



Art Conversation Talk

On Wednesday the 16th of August the VCE Art Making and Exhibiting class visited Ararat's TAMA Gallery to talk about conservation of artworks in storage and while on exhibition. The students got a peek behind-the-scenes in the collection room, with a conversation covering aspects of preventative conservation - light levels, climate control, pest control, safe handling of artworks - and toured through Ema Shin's exhibition 'Hearts of Absent Women'. Thank you to Katy Mitchell from TAMA gallery for organising the talk and for always going out of her way to accommodate our class

Mrs Murnane



Principal's Report

School Production

This week “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” hit the stage! Congratulations to all cast and crew for putting on such a wonderful show! It was a big week for all involved, performing for over 200 primary school students in their matinee show on Wednesday. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the hard work that has gone into rehearsals, creating props and costumes come together and watching the students shine and enjoy their time on stage. A big thank you to Ms Fairley who directed this year’s production, Mr Mason – Musical Director and Mrs Potter – Backstage Coordinator, including organisation of all props and sets. It takes a team and we are very grateful for the large number of staff who have supported throughout the year to make this extremely valuable experience available to our students.

DigiTech Camp

A group of Year 10 and 11 students ventured off to Ballarat Tech School this week on a Digital Technology camp that has focused on immersing them in a variety of STEM activities. This has included automation, drones, system engineering, and light systems. A big thank you to Mr Barrie for his organisation in making this camp possible, which also included gaining funding so that it could occur at no cost. The fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics continue to grow and supporting students to explore them in action is something I am sure they will remember as part of their secondary schooling experience.

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

Bookings will open on XUNO today!

These conferences provide a great opportunity to discuss your child’s progress in detail with their teachers, celebrate achievements and look for opportunities for further growth. I strongly encourage all students to attend these conferences with their parents or guardians. Conferences will run the evening of Thursday 14th September from 4pm - 7pm and throughout the day on Friday 15th September between 9am – 12:30pm. There will be no classes running at school on Friday 15th September. This means students' last day of classes for Term 3 is Thursday 14th September.

Uniform Support

I would like to remind all families regarding the supports we have for those that require assistance accessing all aspects of our school uniform. We have numerous uniform items available for students from our front office, most brand new. We are also able to arrange vouchers for families to purchase uniform items directly from Fosters Mensland. If you require some uniform items, please contact our friendly office on 5352 4177 and they will be more than happy to assist. For the full details of our school uniform [please follow this link.](#)

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MOVIE NIGHT

FREE

PROGRAM

6:30pm Arrival/Resources

6:50pm RUOK? presentation

7:00pm Movies Commence

*choice of movies subject to seating availability.

*Food & Drinks at cinema prices.



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today**

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WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

DAYS MISSED = YEARS LOST

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

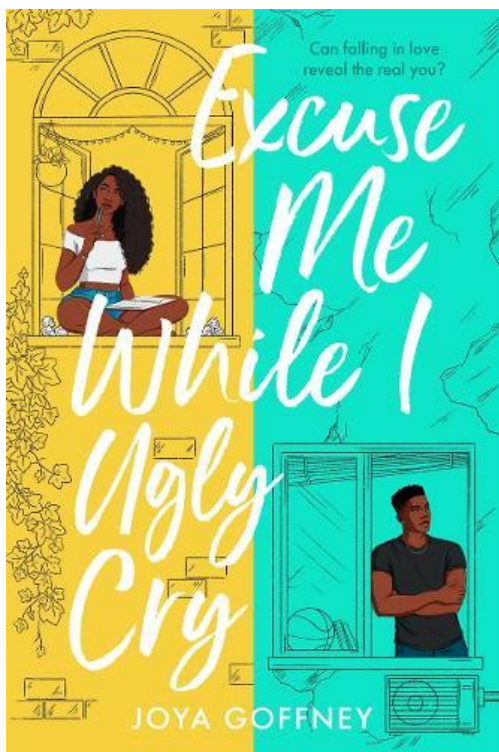
WHEN YOUR CHILD MISSES JUST....

THEY MISS WEEKS PER YEAR

AND YEARS OVER THEIR SCHOOL LIFE



These new novels are now available in the library.



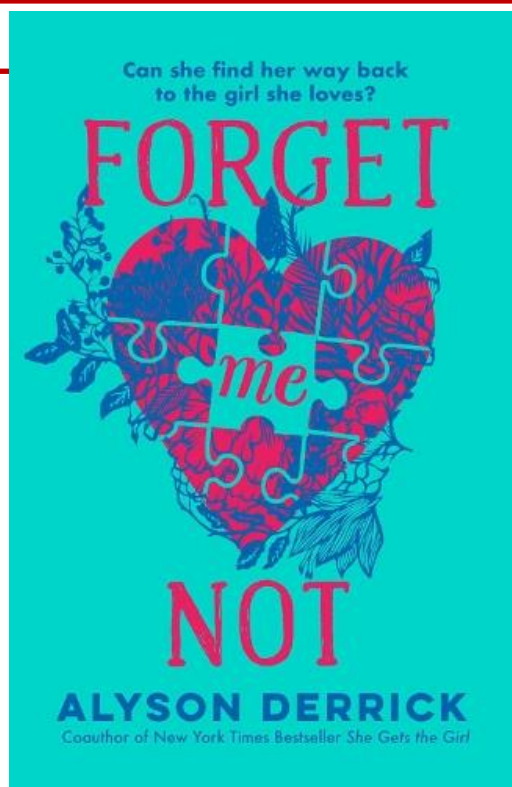
Quinn keeps lists of everything - from the days she's ugly cried, to "Things That I Would Never Admit Out Loud," to all the boys she'd like to kiss. Her lists keep her sane. By writing her fears (as well as embarrassing and cringeworthy truths) on paper, she never has to face them in real life. That is, until her journal goes missing . . .

