

13th August
2026
T3, Wk 5

THE LINK



School Calendar

Week 6

Wednesday 19th - 10-11.30am
Come and Try Preps 2027

Week 7 - Book Week & Book Fair

Monday 24th - Book Character
Parade; Yr5/6T SAKG Cooking
Tuesday 25th - Teddy Bears
Picnic; Yr3/4A SAKG Cooking;
6.30pm School Council

Wednesday 26th - Grandparents
Day and Morning Tea, 9-11.30am;
Yr4/5W SAKG Cooking

Thursday 27th - Yr2C SAKG
Cooking

Friday 28th - Donald Athletics

Week 10 - 2027 Enrolments due

Friday 18th September - End T3

Term 4 - Monday 5th October

Friday 16th October - Yr3/4
Ecolinc Excursion

Sunday 25th October - STAPS Art
Show

Tuesday 3rd November -
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Energy Breakthrough 18/19/20
Nov

Friday 20th - Robotics Challenge
30/11-4/12 - Year 5/6 Canberra
Camp

Tuesday 8th December - Step Up
Day

Friday 11th - Children's Fete

Monday 14th - Year 6 Graduation



RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION

Principal's Report

Come Fly with Me

Last Friday the St Arnaud Secondary College put on a performance in their newly renovated hall, in which 9 of our students were fortunate to be selected for roles.

Ellis Medlyn - Frequent Flyer

Lil Stewart - Air Hostess and Barcelona Dancer

Chaise Buttery - French Chef

Bridget Culliver - Dancer

Zarleya Dunstan - Tourist and Dance instructor

Pippa O'Donnell - Tourist

Alaric Rylatt-Arpea - Back Stage

Torah Watts - Barcelona Dancer

Issy Green - Barcelona Dancer

It was impressive to see such a high level of participation amongst students in a range of roles throughout the performance. Seeing students embrace new opportunities and to push themselves out of their comfort zones was inspiring - I look forward to seeing what these students will achieve in the future, and to see the performing arts continue to grow across the schools.

A big thank you to all the staff involved in rehearsals, transporting students to and from the college, and to the audience members for their support. A special thanks to Ms Hibberd for her encouragement and inclusion of our students - this opportunity has had a huge impact on their transition to secondary college and their confidence - look out 2027!

Come and Try - Prep 2027

Next Wednesday 19th August, we will be running a Come and Try session for students looking to commence their schooling in 2027. Bookings for the session can be completed online - please check our facebook and instagram for the QR code, or by calling the General Office on 54951028. If you know anyone looking to choose a school in 2027, please encourage them to reach out and make contact.

Year5/6 Ecolinc "Super Heros Against Extinction"

Yesterday the Yr56 students headed off early to be in Bacchus Marsh by 9am to take part in the Superheroes Against Extinction program. Students learnt about endangered Australian animals and how they are protected under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act. Activities required them to work creatively to plan and create a short stop motion advertisement, using persuasive techniques to raise awareness about an endangered species.



Principal's Report

Parent and Caregiver Survey

The Department of Education values parent input and seeks parent and caregiver participation in the annual survey. The Survey opens on August 17th and closes on September 18th. It takes about 20 minutes to complete and we would very much like to hear from our families. Your input and feedback is used in decision making and planning, and in our ambition to make our school the best that it can be. If you receive an email with the link to the Survey portal, please take the time to complete this. If you experience any difficulty or have any questions, please let me know.

Year 5 Buddies

In preparations for 2027, our current Year 5 students have been invited to apply for a Buddy role. This requires them to write a letter of interest to Mrs Ezard, in which they would explain why they would like to be a buddy, what their skills and interests are and how they would be a good helper to a new student. Buddies spend time getting to know their Prep Buddy on Transition days and in the first few weeks of Term 1.

Book Week - below is the planned activities for Book Week. We aim to celebrate books and reading all week. It's going to be a lot of fun!

Melissa Mitchell
Principal



2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Check out the line up of fun Book Week Activities, starting from Monday 24th August and running til Friday 28th August

MONDAY 24	TUESDAY 25	WEDNESDAY 26	THURSDAY 27	FRIDAY 28
8.30- 9AM BOOK FAIR	8.30- 9AM BOOK FAIR	8.30- 9AM BOOK FAIR	8.30 - 9AM BOOK FAIR	8.30 - 9AM BOOK FAIR
9AM ASSEMBLY	P/1/2 TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC	9-11.30am Grandparent's Day & Morning Tea		DONALD ATHS
9.30AM BOOK CHARACTER PARADE				
2PM CELEBRITY STORY TELLER	2PM CELEBRITY STORY TELLER	2pm CELEBRITY STORY TELLER	2PM CELEBRITY STORY TELLER.	
YR P-2	YR P-6	Preschool, Prep, Yr1 & Yr2	Preschool, Prep, Yr1 & Yr2	
3-3.30PM BOOK FAIR	3-3.30PM BOOK FAIR	3-3.30PM BOOK FAIR	3-3.30PM BOOK FAIR	3-3.30PM BOOK FAIR

ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

VALUE AWARD WINNERS



P/IE
Phoebe Krone



P/1P
Mia Duclos



2C
Jazz Carreon



2C
Tahnaya Murray



34A
Georgia Campbell



45W
Matilda Wallace



56T
Torah Watts



Music
Viv Polkinghorne



Music
Brianna Chugg



Music
Kayne Williams



H & PE
Maria Taylor



Art
Kayne Williams



Bakery Bucks
Avery Perrin



Kindness
Aniyah Kinnane

BRONZE AWARDS

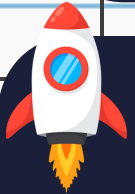


Brandon James



Dom David

ROCKET MATHS



Barlow Knight



Caleb Snell



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.

