



North News

Ararat North Primary School

Friday 11th of September 2026



A WORD FROM LEADERSHIP

Every Day Counts – Attendance Matters

Every day at school counts. Regular attendance helps students stay connected to their learning, friendships and routines, supporting both progress and wellbeing. We thank our families for prioritising attendance and helping our students make the most of every school day.

Grade 5 Cottage by the Sea Cluster Camp

Our Grade 5 students are looking forward to an exciting Cottage by the Sea Cluster Camp next week, where they will join Grade 5 students from other local schools. The camp is an important part of our secondary transition program, providing students with the opportunity to meet new people, build friendships and develop connections with students they may attend secondary school with in the future. We look forward to seeing our students embrace new experiences, work collaboratively and demonstrate independence, resilience and enthusiasm throughout the camp. We wish our Grade 5 students a wonderful time and look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return!

Swimming Commences in Term 4

Our swimming program will commence in Term 4. Swimming provides students with valuable water safety skills, builds confidence and supports the development of their swimming abilities. Further information about swimming days and requirements will be shared with families.

Staff News

We would like to wish Miss Ellen all the very best as she begins her family leave. We hope she enjoys this very special time with her family and look forward to welcoming her back when the time comes.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Albert to LA 2! We are excited to have her as the newest member of LA 2 and looking forward to her continuing to be a leader in our school.

As always, thank you to our families for your ongoing support and partnership. We look forward to a positive and exciting Term 4 together.

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



ARARAT NORTH
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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.

