



North News

Ararat North Primary School

Friday 31st of July 2026



A WORD FROM LEADERSHIP

Welcome Back to Term 3!

Welcome back to what is shaping up to be another exciting term at Ararat North Primary School! We hope all of our students and families enjoyed a relaxing break and are feeling refreshed and ready for another term filled with learning, growth and fun. We are looking forward to the many opportunities and experiences that Term 3 will bring.

A very special **congratulations** goes to **Miss Ella** and her husband Josh on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby girl, Lily. We are thrilled for their growing family and know our school community joins us in wishing them every happiness as they enjoy this precious time together. We can't wait to meet our newest little ANPS community member!

Our Prep students recently celebrated an exciting milestone—**100 Days of Prep!** Dressed as 100-year-olds and taking part in a range of fun activities centred around the number 100, students celebrated just how much they have learnt and grown during their first 100 days of school. It was a wonderful day filled with laughter, creativity and plenty of memorable moments.

Thank you to our wonderful families for supporting our **Pyjama Day** last week. It was fantastic to see so many students arriving in their favourite pyjamas while raising awareness for children living in foster care. Your generosity and support helped make the day a great success, and together we reinforced the importance of kindness, empathy and supporting those in our wider community.

We are excited for everything that lies ahead this term and thank our families for your continued support. Together, we look forward to another fantastic term of learning, connection and celebrating the achievements of every student.

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.

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**= 5 DAYS MISSED
PER TERM**

A full school week of learning missed across one term.

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**= 20 DAYS
MISSED PER
YEAR**

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

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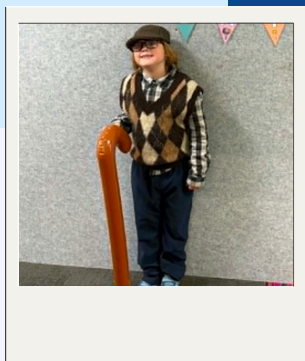
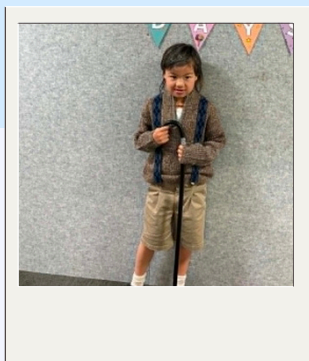
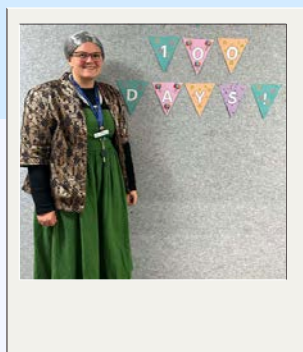
**SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT**

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.

Busy start to Term 3!

Learning Area 1
Ms Aimee
Mrs Albert

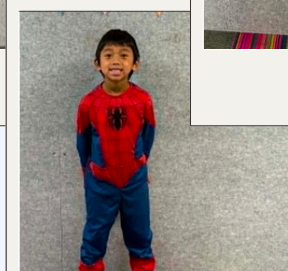
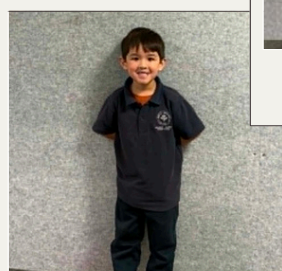
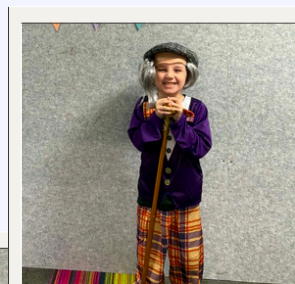
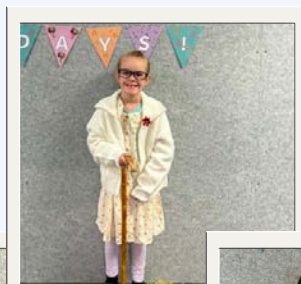
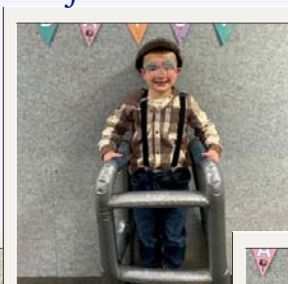
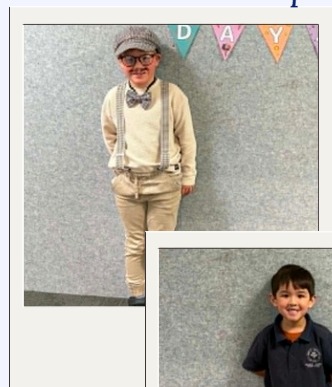


Term 3 has started with a bang in LA 1! In Week 1, the LA 1 students celebrated a huge milestone, **100 days of school**. To mark the occasion, the students and Miss Aimee dressed up as 100-year-old people for the day, creating plenty of fun and laughter. The growth and progress the students have shown over the past 100 days has been phenomenal, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. We look forward to watching this growth continue as they move forward on their learning journey.

