North News

Ararat North Primary School

Friday 6th of November 2026



A WORD FROM LEADERSHIP

We hope everyone enjoyed the extra-long weekend and had a chance to relax and recharge!

We are now halfway through the final term of 2026 – how quickly the year is flying by! Thank you for your continued efforts with ***student attendance****. Please keep up the great work, as every day counts and regular attendance is so important for student learning and connection.*

Our 2027 Prep visits have been going strong, with official ***transition sessions*** *commencing next week. We are excited to welcome our newest learners and their families as they begin their journey with us.*

Our school ***building upgrades*** *are also progressing well and remain on track. Students have been fascinated by the large machinery in action as work continues on our basketball court! It has certainly provided some extra entertainment during the school day as we watch our new spaces take shape.*

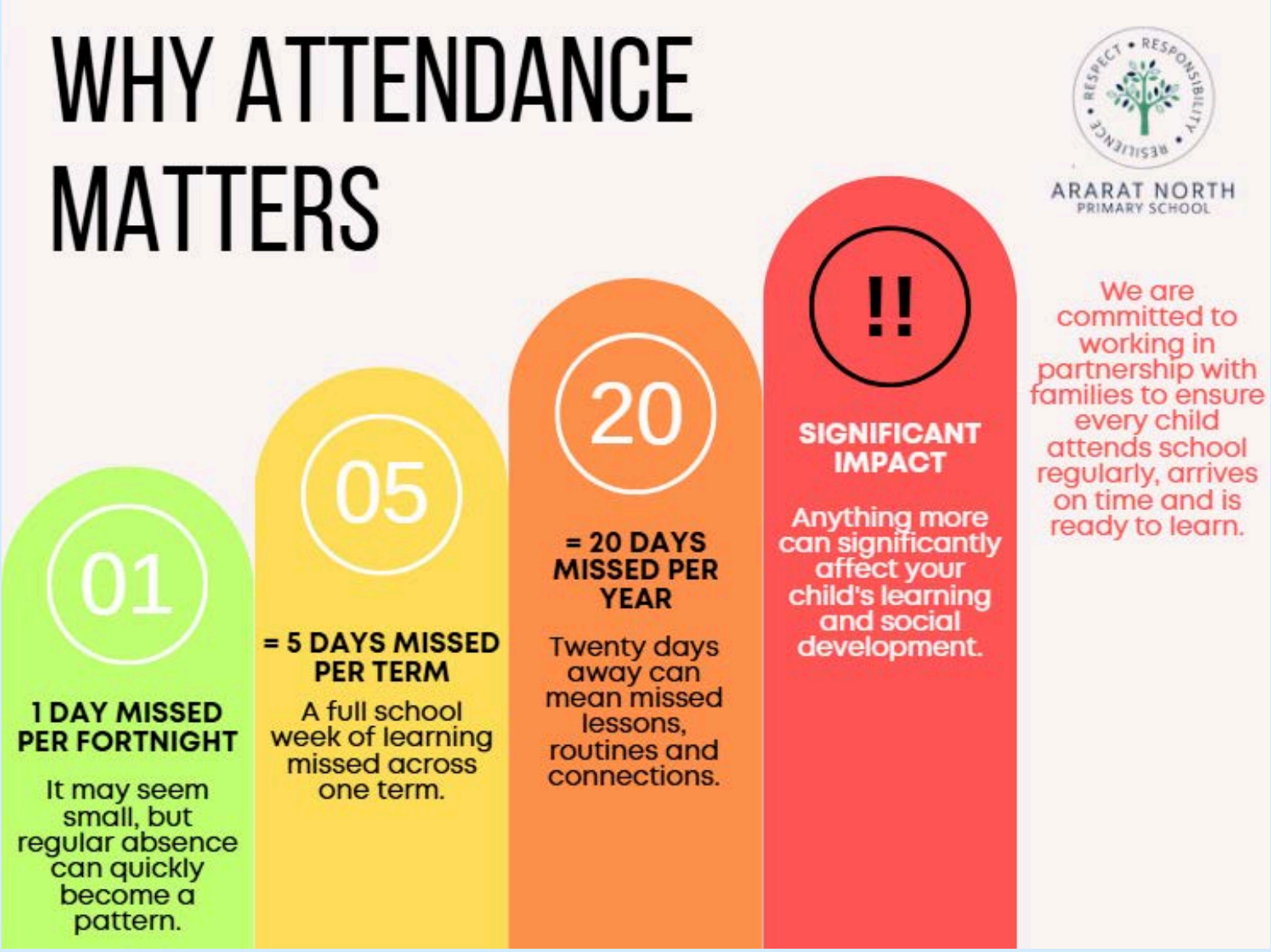
There are lots of important events and dates coming up over the remainder of the term. Please remember to check the ***school calendar*** *regularly to stay up to date and ensure you don't miss any important events.*

