

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL



ARARAT NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday, February 14, 2025

Welcome back to a new school year

I would like to welcome our staff, students and families back to school for 2025. Over the past couple of weeks, I have enjoyed catching up with students to hear about their summer breaks. There has been a general buzz of excitement from staff and students alike which has been fantastic to see. I'm pleased to welcome back all existing staff from 2024, students have been met with lots of familiar faces.

Foundation students settle in

The newest members of our ANPS community have settled in nicely. It's fantastic to see their enthusiastic faces each morning. Starting school is a big adjustment for young people, having Wednesdays at home allow them to gradually transition to their new routines. The focus over the past couple of weeks for our Foundation students has been getting them familiar with their new environment and routines while also setting the expectations for school.

New school uniform

All orders for our new school uniform have now been filled. Feedback from families and community members has been positive, I would like to thank Shayna for her hard work around organising the new uniforms for us, they look amazing. Families are still able to order uniform via the front office. Keep an eye out for new additions to our school uniform as we introduce winter accessories and sporting items as the year progresses.

Congratulations, Miss Ella!

As some of you already know, over the summer break, Ella and her partner Josh became engaged. On behalf of the ANPS community, I would like to congratulate Ella and Josh on this exciting new chapter in their lives.

Gymnastics program has begun

Our first gymnastics session at the Ararat Fitness Centre was a great success. Students were challenged out of their comfort zone while enjoying some physical activity which we know is important for a healthy lifestyle. This program will continue each Wednesday for Term 1, with the last Wednesday of the term being the Combined School Athletics day in Lake Bolac.

Staying Hydrated

Hydration is particularly important in the warmer months; students are encouraged to drink lots of water throughout the day. Water is essential for life. Dehydration can contribute to headaches, fatigue, irritability and poor concentration. This can affect learning and behaviour. Students need to drink plenty of water throughout the day to ensure they remain hydrated.

Jess Erhardt

Principal

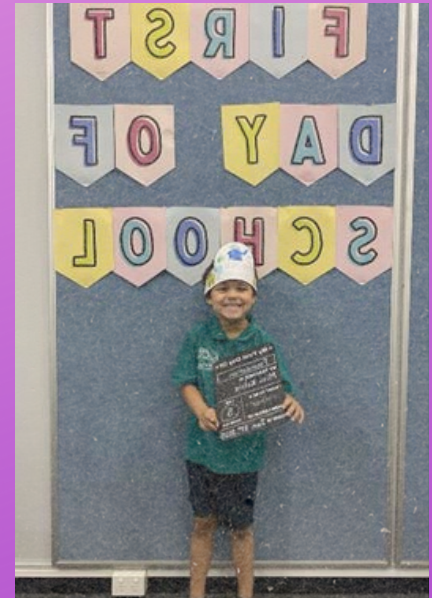
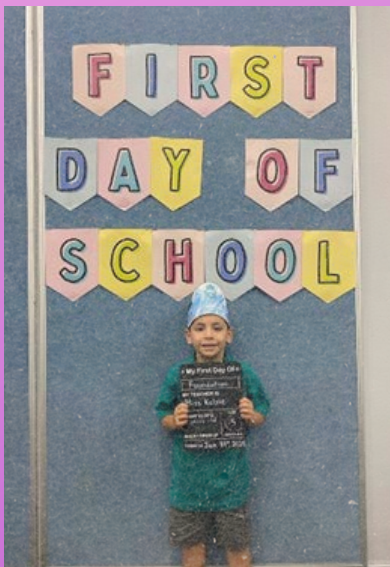
Ararat North Primary School



LEARNING AREA 1:

Miss Kelsie

On the 31st of January LA 1 and the whole ANPS community welcomed our new Foundation students to school. It can be scary and nerve-racking coming to a new school but our Foundation students had a fantastic day and have already settled into school life! In Mathematics over the last week we have been creating colour, shape and movement patterns. The students have loved doing this task independently using a variety of different objects to create their patterns and share them with each other. In Respectful Relationships we have been talking about emotions that we might feel throughout a day at school and acted out what they could look like. It has been a fabulous first two weeks in LA 1 and we are so excited for all the learning to come during Term 1!



