

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

~ Resilience ~ Respect ~ Responsibility

NEWSLETTER

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL



ARARAT NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday, August 15, 2025

National Science Week – Decoding the Universe

We were very excited to welcome the Earth Ed. Ballarat team to ANPS to help us celebrate National Science week! Students explored the world of robotics, deciphering codes and combinations to see their Spheros and Indi-bots zoom across the mats. The buzz of excitement was fantastic as students celebrated their successes together as teams.

Staff Professional Development

Last week staff were lucky enough to attend a professional learning day in Ballarat along with 70 other teachers from across the Central Highlands area. The focus of the day was teaching writing and was led by Emina Mclean. Emina is a lecturer, researcher, English and literacy leader, coach, professional learning provider and education consultant. Days like these are vital to ensure our staff are continually growing and keeping up to date with the most recent research and best practice.

New Sports Tops Have Arrived

As we continue to embrace our re-brand, I am very excited to display our new ANPS sports team t-shirts. The t-shirts were designed in consultation with school captains, and they look amazing! Students will wear these tops when representing the school moving forward.



Book Week Next Week

Friendly reminder that we will celebrate Book Week with our dress-up day on Friday, 22/08. Students are encouraged to dress-up as their favourite storybook character. Our **assembly will be held at 9:10 a.m.** with our Book Week parade taking place.

Jess Erhardt

Principal

Ararat North Primary School



Learning Area 1

Ms Kelsie

It has been a busy fortnight in LA 1! Between all of our amazing learning in Reading, Writing and Maths, we have managed to fit in lots of fun and creative activities during The Arts, Science, AUSLAN, PE and Humanities. We are working hard on showing positive learning behaviours during all classes with all teachers. Every fortnight on a Friday afternoon we celebrate "Fun Friday". Fun Friday involves a variety of fun activities to acknowledge students who have displayed exemplary learning and social behaviours for the last two weeks. These behaviours include listening to instructions, using their manners, being kind to others and trying their best. Last Friday, the deserving students got to decorate biscuits and watch a movie in the library whilst eating their sweet treats. This Friday, we used the canteen kitchen to make our own mini-Pizzas! Yum!



Learning Area 2

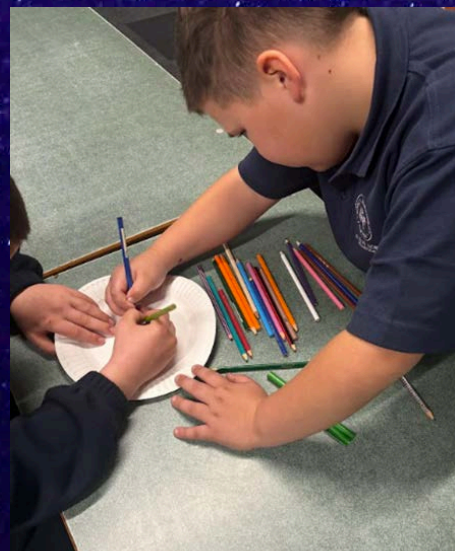
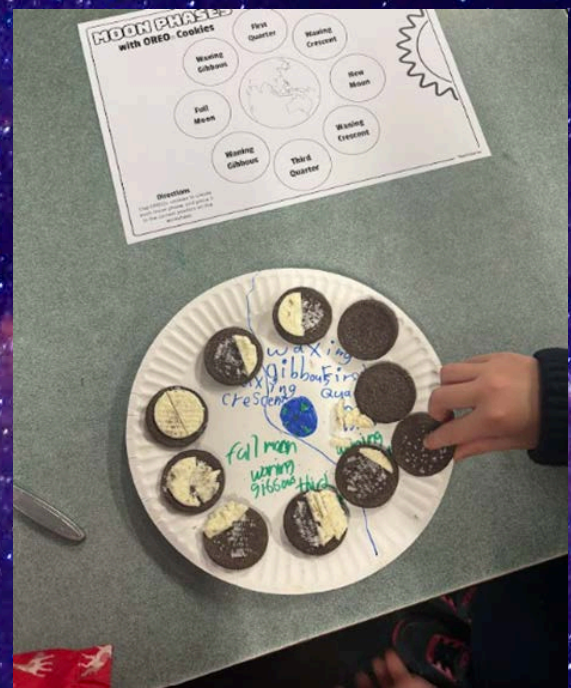
Science Week Celebrations

Over the past two weeks, LA 2 students embraced the theme "Decoding the Universe – Exploring the Unknown with Nature's Hidden Language" as part of Science Week.

