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Newsletter 2024

Respect - Responsibility - Excellence

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Term 1 Week 1 Volume 1



— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

And a special welcome to our Year 7 students



Principal's Report

Welcome to the 2024 School Year!

We are very excited to welcome back all of our returning students and families for the 2024 school year! I would like to extend a special welcome to our new Year 7 students and their families who are commencing their secondary school journey. We have also had a number of new enrolments across multiple year levels in our school, so welcome to these new members to our school community.

At Ararat College we are very passionate about developing strong relationships with our students and families and having strong communication that supports the learning and wellbeing within our school. Parents and guardians can contact teachers, members of the Sub School or Wellbeing Team and Principal Class via our XUNO portal, phone or by making an appointment to catch up in person. It is important to note that if you pop in without an appointment, we will do our best to have someone meet with you but times this can be difficult.

You can also follow Ararat College on both Facebook and Instagram.

New and returning staff

We have welcomed a number of new staff to our team this year which has been very exciting. All staff are experts in their respective fields, and we look forward to them strengthening the already diverse group of passionate educators we have at our school.

Mark Rodney- Humanities, VCE VM and English

Jess Revell- Science

Brigitta Hodgetts- Moving into a teaching role: English/ Humanities

Riley Mason- Moving into a teaching role: Music/ Drama

Hannah Wigg– Tutoring, PE/ Psychology

Aoife Kennelly– Science (Term 1)

Katelin McDonald– Education Support

Tanya Harris– Canteen Assistant

Katy Jewell– Health/ PE (returning from family leave)

Xuno—Your key to school communication

XUNO is the key to communication at Ararat College. Through this portal you are able to view your child's attendance, book for Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences, message teachers, view the school calendar, see any upcoming learning tasks or CATs (Common Assessment Tasks) your child may have, approve permission slips and track your child's progress.

This year we will be focusing on utilising XUNO more and reducing paper communication. All excursions, camps and school events will be posted for approval through the XUNO parent portal and app. If for any reason you are having trouble accessing or using the XUNO parent portal, please do not hesitate in contacting a member of our office on 5352 4177. User guides are able also able to be found on our school website [via this link](#).



Principal's Report Continued

Tracking your child's progress

Our student reports will remain the same as last year with Common Assessment Tasks occurring in all Year 7-10 classes and Outcomes in all Year 11 and Year 12 VCE and VCE VM classes. These tasks are then reported on by teachers and results with written feedback are provided on a continuous nature throughout each term. These are published in XUNO for parents and students to read. At the end of each semester teachers will also report on the Victorian Curriculum levels and Learner Behaviours that reflect our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. Reports will be available online through XUNO.

Families should also save the date for our Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences which will occur in the second last week of term on Thursday March 21st in the evening and Friday March 22nd in the morning. Students are expected to attend these with their parents/guardians and as a result no classes will be held on Friday March 22nd.

Reminder – Mobile Phones

The start of the year is a good time to check in regarding our Mobile Phone Policy. The Department of Education has put this mobile phone ban in place. All students who bring mobile phones to school are required to have them switched off and securely put in their lockers throughout the school day (8:55am-3:25pm). This ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state, which helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions.

By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause. Since implementing this ban in 2020 we have seen firsthand the many benefits of supporting our students to have time away from the devices! Our families have been excellent in supporting our school with this policy, I ask once again for the continued support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school. A full copy of the policy can be found on our website or [via this link](#).

Year 12 Camp next week

Next week on Wednesday our Year 12 students are heading off to their retreat in Halls Gap. This camp focuses on strengthening the relationships amongst students and team building whilst also preparing students for the academic, social and emotional demands of their final year of school. A big thank you to Ms Murnane for all of her tireless work organising this experience for students and to Mr Dalziel and Ms Lidgerwood who will be attending.

Ellie McDougall
Principal

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WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

When you're child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Build friendships
- Develop life skills

The graphic features a blue background with a yellow circular inset on the right showing two students sitting on a bench, one playing a drum. The text is in white and yellow.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs each and every morning from 8:15am—8:40am from the outside window of the TTC opposite the senior centre.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday—Cheese Toasties

Thursday— Ham and Cheese Toasties

Friday— Pancakes

Fresh fruit cups are available each morning!

