15th October 2026
T4, Wk 2

THE LINK

ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL
150 YEARS
1875-2025

School Calendar

Week 2
Monday 12th - Blue Tree Project
Tuesday 13th EBT Test & Tune
Wednesday 14th - 7pm Parents Club, Staff Room
Friday 16th - Yr3/4 Ecolinc Exc

Week 3
Fri 23rd EBt Test & Tune

Week 4
Sunday 25th 10-2pm STAPS Art Show
Thurs 29th - 2.30-3pm Year 6 Tour at Secondary College

Week 5
Monday 2nd Nov - Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 3rd - Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Week 7
Mon 16th - Prep Trans
18/19/20 - Energy Breakthough
Thur19th - Robotics Challenge

Week 8
Tues 24 & Wed 25th Year 7 Trans
Thurs 26th - Prep Trans

Week 9
Mon 30 Nov-4 Dec - Yr5/6 Canberra Camp
Wed 2nd - Prep Trans

Week 10
Mon 7th - Year 7 Trans
Tues 8th - Prep Trans/Step Up
Friday 11th - Children's Fete
Monday 14th - Year 6 Graduation
Tuesday 15th - EOY Concert
Wednesday 16th - Last day
Thursday 17th - Pupil Free Day
Friday 18th - Interviews by Appointment



ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL ART SHOW,

SUNDAY 25TH OCT 10AM-2PM

RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATI

Principal's Report

Greater Western Region Athletics, Ballarat

Congratulations to Chad, Georgie, Georgia, Rennie and Ella on their individual events at the GW Regional Championships last Friday. While no one placed in their event, the experience of competing at this higher level of athletics is invaluable and we are very proud of each student on their efforts.

Black Ranges Basketball

Yesterday our Girls Basketball Team competed at the Black Ranges Basketball in Ararat. Thank you Mrs Polkinghorne and Georgia Taylor for transporting, coaching and supporting the team of Ella, Torah, Maria, Georgie, Ruby and Lil. After winning the shield it seems the girls left nothing in the tank to beat their opposition teams - well done team, we are proud of you! Good luck in Ballarat next Friday at the next level of competition!

Victorian High Abilities Program

Congratulations to Georgie Mactaggart and Maria Taylor on their participation and completion of the VHAP English program in Term 3. Students are selected from their performance in NAPLAN and PAT testing, and the VHAP English and Maths courses extend high performing students via online classes across one term.

Soil Matters - Green Team

Congratulations to our Green Team on their recent success in the Soil Matters Competition. Dwane, Leeara, Ivy, Erikah, Jasper, James, Seth, Georgie and Maria are all active and passionate about the environment and with the support of their equally passionate leader Georgia Taylor, have been successful with their stop motion clip to communicate their message. Green Team have won $200 in vouchers to support their valuable work on sustainability at our school. The topic was - " Soil Matters – Its Importance to Our Food and Environment" The competition invited students to creatively explore, celebrate, and share their understanding of healthy soil and its importance to our environment and food systems.

St Arnaud Primary School Art Show

For many years the St Arnaud Primary School Art Show was a regular event on the school calendar - held every second year the Art Show was a way of showcasing student talent, welcoming the broader community into our school - and the sale of student art work was a helpful way to support the Art department budget! Every child will have a piece of framed Art available for $10.00.

Like many things interrupted by COVID, we have not had an Art Show since 2018 or 2019, but we are excited to be bringing it back! Ms Hendy has been the mastermind behind the return of this year's Art Show, supported very capably by Mrs Martin, our team of hardworking ES and the Classroom Teachers - we hope to provide a display that impresses all.

All families and community members are warmly invited to view the display on Sunday 25th October from 10-2pm. In addition there will be a stall of Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden produce and a sausage sizzle with cold drinks available courtesy of Parents Club. Please come along and support our students!

Year 6 Graduation - save the date!

On Monday 14th December we will be celebrating the 2026 Year 6 students with our traditional Graduation evening. Families are invited to share a meal, students will receive their graduation certificate and subject awards will be presented. Invitations will come home closer to the date.

Principal's Report

Blue Tree Project

On Monday 12th October we are starting our Blue Tree Project with EWHS and Navarre Primary School coming along to paint their trees with us. The Blue Tree will be installed on school grounds when complete.

Parents Club

Parents Club met this week to discuss their Term 4 activities which include the Art Show Sausage Sizzle and the Year 6 Graduation. Helpers and donations of food items will be required for both events. If you would like to get involved with Parents Club, please reach out to one of the members. Meeting days and times are published in the Link. Current members are - Brylea Knight - President, Kyra Donaldson - Secretary, Bernie Thursby Treasurer, Mark Mactaggart, Alison Coloe, Kirri Ezard, Chloe Coates, Emily Gosden, Luke Lovegrove, Chrystal Culliver, Tori Jesse, Erin Forster, Marcy Britten, Hannah Knights. Funds raised through Parents Club activities are spent on projects that enhance the school environment and benefit students.

