

16 July 2026
T3, Wk 1

THE LINK



School Calendar

Term 3

Week 1 - SAKGF

Monday 13 July Semester 1
Reports available

Wk 1-10 - Fridays Robotics Club

Week 2 - PT Interviews 20/21/22

Wednesday 22nd Hockey 7's,
Dimboola

**Thursday 23rd - Day of Industrial
Action**

Week 4

Monday 3 Aug - Staff CPR
Update

Week 5 - SAKGF & Meals on
Wheels

Thursday 12th - Yr5/6 Ecolinc
Excursion

Week 7 - SAKGF, Book Week &
Book Fair

Monday 24th - Book Character
Parade

Wednesday 26th - Grandparents
Morning, 9-11.30am

Friday 28th - Donald Athletics

Week 10 - 2027 Enrolments due
Friday 18th September - End T3



NAIDOC WEEK
50 YEARS DEADLY
5-12 JULY 2026

RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION



5/6 & 4/5

MENU

- * NATIVE HERB DAMPER
- * SPICY BUSH TOMATO SAUCE
- * KAKADU PLUM BLISS BALLS
- * DAVIDSON PLUM YOGHURT POTS

3/4 & 2

MENU

- * NATIVE HERB DAMPER
- * SPICY BUSH TOMATO SAUCE
- * QUANDONG & WHITE CHOCOLATE COOKIES (3/4)
- * STRAWBERRY GUM APPLE MUFFINS (2)





SCHOOL KITCHEN

QUANDONG & WHITE CHOCOLATE COOKIES

Season: All year round
Serves: 24
Fresh from the garden:

Equipment:	Ingredients:
Measuring cups	125g unsalted butter, softened
Measuring spoons	1 cup brown sugar
2 Bowls	1 cup caster sugar
Scales	1 egg
Electric beaters	1 tsp vanilla extract
Baking trays	2 cups plain flour
	1 tsp baking powder
	1 tsp salt
	1 tsp Quandong
	150g white chocolate
	1/2 cup rolled oats

What to do:
Preheat the oven to 170°C. Line two baking trays with baking paper.
In a large bowl, beat the butter and sugars together until light and creamy.
Add the egg and vanilla extract. Beat until well combined.
In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder, salt and the Quandong.
Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and mix until just a dough forms.
Add the white chocolate chunks and oats (if using).
Roll the dough into balls and place on the prepared baking trays.
Bake for 12-15 minutes or until the edges are lightly golden.
Allow to cool on the tray for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack.

Notes:
Quandong is a naturally tart flavour, similar to cranberry. Start with 1 tsp of Quandong and increase to 2 tsp if you like a stronger flavour.

P/1

MENU

NATIVE HERB DAMPERS

*** CINNAMON MYRTLE PANCAKES**



Principal's Report

NAIDOC Week

This week our school has been involved in the celebration of NAIDOC Week both through the literacy curriculum and in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. Our garden has welcomed the addition of new Indigenous food plants and in our menu this week with students cooking a variety of sweet and savoury dishes using Indigenous ingredients - I can attest that these dishes were all delicious!

Parent Teacher Interviews

Next week our staff are fully available to meet with parents to discuss student achievement and are an invaluable opportunity to discuss individual student learning across all areas of the curriculum. Teachers will have testing data available to share with parents, and will be looking to set new learning goals for each student for the coming semester. Appointments are made through the COMPASS portal. If you are experiencing any difficulty, please contact your child's teacher or Shirlee in the General Office for assistance. **Please note that interviews are no longer available on Thursday due to planned industrial action.**

Parent Payments

We kindly ask that any outstanding Parent Payments are made as soon as you are able. Every contribution makes a genuine difference and ensures we can continue providing high-quality educational experiences for all students while keeping additional costs to families to a minimum.

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.

Playground Upgrade

Over the holidays, the Junior playground was removed to make way for a new playspace for students. The Junior Playground had lived a very good life and was much loved by students past and current, however, was no longer able to be maintained to the safety standard required. A massive thanks to Jacob Vanrenen, Hayden Glenn and Ian Coates for their time and contribution to our school. A small working group made up of Jacob Vanrenen, Tori Jesse and Emily Gosden are busy applying for grants, designing and sourcing materials for the new play space which we hope to install in stages over the coming 2-6 months.

