



North News

Ararat North Primary School

Friday 23rd of October 2026



A WORD FROM LEADERSHIP

Welcome back for **Term 4**! We hope you had a restful break and are ready for a fun and successful final term. We're looking forward to learning, growing, and making wonderful memories together.

Last week the **Black Rangers Basketball** competition brought plenty of energy and enthusiasm. Students showed great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the competition. Well done to everyone who took part and supported their teammates!

We're also delighted with the successful start of our **swimming program**. Students have enjoyed getting into the pool, building their confidence, and developing their swimming skills. We look forward to seeing their progress in the weeks ahead.

We're excited to announce that **Fun Friday** is coming back! This is in recognition of all our students who consistently display our school values. We look forward to celebrating their positive contributions and school spirit.

A very special congratulations to **Ms. Ellen** and her husband Nick on the safe arrival of baby Thomas. We're so happy for Ms. Ellen and her family and send them our warmest wishes as they begin this exciting new chapter.

This morning, we were pleased to welcome **grandparents and special people** to breakfast. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the gathering such a warm and meaningful occasion. It was lovely to see students sharing time with the important people in their lives.

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.

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**

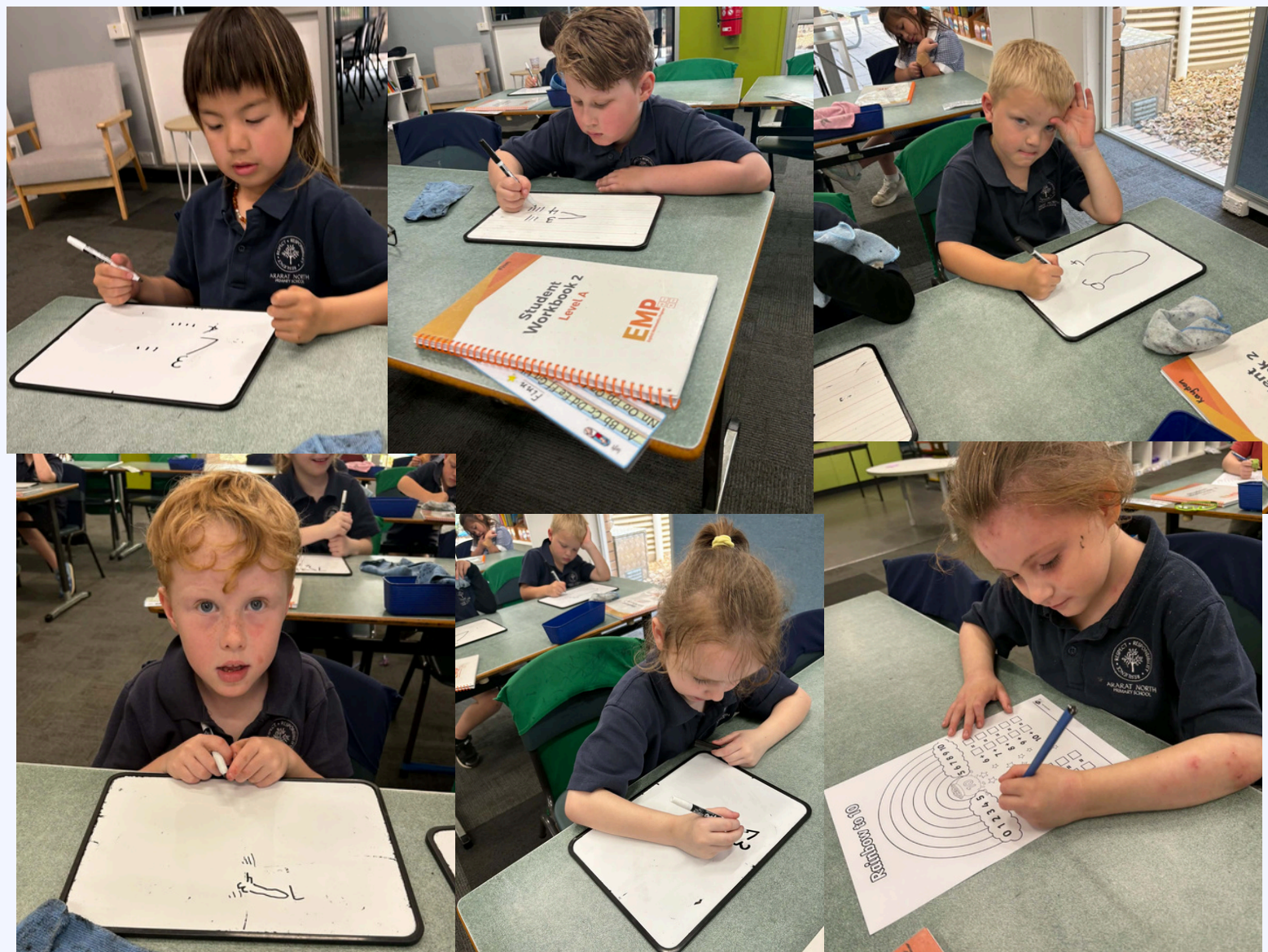
Anything more can significantly affect your child's learning and social development.

