

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

~ Resilience ~ Respect ~ Responsibility

NEWSLETTER

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL



ARARAT NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday, August 29, 2025

Well-done to our LA 2 Pre-Service Teacher, Juanita!

We have been lucky to have Juanita, a pre-service teacher, in LA 2 over the past two weeks. Juanita is studying to become a teacher and has been working closely with us to learn more about classroom life and the wonderful world of primary education. She brings lots of enthusiasm, new ideas, and a passion for helping children learn and grow. This has been a fantastic opportunity for our class to share their learning and to learn from Juanita as well. Juanita will be joining us again in Term 4 to complete the rest of her placement.

Wonderful Costumes for Book Week

What an amazing Book Week we have had! The highlight, of course, was our Book Character Parade, and we were absolutely blown away by the creativity and effort put into the costumes this year. From superheroes and storybook princesses to wizards, animals, and even a few famous villains, the variety was incredible. It was clear that our students (and their families!) worked hard to bring their favourite characters to life. A big thank you to everyone who joined in the fun and helped make the day so special. Celebrating Book Week is always a fantastic way to encourage a love of reading, and it was wonderful to see so many students talking about their favourite books and authors.

Our Kinder Friends Join Us for the Pasi Play Project

Earlier in the year our school was selected to be part of a pilot program facilitated by the Department of Education. The program aims to incorporate play and social interactions between students to encourage the development of oral language skills and problem solving. This week, we had the joy of welcoming our Kindergarten friends from Ararat North KinderCare to join us for our Pasi Play Project. It was a fantastic experience to work and play together, sharing ideas, creating, and learning through play. Our LA 1 students were wonderful role models, helping the Kinder kids explore and discover while having lots of fun. These kinds of activities build strong connections across year levels and give everyone a chance to develop important social and cooperative skills. It was heart-warming to see the big smiles, teamwork, and excitement as the groups worked on their play projects. We can't wait to see what new ideas and friendships come from this special collaboration!

Jess Erhardt

Principal

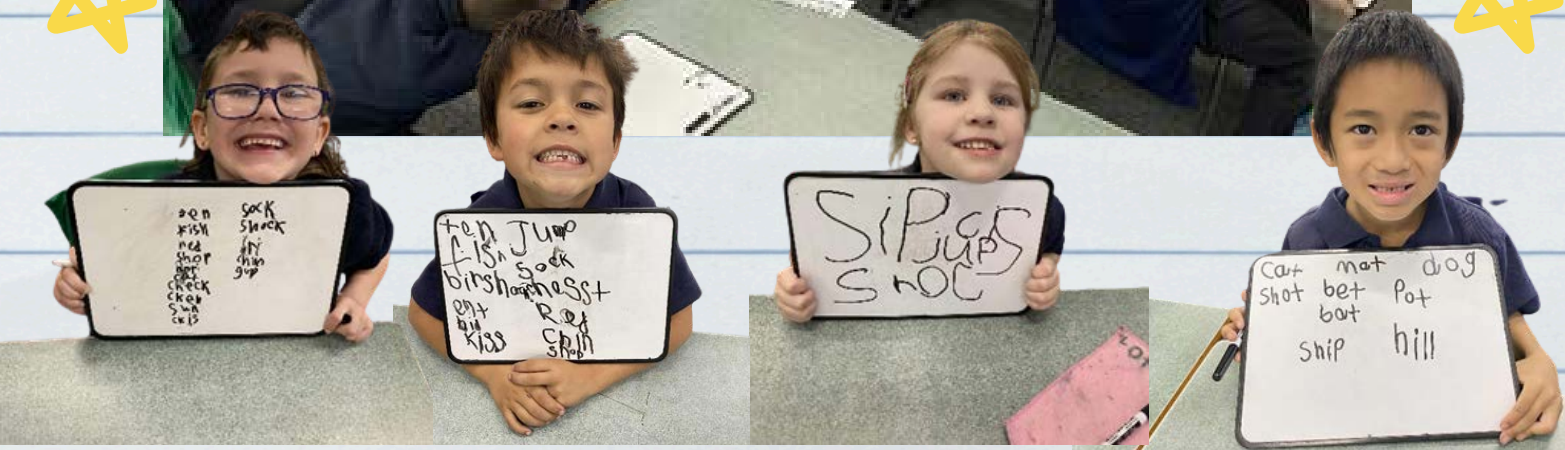
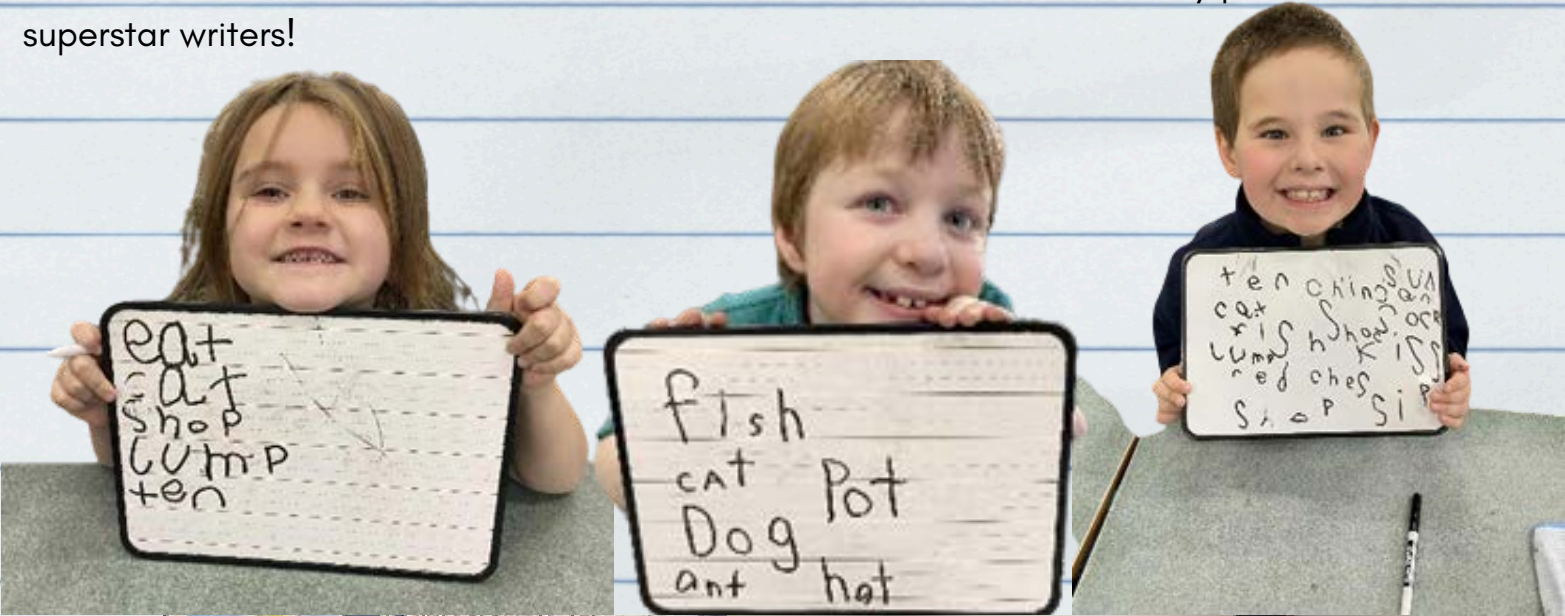
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Learning Area 1

