

St Arnaud Primary School

THE LINK

Term 1 Week 5
25th February
2021

Today's Learners: Tomorrow's Future

RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION



Leaders



Week 5

Tuesday 23

School Council Mtg

Wed 24th

Year 6 Leadership Note due back

Wed/Thur/Fri

Swimming Program P-6

Friday 26th

Inter House Swimming Sports

Week 6

Wednesday 3rd

Black Ranges Swimming @ Horsham

Week 7

Monday 8th

Labour Day Holiday

Friday 12th

BBQ lunch & afternoon Activities—all welcome

Week 8

Tuesday 16th

School Council AGM

Friday 19th

Black Ranges Summers Sports @ LNP
Book Club Orders Close

Week 9

Monday 22nd March

School Photos

Week 10

Thursday 1st April

Easter Hat Parade
2.30pm End T1

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Principal's Report

Visiting Dentist

The Smile Squad from the Royal Flying Doctor Service are currently visiting our school from the 22 February. They will be back next week and will be in touch with parents as necessary.

Leaders Ceremony

Last week we were very fortunate to have been able to reschedule the Leaders Ceremony to Friday after the circuit breaker lockdown prevented us from having our ceremony on Monday. It was wonderful to have so many parents and friends in attendance to celebrate our students.

Asthma Management Plans

Any students with an asthma management plan are asked to provide an up to date copy to the school by the end of February please. It is important we have this in our records.

Family Contact Details

If you have changed email addresses, home or mobile phone numbers or moved house—please ensure you contact the General Office and update your details. It is essential that the school have correct contact details for every family in the event of an emergency.

Student Absences

The Department requires parents notify the school in the event that a student is away. Given our experiences of 2020 with extended periods of remote learning, and this week's circuit breaker lockdown, that came into effect on short notice, **it is more important than ever that students are at school every day.**

More recently the Department has started identifying students with high absences and asking schools to investigate these absences with parents.

Swimming Program

The swimming program continues today and our annual Swim Sports are being held tomorrow at the pool starting at 11.00am. Parents Club will be holding a BBQ with the following items available on the day:

- Sausage \$2
- Hamburger \$3
- Chicken Steak Sandwich \$4
- Popcorn \$1
- Chips \$2
- Prima \$1.50
- Drink can \$2
- Zooper Dooper \$1

Any helpers are most welcome to assist with BBQ and would be most appreciated.

Students are encouraged to come dressed in their House Colours and show plenty of House Pride to encourage their team mates as they compete for the House Cup!

Parent Teacher Interviews—Student Goal Setting

Many thanks to the 65% of our families who were able to attend the Interviews this week. It is a great opportunity to have a conversation with your child's teacher and get the year off to a terrific start.

Parent Payments 2021

Please find attached to the back of this newsletter the Parent Payments (School Fees) for this year. These are payable by the end of Term 1. If you have any questions please contact Jenny Gifford in the General Office.

Melissa Mitchell,
Principal

Leaders Ceremony



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Value Award Winners



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Prep/1 Ezard—Emma Tellefson
Yr2/3 Gould—Shriyan Pawar, Annabelle Ingram
Yr3/4 Driscoll—Angel White, Duncan Kirk
Yr4/5 Moore—Jayden Soderman
Yr6Weir—Annylee O'B, Max Payne
Art—Phoenix Gigg
Music—Izzy Green
PE—Finn Wilson

Attendance and Uniform Count

Prep/1 Ezard— 84% Attendance
Yr2/3 Gould—97% Attendance
Yr3/4 Driscoll—83% Attendance
Yr4/5 Moore— 97% Attendance
Yr6Weir—84% Attendance

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Yr 6—Rocket Writing

Rocket Writing - The Year 6 students have been focusing on Rocket Writing. They have been writing for 10 minutes, focusing on Sizzling Starts.

