

T4 Wk.5
3rd November
2022

St Arnaud Primary School

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Today's Learners: Tomorrow's Future

RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION



State

Athletics

State Athletic Championships

Congratulations to Sami Weir on her selection to compete at the Victorian State Athletics Championships in High Jump. Unfortunately Sami was unable to attend the event, but we are very proud of her! Well done Sami!

Bronze Awards

Another two students have achieved their Bronze Award this week, by earning 40 R's (respect, responsibility and resilience) through their excellent behaviour. Halley Huggins and Imogen Watts have joined Eliza Scarce to be the first of our students to earn this prestigious acknowledgement. I believe that there are many, many more students on the cusp of joining the ranks of the Bronze Awardees.

School Uniforms

A number of students are consistently wearing non-uniform jumpers and t-shirts. Students are encouraged to wear their uniform with pride and we would appreciate parent support with this, by checking what students are wearing before they leave home. All of our learning areas are adequately heated so there is no need for students to be wearing thick winter coats and beanies in class.

Term 4

Week 6—No Assembly
Friday 11th—Yr7 Transition visit

Week 7
17th & 18th Nov—Energy Break Through

Week 8
21/22/23/24/25 Nov—Year5/6 Canberra Camp

Week 10
Friday 9th—Professional Practice day for staff—no students this day. Curriculum Day Care available.

Week 11
Monday 12th—6pm Yr6 Graduation Ceremony
Wednesday 14th End of Year Concert
Friday 16th—Last Day for students

Week 12
Monday 19th December
Student Free Day
Tuesday 20th December
Interviews by Appointment

8.45am is the time to arrive!

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Principal's Report

T4 Professional Practice Day

On Friday 9th December students will not be required at school due to the professional practice day for staff planning. Curriculum Day Care will be available. Please contact Big Childcare to book in your students.

Semester 2 Reports and Student Assessment

Teachers are currently conducting a number of student assessments in class in order to collect the achievement data used in report writing. It is really important that students are at school every day, on time in order to complete these assessments in the time allowed. Unnecessary student absences puts pressure on students when they do return to complete the required tasks and impacts the time available to teachers to analyse the data to make their teacher judgements.

Bike Ed at St Arnaud Primary School

Mrs Knight is busily preparing a Bike Ed curriculum for all classes to participate in coming weeks. Students will be asked to bring their bikes to school on the days they have this class. The school has purchased a number of bikes which will be provided to students who do not have one. Students must also provide their own helmet and will not be permitted to share a helmet with other students.

Austswim training

Next week we have a number of staff undertaking their Austswim training to be able to assist with the school swimming program. This is a full two days of theory and practical skills and knowledge and I thank these staff for their willingness to undertake the training and support our swimming program.

At this stage the school is planning to commence the swimming program in the final weeks of T4 (weather permitting).

Year 7 Transition begins

Yesterday was the first of 5 visits to the St Arnaud Secondary College. The students walked up at 12.30 and stayed until 3.05pm. They met a number of teachers and found their way around the school. The next Transition visit is next Friday 11th November.

2023 Preps

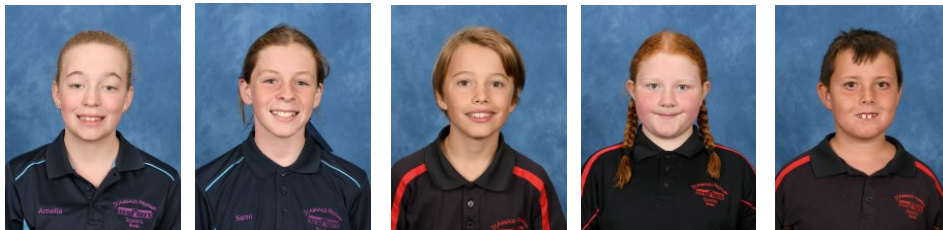
We look forward to welcoming our 2023 Preps for their first Transition Session next Tuesday 9th November.

Melissa Mitchell
Principal



Student Awards

Each week our staff acknowledge the achievement of our students in the areas of academic success, personal achievement and the demonstration of the school values.



1/2P — Dakota Jackson

3/4D — Halley & Gio Clyde Sierra

4/5M — Finn Evans

5/6W — Amelia, Sami and Charlie

Music — Jess Mahoney

PE — Chad Polkinghorne

French — Maddox Stewart & Chad Polkinghorne

Congratulations to these students on being recognised for their efforts in the classroom and around the school.

Keep up the great work!

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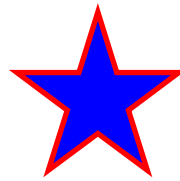
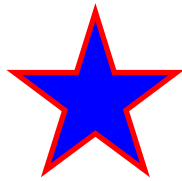
Bronze Awards

This term, our school introduced the Bronze Award. The Bronze Award is achieved by reaching 40 "R"s on the students' individual chart. An "R" is awarded when a student displays Respect, Resilience or Responsibility in the classroom or school yard, and when students have 10 dojos (classroom points).

**These students are the second and third students to achieve this honour
Halley H of 3/4D and Imogen Watts of 4/5M.**

Congratulations to both Imogen and Halley, on your excellent classroom behaviour, academic achievement and display of resilience, respect and responsibility—and all the best on reaching your Silver Award.

