

# ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

### A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL



ARARAT NORTH  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Friday, September 12, 2025**

#### **What a Spectacular Term!**

Our students have had a wonderful finish to the term with some very exciting events. A highlight was our participation in the Victorian State School Spectacular at John Cain Arena in Melbourne! After an early start and three very busy days of rehearsals and performances, our students shone on stage as part of this incredible production. We are so proud of their effort, commitment, and enthusiasm. If you missed it, the Spectacular will be televised later this year – keep an eye out for the broadcast and see if you can spot some familiar faces!

#### **School Swimming Program**

Looking ahead to Term 4, our Swimming Program will begin in the very first week back. Lessons will run every Wednesday, giving our students the chance to build confidence and skills in the water – always a favourite part of the year. Keep an eye out on the XUNO app for permission forms and further detail.

#### **We are an accredited SunSmart School at ANPS**

A friendly reminder that Term 4 is “No Hat, No Play”. Please make sure your child has a hat, school hats available for purchase from the front office, so they can enjoy the sunshine safely during play and outdoor activities.

#### **End of Term**

On the final day of term, we invite students to wear their team colours proudly to celebrate the end of the footy season, and the term. Families are invited to join us for our final assembly and a picnic lunch.

It's been a busy and rewarding term – thank you to our families, staff, and students for all your hard work. We can't wait for more exciting learning and experiences next term, have a safe and enjoyable break! – GO CATS!!

*Jess Erhardt*

**Principal**

**Ararat North Primary School**

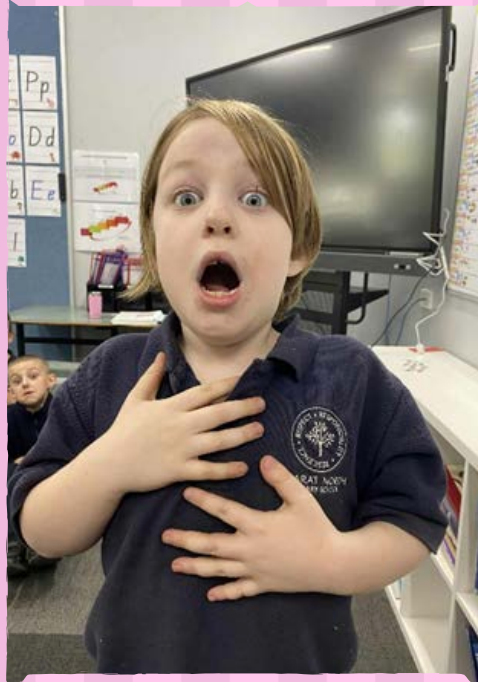
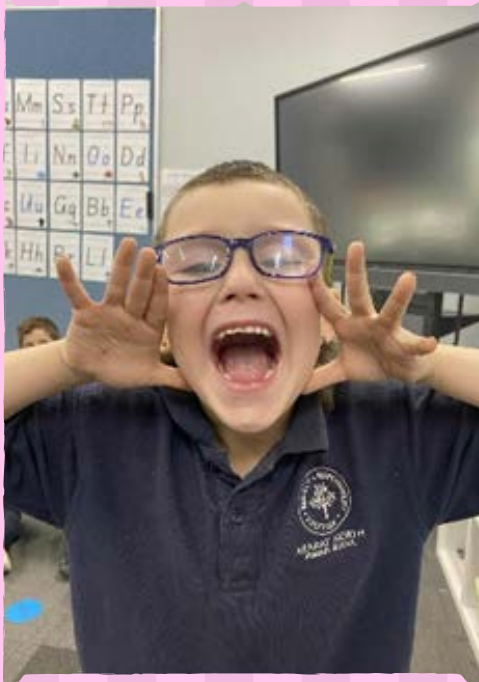




