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13th November
Term 4, Week 6

School Calendar

Week 6

Monday 10th - Yr 5/6 Battle Bots & Year 2 Sleep Over

Tuesday 11th - Remembrance Day; P/1/2 Excursion; Yr6 Transition

Friday 14th - 2026 Preps 2-3pm

Week 7

Wednesday 19th - Prep Transition 9-11.20am & Yr5/6 Science Incursion

19/20/21 Nov - EBT @ Maryborough

Fri 21st - EBT Robotics Challenge

Week 8

24-28th - Yr 5/6 15 Mile Creek Camp

27th - Prep Trans 9-11.20am

28th - Cosmodome Incursion

Week 9

Tuesday 2nd - P-6 /Yr7 Step Up Day

Wednesday - Year 7 Transition

Thursday - Year 7 Transition

Friday 5th - Volunteer's Morning Tea

Week 10

Thurs 11th - 9.30am G'parents Day

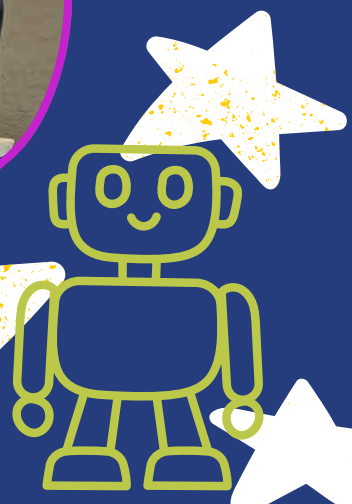
Frid 12th - Children's Fete

Week 11

Monday 15th - Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 16th - STASC Presentation Evening

Wed 17th - Concert & last day



RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION

Principal's Report

Prep/Year1/Year2 Excursion Fun and Year 2 Sleep Over

On Monday after school the Year 2s stayed after school for their late stay and sleep over - lots of fun was had with the bikes and scooters around the yard, followed by dinner and a movie before bed; on Tuesday the students from Prep-Yr2 travelled to Ballarat for their annual excursion. Students attended the Pevan and Sarah concert before heading back to school. Thanks Mrs Ezard, Mrs Coates and Miss Purkiss for your organisation of this special event for the students.

Thank You

A big thank you to Torri Jesse for the flower arrangements for the 150th Celebrations a few weeks ago, and for putting together a floral tribute for Remembrance Day on Tuesday. These were very much appreciated.

Parents Club

There is to be a Parents Club meeting next Tuesday night, 7pm in the Staff Room. All welcome.

Building Works

Yesterday the new doors into the Gallery were installed and today the new doors into the IT/Wellbeing Office will be installed, completing the interior upgrades to the school. These modernise the space and let in so much more natural light - we are thrilled.

Congratulations Mrs Walsh

Last week Mrs Walsh submitted her last assignment and has now officially completed her Masters in Education. This has been a massive undertaking for Mrs Walsh, as she has studied part time and worked full time over a number of years to reach this point. Congratulations Mrs Walsh!

Transition Commences

The Year 6 students went to the Secondary College on Tuesday for a half day Transition visit. From all accounts students enjoyed their first visit.

The 2026 Preps will begin their Transition with a school visit tomorrow, Friday 14th, from 2-3pm. Any students requiring the bus will need to have completed the Bus Travel application with the Secondary College. School Hats and Reader Satchels are available from the General Office.

Energy Breakthrough 2025

Next Wednesday our EBT team will be heading to Maryborough to compete in this year's Energy Breakthrough event. A massive amount of time and energy has gone into preparation for this event including student training and staff organisation. We are excited for this event!

Battle Bots Report - by Aavah, Layla, Halley, Chase and Zarleya

We are now only one week away from the competition, and the team have been working hard to complete the challenges. We have finished designing our house for one challenge, where the bot has to go through a door and close it behind itself - a very tricky challenge. We have completed the maze challenge. We are looking forward to the competition next week.

