



THE LINK

28th August
Term 3, Week 6

School Calendar

Week 7

Wednesday 3rd Sept - Rewards

Lunch

Friday 5th - 9am Father's Day Stall

Week 8

8/9/10th Year3/4 Urban Camp

Friday 12th - R U OK Day & Footy

Colours Day @ St Arnaud

Secondary College

Week 9

Friday 19th September, 2pm End T3
& 2026 Enrolments due

SAVE THE DATE

St Arnaud Primary School
150th Birthday Celebrations
- Friday 24th October -

Donald

Aths



Principal's Report

School Camps, Parent Payments for Learning Materials & Stephanie Alexander Fees

Any outstanding Parent Payments for student learning materials, Year 3/4 Camp and Stephanie Alexander Cooking fees have been added to family invoices and were sent home with students recently.

While our school works extremely hard to minimise expense to parents, provide free excursions and experiences, we do rely on the full payment for costs incurred in order to continue to offer the range of opportunities provided to our students. Your prompt payment, by instalment or in full is appreciated. If you are facing financial difficulty please contact myself, or Melissa Weir.

Electronic Sign In

Our school now has an electronic sign in kiosk located in the foyer, replacing the paper and pen sign in books for visitors, contractors and late students.

The new device will help us to track who is signed in; ensure all visitors and contractors have a Working With Children Check; as well as monitor students who arrive late and leave early.

As a result of the new system coming into place we ask that parents and visitors comply with the following:

- Parents dropping students off late accompany students to the Foyer to sign in
- Parents collecting students from school early, report to the Foyer to sign students out. Office staff will phone class or have students awaiting collection
- Visitors, parents and contractors on site for school business, meetings and appointments, report to the Foyer and sign in; Office staff will assist you with notifying staff that you are here, or take you to the meeting room.

Rewards Lunch

On Wednesday 3rd September, children who have been awarded their Silver or Bronze Award this term will enjoy a rewards lunch in the Quiet Area. There is no charge for this reward, as children have earned this by achieving their Silver and Bronze Awards through demonstration of the school's expectations. Victor is a known connoisseur of a good sausage and may be in attendance.....

2025 NAPLAN

Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 should by now have received their child's Individual Performance Report (at Parent Teacher Interviews) and had a chance to view the results.

As a school we recently received our collated year level results and can report some significant improvements across Year 3 and Year 5. While NAPLAN is just one source of data collection from Term 1, it is used along other assessment tools to evaluate our teaching and learning programs. This year's results reaffirm the school's approach to teaching English and Mathematics and we look forward to seeing continued student growth. Well done to all students who worked hard and did their best.

Principal's Report

Parent and Carer Opinion Survey

The Annual Parent and Carer Opinion Survey opened last Monday. Randomly selected families received a link and PIN to access the survey.

Your feedback is very important to us and helps us to plan for new programs and improvements to our practice. We aim to have as many responses as possible and hope each family to receive the link will participate, before September 19th.

Please check your email containing the link and PIN, which you would have received at 9am Monday 18th August.

Donald School Athletics Day

Well done to all students who participated at the Donald Aths last Friday, proudly representing our school. Students who have qualified to compete at the Black Ranges Athletics in Stawell on Sept 3rd will be notified by Mrs Polkinghorne.

St Arnaud Secondary College Production

Year 5 and 6 students have been invited to the Town Hall tomorrow to watch the matinee performance of this year's College production "Movie Night". We are very fortunate to have this opportunity and we thank the Secondary College for the invitation. To all involved in the production we say, in the spirit of show business "break a leg".

School Bus Travellers - Communication of changes to arrangements

A reminder to parents of children who travel by school bus that any changes to your child's travel needs to be communicated to the school as they arise. Confusion at home time results in the bus being held up while phone calls are made or students are called up. Your cooperation with this helps us to keep your child safe and the buses running on time.

150th Birthday Celebrations

As many of you would be aware the school is preparing to celebrate 150 years of education in St Arnaud on Friday 24th. There will be a number of formalities on the day followed by afternoon tea in the Art Centre. We will be looking for donations of afternoon tea items which can be left at the school the day before or on the day. More details to come.

Melissa Mitchell
Principal



Tree Fundraiser

For the month of August, \$5 from every deciduous tree sold will be donated back to your nominated school or learning centre.