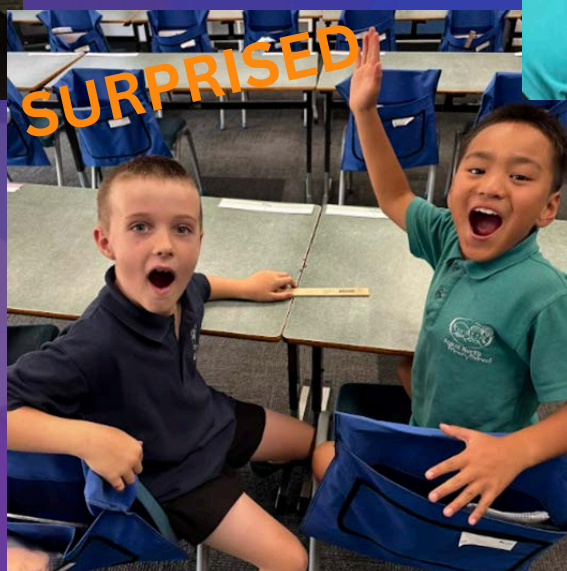
Learning Area 2:

Miss Ella

Learning Area 2 Explores Emotions in Respectful Relationships

In Learning Area 2, students have been diving into the topic of emotions as part of their Respectful Relationships studies. They've been working on identifying and expressing various emotions, both in themselves and others. Through engaging discussions, students have categorised feelings into comfortable and uncomfortable groups, learning how to better understand their emotional responses.

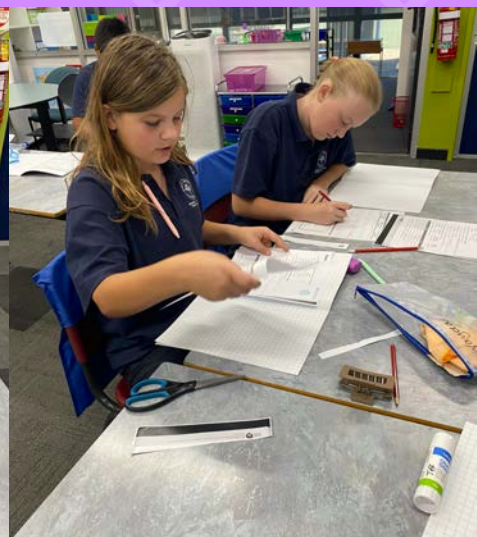
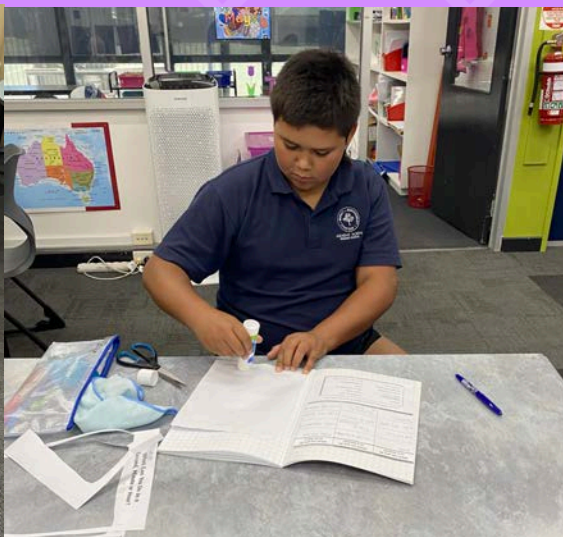
One of the highlights of this learning journey was the fun and interactive activity of acting out different emotions. Students had a blast demonstrating feelings like happiness, sadness, frustration, and excitement, while practicing how to recognise and respond to these emotions in a respectful way. It's been a great mix of learning and play!



Learning Area 3:

Miss Lisa

The year has started off very busily in LA3. We have been getting to know each other and getting into a routine. We attend gymnastics each Wednesday and students are really developing their skills. In Maths we are learning about place value and also learning to tell the time. In English we have started with big focuses on reading comprehension and spelling. We look forward to having a fabulous year of learning!



AWARDS



Congratulations!

From the
Art Room...

