



North News

Ararat North Primary School

Friday 27th March 2026



A WORD FROM LEADERSHIP

Term 1 Wrap Up

As Term 1 draws to a close, it has been wonderful to reflect on a busy and positive start to the school year.

Our Grade 3–6 students enjoyed a fantastic experience at the **Cottage by the Sea camp** earlier this term. The camp provided a great opportunity for students to build independence, strengthen friendships, and challenge themselves through a variety of engaging activities. It was wonderful to see students stepping outside their comfort zones and making lasting memories.


This term has also seen a strong focus on **athletics training** during our PE sessions. Students have been developing their skills in running, jumping and throwing events in preparation for the **Athletics Carnival in Lake Bolac** next week. We are looking forward to a great day of participation, teamwork and school spirit.

Term 1 has been particularly special for our **Foundation students**, who have successfully completed their very first term of school. They have settled into routines, formed new friendships, and embraced classroom learning with enthusiasm. It has been a joy to see their confidence and independence grow over these first few months.

We are also excited to share the news that over **\$1 million** has been committed by the Department of Education to upgrading our school facilities. This significant investment will help improve our facilities and provide even better opportunities for our students now and into the future.

Thank you to our staff, students and families for contributing to such a successful start to the year. We look forward to finishing the term strongly and continuing the great work in Term 2.

Reminder - Progress Report comments for the end of Term 1 will be available on Xuno on the last day of term.



Ararat North Primary School

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS



We are organising an Easter Raffle to raise funds for our school, and we need your help!

How can you help?

- Donate Easter eggs, chocolates or gift items.
- Buy raffle tickets to support our school.

Any donations can be dropped off to the front office.



For more information please contact the front office on 5352 3766

Investigations: Learning Through Play

Learning Area 1

*Miss Aimee & Miss
Kelsie*

In LA 1, students take part in our Investigations space – a thoughtfully designed environment where intentional play becomes a powerful learning tool. Different areas encourage students to explore, collaborate, and apply the skills they have been learning in the classroom.

A favourite space is the school-themed role-play area, where students take on familiar classroom roles through imaginative play. This helps reinforce key concepts while building communication skills and confidence. Students can also enjoy a cosy reading corner, supporting early literacy and a love of books.

Hands-on materials such as magnets, LEGO, and building blocks allow students to create, experiment, and problem-solve, supporting early STEM learning through teamwork and creativity.

Each session also includes three special roles -

The **Focus Student** shares what they explored or created, building confidence and reflection skills. **The Reporter** asks classmates questions and reports the responses back to the group, strengthening listening and communication. **The Photographer** uses the class iPad to capture moments connected to our learning.

Investigations is always a highlight of the week, giving students meaningful opportunities to learn through play while developing important academic and social skills.



Learning Area 2

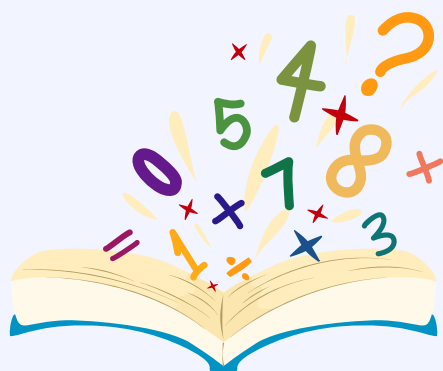
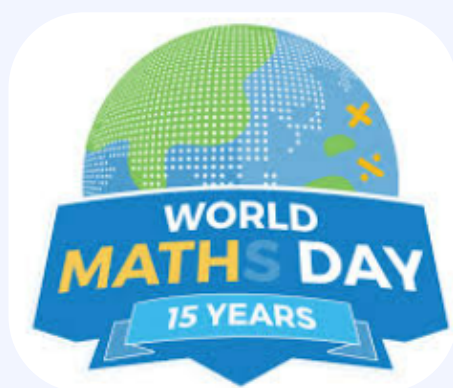
Miss Ellen

World Maths Day Fun in the Classroom

Our students had a wonderful time celebrating World Maths Day in the classroom! Throughout the day, we explored a range of fun and engaging maths activities including number games, puzzles and hands-on challenges that helped build our counting and problem-solving skills.

