



North News

Ararat North Primary School

Friday 28th of August 2026



A WORD FROM LEADERSHIP

A Busy and Exciting Time at School!

Our school community has enjoyed a wonderful range of learning experiences and special events in recent weeks.

*Teachers recently travelled to Ballarat for a **professional learning opportunity**. The experience provided valuable time for staff to collaborate, share ideas and further develop their knowledge and skills. We look forward to seeing this learning continue to benefit our students and school community.*

*We also held our **3-Way Conversations Day**, providing an important opportunity for students, parents and teachers to come together and discuss learning, progress and future goals. These conversations are a valuable part of strengthening the partnership between home and school and ensuring that students remain actively involved in their learning journey.*

*Our **Book Week celebrations** brought plenty of colour, creativity and excitement to the school! Students and staff enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters and celebrating the joy of reading. A highlight of the celebrations was a special visit from an author, who shared their experiences, inspired our students and encouraged a love of storytelling and books.*

*We were also delighted to visit **Gasons** as part of our **Science Week** celebrations. This was a valuable opportunity for our students to connect with members of our local community and industry and learn more about the important work being undertaken in our region. A sincere thank you to Shannon and the entire Gason team for taking the time to visit and support our students. We greatly appreciate your generosity, time and commitment to our school community.*



Book Week!



Books



Every Day Counts!

This term, attendance is a key focus at Ararat North Primary School. Every day at school helps children learn, build friendships and feel connected to our school community. Missing school can make it harder for students to keep up with their learning and feel confident in the classroom. While we understand that children will sometimes be absent due to illness, attending school every day they are well gives them the best chance to succeed. Thank you for partnering with us to make regular attendance a priority and support your child's learning and wellbeing.

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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**1 DAY MISSED
PER FORTNIGHT**

It may seem small, but regular absence can quickly become a pattern.

05

**= 5 DAYS MISSED
PER TERM**

A full school week of learning missed across one term.

20

**= 20 DAYS
MISSED PER
YEAR**

Twenty days away can mean missed lessons, routines and connections.

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**SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT**

Anything more can significantly affect your child's learning and social development.

We are committed to working in partnership with families to ensure every child attends school regularly, arrives on time and is ready to learn.

Reading Fluency

Learning Area 1
Ms Aimee

Fluency Reading in LA1

As part of our morning literacy block, students in LA1 participate in daily fluency reading practice. Each student has their own fluency folder containing:

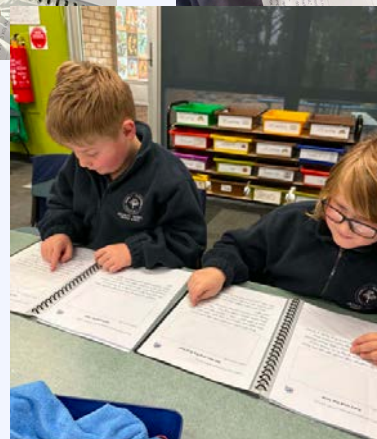
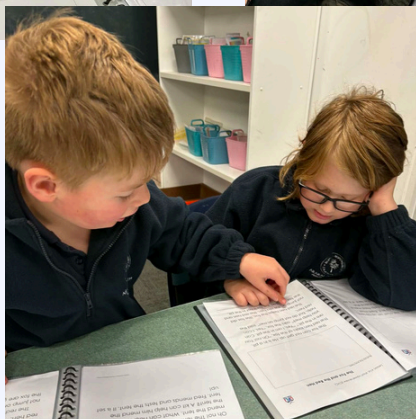
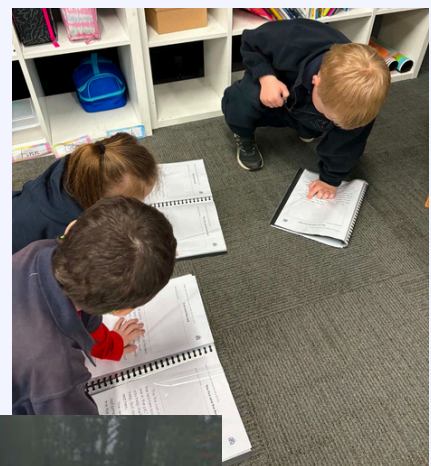
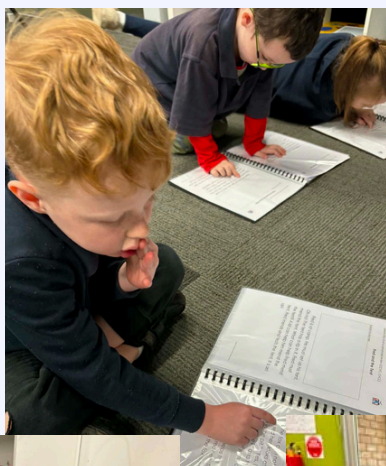
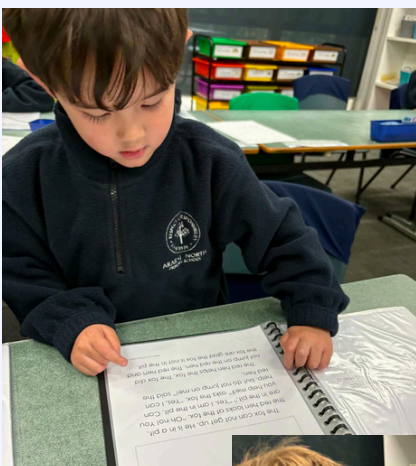
- A page of letters to practise identifying letter names and sounds.
- A page of "Heart Words" from their UFLI lessons, which we practise reading and spelling.
- A UFLI reading passage.

