

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

~ Resilience ~ Respect ~ Responsibility

NEWSLETTER

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Friday, October 24, 2025

Welcome back to Term 4!

It's wonderful to see everyone returning refreshed and ready for a busy and exciting end to the school year. As the weather warms up, please remember that our "No Hat, No Play" policy is now in place. All students are required to wear their school hats during outdoor activities to stay sun safe.

Swimming Program

This term also brings the start of our swimming program, running every Wednesday. The program is a fantastic opportunity for students to build their confidence and skills in the water while having fun with their classmates. Please ensure your child comes prepared each week with their swimming gear, towel, and a big smile!

Welcome to the ANPS team, Matt!

We are also delighted to welcome Matt to our staff this term. Matt brings great enthusiasm and dedication, we're excited to have him join our school community. Please make him feel welcome when you see him around the school.

Grandparents and Special Persons Day

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Grandparents and Special Person Day. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and to share our school with loved ones. The joy and pride on the students' faces said it all—thank you for making the morning such a success!

Jess Erhardt

Principal

Ararat North Primary School



LEARNING AREA 1

This fortnight, we have been fortunate enough to have Alvina teaching some lessons in the LA 1 classroom. Alvina is currently at university learning to become a teacher, and she is doing an excellent job! We have especially loved learning about the 'bossy e' and long vowel sounds with her.

The biggest excitement during the last fortnight has been swimming lessons! We absolutely LOVE it. Everyone has been trying their best, whether it is their first time swimming or they are up to swimming laps! We have all been attempting to get ourselves changed and keep our things organized in our swimming bags, which is a fantastic life skill. We feel so lucky that we still have 6 more weeks of swimming to go!



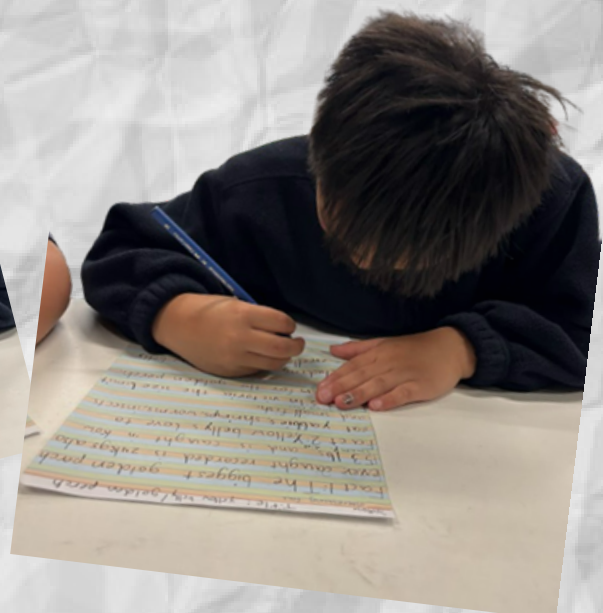
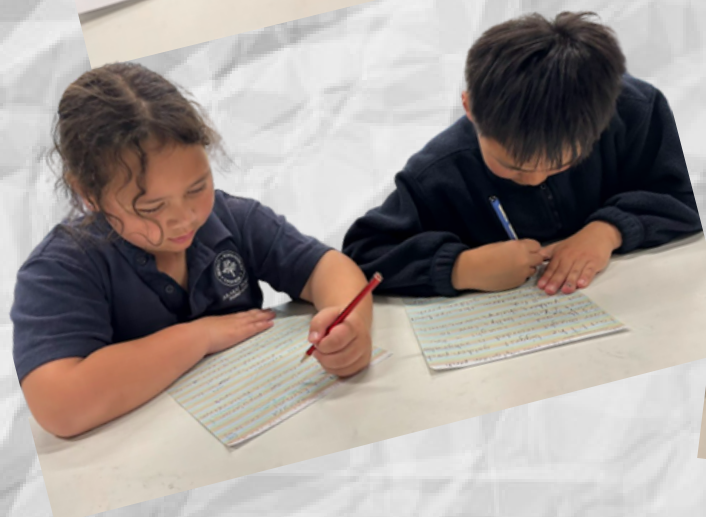
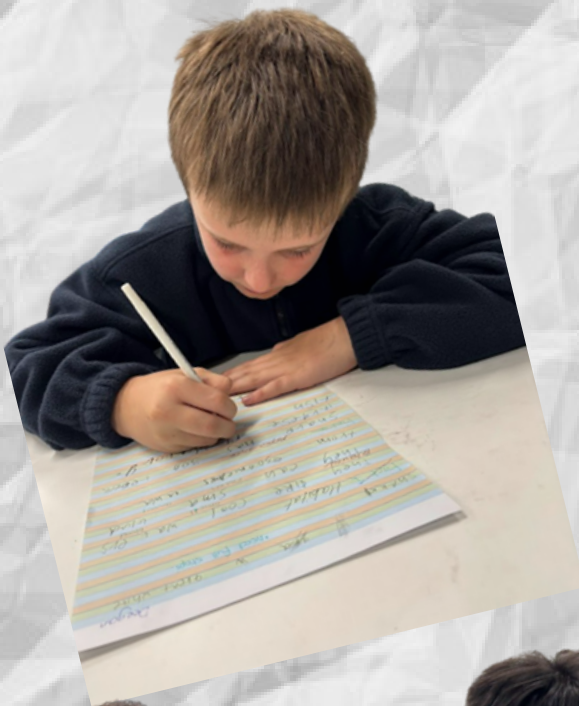
Learning Area 2

Informative Writers in Action

This term, Learning Area 2 has been focusing on information texts. Students have enjoyed learning about facts and discovering the difference between facts and opinions. They have researched a range of topics to create fact files, and this week chose one topic to develop into their own detailed information piece.

