

St Arnaud Primary School

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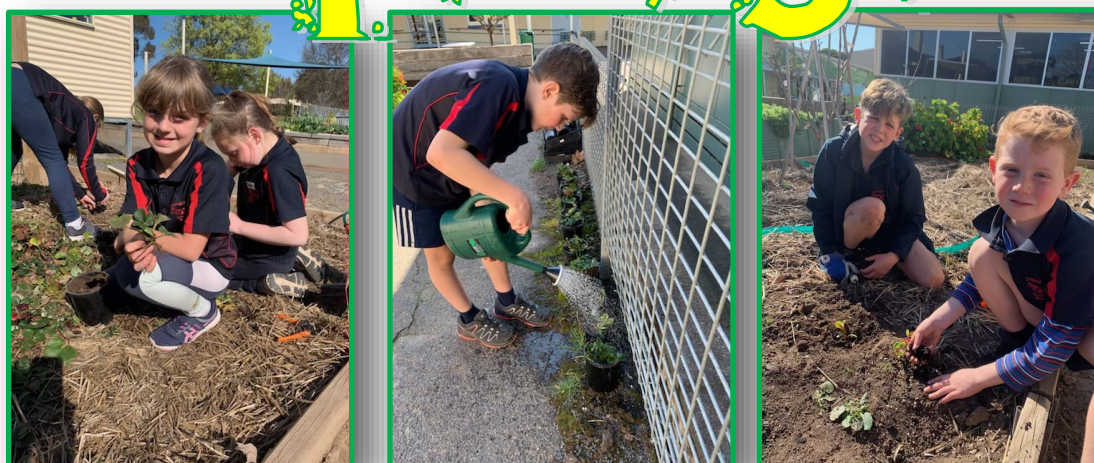
Today's Learners: Tomorrow's Future

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Term 3

Week 9—RFL continues
Monday 6th—10am As-
sembly Webex

Week 10
Friday 17th—9.15am Book
Character Parade
2pm dismissal
End T3



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Principal's Report

Remote and Flexible Learning

Unfortunately it was confirmed yesterday that students will continue to learn from home until the end of T3, although we eagerly await further announcements about possible reductions in restrictions early next week. To all the parents, grandparents and supporters of our students who are learning from home—well done. You continue to amaze us with your efforts to ensure students are up and ready at 9am for their daily check in WebEx, with learning materials close by to start the day's learning.

We look forward to all students being back on site full time very soon. If you are struggling to motivate your child or they are showing the effects of being socially isolated from school, please contact your classroom teacher to discuss ways we can support our students and keep them connected and engaged with school.

Education Support Staff Appreciation Week

On behalf of the students and teaching staff I would like to thank our Education Support staff for their work in supporting not only our students, but our teachers in the classroom. ES staff at our school take on many additional responsibilities such as Breakfast Club, First Aid, attending school camps and excursions, Book Club, assisting with the SAKGF program from Prep-Yr6 as well as many, many other behind the scenes rolls that make our school run smoothly and successfully. Thank you everyone!

Book Fair

The Book Fair will continue to run through until the end of the term. If you are keen to make a purchase, please contact the office and Jenny will help you out. Students may bring money to school and make their own purchases if so desired.

The Annual Wood Raffle

Parents Club have a massive 12ft x 5ft trailer load of freshly split fire wood—what a great way to see out the end of the cold weather—with a full wood shed! Tickets and money should be returned to school tomorrow as this will be drawn on September 6th at our weekly Assembly at 10am. Parents are welcome to join us via Webex for this.

Fathers Day Stall—3rd September

Our traditional Father's Day stall will be held online—please check your child's classroom Facebook group for pictures and prices. Gifts will be priced between \$1 and \$20. Any money brought to school should be in a named envelope or wallet.

Code Red

St Arnaud Primary School has been classified a Category 4 School—which requires closure on Code Red days as determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner. A closure day would be communicated to families at the earliest possible convenience should it occur.

2022 Prep Enrolment Forms due back

As our school works towards planning for 2022 and our upcoming Transition programs for students new to our school, we ask parents with students commencing Prep in 2022 to complete and return enrolment documents. For those parents who would like to have a conversation with our Prep teacher Kirri Ezard about school readiness or anything related to the commencement of school, or myself, please contact the school to make a time to do so, ahead of the end of Term 3 (17th Sept). If you are aware of anyone in the position of choosing a school for 2022 for students in any year level, please let me know or ask them to contact the school for all the information they will need to make an informed choice.

