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4th December
Term 4, Week 9

School Calendar

Week 9

Friday 5th - Volunteer's Morning Tea

Week 10

Thurs 11th - 9-11am G'parents Day &
SWPBS Rewards Lunch

Fri 12th - Children's Fete

Sat 13th - 7.15pm Carols in Market
Square

Week 11

Monday 15th - 6pm Year 6
Graduation & Student Reports

Tuesday 16th - STASC Presentation
Evening

Wed 17th - 7pm Concert & last day

Thur 18th - Pupil Free Day for
Professional Learning

Friday 19th - Interviews by
Appointment 9-11am and staff last
day

Friday 19th - Town Procession



Friday 5th Dec
10.50-11.30am
Volunteer's
Morning Tea



Thursday 11th Dec
9-11am
Grandparent's
Day
& Rewards Lunch



Friday 12th Dec
Children's Fete

RESPECT RESILIENCE KINDNESS HONESTY ASPIRATION

Principal's Report

Year 5 and 6 Camp

All reports of the Year 5/6 Camp last week have been very positive - not even too much whinging about the food! We were extremely lucky to have the opportunity to attend this camp - which provided students with so many opportunities in a stunning part of Victoria - at such a low cost.

School camps are becoming more and more expensive and with transport being the most expensive part of any camp it can be really difficult to provide value for money and also, quality experiences for the students. The 2026 Camps program is already booked and the dates and costing has been provided to parents at this early opportunity to ensure the best possible attendance rate for students. Camps are a highly valuable learning opportunity and often feature very highly in students' memories of their school days. As always, parents are encouraged to pay off camps throughout the year to eliminate the lump sum expense.

Lunch Orders - Last Orders Please!

Please note that Lunch Orders will not be available to students after tomorrow - 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

On Tuesday we had our whole school Step Up Day and welcomed many of our new students for 2026. The day aims to support every student to transition smoothly into their new year level for 2026. As usual there was a mix of excitement and nerves and some confusion. We were thrilled to welcome Mr Akintunde via Zoom from Nigeria and I know he was equally as thrilled to meet the children and receive the letters they wrote to him following their meeting with him. Mr Talbot also joined us for the day in Yr5/6 - thank you to Mr Smith at Navarre PS for allowing us to have Mr T for the day.

Some very minor changes to the physical location of classes for next year are planned. Mrs Coates with Year 2 will be in the current Prep/1E class and the two Prep/1 classes will be located in this Years' 1/2P classroom which has the facilities to be divided via a fold out wall. All changes will be shared in a welcome to school email ahead of the commencement of Term 1 next year.

P/1E - Mrs Ezard

P/1P - Ms Purkiss

Yr2C - Mrs Coates

Y43/4A - Mr Akintunde

Yr4/5W - Mrs Wilson

Yr5/6T - Mr Talbot

Parent Information Package

Each family should have received a Parent Information Package on Tuesday afternoon, coming home with the eldest child. The package included the Parent Payments and Book List information, as well as some helpful dates, information and reminders. If you did not receive yours, please contact Shirlee in the General Office to arrange a replacement to be sent home.

Year 6 Graduation

Could all Graduation payments please be made no later than tomorrow, Friday 5th December for catering purposes.

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Next Thursday 11th will be the last school newsletter. Parents are reminded to check for emails from the school after this date.

Student Reports

These will be available from Monday 15th December. Please ensure your COMPASS username and password are current and working so you can download your child's report. Year 6 parents are asked to download their child's report by 19th December as students are no longer visible after this date.

Principal's Report

Student Leadership

On Tuesday the speeches for student leadership roles were held. Beginning with the House Captain speeches at 11.30am and followed by the School Captain and Wellbeing Leaders Speeches at 2pm, our school community was impressed with the number of students who nominated themselves for consideration of a leadership role in the new year.

Well done to all students who spoke at either or both opportunities on Tuesday and a big thank you to the parents, grandparents and special friends who came to support the students in their aspirations.

Announcements are made at the end of year concert on Wednesday 17th December.

End of year Celebration

On Wednesday 17th December our school will celebrate the year that was and we invite our parents, grandparents and special friends of the school to join us at the Town Hall. Hosted by school leaders, each class will present an item for your entertainment. The new school and house captains will also be introduced to our school community. The evening aims to begin promptly at 7pm and is usually finished by 8pm. Doors will open and students should arrive by 6.50pm - reporting to their teacher for preparations. You may have received an email from your teacher with a request for costume items.