- St Arnaud Secondary college
- St Arnaud Primary school
- St Patricks Primary school St Arnaud
- St Arnaud Early Learning Centre

Deciduous ornamental trees

- chinese elms
- golden ash
- crepe myrtles
- ornamental pears
- gleditsia
- oaks
- white cedar and more

Deciduous fruit trees

- apples
- peaches
- plums
- nectarines
- pears
- cherries and more

WEEK 6 VALUE AWARDS



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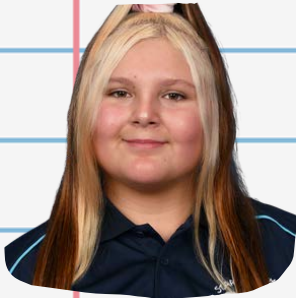
1/2P
HARLOW NEWTON



2/3T
BRAXTON



3/4C
KAYNE WILLIAMS



5/6W
AAVAHA VOGLER



5/6W
BRIDGET CULLIVER



ART
RENNIE DIX



ART
MADISON



I.C.T
CHLOE POLKINGHORNE



MUSIC
GRACE BURGESS



KINDNESS
BRAXTON



KINDNESS
SETH TAYLOR

Next week's behaviour focus is:

Follow Classroom Routines

ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

SILVER AWARD WINNERS



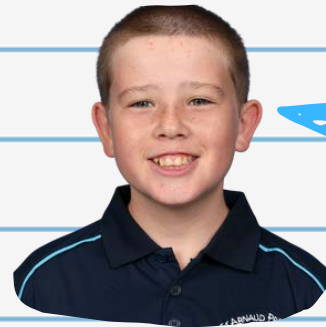
Skye Alvarez



Rennie Dix



Ivy Ezard



Bakery Bucks
Logen Cross

Classroom Facebook Groups

Parents are reminded that each class has a closed Facebook page, specifically to share class news & reminders with you.

Please don't forget to check your child's page and join in the celebration of student achievement

BRONZE AWARD WINNERS



Chaise Buttery



Ella Wait

MRS WEIR'S WELLBEING WONDERINGS

Student Leadership



Mrs Melissa Weir
Mental Health &
Wellbeing Leader



Maria Taylor
Isobel Green
Zarleya Hutchinson
Wellbeing
Leaders

Does a Leader need a badge?

Last week we held our annual St Arnaud Primary School Book Fair and we trialed something different.

The Student Leaders were in charge of the Book Fair.

They had to organise the Arts Centre and make sure it was set up correctly. Students volunteered their time each morning and afternoon, outside of normal school hours.

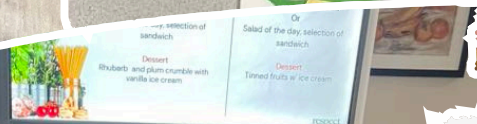
They made sure the music was playing, the tap and go was set up and always had a smile on their face!

This here, is true Leadership!

Kids stepping up to help, not because they are forced to help, but because they want to help.

They don't all wear Leadership Badges, but they all know that a badge doesn't always make a Leader!





AROUND THE CLASSES



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. Reading also expands children's knowledge base, making them more open-minded and well-rounded individuals.

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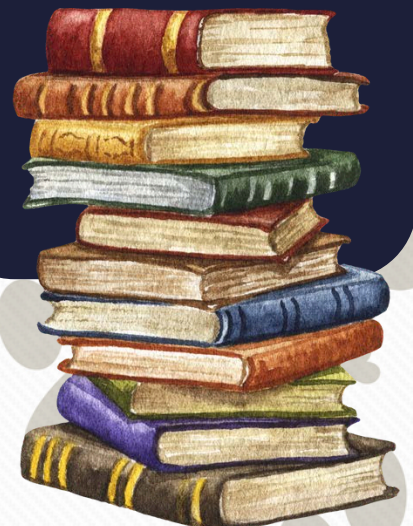
Jimmi Donaldson

175

200

225

250





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

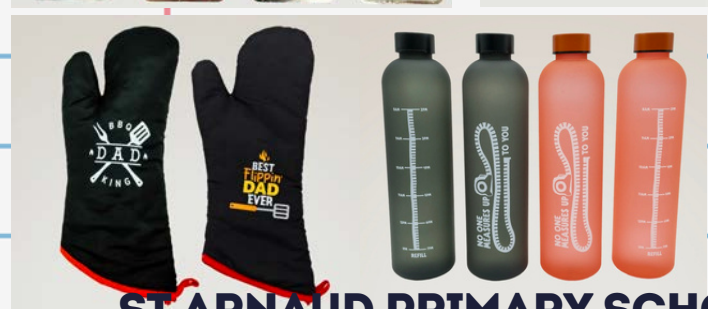
- Straight there - Straight back!

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!



Item	Cost
Pens	\$1
Magnet	\$2
Air freshener	\$2
Carwash sponge	\$2
To do list	\$3
Key ring	\$3
Bouncy ball	\$3
Spikey massage ball	\$3
Gym towel	\$4
Can cooler	\$4
Mug	\$4
Tape measure	\$4
Playing cards	\$4
Joke toilet paper	\$4
Magnetic to do board	\$4
LED torch key ring	\$4
Socks	\$5
Lure boxes	\$5
Body wash	\$5
Deodorant	\$5
Chocolate block	\$5
Lollies	\$5
Liquorice bullets	\$5
LED work light	\$5
BBQ mitt	\$5
Stainless steel travel mug	\$6
BBQ apron	\$6
Car care kit	\$6
Travel mug	\$6
BBQ spatula	\$7
1L water bottle	\$7

Friday 5th Sept 9am



ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL



Family Fun Dog Ring



ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES

Open to all breeds, sizes and shapes of dogs

Starting time 3 p.m. on the oval.