*Reminder - **No Hat, No Play**. During Term 1 & Term 4 of the school year students must wear a wide brim hat at all times when outside.*

Let's keep the positive momentum going and finish the year strong!

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.



Swimming Success!

Learning Area 1
Ms Aimee

Each Friday, our LA1 students have been walking to the Ararat Fitness Centre to participate in swimming lessons. For some students, this has been a completely new experience, requiring them to step outside their comfort zones and try something unfamiliar.
We have been incredibly proud of the way our students have approached this opportunity. They have shown courage, resilience and a willingness to have a go, even when tasks have been challenging. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow each week as they develop new water safety and swimming skills. The positive attitudes and persistence shown by our students have been truly amazing, and we look forward to seeing their continued progress.











Calmer Classrooms

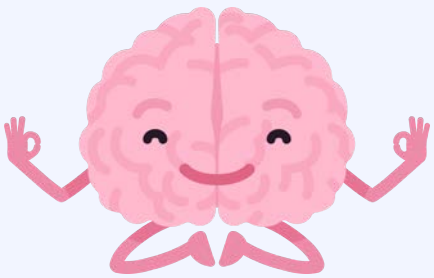
Learning Area 2
Mrs Albert

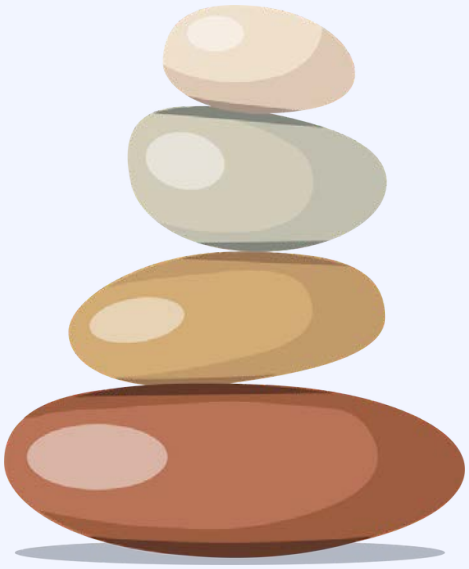
This fortnight in LA 2, we have been working hard on developing our entry routines and moving between classes in a calm and quiet manner. Students have been doing a wonderful job of entering the classroom quietly, completing their morning jobs efficiently and getting themselves ready to learn straight away. I love seeing so many students waiting at the door at 8:50am, ready to start their day!

Our entry routines have now become automatic, which means students can use their time and energy to focus on what really matters – their learning. It has been fantastic to see the progress students have made with these routines. Keep up the great work, LA 2!









Swimming lessons

Learning Area 3

Mrs Alvina

During swimming, LA3 students have shown impressive enthusiasm and resilience. Many students have stepped outside their comfort zones to learn new techniques, practise water safety skills and challenge themselves in the pool. It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow each week, with students demonstrating courage, persistence and a willingness to have a go. We are incredibly proud of their progress and the positive attitudes they bring to each session.
Keep up the amazing work, LA3 — your routines, effort and resilience are shining through every day.











Award Winners

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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:













Grandparents & Special Persons Day























Grandparents & Special Persons Day



















RESPECT • RESPONSIBILITY • RESILIENCE

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS MARKET MEGA RAFFLE

DRAWN FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER
at our Christmas Market

RAFFLE TICKETS

$2 each
3 for $5
7 for $10
15 for $20

BEST VALUE:
50 for $50

LOTS OF GREAT PRIZES TO WIN!