2026 School Leadership Opportunities

Students in Years 4/5 were given a letter regarding the School Leaders process for 2026. I look forward to seeing students pursuing a leadership position for next year. Good luck to all.

Melissa Mitchell, Principal

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Remembrance Day

Last week our school held a whole school Remembrance Day service in the Art Centre. We were very grateful to have Bob Wolley and Pete Hamilton present to contribute the Ode and the Last Post on trumpet.

Student Leaders officiated the service with the Junior School Councillors for each class laying a tribute at our own mini cenotaph. Students displayed the utmost respect in signing our national anthem, listening and observing 1 minute of silence.

On Tuesday the School Leaders attended the town service at the war memorial and laid a floral tribute.



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MRS WEIR'S WELLBEING WONDERINGS

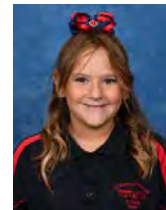
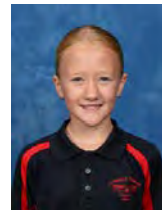
What is a Reverse Advent Calendar?

A Reverse Advent Calendar begins as an empty box. For 20 days in the lead up to Christmas you place one item (non-perishable food, toiletries, Christmas treat) into the box. After 20 days your filled Reverse Advent Calendar is dropped off to a designated location where it is distributed by food relief agencies to people in your immediate community who are experiencing food insecurity.

Unlike a regular Advent Calendar where the focus is on receiving a treat every day the Reverse Advent Calendar takes the focus off receiving and places the focus on giving to others.



Mrs Melissa Weir
Mental Health &
Wellbeing Leader



Maria Taylor
Isobel Green
Zarleya Hutchinson
Wellbeing
Leaders

**COLLECT YOUR BOX
FROM THE FOLLOWING
LOCATIONS AND
START FILLING!**

**ST ARNAUD PRIMARY
SCHOOL
TRENDZ ON NAPIER
TOP OF THE TOWN
HAIR AND BEAUTY
ST ARNAUD RESOURCE
CENTRE**

**RETURN YOUR BOX BY THE END
OF NOVEMBER AND IT WILL BE
DELIVERED TO COMMUNITY
MEMBERS AT CHRISTMAS TIME!**



Who are the faces behind the
Reverse Advent Calendar?



3 inspiring young ladies who want to give back to the
St Arnaud community.

Zarleya, Maria and Izzy are the Wellbeing Leaders at
St Arnaud Primary School.

They are passionate about making the school and
community a place where people feel welcome, safe
and included.

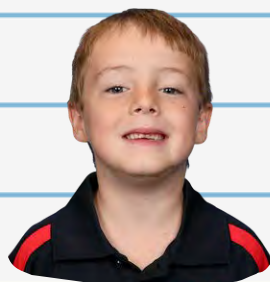
Please feel free to contact Melissa Weir at St Arnaud
Primary School for more information.



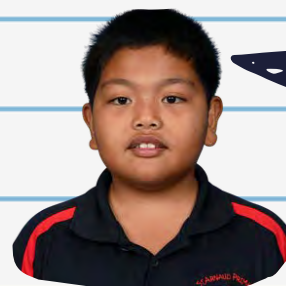
VALUE AWARD WINNERS



P/IE
Jimmi Donaldson



1/2P
Aspen Wright



2/3TC
Dwane Guantero



3/4C
Aniyah Kinnane



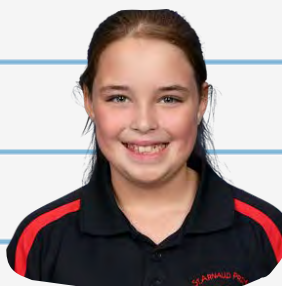
5/6W
Issy Green



1.CT
Billy



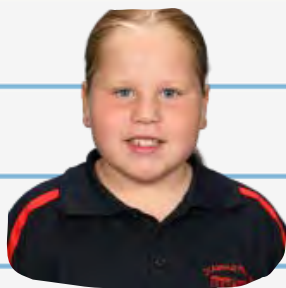
ART
Jasper Wallace



Kindness
Torah Watts



Bakery Bucks
Jimmi Donaldson



H & PE
Aisha Wardle



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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.