Ms Kelsie

In LA 1 this fortnight, we have had a real focus on writing fluency. Lots of us are getting very good at writing words that are dictated to us, but in writing fluency, we have been starting to choose and sound out words to write independently. We look at a picture prompt on the TV and write as many words as we can in 3 minutes. When we have finished, we count how many words we spelled correctly. You will notice in the pictures below we have started to learn that two letters can make one sound such as 'sh', 'th', 'ch' and 'ck'. Miss Kelsie is very proud of her superstar writers!



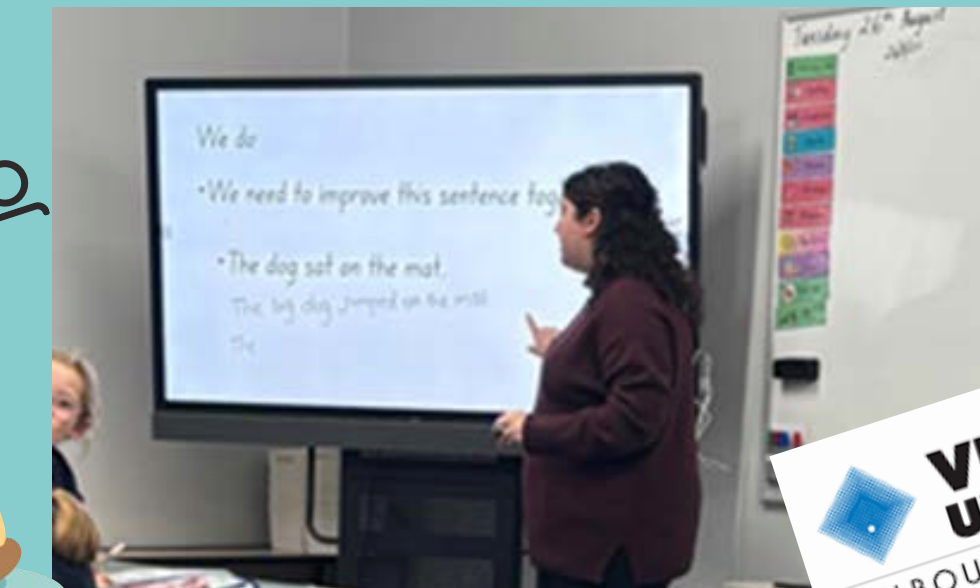
Learning Area 2

A Warm Welcome to Miss J

Over the past two weeks, LA 2 has been very fortunate to have an extra set of hands—and a lot of enthusiasm—in the classroom. We've had the pleasure of hosting Miss J, a Pre-service Teacher, who is currently completing her Master of Primary Teaching at Victoria University.

