

25th June 2026
T2, Wk 10

THE LINK



School Calendar

Term 3 - July 13th

Week 1 - Monday 13 July
Semester 1 Reports available

Wk 1-10 - Fridays Robotics Club

Week 2 - Parent Teacher
Interviews 20/21/22/23

Week 4
Monday 3 - 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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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

is the time to arrive.....

Principal's Report

Parent Payments

All families received an account from the General Office last week. Parent Payments go directly towards purchasing essential classroom materials and resources that students use every day, allowing us to direct other school funds towards enriching opportunities such as camps, specialist programs and improvements to our learning environments.

If you have not yet paid your 2026 Parent Payments, we kindly ask that you do so as soon as you are able. Every contribution makes a genuine difference and helps ensure we can continue providing high-quality educational experiences for all students while keeping additional costs to families to a minimum. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact the school office. All conversations are treated with sensitivity and confidentiality, and we are committed to working with families to ensure every child can participate fully in school life.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. Together, we can continue to provide outstanding learning opportunities while ensuring every child feels included, supported and able to participate in all aspects of school life.

Parent Visitors at School

Parents are asked to report to the General Office upon arrival at the school. If you need to speak to a member of staff Jenny or Shirlee will locate the staff member - parents are asked not to go directly into staff offices. Parents and visitors are also asked to sign in. Parents collecting students at dismissal time are asked to enter via the front pedestrian gates and leave other gates for staff to open and secure. Your cooperation with this matter assists the school with managing everyone's safety and wellbeing.

Student Attendance at School

In term 3 our school will be reviewing our processes and implementing some new practices for monitoring student attendance.

We will be including some information in our weekly newsletter and staff emails, and hope that by working closely together we can see some reduction in student absences.

Today's newsletter includes a reminder that "8.45am is the Time to Arrive!" By arriving at 8.45am students have time to find their friends, eat a warm breakfast, grab a quick play in the Forest, the Gaga Pit, shoot some hoops or kick the footy before the music starts playing and the bell rings at 8.55am for Line Up.

Arriving late can cause anxiety for children, making it hard to enter the classroom when instruction has begun. The daily Attendance Roll is marked by 9.15am and by 9.30am parents will receive an automated message from COMPASS if their child has been marked as absent.

Students arriving after the 8.55am Bell must enter via the foyer so staff are aware of their arrival to school.

We ask that students do not arrive at school before 8.30am, as staff are not on duty at this time.

Principal's Report

Term 2 recap

Earlier this week at School Council I presented a summary of this term's activities ... its a pretty impressive list - no wonder we are all tired!

- Ecolinc for Prep/1
- Earth Ed for Yr 3/4
- Project Rokit for Yr4/5/6
- Yr2 weekly visits to Coates Hostel
- Yr4/5 weekly visits to Kara Court
- Yr4/5 weekly hosts to McCallum
- 30 Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Classes = 630 meals cooked and eaten
- Monthly visits to Community Kitchen
- Bush Kinder on site
- School Captains representing the school for the Community ANZAC service
- Staff have completed online training for Positive Classroom Management strategies, supporting the work of the School Wide Positive Behaviours framework
- House Cross Country
- School Nurse visits
- Staff Flu Shots
- Meals on Wheels volunteers
- 5 Open Pantry's have been made available this term through the support of the Food Bank
- Additionally hygiene packs from State Schools relief and Pinchapoo have been distributed to students.
- Staff have hosted 2 Pre Service Teachers
- Yr34 Camp to Malmsbury
- Black Ranges Zone Cross Country with 3 students going to Regionals
- Student Leaders representing at IDAHOBIT with the Secondary College
- Celebration of Education Week including Family Brekky, Open Classrooms, School Tours and David Attenborough inspired nature play.
- Selected Students have undertaken the Australian Maths Challenge as an afterschool extension activity, many students finishing the task ahead of the 4 week schedule.
- EBT Test and Tune in Bendigo
- Walk Safely to School
- Robotics Club for EBT has also commenced and is run weekly
- Walk for Autism at LNP with STASC
- Greater Western Regional Cross Country - 3 representatives
- Community Kitchen
- OHS Assurance/Audit - report pending
- Annual School Dance
- Budja Budja health visit
- Yr56 Sovereign Hill excursion
- Yr56 River Detectives excursion to Kooreh
- Staff presenting at Wimmera Numeracy Conference, Horsham
- Trash Test Dummies acrobatic performance P-6

School Uniforms

Students are expected to wear their uniforms to school each day. These look fantastic and as we know, one of our important behaviours is to "take pride in our school and our uniform". We really appreciate when parents name these items clearly as it shows us that they are valued and are easier to return to the rightful owner.

Principal's Report

River Detectives Excursion

Today the Year 5/6 class are on an excursion to Gowar East to collect waterway samples and begin monitoring the health of the local environment from the river banks of the picturesque Avoca River. The River Detectives program supports Year 5/6 students to develop Science, Geography and Sustainability knowledge through hands-on investigations of local waterways. Students collect and analyse environmental data to understand ecosystem health and human impacts on the environment.