During this time, students are provided with multiple exposures to the same passage to build accuracy, confidence, and reading fluency.

First, Miss Aimee reads the passage aloud while students track the text with their finger and follow along on their own copy. Next, we complete an echo read, where Miss Aimee reads a sentence and the students then read the same sentence back. The third read is a choral read, where the whole group reads the passage together.

During the fourth read, students who are ready to read independently work with a partner and take turns reading a sentence each. Students who require additional support continue working with Miss Aimee in a small group, where they receive targeted assistance with their reading skills.

This structured approach provides students with repeated reading opportunities, helping to develop fluency, accuracy, comprehension, and confidence as reader



Gasons Visit

Learning Area 2
Ms Ellen

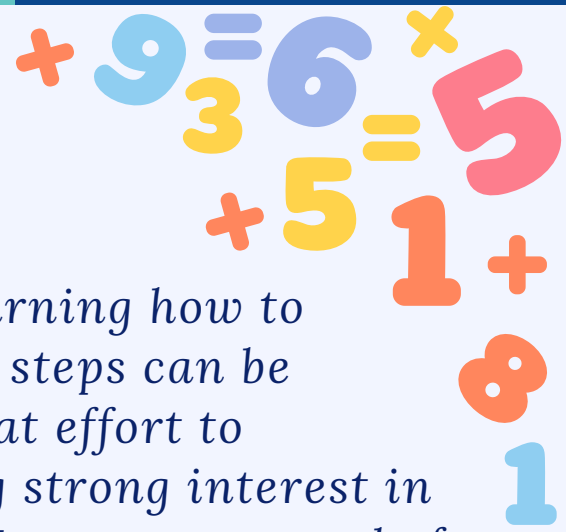
Students recently enjoyed an exciting visit to Gasons this week, where they had the opportunity to explore the large sheds and learn more about the fascinating work that takes place there. As they walked through the impressive facilities, students discovered how fireplaces and large machinery items are constructed, gaining an insight into the processes, materials and skills involved. It was a wonderful, engaging learning experience that allowed students to see large-scale manufacturing in action and ask questions about the journey from an idea to a finished product.



Maths Update

Learning Area 3

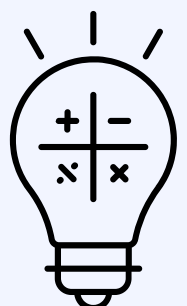
Mrs Alvina



In LA3 this week, students have been learning how to complete long division. Even though the steps can be challenging, students are putting in great effort to understand the process and are showing strong interest in learning different division strategies. We are very proud of the persistence they are showing.

Last week, our class also visited Gason as part of Science Week, which was a very exciting experience for the students. They enjoyed exploring different areas of technology and science, and learnt many new things about how machines and tools are used in real workplaces. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to connect their learning with the real world.

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$



Lunchtime Club

Board Game Blowout!

