

23rd April 2026
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School Calendar

Week 1

Monday 20th April

Wednesday 22nd - P-2 Dinos & Beasts Excursion, Ecolinc

Thursday 23rd - Project Rockit Yr 3/4/5/6 sessions

Friday 24th - 9am School ANZAC Service

Saturday 25th - 10.30am ANZAC Day service @ cenotaph

Week 3 - Meals on Wheels

Monday 4th - School Nurse Visit

Friday 8th - Mother's Day Stall

Saturday 9th - St Arnaud Market

Week 4

11/12/13 May - Year3/4 Malmsbury Camp

Week 5 - Education Week

Monday 18th - Dance Ministry workshops

Week 8

Monday 8th June - King's Birthday Long Weekend

Week 9

Wed 17th School Dance - Jungle Theme

Week 10

Tues 23rd - Yr5/6 Sovereign Hill Excursion

FOREST



RESPECT

RESILIENCE

KINDNESS

HONESTY

ASPIRATION

Principal's Report

Welcome Bush Kinder!

We are thrilled to be providing a location for the St Arnaud Kindergarten Bush Kinder for the coming term. Bush Kinder will happen once-twice per week commencing from April 29th.

As a school we are extremely lucky to have this space available to our students and in conjunction with the Fire Pit area, we are able to provide some unique outdoor play opportunities for our students to let their imaginations run wild.

On Monday morning we spent some time together as a school preparing ourselves for the opening of the Forest by looking at the expectations matrix as well as thinking about how we can share the space and what this might look like. These conversations will be ongoing in class in the coming weeks as we know how much time and energy is spent creating masterpieces of architectural significance as well as collecting the Forest currency of precious pine cones!

Head Lice and Long Hair

A reminder to all families that students with long hair are very enthusiastically encouraged to tie their hair up every day for school. This will not only assist in reducing the likelihood of spreading head lice, but also increases safety for students in practical classes such as cooking, art and PE. We often have students request hair ties from the office, which we will not be supplying any longer. Please assist your child to come to school fully prepared for the day ahead. Your support with this matter is appreciated.

Home Reading

We encourage students to do their home reading each night - this might be children reading to themselves, a sibling, a parent or grandparent, or could be a novel read as a family at bedtime. Fostering a love of reading supports a lifetime of enjoyment and literacy skills.

ANZAC Service

Tomorrow morning at 9am our student leaders will be joined by St Arnaud community members Bob Wooley and Kaye Smith to hold an ANZAC commemorative ceremony in the Art Centre.

Our student leaders will also be representing the school at the community service at the cenotaph on Saturday at 10.30am. Students who wish to join the march must be in full school uniform and report to Mrs Weir. Please check your class group for the details for this activity.

Seeds of Success Grant

We learned that we have been successful in our application for funds from the EWHS Seeds for Success Grants of \$2200. Our application included planting some indigenous food plants, upgrades to the watering system and other garden planting. We look forward to sharing some updates from the garden very soon.

Container Deposit Scheme

Our Green Team are still actively collecting containers for the CDS - if you wish to donate any we will gladly accept them. Funds raised through this activity go into supporting students projects around the school.

Arts Education Grant

We have been given \$500 from the NGSC Arts Education fund, which we hope to use to bring back the Art Show! This event was held every second year before COVID and we are excited to be celebrating our visual arts program. Stay tuned for updates!

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Projects - Term 2 Cooking payments are now due

We continue to be accepting donations of glass jars and bottles with metal lids, for sauces and preserves. Small jars are very useful for the smaller quantities we are producing.

Healthy Eating & reduced rubbish at School

Our Green Team are keen to reduce rubbish around the school by encouraging students to utilise reusable packaging for snacks and school lunches.

It is strongly discouraged to be sending lollies, lolly pops and chocolates to school. While we understand there are a wide range of challenges around packing lunch boxes we are aiming to reduce rubbish and ensure students are eating a variety of foods. A full water bottle is essential for a hydrated brain!

Melissa Mitchell,
Principal



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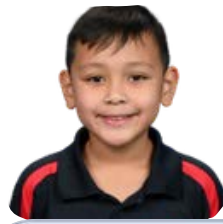
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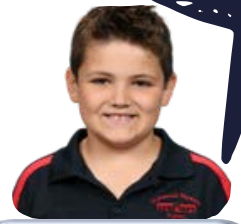
VALUE AWARD WINNERS



P/IE
Marley Turner



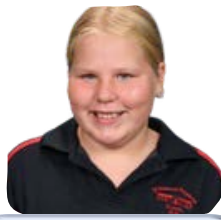
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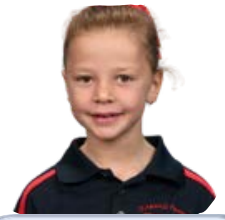
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Jasper Wallace



5/6T
Aisha Wardle



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Charles Chugg



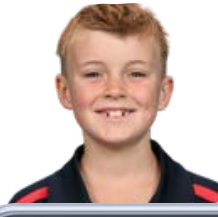
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Louella Coloe



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Alita Mitchell



Health & PE
Ivy Ezard



ART
Ben Thomson



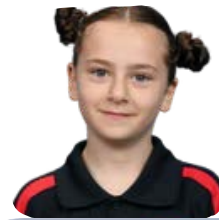
ICT
Kayne Williams



Kindness
Bertie Jesse



Kindness
Chloe Polkinghorne



Kindness
Tahnaya Murray



ANZAC DAY

25 April 2026



Dear Mum,

The war is hard, I've been in the trenches for at least 3 weeks now and I'm scared. It's so loud and lots of people yelling, so many people are injured. I'm hungry, I'm itchy, sick and there's so many rats but I'm going to stay strong and I'm going to stay confident. I miss you lots mum.