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.

50

Ella Wait

75

Louella Coloe

100

Claudia Knights
Bertie Jesse

100

Theo Vanrenen
Esme Talbot

150

Marley Turner
Jimmi Donaldson

150

Barlow Knight



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

95%

ON TRACK

0.5-9.5 DAYS
AWAY FROM
SCHOOL
EACH YEAR

90%

AT RISK

10-19 DAYS
AWAY FROM
SCHOOL
EACH YEAR

85%

OFF TRACK

20-29.5 DAYS
AWAY FROM
SCHOOL
EACH YEAR

80%

DANGER ZONE

30 OR MORE DAYS
AWAY FROM
SCHOOL
EACH YEAR

MRS WEIR'S WELLBEING WONDERINGS



Words of Wisdom

Jimmi Donaldson



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

Because I knew it would be so kind to be able to help others.

What does leadership mean to you?

Helping everyone when they are hurt is very important because when you are a leader you need to help other people.

What personal qualities do you bring to Leadership?

I am good at helping people build Lego.

I am very kind to everyone.

I am very good at helping people.

I am good at helping people with their work if it is tricky for them.

I think about everyone's feelings.



Weekly Quote



Wellbeing Leaders



**Zarleya
Dunstan**



**Ella
Wait**



**Maria
Taylor**



**Mrs
Weir**

"Moana"

Screening
Sunday
16th August
at 2pm



Tickets \$15.00 pp at
Ramjac 49 Napier St.
Ph 5495 2929 or
St Arnaud Hockey Club
Members
ENQUIRIES
Sophie Male
0428 505 106



The 2026 live-action adaptation of *Moana* follows a spirited teenager who answers the ocean's call to save her island. When a dark blight threatens Motunui, Moana sets sail beyond the reef to track down the legendary demigod Maui. Together, they must brave treacherous waters and monsters to restore the stolen heart of the goddess Te Fiti

Running Time 115mins Genre: Adventure/Comedy

Our JSC and
Year 5 and Year 6 Leadership
students would like to invite you
to the
BOOK FAIR



Monday 24th August - Friday 28th August

In the Arts Centre

Each Morning from 8.30am - 9.00am

Each afternoon from 3pm - 3.30pm

Sphero Robotics news

EBT Robotics has officially begun! Our team has started practising, learning how to work together, solve problems and build their robotics skills. Students are already showing great enthusiasm as they prepare for the exciting challenges ahead.

The students who have made the team are:



Alaric
Rylatt-Arpea



Bridget
Culliver



James
Mactaggart



Leeara
Williams



Our theme for this year is 'city survival'. The first challenge is to construct a bridge and a tunnel. Students then have to program the bot to move by itself, avoiding obstacles, pausing in a specific place, and then continuing on its journey. They will program it to speak, and have a particular set of lights. Stay tuned for further updates!





OPEN PANTRY



First Aid Courses 2026

10am-4pm Tuesday 18th August

CPR Only (HLTAID009)

Completed Annually — \$90 per person

HLTAID011 Provide First Aid (Includes CPR)

(No asthma or anaphylaxis)

For first time or expired certificate

\$180 per person - Pre-class on-line work.

HLTAID011—Continuous Learning (Includes CPR)

For people with a current Certificate less than 2 years old

—Renews for another 3 years

(proof required) \$110 Per Person - Pre-class on-line work.

HLTAID012—Provide First Aid in the Education and Care Setting (Includes CPR)

(Includes asthma or anaphylaxis)

For first time or expired certificate -

\$230 Per Person - Includes asthma and anaphylaxis

Pre-class on-line work.

HLTAID012—Continuous Learning (Includes CPR)

For people with a current Certificate less than 2 years old

—Renews for another 3 years

(proof required) \$120 Per Person - Pre-class on-line work.

Trainer:

RICH RIVER FIRST AID TRAINING

Enrol and Pay by Tuesday 11th August.

Enquiries to: St Arnaud Community Resource

Centre, 85 Napier St, St Arnaud. Ph: 5495 1997

9am-2:00pm Mondays to Fridays



COME & TRY STAPS

Wednesday 19th August
10-11.20am

Our Come & Try session is designed to give preschool children the opportunity to experience "big school" through carefully planned games, classroom activities and social interactions in a fun, supportive environment.

For parents and carers, this session provides the chance to see our learning spaces, meet our staff, learn about our Prep program, and gain an insight into what your child's first year of school will look like.

The session will run across recess, so children will need to bring:

- A drink bottle filled with water
- A snack for recess

Scan the QR code to register your child's attendance.

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ST ARNAUD PS GRAND PARENTS DAY



Wednesday 26th August
9-11.30am

Classroom activities: 9-11am
Morning tea: 11-11.30am

P-2 Teddy Bear Picnic

If you go down in the woods today,
You're sure of a big surprise.

If you go down in the woods today,
You'd better go in disguise...

Tuesday 25th August
Bring your teddy bear!