Milo (warm or cold) is also available each morning

2024 School Production—Announcement

Disney FREAKY FRIDAY

A NEW MUSICAL

The logo for the Disney musical 'Freaky Friday' features the word 'Disney' in its signature script font above the title 'FREAKY FRIDAY' in large, bold, pink and yellow block letters. Below the title, it says 'A NEW MUSICAL' in a smaller, red font. A small '©Disney' copyright notice is visible on the right side.

Announcing this year's school Musical Production... 'Freaky Friday.'

Based on the Disney movie of the same name, the show tells the story of Ellie and Katherine, a mother and daughter who magically swap bodies and have to experience a day 'in the other's shoes.'

An info session will be held soon – watch this space for details!

The show will hit the stage in term 3.



School Uniform Recycling.

Donations Needed!

Schools are always in need of second hand uniform.

If you have items of uniform that your child no longer requires and you would like to donate, we would be most grateful to receive them. Any uniform that is still in good wearable condition will be happily accepted.

If you would like to make a donation please send them to school with your child to deliver to the college office. If you would like to donate items anonymously, please contact the college office 5352 4177 and we will make arrangements for their delivery.

GYE MOVIE NIGHT

HOSTED BY
GRAMPIANS, YOUTH EVENTS

DATE

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM FOR A 6:10 START

16 FEBRUARY 2024

LOCATION

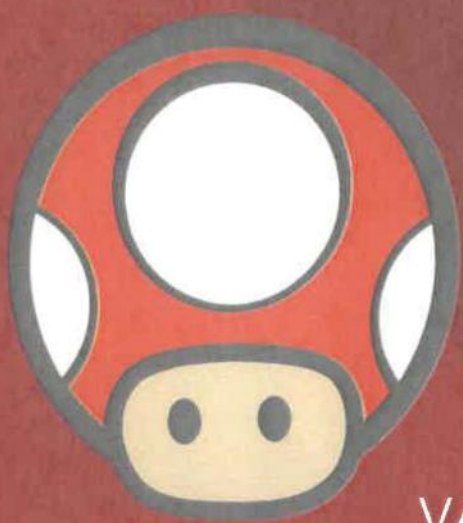
AT THE POWERHOUSE STAWELL

MOVIE

SUPER MARIO

MORE INFO

VAPE DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT
FAMILY FRIENDLY



ARARAT RURAL HARMONY DAY 2024



When: 16th March 2024

Time: 10 am to 1 pm

Where: Ararat College

RAR and Ararat Rural City Council are pleased to invite the community, families and children to celebrate Ararat Rural Harmony Day 2024.

Performances



Food



Workshops



The Ararat Rural Harmony Day 2024 was supported by the Victorian Government



ARARAT REGIONAL THEATRE SOCIETY

(Formerly Ararat Musical Comedy Society)

Will hold Auditions for

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AND THE
AMAZING TECHNICOLOR[®] DREAMCOAT

LYRICS BY
TIM RICE

MUSIC BY
ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER

When: Friday 2 February, 2024 from 7:15pm
Saturday 3 February, 2024 from 10:00am
(Sunday 4 February, Tuesday 6 February 2024 if required)

Where: Scout Hall,
1 Queen street, Ararat

Contact: Leanne McCready 0439048813 to book a time

Rehearsals start Thursday 8 February 2024

Term 1 2024

February	Monday	5	
	Tuesday	6	
	Wednesday	7	Year 12 Retreat– Silver band Lodge Halls Gap
	Thursday	8	Year 12 Retreat
	Friday	9	Year 12 Retreat
	Monday	12	
	Tuesday	13	
	Wednesday	14	
	Thursday	15	GTAC Excursion– Year 11 2024 Swimming Carnival
	Friday	16	
	Monday	19	
	Tuesday	20	
	Wednesday	21	Year 7 Welcome BBQ @ 5.30pm
	Thursday	22	
	Friday	23	

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Canteen Volunteers Wanted!

We are currently looking
for Volunteers to help out
in our school canteen
for 2024.

Please email Mel to express your
interest -

Melissa.Fiegert@education.vic.gov.au