An anonymous account posts one of her lists on Instagram for the whole school to see and blackmails her into facing seven of her greatest fears, or else her entire journal will go public. Quinn doesn't know who to trust. Desperate, she teams up with Carter Bennett - the last known person to have her journal and who Quinn loathes - in a race against time to track down the blackmailer.

What would you do if you forgot the love of your life existed?

Stevie and Nora had a love. A secret, epic, once-in-a-lifetime kind of love. They also had a plan: to leave their small, ultra-conservative town and families behind after graduation and move to California, where they could finally stop hiding that love. But then Stevie has a terrible fall and the last two years of her life are erased overnight. Suddenly Stevie finds herself in a life she doesn't quite understand - she's estranged from her parents, drifting away from her friends and dating a boy she can't remember crushing on. She's headed towards a future that isn't at all what her

fifteen-year-old self would have envisioned. And Nora finds herself ... forgotten. Can the two find their way back together through a lost memory?



2023 School Production

The week was off to a busy start for our back stage crew. They worked incredibly hard to make sure all the props, set and costumes were taken down to the Ararat Town Hall in time for our dress rehearsal. Thank you very much to all the students involved in working behind the scenes to make this play possible.

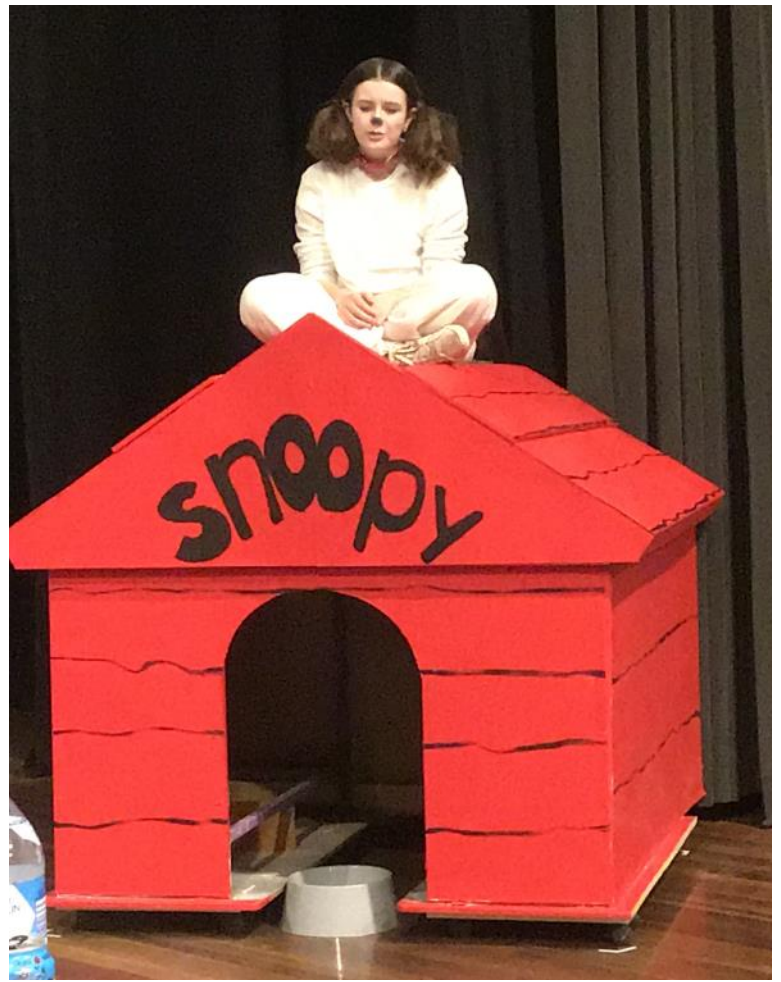


Thanks to the hard work of our backstage crew, our cast finally had the chance to complete a dress rehearsal on stage with all their props and set. This was an excellent opportunity for students to get a feel for the stage and prepare for Opening Night. All students involved in the play

Finally our students got to hit the stage on Wednesday with their first performance to the primary schools in the afternoon.

Wednesday was a bid day for our production students as they followed up this performance with Opening Night! It was great to see our students singing, dancing and performing their hearts out! We certainly have some very talented performers. Each and every one of you did the school very proud.

A big thanks to Ms. Fairley, Riley Mason, Ms. Potter, Kira Stapleton and Mr. Watson who worked tirelessly to direct, choregraph and put this show together piece by piece.



Term 3 2023

September	Monday	4	
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	Monday	11	
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		14	Parent Student Teacher Interviews
		15	Parent Student Teacher Interviews
			SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Attendance

School attendance is important and we have included a brief overview of our requirements. Please contact the college office if you have any concerns with this process.

All students are expected to attend school every day and arrive at all scheduled lessons and activities on time. Rolls are marked electronically by all staff for each lesson of the day. Parents can monitor their attendance live via the Xuno parent portal.

Students are expected to remain in the college grounds during the school day, unless they have written permission from a parent or guardian to attend an appointment.

- **All** students must sign in or out via the General Office if they are late to school or need to leave early.
- Students **will not** be given permission to go down the street for the sole purpose of buying lunch.

The Department of Education requires a valid reason be given to the school for ALL student absences.

If your child is absent an SMS will be sent to your mobile phone asking for an explanation.

This can be given:

- via attendance notification in the parent portal
- via a return SMS
- via a phone call to the College
- via written note explaining an absence (blank notes are in the diary) on the day your child returns.

“It’s Not Okay to Be Away”