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.

Principal's Report

New Staff

Welcome to Angus Johnstone and Jess Dover, who have been appointed to Education Support roles in Year 3/4A and Year 2C respectively. Angus and Jess will be in classrooms Mon-Friday. Angus has had previous experience working in schools as an ES and Jess has previous experience working in Early Childhood. We are thrilled to welcome them to our team and know that the additional support in these classrooms will be invaluable to our learners.



Student Medications & Allergies - PARENT ACTION REQUIRED

As part of St Arnaud Primary School's commitment to meeting our legislative requirements we require you to provide us with a current Asthma Action Plan and/or Anaphylaxis Plan for your child.

If your child's medication device has changed since their Asthma Action Plan was last updated, please ensure that this is noted by their practitioner on the new plan.

Once completed, please return it to us ASAP, or by the end of August, together with your child's medication (please check the dates on these) and any other device aid for administration (e.g. spacer device/ auto injector pen). If your medical practitioner has informed you that your child no longer experiences asthma symptoms, they will need to provide a letter, on the practice letterhead, to the school stating such.

To be able to provide the best possible care for your child, we respectfully ask that parents are proactive in this area.

ART ROOM - donations required!

Ms Hendy is calling for donations of shoe boxes and cardboard cylinders ie gladwrap etc for upcoming student projects. If you have any of these to spare, please drop them into the office. Many thanks in advance.

Industrial Action

The Australian Education Union has called on its members to take strike action on Thursday 23rd July. Based upon the information provided to me, 11 of our teaching staff will be taking part in the strike action. As a consequence students in Years P/1/2/3/4/5/6 are NOT required to attend. Thank you for your patience and understanding

Melissa Mitchell
Principal

VALUE AWARD WINNERS



P/IE
Emily Thomson



P/1P
Mia Duclos



2C
Elea Duclos



3/4A
James Mactaggart



4/5W
Ben Thomson



5/6T
Lucas



5/6T
Maria Taylor



Music
Ben Thomson



H & PE
Niamh Green



Bakery Bucks
Alistair Grahame



KINDNESS



KINDNESS
Lewis Coates



ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

BRONZE AWARDS



Immy Keating



Alaric Rylatt-Arpe

SILVER AWARDS



Gianna Sierra



Health Promotion
EAST WIMMERA HEALTH SERVICE

Dental Health Week Colouring Competition!

Prizes to be won!

Two categories:

Kinder Ages | Primary School

Return your colouring form to your nearest
East Wimmera Health Service campus

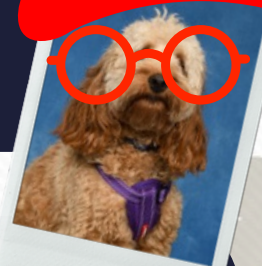
by Friday 31st July

Pick up a colouring form from your primary school,
kindergarten or any EWHS campus.



Email: healthpromotion@ewhs.org.au | Phone: 03 5477 2100

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

Isaiah B

75

Jack Jesse
Caleb Snell

75

Bertie Jesse
Esme Talbot

75

Claudia Knights

125

Barlow Knight
Oakley Cook
Jimmi Donaldson



Rabobank

AUSTRALIA

Thank you to Alison Coloe for entering in the Rabo Bank competition to win a full set of George the Farmer books for our school!

The set of 14 books will be in the P1/2 area for all children to enjoy.