Melissa Mitchell,
Principal

#STAPSchALLENGES

STAPS CHALLENGE #1

EXERCISE



JOIN THE CHALLENGE &
POST YOUR PICTURE BELOW

St Arnaud PS has some fun challenges coming up for you all and we're kicking them off with 'exercise'. Show us the fun and creative ways you and your family are keeping your body moving during lockdown.

Where's Wally is back! Head down to the Queen Mary Gardens while you are out for some exercise! There are 10 to be found!



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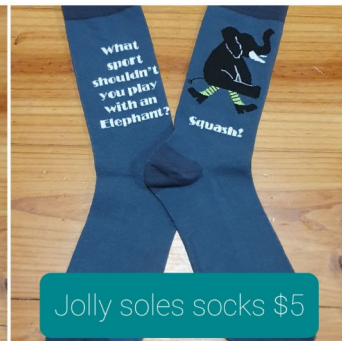
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Parents Club

Our Parents Club know how important it is to our kids that they have as many opportunities as possible, especially during the isolation of lockdown. Our traditional Father's Day Stall will be held virtually this year, with all gift options on display in the Classroom Facebook groups. If you aren't in your child's class group, please contact the teacher to be added.



Jolly soles socks \$5



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Camp mug and citronella candle \$6

Orders are due today
2nd September!



Chocolate blocks \$4 (less than RRP!)



Puzzles \$6



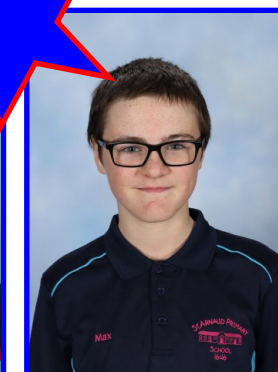
Favourites \$10 (less than RRP!)



Please sell and return your tickets and money by Friday 3rd September for the draw on Monday 6th September

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Celebrating our Students



Value Award Winners

Prep/1 Ezard

— Aisha Wardle

Yr2/3 Gould

— Aayah Hendy

Yr3/4 Driscoll

— Sam Greenaway

Yr4/5 Moore

— Felicity

Yr6 Weir

— Bethany

PE

— Zaklen Hutchinson, Max Payne, Ollie Hand,
Francis Payne

Art

— Sami Weir & Phoenix Gigg



BOOK FAIR 2021

Book Fair will be open each
day until the end of Term.

Please ring Jenny or Shirlee to make an arrangement
to purchase your books.



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Year 6 Writing "Refugees"

Students were given the picture prompt below. After a class brainstorm they each wrote a descriptive paragraph about the image.



Fleeing their country on this tiny little boat as the gun shots were going off in the distance. They did not ever picture that this was what their life would be like. They were frantically putting their kids on the boat. The children were scared and sad, their crying was deafening. The little boat was rocking side to side, it was overflowing but nobody cared. They just wanted to escape to safety. The sirens that were going off in the background were so loud they could hear it over the screams of the children.

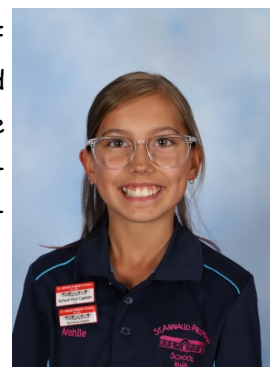
By Bailey Henry

The dark and gloomy sky was hovering over the overfilling water. All the people were saying goodbye to their family. Everyone was stressed, wondering if they will get back safe. There were gunshots ringing in the background as they were going to flee to Australia from Afghanistan. The waves were getting rougher and the families were getting even more afraid for their future.

By Lucy O'Donnell

People scurrying onto the boat trying to flee their country, packed crowds filled the boat along with supplies like food and water. They are trying to get on as quickly as they can with the gunshots ringing in the background in unsafe Afghanistan. Children screaming and crying to the loud noises and gunshots. Kids being thrown onto the boat as if they were non-existent. People scared, tired, traumatised and exhausted with worried expressions on their faces. Holding on to their loved ones like nothing else matters. The boat was overflowing, not being able to fit on any more people but they managed. Swaying side to side in the small boat they are ready to leave their dangerous country of Afghanistan.

By Mahlie Morris

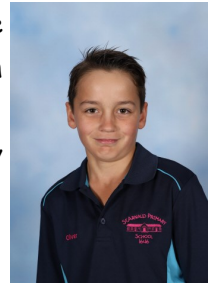


Year 6 Writing "Refugees"

People frantically scurrying on the boat desperate to find more room. Frightened people were dumping as many of the helpless onto the little boat. It was struggling to hold this much weight - as they dared to try and flee their war torn country, Afghanistan.

