

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

~ Resilience ~ Respect ~ Responsibility

NEWSLETTER

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Friday, November 21, 2025

Welcome to Our New 2026 Foundation Students!

Today marks an exciting milestone as we welcomed our 2026 Foundation students for the first session of their transition program. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces exploring their new classrooms, meeting teachers, and beginning their primary school journey. We look forward to supporting them as they continue to settle in over the coming weeks.

Introducing Lily – Our New CRT

We are delighted to share that Lily has joined our staff as a Casual Relief Teacher over the past couple of weeks. She has already become a valued part of our school community and will continue working with us for the remainder of the year. Please join us in giving her a warm ANPS welcome!

ANPS Kids Christmas Market – Coming Soon!

Our students have been busy preparing for the upcoming ANPS Kids Christmas Market. They have been crafting a range of handmade arts and crafts that will be available for purchase on the day. In addition to the wonderful stalls, families can look forward to fun activities, exciting prizes, and a variety of food options. The Christmas Market will flow into our final assembly of the year, where we will celebrate achievements, share reflections, and come together as a school community before beginning the holiday break. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jess Erhardt

Principal

Ararat North Primary School



LEARNING AREA 1

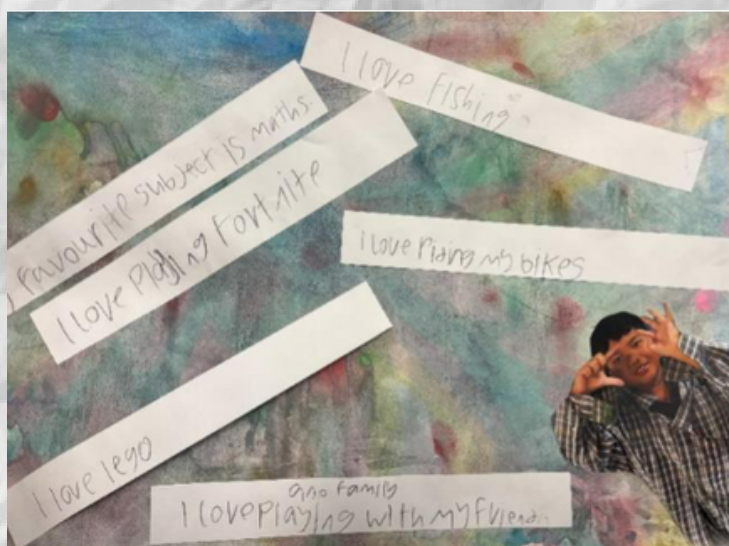
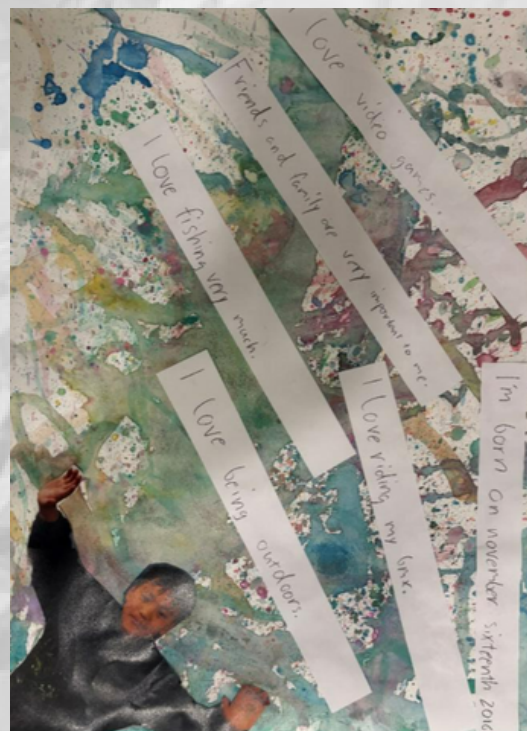
This week in LA 1 there has been a change to the layout of our classroom. Miss Kelsie and Miss Ella have been very busy cleaning out the Investigations Room and this has all been neatly relocated to the second LA 1 space. The students have listened to instructions very well and have not entered this space when they have not been told to do so. We have LOVED getting to use all the new craft items, building materials and toys in this space and have done so very respectfully. We have even had our 4-year-old friends from Ararat North Kindergarten come over for some additional transition sessions to participate in Investigations with us. LA 1 have been most impressive with the way they can quickly and effectively pack up the items they have used and place them back where they belong. Well done, LA 1!



Learning Area 2

LA 2 have enjoyed getting to know Miss Lily, who is teaching them Art this term. Students explored abstract art and learned about Pablo Picasso and how his use of shapes and colour helped create powerful abstract pieces. They also experimented with warm and cool colours to see how they can work together to create impactful backgrounds.