ROCKET MATHS



Jimmi
Donaldson



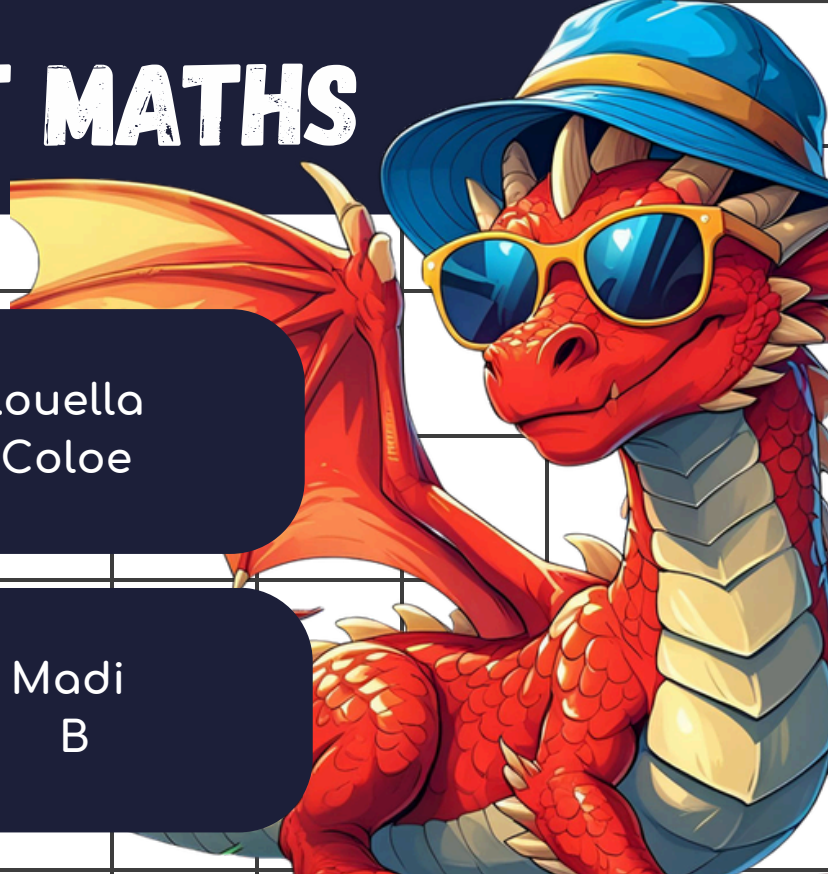
Louella
Coloe



Alistair
Grahame



Madi
B



Rockets Maths is a daily program for all year levels, providing the opportunity to practise number facts in an engaging way. As students achieve success they move onto the next level where they continue to improve their number skills.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every Day Counts - It's Not OK to Be Away!

When your child misses just ...	that equals	which is	and therefore from P-12 that is ...	This means the best your child can achieve is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	nearly 1.5 years of school	equal to finishing Yr11
1 day per week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	over 2.5 years of school	equal to finishing yr10
2 days per week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	over 5 years of learning	equal to finishing yr7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	over 8 years of learning	equal to finishing yr4

MRS WEIR'S WELLBEING WONDERINGS



Words of Wisdom

Sylvia Culliver



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 people at the school.

What does leadership mean to you?

It is important to be a good leader because it is nice to be able to help people in the classroom and also outside. You don't have to have a badge to be a leader, you just have to be a good person.

What personal qualities do you bring to Leadership?

I like to help people when they need a bit of extra care.



Weekly Quote



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!

Child Safety and Wellbeing Information for the School Community

St Arnaud Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety framework <https://www.starnaudps.vic.edu.au> explains how we support and maintain child safety and wellbeing. It includes our:

- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Child Safety Reporting and Responding Obligations Procedures, and
- Child Safety Code of Conduct, which outlines acceptable and unacceptable behaviours for all staff and volunteers at our school.

Our students and families are important partners in providing a child safe environment. These regular newsletter reminders are one of the ways we ensure our school community is aware of:

- our commitment to child safety, and
- how to provide feedback or raise child safety concerns.

If you have any concerns about child safety at any time, please contact Melissa Mitchell, Principal on 54951028. Any child safety complaints or concerns are treated seriously. For more information about our school's complaints process, see our Complaints Policy on the website or request a printed copy or emailed copy.

We also welcome your ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing. If you have any suggestions or comments please contact Melissa Mitchell, Principal on 54951028 or at st.arnaud.ps@education.vic.gov.au



**ST ARNAUD
PRIMARY SCHOOL
WEBSITE**



CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS

St Arnaud Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are committed to protecting children from harm.