50

Sofia D

150

Billy

175

Gianna Sierra

225

Alistair Grahame

250

Halley Huggins



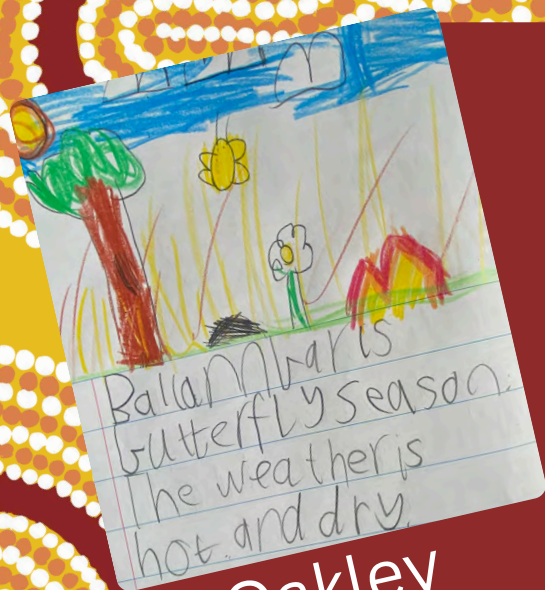
P/1E SCIENCE

We have been learning to understand how First Nations peoples use seasonal calendars and the stars to understand the weather.

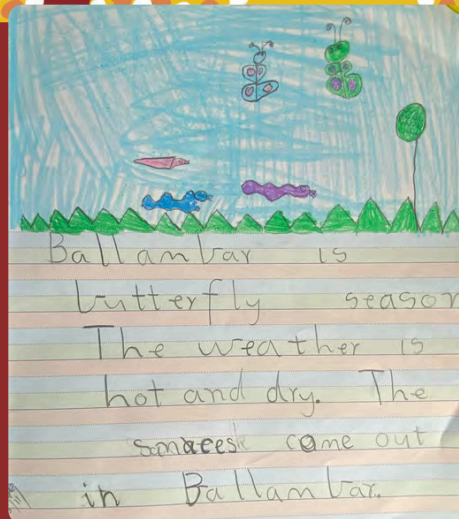
This is the Gariwerd calendar that is used by the Aboriginal people from the Gariwerd (Halls Gap) region in Victoria.

Kooyang Late summer January-March Eel season Hottest and driest time Scarce surface water High bushfire risk Night sky is bright with stars	Gwangel moronn Autumn March-May Honey bee season Warm, still days Country starts to cool Cooler mornings Red sunrises and golden evenings	Chunnup Winter May-July Cockatoo season Freezing winds Coldest time of year Bleak mists Rain	Larneuk Pre-spring July-August Nesting bird season Dramatic weather changes Wettest time of year Rivers run high	Petyan Spring September-November Wildflower season Tempestuous weather Warmer days Bush bursts into life Emu constellation appears	Ballambar Early summer November-January Butterfly season Summer heat starts Hot, dry days Stable weather
					