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

Maths so far this Term

Learning Area 1
Ms Aimee

This term in LA 1, students have been learning about number bonds and exploring their Friends of 10. Through a range of hands-on activities, games and number stories, students have been building their understanding of the different number combinations that make 10. We have also enjoyed singing our Friends of 10 song, which has helped students develop fluency and confidence with their number facts. It has been wonderful to see students enthusiastically engaging in their learning and growing as confident mathematicians.



Swimming Lessons

Learning Area 2
Mrs Albert

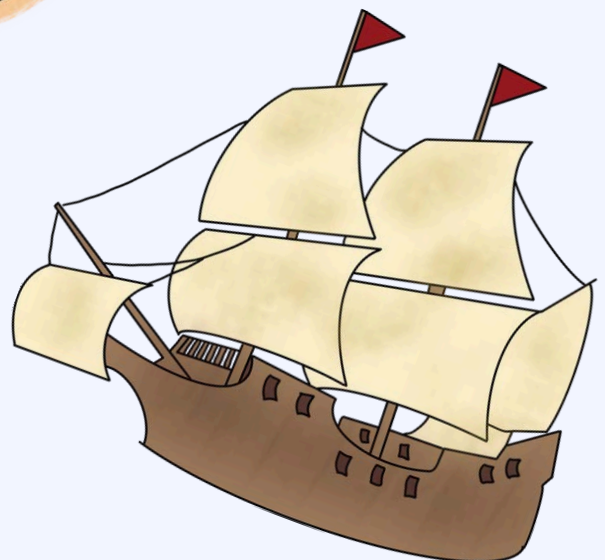
This term we have started our indoor swimming program and our LA 2 students are loving it! Students are developing their skills in water safety and how to enter and exit the pool. They have been walking safely to the pool and doing a terrific job getting themselves dried and dressed. Students have been learning to float, tread water, kick with a kickboard, move safely in the water, and developing their stroke technique.



History in LA 3

Mrs Alvina

In LA 3, students have been exploring what life was like in 18th-century England, and this unit has quickly become one of the highlights of our term. Students have been deeply engaged in learning about daily routines, clothing, food, work, and the challenges faced by families during that time. Many reading groups are also working through novels set in the 18th century, which has helped them make strong connections between their historical learning and the characters they encounter in their books. This combination of history and literature has sparked thoughtful discussions, with students showing wonderful enthusiasm and curiosity. They often reflect on how different life was back then and express how privileged they feel to live in the modern world with the comforts and opportunities they have today. It has been a fantastic learning journey, and LA 3 is thoroughly enjoying stepping back in time.



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:





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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

- 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

Student Free Day (report writing) - Monday 2nd November

Public Holiday (Melb Cup) - Tuesday 3rd 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 December

Statewide Transition Day - Tuesday 8th December



Grade 6 Graduation Dinner - Thursday 10th December

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



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



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Our Location
66 Blake St, Ararat 3377

Ararat INTENSIVE SWIM PROGRAM

ENROLMENTS OPEN!
11TH - 15TH JANUARY 2027
ARARAT OUTDOOR POOL

SHOP LOCAL • SUPPORT COMMUNITY

ELMHURST Bush Market

A CELEBRATION OF LOCAL MAKERS
AND OUR COMMUNITY ♥

SATURDAY
21 NOVEMBER
2026
3pm - 7pm

ELMHURST GOLF CLUB
*Great community. Beautiful setting.
Everyone welcome! ♥*

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

Supporting local from our area ♥

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 ♥

GOLDEN GATEWAY ARARAT Festival

Hansen
DESIGN AND PRINT

Decorated BIKE COMPETITION!

Brightest Bike!
Loudest Bike! ★★
Best Use of Recycled Materials
Most Colourful Bike! ★
Best Theme Bike! ★
Best Overall Decorated Bike!

Register your bike 11.30am 18th Oct
at Gordon St Rec Reserve

WE PRESENT
BAMWOW
AMAZING SHOW!

Get ready for jaw-dropping circus fun and crazy comedy!

All-Day Display!
Wannon Creek WILDLIFE

PLUS!
11.30am Roving Stilt Walkers

1:30 PM SHOWTIME!

Ararat Rural City

GOLDEN GATEWAY ARARAT Festival