A happy and creative start to the year has occurred in Art with all students decorating their new Art folios and completing name plates for their Art journals. LA 2 students also made handheld fans to create some personal airflow on the hot days we have been experiencing. In Dance classes we have started ribbon dancing and begun learning dance actions for some popular songs.

Quinny



Auslan: *Annie Silva*



Dear Ararat North Students and Families,

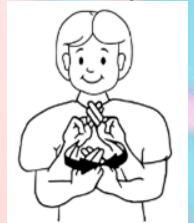
We are thrilled to announce the continuation of our Auslan (Australian Sign Language) program for Term 1, 2025! For those who are new to Ararat North, Auslan is the official language of our Australian Deaf community.

Did you know, you can help support your child's Auslan journey and also learn Auslan yourself? To do this, why not join our school's weekly Auslan newsletter where I will send you that week's signs to practice at home. If you would like to join our weekly Auslan newsletter please send an email to: Annie.Silva@education.vic.gov.au with your email address.

Throughout this term, our students will be exploring a range of exciting topics in Auslan. Here's a sneak peek at what they will be learning:

- **Family:** Students will learn signs to describe family members and relationships. They'll get to talk about their own families and understand how Auslan is used to express these important connections.
- **Places:** From school to home and everywhere in between, students will explore the signs for different places. This will help them navigate conversations about locations and directions.
- **Jobs:** Students will discover the signs for various jobs and professions. They'll learn how to talk about what they want to be when they grow up and understand the work that others do.
- **Age:** Our students will practice signing how old they are and learning the signs for different ages. This is a great way to connect with others and celebrate birthdays in a new way!
- **People:** Understanding and describing different people is key in any language. Our students learn signs to talk about physical descriptions and characteristics, helping them to express themselves and understand others.

Family



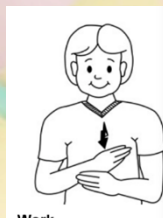
How old

Learning Auslan is not only a fantastic way for our students to communicate with the Deaf community, but it also helps develop empathy, respect, and cultural awareness. We look forward to seeing the enthusiasm and creativity our students will bring to the Auslan program this term!

Warm regards,
Annie Silva



People



Work / Job



Health and Physical Education

Mr. Johnson

This term I am happy to announce that once again we will be heading to Lake Bolac College to compete in the Lake Bolac & District Athletics Carnival. The carnival will be held on Wednesday 2nd of April 2025, during the last week of term. More information on this will come out in a few weeks. In preparation for this, students will practice a different athletics event each week at school. Last week we learned about the proper technique for High Jump which is called the Scissor Kick or Jump. This week we have been learning about how to run in a relay event and change over the baton. Please put the above date on your calendar. It would be great to have as many families at Lake Bolac to support our students.

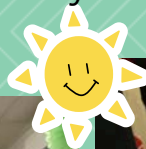




PLAY-BASED LEARNING:

Quinny

Students from Learning Areas 1 and 2 have begun their play-based learning experiences for the year. The children have been introduced to the Play Room and had fun trying some of the many learning activities provided. Play-based learning capitalises on children's natural inclination to be curious, explore and learn. In play experiences children integrate their emotions, thinking and motivation, strengthening brain functioning. Our learning goals in Term 1 are based on getting along with others and also on developing our fine motor skills. The Play Room is a place of fun, laughter, joy and creativity and we are already off to a fantastic start!



PLAY

FUN





Our New Uniform!

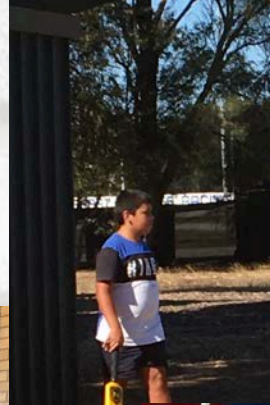
(Thanks to our stylish models...)



