

21st May 2026  
T2, Wk 5

# THE LINK



*The Arts*



Technology



*family*



**Friends**



**Stephanie Alexander**

**RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION**

# School Calendar

Week 6  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - 10am Walk for Autism  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> - 9.15am #3 School Tour

Week 7  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June - 9.15am #4 School Tour

Week 8  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June - King's Birthday Long Weekend  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> - Yr3/4 Earth Ed Excursion

Week 9  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> - 7pm School Dance - Jungle Theme @ Town Hall

Week 10  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> - Yr5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> - 11.30am Trash Test Dummies & End T2

Term 3 - July 13th  
Weeks 1-10 - Robotics Club Fridays

Week 4  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Aug Staff CPR Update

Week 5- Meals on Wheels  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> - Yr5/6 Ecolinc Excursion

Week 7  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 Earth Ed Excursion

Week 10 - 2027 Enrolments due  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September - End T3

# Principal's Report

## Education Week - Showcase your school!

This week we have been busy celebrating all things St Arnaud Primary School. From Dance Ministry and Stephanie Alexander to Family Brekky, Open Classrooms, EBT and Nature Play - we have made the most of our opportunity to showcase our school.

An absolute highlight of the week has been Open Classrooms where we have had a wonderful level of engagement with our families and special people. Thank you to everyone who came and joined us for breakfast and stayed for the classroom experience - children just love to share their school experience with their families.

## 2027 Enrolments - Have you booked your Tour?

Education Week marks the real beginning of the transition period for new students and new families, with School Tours available for those who are looking for the perfect fit school for their family in 2027.

Showcasing our teaching and learning programs and the genuine student wellbeing supports that our school has embedded in practice is a source of great pride for our team. Reflecting on our journey in recent years and looking at what we see implemented consistently in classrooms highlights the professional learning of all staff and the capacity of our team to support all learners at their point of need.

If anyone you know, or if you have a student coming into Prep in 2027, we encourage you to make a time for a tour. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's individual strengths and needs and how our programs and resources (such as Speech Pathologist and Occupational Therapist) can work together with the classroom teacher to make the transition into Prep a positive experience.

Enrolment packs are available from the General Office. Tours can be booked for a time that suits your family. We look forward to hearing from you.



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## Semester 1 Reports

We will be providing student achievement reports for Semester 1 this year as usual. The reports will be distributed on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

The reports will continue to provide important details about student learning attainment, but full descriptive comments may not be included as a result of industrial action taken earlier this term by the Australian Education Union.

We will of course be pleased to discuss with you your child's progress at our next parent-teacher interviews scheduled for Term 3, week 2 - 20/21/22 July, or, as always, you can arrange a meeting with your child's teacher.

## Walk Safely to School Day

Walking to school helps children build confidence, develop independence and enjoy time outdoors. It also supports student wellbeing by promoting physical activity and positive routines before the school day begins. We encourage all families who are able to join in this important community initiative. Departing from the Pool at 8.30am tomorrow.

## Walk for Autism - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 10am

At our school, we are proud to be participating in the Walk for Autism to help raise awareness, understanding and acceptance of people on the autism spectrum.

This event is an opportunity for our students and staff to come together to celebrate diversity, inclusion and kindness within our community. By taking part, we are helping to create a world where autistic individuals feel valued, supported and understood.

The Walk for Autism also encourages important conversations about empathy, belonging and recognising that every person experiences the world in their own unique way. We are excited to walk together as a school community and show our support for autistic children, families and individuals everywhere.

We thank our families for supporting this important cause and look forward to sharing this meaningful experience together.

## Week 7 - Testing Week

From Monday 1-5<sup>th</sup> June, students will be participating in a range of assessments to generate data that will be used in their end of Semester 1 reports. It is important that students are at school every day during this period to avoid any impact on progression points included in reports.

## Care packs for Ronald McDonald House

Some Students at our primary school recently came together to support families staying at the Ronald McDonald House by packing toiletry gift packs and creating kindness cards for children and parents facing difficult times while away from home with sick children.

The students showed compassion, teamwork and generosity throughout the project. With the support of our school community and local donations, an amazing total of 93 toiletry gift packs were packed and prepared for delivery.

Each kindness card included thoughtful messages and drawings to help brighten the day of families staying at Ronald McDonald House. We are incredibly proud of our students for demonstrating such kindness and community spirit. Thank you to everyone who donated items and supported this meaningful project.