It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm as students discovered how maths is part of our everyday lives – from sharing and measuring to telling the time.

World Maths Day was a great reminder that learning maths can be fun, and we are so proud of our young learners for giving everything a go and becoming confident “maths stars!”



Camp – Cottage by the Sea

LA 3 students recently had the wonderful opportunity to attend camp at Cottage by the Sea in Queenscliff. This incredible program, supported by community donations, gifts in wills, and volunteers, provided a fun seaside holiday experience for all involved.

After arriving on Day 1, students were met with less-than-ideal weather; however, for the rest of the week the rain stayed away, with the sun appearing at intervals to keep everyone warm without becoming too hot.

Throughout the week, they enjoyed a wide range of activities including exploring marine life by boat and at the Marine Discovery Centre, boogie boarding, surfing, visiting Flip Out Geelong, dining out for lunch, dye dodgeball, spotting stingrays, and taking in the views from the 360Q Tower.

Students had an amazing time, making the most of every opportunity and creating lasting memories. The staff at the facility were fantastic, and the food was delicious and plentiful.

A big thank you to our staff for attending the week and supporting our students, and to our students for making it such a positive and enjoyable experience for everyone.



Learning Area 3

Miss Ella



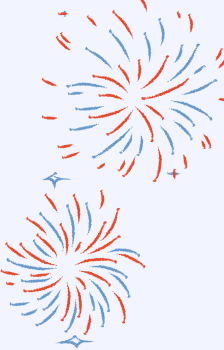
Camp Gallery



Camp Gallery



Harmony Day



Our students proudly continued a special Harmony Day tradition this year by adding their colourful handprints to the rotunda. Each handprint represents the unique individuals who make up our school, while together they symbolise unity, belonging and the strength of our community.



Harmony Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diversity and recognise that everyone belongs. As students placed their handprints on the rotunda, it was a powerful reminder that although we may all be different, we stand together as one supportive community.

We are proud of the way our students embrace the values of respect, inclusion and kindness, and the handprints will remain as a lasting symbol of our school coming together to celebrate each other.



Athletics & Tabloid Sports

Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday 1st April, when we travel to Lake Bolac for our School Athletics Carnival, we will be departing the school at 8:30am, with the bus returning at approximately 4:15pm.

This earlier departure allows students to arrive in time for the start of events and ensures they do not miss any activities. It will also allow students to take part in the relay events, which we have unfortunately missed in the past, and to be present for the announcement of age group champions and the winning school, which are important moments for our students.

If your child will be catching the bus, please ensure they arrive at school by 8:20am so they can receive their sports top and name tag before departure.

End of Term Assembly/Tabloid Sports

On Thursday 2nd April, we will celebrate the final day of Term. Students will take part in our annual House Tabloid Sports, beginning at 12:00pm, where they will rotate through a variety of fun tabloid activities before finishing with a House relay. We encourage students to wear their house colours.

At 1:40pm, students will enjoy a BYO picnic lunch, followed by our final assembly for the term at 2:00pm.

Please note that this is an early dismissal day, with the school day concluding at 2:15pm.

Important Reminders

- Friendly reminder to please drop your child at the gate in the morning. This helps them build independence and resilience as they walk to Breakfast Club on their own. If you need to pass on any information to classroom teachers, please do so via Xuno messages or the front office. This supports a smooth start to the day and avoids interruptions to class time.
- Make sure notifications are turned on in XUNO so you receive all important information through the app.
- Lunch orders are available each Tuesday. Please order via the Qkr! app by Monday prior.



Important Dates & Events

Lake Bolac Athletics Day - Wednesday 1st April
Bus departure - 8:30AM. Arrival back at school - 4:15PM

End of Term Assembly/House Tabloid Sports -
Thursday 2nd of April

Term 2 Commences - Monday 20th April

School Photo Day - Tuesday 21st April
See flyer on next page to register

Gymnastics Program Commences - Wednesday
22nd April



The
School
Photographer.