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Family Barbecue Photos



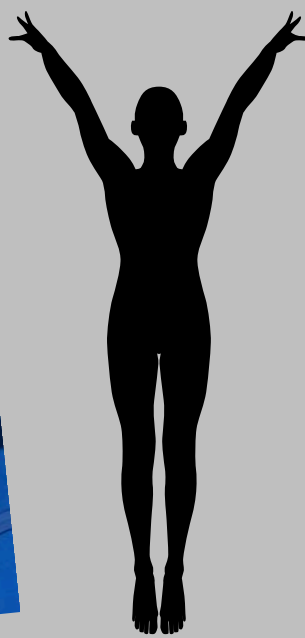
Gymnastics at Ararat Fitness and Leisure Centre: *Miss Ella*

Our students recently kicked off an exciting gymnastics program at the Ararat Fitness and Leisure Centre, and it was a huge hit! Everyone had a blast learning new skills and challenging themselves. It was especially fun watching our gymnasts confidently take on the balance beam, showing off their focus and balance. The trampoline was a standout activity, with lots of bouncing and laughter. Students also had fun balancing bean bags, improving their coordination, and learning the correct way to somersault—lots of smiles all around. It's been an exciting start to our gymnastics journey, and we can't wait for more!

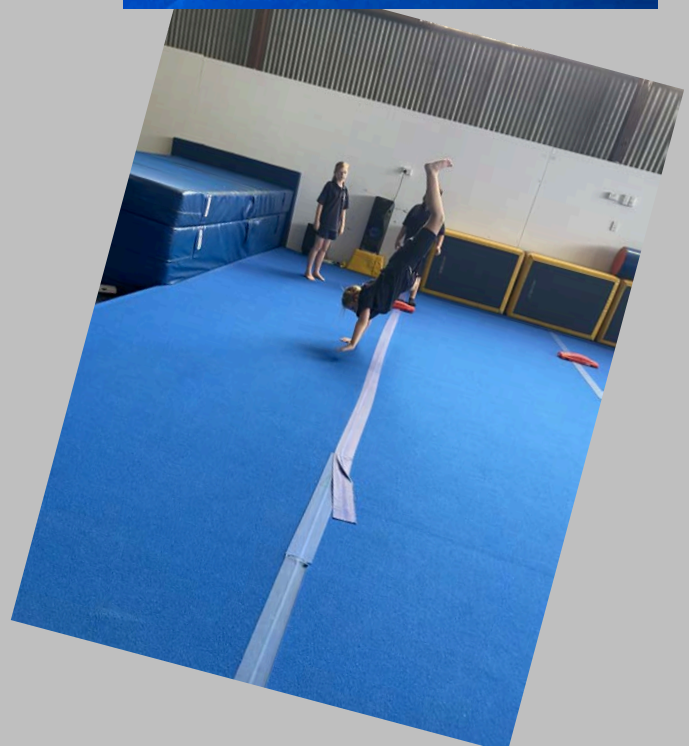


LA 2 Gymnastics





LA 3 Gymnastics



Ararat Neighborhood House

HOW TO DONATE TO US VIA THE CDS VIC WEST APP

- 1 Open the app (available [here](#)) & login. Look us up under "Charities" and press "Set as Payout" to get ready to donate your 10c refunds.
- 2 Scan your App barcode at your local TOMRA Cleanaway machine. Visiting our depot or over-the-counter? Ask our friendly staff for assistance.
- 3 Insert your eligible bottles or cans.
- 4 Press "TRANSFER" on the screen to confirm your donation.

100% of the refunds will be donated to us
Thanks for your support!

Find your nearest machine on the CDS VIC West app or visit www.cdsvic.org.au



Do you need support?

Someone....
to talk to?
who will listen?
to guide you through challenging situations?

Ararat Neighbourhood House
is here for you.
we have a support worker who can help you.
Ph: (03) 5352 1551

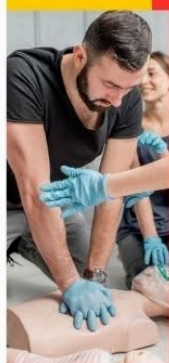
& ask for an appointment with our support worker, Kylie.

