Stephanie Alexander Market Stall



\$800 raised on Saturday from our first Market Stall. Thank you to Georgia Taylor, Alana Patton, Lisa Wright and Taylor Snell for their tireless work in the lead up to the event





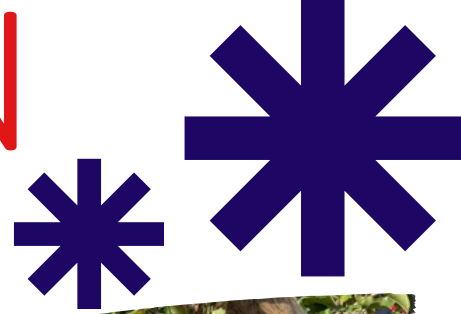
Education Support

Appreciation Day 16th May



Educational Support (ES) staff are the quiet drivers of inclusion in schools. They are the steady presence that helps students navigate learning, emotions and relationships.

EDUCATION WEEK



MONDAY 18TH MAY - FRIDAY 22 MAY

MONDAY

18

- 9am Assembly
- P/1/2 and Yr3/4/5/6 Dance Ministry workshops



TUESDAY

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- Year 3/4A Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Cooking



WEDNESDAY

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- 8:30am Family Brekky
- 9-10am Open Classrooms



THURSDAY

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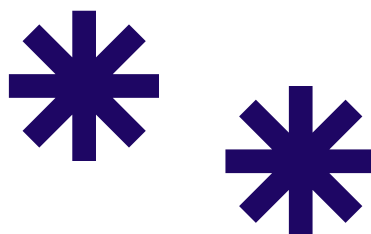
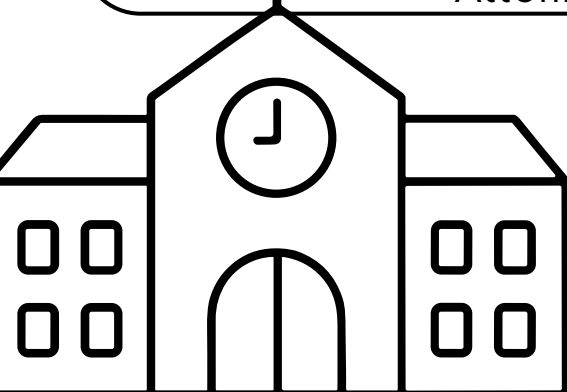
- Auslan Classroom Workshops



FRIDAY

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- 8.30am Walk Safely to School (meet @ St Arnaud Swimming Pool Car Park)
- Nature Play for David Attenborough's 100th birthday





St Arnaud Primary School

SCHOOL TOURS

Come and see 'Beyond the Hedge'

School Tours are open to all prospective 2027 enrolments from Prep - Year 6.

Bookings essential. Please call the General Office to book your preferred time or speak with our Principal directly to arrange an alternative time.

All tours will run from 9.15am-10am

Tuesday 5th May
Wednesday 13th May
Thursday 28th May
Friday 5th June

2027 Prep Information Evening

Monday 15th June 6-7pm

Register your interest by Friday 19th May by calling the General Office

Enrolments are now open - packs available from the General Office



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