New LunchTime Club Has Arrived

We are exciting to introduce our new lunchtime club for students to enjoy- **Board Game and Drawing Club!**

EVERY FRIDAY LUNCHTIME



School Library



1:50-2:15pm



STUDENTS CAN COME ALONG DURING LUNCHTIME TO RELAX, GET CREATIVE, CHALLENGE THEIR FRIENDS AND ENJOY SOME FUN WITH OTHERS. WHETHER YOU LOVE STRATEGY GAMES, TRYING SOMETHING NEW OR LETTING YOUR MIND RUN WILD WHILE DRAWING, THERE IS SOMETHING FUN FOR EVERYONE.





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JUST DANCE CLUB

~ Music ~ Dance ~Loads of Fun

**JUST DANCE CLUB
HELD EVERY MONDAY DURING RECESS
IN THE SCHOOL HALL**



**GET READY TO MOVE, GROOVE AND
HAVE SOME FUN AT OUR NEW
RECESS JUST DANCE CLUB!**



Important Reminders



- We encourage all students to complete their weekly homework and to read regularly at home with their guardians. This ongoing support helps reinforce classroom learning and builds confidence and fluency in key skills.
- Make sure notifications are turned on in XUNO so you receive all important information through the app.
- Lunch orders are available each Tuesday. Please order via the Qkr! app by Monday prior.

WINTER UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE FRONT OFFICE

BEANIES - \$20

SCARVES - \$20

RAIN JACKETS - \$35



Important Dates & Events

Fathers Day Stall - Kinder: Thursday 3rd September. ANPS: Friday 4th September

Grade 5 Cluster camp - Monday 14th September - Thursday 17th September





REGISTRATION OPEN

**ABA & FUTSAL
HAVE OPENED THE REGISTRATIONS FOR THE SUMMER
SEASON**



**GO TO THE ABA WEBSITE
ALONG WITH THIS POST
TO COMPLETE YOUR
REGISTRATIONS**



DEADLINE: OCTOBER 7TH 2026

TOP COLLECTION TBC



Home

The Ararat Basketball Association (ABA) is responsible for the running of the Ararat domestic basketball competition, Redbacks Representative Squad basketball teams and th...

 Ararat Basketball Association

Positive Parenting for Big Behaviours

Hosted by Rebecca Challoner, writer, presenter and trainer on ADHD, neurodivergence, behaviour and mental health.

Join us for a practical, evidence-based workshop supporting parents and carers of school-aged children with ADHD and anxiety, with a focus on understanding and responding to school refusal and related emotional regulation challenges.

Learn simple, effective strategies to better understand "big behaviours," support emotional regulation and strengthen your relationship with your child.

You will gain:
Practical strategies for school refusal and anxiety-related behaviours
Tools to support emotional regulation
Insights into ADHD and anxiety challenges
Confidence in responding to difficult moments

Suitable for parents and carers seeking supportive, real-world strategies.

Where: Horsham Golf Club, 304 Golf Course Road, Horsham
When: Wednesday 2nd September
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Cost: FREE

Spots are limited so be sure to register by the 18th August.

Contact us
earlyhelp@vt.uniting.org
(03) 5362 4000
Learn more
unitingvic.tas.org.au



Register Here.

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**WILLAURA
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



80s BINGO Night!

FRIDAY AUGUST 28TH

**DOORS OPEN
6:30PM**

**STARTS
7:00PM**

80s

TICKET PRICE

\$30

INCLUDES
BINGO TICKET,
GRAZING PLATTERS
AND SWEETS



**SCAN TO BOOK
YOUR TICKETS!**

- ★ DRESS CODE
80s THEME
- ★ AUCTION AND
RAFFLE TO BE
DONE ON THE
NIGHT
- ★ BYO DRINKS



East Grampians Health Service
invites you to attend our annual

Research Showcase

Join us to launch the Modified
Sport for Older Adults in Rural
Communities Toolkit.
Research posters will also be
on display.



DATE: 3 SEPTEMBER 2026

TIME: 2:00PM - 3:00PM

**VENUE: MT WILLIAM ROOM,
EAST GRAMPIANS HEALTH
SERVICE**

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please register via the QR code.
For further information, contact
developmentandimprovement@eghs.net.au
or ph: (03) 5352 9467

This event is supported by





MANHARI CRICKET CLINICS

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Manhari and Cricket Victoria welcomes all children aged 5-12
to enjoy a **FREE** clinic this October

THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER

Ararat - GreatWestern Recreation Reserve
1:30pm - 3:00pm

Skills coaching, games, inflatables,
giveaways & more!



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TO REGISTER



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