

St Arnaud Primary School

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Term 1 Week 7
11th March, 2021

Today's Learners: Tomorrow's Future

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\$5k Music Grant

Last Friday we were thrilled to learn that we had been successful in our application to the Music In Schools program. The program includes teacher mentoring, teacher coaching, access to digital music education resources and professional learning.

Our school is also eligible to receive up to \$5000 to support the hire or purchase of additional musical instruments and resources which will be a wonderful boost to our terrific music program. Well done to Mrs Walsh on her work with the application and for gaining this wonderful program for our school.

Term 1

Week 7

Monday 8th

Labour Day Holiday

Friday 12th

BBQ lunch & afternoon Activities—all welcome

Week 8

Tuesday 16th

School Council AGM

Wednesday 17th

Black Ranges Tennis tryouts @ Stawell

Parents Club AGM

Friday 19th

Black Ranges Summer Sports @ LNP

Greater Western Region Swim Chaps @ Horsham

Book Club Orders Close

Week 9

Monday 22nd March

School Photos

Week 10

Thursday 1st April

Easter Hat Parade
2.30pm End T1

Term 2

Monday 19 April Term 2 Commences

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Principal's Report

Visiting Dentist

The Smile Squad from the Royal Flying Doctor Service has been busy seeing students and doing follow up work. Parents are contacted directly by the visiting dentists to discuss student needs. We are very lucky to have the program visit our school. Thanks Smile Squad.

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.

Parents Club AGM

The Parents Club will be holding their AGM on Wednesday 17th March at the Royal Hotel. The meeting will start at 6.30pm. For those wishing to have a meal prior please join us from 6pm. Any questions, or apologies to Naomi Medlyn 0408 501 795. If planning on attending for the meal, please let Naomi know by Monday 15th for catering purposes.

School Wide Positive Behaviours Strategy—free BBQ lunch Friday 12th

Tomorrow we officially launch the SWPBS program at St Arnaud Primary School. **There will be a free barbecue for all students.** After lunch, we will gather in the Arts Centre to welcome a special visitor. Students will then be put into multi age groups to participate in a range of team building and engaging activities during the last school hour. Parents are most welcome to join us for our celebration. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Photos—22 March

Are coming up on Monday 22nd March. We would love to have everyone in attendance on the day, in full and correct school uniforms.

Parents requesting Family Photos will require an additional **Family Photo Order Form (Available from the school office)**. For siblings located across campuses parents will be responsible for transporting students to the Secondary College on the day of the photos.

Black Ranges Swim Success

Last week I had the privilege of taking our 2021 BR Swim Team to Horsham. The team was made up of:

Addison Wright, Tessa Patton, Lucy O'Donnell, Mahlie Morris, Austin Lowe, Oliver Hand, Jack Batters, Sami Weir, Forbes Kirk, Amber Jackson, Isabella Bigmore, Noah Hando, Finn Wilson, Eliza Scarce, Lewis Lowe and Duncan Kirk. These students represented our school proudly and achieved some excellent results.

Next Friday 19th March the following students progress to the Greater Western Regional Swim Championships:

Open Medley Relay: Austin Lowe, Oliver Hand, Finn Wilson and Forbes Kirk,

Freestyle Relay: Noah Hando, Finn Wilson, Duncan Kirk and Forbes Kirk

Individual events: Austin Lowe, Eliza Scarce, Lewis Lowe, Finn Wilson, Duncan Kirk, Forbes Kirk.

A message has been sent to parents regarding a possible bus to this event. Please let the school know by Friday midday if your child requires a lift.

Black Ranges Sport

Tennis tryouts for enthusiastic and capable Yr 5/6 students to join the BR Tennis team are in Stawell next **Wednesday 17th March**—information has been given to interested students. Please let myself or Ms Dundas know if you are attending.

Summer Sports are next **Friday 19th March** in St Arnaud involving our neighbouring schools from Donald and Birchip. Students from Years 5/6 will be competing in Cricket and T-Ball. Parents helpers for cricket umpiring is required. Please contact the school if you can help out.

Melissa Mitchell,

PARENTS CLUB

AGM on Wednesday 17th March at the Royal Hotel.

Please join us from 6pm for a meal. The meeting will start at 6.30pm.

Please let Naomi know by Monday 15th for catering purposes.

It would be wonderful to see some new faces—meetings are brief and the teamwork is great!

Any questions, or apologies to Naomi Medlyn 0408 501 795

Easter Raffle at Weirs

Weirs have kindly allowed us to sell raffle tickets in store next week on Thursday 18th & Friday 19th. We also have the possible option of Wednesday if we had enough volunteers.