Kylie can assist you with:

Addiction Issues Anxiety / Depression
Sexual Assault Domestic Violence
Victims of Crime PTSD/C - PTSD

Eating Disorders

FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING



First Aid (HLTAID011) \$180
From 09.00am - 3.00pm
CPR (HLTAID009) \$80
From 9.00am - 11.00am
Emergency First Aid response in on Education or care setting (HLTAID012) \$250
from 9.00am - 4.00pm

FEB 3RD **OCT 6TH**
FEB 17TH **OCT 20TH**
MARCH 3RD **NOV 3RD**
MARCH 17TH **NOV 17TH**
APRIL 7TH **DEC 1ST**
MAY 5TH **DEC 15TH**
MAY 19TH
JUNE 2ND
JUNE 16TH
JULY 7TH
JULY 21ST
AUG 4TH
AUG 18TH
SEP 8TH
SEP 22ND

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ROOM HIRE

• \$20 per hour



Room Hire is available 24 hours 7 days a week

Call us : (03) 5352 1551

manager@araratnh.com

CHRONIC ILLNESS SOCIAL GROUP (C.I.S.G)

C.I.S.G INCL Cancer Survivors
And or Carers Past and Present
Meet And Greet
Ararat Neighbourhood House
for conversation and a Cuppa

When: Every Thursday

Where: 56 Campbell Street Ararat Vic 3377

Time: 12.30pm to 2.30pm

Cost: Gold coin donation

Phone: (03)5352 1551



www.araratneighbourhoodhouse.com.au

COME AND JOIN US ON A FINES DAY!

A Sheriff's Aboriginal Liaison Officer (SALO) can help with your outstanding fines and warrants



When: 18th April 2024
Time: Between 11am and 1pm

Where: Ararat Neighbourhood House



Come and have a chat with your friendly SALO to help discuss your outstanding fines and infringements. It's a no pressure environment that gives you the chance to sort out some issues you might be facing.

A Sheriff's Aboriginal Liaison Officer (SALO) works with the Community to provide advice and help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a culturally safe manner with:

- Infringements: Fines and payment arrangements
- Options available to resolve outstanding fines
- Outstanding Sheriff's warrants

A SALO is not a Sheriff's Officer.

Sheriff's Aboriginal Liaison Officer: AL3952
Jessica Toy (Garruparra Region)
Ph: 0439 529 345
Email: jessica.toy@justice.vic.gov.au



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LOAN GUIDANCE TIPS

Whether you're planning to start a business, purchase a new home, or finance your education, our local finance broker Cheryl Rapson, is here to support you.



- Competitive interest rates
- Simple application process
- Wide range of loan options



Wednesday, 21 Feb from 1.30pm - 2.30pm



Please register your attendance by calling 03 5352 1551 or call Cheryl on 0419 392 372



Ararat Neighbourhood House
56 Campbell St, Ararat



Home and Commercial Finance

Ararat Neighbourhood House

56 Campbell Street, Ararat VIC 3377 | Phone: (03) 5352 1551



Operating Hours

By appointment only

Tuesday.....12-2pm
Wednesday.....12-2pm
Thursday.....12-2pm
Friday.....12-2pm

Ararat Neighborhood House

Ararat neighbourhood house Justice of the peace

Statutory Declarations

- Legal documentation services
- Confidential and secure processing

Location:
56 Campbell Street, Ararat VIC 3377
Hours of Operation:
10am - 12pm
Why Choose Us?
• Professional and experienced service
• Fast turnaround times
• Friendly assistance
Contact today for your statutory declaration needs!



Every Wednesday
reception@araratnh.com
03 5352 1551

Ararat Neighbourhood House CRAFT GROUP - EVERY FRIDAY

Join Us for a Fun and Creative Experience!

Who: All skill levels welcome!
What: Bring your favorite craft supplies, or try something new!



BYO: Lunch

Highlights:

- Relaxed, friendly atmosphere
- Share ideas and techniques
- Make new friends



Contact:
For more information, contact at
03 53521551
reception@araratnh.com

56 CAMPBELL STREET,
ARARAT VIC 3377

AUSLAN CLASSES



Discover Auslan: Learn Australian Sign Language!

Join our engaging Auslan classes and unlock a new way to communicate!

What We Offer:

- Friendly, experienced instructors
- Classes for all levels: Beginners to Advanced
- Fun and interactive learning environment
- Small class sizes for personalized attention

Why Learn Auslan?

