

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Friday, February 28, 2025

Welcome Tabitha

As part of our wellbeing program this year we are continuing our partnership with One Red Tree. The program aims to provide mental health support to students who need it and may not have access to supports outside of school. This year we welcome Tabitha to our team as our provisional Psychologist.

Importance of Attendance

Each day of school missed makes a difference, with the effect on learning accumulating over time. From an early age, if children are taught that they need to 'show up' for school and make a commitment, this positive mentality aids academic and career success and brings benefits in adulthood. Non-attendance has both an academic and a social impact. There's a well-documented correlation between absences and achievement, which demonstrates that every day matters.

State School Spectacular Rehearsal

Our State School Spectacular students had their first rehearsal this week. Students began to explore the songs they would be singing at the Spectacular; it was very exciting. Throughout the year these students will continue to practise their songs and polish their vocal skills in preparation for the televised performance in Melbourne later in the year.

Curriculum Day

On Friday 7th March, our teachers will be travelling to Ballarat to take part in a day of learning. David Morkunas is a leader in the mathematics space, he will be sharing high quality activities and lessons with our staff to further enhance our Mathematics program at ANPS. We are very excited to bring this learning back to our students.

There will be no students on-site on this day.

Jess Erhardt

Principal

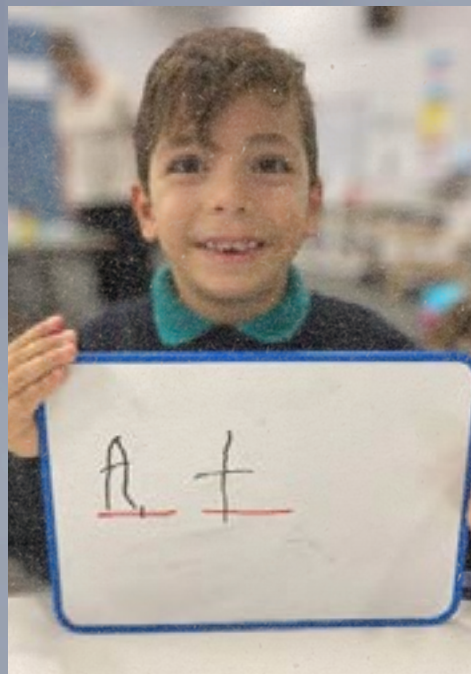
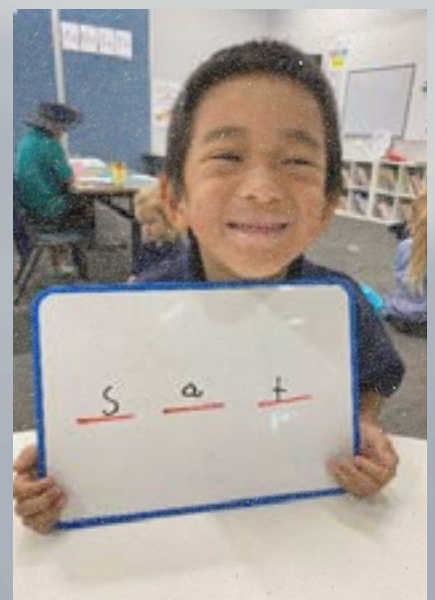
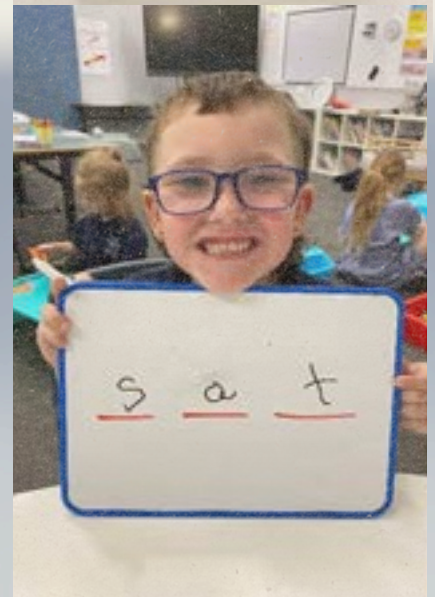
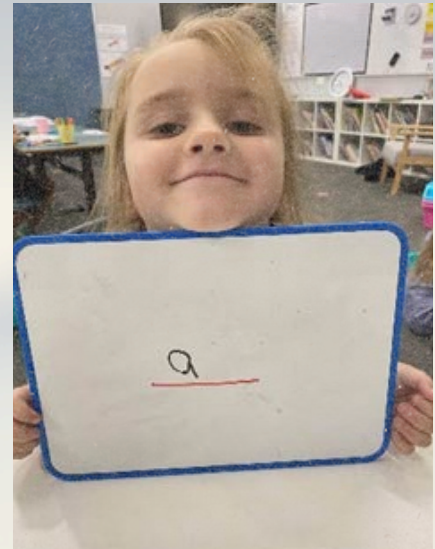
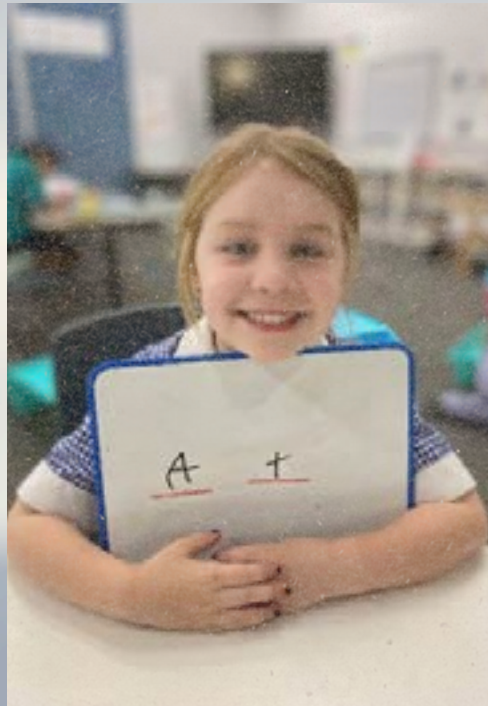
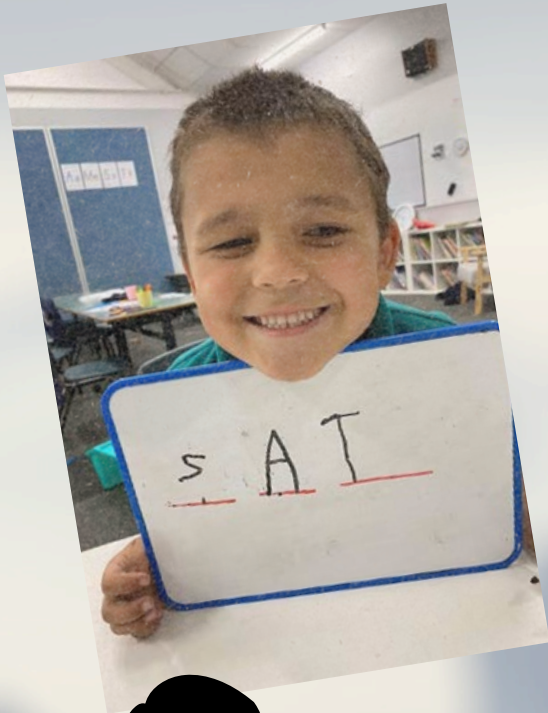
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LEARNING AREA 1:

Miss Kelsie

This fortnight in LA 1 we have been learning individual letter sounds and using these to build and read words. The sounds we have currently learnt and have been practicing multiple times a day are a, i, m, s, t, u, o, p and f. We know the names of these letters, a word starting with this letter and the sounds they make. In numeracy we have been creating and comparing collections of objects and can identify the larger collection. We are starting to do this by just looking at the number (subitizing) rather than counting each object in the collection. We have learnt SO much over the last two weeks and had lots of fun!