A big thank you to Miss J for helping to guide this process. Students have been highly engaged and interested throughout the unit, and it's been wonderful having Miss J back for her second placement this year.

Students' finished information texts will be on display outside their classroom near the library, so please come by and have a look!



LEARNING AREA 3

Term 4 has started off very smoothly! It's hard to believe the end of year is almost here. Our Grade 6 students are both nervous and excited about starting high school next year and our Grade 4/5 students are looking forward to moving up a year.

In the classroom, we have been learning about the war in Gaza. Students have shown interest in what is happening and so we have incorporated it into our literacy sessions. We are reading about what started the war and how it is hopefully ending in our reading fluency sessions. We are watching BTN for more kid friendly updates as well.

Our students are enjoying looking after our chickens and are responsible for feeding and checking water each day. We are collecting lots of eggs as well!

Most students from LA 3 were involved in the basketball playoffs last week and we are very proud of their effort and determination. One game won and lots of fun was had.



HEALTH AND PE

Mr Johnson

Over the last three weeks, both LA 2 and LA 3 participated in golf. Golf is an international sport where individual competitors have to hit a ball from a starting point into a hole in as few strokes as possible. Last week students learned the basics from the different types of clubs, to the tees, the ball and how to hit it. This week students learned more about the techniques of hitting and putting. After the lesson, many students approached me to say that they had really enjoyed the lesson.



From the Art Room

Students in our Art Club have been increasing their production of items for the school's Christmas Market (being held on December 12, 2025). The children will have some wonderful handmade goods for sale, including keyrings, pendants, bookmarks, vases, magnets and Christmas decorations. The students have worked diligently over a period of many weeks to produce their items, and they are excited to be able to sell their craftwork in a real-life situation.





Grandparents & Special Person Breakfast



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:



TOP STUDENT TUTORING

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**Ararat Little Athletics
2025/2026 Registrations
are now open!**

Season kicks off: Thursday 16 Oct
New start time: 5pm
@Gordon St Oval

Come and give athletics a go-
running, jumping, throwing and
most importantly...having fun!

First 2 sessions free for new
members!



Follow us for updates:
Ararat Little Athletics No.51



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ararat@lavic.com.au



Ararat Neighbourhood House

Upcoming programs:

Ararat Neighbourhood House

**Knit Together
Join Our Knitting Group!**

Are you passionate about knitting or want to be?

Join our welcoming community of knitters.

Programs include:

- Where Every Wednesday from 10am to 1pm
- Where Ararat Neighbourhood House
- Where to go
- Your favourite yarn
- Knitting needles
- Any knitting projects
- A qualified teacher

Who can join?

- Those with no experience
- Learn new techniques
- Make new friends
- Participate in fun challenges

Bring Your Creativity and Let's Knit Together!

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FREE 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
 - Monitor Guest's Intake
 - Observe guests for signs of intoxication
2. Safe Practices
 - 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 5352 1554 or email
reception@araratnh.com.au to register

LIQUOR CONTROL VICTORIA

Date: Monday, 10th of November
Time: 4pm - 10pm
Cost: \$295 upfront



Learn English as a Second Language

Instructors: Barb Sherman and Verne Simmonds

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

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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 preparation
- How to use a sewing Machine
- Bring in your own projects to complete

Where: From the 20/11/2025 every Wednesday

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Where: Ararat Neighbourhood House
181 Campbell Street, Ararat VIC 3471
Cost: \$5 per person per week

For more information contact us on:
Phone: 03 5352 1554
Email: reception@araratnh.com




Ararat Neighbourhood House PRESENTS: BASIC COMPUTER CLASS

Unleash the light within!

Course Details:

- Term: Term 1: Friday 14th of Feb 2025
- Duration: 12 Months
- Location: Ararat Neighbourhood House
- Time: Friday from 10am to 12pm

Course Highlights:

- Introduction to computers
- Basic internet skills
- Word Processing (Microsoft Word)
- Spreadsheets (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

REGISTER NOW!

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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 5352 1554 or
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Date: Tuesday, 11th November
Time: 9am - 5pm
Cost: \$149 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, 2025. Continues every 1st Tuesday of the month
- Time: 10am - 12pm
- Where: RSL Campbell Street, Ararat VIC 3471
- Cost: \$5 per person/week

What to expect:

A friendly atmosphere filled with discussions, opportunities 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 842 626
Phone: 03 5352 1554




No Interest Loans

For school essentials you need now
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Borrow up to \$1000. Pay back what you borrow.




Join our Social Walking Group!

Where: Alexander Gardens
When: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
Time: From 8:35am

Collaborating with Ararat IMCA Walking Group

Free Event!

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

Everyone is Welcome!
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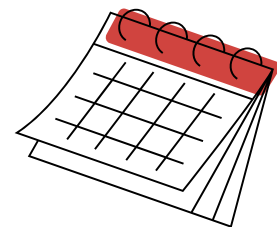
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KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- School Council - Wednesday 29th October, 5:15pm
- Victorian Institute of Sport athlete visit LA3, Thursday 30th October
- Assembly - Friday 31st October @ 2:55pm
- Report Writing Day - Monday 3rd November, no students on-site
- Melb Cup public holiday - Tuesday 4th 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 7, 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 5, 2025**.



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