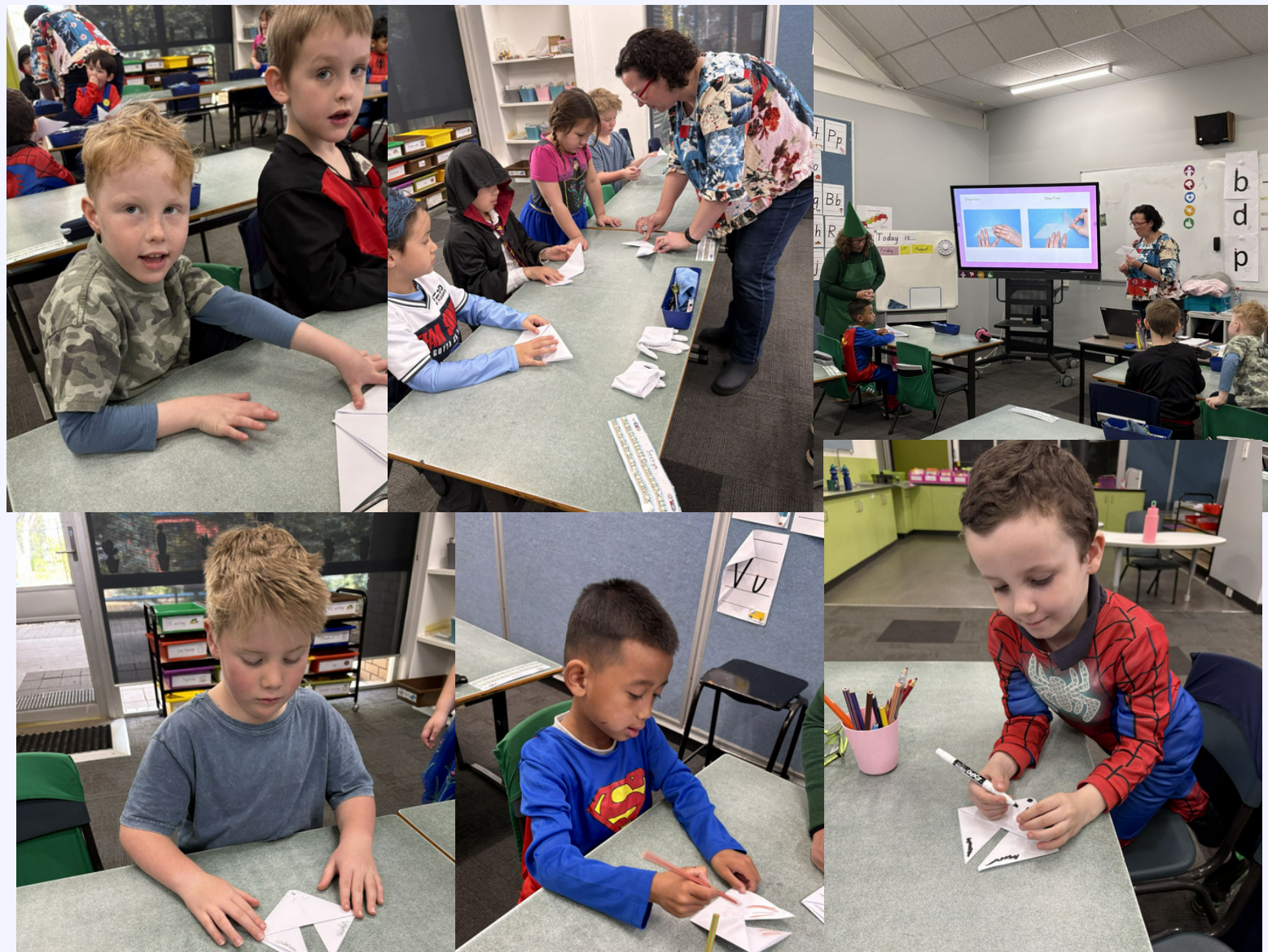
Author Visit for Book Week

Learning Area 1
Ms Aimee

As part of our school's Book Week celebrations, we were fortunate to welcome former local author Nicole Kelly to visit the students in LA1. Nicole is the author of *Shifters*, a story about a girl named Emily who is lost in Japan and must find her voice and courage to save a friend from ancient magic.

During her visit, Nicole shared stories about her travels to Japan and explained how her experiences inspired the creation of *Shifters*. Students were fascinated to learn about the writing process and how a story can come to life from real experiences.

As part of the session, Nicole taught the students how to make an origami fox, known as a Kitsune in Japanese folklore. The students also learned how to write the word "Kitsune" in Japanese. It was an engaging and memorable experience that combined storytelling, creativity, and learning about another culture.



All the best, Miss Ellen

Learning Area 2 Mrs Albert

Last week, we farewelled Miss Ellen as she heads off for a well-earned rest before welcoming her baby. We wish her all the very best and can't wait to hear the exciting news!

This week, we have been busy working on our reading fluency routines so that we can develop our skills in reading longer words with automaticity and expression. Students have been reading challenging texts, firstly modelled by the teacher, followed by multiple reads with a partner. Students have been working hard to track with their finger while their partner reads and to give positive feedback.

We are also very fortunate to now have wooden book boxes in our classrooms, kindly handmade by the Men's Shed in Ararat. These beautiful book boxes contain texts that help students develop their reading skills, providing them with a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts that can be read independently.

If you are interested in coming in to listen to our students read, please contact Mrs Albert. We would love to have you!



Newest member of LA 2, Mrs. Albert!!

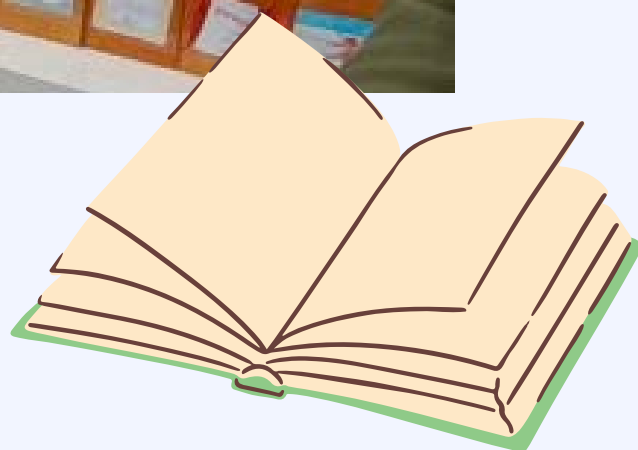
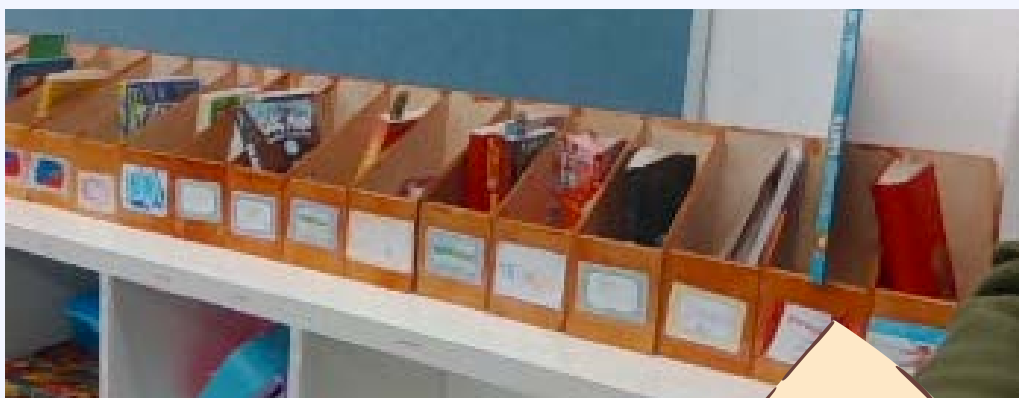