A highlight was a visit from Earth Education, where students explored the world of robots and how technology helps us understand the universe. Back in class, they investigated the phases of the Moon, learning that the Moon reflects sunlight like a mirror.

The Oreo Moon Phase Experiment was a favourite – using cookies to represent the eight lunar phases made learning fun and tasty!

Science Week sparked curiosity and excitement, showing students how science helps us understand both everyday life and the mysteries of space.



LEARNING AREA 3:

Ms Lisa

Last week we were lucky enough to have Steve from EarthEd come to Ararat North. LA 3 had the opportunity to learn about a certain type of robot- a Sphero. A Sphero is a round robot that can move. Steve showed the students how to program the Spheros to be able to follow the directions set on an i-Pad. The students' first task was to program the ball to travel in a square shape. They then had the challenge of programming it to follow a short course. Each student really enjoyed the session and the opportunity to have some fun with STEM.

On Wednesday 13th of August, some of our students travelled down to Melbourne for the State School Spectacular practice session. The children are part of the choir and will be performing at the spectacular on September 13th in Melbourne at John Cain Arena. It will be televised on TV! It is a great opportunity for our students as well as being an amazing experience.



HEALTH AND PE

Mr Johnson

Skipping, Skipping , Skipping!! It is all happening here at Ararat North Primary School. In PE, all students are focusing on their skipping skills this term. Students have learned individual skills such as the “Kriss Cross” and “Side to Side”, they have practiced turning longer ropes with partners and have also worked on their long rope jumping skills. Some students have started to create a routine/performance to present to the whole school at the final assembly on Friday 19th September. We hope to see you there!





Art Room

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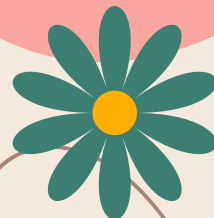
ART CLASSES

So far this Term our lessons have been completed in group rotations with students focusing on different art elements: colour, line and form, whilst using a variety of different mediums.



ART CLUB

Our Art Club members have been working hard on creating items to sell at our school's end of year Christmas Market.





AWARDS



At each assembly, classroom awards are presented to acknowledge student achievement in demonstrating our School Values of **Resilience**, **Respect** and **Responsibility**. Principal Awards are distributed at the final assembly of each term.

Here are this week's award recipients:



2025 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday 18 August to Friday 19 September 2025**.

All families are invited to participate and will be emailed a link in readiness for August 18. Please note only one parent per household can complete the survey.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Please contact the office on 5352 3766 if you require any further information.



TATYOON JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB



2025/26 Season

Tatyoon Cricket Club is looking for any interested Under 13s and Under 16s players that would like to come and play with us. Contact: President Ian Armstrong 0429 028 625 for any further queries.



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR
OF AUSTRALIA

INTO THE WEST Concert Tour

Featuring
Batavia

a music drama for choir & piano by
STEPHEN LEEK



Tuesday 23 September 2025 | 5:00 pm
Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Ararat

To All Members/New Members, Parents, Carers, Players, Coaches and Referees



REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN-SUMMER 2025/26 SEASON



The SUMMER 2025/26 Season will run over Terms 4&1 is planned to commence the week of **OCBER 6, 2025** for our Junior & Senior Basketball and Futsal Competitions.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

REGISTRATION PROCESS

To Register: visit our website: <https://araratbasketballfutsal.com/>, click on the "Register here" for BASKETBALL or FUTSAL

BASKETBALL

Junior Mixed & Junior Girls Comp Basketball

- Season fee = \$130 per player, BV Licence \$32 per year, BV Game Development Levy \$5.50 per year.

Senior Mixed Basketball

- Team Captain to register the team ONLY, players will be guided by their Team Captain how to register.
- Player Registration - \$46.00 BV Licence (Insurance) fee plus BV Game Development Levy \$5.50.
- Weekly Team Fee applies - \$60 per team.
- Team Uniforms MUST be approved by the ABA – please email through. No Football shorts are to be worn!

Little Redbacks Basketball

- Great starting point from Ages 4+, Cost: \$50p.term + \$5p.term Ins. (Registrations can occur at any time – they do not close)

FUTSAL

- **ALL players (competition/training/clinic) MUST wear shin pads with long socks.**

Junior Mixed Futsal

- Season Fees = \$150 per player per season (Includes Insurance per season)

Senior Mixed Futsal

- If interested in playing Senior Futsal, contact our Futsal Coordinator Rod Jerram on 0438 521 192 for the process.

Little Redbacks Futsal – TO BE CONFIRMED

- This program requires a Coordinator to run – if you should be interested, please contact the ABA: ararat.redbacks@gmail.com.