Our comprehensive child safety framework outlines our school's strategies, policies, codes and procedures:

- Acceptable Use Agreement - Digital Technology
- Bullying Prevention
- Camps and Excursions Policy
- Child Safe Code of Conduct
- Child Safety Policy
- Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedures
- Complaints Policy
- Inclusion & Diversity
- Mobile Phones Policy
- Preventing and Addressing Racism in School
- School Action Plan Aboriginal Learning, Wellbeing and Safety
- Student Wellbeing & Engagement Policy
- Statement of Values and School Philosophy
- Volunteers Policy
- Visitors Policy



Lunch Order Price List Parkview Bakery

HOT



- Steak Pie - \$5.00
- Meat & Vegetable Pastie - \$5.00
- Sausage Roll - \$3.50
- Party Pie - \$1.60
- Sauce Portions - 20c

Please write your
order on a brown
paper bag and
include:

- Child's Name
- Child's Class
- \$ included

Children need to
place this in the
Lunch Order Tub
upon arrival at school



WRAPS, ROLLS & SANDWICHES

- Pizza Small - \$4.50
- Chilli Chicken Wrap - \$7.00 (Chicken Schnitzel, lettuce, cheese, sweet chilli sauce)
- Ham or Chicken Salad Roll - \$ 6.50 (Meat, lettuce, cheese, tomato, beetroot, mayo)
- Ham & Cheese Sandwich - \$4.50
- Ham & Cheese Roll - \$5.00
- Chicken, lettuce, mayo Sandwich - \$4.50
- Chicken, lettuce, mayo Roll - \$5.00

DRINKS



- Water, 600ml - \$3.50
- Pop Top Juice - \$2.50
- Big M, 250ml - \$2.80
- Big M, 600ml - \$4.60

SWEETS



- Hedgehog/Lemon Slice/Apple Slice - \$4.00
 - Muffin (assorted flavours) - \$4.50
 - Gingerbread Man - \$3.00
 - Jelly Slice - \$4.50
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Aus Alert information

This information was sent in a COMPASS email on Tuesday 14th July at 2.40pm

We've been advised that a national test of [AusAlert](#) will happen across Australia on Monday 27 July at 2 pm.

AusAlert is a new, national emergency warning system. It sends warning messages to compatible mobile devices during emergencies, to keep people informed so they can act quickly. The Australian Government plans to launch AusAlert in October 2026.

On Monday 27 July at 2 pm, all [compatible mobile devices](#) will receive a [Critical Alert](#). Compatible mobile devices include phones, tablets, smart watches, safety watches and some vehicle devices. These will vibrate and make a loud, siren-like warning sound for about 10 seconds. This will happen even if they are on silent or do not disturb. The message will clearly state that it is a test. No action is required from the test.

To minimise disruption, student phones and smart devices should always be switched off and stored securely in lockers or bags during the school day. Students who use their mobile phone as part of a documented exception can continue to do so. If appropriate, they can turn their phone off during the test.

You may also wish to let your child know that if they see or hear the alert, school staff will support them. You can learn more at [AusAlert: children and teens](#). Information is also available in other [languages](#).

Safe phones

AusAlert may increase risk for people experiencing violence, especially if they live with someone who uses violence. Alerts may expose safety devices.

If you or someone you know has a hidden device, the best way to stay safe during the test is to:

- turn off your mobile device or put it in aeroplane mode
- keep your device off or in aeroplane mode for 24 hours.

Silent mode and do not disturb will not stop the alert.

For more information, please refer to the [Staying safe with AusAlert page](#).

Victoria Police

Northern Grampians Neighbourhood Policing Forum



VICTORIA POLICE

The Victoria Police Neighbourhood Policing Forum welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what issues are important in your community.

The forum will explore topics including:

- Current crime trends and crime prevention
- Young people
- Family violence
- Road policing
- Drugs and drug related crime.

The Neighbourhood Policing Forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel and questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event.

Registration is a must.

To attend, please register by sending your details to:

NORTHGRAMPPSA@police.vic.gov.au

or scan the QR code.

To submit a question prior to the forum:

[Northern Grampians NHP questions](#)

Event details

Date:

Thursday 6th August 2026

Time:

6:00pm – 8:00pm

(Doors open 5:45pm)

Location:

**Northern Grampians Shire Council
St Arnaud – Stewart Hall
40 Napier Street, St Arnaud**



Scan here to
register your
attendance



Got a question for police?

Scan the QR code to submit
prior to the forum



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