

28th May 2026
T2, Wk 6

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School Calendar

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, 2pm dismissal

Term 3 - July 13th

Week 1 - Monday 13 July Semester 1 Reports available

Wk 1-10 - Fridays Robotics Club

Week 2 - Parent Teacher Interviews

Week 4

Tuesday 4th - Aug Staff CPR Update

Week 5- Meals on Wheels

Thursday 12th - Yr5/6 Ecolinc Excursion

Week 7 - Book Week

Friday 28th Year 5/6 Earth Ed Excursion

Week 10 - 2027 Enrolments due

Friday 18th September - End T3

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RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION

Principal's Report

Walk Safely to School Day

On our last day of Education Week last Friday, students were invited to walk safely to school, from the St Arnaud Swimming Pool with members of the local St Arnaud Police. Students also had the opportunity to check out the police vehicles and interact with the new members of the team. It was terrific to have a number of families join in with this activity. Well done everyone.

Walk for Autism

At our school, we are proud to have participated in the Walk for Autism as a way of celebrating diversity, building understanding and showing our support for individuals and families living with autism. Events such as this provide an important opportunity to remind ourselves that every person experiences the world differently, and that kindness, acceptance and inclusion help everyone feel safe, valued and connected.

As a school community, we believe that inclusion is more than simply welcoming everyone through the gate, and more about ensuring every child feels understood, respected and able to thrive as their authentic self. By taking part in the Walk for Autism, our students were encouraged to develop empathy, celebrate differences and recognise the strengths that neurodiverse people bring to our community every day.

We are incredibly proud of the respectful and caring way our students embraced this event. Together, we continue to build a school culture where diversity is celebrated, friendships are strengthened and every child knows they belong.

Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week

This week, our students have been learning about National Sorry Day and the importance of Reconciliation in Australia. These important occasions provide opportunities for children to develop understanding, empathy and respect for the histories, cultures and experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Learning about Sorry Day helps students understand the impact of the Stolen Generations and why acknowledging past injustices is an important part of healing and moving forward together. Through age-appropriate discussions, stories and classroom activities, students are encouraged to reflect on the values of kindness, respect, fairness and inclusion.

Reconciliation is about building positive relationships and creating a future where all Australians feel valued, heard and respected. By engaging in these conversations from a young age, children develop greater cultural awareness and a deeper appreciation for the rich histories and contributions of First Nations peoples. At our school, we are committed to fostering a community where understanding, respect and belonging are at the heart of who we are. We are proud to support our students in becoming thoughtful, compassionate and informed young people who recognise the importance of reconciliation in creating a stronger future for all.

National Simultaneous Story Time - Luna Roo

Our students recently enjoyed participating in National Simultaneous Storytime, a wonderful annual event that celebrates the joy of reading and storytelling across Australia. We were especially delighted to welcome our local preschool students to join us for this special occasion. It was wonderful to see our youngest learners engaging alongside our school students, building connections and sharing a love of books and stories together. The event provided a valuable opportunity to strengthen relationships between our school and preschool community while helping children feel excited and confident about their learning journey.

Principal's Report

Week 7 - Testing Week

From Monday 1-5th 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.

Wanted in the Art Room

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

2027 School Enrolments

Term 2

For families with a child currently attending 4year old preschool, we warmly invite you to arrange a time for a school tour with your child. This is the very first step in the transition to school, and introduces your child to the spaces and faces of our school.

Term 3

The next step is collecting an enrolment pack and completing the required documentation to allow an enrolment to be processed. We ask that enrolment forms are returned by the end of term 3 or sooner. Students who enrol for Prep will receive an individually named Spartan School Bag, a Prep T-shirt in their House Colour (red/yellow/blue), as well as uniform vouchers for school logo t-shirts and hats.

Term 4

Our Transition Program of 4 visits to the school will occur in November and December. Three days will be 8.45-11.20am and the last from 8.45am-3pm Step Up Day across the whole school.

Parents are encouraged to book a meeting with the school to discuss any individual learning or developmental questions or concerns they may have. For us, knowing as much about your child as we can, supports a smooth transition and assists in building relationships that support learning. For students who have had any assessments or screenings, a copy of the report can be very helpful in identifying supports and programs that could benefit your child.

Semester 1 Reports

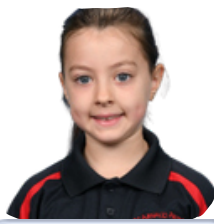
Student reports will be made available through COMPASS on Monday 12th July and Parent Teacher Interviews for all children will occur in week 2 of Term 3. Bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews are made through COMPASS and are an essential element in supporting student achievement at school. Given that reports will look very different in this next reporting cycle, parents will find that Parent Teacher Interviews will provide further detail and insights.

