



North News

Ararat North Primary School

Friday 14th of August 2026



A WORD FROM LEADERSHIP

Celebrating Learning, Positive Behaviour and Our School Community

It has been another busy and positive week at school, with lots of exciting learning and opportunities for our students to grow.

We were delighted to welcome **Ararat Family Dental** to our school to speak with students about the importance of good dental hygiene. Students learnt practical strategies for looking after their teeth, including regular brushing, healthy food choices and the importance of visiting the dentist. Thank you to the team at Ararat Family Dental for sharing their knowledge and helping our students develop healthy habits.

We are also continuing our strong focus on Positive Behaviour, with staff making a deliberate effort to “**catch students learning well**”. We are noticing and acknowledging students when they demonstrate positive behaviours such as persistence, respect, responsibility, kindness, listening and having a go when learning is challenging. By recognising these behaviours in the moment, we are helping students understand what successful learning and positive choices look like. It has been wonderful to see so many students demonstrating these qualities across our school.

Attendance Matters!

A reminder to families that every day of learning counts. Regular attendance provides students with the best opportunity to stay connected, maintain friendships and keep up with their learning. While we absolutely encourage students to stay home when they are unwell, when they are healthy, being at school each day makes a significant difference.

Every day matters, every student matters, and every learning opportunity counts!

Finally, last week we celebrated **National Principals Day**, and I would like to personally thank our wonderful staff and students for the thoughtful efforts they went to in acknowledging the day. I was genuinely touched by the kind words, gestures and celebrations. I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside such a caring and dedicated staff and to be part of such a wonderful school community.

Every Day Counts!

This term, attendance is a key focus at Ararat North Primary School. Every day at school helps children learn, build friendships and feel connected to our school community. Missing school can make it harder for students to keep up with their learning and feel confident in the classroom. While we understand that children will sometimes be absent due to illness, attending school every day they are well gives them the best chance to succeed. Thank you for partnering with us to make regular attendance a priority and support your child's learning and wellbeing.

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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**1 DAY MISSED
PER FORTNIGHT**

It may seem small, but regular absence can quickly become a pattern.

05

**= 5 DAYS MISSED
PER TERM**

A full school week of learning missed across one term.

20

**= 20 DAYS
MISSED PER
YEAR**

Twenty days away can mean missed lessons, routines and connections.

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**SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT**

Anything more can significantly affect your child's learning and social development.

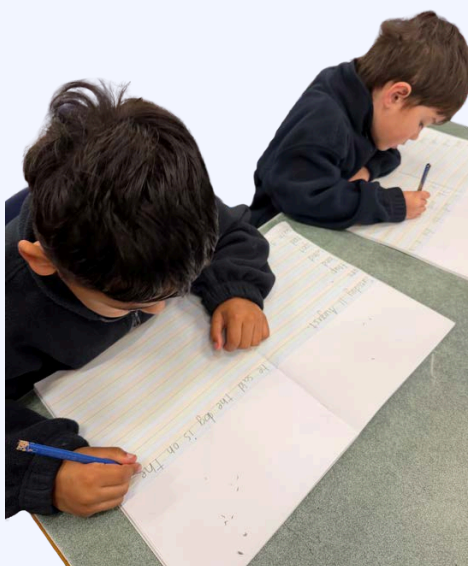
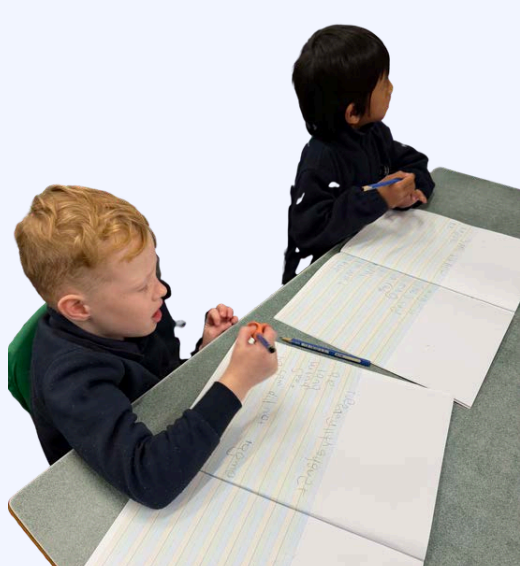
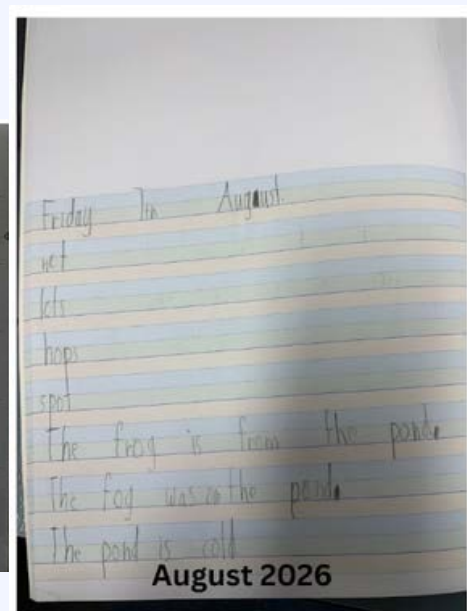
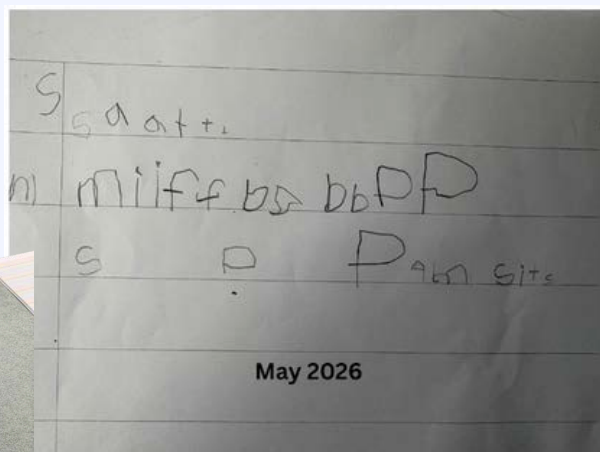
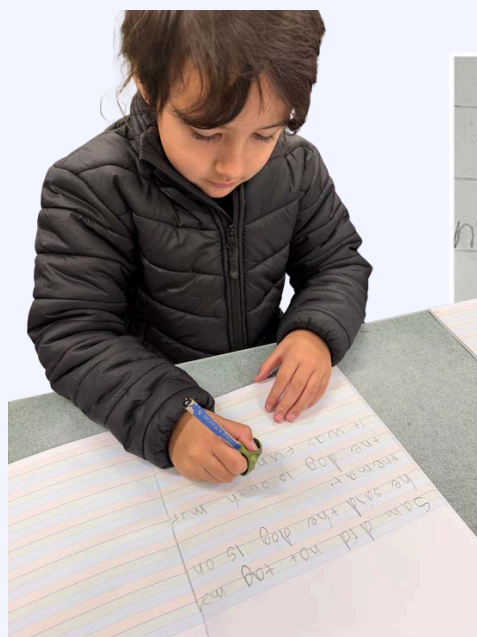
We are committed to working in partnership with families to ensure every child attends school regularly, arrives on time and is ready to learn.

