



ARARAT NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL

North News

Ararat North Primary School

Friday 19^h of June 2026



A WORD FROM LEADERSHIP

As we come to the end of another successful semester, we would like to take this opportunity to celebrate some special moments within our school community.

Best Wishes to Ella & Josh

We would like to extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Ella and her husband Josh as they eagerly await the arrival of their baby. We wish them every happiness during this exciting time.

As Ella begins her Family Leave at the end of this term, we are pleased to welcome Alvina to LA 3 and look forward to her continuing to be a member of our learning community next semester.

Congratulations to Blue House

A huge congratulations to Blue House for winning this semester's House Behaviour Challenge. Throughout the term, students have earned House points by consistently demonstrating our school values through positive behaviour, respectful interactions, responsibility, and active participation in learning.

The House Reward System encourages students to make positive choices and contribute to a supportive school environment. As a reward for their outstanding efforts, Blue House students will enjoy a trip to the movies on Tuesday. Well done, Blue House!

Welcome to Our New Volunteer

We are delighted to welcome Caroline, our newest school volunteer. Caroline generously gives her time to support students by listening to them read, helping to build their confidence, fluency, and enjoyment of reading.

We greatly appreciate the support of volunteers like Caroline, whose contributions make a positive difference to our students' learning experiences.

Gymnastics & Road Safety

Learning Area 1

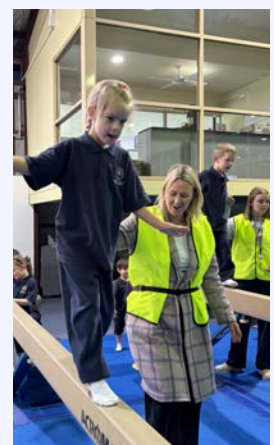
Ms Aimee
Mrs Albert

During Term 2, our Foundation students have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the school's gymnastics program at the Ararat Fitness Centre. Each session has given students the chance to explore movement in fun and engaging ways while building confidence in their physical abilities.

Throughout the program, students have been developing their gross motor skills by running, jumping, climbing, and practicing controlled movements. A favourite activity has been working on the balance beams, where students have shown growing concentration, coordination, and perseverance.

Over the past eight weeks, the children have also strengthened their road safety awareness. Walking to and from the gym each visit has provided valuable opportunities to practise safe crossing, listening for instructions, and being aware of their surroundings in the community.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and effort our Foundation students have shown. Their progress has been wonderful to watch, and we look forward to seeing their skills continue to grow.



Learning Area 2

Miss Ellen

Auslan

This term, students have been enthusiastically engaging in weekly Auslan sessions as part of our curriculum. These lessons have provided a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their communication skills while learning an important and inclusive language.

Throughout these sessions, students have been building their understanding of Auslan by exploring vocabulary connected to familiar contexts, particularly items and spaces around the home, as well as clothing. They have been learning how to sign common household objects such as kitchen items, furniture, and everyday belongings, in addition to a range of clothing items.

Students have also been practising how to describe where things are located and what people might be wearing.

It has been fantastic to see students growing in confidence as they communicate meaning. They have particularly enjoyed participating in interactive activities, games, and partner work that allow them to practise their signing in a fun and supportive environment.

We are proud of the effort students are putting into learning Auslan and look forward to continuing to build their skills and understanding throughout the year.



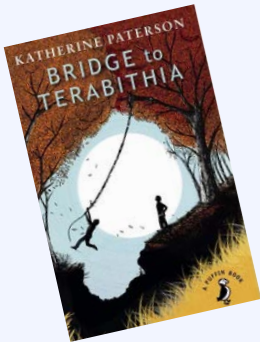
Celebrating Our Novel Study

Learning Area 3

Mrs Ella
Mrs Alvina

In LA 3, students have now finished reading the much-loved novel 'Bridge to Terabithia'. Over the past few weeks, they have actively participated in shared reading sessions, contributed thoughtfully to class discussions, and retold key events from the story to strengthen their understanding before each new chapter. Their engagement, curiosity, and empathy towards the characters have been a highlight of our learning.

To celebrate their hard work and achievement, we will be watching the film adaptation next week. Students are excited to see how the story is brought to life on screen and to compare the similarities and differences between the novel and the movie. This will provide a valuable opportunity to further develop their comprehension and critical thinking skills while enjoying a well-earned reward.



