

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

~ Resilience ~ Respect ~ Responsibility

NEWSLETTER

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Friday, November 7, 2025

Victorian Institute of Sport athlete visit

We were fortunate to welcome VIS athlete Anna Crispey, who shared her story and spoke with students about the importance of resilience and positivity. Anna discussed her experiences as an elite athlete, highlighting how perseverance, a growth mindset, and a positive attitude can help us overcome challenges and achieve our goals. Her visit left students feeling motivated and encouraged to apply these qualities in their own learning and everyday life.

Grade 6 students looking forward to high school

Our Grade 6 students are continuing their transition to secondary school journey. This week, they enjoyed a visit from the Year 7 staff team at Ararat College, who shared insights about what to expect in high school next year. The session provided students with valuable information and the chance to ask questions, easing nerves and building excitement for the next step in their education. It's wonderful to see our senior students showing such curiosity and readiness for what lies ahead.

Welcoming our kinder friends

We also continue to strengthen our partnership with Ararat North Kindercare through our Pasi Play Project. Each Thursday afternoon, our kinder friends join LA 1 for a fun-filled session of shared play and learning experiences. These visits help our future students become familiar with the school environment and begin building relationships with teachers and older students, making the transition to school next year a smooth and positive experience for everyone involved.

Seeing success at swimming!

In addition, our school swimming program is now at the halfway point, and it's been fantastic to see how much progress our students are making. Each week, their confidence in the water continues to grow, with noticeable improvements in technique, endurance, and safety awareness. The enthusiasm and smiles at the pool show just how much fun everyone is having while developing these essential life skills.

Jess Erhardt

Principal

Ararat North Primary School



LEARNING AREA 1

Again, we have had another busy fortnight in LA 1, full of socialising, learning and fun! Last week our Placement Teacher Alvina finished her 4th week in with our class. We were very sad to see her go and feel that any class would be very lucky to have her as their teacher! Last Friday LA 1 presented the Assembly. We did lots of practise reading our lines both at home and at school. Some of us found it a little nerve-wracking to get up on the microphone and speak in front of the school but we all did a fantastic job. Thank you so much to all the parents, families, and friends that come to watch us – it was very special. When we arrived back at school on Wednesday after a long weekend, we were very excited to see the HUGE circus tent which had been set up next door. We have been hearing the music whilst they are rehearsing and many of us are looking forward to attending the circus over the weekend.

We continued our 5th week of swimming lessons this week. Most of us are getting increasingly confident in blowing bubbles out of our nose and mouth so we can put our heads under the water. Miss Kelsie might have a class full of Fish by the end of the term!



Ms Ella

Learning Area 2

LA 2 have taken over the reins for caring for the chickens! LA 3 kindly gave us a handover, showing how to feed them, fill their water, and give them the scraps. While there have been a few times when LA 3 has had to lend a hand, we're slowly getting better and more confident in our chicken-care duties. It has been very exciting!

In other outdoor news, our garden is thriving with lots of snow peas growing. Students have loved picking, sharing, and snacking on them straight from the garden. We're excited to continue enjoying our beautiful outdoor space!



LEARNING AREA 3

Last week in LA 3 we had a guest speaker come in from the Victorian Institute of Sport, Anna Cripsey, come and talk to us about good nutrition, mental wellbeing and being an athlete competing for Australia. Anna is a wind foiler, a lot like wind surfing. She spoke about how she got into her sport and the ups and downs she has had on the way. Anna explained how resilience is an important thing, not only in sport but life in general. We really enjoyed her talk!

Next week we will be doing our final assessments for the year. Students will be tested on all areas of literacy, maths, writing and spelling. We will use this information to complete end of year reports.

Our swimming program continues with students building on their swimming skills. The students are really enjoying the program and are very proud of their achievements.



Health and PE

Mr. Johnson

Flash back Friday to when Red House celebrated their term win with a trip to Gymnastics!



