

20th August 2026
T3, Wk 6

THE LINK



School Calendar

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 8

Friday 4th Sept - Father's Day Stall

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



SCIENCE



RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION

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 opened on August 17th and every family received an email link with details. 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.

Come and Try - Prep 2027

Yesterday we welcomed many of our 2027 Preps for a few hours of school familiarisation. This is such an exciting time as we get to know the new faces and families. The Transition dates for Term 4 are included in this newsletter.

Science Week

Yesterday the Year 3/4A class had the opportunity to attend an excursion at the Town Hall, offered by the NGSC. Mad Mayhem is an interactive Science show giving students the opportunity to be hands on and involved in developing hypotheses and learning about science. Classes across the school have been celebrating Science Week, which we will cover in more detail in next week's LINK.

Book Week - 24-28th August

Next week we are celebrating Book Week every single day. Following the success of last year's format we have continued with a week long celebration of all things reading! From our traditional Book Character Parade up Napier St after Assembly on Monday, to the daily Book Fair (EFTPOS available) including competitions and vouchers to be won, we have extended our Celebrity Story Tellers series to include 4 days of St Arnaud Celebrities sharing a story with our students. This year we have added Grandparents Day (Wednesday) into Book Week and Teddy Bears Picnic (Tuesday) for the P-2 students as well.

Students will be bringing home their Wish Lists ahead of the opening of the Book Fair next Monday morning before school, to help parents with budgets and decision making. Parents and Grandparents are warmly invited to attend Book Fair bw 8.30-9am and 3-3.30pm each day next week.

Donald Aths

Next Friday we will be travelling up the Sunraysia to Donald for the Aths - all students are expected to attend, unless otherwise arranged with the school. Notes and payment are to be returned to the General Office ASAP.

Melissa Mitchell
Principal



ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL



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

8.30- 9AM
BOOK FAIR

9AM ASSEMBLY

9.30AM BOOK
CHARACTER
PARADE

2PM CELEBRITY
STORY TELLER

YR P-2

3-3.30PM
BOOK FAIR

TUESDAY 25

8.30- 9AM
BOOK FAIR

P/1/2
TEDDY BEAR'S
PICNIC

2PM CELEBRITY
STORY TELLER

YR P-6

3-3.30PM
BOOK FAIR

WEDNESDAY 26

8.30- 9AM
BOOK FAIR

9-11.30am
Grandparent's
Day
& Morning Tea

2pm CELEBRITY
STORY TELLER

Preschool, Prep, Yr1 & Yr2

3-3.30PM
BOOK FAIR

THURSDAY 27

8.30 - 9AM
BOOK FAIR

2PM CELEBRITY
STORY TELLER.

Preschool, Prep, Yr1 & Yr2

3-3.30PM
BOOK FAIR

FRIDAY 28

8.30 - 9AM
BOOK FAIR

DONALD
ATHS



3-3.30PM
BOOK FAIR

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!



VALUE AWARD WINNERS



P/IE
Bill Patching



P/1P
Avery Perrin



2C
Madi



3/4A
Georgia Krone



45W
Alfie Coates



45W
Ben Thomson



56T
Aisha Wardle



Health & P.E
Ellis Medlyn



Health & P.E
Phoebe Krone



Art
Elea Duclos



Kindness
Isaiah



Bakery Bucks
Jack Jesse



BRONZE AWARDS

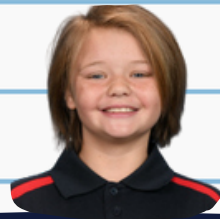


Rafe Kinnane

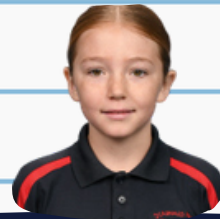
SILVER AWARDS



Esme Talbot



Bridget Culliver



Dakota Jackson

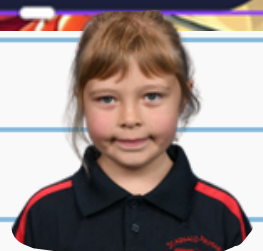
ROCKET MATHS



Georgie
Mactaggart



Alita- Jean
Mitchell



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

75

100

125

150

175

Leeara Williams



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

Caleb Snell



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

I thought I would be a good person to be a Junior School Council because I knew I would be a good person to help out. I am really good at helping the class if they are struggling with stuff.

What does leadership mean to you?

It means being a very kind person and being very thankful for everyone who thought I would be a very good Junior School Council person.

What personal qualities do you bring to Leadership?

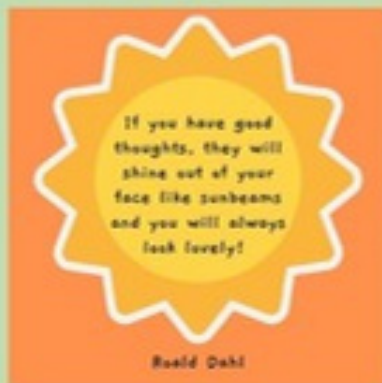
I have kindness in my heart.

I have a very happy personality.

I am a very happy person.



Weekly Quote



Wellbeing Leaders



**Zarleya
Dunstan**



**Ella
Wait**



**Maria
Taylor**



**Mrs
Weir**

2027/2028 PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

**Expression of Interest is
now open!**

Future families are encouraged to complete our "Expression of Interest Form" to receive enrolment information and updates about transition activities and important dates.

*Begin your child's secondary journey in a supportive community built on **Respect, Resilience and Responsibility.***

Information Evening 2pm Story Teller
14th of September, 2026



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW



www.starnaudsc.vic.edu.au



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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



St Arnaud Primary School

Prep 2027

TRANSITION PROGRAM



- Monday 16th Nov 8.45-11.20am
Initial Classroom & School
Orientation
- Thursday 26th Nov 8.45-11.20am
Classroom & PE
- Wednesday 2nd Dec 8.45-11.20am
Classroom & ART
- Tuesday 8th Dec 8.45am-3pm
Whole School Step Up & MUSIC



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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!