One \$5 entry fee covers a single or multiple events.

Nomination and fee to the Secretary's office prior to commencement.

Ribbons awarded down to 4th place in each event

1. Best groomed dog
2. Scruffiest dog
3. Dog most like its owner
4. Dog with the waggiest tail
5. Dog with the cutest ears
6. Dog with the best tricks
7. Musical Sit
8. Best singing dog
9. Best biscuit catcher
10. Egg and spoon race
11. Best dressed dog
12. Fancy dress dog and handler/s
13. Happiest dog. [Only for dogs who have not won a ribbon on the day]

Judging criteria:

- Dogs may have more than one handler
- Dogs will be asked to parade in a circle then asked to line up for judging.
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- Treats etc. may be used to encourage dogs to respond
- Musical sit – Judged in a similar manner to musical chairs. Last dog to sit will be out until a winner is found
- Best singing dog – Handler may use aids such as music, singing, yodeling, etc. to encourage their dog to sing, howl or bark
- Best biscuit catcher – Each dog will be tossed 3 biscuit treats, The dog who catches the best will be declared the winner.
- Egg and spoon race – Handler will be required to carry a spoon with egg in one hand and have their dog on a lead in other hand. Class may be divided into handler age groups.

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ASK RUOK?™

It can make a big difference

FRIDAY 12TH
SEPTEMBER
R U OK DAY? &
FOOTY COLOURS
DAY AT THE
SECONDARY
COLLEGE
12PM

BBQ LUNCH
\$1 SAUSAGE
\$2 HAMBURGER



ACTIVITIES & GAMES

FACE PAINTING

YELLOW HAIR
SPRAY

\$2 CUP CAKES



COME DRESSED IN
FOOTY COLOURS OR A
SPASH YELLOW

DONATIONS OF
CUPCAKES WELCOMED
PLEASE NOTIFY THE
OFFICE IF YOU CAN
DONATE.

PROCEEDS TO THE
R U OK DAY FUND.



Ask
RUOK?



Listen



Encourage
action



Check in

NEWS FROM THE GREEN TEAM

A VISIT FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

We loved having the students from the ELC come up and have a look around our gardens. We showed them around our different garden areas, dug up some potatoes and made some plans to help them start their own veggie patch back at the ELC. The Green Team has been busy making some newspaper pots so the students could plant their bean and pea seeds. These pots will be planted straight into the ground and will compost as the bean and pea plants grow. Such a good idea for supporting little hands towards garden success!

We look forward to going to visit them next term and help them transfer their seedlings into their new garden.



OUR NEW FRIEND INGA, AND A WORM FARMS FOR THE KITCHEN WASTE

We've also had a visit from Inga Hamilton from Resource Smart schools. Inga taught the students what our worms will need and helped us get started on a biodiversity audit to assess the current state of our school grounds and collect some baseline data for our upcoming projects including a sensory garden and a lizard lounge!



eSmart Schools Family Storytime

'How Poppy became an Internet Superhero'. Written by Despina Polatidis. Illustrated by Dotti Li. Join Poppy and her wonderbot, Astra on a high-tech adventure to outsmart the Hacker! As they race through the digital world, Poppy learns the Five Rules of Internet Superheroes — from guarding personal info to spotting online tricks. Packed with action, humour, and essential online safety tips, this story makes cybersecurity fun. Suitable for children from 4 – 9 years of age. Teacher / Parent resources will be sent 72 hours prior to the event.

Interested schools should share this booking page with their students' parents and carers, as resources related to parent and carer events will be sent to registrants only.

<https://tinyurl.com/4t6euttj>

Register for the webinar! *



SUMMER SPORT

Keeping active this summer

Our region has some of the highest rates of sport participation in the state, which is amazing! As our days start to get a little bit longer and a little bit warmer, it's time to start thinking about what sports you will try this summer.

Basketball

Basketball teaches you about being a good team player and can be a great social sport. Improve your balance, coordination and endurance, plus games are played indoors out of the hot summer sun.

Tennis

Tennis is a good sport for maintaining health, fitness, strength and agility, and is a very social game for all ages.

Swimming

When the weather's hot, why not cool off in the pool? A great low impact sport to do on your own or join a local club.

Cricket

Joining a cricket club is rewarding in many ways as you get to play an amazing sport and make friends along the way. Cricket is good for developing overall fitness, stamina and hand-eye coordination.

