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24 JULY
TERM 3, WEEK 1

School Calendar

Term 3

Week 1 - NAIDOC Week

Monday 21st July - school starts
Wednesday 23rd - Hockey 7's,
Dimboola
Friday 25th - Yr 5/6 Earth Ed
Excursion

Week 2 - Parent Teacher Interviews

Tues 29, Wed 30 & Thur 31
Wednesday 30th - Yr 7 Information
Evening @ STASC
Thursday 31st - Yr2/3 & 3/4 Ecolinc
Excursion; Yr 5/6 Boys - Man Cave
Friday August 1st - Come & Try #1

Week 3 - National Science Week & Australian Maths Competition

Tuesday 5th - Come & Try #2

Week 4 - National Week of Action Against Bullying

Tuesday 12th August - Hockey
Regional Comp @ Hamilton
Friday 15th - Year 1 and Year 2
students excursion "Push & Pull"

Week 5 - Book Week & Book Fair

Tuesday 19th - Book Character
Parade
Friday 22nd - Donald Aths

Week 8

Friday 12th - R U OK Day



LET'S GO GAGA!



RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION



Principal's Report

Semester 1 Student Reports

These are now available through your COMPASS portal. Please ensure you know your password and log in details - contact Shirlee in the General Office if you need a reminder or any assistance.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews are scheduled for next week and are a time where teachers are available specifically to meet with parents and discuss student progress and achievement. All parents are encouraged to make an appointment. Currently there are just on 50% of students booked in for an interview.

Staffing Update

This term we welcome Mrs Chloe Coates to the 2/3T teaching team. She will be co-teaching with Ms Thursby and will be in the classroom on Wednesdays and Fridays for the remainder of the year. The class continues to be supported by Lisa Wright and Kelly Leach, with Chloe Cook in on Fridays. With the combined passion, wisdom and talent of this team the students are in great hands! Chloe Cook joins our team in an Education Support role this term. Chloe has worked casually in this role regularly during Term 2 and is a very resourceful and effective support to students.

We also welcome back Speech Pathologist Aleshia Petrie! Aleshia will be here on Wednesdays each week working with children and supporting our language programs in classrooms. We are extremely fortunate to have this valuable service based in our school. Aleshia joins Annabel (Occupational Therapist - Tuesdays) and Jojo (Counsellor - Fridays) in our Allied Health Team and provides a wealth of knowledge to staff and parents. Welcome back Aleshia.

We hope to have an announcement regarding the Art and ICT position in the very near future.

2026 Enrolments

As we head into Term 3 we are beginning the planning for 2026. Enrolments for all year levels are now open and an Enrolment Pack can be collected from the General Office. To allow our school to be fully planned and staffed for 2026 we are encouraging enrolments to be processed by the end of September, although this is not a firm cut off and enrolments are taken at any time of the year - it would allow us to ensure that resources are in place to support all learners, keep our class sizes to a minimum and be in a position to advise families of the class structure for 2026 in time for Step Up Day in December. If you know of families looking to enrol, moving to the area or interested in a school tour, please encourage them to book an interview or tour.

Shake, Rattle & READ

SRR will be taking a break in Term 3 and we hope to be back in Term 4 - watch this space and our socials for updates.



Principal's Report continued

Year 3 and 4 Urban Camp

With the Urban Camp falling in week 8 of next term, the school is calling on parents to commence their payments for the camp. It is a requirement of the school that the camp is paid for in full approx 4 weeks prior to the date. It is also extremely important that if anyone pulls out this is communicated as early as possible due to the impact to the cost of the camp. Every effort is made to keep costs as low as possible but this also means there is little to no buffer when numbers change after planning is finalised.

If you are having any difficulty making the camp payments we encourage you to speak with Melissa Weir or make a payment plan with Jenny in the General Office.

Student Asthma and Anaphylaxis Management

It is imperative that if your child has a diagnosis of Asthma or Anaphylaxis, that the school has a recent Management Plan completed by your GP. These should be reviewed and updated every 12 months.

In the event of an emergency involving your child it is vital that staff have access to the most up to date information to ensure your child receives the medical intervention required.

Staff First Aid

Next Monday afternoon all staff will be involved in First Aid Training including CPR, Asthma and Anaphylaxis management.

2025 NAPLAN Yr 3 and Yr 5

The school has recently received the Individual Student Report for each child you undertook NAPLAN testing at our school. These will be distributed to parents at Parent Teacher interviews next week.

Child safety and wellbeing at St Arnaud Primary School

St Arnaud Primary School is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe. Our child safety framework includes policies, codes and procedures that explain how we support and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students and protect them from harm. These documents are available on our website: www.starnaudps.vic.edu.au

We are also committed to continuous improvement of our child safety framework. We are currently reviewing our child safety policies and practices to ensure they are up-to-date and effective. Our students and families are important partners in this process. We welcome your feedback or ideas on ways we can improve our approach to child safety and wellbeing. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact St Arnaud Primary School on 03 5495 1028 or at st.arnaud.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Principal's Report continued

Black Ranges Hockey 7's

Congratulations to the Hockey 7's Team of Chaise Buttery, Chad Polkinghorne, Kayne Williams, Eloise Green, Isobel Green, Torah Watts, Alvie Dix, Georgie Mactaggart and Brandon James under Coaches Melissa Weir and Riley Burke on being undefeated in Dimboola for the Black Ranges Hockey 7's.