# Learning Area 1

*Ms Kelsie*

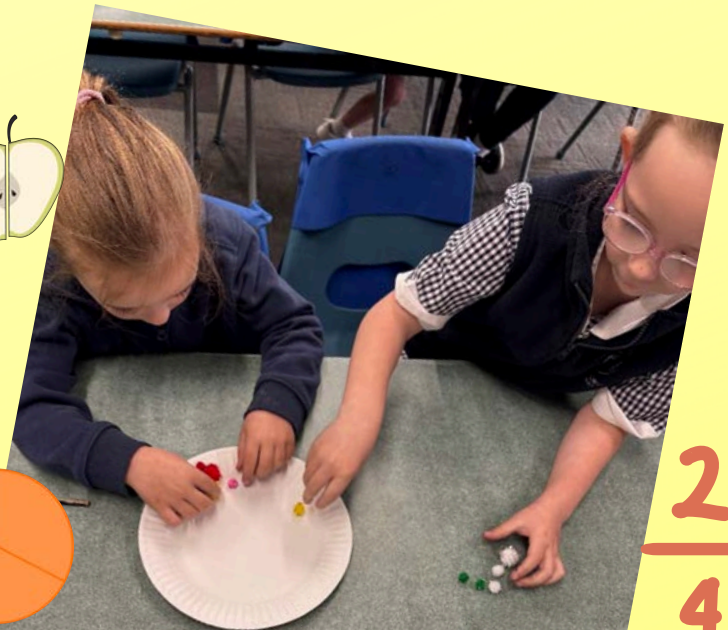
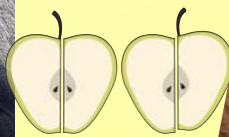
This fortnight, we have had a big focus on our vocabulary words and using them when we are speaking. When we learn a new word, we talk about the sounds we can hear in the word, how many syllables it has, and what it means. Then we listen to it in sentences and attempt to put it into our own sentences. As a class, we come up with an action/facial expression to display this word as a visual, and these photos are put up on our vocabulary wall in the classroom. Below are some of the images from our vocabulary wall! See if you and your child can work out some of the words we have acted out!





# LA 2 EXPLORE FRACTIONS IN MATHS

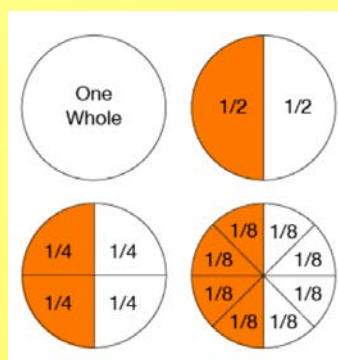
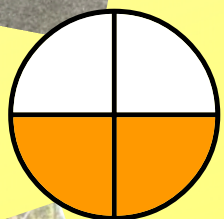
This week, LA 2 students have been diving into the world of fractions with great enthusiasm. Their lessons have been hands-on and engaging, as they explored fractions by cutting paper, sharing pom poms, sharing fractional parts, and dividing various shapes. A particular highlight has been using food items to learn about halves, quarters, and eighths, which made the concept both fun and tangible. The students especially enjoyed the interactive activities that helped bring fractions to life, making maths both delicious and educational!



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$$\frac{1}{2}$$





# LEARNING AREA 3:

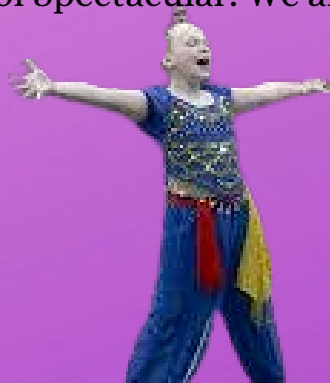
*Ms Lisa*

Last Wednesday, LA 3 had the opportunity to attend the Ararat College production of Aladdin at the Ararat Town Hall. Our students were lucky enough to have front row seats. The show was fabulous! There was lots of colour, songs and dancing as well as a question and answer session at the end. Our students loved the show, with some students hoping to be in a production when they attend Ararat College! A big thank you to all involved in the production, it was wonderful!

In Maths we are working on decimals. Students are focusing on tenths and hundredths at moment. Decimals can be challenging but students are now able to place tenths and hundredths on a number line, represent and write tenths and hundredths in decimal format and order decimals to two decimal places.

In Literacy our focus has been on our writing. We have a daily 3-minute timed writing activity which has seen our students build on their word count written each day. Students are also working on editing their piece of writing, checking their spelling and punctuation, and rereading to see if our writing makes sense.

