

3rd September 2026
T3, Wk 8

THE LINK



School Calendar

Week 8

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

Week 9

Wednesday 9th - Open Pantry

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

Term 4

Week 1 - Monday 5th October

Week 2

Friday 16th October - Yr3/4
Ecolinc Excursion
Sunday 25th October - STAPS Art
Show

November

Monday 2nd - Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 3rd - Melbourne Cup
Public Holiday
18/19/20 - Energy Breakthrough
Friday 20th - Robotics Challenge
30 Nov-4 Dec - Yr5/6 Canberra
Camp

Tuesday 8th Dec - Step Up P-6

Friday 11th - Children's Fete

Monday 14th - Year 6 Graduation

Thursday 17th - Pupil Free Day



Black RANGES



RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION

Principal's Report

Parent and Caregiver Survey - currently 26/75 returned

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. If you experience any difficulty or have any questions, please let me know.

Pre Service Teachers and Placement

Last week we said farewell to Sam Male who has completed placement with Mrs Polkinghorne in PE; and Miss House who finished her final placement ahead of her graduation. We wish them well with their future endeavours. We welcome Aliza Lockhart back to the Yr34 class from her teaching placement at Donald Primary School.

Sunsmart Practices

Students will require their hats at school from next week. Please check in with your child's teacher to ensure they have a hat that fits. New school hats (reversible bucket hats with the logo and house colour) are available from the General Office for \$15.

Greater Western Region Athletics

Yesterday a number of students represented our school in the Greater Western Region at Stawell. Thank you to Mrs Polkinghorne, Angus and Riley for transporting students and supporting them throughout the day. They enjoyed a day of lovely weather and the opportunity to compete with hundreds of students from dozens of district schools.

Congratulations to

Georgia Campbell - 1st Hurdles, Long Jump; Alfie Coates - 3rd Hurdles, 100m

Sylvia Culliver - Relay, 200m; Rennie Dix - 2nd 800m, 100m

Brax Evans - Shot Put; Bailey Gigg - 1st Sprints; 1st Hurdles, Relay

P H - Discus; Lucas J - Shot Put, Discus

Rebecca James - Relay, 200m; Georgie Mactaggart - 1st 800m, 200m

Chad Polkinghorne - 2nd 200m, Discus; Sophia Ride - Discus

Lil Stewart - 3rd Hurdles; Maria Taylor - 3rd Long Jump; 100m

Ella Wait - 1st Shot Put; 2nd Long Jump; Torah Watts - Shot Put, Discus

Kayne Williams - 100m, Hurdles; Leeara Williams - Shot Put

11yr Girls Relay - 2nd place - Ella Wait, Ruby Salter, Rebecca James and Bailey Gigg

Head Lice

Head Lice can be a common occurrence in young children, but when treated promptly and followed up regularly, the spread of it can be limited. Cases of Head Lice have been reported this week and parents are asked to check their children's hair every day for the coming days for any signs of live lice or eggs. Students do not need to miss any school - as soon as treatment has commenced, students are free to be at school. When lice are detected, follow up treatments are extremely important in disrupting the life cycle of eggs and adult lice.

Melissa Mitchell
Principal

ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

VALUE AWARD WINNERS



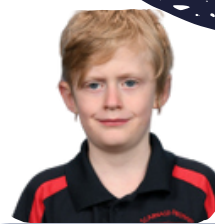
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Barlow Knight



P/1E
Jimmi Donaldson



P/1P
Lailah Teggatz



2C
Rafe Kinnane



34A
Grace Burgess



56T
Ruby Salter



Music
Leeara Williams



Health & PE
Matilda Wallace



Art
Chloe Perko



Kindness
Chaise Buttery



Bakery Bucks
Lucas J



Bakery Bucks
Barlow Knight

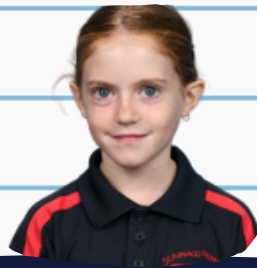
SILVER AWARDS



Niamh Green



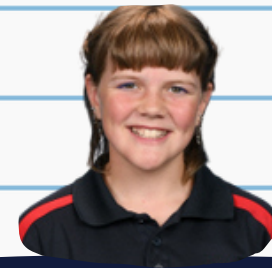
Kobe Snell



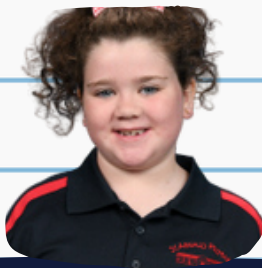
Rennie Dix



James Mactaggart



Maria Taylor



Harlow Newton



Viv Polkinghorne



Alfie Coates



Matilda Wallace



Ben Thomson

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

Madi B
Niamh Green

100

Caleb Snell
Maria Taylor

150

175

Jimmi Donaldson

175

Ivy Ezard
Barlow Knight

200



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

R U OK DAY

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

On Thursday 10th September, St Arnaud Primary School will recognise R U OK? Day – an important reminder that a simple conversation can make a big difference.

Throughout the day, students will be encouraged to think about ways they can show kindness, check in on others and be a good friend.

We want our students to know that they don't need to have all the answers – sometimes simply asking "Are you OK?", listening and showing someone you care is enough.

Together, we can help create a school community where everyone feels seen, heard, supported and connected. 🍌

Ask R U OK? Any day – because a conversation could change a life.

Weekly Quote

Lunch on the front lawn
on Thursday 10th
September at 1.20pm.
We hope you can join
us!



Wellbeing Leaders



**Zarleya
Dunstan**



**Ella
Wait**



**Maria
Taylor**



**Mrs
Weir**

ROCKET MATHS



Alfie Coates



Chad Polkinghorne



Dwane Guantero



Lilyana Stewart



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.



SUNSMART – HATS

Spring is here, which means it's time to get SunSmart!

A reminder that all students need to wear a school-approved hat when playing or learning outdoors. No hat? No worries — students will be asked to stay in a shaded area.

Please make sure your child has their hat at school so they can safely enjoy all the fun that comes with being outside!

Pack the hat. Protect the skin. Enjoy the sunshine!



Fathers day stall price list 2026

Item	Price
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
Toiletry 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

- Limit of 2 items per child on the first time to shop.
- Children can come back and purchase more items after each class has had a chance to shop.



The Cool Club



Good Jokes
\$5
Bad Jokes
\$1
Dad Jokes
FREE!

WARNING
YOU ARE ABOUT TO ENTER
DAD'S MAN CAVE
MY CAVE, MY RULES!