Week 2 brought another exciting dress-up event, with LA 1 participating in **National Pyjama Day**. Everyone enjoyed spending the day cosy, comfortable and warm in their pyjamas while at school. The day was made even more special as LA 1 hosted the first assembly for the term.

Students were given the opportunity to participate in **hosting the assembly** in a way that suited their comfort level, whether that meant speaking in front of the whole school or helping in other ways. It was wonderful to see so many students challenge themselves and showcase their learning to family and friends who attended. Every student did a fantastic job, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts and confidence.

We look forward to another exciting term filled with learning, growth and memorable experiences for all our students.

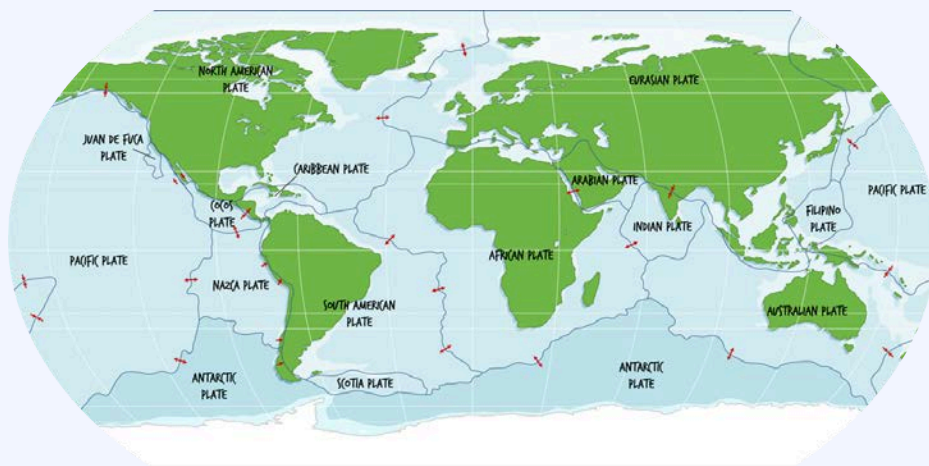


Learning Area 2

Miss Ellen

Exploring the globe

This term, students have been exploring the seven continents and learning about the many countries that make up our world. They have been developing their geographical knowledge by locating continents, oceans and countries on maps and globes, while learning about the Earth's hemispheres and the features that help us read and interpret maps. Students have also explored the differences between continents and countries, building their understanding of how our world is organised.