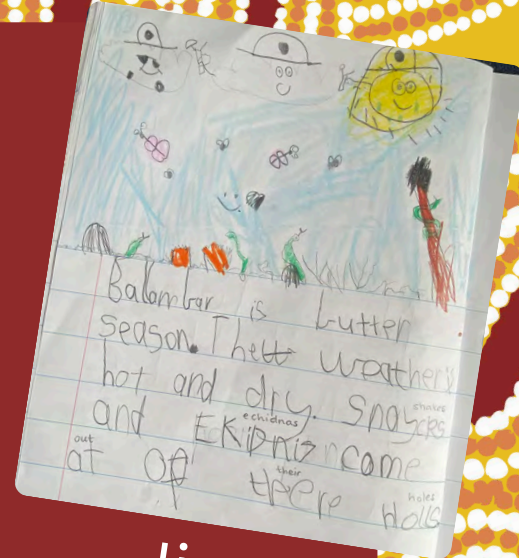
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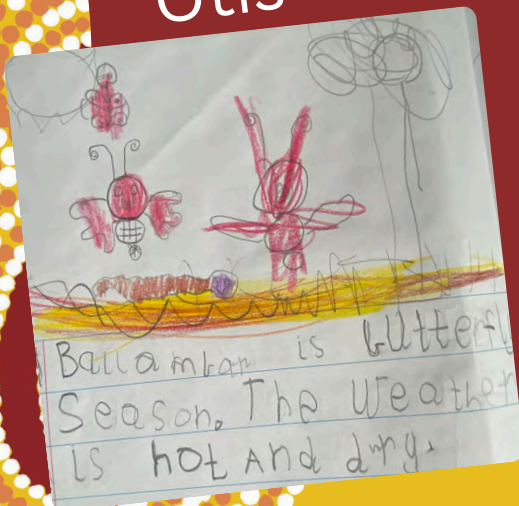
Oakley



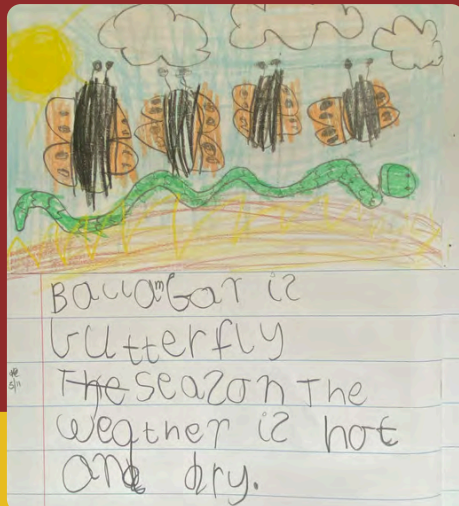
Louella



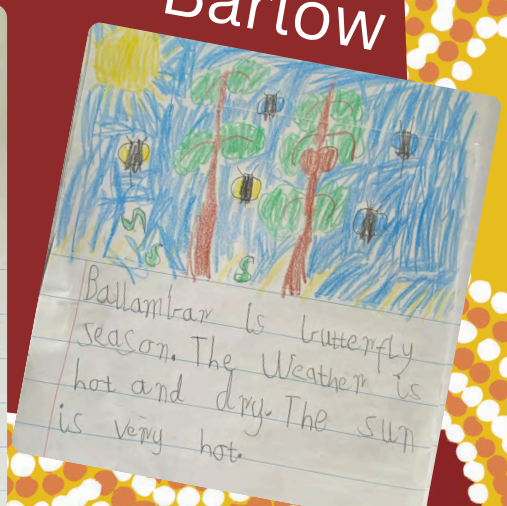
Jimmi



Otis



Emily



Barlow

BOAT & JETSKI MARINE CERTIFICATE

To get your License to be able to ...



Sunday 23rd November

1:00pm-5:00 pm

Boat & Jetski - \$130 per person

Venue: St Arnaud Community Resource Centre

*Enrolment and payment are required by
two weeks before course*

Enquiries, enrolments and payments to:
St Arnaud Community Resource Centre,
85 Napier St, St Arnaud.

Ph: 5495 1997 9am-2pm Mondays to
Fridays



First Aid Courses 2025



10am-4pm Thursday 13th Nov.

CPR Only (HLTAID009)

Completed Annually — \$85 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) \$110 Per Person - Pre-class on-line work.

Trainer:

RICH RIVER FIRST AID TRAINING

Enrol and Pay by Friday 3rd October.

