North News

Ararat North Primary School

Friday 20th of November 2026



A WORD FROM LEADERSHIP

🌟 A Wonderful Time of Year!

As we move towards the end of another wonderful school year, there is certainly plenty happening across our school community! It is a busy and exciting time, filled with celebrations, special experiences and opportunities to reflect on just how much our students have achieved throughout the year.

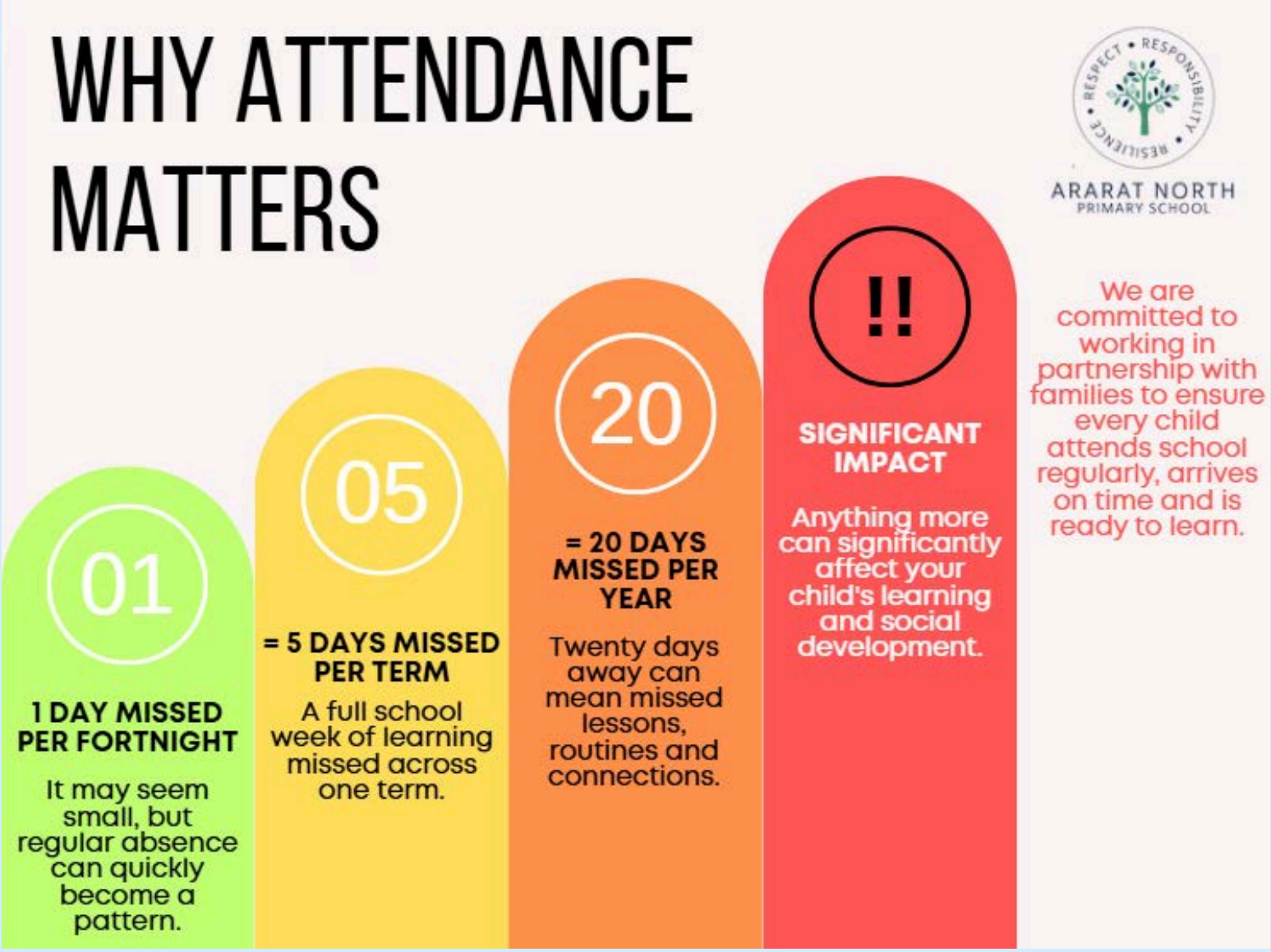
🌱 2027 Prep Transition – Week Two!
Our 2027 Prep Transition Program is now into its second week, and it has been fantastic to see our newest students becoming more familiar with their classrooms, teachers and school routines. Each visit is another opportunity to build confidence, make connections and develop a sense of belonging. We look forward to continuing to welcome our incoming Preps as they take their next steps towards starting school in 2027.

💤 Grade 2 Sleepover Success!
What a fantastic time our Grade 2 students had at their school sleepover! This was a wonderful opportunity for students to build independence, strengthen friendships and create some special memories together. There was plenty of excitement, laughter and fun, and we are so proud of everyone who embraced the experience. A big thank you to the staff who helped make this memorable event possible!