PAYMENTS

All registrations for all sports are through PlayHq, payment due at time of registration. PlayHQ registrations also allow for PayPal payments (including 4 instalments option).

AGE GROUPS*

Basketball

Little Redbacks = Age 4+ (Wednesday)
U10 = Born 2017-2018 (Wednesday)
U12 = Born 2015-2016 (Wednesday)
U14 = Born 2013-2014 (Monday)
U16 = Born 2011-2012 (Monday)
U18 = Born 2009-2010 (Monday)
U20 = Born 2007-2008 (Monday)

GIRLS COMP:

Under 10 = Born 2017-2018 (Wednesday)* & **
Under 12 = Born 2015-2016 (Wednesday)* & **

Under 14+ = Born 2007-2014 (Wednesday)

SENIORS = Aged 14+ (Wednesday)

Futsal

Little Redbacks = Age 4+ (Thursday)
8 & Under Born 2018-2020 (Friday)
10 & Under Born 2016-2017 (Friday)
12 & Under Born 2014-2015 (Friday)
14 & Under Born 2012-2013 (Friday)
16 & Under Born 2010-2011 (Friday)**
18 & Under Born 2008-2009 (Friday)**
Seniors = Aged 14+ (Thursday)

*Age groups can change based on registered numbers

**Days and Times for games can change based on numbers registered/teams

***Refer to our program rules & regulations for further information, available on the ABA Website.

TOPS

Please return all tops to the ABA on your last playing game. **Reminder: Unreturned tops incur a \$30 fee.** If a returning player – you will not be able to receive your next season's top(s) until your previous one(s) is returned.

UNIFORMS

- Junior players are supplied with a Team top on a TOP COLLECTION day (date yet to be confirmed).
- ALL JUNIOR PLAYERS - Basketball and Futsal - MUST WEAR PLAIN BLACK SHORTS, NO LOGOS and NO POCKETS** – players may not be able to take the court if uniform is not compliant.
- NO FOOTBALL SHORTS ARE TO BE WORN BY EITHER CODE.**
- Futsal: ALL players MUST wear shin pads with long socks.

REFEREES

We are always looking for Referees for both Basketball and Futsal at Junior and Senior levels. If you are keen, please let us know via email or talk to someone within the ABA.

The ABA will continue to keep you updated via email, social media and Notice Boards. Should you have any further inquiries please email ararat.redbacks@gmail.com.

Kind Regards

ARARAT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

Ararat Neighborhood House

Upcoming programs:

Ararat Neighbourhood House

**Knit Together:
Join Our Knitting Group!**

Are you passionate about knitting or want to learn?

Join our welcoming community of knitters- beginners to experts!

When: Every Wednesday from 10am to 3pm
Where: Ararat Neighbourhood House

What to Bring:

- Your favorite yarn
- Knitting needles
- Any ongoing projects
- A positive attitude!

Why Join Us?

- Share ideas and tips
- Learn new techniques
- Make new friends
- Participate in fun challenges

Bring Your Creativity and let's knit together!
reception@araratnh.com
03 5352 1551

BYO Lunch



Responsible Service of Alcohol

Your Commitment to Safety and Enjoyment!

What is Responsible Service of Alcohol?

Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) refers to serving alcohol in a way that promotes safe consumption and prevents alcohol-related harm

- 1. Understand the Law**
 - know the legal drinking age.
 - Enforce legal limits on alcohol consumption
- 2. Monitor Guests' Intake**
 - Observe guests for signs of intoxication.
- 3. Be Proactive**
 - Refuse service to intoxicated guests kindly but firmly.
- 4. Training and Education**
 - Ensure staff are RSA certified
 - Regularly review alcohol service policies.
- 5. Promote Safe Drinking Habits**
 - Help guests make informed choices
 - Provide resources for help with alcohol-related issues.

Join Us in Creating a Safe Environment
Together, we can ensure everyone enjoys responsibly!

USI is required for this course
Reserve your spot today!
Limited spaces available: To register, contact us on: 03 5352 1551 or reception@araratnh.com

Date: 27th May
Time: 9am - 3pm
Cost: \$105 upfront

LIQUOR CONTROL VICTORIA Approved RSA Provider



Tax Time Help 2025!

Starting Date: Friday, 25th July 2025
End Date: Friday 31st October 2025
Time: 10AM - 2PM (By Appointment Only)
Confidentiality guaranteed

Location:
Ararat Neighbourhood House
56 Campbell Street,
Ararat VIC 3377

Eligibility:

- Must have myGov account
- Earn up to \$60,000

Required Documents:
A list of necessary documents will be provided upon appointment.