- Enhance your communication skills
- Access a vibrant community
- Promote inclusivity and understanding
- Boost your resume with valuable skills

Class Details:
When: February 12th 10:00am - 11:00am
Where: 56 Campbell Street, Ararat VIC 3377
Duration: A Term
Cost: \$15
Register Today!



Contact Us 03 5352 1551

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Cooking with a Budget

Learn to cook Delicious Meals on a Budget!
Join us for a fun and informative cooking class where you'll discover how to prepare tasty meals without breaking the bank!

- Tips for budget-friendly meal planning
- Affordable ingredient swaps
- Quick and easy recipes
- Cooking techniques for maximizing flavor

When: Starting Thursday Feb 6th every second week from 11am to 1pm
Where: 56 Campbell Street, Ararat VIC 3377
Cost: \$5
Who Can Join:
Everyone is welcome!
Why Attend?
• Save money on groceries
• Impress your friends with new dishes
• Make cooking fun and accessible

Register Today!
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ARARAT NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE



Join us every Thursday
Time: 10AM - 12PM
Cost: \$5 per session
Materials Provided
Booking Essential
Walk-ins Accepted!

Unleash your creativity and make new friends!
For more information, contact: 03 5352 1551



JOIN US FOR A CHATTY CAFE FOR "CUPPA & CONNECT"!



Make new friends over a warm cup of tea or coffee!
Location: 56 Campbell Street Ararat VIC 3377

Phone:
Every Tuesday from 10am - 11.30am

What to Expect:

- Warm Beverages: Enjoy a coffee or tea
- Friendly Faces: Meet new people in a cozy environment
- Casual Chats: Share stories, ideas, and laughs

Let's Create Connections! Join our vibrant community and make lasting friendships!

Sip, Chat, and Make Memories!
We can't wait to see you there!
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Gold Coin donation accepted.



ARARAT NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

GET YOUR WHITE CARD WITH APCPWH51001!



PREPARE TO WORK SAFELY IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY (VIC)

Price: \$195 includes certificate and white card!

Key Course Details:

- Validation: No renewal required
- Time: Courses run from 9am to 3pm
- Location: Training Room, 1 Ugar Street (Corner of Ugar and Barkly Street)
- Frequency: Every 1st Tuesday of the month

Important Information:

- ✓ Bring valid photographic identification on the day of the course
- ✓ No online inputs necessary - Our courses are comprehensive!
- ✓ Expect an email from Allen's Training (no action required)

Don't miss out! Secure your spot today!

Contact Us
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Responsible Service of Alcohol

Your Commitment to Safety and Enjoyment!

What is Responsible Service of Alcohol?
Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) refers to serving alcohol in a way that promotes safe consumption and prevents alcohol-related harm

- 1. Understand the Law**
 - know the legal drinking age.
 - Enforce legal limits on alcohol consumption
- 2. Monitor Guests' Intake**
 - Observe guests for signs of intoxication.
 - Offer non-alcoholic options.
- 3. Be Proactive**
 - Refuse service to intoxicated guests kindly but firmly.
 - Encourage safe transport options (taxi, rideshare).
- 4. Training and Education**
 - Ensure staff are RSA certified
 - Regularly review alcohol service policies.
- 5. Promote Safe Drinking Habits**
 - Help guests make informed choices
 - Provide resources for help with alcohol-related issues.

Join Us In Creating a Safe Environment
Together, we can ensure everyone enjoys responsibly!

Reserve your spot today!
Limited spaces available: To register, contact us on: 03 5352 1551 or reception@araratnh.com

LIQUOR CONTROL
VICTORIA



Date: 18th February
Time: 9am - 3pm
Cost: \$105 upfront



Ararat Neighbourhood House

Food HANDLING

Join Our Food Safety Training Course

Why Get Certified?

- Enhance your knowledge of food safety practices
- Reduce the risk of foodborne illnesses
- Improve your job opportunities in the food industry
- Ensure compliance with local health regulations
- It is advised that anyone working in a kitchen has formal food handling training

What You'll Learn:

- Safe food preparation and storage methods
- Proper hygiene practices
- Understanding foodborne illnesses
- Hazard Analysis and Critical control points (HACCP)

Who Should Attend?

