

Respect - Responsibility - Excellence

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### Newsletter 2024



### **House Swimming Sports Years 7-9**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of February students from Year 7,8,9 and 12 attended the College's first House Swimming day in many years. The sun was out, the water was warm and students and staff were buzzing with excitement. Students and staff embraced the House Swimming by dressing up in Pyrenees, Hopkins or Grampians colours. The day consisted of normal swimming events such as freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. There were many competitors from all year levels that showcased their swimming talents. Some very notable and commendable performances from students included:

Year 7 – Miller Harris and Lachlan Townsend Year 8 – Ruby Jackson and Billy Jenkins Year 9 – Alyssa Townsend and Patty Belcher

Students finished off the day with some fun novelty events that included a noodle relay and a tube and oar relay race, some free-time in the pool and waterslide. A big thanks to all staff, students and parents that attended.

We now get ready for House Athletics at North Park in Stawell on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.—Mr.





### **Principal Report**

#### **School Swimming Sports**

On Thursday we held our Swimming Sports at the Ararat Outdoor Pool. It has been several years since we have held Swimming Sports at our school. It was wonderful to see the students being involved and having a go with lots of smiles throughout the day. A huge thank you to Mr. Giovanniello for organising and coordinating the day, all the staff that were involved in making the day run so smoothly and to Daemon Savoia for providing us all with some fantastic music.

#### **Farewell Steph**

On Thursday we farewelled School Counsellor Steph Carroll. Steph has been an integral part of our Wellbeing Team over the last 4.5 years! She has been a wonderful support to so many of our students and staff particularly during challenging and overwhelming times. Thank you to Steph for bringing your wealth of experience and using it to strengthen the wellbeing of our school community! We wish Steph every success in her new role at Grampians Community Health.

### Reminder Year 7 BBQ- Wednesday 21st February

Families for Year 7 students are invited to our Welcome BBQ which will be held this coming Wednesday. This is a great opportunity to meet our wonderful teachers, and ask any questions about the upcoming camp or other aspects of our school. We will also have support available for families to access XUNO, our school communication tool which is essential for accessing student attendance, reports, permission slips and messaging teachers and all school staff.

### 2025 Year 7 Open Night

Our 2025 Year 7 Information Night is again scheduled for Term 1 this year. <u>This night will be held on Wednesday March 27th from 6:30pm—7:45pm in our Open Learning Centre.</u> This is a wonderful opportunity to hear from our students, meet our staff and tour our school.



## DON'T FORGET! YEAR 7 BBQ NEXT WEEK



FEBRUARY 21ST 2024
5.30PM
ARARAT COLLEGE
SAUSAGE SIZZLE PROVIDED



**RSVP-19TH FEBRUARY** 











## WILLAURA HEALTH CARE OUTDOOR MARKET

Sunday March 3 2024, 10am-2pm

Grounds adjacent to Willaura Health Care, 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



Visit: facebook.com/willauraoutdoormarket

We thank the following sponsors of the market:











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### Art Healing Workshops

Heal through art in our series of therapeutic workshops.

Each month a new topic will be explored to support wellbeing and healing through different art mediums.

Where: CAFS - 4 Banfield St Ararat

When: 1st Thursday of every month

Time: 10-11.30am



Mob only. Registration encouraged. Call Rebecca or Elizabeth: 03 5356 4751











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FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2024

CASUAL DRESS DAY ~ GOLD COIN DONATION SAUSAGE SIZZLE

ALL PROCEEDS TO GO TOWARDS THE POMONAL BUSHFIRE VICTIMS















Term 1 2024			
February	Monday	19	
	Tuesday	20	
	Wednesday	21	Year 7 Welcome BBQ @ 5.30pm
	Thursday	22	
	Friday	23	Year 9- Mancave & Flourish Girl Combined School Fundraiser BBQ
	Monday	26	Year 7 Camp— Silverband Lodge Halls Gap
	Tuesday	27	Year 7 Camp— Silverband Lodge Halls Gap
	Wednesday	28	Year 7 Camp— Silverband Lodge Halls Gap
	Thursday	29	
March	Friday	1	School Athletics Carnival
	Monday	4	Year 7 & 10 Immunisations Year 11 & 12 Physics Excursion—Luna Park
	Tuesday	5	
	Wednesday	6	Year 9 OED– Rock climbing
	Thursday	7	
	Friday	8	School Photos