Quietly I hid the dead body in the never ending well that no one dared to approach. It was located at the end of the dark street. I hid myself in the mysterious noise proof house at the opposite end of the street. Waiting...

Mahlie Morris

Quietly I tiptoed to the pantry to find the sparkling diamond crystal, I heard a crack in the walls and I got so scared. My whole body was shaking. I wondered what on earth was going on. Was it my Mum...

Lucy O'Donnell

Quietly I tiptoed down the creepy, creeky hall way that no one had dared walk down since the horrific murder of Bethany. The whole case was a mystery but Bethany had been accused of murdering Mahlief. There was a twist though, Mahlief was still alive...

Ruby Swanton

Quietly my dog and I crept to the back yard. We snuck past everyone. We used our ammunition to blow off the door of the shed. There was a huge explosion. Gold! We found Gold!!

JJ

Quietly I tiptoed down the dark alley way hoping and praying it wasn't me this time. I am going to have to take you back for you to really understand why this is happening...

Veya Ricks

Quietly I tiptoed down the old creeky and squeaky stairs. I snuck past a big old cranky rat. It had scars coming down its face. It was eating a big piece of mouldy and green cheese. I saw an abandoned chest. It was rusty gold in colour and was hiding under the old stair case...

Finn Green

Quietly I snuck into an abandoned hospital hoping that no one saw me. As I was tiptoeing in I heard an irritating screech. I tried to ignore it, but I just couldn't...

Rylan Leach

Quietly I tiptoed in the old and dark woods. It had been abandoned for years and blocked from the town for at least 50 years. As I got closer I could hear screaming...

Tom Henderson

Quietly Tom crept through the Nazi trenches. He didn't quite know what to do. He hadn't thought this through. Will he make it out alive? Will he be able to say goodbye? Just one last hug? Tom heard the constant ear piercing rattle of gun fire and screams...

Ollie Hand

Yr 6—Rocket Writing

Quietly I ran through the bushes my reddish, ginger fur was covered in prickles. I was panting like crazy, as I tried to get away from them. I could not possibly keep going so I hid behind a tree...

Addison Wright

Quietly I ran away after committing my first crime! As I see red and blue lights flashing in the background. I see the bright red blood dripping off my knife...

Bethany Ingram

Quietly I opened the cupboard door to see the birthday presents my Mum had got for me. My Birthday was only a week away but I couldn't bare not knowing what was in that cupboard. I peered in and first thing I saw was a huge metal box. I suddenly had a strange urge to touch it...

Austin Lowe

Quietly I snuck into the school with my best friend Chelsea. We were searching in hope to find our long lost friend. They had been missing since Year 5. After a year of research we finally had some clues...

Annylee O'Brien

Quietly, sneakily she had been hunting all day. Suddenly the crow had it. Time was racing, time was running out. She crept back towards the creature...

Max Payne

Quietly he rode his motorbike out the bush with his friends. They couldn't rev it or they would get caught. They went out so far. So far that they were lost. They knew they were near Charlton Road, but they were very lost...

Max Ezard

Quietly, so quietly! Everyone was doing rocket writing, and it was so boring! Until, suddenly, there was a crash. A huge claw came crashing down on the roof, it seemed like a zombie apocalypse. The school was under attack...

Jack Batters.

Auskick St Arnaud AGM TONIGHT

St Arnaud Auskick AGM

Thursday 25th Feb 2021

St Arnaud Sporting Club 6.30pm

New helpers needed to get the year up and running.

Come along



Jacinda O'Sullivan

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Breast screening—finding cancer early could save your life

Over 50? Visit BreastScreen Victoria's Mobile Screening Service:



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Takes 10 minutes



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2021 Parent Payments



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Dear Parent

School Councils in Victorian government schools are permitted to request payments for certain educational items and services from families while their child attends the school. They are entitled to request payments from parents under three categories. The three categories are:

Essential Education Items - These are items or services that are essential to support the instruction in standard curriculum programs. (These are additional to the student booklists which are a separate cost.) *Parents or guardians are expected to pay the school for these items or services.* The school purchases these items in bulk and at very competitive prices.