- Cafe Vouchers
- Car Service
- Beauty Hampers
- Kings Car Seat Covers
- Car Care Kit
- Butchered Lamb
- Gardening Voucher
- 24 Jars of Honey
- Air Fryer

PLUS LOTS MORE!

TOTAL PRIZE VALUE
$4,000.00

Tickets available from the school front office
Phone: 5352 3766

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.
- Term 4 is 'No hat, No play'.

Upcoming Dates & Events



Swimming - Each Friday concluding 27th November

Prep transition program commences - Friday 13th November

Grade 2 sleepover - Thursday 19th November



Grade 6 Day @ 800 - Thursday 3rd December

Sovereign Hill excursion - Friday 4th Decemeber

Statewide Transition Day - Tuesday 8th Decmeber

Grade 6 Graduation Dinner - Thursday 10th December



Christmas Market & End of Year Assembly - Friday 11th December

Ararat North
Primary School

2027 PREP
TRANSITION PROGRAM







Dates

- Friday 13th November: 2-3pm
- Friday 20th November: 1:40-3pm
- Friday 27th November: 1:40-3pm

Statewide Transition Day
Tuesday 8th December: 9:15-1pm

What to bring

- Session 1: snack
- Session 2,3 & 4: lunch
- Hat
- Water bottle
- Change of clothes

What to expect

- Classroom time with our Prep team
- Specialist activities including PE and Art
- Meet your 2027 Buddy

At Ararat North Primary School, every child is known, valued and supported. Our low teacher-to-student ratios ensure personalised attention, while dedicated literacy and numeracy blocks every day provide strong foundations for learning. We are a welcoming, inclusive school where students feel connected, confident and excited to learn.

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, RESILIENCE

Contact Us
5352 3766

Visit Our Website
www.anps.vic.edu.au

Our Location
66 Blake St, Ararat 3377

Ararat Intenstive Swim Program

ENROLMENTS OPEN!

11TH - 15TH JANUARY 2027

ARARAT OUTDOOR POOL

Ararat Neighbourhood House

Food Safety Certification

Food Handling Certification Training |

Elevate your culinary skills with our comprehensive food safety training



Why get certified?

- Enhance your knowledge of food safety practice
- Improve your job opportunities in the food industry
- Ensure compliance with local health regulations

What you'll learn:

- Safe food preparation and storage methods
- Proper hygiene practices
- Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP)

Who should attend?

- Restaurant staff
- Food service workers
- Everyone welcome

$145

Date: Monday, 23rd of November

Time: 9.30am -4pm

Register Now!

Contact Us to Register

[redacted] | Register at Reception

SHOP LOCAL • SUPPORT COMMUNITY

ELMHURST Bush Market

A CELEBRATION OF LOCAL MAKERS AND OUR COMMUNITY ♡

Supporting local from our area ♡



SATURDAY

21 NOVEMBER 2026

3pm – 7pm

DELICIOUS FOOD, WINE & GIN, BOUTIQUE BEER & MORE!



ELMHURST GOLF CLUB

Great community. Beautiful setting. Everyone welcome! ♡

MARKET STALLS FROM LOCAL AREA

LOCAL MAKERS | PLANTS | DELICIOUS FOOD | WINE & GIN | BOUTIQUE BEER | LIVE MUSIC

FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES!



JUMPING CASTLE



MINI GOLF



FACE PAINTING

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! ♡

Local made. Locally grown. Community soul. ♡

SHOP LOCAL | SUPPORT LOCAL | STRONGER TOGETHER | LOVE OUR COMMUNITY

SUPPORT LOCAL ♡

ARADALE GOLF CLUB

INSANELY GOOD GOLF

CALLING ALL JUNIOR GOLFERS!

Join our Junior Golfer Program at Aradale Golf Club!

A fun, welcoming program for young golfers to learn, play and improve their game!



FOR JUNIOR GOLFERS UP TO 16 YEARS OLD

FREE!

9AM TILL 10AM

STARTING THIS SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

OWN GOLF CLUBS A PLUS, BUT NOT NECESSARY

ARADALE GOLF CLUB