Miss J has been a wonderful addition to our learning community. With a focus on narrative writing, she has been teaching students how to craft engaging 'sizzling starts' to their stories. Her creative approach and warm presence have made a noticeable impact, and the students have thoroughly enjoyed having an extra teacher to support and guide them.

We are incredibly grateful for the time Miss J has spent with us and are already looking forward to welcoming her back for another two weeks in Term 4. Thank you, Miss J, for your dedication and energy—you've been a star in LA 2!



LEARNING AREA 3:

Ms Lisa

On Friday we celebrated Book Week. The students had a lot of fun dressing up as their favourite book character. We spent the afternoon reading books that were shortlisted in the different Book of the Year categories, as well as doing activities. It was a fun way for students to rediscover their favourite books and to be introduced to new books.

In Literacy, we are focusing on reading with accuracy and reading punctuation in texts. We are also learning new spelling rules that help with our spelling, which will then transfer to our writing.

In Numeracy we are moving through our times table challenge each day which is improving our rapid recall. We have been learning to do multiplication and division with regrouping and using different strategies for working out multiplication problems.



BOOK WEEK



HEALTH AND PE

Mr Johnson

Although this term we are mainly focusing on skipping, students have also had the opportunity to work on their gymnastic skills. On the mini trampoline, students have learnt skills such as the “Motor Bike” landing, the “Tuck Jump”, the “Star Jump” and the “180 Turn”. Over the coming weeks, we will focus on forward rolls, and the front flip. During this time, students from Learning Area 3 will continue to work on their upcoming skipping performance for the final assembly of the term.





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 colourful award recipients:



A Few Book Week Photos...



free online webinar for parents and carers supporting young people transition from primary to secondary school

headspace Schools & Communities invite you to attend a free Mental Health Education session for parents and carers

This session will cover:

- Understanding mental health and adolescent development
- Understanding young peoples' emotions
- Supporting young people to manage their emotions during their transition to secondary school
- Where to seek support for you and your young people

For more information contact us:
MHEP@headspace.org.au

Where: Online via Microsoft Teams

When:

- Session 1: Tues 28 October 2025, 7–8pm AEDT
- Session 2: Thurs 30 October 2025, 8–9pm AEDT

How to register:
[Click here](#) or scan the QR Code to register by selecting your preferred date and time through Eventbrite.



After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email from Eventbrite which will include the Microsoft Teams meeting link to access the webinar.

frequently asked questions

What time will the webinar be?

Sessions are offered to families across the country, so please check the time zone for your State/Territory before registering for either webinar:

Session 1:

VIC, TAS, NSW, ACT: 7–8pm AEDT

QLD: 6–7pm AEDT

SA: 6.30–7.30pm AEDT

NT: 5.30–6.30pm AEDT

WA: 4–6pm AEDT

Session 2:

VIC, TAS, NSW, ACT: 8–9pm

AEDT QLD: 7–8pm AEDT SA:

7.30–8.30pm AEDT NT: 6.30–

7.30pm AEDT WA: 5–6pm AEDT

Do I need to attend both sessions?

No. These sessions are the same so you don't need to attend both.

What technology do we need?

To participate, you will need access to Microsoft Teams, either on your phone or a computer, to live stream the webinar.

Will this webinar be recorded?

No. Our webinars are live and are not recorded.

How long is the webinar?

The webinar will run for 60 minutes.

How will the webinar be delivered?

The webinar is being delivered online via Microsoft Teams and will be streamed live. Please ensure you have access to Teams before the webinar commences.

Do we have to have our cameras on?

No. Cameras will remain off to ensure safety and privacy for all participants. There will be a private Q&A option for participants to submit questions during the webinar.

Need more information?

Contact us:

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National Youth Mental Health Foundation

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



**WILLAURA PRIMARY
SCHOOL
TRIVIA
NIGHT**

at the Willaura Hall

**Friday
Sept 5th
Doors Open
at 6:30pm**

\$70 PP

Including a two
course meal
cooked by Paula
Symons
BYO Beverages

Select a team captain and bring along your
friends to make a table of 8-10!

Join in the fun! Come dressed in a 'theme'
worn by your whole team.

All enquiries
contact us on
5354 1401

Book your table online
with these links

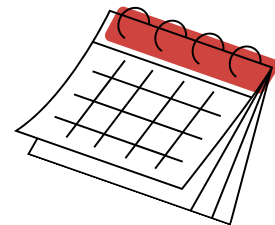
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KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Friday, September 5, 2025 - Father's Day Stall
- Saturday, September 13, 2025 - Victorian State Schools Spectacular - TV broadcast from 7p.m. Channel 7.
- Wednesday, September 17, 2025 - School Council
- Friday, September 19, 2025 - Last day of Term 3: Footy Colours Day, Jump Rope for Heart Skip Off and End of Term Assembly



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Our Newsletter is published every second week. Our next Newsletter date is **Friday, September 12, 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, September 11, 2025**.



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