In addition to their certificate, Halley, Imogen and other students who achieve their Bronze Award this term will have a special reward to enjoy as a group. I am excited to see how many students achieve their Bronze Award this term.



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Community News

ST ARNAUD
PIRANHAS



St Arnaud Swimming Club train each night (6pm) at the St Arnaud Swimming Pool. We have members who either just train or train and compete with experienced coaches. There are 8 swimming competitions for the season at St Arnaud, Ararat, Warracknabeal + Horsham.



We are on the hunt for people of all ages who have a passion for swimming, can swim at least 50m and would like to train with us and become a Piranha.

Enrolments open to St Arnaud and surrounding towns!

For more information about enrolling please contact starnaudswimclub@hotmail.com or on our Facebook or Instagram page. We hope to hear from you, happy swimming!

A person must not smoke cigarettes including e-cigarettes (regardless of whether they contain nicotine) within school premises and within 4 metres of any pedestrian access to school premises. Smoking in these places is a fineable offence.



GROW YOUR OWN

TOP TIPS FOR STARTING A VEGGIE GARDEN



Health Promotion
EAST WIMMERA HEALTH SERVICE

Growing your own vegetables is easier than you may think, fun and provides a great sense of accomplishment. Here are some top tips for starting out!



SUNSHINE

Pick a location where your veggies will receive around 6 hours of sunshine – although some leafy greens and herbs you can get away with around 4 hours!

USE SEEDLINGS

Growing your veggies from seedlings is generally cheaper, you have a wide variety to select from and they are healthy and strong straight from the start.



START OUT SMALL

While growing veggies is extremely fun and low maintenance, there is still some work that goes into it. Stick to a smaller veggie garden for the first year and build from there.

For the best chance of flourishing vegetables, plant with the seasons.

Veggies to plant in Spring and Summer include – basil, tomatoes, zucchini, capsicum, chillies, eggplant, beans, cucumber, melons, carrots, pumpkin, lettuce, corn.

<https://www.tryfor5.org.au/grow-your-own>

St Arnaud Primary School is a Child Safe School

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility. Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources
www.education.vic.gov.au/protect



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Science Experiments in French!



Last week in French class Madam Vu prepared a science experience for each class to conduct.

This involved a soft drink in lots of bright colours! Each class did the mentos experiment with a range of different soft drinks. Students got 5 or 6 mentos to drop into their chosen bottle of soft drink. Some bottles caused an impressive reaction and others produced a much smaller reaction.

Thanks Madam Vu for making French so engaging and interactive!

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Now taking
expressions
of interest

Summer Camp 2023



Our Summer Camp in Roses Gap is returning.

Registrations are now open for the camp which will run from 17-20 January 2023.

We have up to 40 places available for children aged 9-12, who might be rurally isolated, disadvantaged or have additional needs.

The camp experience will be built on fun, adventure and friendship with a focus on enhancing leadership qualities through the values of:

- Gratitude
- Resilience
- Optimism
- Wellbeing
- Trust
- Health.

Summer Camp 2023 will be an experience that your child will never forget.

Cost
\$200 per child (50% of the usual cost).

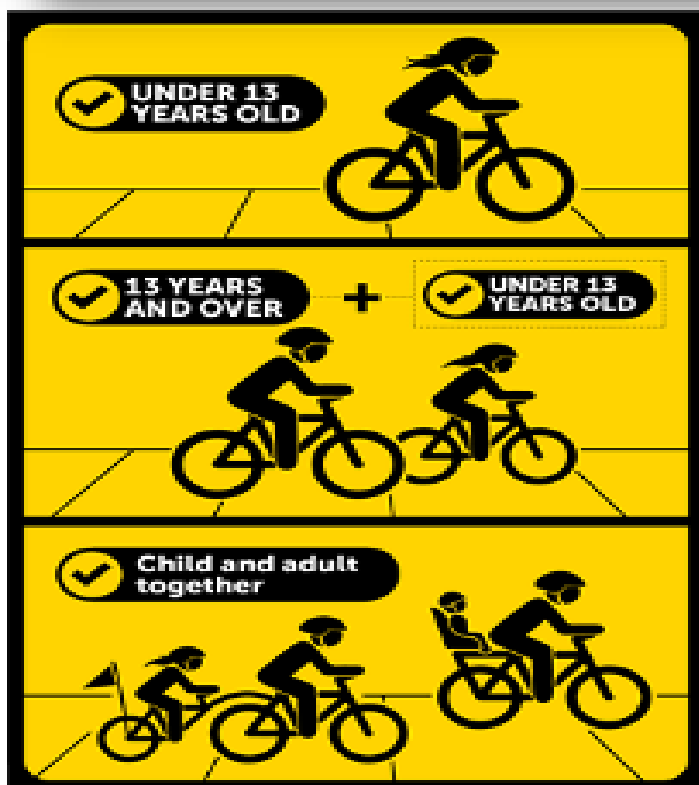
Get in touch

To learn more or book your child's place, get in touch with Arianna Vettos:

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BIKE SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS & CARERS

- Children under 13 years old will now be able to cycle on footpaths.
- A person 13 years and older can accompany a child under 13 years cycling on a footpath.
- Adults with a young child in a child seat attached to their bicycle, or with a child pedalling on a bike attachment at the back of an adult bicycle, can cycle on the footpath

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