🏀 Basketball Court Upgrade – Home Stretch!
Our basketball court upgrade is now in its home stretch, and we are getting closer to enjoying this fantastic new space! It has been exciting to see the progress take shape, and we cannot wait for our students to make the most of the improved facilities. There will be plenty of opportunities for play, physical activity and friendly competition in the near future.

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.



Reading Fluency

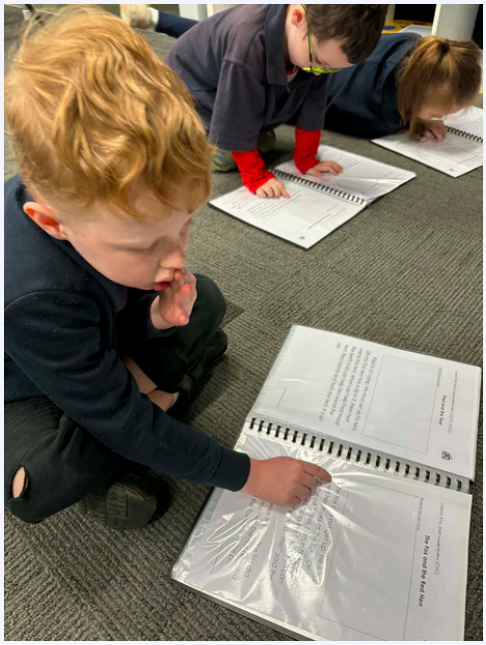
Learning Area 1
Ms Aimee

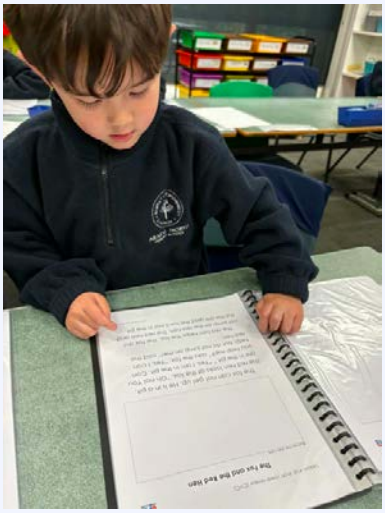
Our LA 1 students have been working hard throughout Terms 3 and 4 to improve their reading fluency. Reading fluency helps children read accurately, smoothly and with expression, allowing them to better understand and enjoy what they read.

We have been fortunate to welcome Caroline Hamilton into our classroom each Wednesday. Caroline generously volunteers her time to listen to students read, providing valuable extra practice and encouragement. The students have loved sharing their books with her and have benefited greatly from her support.

We are incredibly proud of the growth our students have shown in their confidence and reading skills this semester. We thank Caroline for her ongoing dedication and encourage families to continue reading at home. Even just 10–15 minutes of reading each day can make a big difference in helping children become confident, successful readers.







Knowledge curriculum - Ancient Egypt

Learning Area 2
Mrs Albert

We have been eagerly learning about Ancient Egypt this term! Students have been engaging in lessons exploring where Egypt is located in the world, the significance of the Nile River, the fascinating process of mummification and how bodies were preserved, pyramids, pharaohs, and the many ways Ancient Egypt has shaped the world we live in today.

A knowledge-rich curriculum helps students expand their general knowledge and strengthens their reading comprehension by exposing them to a broader range of information and new vocabulary. We have also been placing a strong focus on writing about what we are learning. This allows students to revisit, consolidate and embed new knowledge, while developing their ability to communicate their understanding through writing.







An update from LA 3

Learning Area 3

Mrs Alvina

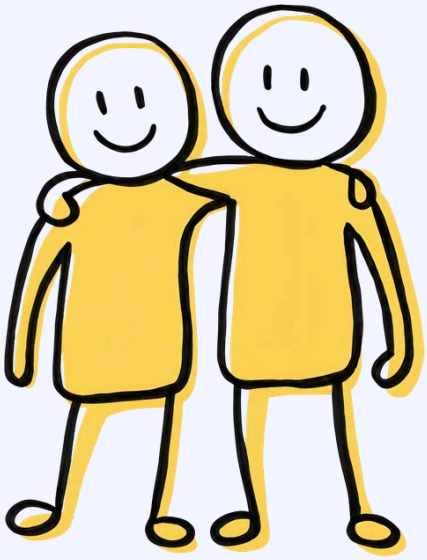
This week, LA3 celebrated the birthdays of Deegan, Sallow and Lucas. Students have also been working hard to complete a range of assessments, demonstrating their learning and growth across the curriculum. We are particularly proud of the progress students have made in their reading this semester. They have remained consistent with their daily reading routines, which has helped build their confidence, fluency and comprehension skills.

Last week, students enjoyed buddying up with next year's Prep students, showing kindness, patience and leadership as they helped them feel welcome at our school. As the term draws to a close, excitement is building for our end-of-year celebrations, and students are beginning preparations for the End of Year Assembly. We are proud of the positive attitude, effort and enthusiasm students continue to show during this busy and exciting time of year.











