



THE LINK

27th November
Term 4, Week 8

School Calendar

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

EBT



ROBOTICS



YR5/6 CAMP

RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION

Principal's Report

Year 5 and 6 Camp

This week the Year 5 and 6 have been away on camp with Mrs Ezard, Riley and Tom. The camp is 30km south of Benalla at 15 Mile Creek and has a big focus on physical activity with campers enjoying bike rides, canoeing, fishing and swimming, cooking over a camp fire, finding wombat burrows and spending time together in the great outdoors. Campers will be returning tomorrow afternoon - please keep an eye on the school facebook for updates of their return.

Energy Breakthrough

Last week it was my privilege to support our EBT team in Maryborough for this year's competition. The team of 12 students - Issy Green, Lil Stewart, Gio Sierra, Tyler Thiem, Cruz Klyn, Ella Wait, Eloise Green, Tadi Shayamano, Maddox Stewart, Georgie Mactaggart, Chaise Buttery and Maria Taylor - have been training hard for several months on both the cycling element and their presentation. Our team finished 2nd in Class and I am exceptionally proud of what our little school can achieve. I witnessed every team member display our school values, push themselves to achieve their best and supported each other. I am sure their parents are equally as proud of their accomplishments - as we all are here at school.

Robotics Challenge

For the first time this year, we had a team entered in the Robotics Challenge. Mrs Wilson has spent many weeks and months practicing these challenges with students in after school sessions. Students used their school laptops and sphero robots and had to work cooperatively and creatively together to navigate through the course. Well done to the team of five - Avaah Vogler, Layla Culliver, Zarleya Hutchinson, Chase Wilson and Halley Huggins on being our inaugural Robotics Team. We finished 3rd in the event and already have plans for 2026!

Lunch Orders - Last Orders Please!

Parents please note that Lunch Orders will not be available to students after Friday December 5th - there will be a Rewards Lunch for all children who have received their Bronze/Silver/Gold Awards this term on Thursday 11th and the Children's Fete on Friday 12th will include the option of purchasing a pasta lunch as part of the days' activities.

Step Up Day - Tuesday 2nd December

Next Tuesday is our whole school Step Up Day - which aims to support every student to transition smoothly into their new year level for 2026. Tomorrow each family will receive an email with their child's class listed, including their teacher. A huge amount of time and consideration is put into devising the class structure, the allocation of students and the teacher and support staff. Students will spend the whole day next Tuesday in their new class with their new teacher.

End of Year Swimming

As is customary for the end of year, students will be involved in some visits to the local pool in the last week. On days that we visit the pool, there will be the opportunity for students to purchase from a BBQ lunch, with icy poles and fruit boxes. Dates and prices will be advised in coming editions of the LINK.

Parking Safely at School

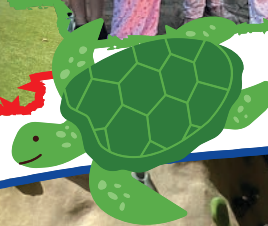
Please do not park in the bike lane and do not park in the School Crossing when the flags are out. There is ample parking in the car park at the northern end of the school.

No Smoking and Vaping near school gates

It is a state law that there is no smoking or vaping near school gates and entryways and we ask that parents are considerate of all and refrain from smoking or vaping in the proximity of young children and families entering and exiting the school. Your cooperation with these matters will help to keep everyone safe.