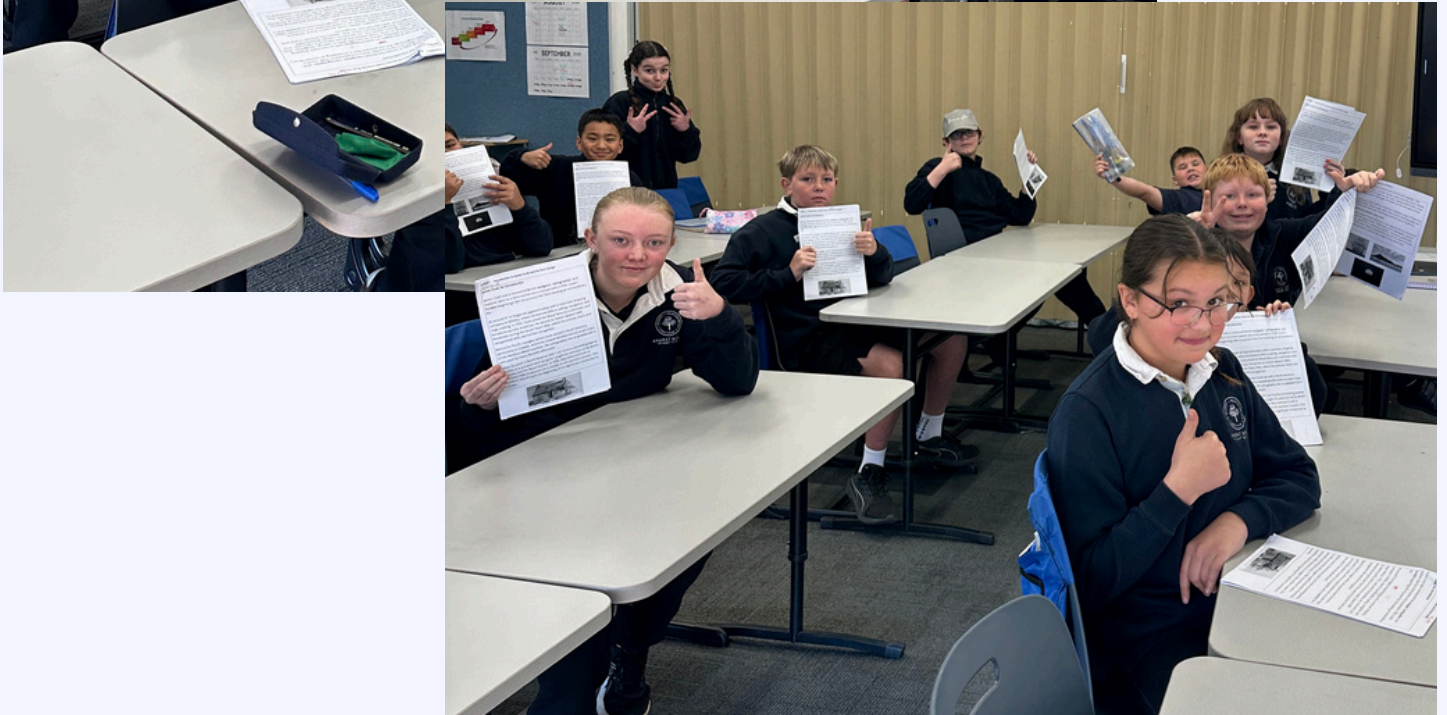
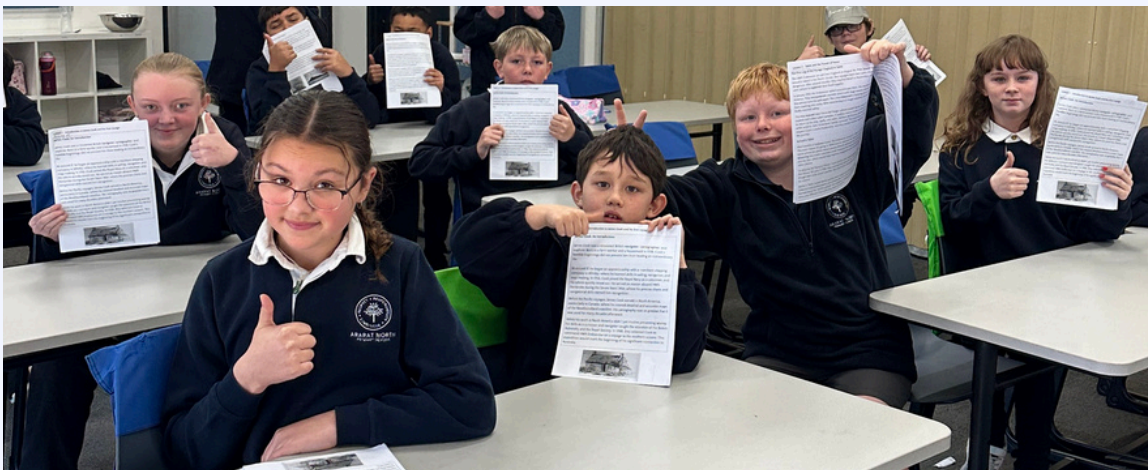
Knowledge based curriculum

Learning Area 3

Mrs Alvina

In LA 3 this term, students have begun exploring a new subject called **Knowledge**, where we have been learning about Australia's early history, including Captain Cook's first visit and the details of his voyage. Over the coming weeks, students will continue to investigate more fascinating aspects of Australia's past.

We are also studying the novel *Black Cockatoo*, which has quickly become a class favourite. Students have enjoyed learning about the black cockatoo and have been inspired to write thoughtful responses and creative pieces connected to the text.



In Science last term, students focused on the topic of light. Students learned about the different sources of light, how it travels, the characteristics of light including refraction and reflection and how this all relates to objects that are transparent, translucent and opaque. At the end of the term, LA3 students also looked at shadows and had a great time drawing them on the basketball court. With a low winter sun, it made for some interesting outlines!!



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!**

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:





Important Reminders



- 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

Book Fair - Last day is Friday 7th August

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



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.

East Grampians Health Service
Ark Toy and Activity Library



MOVIE DAY

HOLY DAYS



Starring Miriam Margolyes, Judy Davis and Jacki Weaver

Tickets \$20

**Includes
afternoon tea**

Astor Cinema

**Thursday August 6
1.30pm**

**Tickets from
CAS Couture
Ararat
(Cash only)**

East Grampians Health Service
invites you to attend our annual



East Grampians
Health Service

improving the health
of our community

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:



Academic Health Science Centre

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.org.au



Register Here.

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