New Book Boxes have arrived

Learning Area 3

Mrs Alvina

This week in LA3, students received their new book boxes, which they will use to store the books they borrow from the library and care for responsibly. Each student can keep up to five books in their box, and they will use these during independent reading time to help build reading fluency and develop strong reading habits. Students enjoyed decorating their personalised name tags and are excited to begin using their book boxes as part of their daily reading routine. In addition to this, on Tuesday our LA3 girls participated enthusiastically in a basketball clinic, where they practised new skills, worked as a team, and had a fantastic time being active and engaged. It has been a wonderful week of learning, creativity, and participation for LA3.



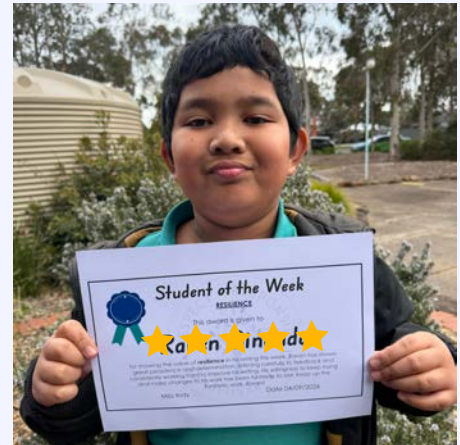
Award Winners



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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.

WINTER UNIFORM ITEMS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE FRONT OFFICE

BEANIES - \$20

SCARVES - \$20

RAIN JACKETS - \$35



Important Dates & Events

Last Day Term 3 - Friday 18th September

- Footy colours day
- Picnic lunch
- Assembly @ 1:50pm
- Early dismissal @ 2:15pm

**Student Free Day/Staff Professional
Development Day - Monday 12th October**

Swimming program - Fridays throughout Term 4



Dear parents and carers,

At Ararat North Primary [School](#) we value the diversity of culture, ethnicity, and faith of all our students. We are proud of our diversity, and everyone is welcome at our school.

Celebrating the diversity of our community makes us stronger, kinder and more innovative. We are committed to making sure that students from all backgrounds feel accepted, supported and able to learn.

We teach all students according to our school values and teach the respectful relationships framework. This includes education around diversity and inclusion.

To achieve our values and aims, everyone at Ararat North Primary School plays an important role.

This week, we have reminded students of our value of *Respect* and the importance always being respectful.

To help us make Ararat North Primary School a place where everyone feels welcome, respected and supported, we encourage you to also speak to your child about this value, as well as the importance of:

- understanding that we celebrate diversity and multicultural inclusion
- understanding the importance of everyone at school being treated with respect.

For more information, please see [Racism: talking with children and teens, Raising Children Network](#).

We expect families to also display our school values when dealing with other members of our school community.

Kind regards,

Jessica Erhardt

Principal

Ararat North Primary School



REGISTRATION OPEN

ABA & FUTSAL
HAVE OPENED THE REGISTRATIONS FOR THE SUMMER
SEASON



GO TO THE ABA WEBSITE
ALONG WITH THIS POST
TO COMPLETE YOUR
REGISTRATIONS



DEADLINE: OCTOBER 7TH 2026

TOP COLLECTION TBC



Home

The Ararat Basketball Association (ABA) is responsible for the running of the Ararat domestic basketball competition, Redbacks Representative Squad basketball teams and th...

Ararat Basketball Association



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EVENT!

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HALLS GAP

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11AM - 2PM

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Day!

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VIOLENCE, PROMOTE
STRONG FAMILIES,
STRONG CULTURE AND
STRONG
CONNECTIONS

Event Highlights

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FOOD & REFRESHMENTS
ANIMAL FARM
STALLHOLDERS

ALL
WELCOME