- Restaurant Staff
- Food service workers
- Anyone handling food in a professional setting

Certificate Issued Upon Completion
Register Now! 03 5352 1551 or
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Date: 17th Feb
Time: 9am - 5pm
Cost: \$145 upfront



ARARAT NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

We offer Photocopying, printing and laminating available for the community at competitive rates.

Contact the office on 03 5352 1551

If you need this service

Price List:
Printing:
B&W A4 - .20c
B&W A3 - .35c
Colour A4 - .90c
Colour A3 - \$1.80

Laminating:
A4 size paper - \$2.00
A3 size paper - \$3.00

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BRING YOUR PEN, PAPER AND PASSION!

Join Us for a Creative writing Session!
Are you ready to share your stories with others?
Discover your unique voice and express your imagination on paper!

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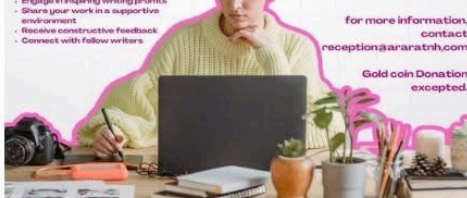
- Engage in inspiring writing prompts
- Share your work in a supportive environment
- Receive constructive feedback
- Connect with fellow writers

When: January 21st, 2025
10am to 12pm Every Tuesday

Where: Ararat Neighbourhood House
Who: Open to all skill levels!

for more information, contact
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Ararat Neighbourhood House

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Date's:
Thursday - 20/02/2025 from 10.30am - 1.30pm
Thursday - 24/04/2025 from 10.30am - 1.30pm
Thursday - 19/06/2025 from 10.30am - 1.30pm
Thursday - 14/08/2025 from 10.30am - 1.30pm
Thursday - 09/10/2025 from 10.30am - 1.30pm
Thursday - 04/12/2025 from 10.30am - 1.30pm

Contact Us
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WILLAURA HEALTH CARE OUTDOOR MARKET

Sunday March 2 2025, 10am-2pm

Willaura Recreation Reserve, Delacombe Way



The Willaura Market is a charity event run by the Willaura Health Care Auxiliary, with funds raised going towards improving the lives of residents and patients at Willaura Health Care, East Grampians Health Service.

This boutique country market offers goods from local and regional artisans and is set in Willaura, surrounded by fertile farmland, which lies 34 kilometres south of Ararat on the south-eastern edge of the Grampians in Victoria's Western District.

Local producers and local artisans:

- Homewares
- Cards
- Jewellery
- Giftware
- Clothing for babies,

children and adults

- Plants
- Gourmet Foods

Variety of food vendors including:

- Gourmet food
- Lions barbecue
- Coffee
- Icecream



Childrens entertainment,
musical entertainment
and raffle.

For more information: willauramarket.com



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We thank the following sponsors of the market:



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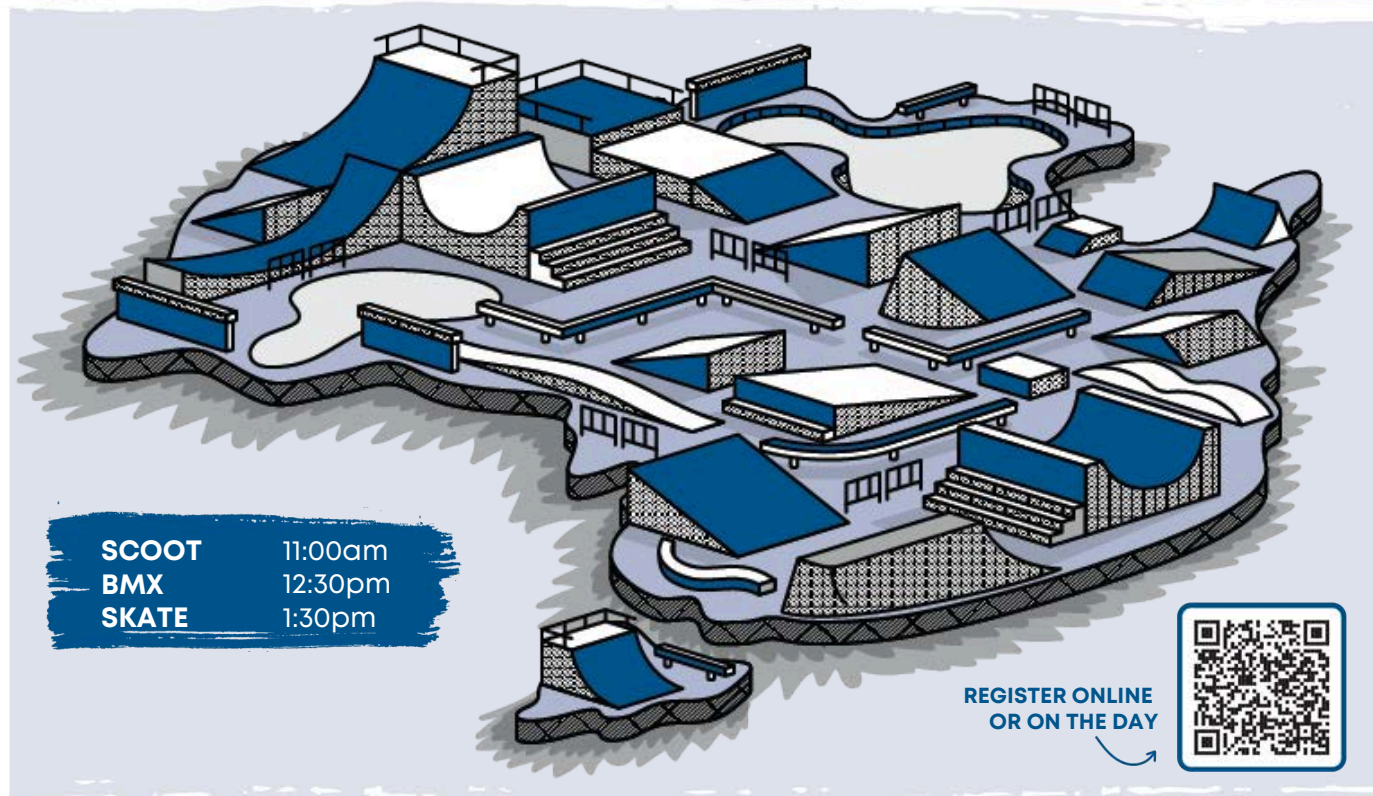
2025

WESTERN REGIONAL SERIES

SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY

ARARAT

SKATE PARK COMPETITION



SCOOT 11:00am
BMX 12:30pm
SKATE 1:30pm

REGISTER ONLINE
OR ON THE DAY



4 Alexandra Ave, Ararat VIC

Free entry, all ages and abilities welcome.

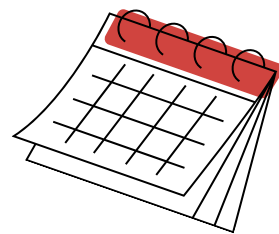


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SKATEPARKLEAGUES

KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- Wednesday, February 19, 2025 - Gymnastics
- Friday, February 21, 2025 - School Assembly @ 2.55p.m.
- Wednesday, February 26, 2025 - Gymnastics
- Friday, February 28, 2025 - State Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
- Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - Gymnastics
- Friday, March 7, 2025 - Curriculum Day - **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Monday, March 10, 2025 - Labour Day Public Holiday - **NO SCHOOL**
- Wednesday, March 12, 2025 - Gymnastics
- Wednesday, March 19, 2025 - Gymnastics
- Friday, March 21, 2025 - Harmony Day and School Assembly @ 2.55p.m.
- Wednesday, March 26, 2025 - Gymnastics
- Monday, March 31, 2025 - 3 Way Conversation Day (Parent Teacher Interviews)
- Wednesday, April 2, 2025 - Combined School Athletics Day - Lake Bolac
- Friday, April 4, 2025 - Last Day of Term 1 - Tabloid games, Picnic, and Assembly

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We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first peoples and Traditional Owners and custodians of the land and waterways on which we live. We honour and pay our respects to Elders past and present.



Our Newsletter is published every second week. Our next Newsletter date is **Friday, February 28, 2025**. If you would like to **submit something** for our Newsletter (e.g. a community or sports group announcement) please send it to school by **Monday, February 24, 2025**.



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