Don't miss this opportunity for personalized tax assistance! Schedule your appointment today!

Contact Us: 03 5352 1551
Email: reception@araratnh.com




Join Our Fun and Creative Sewing Class!

Unleash Your Inner Designer!

What you will learn:

- Basic sewing techniques
- Fabric selection and preparing
- How to use a sewing Machine
- Bring in your own projects to complete

When: from the 22/01/2025 every Wednesday.
Time: 4.00pm - 6.00pm
Where: Ararat Neighbourhood House
56 Campbell Street, Ararat VIC 3377
Cost: \$5 per person per week

For more information contact us on
Phone: 03 5352 1551
Email: reception@araratnh.com




Ararat Neighbourhood House PRESENTS: BASIC COMPUTER CLASS

Unlock the Digital World!

Course Details:

- Start Date: Friday 14th of Feb 2025
- Duration: 12 Months
- Location: Ararat Neighbourhood House
- Time: Friday from 11am to 1pm

Course Highlights:

- Introduction to computers
- Basic internet skills
- Word Processing (Microsoft Word)
- Spreadsheets (Microsoft Excel)
- Online Safety & Security
- Hands-on - Practice & Support

Who should Attend?

- Beginners with little or no computer experience
- Anyone looking to enhance their basic computer skills

Fee: \$10 a class

REGISTER NOW!
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Learn English as a second Language

Who is this course for:

- beginners to advanced learners
- Those looking to improve their English for work, travel, or everyday communication

Location: Ararat Neighbourhood House
Start Date: 10th of Feb 2025 each week
Course Duration: 6pm - 8pm

FREE

Program Highlights

- ☒ Interactive Lessons
- ☒ Experienced instructors
- ☒ small class sizes
- ☒ Focus on speaking, listening, reading, and writing

ENROLL NOW

03 5352 1551 | reception@araratnh.com | 56 Campbell Street, Ararat VIC 3377




Book Chat at Ararat Neighbourhood House

Join Us for a wonderful gathering!

Explore your passion for books with fellow enthusiasts.



Details:

- When: Starting February 6th, 2025. Continues every 1st Tuesday of the month
- Time: 7pm - 8pm
- Where: 56 Campbell Street, Ararat Vic 3377
- Cost: \$5 per person/session

What to expect:
A friendly atmosphere filled with discussions, opportunity to share thoughts, and discover new reads. We have plenty of books to choose from, or feel free to bring your own!

All book lover's welcome!

Phone: Margaret 0427 522 629
Phone: 03 5352 1551

No Interest Loans

For school essentials you need now.
No fees. No interest. Ever.

Borrow up to \$2000. Pay back what you borrow.



Ararat Neighbourhood House Food HANDLING

Join Our Food Safety Training Course

Why Get Certified?

- Enhance your knowledge of food safety practice
- Improve your job opportunities in the food industry
- Ensure compliance with local health regulations
- It is advised that anyone working in a kitchen has formal food handling training

What You'll Learn:

- Safe food preparation and storage methods
- Proper hygiene practices
- Understanding foodborne illnesses
- Hazard Analysis and Critical control points (HACCP)

Who Should Attend?

- Restaurant Staff
- Food service workers
- Everyone Welcome

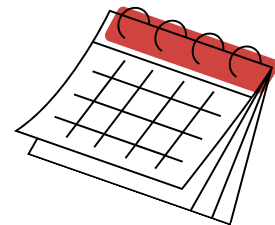
Date: 26th May
Time: 9am - 5pm
Cost: \$145 upfront

USI is required for this course

Certificate Issued Upon Completion!
Register Now! 03 5352 1551 or reception@araratnh.com




KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Wednesday, August 20, 2025 - School Council
- Friday, August 22, 2025 - **Book Week Activity Day** - dress up parade - **School Assembly @ 9.00a.m.**
- Friday, September 5, 2025 - Father's Day Stall
- Friday, September 19, 2025 - Last day of Term 3: Footy Colours Day, Jump Rope for Heart Skip Off and End of Term Assembly

Children's Book Week turns 80 in 2025



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We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first peoples and Traditional Owners and custodians of the land and waterways on which we live. We honour and pay our respects to Elders past and present.



Our Newsletter is published every second week. Our next Newsletter date is **Friday, August 29, 2025**. If you would like to **submit something** for our Newsletter (e.g. a community or sports group announcement) please send it to school by **3.15p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2025**.



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