## Wanted in the Art Room

Egg cartons for an upcoming Art project - all donations welcome - thank you.



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## School Attendance - every day counts

Regular school attendance plays an important role in helping children feel confident, connected and successful at school. Every school day provides valuable opportunities for students to build their knowledge, develop friendships and strengthen important routines that support learning and wellbeing.

While occasional absences are sometimes unavoidable, frequent absences can make it difficult for children to keep up with classroom learning, group discussions and social experiences. Missing school can also increase feelings of worry or anxiety for some students, particularly when they feel they have missed important work, special events or time with friends. This "fear of missing out" can sometimes make returning to school feel more overwhelming than staying home in the first place.

Consistent attendance helps children feel settled and secure because they know what to expect each day and remain connected to their classmates and teachers. Arriving at school on time also helps students begin the day calmly and confidently alongside their peers.

We understand that every family faces challenges from time to time and appreciate the ongoing support families provide in prioritising school attendance wherever possible. By working together, we can help every child feel included, supported and ready to learn each day - we aim for students to miss no more than 10 days per year. If you need any assistance with your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out to your classroom teacher, Melissa Weir (Student Wellbeing) or myself. Average attendance for each year level:

Prep - 87%

Year 1 - 84%

Year 2 - 89%

Year 3 - 93%

Year 4 - 92%

Year 5 - 84%

Year 6 - 89%

Please ensure that when your child is absent you are providing an explanation to the school, either in writing/on COMPASS or by phone.

*Melissa Mitchell*  
Principal



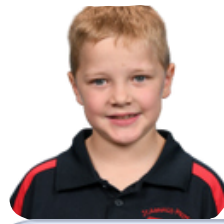
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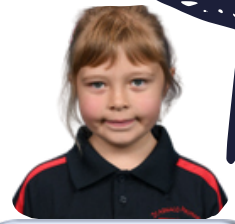
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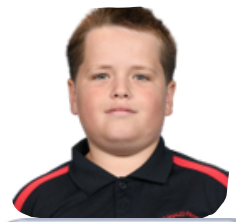
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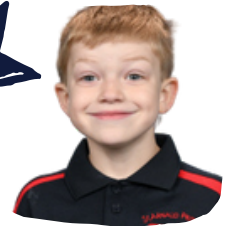
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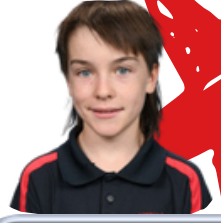
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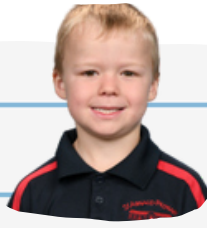
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# BRONZE AWARDS



Billy Dean



Otis Dyke



Chloe Perko



Bill Patching



James Mactaggart



Esme Talbot

## RUSTY'S HOME READING



25

Calyx Canaria

50

Caleb Snell

50

Kobe Snell

50

James Mactaggart

100

## Rusty's Rocket Maths



Harlow  
Newton



# MRS WEIR'S WELLBEING WONDERINGS



## Words of Wisdom

**Imogen Keating**



**Why did you apply for the role of Junior School Council?**

**My friends thought I would be a good JSC because I love to help out around the school.**

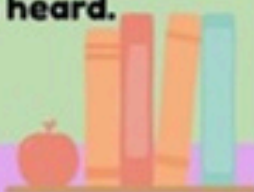
**I love selling icypoles, helping in the breakfast room and doing extra cooking.**

**What does leadership mean to you?**

**You have the chance to set an example for other students. Helping out doing little things isn't a big deal but it is important.**

**What personal qualities do you bring to Leadership?**

**I like to help out other people and I always like to make sure that everyone has had their voice heard.**



## Weekly Quote



## Wellbeing Leaders



**Zarleya  
Dunstan**



**Ella  
Wait**



**Maria  
Taylor**



**Mrs  
Weir**



St Arnaud Primary School

# SCHOOL TOURS

Come and see  
'Beyond the Hedge'

School Tours for 2027 enrolments:

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 5<sup>th</sup> May 

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 

 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

 Prep Information Evening Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 6-7pm  
Registration is required by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

 Enrolment packs are available from the  
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