

27th August 2026  
T3, Wk 7

# THE LINK



## School Calendar

Week 8

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept - Father's Day  
Stall (items from \$2-\$10)

Week 10 - 2027 Enrolments due  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September - End T3

Term 4 - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Yr3/4  
Ecolinc Excursion  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October - STAPS Art  
Show  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November -  
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday  
Energy Breakthrough 18/19/20  
Nov  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - Robotics Challenge  
30/11-4/12 - Year 5/6 Canberra  
Camp  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Step Up  
Day  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> - Children's Fete  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Graduation



# BOOK WEEK



RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION

# Principal's Report

## Parent and Caregiver Survey

The annual parent and carer survey opened last week 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 experience any difficulty or have any questions, please let me know.

## Book Week - 24-28<sup>th</sup> August

This week we have celebrated Book Week every single day, starting straight after Assembly on Monday morning with the St Arnaud Primary School Book Character Parade from school up Napier St and back. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and special friends who turned out along our Parade route to show appreciation and encouragement for the students and the Book Week Spirit.

Book Fair has been available every day before and after school, with so much excitement for students and families in choosing a special selection to take home with them.

Coates Hostel and Kara Court Visits - Yr5/6T continued after the Book Character Parade, up to Kara Court and Coates Hostel to share their Book Week dress ups with the residents.

Teddy Bear's Picnic - Prep/1/2 students were invited to a Picnic with special friends - the Teddy Bears on Tuesday, as well as being treated with a special performance of Goldilocks and the Three bears starring Mrs Coates, Mrs Ezard, Miss House, Miss Purkiss and Ms Mitchell.

Grandparents Day - this year we have incorporated Grandparents Day into Book Week, further adding to the involvement of family in our school activities. Grandparents and Special Friends were able to join in classroom learning - seeing and experiencing what our students do each day. The morning was topped off with a delicious morning tea - much of which was made by students in Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden cooking last week.

## Celebrity Story Tellers

Monday - Maddi and Zoe from East Wimmera Health Services; Tuesday - Des Moulday  
Wednesday - Pete Hamilton, Hamilton Buslines; and Thursday - Troy Hendy, Hendy Transport. Thank you Ms Gosden for organising these Local Celebrities for us to enjoy!

## Uniting Church Donation

The Uniting Church Debutante Ball Committee have made a generous donation of \$1000 to support student wellbeing activities at the school. We are very grateful for this donation.

*Melissa Mitchell*  
Principal

# VALUE AWARD WINNERS



P1E  
Otis Dyke



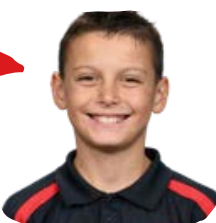
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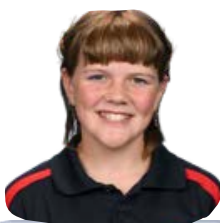
2C  
Whole Class!



3/4A  
Calyx Canaria



45W  
Kayne Williams



5/6T  
Maria Taylor



Health & P.E  
Evvy Scillini



Art  
Chloe Polkinghorne

## Fathers day stall price list 2026

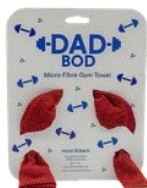
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|------------------------------|-------|
| Pen                          | 2     |
| Magnetic bottle opener       | 2     |
| Air freshener                | 2     |
| Magnet                       | 2     |
| Carwash sponge               | 2     |
| Back scratcher/shoe horn     | 3     |
| Spikey ball                  | 3     |
| Magnetic photo frame         | 3     |
| Stress ball                  | 3     |
| Frisbee                      | 3     |
| Bouncy ball                  | 3     |
| Tool pen                     | 3     |
| To do list                   | 3     |
| Key ring                     | 3     |
| Mug                          | 4     |
| Can cooler                   | 4     |
| Maze game                    | 4     |
| LED torch with key ring      | 4     |
| Gloves                       | 4     |
| Back massager                | 4     |
| Head massager                | 4     |
| Joke toilet paper            | 4     |
| Noughts and crosses          | 4     |
| Gym towel                    | 4     |
| Tape measure                 | 4     |
| Playing cards                | 4     |
| Body wash                    | 4     |
| Screwdriver set              | 5     |
| Metal sign                   | 5     |
| Socks                        | 5     |
| Deodorant                    | 5     |
| BBQ mitt                     | 5     |
| BBQ apron                    | 5     |
| Toiletary bag                | 6     |
| Car care kit                 | 6     |
| Travel mug                   | 6     |
| BBQ spatula                  | 7     |
| 1L water bottle              | 7     |
| Thermal travel mug           | 8     |
| Cooler bag                   | 8     |
| Stainless steel drink bottle | 9     |



