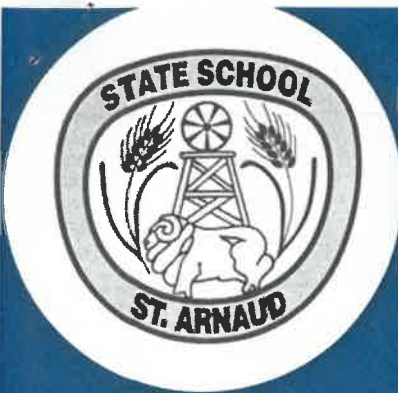




THE LINK

9th October
Term 4, Week 1

School Calendar

Week 1

Monday 6th October - Term commences
Friday 10th - GW Region Aths, Ballarat

Week 2

Wednesday 15th - Basketball, Ararat

Week 3

Thursday 23rd - Yr5/6 Parliament Incursion and Clean Up Australia Day
Friday 24th October, 150th Celebrations, 1-4pm (approx)

Week 4

Monday 27th - Yr5/6 Aquinas University Excursion

Week 5

Monday 3rd November - Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 4th - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

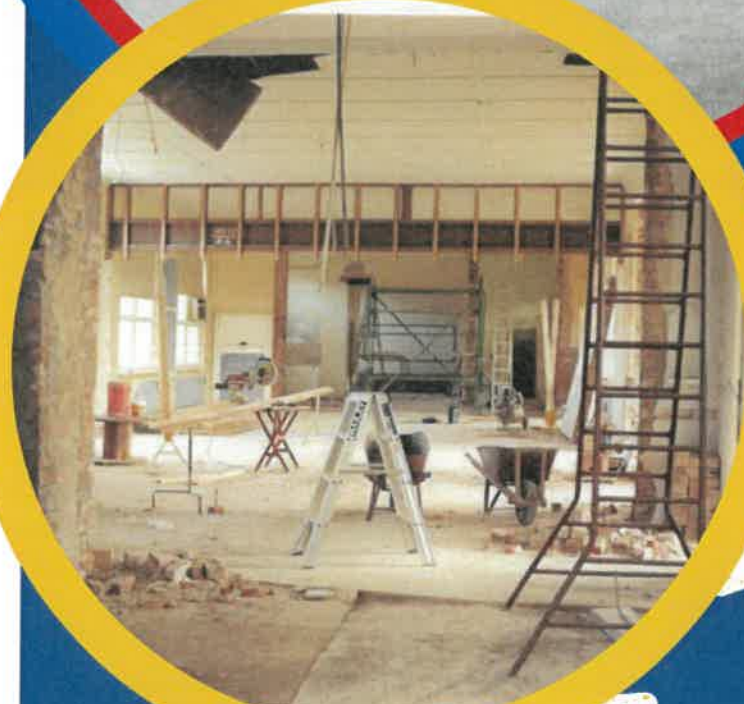
Week 6

Monday 10th - Yr 5/6 Battle Bots excursion
Tuesday 11th - Remembrance Day, P/1/2 Excursion
Wednesday 12th - Yr 5/6 STASC visit
Friday 14th - 2026 Preps 2-3pm

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

150TH

*Friday 24th
Oct*



RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION

Principal's Report

Welcome back

Welcome back to school everyone! Although the weather could have been a tad warmer, I hope everyone has enjoyed the break from the school routines and lunchboxes.

Term 4 is 11 weeks and is notorious for being action packed. Please keep your eye on the Link or school website for upcoming dates. Staff weekly emails are also a very reliable source of information and reminders.

The first few weeks will be focussed around picking up where learning left off last term and we encourage a strong attendance from all students in order to have the best opportunity to consolidate the learning of the last 3 terms.

Year 5/6 students have a busy calendar with incursions, excursions, a range of sports, their annual camp, EBT and Robotics for some, Transition to Year 7 and a very special Graduation on Monday 15th December. I encourage our Year 6 students to make the most of all the 'lasts' of their Primary School years - it really is one of the best times of your schooling.

School Hats - Sun Smart requirement

From Monday 8th September students are required to wear their school bucket hats. If you require a new hat you can purchase one from the General Office or from RAMJAC. Please ensure your child's hat is clearly named.