Our team played against

Balmoral College 0-5 (Goals - 2 Chaise; 2 Chad; 1 Alvie) Best Players - Georgie and Kayne

Birchip P-12 2-2 (Goals - Chad 2) Best Players - Issy and Eloise

St Patricks 1-3 (Goals 1 Chad; 2 Chaise) Best Players - Chad and Chaise

Final was won against the winner of the Little Desert division Nhill Lutheran College 1-2 (Goals 1 Chaise; 1 Chad) Best Players - Kayne and Georgie.

Our team now progresses to the Regional Competition in Hamilton on August 12th. This has been a wonderful effort and we are very proud of our team and their achievements.

Melissa Mitchell
Principal



St Arnaud Primary School

ENROLMENTS
NOW
OPEN

COME & TRY

Come and Try sessions are designed to give Preschool students the opportunity to experience 'big school', through carefully selected games, orientation activities and social interactions. Meet our team who will help support your child in their first experience of school.

An Information Session will be made available to parents to assist with that important decision, that is choosing a school for your family - date and time to be advised.

School Tours are available by appointment



Session Dates

9-10am Friday 1st Aug

9-10am Tuesday 5th Aug

Book your session



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ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

Rusty's Rocket Maths



Bailey Gigg



Victorian High Abilities Program



Alaric Rylatt-Arpea



Aavah Vogler

MRS WEIR'S WELLBEING WONDERINGS

Shining a Spotlight on Wellbeing Leader –

Zarleya Hutchinson

My name is Zarleya Hutchinson and I am in Year 5 at St Arnaud Primary School.

Outside of school you will see me playing Netball for St Arnaud Netball Club, dancing at Dance Capital and riding my bike.

I am one of the Wellbeing Leaders at St Arnaud Primary School.

To become a Wellbeing Leader I had to have an interview with Ms Mitchell, Mrs Weir and the 2024 School Captains.

We talked about what it means when I hear the word, wellbeing. What I do for my own wellbeing and how I can support other people with their wellbeing.

It is a job that I take very seriously and am thoroughly enjoying.



Mrs Melissa Weir
Mental Health &
Wellbeing Leader



Maria Taylor
Isobel Green
Zarleya Hutchinson
Wellbeing
Leaders

What I enjoy about being a Wellbeing Leader?

I have enjoyed getting to know people, who I wouldn't normally get to meet.

We met with Jackie and Emma from Authentic Conversations and discussed what we do as a school in the Wellbeing space. They were very impressed! They shared the work they are doing to promote positive mental health and wellbeing in the community. I look forward to working with them in the future. We also got to have a session with Maurice Billi from Country Education Partnership, who is a wellbeing guru. We talked with him about how important it is to be an upstander, what can you do if you see something that you don't like!

I really want everyone to know that it is ok to have feelings, all feelings! There is no such thing as a bad feeling, they are just feelings! I like helping other people because I might have been feeling flat before and I can help them. understand that it is ok.

"Don't judge people.
You never know
what kind of battle
they are fighting."

- Unknown



I like this quote because you never know what someone might have going on in their life, so just try and be kind and help them through it.

WEEK 11 VALUE AWARDS



P/IE
ARLO WRIGHT



1/2P
INDI GIGG



2/3TY



3/4CN



5/6W
ELOISE GREEN



5/6W
ZARLEYA HUTCHINSON



KINDNESS
BRIDGET CULLIVER



KINDNESS
TORAH WATTS



KINDNESS
GEORGIA CAMPBELL



KINDNESS
GEOGRIE MACTAGGART



BAKERY BUCKS
ASPEN WRIGHT

RUSTY'S HOME READING



25

Otis Dyke

75

Maddox Stewart
Cruz Klyn

125

Alistair Grahame
Oakley Cook
Jimmi Donaldson

150

Tyler Thiem



SCHOOL BEANIES

\$20

Available to purchase
from the General Office,
eftpos available!

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BRONZE AWARD WINNERS



LUCAS



MARIA TAYLOR



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



is the time to arrive.....

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK!

This week in P/1E we celebrated NAIDOC Week

We listened to Indigenous voices from around our country as they reflected on the importance and impact of Eldership across communities.

We read Indigenous picture story books and learnt about the importance of only taking what you need.

To finish off we spent some time in our forest discussing what we had learned and creating a nature mandala for our yarning circle out of things we found in the forest.



BUILDING A YARNING CIRCLE



WE LIVE LEARN AND PLAY ON DJA DJA WURRUNG COUNTRY.



ST ARNAUD PLAYGROUP



Term 3

Time: 10am till 12pm

Location: St Arnaud Tennis Club.

What to Bring: Gold coin donation & a piece of fruit for the morning tea platter.

Coffee & Biscuits provided for Adults.

FRIDAY - 25TH OF JULY

FRIDAY - 1ST OF AUGUST

FRIDAY - 8TH OF AUGUST

FRIDAY - 15TH OF AUGUST

FRIDAY - 22ND OF AUGUST

FRIDAY - 29TH OF AUGUST

FRIDAY - 5TH OF SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY - 12TH OF SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY - 19TH OF SEPTEMBER