Handwriting growth

Learning Area 1
Ms Aimee

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm
Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

This term in LA 1, we have been focusing on improving our handwriting, and there has been enormous progress from all students. At the beginning of the term, students were introduced to the "Sky, Grass, Dirt" dotted third lines. These lines help students learn and remember where letters sit on the page. Alongside this, we have been using the Peggy Lego cues to support correct letter formation. The combination of these strategies has helped students develop greater confidence, consistency, and accuracy in their handwriting.



Reading Fluency

Learning Area 3

Mrs Alvina

This week in LA 3, our focus has been on strengthening students' confidence and fluency through dedicated reading-aloud practice.

Students have been participating in choral reading sessions, where they read together as a group to build rhythm, expression and smooth phrasing. This collaborative approach has helped students feel more comfortable reading aloud and has noticeably improved their engagement and enjoyment. Many students are now demonstrating clearer pronunciation, stronger voice projection and greater confidence when sharing texts with their peers.

It has been a highly positive week of literacy learning, with all students showing growth in their reading fluency.



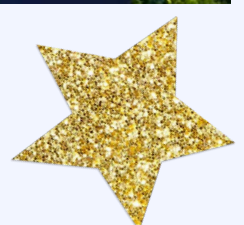
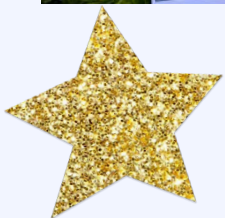
Award Winners



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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:



Lunchtime Club

Board Game Blowout!

New LunchTime Club Has Arrived

We are exciting to introduce our new lunchtime club for students to enjoy- **Board Game and Drawing Club!**

EVERY FRIDAY LUNCHTIME



School Library



1:50-2:15pm



STUDENTS CAN COME ALONG DURING LUNCHTIME TO RELAX, GET CREATIVE, CHALLENGE THEIR FRIENDS AND ENJOY SOME FUN WITH OTHERS. WHETHER YOU LOVE STRATEGY GAMES, TRYING SOMETHING NEW OR LETTING YOUR MIND RUN WILD WHILE DRAWING, THERE IS SOMETHING FUN FOR EVERYONE.





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JUST DANCE CLUB

~ Music ~ Dance ~Loads of Fun

**JUST DANCE CLUB
HELD EVERY MONDAY DURING RECESS
IN THE SCHOOL HALL**



**GET READY TO MOVE, GROOVE AND
HAVE SOME FUN AT OUR NEW
RECESS JUST DANCE CLUB!**

Thank-you Ararat Family Dental for visiting us and sharing with us the important of oral hygiene.