Enquiries to: St Arnaud Community Resource
Centre, 85 Napier St, St Arnaud. Ph: 5495 1997
9am-2:00pm Mondays to Fridays

Dance
CAPITAL
CELEBRATING ST ARNAUD TALENT SINCE 2012

Showcase 2025

15TH OF NOVEMBER

MATINEE SHOW

12pm sharp

EVENING SHOW

6pm sharp

ST ARNAUD TOWN HALL

Napier St, St Arnaud



<https://www.trybooking.com/DHDTK>

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABE ON THE DOOR

JENNAE POLKINGHORNE - 0409 579 788



PARENTS CLUB MEETING



NOV **18th**



AT **7 PM**

STAPS Staffroom
All welcome!

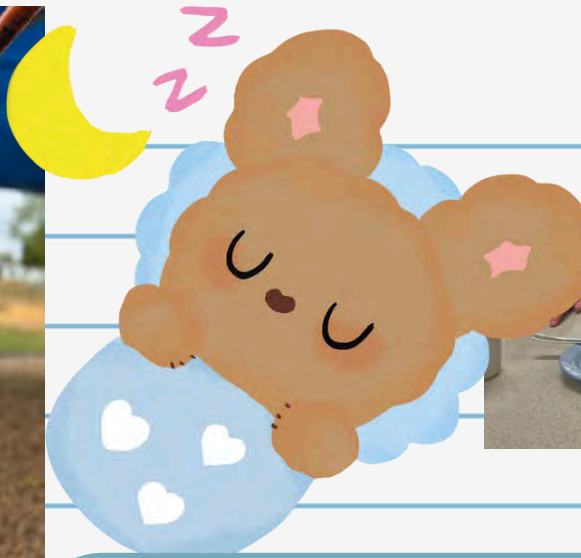
**ALL
WELCOME**



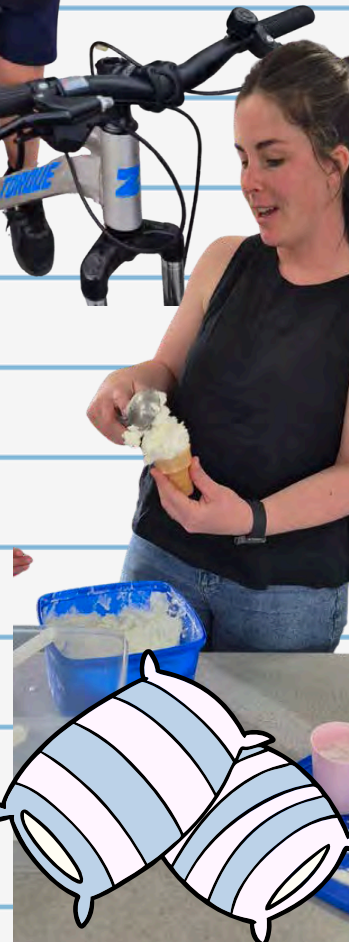
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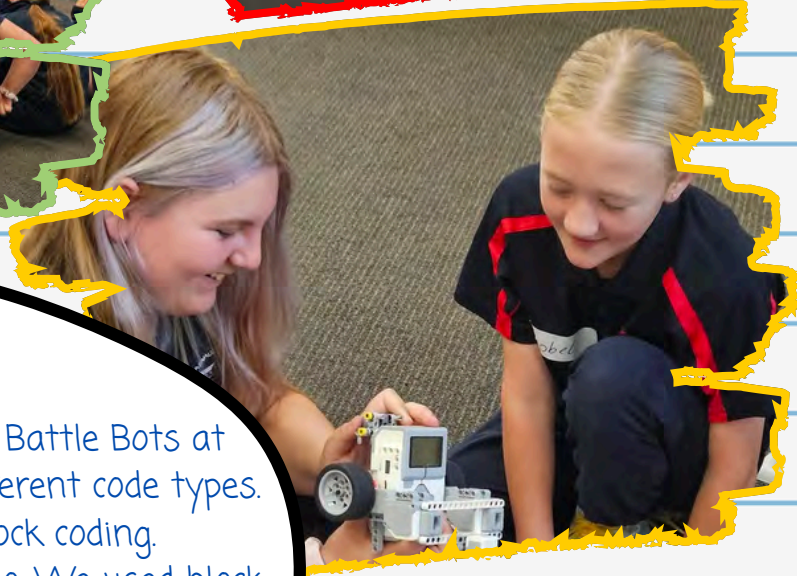
On Tuesday the P-2s headed to Ballarat to see Pevan & Sarah in 'Real life'! We all had fun rocking it out at their concert to our favourite P&S songs.