If you can spare an hour or two of your day, the Parents Club would really appreciate your assistance. All proceeds go back into the school to enhance the education experience for our children.

If you are available, please email or text Naomi Medlyn – 0408501795, bjandnimedlyn@gmail.com

And don't forget that your donations for the raffle can be dropped off at the office anytime from now until Fri 26th.

EVERY DAY COUNTS ...

A day here or there doesn't seem like much but ...

When your child misses just	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Prep to Year 12, that is ...	This means the best your child can achieve is ...
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Over 2½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of learning of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

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Value Award Winners



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Prep/1 Ezard	—Alexia Whyte
Yr2/3 Gould	-
Yr3/4 Driscoll	—Phoenix Gigg
Yr4/5 Moore	—Noah Hando
Yr6Weir	—Tessa Patton
Art	—Bethany Ingram, Jessica Mahoney
PE	—Ollie Hand

Attendance and Uniform Count

Prep/1 Ezard— 92% Attendance
 Yr2/3 Gould—78% Attendance
 Yr3/4 Driscoll— 94% Attendance
Yr4/5 Moore—97% Attendance
 Yr6Weir—88% Attendance

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JOIN THE FUN

COME AND TRY CRICKET

**PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED GIRLS
FREE, FUN & SAFE**

**9AM - SUNDAY, 14TH MARCH
DONALD RECREATION RESERVE**



**WIMMERA
GIRLS
CRICKET
LEAGUE**

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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.

Community Notices



Breast screening—finding cancer early could save your life

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



Free



Takes 10 minutes



No need for doctor's referral



With a female radiographer



Available near you throughout Victoria

29 March – 16 April 2021
ST ARNAUD TOWN HALL
NAPIER STREET
ST ARNAUD (REAR CARPARK)

Book at breastscreen.org.au or call **13 20 50**

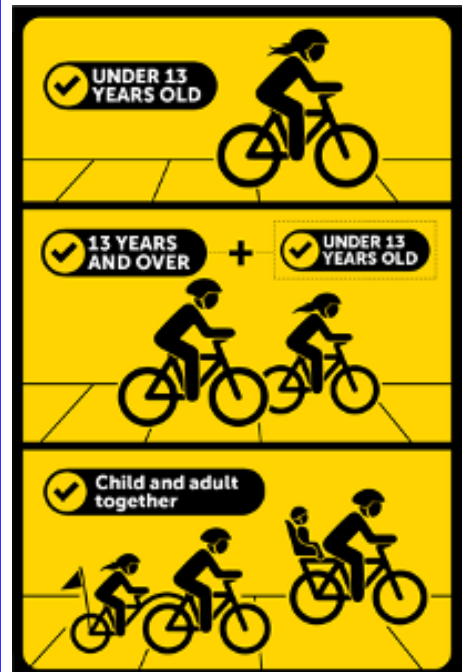


TTY
13 36 77



Interpreters
available
13 14 50

**BreastScreen
Victoria**



- 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

Hookin2Hockey - St Arnaud Hockey Club

Hockey Victoria and North Central Hockey Association are visiting St Arnaud Primary School and St Patrick's Primary School on Thursday 18th March to run their Hockey Roadshow. Participants will be introduced to hockey through simple skills and drills and fun games.

Hockey Training

St Arnaud Hockey Club will be starting their Minkey program at Lord Nelson Park hockey field on Thursday 11th March at 4pm. Students from Prep to Year 6 are welcome to try out. Sticks and shin guards are available to borrow for the season, mouth guards must be worn.

Under 12 and Under 15 Training commences this Thursday 11th March

Under 12 training at 4pm

Under 15 training at 5pm



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say cheese!

School Photo Day is fast approaching.
Have your child's school memories captured forever
on **Monday 22nd March 2021**

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly. Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:

- Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method.
All payments are due by photo day.
- You may pay **online** using your credit card. Each child will have an individual 'shootkey' listed on their envelope. This will help identify your child's order.
- You may pay by cash using the individual envelope provided.
Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.
- *Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. **THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN DURING SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY AT RECESS***
 - Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.
- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however, please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.
- All students should wear their correct school uniform.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact

MSP Photography

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CSEF Information for Parents

THE
EDUCATION
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

St Arnaud Primary School

Please note that application forms have been sent home to new families. If applying, these need to be completed and returned to the school office with the applicable concession card for photocopying. Anyone requiring an application form can collect one from the school office.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

