5th November 2026
T4, Wk 5

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ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL
150 YEARS
1875-2025

School Calendar

Week 7
Mon 16th - Prep Trans
18/19/20 - Energy Breakthough
Thur 19th - 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 - Students last day, 3pm dismissal
Thursday 17th - Pupil Free Day
Friday 18th - Interviews by Appointment







RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION

Principal's Report

Australian Maths Competition
Earlier in the year the following students voluntarily took part in the Australia Maths Competition, Chad Polkinghorne, Niamh Green, Chaise Buttery, Isobel Green, Leeara Williams, Dwane Guantero and Maria Taylor. We congratulate these students on their display of aspiration in challenging themselves through participation in this academic event.

Term 4 - Evacuation Drill
Yesterday the whole school participated in our scheduled evacuation drill for Term 4. This was an evacuation procedure which sees us assemble at the on site assembly point, the Air Strip. Students participated very well and were all accounted for in less than 5 minutes following the evacuation alert. Well done everyone.

Prep 2027
Next Monday 16th, we will be welcoming the 2027 Prep class for their first Transition session from 8.45am-11.20am. Enrolled students will receive their school bag and Prep "Team STAPS" t-shirt in their house colours on this day. This is the beginning of the excitement of welcoming new students and families to our school and school community.

Year 6 students will commence their secondary college transition in week 8; information relating to this program has been provided by the Secondary College.

Social Media, Friendships and the Primary School Years
As children grow and develop friendships, it is important to recognise the increasing influence that social media and online interactions can have on their relationships, even during the primary school years. **Since 10 December 2025, Australian legislation has required age-restricted social media platforms to take reasonable steps to prevent children under 16 from having accounts.** This is an important opportunity to give children more time to develop the emotional maturity and social skills needed to navigate the online world.

Children of primary school age are still learning how to manage emotions, resolve disagreements, interpret social situations and understand the impact of their words. Online conversations, group chats, exclusion and misunderstandings can quickly create unnecessary anxiety and conflict, which often carries into the school environment. These issues can become a significant distraction, impacting friendships, classroom relationships and students' ability to focus on learning.

We encourage families to think carefully about introducing children to online platforms and messaging services, establish clear boundaries and remain actively involved in their online interactions.

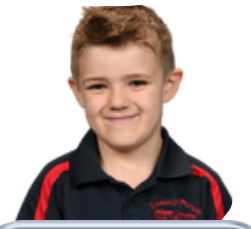
At school, we want our students' energy directed towards building positive friendships, developing social confidence and learning to resolve disagreements respectfully. We want children to enjoy being children, without the added pressures and social complications that premature access to social media can bring. Working together, we can help protect the simplicity and joy of childhood while supporting our students to develop healthy, respectful and lasting friendships. For further information, visit the eSafety Commissioner's website.

Melissa Mitchell
Principal

VALUE AWARD WINNERS



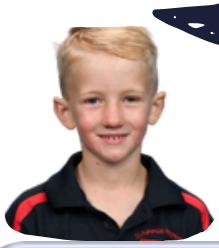
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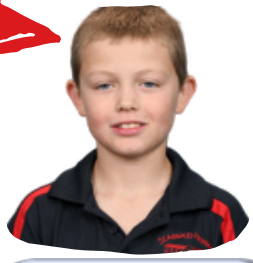
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Caleb Snell



2C
Alistair Grahame



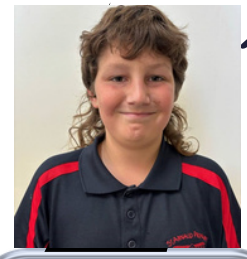
2C
Hugh Green



3/4A
Seth Taylor



4/5W
Alfie Coates



5/6T
Lucas



Art
Louella Coloe



I.C.T.
Chaise Buttery



Kindness



Bakery Bucks
Avery Perrin

GOLD AWARD



Ivy Ezard

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ROCKET MATHS



Harlow Newton

Dom David

Skye Alvarez

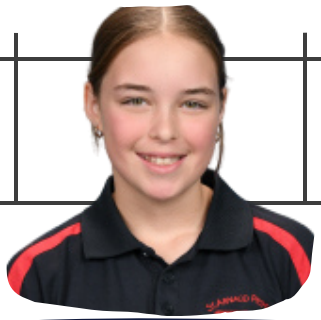
Jimmi Donaldson
James Mactaggart

Jasper Wallace
Viv Polkinghorne

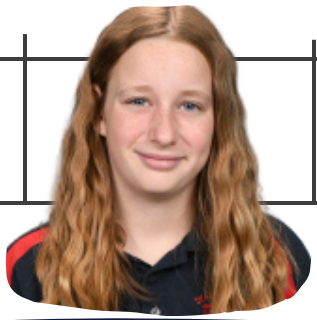
Aniyah Kinnane
Chad Polkinghorne

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.

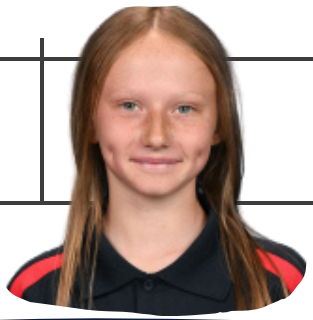
SILVER AWARDS



Torah Watts



Ella Wait



Bailey Gigg

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.

50 Lewis Coates

75 Elea Duclos

100 Calyx Canaria

150 Esme Talbot

225 Barlow Knight

225 Oakley Cook

40 YEARS OF LANDCARE IN THE WIMMERA

OVER FOUR YEARS FIVE ARTISTS HAVE CAMPED BESIDE THE RICHARDSON RIVER AND PAINTED ANCIENT TREES RESULTING IN *RIVERINE*, AN EXHIBITION OF PRINTS, PAINTINGS AND GLASS BY **RAYMOND ARNOLD**, **HELENA DEMCZUK**, **IAN WESTACOTT**, **JONATHON WESTACOTT** AND **JOHN WOLSELEY**. **OPENING: SATURDAY 14 NOV** FROM 2-4 PM AT THE **RAILLERY HUB** QUEENS AVE ST ARNAUD VICTORIA. GALLERY HOURS: 11AM-4PM FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY.

EXHIBITION
13 NOV 2026–
03 JAN 2027

PRINT/ART WORKSHOP
15-17 NOV 2026

BONNIE BRAE FIELD DAY
15 NOV

In conjunction with *RIVERINE*, there will be a field day event at Banyena's Bonnie Brae property on Sunday afternoon 15 November.
For more information contact Prue McAllister Avon Plains Banyena Landcare Group 0413 971 236



St Arnaud RAILLERY HUB

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MRS WEIR'S WELLBEING WONDERINGS

Words of Wisdom



A reminder to collect your Reverse Advent Calendar box from one of the following locations:
St Arnaud Solar
Trendz on Napier
St Arnaud Primary School

Please return your filled boxes to St Arnaud Primary School by 30 November. Thank you for your generosity and for helping spread kindness in our community this Christmas!

Weekly Quote



Wellbeing Leaders



Zarleya Dunstan



Ella Wait



Maria Taylor



Mrs Weir