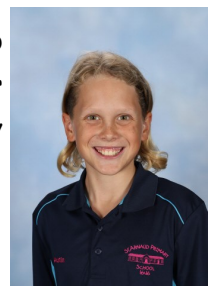
Freedom. Freedom was the only thing on their minds. Freedom and bravery were the only things they could rely on to ensure their survival and freedom.

By Oliver Hand



Afraid people were frantically jumping onto the quickly filling boat. Everyone was trying to flee their country hopeful to reach their freedom. Gun shots rang in the distance from their war-torn country as they were pushed out to sea. The kids screaming was endless as they were torn apart from their families.

By Austin Lowe



People were frantically scurrying onto the boat, hoping to reach their freedom. Gunshots were sounding behind them as they ran faster to get to the boat. They had fear and frightened faces. Some had blood and dirt as they tried to get their kids on first so they would live a longer life and be safe and happy.

By Max Ezard



Whilst gunshots are ringing overhead people were scurrying onto the boat trying to flee their country. The fear on their faces was evident.

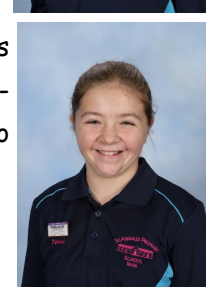
There were children being passed along and thrown into the boat as if they were non-existent. They were all so desperate to get onto the boat and flee safely. The children were screaming to the ringing of the gunshots. Soon they needed another boat. All the family's faces were worried, terrified and traumatized - they couldn't handle it any more.

By Ruby Swanton



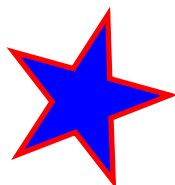
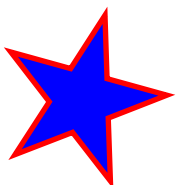
The boat was overflowing with water and everyone was desperate to save their children. As everyone got on the boat, they still were cautious as to what was happening. They just couldn't think with all of the noise in the background. As they left Vietnam, they were grateful to think of a new life in Australia. They were just hoping that one day all of this will stop.

By Tessa Patton



Worried, scared, scurrying, the sky getting darker, as the people hurried on the boat. Gunshots echoing in the background, explosions getting closer, people crying and their tears filled the air. Parents passing children on to safety, praying for a better life. All very hopeful of fleeing to freedom.

By Rylan Leach



236 Recipe



Baked Ricotta & Spinach Gnocchi

Season: All

Serves: 30 tastes in the classroom or 6 at home

Fresh from the garden: basil, garlic, mint, onion, parsley, spinach

This is a simple recipe that you can have a lot of fun with, especially when rolling out the gnocchi. Students can also decide which herbs to add based on their own taste preferences. Hopefully your pantry will already be stocked with lots of school-made passata! Serve with a salad and some crusty bread to mop up the tomato sauce.

Equipment:

medium saucepan
metric measuring scales, jug and cups
clean tea towel
chopping board
cook's knife
grater
strainer
large heavy-based saucepan
wooden spoon
large bowl
mixing spoon
small spoon
oven-proof dish

Ingredients:

For the sauce:

1 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, peeled and finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped
½ cup parsley, finely chopped
750 ml tomato passata
salt and pepper, to taste

For the gnocchi:

300 g spinach, chopped
80 g pecorino cheese, grated
80 g mozzarella, grated
large handfuls of parsley, mint and/or basil (enough to make ½ cup when chopped)
500 g fresh ricotta
½ cup plain flour
salt and pepper, to taste
olive oil, to grease the baking dish



What to do:

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C.
2. Fill the medium saucepan with water and put it on to boil.
3. Prepare all of the ingredients based on the instructions in the ingredients list.
4. Blanch the spinach for about 30 seconds in the boiling water, then drain quickly using the strainer and rinse in cool water to stop the cooking process.



To make the sauce:

1. Heat the olive oil in the saucepan, then add the onion, garlic and parsley. Cook on a medium heat for 1–2 minutes or until onion is translucent.
2. Add the passata, season to taste, then stir to combine.
3. Cook on low heat for about 30 minutes.

To make the gnocchi:

1. Mix together all of the gnocchi ingredients, except the mozzarella and the olive oil, in the large bowl.
2. Form balls about 3 cm round using a small spoon.
3. Grease the oven-proof dish with oil and arrange the gnocchi in the dish.

To cook the gnocchi:

1. Drizzle the cooked tomato sauce over the top of the gnocchi, scatter over the grated mozzarella and bake in the oven for 15–20 minutes, until the cheese has baked to a beautiful golden brown.
2. Serve hot.