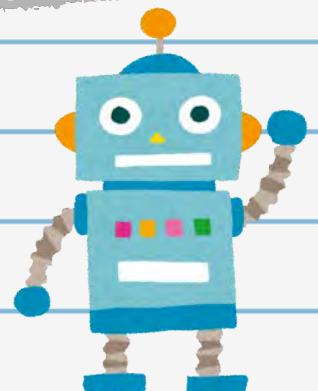
On Monday night the Grade 2's stayed at school overnight. We had a great time playing outside and riding our bikes on the basket ball courts. We shared pasta bake for dinner, and ice cream for desert. Now we are ready for our school camp adventures in Grade 3.



Year 5/6 Battle Bots



On Monday we went to Ballarat to go to Battle Bots at Earth Ed. First, we talked about all the different code types. We talked about word coding and block coding. Then we had to make our robots out of Lego. We used block coding to move our robot to charge at another robot to push them out of the ring. It was fun!



The Lowdown on SUGARY DRINKS

What are sugary drinks?

Sugary drinks like soft drinks, fruit drinks, cordials, sports drinks, energy drinks and iced teas might taste good, but they often contain lots of added sugar. These drinks are called ultra-processed foods because they're made with extra ingredients our bodies don't need.

Are there any positives?

Due to the high added sugar content of these drinks, they are not good at quenching thirst and can cause dental issues such as tooth decay.

Sports drinks are often advertised to boost performance, but unless you're exercising hard for more than 90 minutes, they're not needed. The best (and cheapest!) way to stay hydrated is simple, drink water!

Tips to reduce sugary drink intake

- Want some fizz? Choose sparkling or mineral water without added sugar.
- If you do have a sugary drink, try mixing it with water or go for a smaller cup.
- Always bring your drink bottle and refill it with fresh tap water during the day.

How much
sugar
is in that drink?



The Rotary Club of St. Arnaud



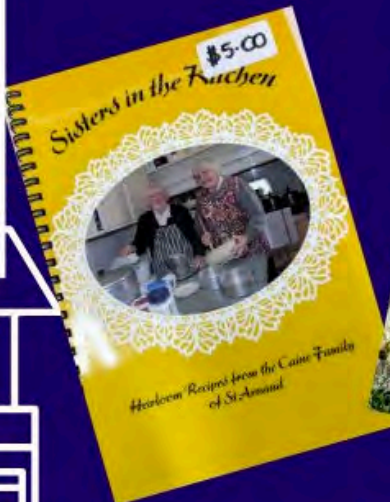
The Rotary Club of St Arnaud is conducting a toy drive for gifts to be given to kids in the community this Christmas. Our ultimate aim is to donate to nearly 300 kids from the Early Learning Centre, Kindergarten and both Primary Schools. The number of presents we will be able to achieve will depend on 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.

RECIPE BOOKS

Bake Me Happy \$30

Sisters In The Kitchen \$5



General Office
Eftpos available
Ph: 54 951 028

st.arnaud.ps@education.vic.gov.au



ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS CLUB

FRIDAY LUNCHTIMES TIL THE END OF THE YEAR

Icy poles \$1 - fundraiser



JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENT

CHILDREN'S fete

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER

**2/3 THURSBY / COATES WOULD
LOVE ANY TRASH AND TREASURE
THAT YOU CAN DONATE FOR THE
STALL.**

**DON'T FORGET TO COLLECT YOUR
SILVER COINS 5C, 10C AND 20C FOR
THE COIN LINE (SEND THIS MONEY
ALONG IN A SEPERATE BAG TO
SPENDING MONEY)**

