

St Arnaud Primary School

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Term 1 Week 2
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Today's Learners: Tomorrow's Future

RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION



ANZAC DAY 2021

We were privileged to be invited to participate in the St Arnaud community Anzac service on Sunday. Jack, Addi, Mahlie and Ruby represented our school proudly by both laying the wreath and also presenting an informative talk about the role of women in the Australian Defence Forces in times of conflict.

On Monday we held a school ceremony and we thank Mr Bob Wooley and Mrs Kay Smith for attending and participating in this. Each class presented and laid an item on our own cenotaph in the Arts Centre.

ANZAC sales at school raised \$322.85. Thank you to everyone who

Week 2

Monday 26th

9am Assembly & ANZAC service

Wednesday 28th

12noon School Cross Country

Friday 30th

Winter Sports, Birchip

Week 3

Wednesday 5th May

Black Ranges X Country

Friday 7th

Mother's Day Stall

Week 4

11/12/13

NAPLAN for Year 3 and 5

14th May

NAPLAN Catch Up

Week 5

Monday 17th

Year 6 Leadership Excursion, Bendigo

Tuesday 18th

6pm School Council

Wednesday 19th

6/6.30pm Parents Club

Week 6—Education Week

Week 7

Friday 4th June

BMX Tricks Visiting Performance

Week 9

Monday 14th—Queen's

Birthday Public Holiday

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Principal's Report

purchased an item.

Grounds Person

We are currently looking for a new grounds person to join our team. The successful applicant will be organised, self motivated and keen on outdoors work, prior experience preferred. The role includes garden maintenance, yard work and mowing, undertaken over 10-12 hours per week. Please contact the school if you are interested, 54951028.

Student Arrivals at school, "8.45 is time to arrive"

We still have students arriving at school between 8.10-30am in the morning. This is too early and students are not supervised at this time. Staff duty commences 15 minutes prior (8.40am) to the first bell (8.55am). Parents are asked not to drop students off, or send students to school prior to this time. Mornings are a busy time for all staff, frequently involved in meetings, planning and general organisation.

School Crossing & Bus Zones

There are a number of parents and students not correctly using the School Crossing at the beginning and end of the school day. It is very important that students are taught the correct and safest way to cross Charlton Road, which is to use the crossing every time, to, get to and from the other side of the road—regardless of whether they are supervised by a parent or adult, or not.

There is ample parking at the top of the school and no road crossing is required, for parents who cannot find a park at the front of the school. School staff are no longer parking along Charlton Road in an effort to reduce congestion in this zone.

Bus travellers must notify the office if there is a change to their bus travel—there are numerous students who simply do not turn up at the end of the day. Parents are asked to send a note, email or call the office to let us know of these changes—we thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

New bubble taps

We are very excited to have been successful in a recent application to the Northern Grampians Shire Council for a community grant to allow us to upgrade our bubble taps. This has been an area of concern for the Green Team for quite some time, as our current taps drip and waste a lot of water. We look forward to our new taps being installed in coming weeks!

Attitudes to Schools Survey

In coming weeks the Year 4/5/6 students will be participating in the DET Attitudes to School Survey. An email and hardcopy letter have been sent home to every student in these year levels. Parents who do not wish for their children to be involved must email the school to notify of their child's withdrawal.

School Website

We are LIVE! After quite some time of being off the air and more recently "under construction", our school now has a new website. It is still coming together, but the basics are there. Please check it out and let us know what you want to see included on the website, as we continue to add and update the resources and information available.

Principal's Report

Black Ranges Cross Country—Helpers needed!

We are required to provide 4 parents to undertake time keeping and First Aid at the Cross Country next Week. Thank you to our parent volunteers who are manning the canteen—if you are able to spare a few hours to help that would be great—please let me know ASAP.

Do it for Dolly Day

Our Junior School Council have chosen to participate in the Do It For Dolly Day on Friday 14th May. Parents are encouraged to speak to their children about the upcoming event—which focuses on being kind—as children may have questions about Dolly Everett which have not been explicitly discussed at school given the delicate nature of the circumstances surrounding the Dolly's Dream foundation.

*Melissa Mitchell,
Principal*



Junior School Council

Do It For Dolly Day

Friday 14th May

Wear something blue

Cupcakes for sale
to raise funds for the or Dolly's Dream Foundation

Value Award Winners



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Prep/1 Ezard	—Elijah Pacheco
Yr2/3 Gould	—Betty Batters
Yr3/4 Driscoll	—Angel White
Yr4/5 Moore	—Wayne Simpson
Yr6Weir	—Oliver Hand
Art	—Betty, Sanae, Tyler, Kate, Cruz, Phoenix, Halley, Eloise, Kayden, Gio, Maddox, Indiana, Chloe, Anna, Shriyan, Michael
PE	—Ruby Swanton
Music	—

Attendance and Uniform Count

Prep/1 Ezard— 85% Attendance

Yr2/3 Gould—90% Attendance

Yr3/4 Driscoll— 95% Attendance

Yr4/5 Moore—98% Attendance

Yr6Weir—98% Attendance

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ANZAC



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Yr Prep 1 Red Poppy

Red Poppy what do you say?
Please wear me on ANZAC day.

Red Poppy what do you tell?
Many soldiers in battle fell.

Red Poppy what should we know?
That peace on Earth should
Grow, grow, grow.

Read by Isobell Green
and Georgie Mactaggart

Yr 2/3G Lest We Forget Kerry Brown

My grandad says ther are two
types of days; those you want to
remember and those you want to
forget.