Trash Test Dummies

Proudly bought to us by the St Arnaud Arts Council, Trash Test Dummies is a physical theatre based acrobatics performance suitable for students of all ages. This event is eligible for CSEF. Please ensure your consent form is returned with payment.

Junior School Council PJ Day

Next Friday our Junior School Council are having PJ Day and invite students and staff to participate. Students must wear suitable outdoor footwear, no slippers, slides, crocs, or ugg boots. PJs should be wellfitting and warm for outdoor wear - no oversized oodles or dressing gowns please. Students will walk to and from the Town Hall for a performance on this day.

School Wide Positive Behaviours - Bronze Award Lunch

Yesterday we celebrated the achievement of students reaching their Bronze Reward Lunch. This has been achieved through the whole school rewards program encouraging all students to display the behaviours we learn about at Assembly each week. I have included the school matrix in their newsletter as a reminder of the teaching and learning we cover in their space. Children who are still working towards reaching this achievement will enjoy their lunch in T3.

Speech Therapy Week

This week is Speech Therapy Week and we would like to acknowledge our hard working and highly skilled Speech Therapist Aleshia Petrie for her contribution to the quality teaching and learning programs at our school.

Happy Holidays

We wish all of our families a very restful two-week break. We hope there is sunshine, rain, and lots of time for the things that fill your cup. We look forward to seeing you next term.

Melissa Mitchell.
Principal



ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

VALUE AWARD WINNERS



P/IE
Viv Polkinghorne



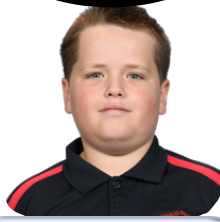
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Louella Coloe



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Erikah McIntyre



3/4A
Rennie Dix



4/5W
Brax Evans



5/6T
Georgie Mactaggart



5/6T
Bridget Culliver



H & PE
Pippa O'Donnell



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Chloe Polkinghorne



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BRONZE AWARDS



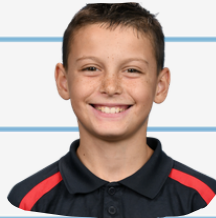
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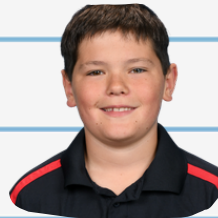
Noah Soderman



Aisha Wardle



Kayne Williams



Chaise Buttery



Alvie Dix



Lilyana Stewart



Bailey Gigg



Caleb Snell



Sylvia Culliver



Arlo Wright



Indi Gigg



Sophia Ride



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

Bill Patching

50

Bridget Culliver
George Coloe

125

Evvy Scilini
Marley Turner

100

WE'RE COMING BACK TO ST ARNAUD!

When: 30TH JUNE - 6TH JULY

WHERE: St Arnaud Uniting Church Hall
(next to duck park)

Blue Moose is a pop-up young person drop-in centre for anyone aged 12-25 to hang out and play some games, chat about life, and eat some good food (free dinner 7-8pm).
Alcohol and drug free.

We can't wait to see you all!

blue moose Insta @starneybluemoose
FB @St Arnaud Blue Moose

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MRS WEIR'S WELLBEING WONDERINGS



Words of Wisdom

Billy Dean



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

I wanted to be on Junior School Council because I really wanted to try and help the school.

I wanted to make the school a really great place to be.

What does leadership mean to you?

To be a good leader it means to be really good at helping people.

If they don't like something I will try my hardest to make it better for them.

What personal qualities do you bring to Leadership?

I am a good leader because I am kind, I like to help people, I am a good listener.



Weekly Quote



One drop of kindness is all it takes to fill a heart with love.

Wellbeing Leaders



Zarleya Dunstan



Ella Wait



Maria Taylor



Mrs Weir



ST ARNAUD 2027 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Opens at 9am on Wednesday, July 8

All children eligible for 3-Year-Old and 4-Year-Old Kindergarten must register online for 2027 due to priority access changes made by the Department of Education. This is regardless of whether they are starting for the first time or moving from 3-Year-Old to 4-Year-Old kinder.

Join us at a drop-in information session or take a look inside our kindergartens across two dates in July.



DROP-IN SESSION

Wednesday, July 8, 2026
between 4pm to 6pm

St Arnaud Community Meeting Room
(next to the library).

An opportunity to ask questions about
our kindergartens and the registration
processes.

STEP INSIDE OUR KINDERS

Wednesday, July 15, 2026
between 4.15pm to 5.30pm

See inside our kindergarten facilities
and meet the teams.

St Arnaud Kindergarten: 8 Dunstan Street

(next to St Arnaud Primary School)
St Arnaud Early Learning Centre: 3-5 Walker
Street (at Market Square)



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!