Good luck to our students who have travelled down to Melbourne to perform in Saturday's State School Spectacular. We are very proud of their efforts!





# HEALTH AND PE

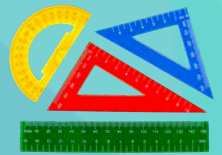
*Mr Johnson*

Students at Ararat North are continuing to work on their skipping and gymnastic skills in PE. Learning Area 3 students are busy focusing on getting their skipping routine down pat for the end of term assembly. After we have finished our skipping practice, we have been getting the trampoline out to work on some tricks. Students are performing the Motorbike Jump, the 180-degree turn, the Tuck Jump and the Forward Roll. The favourite trick is the Front Flip. Before students can attempt this, they must be able to master all the other jumps and landings first. We are hoping to see lots of parents, guardians and families at our end of term skipping presentation.

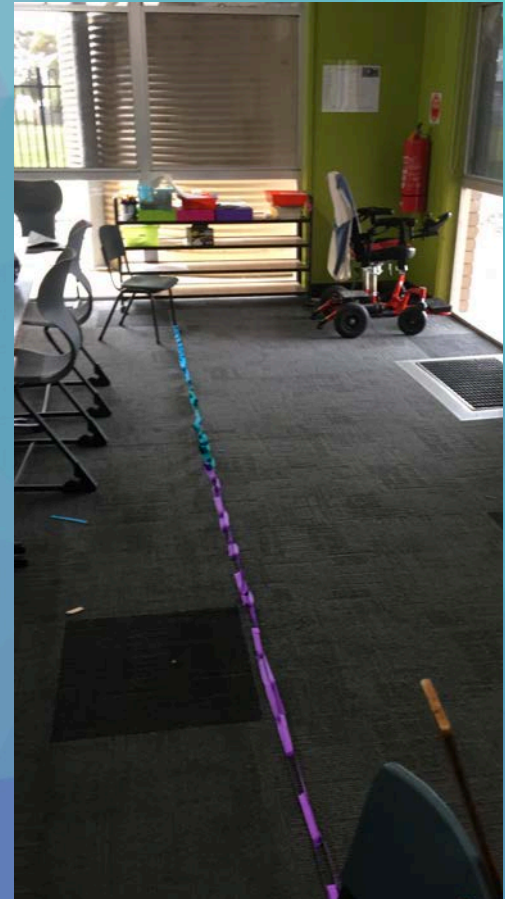




# Year 6 Maths Group...



This week our Year 6 students enjoyed participating in a “Who Can Make the Longest Paper Chain” challenge. Students were provided with five sheets of card and forty minutes to create the longest paper chain they could. The children completed the making and measuring parts of the activity and next will be converting their measurements between centimetres, metres and millimetres.





# 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:

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### 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.



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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 **OCOVER 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](mailto: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](mailto:ararat.redbacks@gmail.com).

Kind Regards

**ARARAT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**

ARARAT CITY TENNIS CLUB  
**JUNIOR TENNIS COMP**  
*COME AND TRY DAY*

**Saturday 11th Oct 2025**  
**9am-10:30am**  
**Free Sausage Sizzle**

Register for Saturday morning junior competition  
Open to primary & secondary aged children ready for  
match play! New players welcome!

**FUN COMPETITIONS**  
**HOW FAST CAN YOU SERVE?**

**Family Friendly Activities**  
**Plenty of giveaways & prizes**

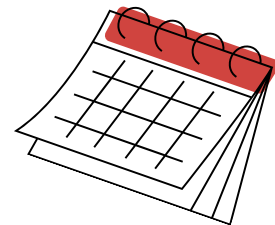
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For more information please contact Jess Tucker 0409 944849



# KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- **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**
- **Monday, October 6, 2025 - First Day of Term 4!**



Spring  
Break



Happy School Holidays -  
Monday 22 September to Friday 3  
October 2025



Remember! Daylight savings begins on  
Sunday, October 5, 2025: clocks move forward  
one hour!



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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, October 24, 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, October 23, 2025**.



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