EBT & Robotics

As always our staff are committed to providing our students with a wide range of stimulating and valuable learning experiences and we are thrilled this year to be adding a Robotics Team to our EBT campaign. The Robotics students are meeting regularly after school to hone their skills and collaboration and I am excited to see it all unfold in Maryborough in November.

Last night Mrs Weir and Riley hosted the Parents Information Evening for the EBT Team - thank you to everyone who was able to come along and for all who have made offers of help to support the team and staff. Earlier in the week a number of team members presented at the NGSC community celebration for projects receiving council funding. It is a massive commitment of time and energy - but hugely rewarding and enriching for our developing students. It is wonderful to see our EBT crew so actively involved in their training ahead of the November event.

Reverse Advent Calendar

This year our Wellbeing Leaders have introduced a Reverse Advent Calendar to their activities. They have been busy promoting the event and recently spoke at the St Arnaud Lions Club, the Church of Christ and Probus to spread the word. They were extremely touched with the generosity of the donations they received. If you would like to know more about how you can contribute, please contact Melissa Weir - melissa.weir@education.vic.gov.au or 54951028.

School Building Works

The restumping of the OT room is well underway and the painting to the sport shed, under the front verandah and some other touch ups to fascia boards around the school are complete. Other works included in this package which are planned for next week is upgrades to fuse boards, new aluminium doors into the Junior Gallery from the front lawn, new sections of spoon drain, as well as some roofing to the portables.

Principal's Report

Year 5/6 Camp

This year students from Year 5/6 are heading to 15 Mile Creek approximately 20 minutes south of Wangaratta for their camp experience. The camp offers a unique blend of outdoor activities as well as a focus on personal, social and emotional growth and development through connection with the environment and group activities.

15 Mile Creek is a Campus of the Department Education Outdoor School and as such is heavily subsidised. A final cost of this camp will be determined when parents pay their deposit and we have firm numbers, but is anticipated to be between \$230-260.

Your \$50 deposit is due by Friday 10th October.

If you need a balance on any CSEF, SBB or previously paid funds, please do not hesitate to contact Jenny in the General Office.

It is really important to emphasise how difficult it is to plan a camp without all the information required at hand - this is essentially which students are going, supported by the prompt return of forms and payments.

150th Celebrations - Parents Club Message

Dear Families, As we celebrate our school's incredible 150th year, we're asking for your help to make this milestone truly special. We'd love for families to contribute either a slice or a savoury dish to share as part of our celebration. To help with planning (and to avoid too many of the same items), please let us know exactly what you'll be making at the General Office. Every contribution helps create a wonderful community spread for everyone to enjoy. Thank you for your support and for being part of this special occasion in our school's history!

Prep Transition Dates:

Friday 14th November 2-3pm

Wednesday 19th 9-11.20am

Thursday 27th 9-11.20am

Tuesday 2nd December Step Up Day P-6, 9-3pm

Parent Payments 2025 & Outstanding

The school is asking families to finalise any outstanding Parent Payments or Stephanie Alexander Cooking fees in the next few weeks. If you are unsure of what you might owe please contact Jenny Gifford in the General Office - ph 54951028 or email jennifer.gifford@education.vic.gov.au

Our school prioritises value for money and minimising expense to parents, which in turn makes the payment of school related costs really important to the running of our programs. Your prompt action on this matter is appreciated.

Congratulations Emily and Garran

Silas Smith Talbot was born last night and joins big sisters Esme and Astrid. We are excited to welcome you to our wonderful community!

Melissa Mitchell
Principal



ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

MRS WEIR'S WELLBEING WONDERINGS

TADI SHAYAMANO

Hi! My name is Tadi!

I am in Year 6 at St Arnaud Primary School and I am one of the School Captains who represent our school with pride.

I wanted to be a School Captain to have the opportunity to inspire and motivate younger kids to be anything that they want to be.

I have enjoyed all the extra roles and responsibilities that we have undertaken. Participating in the Anzac Day March gave me a sense of power and pride to represent the fallen soldiers and the community of St Arnaud.



Mrs Melissa Weir
Mental Health &
Wellbeing Leader



Maria Taylor
Isobel Green
Zarleya Hutchinson
Wellbeing
Leaders

SOME THINGS THAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT ME!

I have only been living in Australia for 1.5 years. I moved from England and before that, I lived in Africa, which is where I was born.

I was born in Hara, Africa.