AWARDS

At each assembly, classroom awards are presented to acknowledge student achievement in demonstrating our School Values of **Resilience**, **Respect** and **Responsibility**.

Here are this week's award recipients:



Elmhurst Bush Market

**at Elmhurst
Golf Club**

**Sat 22nd Nov
4pm to 8pm**

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Upcoming programs:

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Knit Together
Join Our Knitting Group

Are you passionate about knitting or want to be?

Join our welcoming community of knitters. Beginners welcome!

When: Every Wednesday from 10:00am - 11:00am
Where: Ararat Neighbourhood House
What to bring:

- Your favourite yarn
- Knitting needles
- Any magazines/patterns
- A positive attitude!

Why join us?

- Meet other knitters
- Learn new techniques
- Make new friends
- Participate in fun challenges

Bring Your Creativity and Let's knit together!

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Responsible Service of Alcohol
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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.

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6. Refuse service to intoxicated guests kindly but firmly
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8. Ensure staff are RSA certified
9. Promote Safe Drinking Habits
10. Help guests make informed choices

USI is required

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Date: Monday, 10th of November
Time: 4pm - 10pm
Cost: \$995 upfront



Learn English as a Second Language

Instructors: Barb Shannon and Verne Simmiers

Who is this course for:

- Beginners to advanced learners
- Those looking to improve their English or everyday communication

FREE

Location: Ararat Neighbourhood House,
Each week on Friday
Time: 2pm - 4pm

Please bring a notepad/pen

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Join Our Fun and Creative Sewing Class

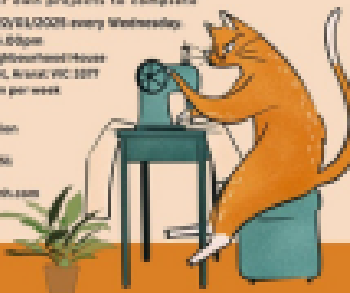
Unleash Your Inner Designer!

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 20/11/2023 every Wednesday
Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Where: Ararat Neighbourhood House
34 Campbell Street, Ararat VIC 3471
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

Unleash the digital world!

Course Details:

- Start Date: Friday 14th of Feb 2024
- Duration: 12 Months
- Location: Ararat Neighbourhood House
- Time: Friday from 10am to 12pm

Course Highlights:

- Introduction to computers
- Basic internet usage
- Word processing (Microsoft Word)
- Spreadsheet (Microsoft Excel)
- Email 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

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Ararat Neighbourhood House Food Safety Training

Why get certified?

- Enhance your knowledge of food safety practice
- Improve your job opportunities in the food industry
- Ensure compliance with local health regulations

What you'll learn:

- Safe food preparation and storage methods
- Proper hygiene practices
- Hazard Analysis and critical control points (HACCP)

Who should attend?

- Restaurant staff
- Food service workers
- Everyone welcome

USI is required

Certificate issued upon completion
Register now! 03 5352 1551 or
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Date: Tuesday, 13th November
Time: 9am - 5pm
Cost: \$145 upfront




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, 2024 - continues every 1st Tuesday of the month
- Time: 10am - 11am
- Where: 34 Campbell Street, Ararat VIC 3471
- Cost: \$5 per person/week

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!

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Where: Alexander Gardens
When: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
Time: from 8:30am

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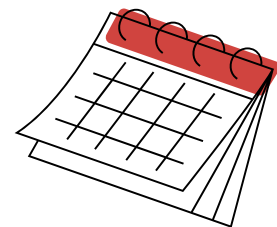
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KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Assembly - Friday 14th November @ 2:55pm
- LA 3 Pillow Case Project - Thursday 20th November
- Grade 6 Graduation Evening - Thursday 11th December
- Grade 3-6 camp Monday 15th - Wednesday 17th December

Swimming continues on Wednesdays this term!



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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, November 21, 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 Wednesday, November 19, 2025**.



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