Preservice Teachers

This week we farewell Libby and Claire as they complete their Teaching Rounds at our school. Across the course of the year we have hosted more than 10 pre service teachers, all of whom have added to the rich culture of collaboration and life long learning amongst our staff. We welcome back Phoebe, Molly and Aliza and trust they have enjoyed a wonderful experience in their host work places.

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.

*Melissa Mitchell,
Principal*

Two of the many highlights of my week have been having Alistair share his book report on the Faraway Tree in a very articulate and detailed manner, and seeing our OT Annabel demonstrating the superman hammock to a new Prep student!



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VALUE AWARD WINNERS



P1/E
Isaiah



1/2P
Alistair Grahame



2/3TC
Scarlett Bennett



2/3TC
Kobe Snell



3/4C
Ruby Salter



5/6W
Alaric Rylatt-Arpea



5/6W
Issy Green



5/6W
Michael Ensley



5/6W
Aavah Vogler



KINDNESS
ANIYAH KINNANE



BAKERY BUCKS
SCARLETT BENNETT



MUSIC
ALFIE COATES

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SILVER AWARD WINNERS



Lucas

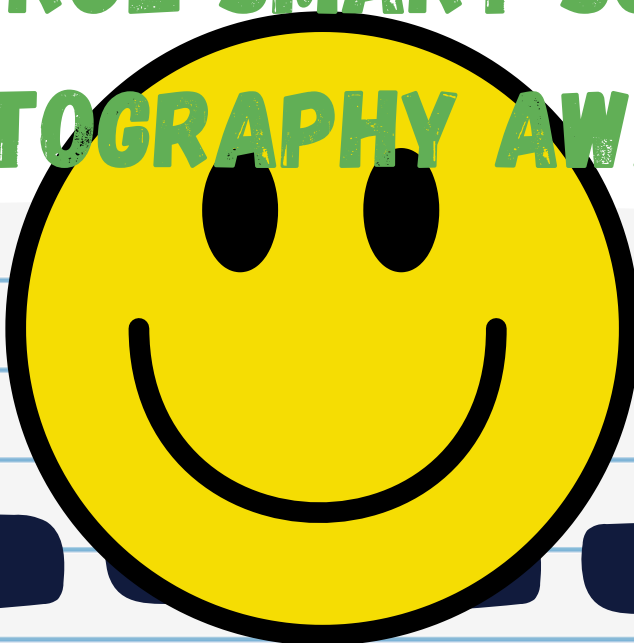


Alvie Dix

RESOURCE SMART SCHOOLS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS



Torah Watts



Niamh Green



Ivy Ezard



Georgie Mactaggart



Ben Thomson



Chad Polkinghorne

Step Up Day



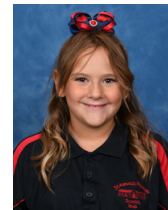
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MRS WEIR'S WELLBEING WONDERINGS

THANK
YOU



Mrs Melissa Weir
Mental Health &
Wellbeing Leader



Maria Taylor
Isobel Green
Zarleya Dunstan
Wellbeing
Leaders

*We would like to sincerely
thank the community of St
Arnaud for their support and
commitment to the Reverse
Advent Calendar.*

*Thank you to those people
who have filled boxes,
donated items and provided
cash donations.*

*We appreciate every single
one of you.*

Thank you:
Kerrie from
Trendz on Napier
Megan and Lindy at
Top of the Town
Luke and Vicki at
St Arnaud Solar
Andrew and Russell at
**St Arnaud Resource
Centre**

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

PASTA FOR
LUNCH,
\$2 PER
BOWL,
SERVED AT
RECESS

PRIMA
\$2
ICYPOLE
\$1

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
12.00-1.30

SILVER COIN LINE

COIN TOSS

TEMPORARY
TATTOOS

NAIL POLISH

TRASH AND
TREASURE

SPINNING
WHEEL

TRAIN RIDES

GUESS THE
LOLLIES

HAIR SPRAY

FRUIT
MACHINE

RAFFLE

SPONGE
THROW



SALE!



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