I like living in Australia because of the Tim Tams, they taste pretty good.

Since living in Australia I have been to Canberra and Melbourne for a school camp.

I have competed in lots of sporting activities through the school.

Each week I go to Ballarat to play Soccer, I play for Ballarat City FC.

GO BALLARAT CITY FC!



"You have to be able
to **accept** failure
to get **better**."



WEEK 9 VALUE AWARDS



P/IE
THEO VANRENEN



1/2P
ALISTAIR GRAHAM



2/3TC
CHLOE POLKINGHORNE



3/4C
BRAX EVANS



5/6W
GIO SIERRA



5/6W
AAVAH VOGLER



I.C.T
SCARLETT BENNETT



ART
KAYNE WILLIAMS



ART
BRAX EVANS



KINDNESS
CHLOE
POLKINGHORNE



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The Rotary Club of St. Arnaud

TOY DRIVE

The Rotary Club of St Arnaud is conducting a toy drive for gifts to be given to kids in the community this Christmas. Our ultimate aim is to donate to nearly 300 kids from the Early Learning Centre, Kindergarten and both Primary Schools. The number of presents we will be able to achieve will depend on the amount of support from the community. So, if you are able to, please consider donating unwrapped toys or money towards this goal to Rotary at:

- St Arnaud Solar, 107 Napier St or
- St Arnaud Community Resource Centre 85 Napier St.



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.

125

Theo Vanerenen
Caleb Snell

150

Claudia Knights

200

150 YEAR CELEBRATION

ST ARNAUD CITIZENS BAND

18
OCT

SAT – 7:30PM

ST ARNAUD
TOWN HALL

Join past and present players to
celebrate 150 years of brass
band music in St Arnaud.



SILVER AWARD WINNERS



Scarlett Bennett



Dwane Guantero



Aspen Wright

TERM 3 100% ATTENDANCE



Jazz Carreon



Lugen Cross



Hannah Greig



Cohen King



Emily Thomson



Halley Huggins



Rebecca James

Rusty's Rocket Maths



Grace Burgess



Australian Maths Competition

Congratulations to these six participants of the 2025 competition, for demonstrating the school values of Aspiration and Resilience



Halley Huggins



Chase Wilson



Dwane Guantero



Matilda Wallace



Aavah Vogler



Layla Culliver

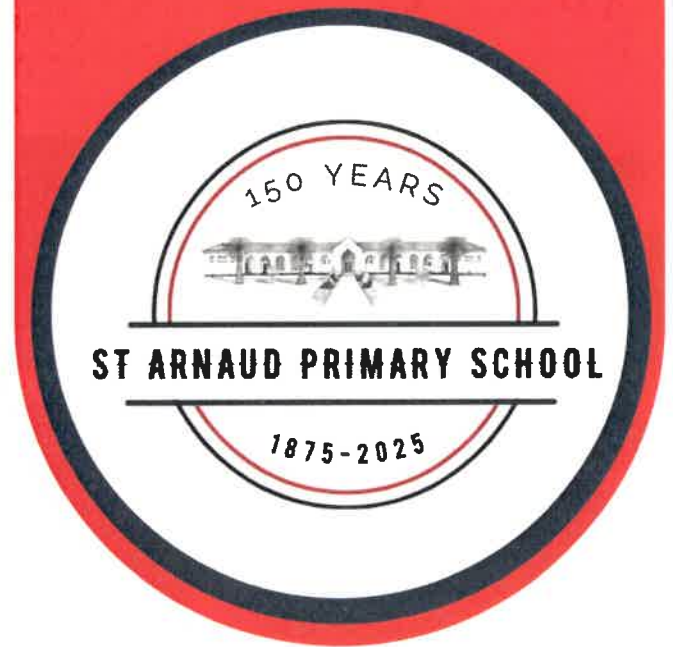
St Arnaud Primary School

150 Years

1875-2025

All past and present school
community members are invited
to help us celebrate our
150 year birthday!

Friday 24th October



1.00-1.30pm
Picnic Lunch on the front lawn
& Old Fashioned School Games on the Air Field

2-4pm
Assembly with School Captains
Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony

Past Principals

Unveiling the 150 Year Plaque

Historical Display in the Art Centre

Open Classrooms & Self Guided Tours

Cutting the Cake & Afternoon Tea in the Art Centre

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