Grandad says that out of all the
days of the year there are two
that are very important. He says
that they are days that make the
country stand still.

I asked Grandad if these are the
days he would like to forget. He
looked at me and said, "No these
are the days we must stop and re-
member".

Read by Betty Batters

Year 3/4 Family Members who have served in the Australian Defence Forces

Alec Cobden
Robert John Wall
Alexander Bruce Cameron
Kelvin Samuel Cameron
Jo Osterlaak
Ian Allan
Herbert Reginald Plant
Clive Edwin Watts
Matthew Desmond Tellefson
Edward Dunstan
Samuel Lawford
Ian Allan
Michael Lowe
Tara Lowe
Evan McGillivray
Judd McGillivray
Nathan McGillivray
Andrew Lowe
Neil McGillivray
Mervyn Hartley Clark
Beryl Clark
Ian McGillivray
Percy Childs
Pat Lowe
Rex Lowe
Erica Hunt
Tim Hunt
Barry Clark
Gordon McGillivray
Ronald Ross
Roy Harwood Clark
Thomas Ross
Percival Kirkbride
Laurie Hahn
Jack Austin
Cliff Spiers
George Clementine Bailey
Albert Medlyn
Charles Cullip
Chris McRae



Year 4/5 Not a Hero

by Clyde Hamilton

The ANZAC Day march was over - the old Digger had done his best. His body ached from marching - it was time to sit and rest. He made his way to a park bench and sat with lowered head. A young boy passing saw him - approached and politely said, "Please sir do you mind if I ask you what the medals you wear are for? Did you get them for being a hero, when fighting in a war?"

Startled, the old Digger moved over and beckoned the boy to sit. Eagerly the lad accepted - he had not expected this! "First of all I was not a hero," said the old Digger in solemn tone, "But I served with many heroes, the ones that never came home. So when you talk of heroes, it's important to understand, The greatest of all heroes gave their lives defending this land."

"The medals are worn in their honour, as a symbol of respect. All diggers wear them on ANZAC Day - it shows they don't forget." The old digger then climbed to his feet and asked the boy to stand. Carefully he removed the medals and placed them in his hand. He told him he could keep them - to treasure throughout his life, A legacy of a kind - left behind - paid for in sacrifice.

Overwhelmed the young boy was speechless - he couldn't find words to say. It was there the old Digger left him - going quietly on his way. In the distance the young boy glimpsed him - saw him turn and wave goodbye. Saddened he sat alone on the bench - tears welled in his eyes. He never again saw him ever - but still remembers with pride, When the old Digger told him of Heroes and a young boy sat and cried.

**Read by Dayne Reyne and
Jess Mahoney**

The Saint Arnaud Boys By Norm Michael

There were about 6 of us boys from St Arnaud, sent to the 26th Motor Regiment.

I remember catching the early morning train. None of us knew what to expect. When we got to Echuca, we saw more of the local boys. That made us feel better.

We learned to drive trucks and we marched. We all came back to the farm after that.

I didn't see the St Arnaud boys much during that time as we were all busy on our farms, moving grain around to different areas. When our leave was finished, we camped at Rowville, I was a driving instructor and Matty Batters was learning to get his truck license, even though he had a truck back home—not me! But he couldn't change gears for nuts!

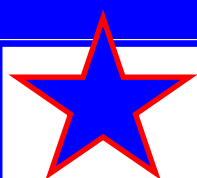
Oz, Matty and I all shared the same tent. One night after tea we went for apples. We had to cross 7 line barbed wire. We were fit in those days. We stuffed our giggle jackets full of apples. You couldn't see the floor for apples later.

It was after that we got split up. We had to put up with it. You can't defy the army, can you.

Oz went up to the air force in Melbourne, Matty got sent home to work on the farm and I was sent to Mullawa, in Western Australia. I was happy over there.

I got moved around a bit after that and there were no more St Arnaud boys around. Except one from up the road in Charlton, Jim Paterson. He was a great mate and a thorough gentleman.

Read by Addison Wright



The next Parents Club meeting is Wednesday 19th May, at the Dancing Kelpie, 6pm for a meal, meeting to start at 6.30pm

All welcome!

Mel Watts, President



Footy fever has hit and St Arnaud Auskick has arrived
Lord Nelson Park east end 4.30pm to 5.15pm
Kick off Thursday 22nd April 2021 for 8 weeks

Some COVID restrictions will apply

Enrolments essential @ <https://play.afl/auskick/2021-registration>

More helpers needed please call Brett Kay 0407884621

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child can perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>	<div> <div>Your Child</div> <div>Other Children</div> </div> Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2.5 years</u>	<div> <div>Your Child</div> <div>Other Children</div> </div> Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>	<div> <div>Your Child</div> <div>Other Children</div> </div> Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>	<div> <div>Your Child</div> <div>Other Children</div> </div> Equal to finishing at grade 4

Everyday Counts!!

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St Arnaud Primary School
Parent's Club

Mother's Day Pop Up Shop

Friday 7th May

Gifts range from \$2-\$14

A wide range of lovely gifts are available for our students to purchase for their mum, grandma, aunty or special friend.

Children are invited to bring along their money in a named enveloped/purse/wallet/ziplock bag.

Every child has the opportunity to visit the pop up gift shop, select their special gifts and bring them home ready for Mother's Day on Sunday 9th May.

The Mother's Day Pop Up Shop is one of a number of valuable opportunities provided by our school for students to develop their money handling skills.