PHOTO DAY

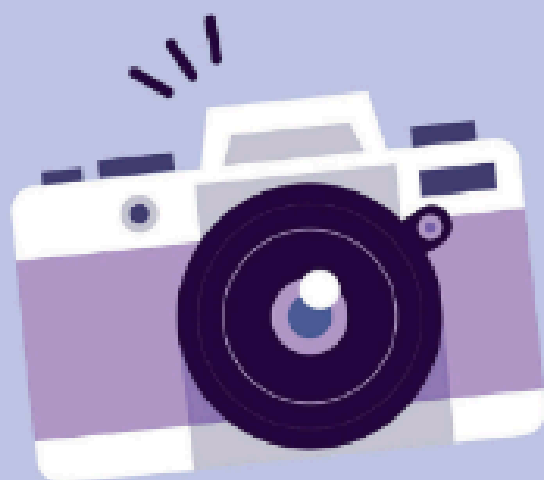
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Tuesday, 21st April 2026

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KIDS IN ADELAIDE



THE BOX SHOW

ARARAT

BY JUNKYARD BEATS

TOWN HALL

Saturday 4 April 2026

Performance 2pm

Info & Bookings

Ararat & Grampians

Visitor Information Centre

www.araratownhall.com.au

Phone: 1800 657 158



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AREAT

TOWN HALL

The Farmy Farm

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from the creators of Children are Delight

Circus and Comedy

THE

Loads of Laughs

FARMY FARM

Saturday 18th April 2026

Performance 11am - 12pm

Info & Bookings

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CREATIVE
VICTORIA



Anarat Early Learning Centre

FETE 2026

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
5PM - 8PM

Gordon St Recreation Reserve

ADULTS: GOLD COIN DONATION

KIDS: \$10 ENTERTAINMENT WRISTBANDS

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS RESOURCES FOR AELC & 20% TO THE ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

FOOD TRUCKS ★ BBQ ★ RAFFLES ★ LIVE MUSIC

MARKET STALLS ★ FACE PAINTING ★ ANIMALS

JUMPING CASTLE ★ MINI GOLF & **MORE!**

Special Guests

Lionel Holt



Marshall & Bluey

Dave Nicholson



**FREE
ENTRY**

GRAMPIANS HARMONY FESTIVAL 2026

CELEBRATE CULTURE, COMMUNITY & CONNECTION

**SATURDAY 21 MARCH
12PM - 4PM**

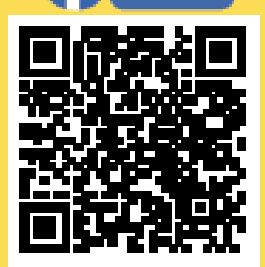
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BEAUFORT CAR & TRUCK SHOW



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General Enquiries: Call Geoff 0401230974 or Email: beaufortcartruckshow@gmail.com

BEAUFORT CAR & TRUCK SHOW

SATURDAY 28th March 2026

10am - 5pm

LEGO COMPETITION!

Prizes to be won!

Bring your built car or truck!



Ages 5-8yrs

Ages 9-12yrs

Register your entries before 11am on show day!

Winners announced 12pm!

EGHS Ark Toy and Activity Library

Thursday April 2 – 10am

Please register from 9.30am

\$5 per child – preschool age

Easter Egg Hunt

**Alexandra Gardens - Ararat
(meet near the Cafe)**

Bookings required by Monday March 30

P: 5352 9387 E: jodie.holwell@eghs.net.au

**(Please leave your name, phone number and
number of children attending)**



ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL



CALLING ALL AMAZING **KIDS & ADULTS**
TO HELP **COLLECT DONATIONS**
AND **RAISE MONEY!**

April 3rd

Registration Opens: 8:15 AM

8:45 AM Start

Ararat Fire Station

Tuson St.

A PARENT OR CARER
MUST ACCOMPANY

UNDER 16



Raffles ● Face Painting ● Jumping Castle ● Drinks & Light Food ● Animal Nursery ● Easter Bunny ● Auctions



Live Music



\$5 Entry Fee

THOMAS FOODS
INTERNATIONAL



Good Friday Appeal

2026

FAMILY

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Scan to
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Sun 29th March, 1-6pm



Stawell Racecourse

See you there!