Kindness  
Ellis Medlyn



Bakery Bucks  
Aniyah Kinnane



ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

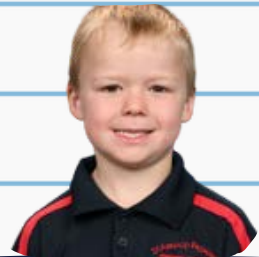
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Jimmi Donaldson

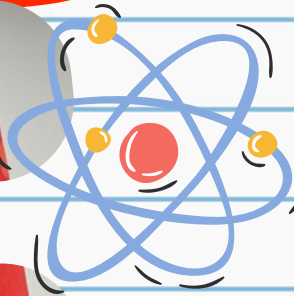
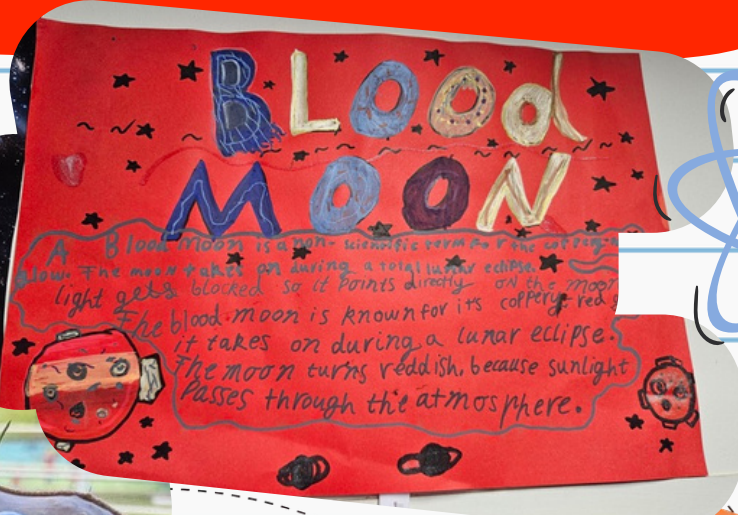


Bill Patching



Otis Dyke

## SCIENCE WEEK





# BOOK CHARACTER PARADE



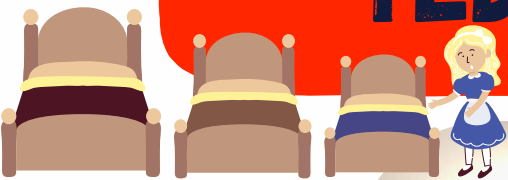
# KARA COURT & COATES HOSTEL



# GRANDPARENTS DAY



## TEDDY BEARS PICNIC



# CELEBRITY STORY TELLERS...



Maddie and Zoe, EVVHS,  
"Dear Broccoli"



Pete Hamilton, Hamilton Buses,  
"Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus"



Des Mulday, STAPS Reading  
Volunteer, "Grandbad"



Troy Hendy, Hendy Trucks  
"Truck Cat"

# 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.

75

Seth Taylor

100

Jack Jesse

125

Theo Vanrenen  
Esme Talbot

150

Alistair Grahame  
Evvy Scilini

175

Marley

175

Oakley Cook



## 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



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

I have done a lot of work in class and I am a really great learner. You have to do good learning to be a counsellor.

**What does leadership mean to you?**

A leader can be the best leader in the world by doing your work, playing nicely, play the game by the rules and be respectful to other people.

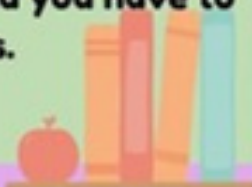
**What personal qualities do you bring to Leadership?**

I play nicely with people.

I help them when they are sad or angry.

I am kind to people.

**When people are really sad you have to show kindness.**



## Weekly Quote



## Wellbeing Leaders



**Zarleya  
Dunstan**



**Ella  
Wait**



**Maria  
Taylor**



**Mrs  
Weir**

# ROCKET MATHS



Maria Taylor



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.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR

BOOK FAIR

COLOURING COMPETITION

WINNERS!

Aspen Ben Alfie

Chad Avery Pippa

Colby Eva Harlow

EACH WINNER WILL RECEIVE A

**\$5 BOOK FAIR  
VOUCHER!**

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BOOK FAIR  
VOUCHER