LA 2 Math Update: Exploring Place Value and Strategy

This week, LA 2 students have been diving into the concept of place value, working with numbers up to the hundreds. They've been comparing numbers and practising their skills in a fun, interactive way. The class played a game that required good luck, where students rolled dice to determine the numbers for the hundreds, tens, and ones columns of their number.

Once their numbers were formed, students paired up to compare their results, deciding together whose number was bigger. It was a fantastic opportunity to reinforce math skills while adding an element of fun and friendly competition. Keep up the great work, LA2!




 Name: _____

Place Value Dice Game

Directions: Using a 0-9 die, write the rolled digit into a place on the chart. Read the hundreds number you created. (If you do not have a 0-9 die, you can make a number generator using an egg carton labeled with digits 0-9. Shake a bean inside the closed egg carton, open, and see the digit you will use.)
 Play with a partner and see who has the greater number.

Hundreds	Tens	Ones



Learning Area 3:

Miss Lisa

In LA 3 we have been learning to do research on the computers. In Humanities we have been researching early settlements. Why and when were settlements developed? Who were they named after? We have had fun finding out some interesting information.

Science has us looking at human and animal adaptations over the years. We found out that wombats have a bony plate in their bottoms that protects the wombat from bites and scratches. We also discovered that kookaburras sit very still and camouflage with the forest, making them almost invisible to their prey. And we learnt that dingoes don't bark, they howl to communicate.

We have also had fun doing name art to brighten up our classroom. This activity has been a little bit of a challenge but with resilience, our efforts are paying off.

We have enjoyed our year so far and we are looking forward to lots of learning and growth in the next weeks.



From the
Art Room...

Students have had a wonderful time in Art this week, designing wedding dresses for Miss Ella's upcoming nuptials. As you can see from the photos, we are all imagining a beautiful bride on the day!

Quinny



AWARDS



Congratulations!

School Student Leaders

At last week's Assembly our Student Leaders were presented with their badges. Congratulations. We are already very proud of the great job you are doing!



From the Desk of Annie Silva, Auslan Teacher



Dear Ararat North Community,

I am thrilled to share with you the exciting journey our students have embarked on in learning Auslan this term! Together, we've delved into the world of signs related to family. From mum and dad to nan and pop, and all the way to cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and even babies, our students have grasped the importance of family vocabulary in a fun and engaging way.

In addition to this, we have practiced asking and responding to the question, "How old are you?" in sign language. We have also learnt a range of school-related vocabulary (paper, pen, whiteboard, sit down, lunch time, recess, etc). It has been wonderful to see the students confidently using their new skills to communicate with one another.

To further enhance our learning experience, we are launching a "Class by Class Auslan Challenge." Each time a teacher uses a word we've learned, we encourage our students to use their signs. This is a fantastic opportunity for everyone to practice and reinforce their knowledge while supporting a vibrant learning environment.

We are also excited to announce that class Auslan champions will be recognized in our next newsletter. Stay tuned to see which classes have embraced this challenge with enthusiasm!

Thank you for your support in fostering our students' Auslan learning journey. Let's keep signing and celebrating communication together.

Warm regards,

Annie Silva
Auslan Teacher
Ararat North Primary School



Athletics Training

Mr. Johnson



Ararat Neighborhood House

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we have a support worker who can help you.
Ph: (03) 5352 1551

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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 3577

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!



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

When: 18th April 2024
Time: Between 11am and 5pm
Where: Ararat Neighbourhood House



Ararat Neighbourhood House is a community organisation that provides a range of services to support the local community. We are currently seeking a SALO to help with outstanding fines and warrants. If you are interested, please contact us at 03 5352 1551.



Ararat Neighbourhood House
56 Campbell Street
Ararat VIC 3577
Phone: (03) 5352 1551



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
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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
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Operating Hours

By appointment only

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



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

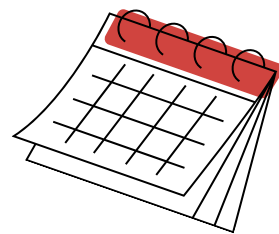


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KEY DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:



- 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, March 14, 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, March 10, 2025**.



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