Optional Items - These items or services are provided in addition to the standard curriculum program and are offered to all children.

Voluntary Items - These items and services enhance the school environment and provide stimulating resources for students. Parents or guardians are invited to make a contribution towards these items and services.

St Arnaud Primary School Parent Payments

The St Arnaud Primary School makes every effort to ensure that costs and fees are kept to a minimum. However, Parent Payments form an important part of our school's financial operation and play a significant role in providing a broad range of learning opportunities to meet the educational needs of your children. There are a number of **User Pay events** that are paid for at the time of the event. These events include visiting performances, camps, excursions and some sporting events.

Payment Support

We have endeavoured to make these Parent Payments as affordable as possible for all families. If you have difficulty in paying these Parent Payments please make an appointment to speak to the Principal to discuss possible support options or flexible payment arrangements. All information about your financial circumstances, payment arrangements or status will be kept strictly confidential.

Payment Method

The 2020 Parent Payments can either be paid as a **one off payment** or on a **payment plan**. Please fill in the appropriate section of the attached Payment Agreement. The School Charges can be paid at the front office by cheque/cash or by BPay.

Refunds

Our school will consider requests for partial or full refunds of payments made by parents on a case by case basis taking into account the individual circumstances. Generally we will not be able to refund payments made for items purchased or costs that have already been paid where those funds have already been transferred to a third party. For example, camp costs when a child becomes unwell and cannot attend in circumstances where the payment has already been made or committed to a third party and no refund is available to the school. Where possible, we will make this clear to parents at the time of payment.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payment Policy please see a one page overview attached.

Yours sincerely,
Melissa Mitchell
Principal

Brad Medlyn
School Council President

2021 Parent Payments

Student Name _____ Year Level _____

Essential Student Learning Items	Amount
Subscriptions , includes: Reading Eggs, Essential Assessment, PAT	\$35
Art Consumables , includes: Paper, cardboard, paint, glue etc	\$20
Science/STEM Consumables , includes: Masking tape, cardboard, icy pole sticks, pipe cleaners etc	\$20
Sport and PE Affiliation , includes swimming, athletics, x country, hockey, basketball, cricket, etc	\$10
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Cooking , includes, but not limited to: Flour, oil, sugar, eggs, butter etc (optional to be paid weekly or in lump sum)	\$20 per term or \$80 per year or \$4 per week
TOTAL	\$

Optional Item	Amount
Year 3/4 & 5/6 Camp Deposit , full camp pricing to be advised prior to camp	\$50
School Magazine	\$13
Incursions/Excursions , includes: 4 visiting performances per year	\$40
TOTAL	\$

Voluntary Contribution	Tax deductible?	Suggested Voluntary Contribution per family	Amount
The following three funds are available for parents to contribute to in a voluntary capacity. These are areas of school infrastructure that are being developed each year. Funds contributed by parents are used to purchase equipment for student use.			
Technology Upgrade fund	No	\$100	\$
School Library fund	No	\$100	\$
Musical Instruments fund	No	\$100	\$
TOTAL			\$

Your child will not be disadvantaged if you do not make a voluntary contribution. All records of voluntary contributions are kept confidential as well as your decision about whether to make a contribution or not.

Parent Payment Charges

Essential Student Learning Items Amount _____

Optional Items Amount _____

Voluntary financial contribution Amount _____

TOTAL _____

Please return this form to the school upon payment, so your account can be accurately processed. These payments are due by Thursday 31st March. Payment plans and instalments are welcome.

SAPS Absence Notes

St Arnaud PS Absence Note:

My child/ren Was/were
absent on the following date/s/...../2021

Due to: illness/ medical/ dental/ family holiday/ family reasons (please
circle)

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