Melissa Mitchell
Principal



ROCKET MATHS

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Calyx Canaria

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.

Black Ranges BASKETBALL



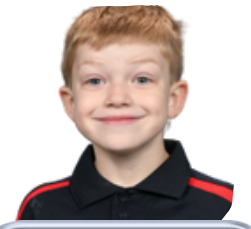




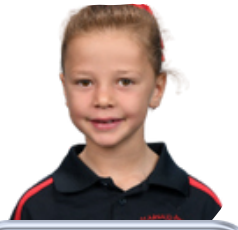
VALUE AWARD WINNERS



P/1E
Benluke Ljo



P/1E
Alex Hardy



2C
Louella Coloe



2C
George Coloe



3/4A
Tyler Allen Gallagher



4/5W
Lincoln McCauley



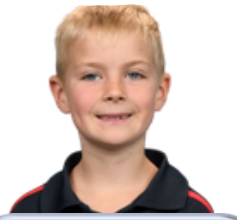
5/6T
Immy Keating



5/6T
Zarleya Dunstan



Music
Rennie Dix



Health & P.E
Bertie Jesse



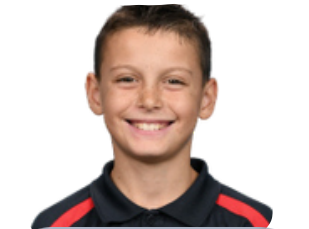
Art
Eva Taylor Rogers



Art
Charles Chugg



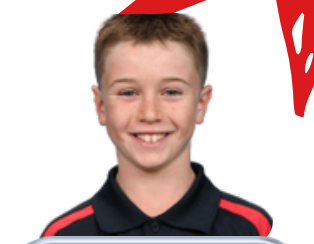
Kindness
Levi Krone



Kindness
Kayne Williams



Bakery Bucks
Aniyah Kinnane



Kindness
Chad Polkinghorne

ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

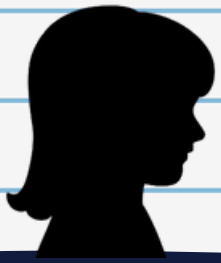
BRONZE AWARDS



Brianna Chugg



Lincoln McCauley



Eva Taylor Rogers

SILVER AWARDS





Aniyah Kinnane



Zarleya Dunstan



Lucas

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
Calyx Canaria

100

125

150
Theo Vanrenen

200
M T
Jimmi Donaldson
Barlow Knight
Leeara Williams

225
Ivy Ezard
P H



MRS WEIR'S WELLBEING WONDERINGS

Words of Wisdom

BLUE TREE PROJECT







Weekly Quote

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

– Helen Keller

Wellbeing Leaders



Zarleya Dunstan



Ella Wait



Maria Taylor



Mrs Weir

St Arnaud Primary School

Prep 2027



TRANSITION PROGRAM



- Monday 16th Nov 8.45-11.20am
Initial Classroom & School Orientation

- Thursday 26th Nov 8.45-11.20am
Classroom & PE

- Wednesday 2nd Dec 8.45-11.20am
Classroom & ART

- Tuesday 8th Dec 8.45am-3pm
Whole School Step Up & MUSIC

Melissa Mitchell, Principal
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melissa.mitchell@education.vic.gov.au

First Aid Courses 2026

10am-4pm Tuesday 17th Nov.

CPR Only (HLTAID009)

Completed Annually — $90 per person

HLTAID011 Provide First Aid *(Includes CPR)*

(No asthma or anaphylaxis)

For first time or expired certificate

$180 per person - Pre-class on-line work.

HLTAID011—Continuous Learning (*Includes CPR*)

For people with a current Certificate less than 2 years old

—Renews for another 3 years

(proof required) $110 Per Person - Pre-class on-line work.

HLTAID012—Provide First Aid in the Education and Care Setting *(Includes CPR)*

(Includes asthma or anaphylaxis)

For first time or expired certificate -

$230 Per Person - Includes asthma and anaphylaxis

Pre-class on-line work.

HLTAID012—Continuous Learning (*Includes CPR*)

For people with a current Certificate less than 2 years old

—Renews for another 3 years

(proof required) $120 Per Person - Pre-class on-line work.

Trainer:

RICH RIVER FIRST AID TRAINING

Enrol and Pay by Tuesday 10th November.

Enquiries to: St Arnaud Community Resource Centre, 85 Napier St, St Arnaud. Ph: 5495 1997

9am-2:00pm Mondays to Fridays