Learning Science Through Cooking!

Mr. J

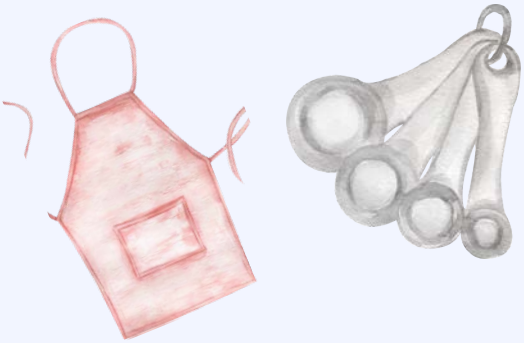
Last week, students in Learning Area 2 put their science knowledge into practice by making delicious scones! As part of our recent science lessons, students have been learning about reversible and irreversible changes to materials.
Making scones was a fantastic hands-on way to explore an irreversible change. Students observed how the ingredients changed when mixed together and how the mixture transformed into delicious scones when baked in the oven. Once baked, the ingredients could not be changed back to their original form.
It was a fun and engaging way for students to develop their scientific understanding while enjoying some hands-on learning (and a tasty treat at the end with jam and cream!)















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:











Grade 2 Sleepover!




















COOL
KIDS
READ
BOOKS

RONALDO
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WORKSPACE








































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 - One week to go! (Friday November 27th)

Prep transition program continues Next week (Friday 27th November)

Grade 6 Day @ 800 - Thursday 3rd December

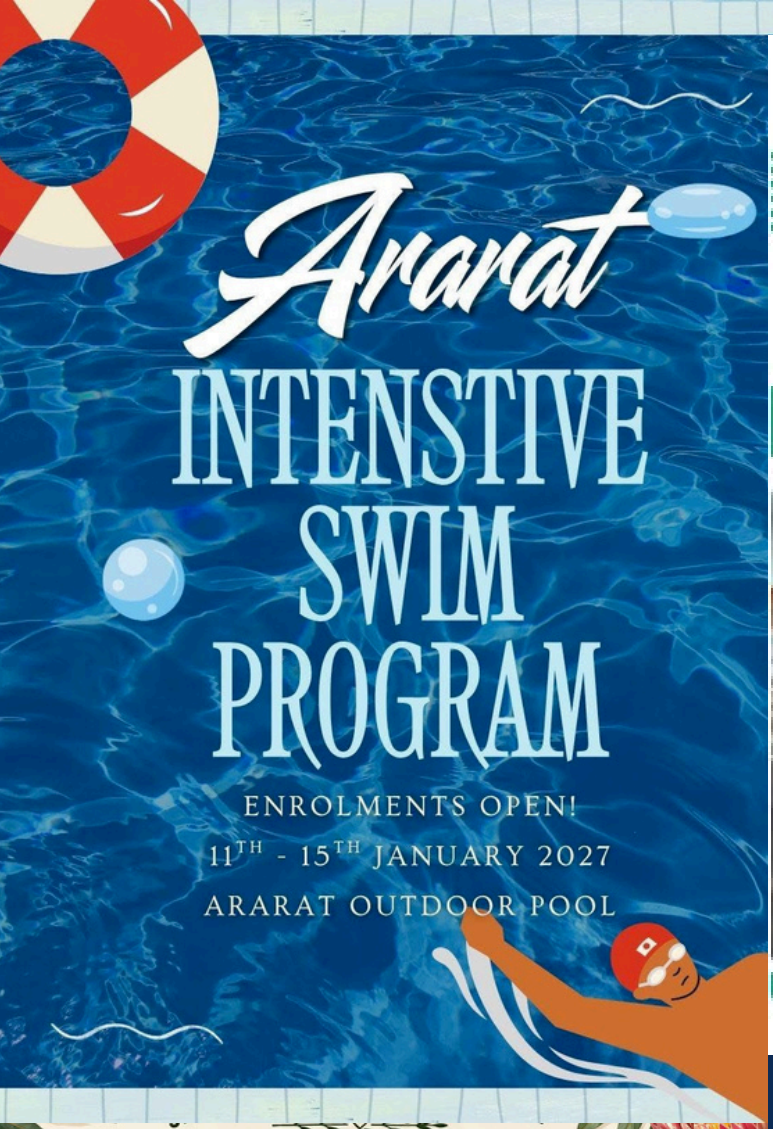
Sovereign Hill excursion - Friday 4th Decemeber

MATES Program Break-up - Monday 7th December

Statewide Transition Day - Tuesday 8th Decmeber

Grade 6 Graduation Dinner - Thursday 10th December

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


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
Date: Monday, 23rd of November
Time:9.30am -4pm
$145
*Upfront | Unit Required
Register Now!
Contact Us to Register
reception@ararahh.com | 02 5352 1851 | Register at Reception


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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RESPECT • RESPONSIBILITY • RESILIENCE
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.
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