Melissa Mitchell
Principal

Year 5/6 15 Mile Creek Camp

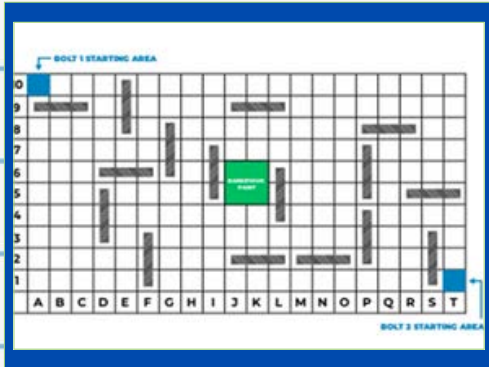


ST ARNAUD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

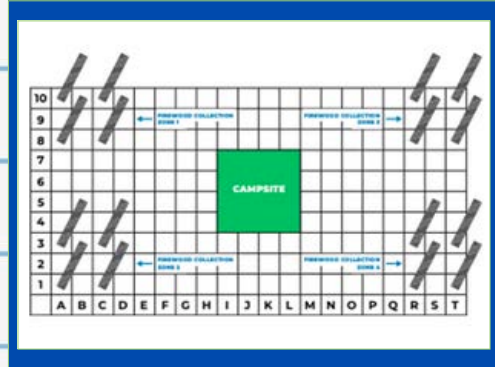
EBT Robotics Challenge

This year our school was fortunate enough to be able to enter a team into the Energy Breakthrough Robotics challenge.

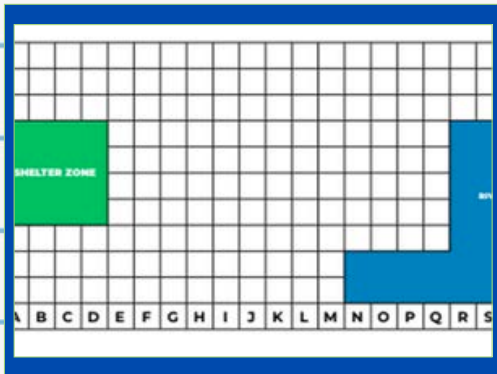
Students had to compete in 3 challenges:



Navigating a maze without hitting the walls



Collecting 'trees' and taking them to make a campfire



Collecting water and taking it into the shelter

We came third!

It was really tricky, but lots of fun too.



Halley, Chase, Zarleya, Layla and Aavah



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.

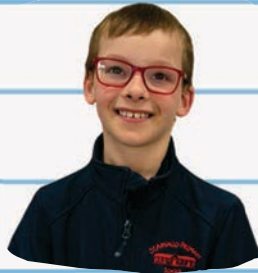
Please feel free to contact Melissa Weir at St Arnaud
Primary School for more information.



VALUE AWARD WINNERS



1/2P
Maddy



3/4C
Rhyder Dalton



3/4C
Chad Polkinghorne



Music
Rhyder Dalton



Music
Sylvia Culliver



H & PE
Layla Culliver



H & PE
Dee Evans



Kindness
Jack Jesse



Bakery Bucks
Rennie Dix



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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.

25

Bertie Jesse

100

Otis Dyke

150

Caleb Snell
Theo Vanrenen

200

Claudia Knights

225

Jimmi Donaldson
Oakley Cook
Barlow Knight



St Arnaud Carols at the Square.



**Market
Square**
(Behind the Town Hall.)
**Saturday
December 13th**



Christmas Joy



Featuring:
'Primary School
& St Patrick's Singers',
Ukulele Group,
St Arnaud Citizens' Band, Local Line Dancers.

Please be seated by 7:15pm

For a 7:30pm Start

B.Y.O. chairs, rugs etc.

Battery powered 'candles'
will be for sale (\$3.00 each) .

Contact Andrew George Ph: 0409 291 430

Extreme Heat/Wet Weather Venue:

RSL Hall,

Cnr. Raglan St & McMahon St.

Event brought together by Vision St Arnaud

'Local Churches Working together
to benefit our community'

(Alcohol Free Event)



First Aid Courses 2025



10am-4pm Thurs. 12th December

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 5th December.

Enquiries to: St Arnaud Community Resource

Centre, 85 Napier St, St Arnaud. Ph: 5495 1997

9am-2:00pm Mondays to Fridays



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.

Christmas MENU



This year we will be having Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day. Please come and join us in the Stewart Hall, on Main street

Look for our flags.

Pre Paid is Preferred to secure your seat.

GRAZING TABLE

Coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate

Christmas Cake

Shortbread

MAIN MEAL

Traditional Christmas Lunch

Assorted Roast Meats/ Vegetables/ Gravy /

Cheese & Mint Sauce

DESSERTS

Christmas pudding

and Custard

Pavlova

DECEMBER 25TH 2025 STEWART HALL

\$25 PER PERSON

BOOK YOU TABLE NOW

CALL TRACEY ON 0433290670

Our Community Bank*

Supporting Local Communities

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)**