Melissa Mitchell.
Principal

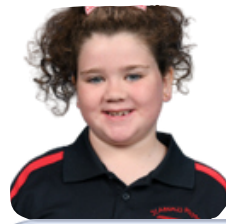
VALUE AWARD WINNERS



P/IE
Evelyn Scilini



P/1P
Claudia Knights



2C
Harlow Newton



3/4A
Chloe Polkinghorne



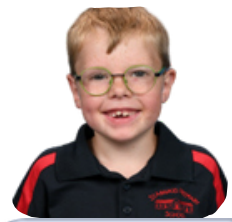
4/5W
Lincoln McCauley



5/6T
Maria Taylor



H & PE
Bridget Culliver



I.C.T.
Arlo Wright



4/5W
Ivy Ezard



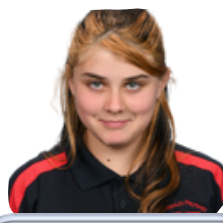
ART
Zarleya Dunstan



KINDNESS
Emily Thomson



H & PE
Kobe Snell



Nude Food
Pippa O'Donnell



Bakery Bucks
Skye Alvarez



BRONZE AWARDS



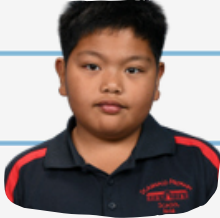
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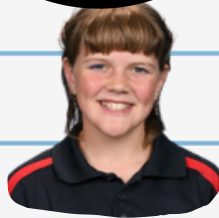
Alistair Grahame



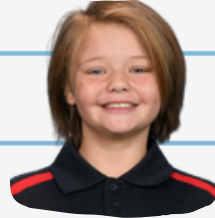
Zarleya Dunstan



Dwane Guantero



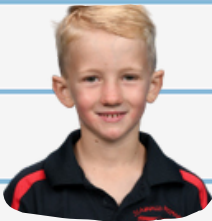
Maria Taylor



Bridget Culliver



Viv Polkinghorne



Hugh Green



Kobe Snell



Tilly Wallace



Aniyah Kinnane

Calyx Canaria



Skye Alvarez

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.

25

Issy Green

50

Maria Taylor

75

Alistair Grahame

100

Ivy Ezard
Dakoda Jackson
Marley

Rusty's Rocket Maths



Torah Watts



MRS WEIR'S WELLBEING WONDERINGS



Words of Wisdom

Ivy Ezard



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

Because I wanted to come up with some ideas to raise money for the school.

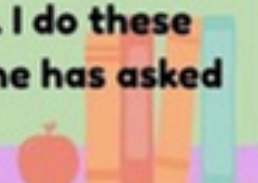
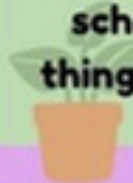
I want to raise money for new musical instruments.

What does leadership mean to you?

It means helping people if they are feeling sad or down. Listening to other peoples ideas and even if they are different I can still listen and try to make things happen for them.

What personal qualities do you bring to Leadership?

I am really good at helping others and just doing little jobs to make the school a better place. I do these things even when no one has asked me!



Weekly Quote

**WE RISE BY
ENCOURAGING OTHERS.
IVY EZARD
2026**



Wellbeing Leaders



**Zarleya
Dunstan**



**Ella
Wait**



**Maria
Taylor**



**Mrs
Weir**



Our MATRIX

STARNAUD PRIMARY
SCHOOL
1646

We will

Be
Respectful

Learning
Spaces

- Use our manners and kind words
- Be inclusive
- Care for our school and school property

We will

Be
Safe

- Be where we are expected to be
- Follow classroom routines
- Encourage others to be their best

We will

Be A
Learner

- Be ready to learn
- Respect the right of others to learn
- Do our best

Everywhere
& Always

- Follow instructions from all staff
- Create a safe and calm environment
- Keep our hands, feet and objects to ourselves

- Help others
- Be honest
- Take responsibility for our actions and accept the consequences

- Take pride in our school and our uniform
- Participate
- Celebrate achievements

Toilets

- Respect people's privacy
- Leave play for outside

- Wash our hands
- Ask an adult before leaving the classroom

- Straight there - Straight back!

Yard

- Play by the rules
- Be inclusive of all in our play
- Listen for the music and move quickly to the line

- Stay in the play areas
- Share the equipment
- Seek help from an adult

- Use our WITS
- Play cooperatively
- Have fun!





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 5th May 

Wednesday 13th May 

 Thursday 28th May

 Friday 5th June

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

 Enrolment packs are available from the
General Office



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