Students then wrote statements about themselves and added a photo to their abstract artwork. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to share fun facts about themselves with Miss Lily. Great work, LA 2!



LEARNING AREA 3

Our Grade 6 students are busy preparing their Grade 6 speeches and the Grade 5 students are writing speeches for the roles of 2026 School Captain. It is a very exciting and nervous countdown for our Grade 6 students who are moving on to high school next year.

We continue on with our swimming programme each Wednesday with students growing in confidence with their new skills. It is great to have fun in the water but also to have the skills in place to know what to do if they get into trouble in the water.

Drake came across a shingleback lizard in an unsafe spot. Instead of leaving it at risk, he gently and responsibly helped relocate the lizard to a safer, more suitable environment.

Drake's quick thinking and empathy for wildlife demonstrate the values we encourage in all our students—respect, responsibility, and care for the world around us. Well done, Drake!



Health and PE

Mr. Johnson

Over the last couple of weeks, students have been participating in a number of different sports. LA 1 students have been practising their gymnastics skills. Some of these skills include partner balances, forward rolls and cartwheels. LA 2 & 3 students have been focusing on their ball striking skills with bats and tennis racquets. All students have been participating in our Term 4 weekly swimming program. They have concentrated on a range of skills including swimming freestyle, breast stroke and kicking. Our swimming program has been very enjoyable for all!



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**

*Handcrafts : Wineries : Chocolates
Plants : Hot Food
Free Children's activities*

Free!

You're invited

Ararat Cultural Showcase Lunch!

Come enjoy a family fun lunch hosted by
RAR and Ararat Rural City Council,
featuring delicious food, traditional
dances, opportunities to explore different
cultures, and more!

Alexandra Oval Community Centre
December 6, 2025
12pm to 2pm



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Upcoming programs:

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**Join Together
Join Our Knitting Group!**

Are you passionate about knitting or want to be?

Join our welcoming community of knitters to learn and share your skills.

When: Every Wednesday from 10am-12pm
Where: Ararat Neighbourhood House
What: Knitting

What you will learn:

- From beginner to advanced
- Knitting needles
- Any knitting pattern
- A finished blanket

What you will bring:

- Your own knitting
- Your own needles
- Your own yarn
- Your own pattern

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Responsible Service of Alcohol
Your Commitment to Safety and Respect

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
- Monitor Guest's Intake
- Observe guests for signs of intoxication

2. Be Proactive

- Refuse service to intoxicated guests kindly but firmly

3. Training and Education

- Ensure staff are RSA certified

4. Promote Safe Drinking Habits

- Help guests make informed choices

USI is required

Reserve your spot today!
Call 03 5382 1554 or email
reception@araratnh.com to register

DATE: Monday, 10th of November
Time: 4pm - 10pm
Cost: \$135 upfront

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Ararat Neighbourhood House

Learn English as a Second Language

Instructors: Barb Shannon and Verne Simmians

Who is this course for:

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

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

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Please bring a notepad

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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 - 6:00pm
Where: Ararat Neighbourhood House
18 Campbell Street, Ararat VIC 3207
Cost: \$9 per person per week

For more information, contact us on:
Phone: 03 5382 1554
Email: reception@araratnh.com

Ararat Neighbourhood House

Ararat Neighbourhood House PRESENTS: BASIC COMPUTER CLASS

Unleash the digital world!

Course Details:

- Start Date: Friday 24th of Feb 2024
- Duration: 12 Months
- Location: Ararat Neighbourhood House
- Time: Friday from 10am to 1pm

Course Highlights:

- Introduction to computers
- Basic internet usage
- 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

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Ararat Neighbourhood House Food Safety Training

Why get certified?

- Enhance your knowledge of food safety practices
- 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 5382 1554 or
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Date: Tuesday, 11th November
Time: 9am - 5pm
Cost: \$145 upfront

Ararat Neighbourhood House

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: 1pm - 3pm
- Where: 18 Campbell Street, Ararat VIC 3207
- 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 lovers are welcome!

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Join our Social Walking Group!

Where: Alexander Gardens
When: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
Time: from 8.15am

Collaborating with Ararat RMCA Walking Group

Free Event!

Come make new friends and enjoy a refreshing walk around the lake.

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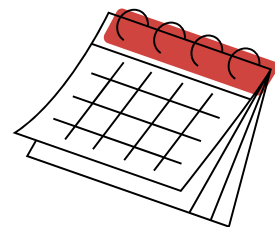
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KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Assembly - Friday 5th December @ 2:55pm
- 2026 Foundation students transition program - Friday 21/11, 28/11 & 5/12
- Statewide transition day - Tuesday 9th December
- 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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Our Newsletter is published every second week. Our next and final Newsletter for 2025 date is **Friday, December 5th, 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 3rd, 2025**.



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