Bye.

Ben

Dear Mum,

I've been in the trenches for 3 weeks now, I'm scared, it's loud and there's a lot of gunfire. Just letting you no there's not much food here if you get like you might get a solid bread. There are a lot of people dying. Every night I think about you. Where we sleep is not comfortable, most nights it is too noisy to sleep.

Kayne

Dear Dad,

I do not like it, and I got shot in the knee. I am coming home tomorrow. I know I should not have faked my age. I miss you.

It is so muddy in the trenches. They gave me a pack of cigarettes and a lighter. I'm not going to touch them though. See

you soon,

Brax

Dear Frances,

We been in the trenches for a year and it's horrifying. It's loud and all I see is people getting shot. I see gunshots everywhere, it's so scary.

Aniyah

Dear Dad,

I've been in the trenches for 3 weeks now. I don't have good food, some of the food is hard and stale and I can't sleep. Some of the other soliders have died. I hope the war will be over soon.

Bec



Rusty's Rocket Maths



Barlow
Knight



Jimmi
Donaldson



MOTHER'S DAY

Item	Sell price
Dove soap	\$2
Car air freshener	\$2
Bookmark	\$2
Pen	\$2
Hand cream	\$2
Reed diffuser	\$3
Bath bomb	\$3
Stud earrings	\$3
Magnetic shopping list	\$3
Notebook	\$3
A4 magnetic message board	\$3
Shopping bag	\$3
Gardening gloves	\$4
Shower gel	\$4
Only good hand wash	\$4
Chocolate bar bath fizzer	\$4
Diamond bath fizzer	\$4
Gym towel	\$4
Soap	\$4
Key ring	\$4
Sukin paw paw	\$4
Mug	\$5
Trowel	\$5
Notebook/pen set	\$5
Tin candle	\$5
Socks	\$5
Chocolate block	\$5
Bowl	\$5
Travel mug	\$6
Trowel/glove set	\$6
Travel jewellery case	\$6
Weights	\$6
Wine cooler bag	\$8
Favourites	\$8
Make up bag	\$8
Stainless steel drink bottle	\$9

- Each student can select two items on first time through.
- Once all classes have been through, they may return to purchase more.
An announcement will be put over the loud speaker.

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. Reading also expands children's knowledge base, making them more open-minded and well-rounded individuals.

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Jasper Wallace
Niamh Green

25

Seth Taylor
Kayne Williams

25

Oakley Cook

50

Erikah McIntyre
Matilda Wallace

ROBOTICS CLUB



**ON
FRIDAY
LUNCH
TIME 5/6
ROOM**

**BRING
YOUR
COMPUTER**

MRS WEIR'S WELLBEING WONDERINGS



Words of Wisdom

Chaise Buttery



What made you apply for the position of Sports Captain?

I wanted to encourage the kids, not just Red House members, but everyone.

What does leadership mean to you?

Leadership means supporting everyone and making sure everyone has a voice to project their opinions.

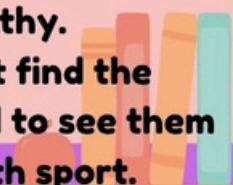
What personal qualities do you bring to the position?

I will always be someone who encourages others to be their best and I am also a very dedicated person. I put my heart and soul into everything.

Why are Sports Days like Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country so important?

Sports Days are important not only to keep fit and healthy.

For people who might find the classroom hard it is good to see them enjoy themselves with sport.



Weekly Quote



Wellbeing Leaders



**Zarleya
Dunstan**



**Ella
Wait**



**Maria
Taylor**



**Mrs
Weir**



Weaving the River

River Story Day

You are invited to 11am Beginning Ceremony of
Weaving the River

*Led by Dja DjaWurrung Clans Elder and masterweaver
Aunty Marilyn Nicholls with Dja Dja Wurrung, Bangerang
Dancer Rebecca Phillips & Family.
Artists Roger McKindley & Forest Keegel*

Drop in activities 10am-3pm

*Fun family friendly river activities with Waterwatch
River Room community mapping - draw or write about your
connection to the Loddon on the big river map
Make a postcard to the river
Visit the River exhibition*

12-1pm BBQ Lunch

1:30pm River walk

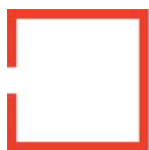
1pm Geology of an ancient river with former Mayor Christine Henderson

3pm Yarning circle facilitated by social ecologist Laurel Freeland

Wear river colours blue, olive green, khaki, grey silver

Sunday 26 April 2026

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**Newstead
Arts Hub.**

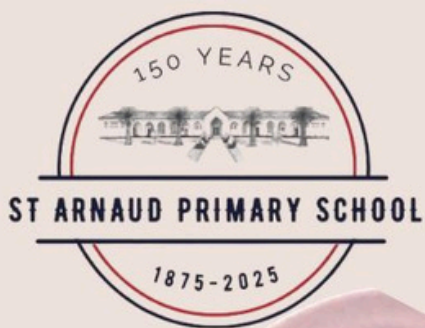
***8a Tivey St, Newstead Victoria
www.newsteadartshub.org***

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ANZAC BISCUITS
6 FOR \$5



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TO PLACE YOUR
ORDER OR

DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY

Students are invited to wear a touch of blue to support the
Dolly's Dream foundation.
Gold Coin donation welcome.

Thursday 7th May





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 8th 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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NUDE FOOD TUESDAY

GREEN TEAM
TERM 2
PROJECT

Bring a lunch box without packaging on Nude Food Tuesday!

Small changes make a big difference for your wallet, your health, and the environment.

Let's give it a go each Tuesday to enter the draw for \$5 bakery bucks!