Over \$1,000 worth of dental treatment for your kids

Your children may be able to get dental care using the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). You can use the CDBS at private or public dental clinics and many clinics will bulk bill.

Over \$1,000 of dental care every 2 calendar years for each child:

- under 18 years old
- eligible for Medicare, and
- whose parents receive certain Australian government payments.

Child Dental Benefits Schedule - it's easy and may be gap-free!

Find out more about the CDBS



Ararat Family
Dental

- 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.

WINTER UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE FRONT OFFICE

BEANIES - \$20

SCARVES - \$20

RAIN JACKETS - \$35



Important Dates & Events

Curriculum Day (no students at school) - Friday 14th August

3 Way Conversations Day (students to attend their appointments with parent/carer) - Friday 21st August

Book Week Dress-up Day - Friday 28th August





FRIDAY AUGUST 28TH

**DOORS OPEN
6:30PM**

**STARTS
7:00PM**

80s

TICKET PRICE

\$30

INCLUDES
BINGO TICKET,
GRAZING PLATTERS
AND SWEETS



**SCAN TO BOOK
YOUR TICKETS!**

- ★ DRESS CODE
80s THEME
- ★ AUCTION AND
RAFFLE TO BE
DONE ON THE
NIGHT
- ★ BYO DRINKS



East Grampians Health Service
invites you to attend our annual



Research Showcase

Join us to launch the Modified
Sport for Older Adults in Rural
Communities Toolkit.
Research posters will also be
on display.



DATE: 3 SEPTEMBER 2026

TIME: 2:00PM - 3:00PM

**VENUE: MT WILLIAM ROOM,
EAST GRAMPIANS HEALTH
SERVICE**

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please register via the QR code.
For further information, contact
developmentandimprovement@eghs.net.au
or ph: (03) 5352 9467

This event is supported by:



Positive Parenting for Big Behaviours

Hosted by Rebecca Challoner, writer, presenter and trainer
on ADHD, neurodivergence, behaviour and mental health.

Join us for a practical, evidence-based workshop supporting parents
and carers of school-aged children with ADHD and anxiety, with a focus
on understanding and responding to school refusal and related
emotional regulation challenges.

Learn simple, effective strategies to better understand "big
behaviours," support emotional regulation and strengthen your
relationship with your child.

You will gain:

Practical strategies for school refusal and anxiety-related behaviours
Tools to support emotional regulation
Insights into ADHD and anxiety challenges
Confidence in responding to difficult moments

Suitable for parents and carers seeking supportive, real-world
strategies.

Where: Horsham Golf Club, 304 Golf Course Road, Horsham
When: Wednesday 2nd September
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Cost: FREE

Spots are limited so be sure to register by the 18th August.

Contact us
earlyhelp@vt.uniting.org
(03) 5362 4000

Learn more
unitingvic.tas.au



Register Here.

Cafs Connecting Families Group Programs

Cafs (Child & Family Services) offer a range of **FREE** parenting groups online or face to face, to
empower parents and carers by providing an opportunity to learn more about children's
development, increase understanding of behaviours and learn parenting strategies. To enquire
about any of Cafs Connecting Families Programs (formerly *Early Help*), please contact:

family.support@cafs.org.au or 1800 692 237

TERM 3 2026 GROUPS

Circle of Security – 8-week program: Designed for parents and carers of children aged 0-12
years who want to strengthen their relationship with their children.
Circle of Security – Wednesdays 10.30am-12.30pm (*face to face*).

Tuning in to Toddlers – 6-week program: Suitable for parents and carers with a child/children
from 18 months to 4 years of age. This course gives parents information about their toddler's
brain, physical and emotional development.
Mondays 10.30-12.30pm (*face to face*).

Tuning in to Kids – 6-week program: For parents and carers of children 1 to 11 years of age.
Parents learn different ways to talk with and understand their child.
Thursdays 1-2.30pm (*online*).

Tuning in to Teens – 6-week program: For parents and carers of children 12 to 18 years of
age. Parents learn different ways to talk with and understand their child, as well as how to help
their young person manage emotions and deal with conflict.
Mondays 1-3pm (*online*).

Dads Tool Kit – 8-week program: For dads/male carers to learn about how to meet their
children's and family's needs.
Wednesdays 10.30am-12.30pm (*face to face*).

Dads Tool Kit Intensive - 2-day program (8th and 15th September): For dads to learn about
how to meet their children's and family's needs (*face to face*).

Dad's Baby Bag – For new or expecting Dads/Caregivers to build understanding of baby's
developmental needs.
Tuesdays 1am-12pm (*face to face*).

Dad's Tuning in to Kids. For male parents and caregivers of children 1 to 11 years of age.
Learn different ways to communicate with and understand their child.

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