Award Winners



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At each assembly, classroom and specialist awards are presented to acknowledge student achievement and recognise those who demonstrate our School Values of **Resilience, Respect, and Responsibility.**

Here are this week's recipients:



- We encourage all students to complete their weekly homework and to read regularly at home with their guardians. This ongoing support helps reinforce classroom learning and builds confidence and fluency in key skills.
- 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.

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RESPECT | RESPONSIBILITY | RESILIENCE

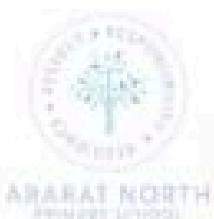
Important Dates & Events

Gymnastics Program - Every Wednesday

End of Term Assembly/Colour Walkathon -
Friday 26th June

First Day of Term 3 - Monday 13th of July





WALK-A-THON



Ararat North Primary School SHOW YOUR SPIRIT!

Friday 26th June

Afternoon Schedule:

12:50 - 1:20 pm: Colour Walkathon

1:20 - 1:50 pm: BYO Picnic Lunch

1:50 - 2:15 pm: End of Term Assembly

As this is a Colour Walkathon, students are encouraged to wear a white top, so they can enjoy the fun of being splashed with bright, vibrant colours throughout the event.

WEATHER DEPENDENT



ARARAT TOWN HALL

7:30PM - 19TH 20TH 26TH 27TH JUNE

1:30PM - 21ST 28TH JUNE 2026

Tickets available via ararattownhall.com.au

Or contact the Ararat and Grampians Visitor Information Centre on 1800 657 158.

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**NATIONAL PHONE ALERT
 SUNDAY 27 JULY**

A national test of the Emergency Alert system will be sent to mobile phones across Australia.



! This alert will make a **LOUD SOUND** and show on your screen.

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
 This alert could **put you at risk**.

- Consider where you will be when the alert happens.
- Think about ways to silence your phone if possible.
- Put your safety first. You know your situation best.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE | If you need support, help is available.

1800 737 732
1800RESPECT (24/7)

1800respect.org.au
Online chat and support

IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL 000

NAIDOC Week Celebration

Join us as we celebrate culture, community and connection

Date: Wednesday, 8th July

Time: 12pm – 2pm

Location: Ararat Neighbourhood House

What's happening?

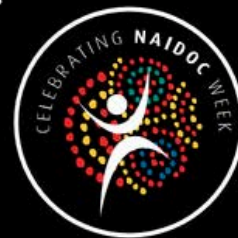
- Celebrate NAIDOC Week together
- Learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture
- Connect with community
- Enjoy a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere
- Afternoon tea provided

Everyone is Welcome

Come along, bring a friend, and join us in acknowledging and celebrating First Nations peoples, culture, and history.



Contact: reception@araratnh.com
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ARARAT NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE PRESENTS

KIDS! COOKING FUN DAY!



JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY OF COOKING ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN. LEARN, CREATE, AND TASTE DELICIOUS FOOD!

9 JULY 2025
FROM 11 AM - 2 PM

WHAT'S COOKING?

FUN COOKING ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
LEARN SIMPLE AND YUMMY RECIPES
TASTE AND ENJOY WHAT YOU MAKE!



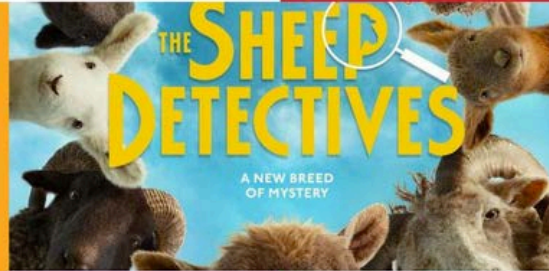
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KIDS *Holiday* MOVIE DAY!

A New Breed of Mystery
The Sheep Detectives

56 Campbell Street Ararat
VIC 3377



Date: 2nd July
Time: 10am - 12pm
Cost: \$2
Food & drink supplied!



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LEGO FUN DAY!

“Come along and enjoy a burst of creativity at our LEGO Fun Day – build, play, and let your imagination run wild!”

Join us for **our school holiday program!**

Date: Thursday 9th of July (12:00pm - 2:00pm).

**Location: Ararat Neighbourhood House, 56 Campbell Street Ararat
VIC 3377**

Suitable for age: 5-12.

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Ararat Swimming Club

2026 – 2027 season

Come & Try Night

Tuesday 21st July 2026

Ararat Indoor Pool

From 6pm to 7pm

(Please pay pool entry to Service desk staff on arrival)

Swimming requirements:

- 100m of each of the following: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke with good technique
- 25m butterfly

All Enquires to: araratswimmingclub@gmail.com