



House Athletic Sports 2022

It has been a long standing tradition for our year 12 students to dress up for our annual Athletic Sports Day. It was great to once again enjoy the spectacle as they go all out with crazy costumes representing their house colours. It was a fantastic day and a great way to finish off a very busy first term.



A Message from the Principal

Welcome Back – Updated COVID Guidelines

I hope that everyone enjoyed the recent school holiday period and was able to spend time doing things they enjoy! During the break changes were made to COVID-19 guidelines which have filtered through to the operations of our school. All families should have received a detailed letter regarding this in the mail this week. To access an electronic copy please [click here](#). The main points are:

- Students and staff who are household contacts are no longer required to isolate. They may return to school, undertaken 5 RATs during their 7-day period and wear a face mask whilst indoors.
- Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 and completed their 7-day isolation period are not required to undertake RAT testing for 12 weeks from their release from isolation.
- RAT screening will continue for the first four weeks of this term. It is recommended that both staff and students test twice weekly. RATs can be collected from our front office by either students or parents.
- Lastly, visitors to our school are no longer required to meet vaccination requirements.

ANZAC DAY

This week we commemorated ANZAC day at Ararat College with a school service on Tuesday morning and by participating in our local community service at the cenotaph in Ararat on Monday. Our school captains Holly McAdie and Jackson Hyland represented our school on Monday while the entire student leadership executive – Holly, Jackson, Ada Keilar and Amy Clarke led our school through our own service on Tuesday. They all did an exceptional job leading our student body throughout our service and representing our school in the wider community.



Student Reports

I would like to remind all families about the changes to our student reporting this year. Teachers are conducting Common Assessment Tasks (CATs) throughout all classes, student results with written feedback is then published on XUNO. This is rich information that includes: a description of the task, student result in percentage form and feedback outlining what each student has achieved, what they can address and actions to take moving forward. You can see the dates of your child's CATs by looking at the calendar on XUNO. More detailed information on the reports can be accessed via our website - <https://www.araratcc.vic.edu.au/reports>, or alternatively please call our office on 5352 4177 if you have any questions or need any assistance.

At the end of this semester a summary of these reports will be posted out to all families. This will also include assessment against the Victorian Curriculum and a learner behavior framework that will be linked to our values. We are very interested in what learner behaviours families would like to be included as part of this framework, to provide feedback on this topic please [click here](#).

School Review

This term our school is undertaking our school review as part of the DET four-year cycle. This process allows our school community to celebrate achievements whilst also looking to our future direction and key focus areas which will form our next Strategic Plan.

We are currently seeking feedback from our parents and students to help inform our pre-review self-evaluation in preparation for the review days. Families will have received a message on XUNO with the following link <https://www.araratcc.vic.edu.au/parentfeedbacksurvey> to two surveys. Your feedback is greatly appreciated as it helps us inform the school review process as well as our future direction as a school. Some families completed this survey at our Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences, thank you to those families and also to families who have completed it this week.

Student consultation will commence next week.

School Athletics

On the last day of Term 1 our students participated in our House Athletics. This was a wonderful day with many student highlights and achievements. The results are now in and will be announced at our Whole School Assembly on Monday!

I would also like to thank all parents who came down to support the event as well as all staff who made the event possible. A big thank you to Mr Spalding once again for his endless organisation of the event, special mention to Mr Bowles, Mr Healey, Mr Ellis, Mr Kimber, Mr Krol, Ms Skewes, Ms Jewell, Ms Barnott, Ms Middlemiss, Ms Fairley and Mr O'Sullivan for their assistance in setting up.

Ellie McDougall

Principal

House Athletic Sports

The end of Term one was celebrated at Alexandra oval as many students participated in the House Athletic Sports. These whole school activities promote resilience (participating positively when activities are challenging), help students recognise the successful or positive performances of other students, and encourage students to play a role in a team effort. Thankyou to a number of staff who had to take over the role of setting up early Friday morning after I became sick the night before. As usual, staff enjoyed officiating a long day, thankfully, in pleasant conditions so that students had the opportunity to participate for success or fun. Thank you to Mr Bowles for completing the time-consuming job of entering data into the computer before the day, and Mel and Jodie for running a canteen on the day.

BLACK RANGES ATHLETICS

Those students who came first in individual A-Grade events are encouraged to participate in the Black Ranges Athletics at North Park, Stawell on the second Friday of term two.



Year 10 Studio Art

Our Studio Art class has been exploring the topic of 'War and Peace'. Students have been using light and dark colours to highlight this juxtaposition with great effect. As we have just commemorated ANZAC day, we thought it was fitting to share this incredibly moving picture by Jayla Debono.



School Uniform



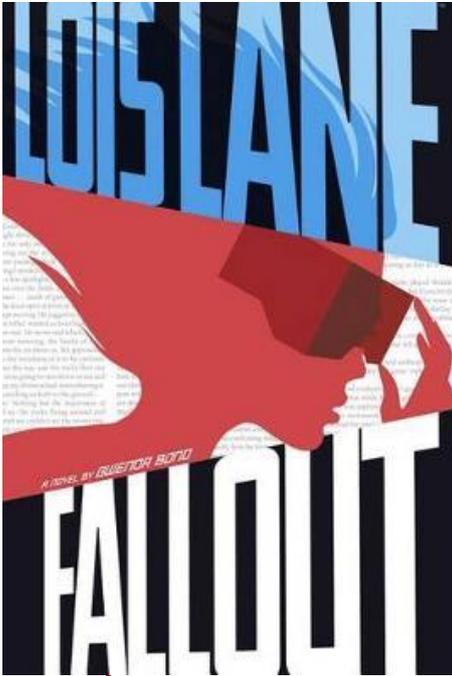
**NO
HOODIES**

With the cold weather about to descend on us, we would like to remind parents and students that hoodies are unacceptable attire and are not permitted to be worn at school unless it is a specified 'out of uniform day'.

Any student who is wearing a hoodie will be asked to remove it and will be issued with a school polar fleece to wear for the day.

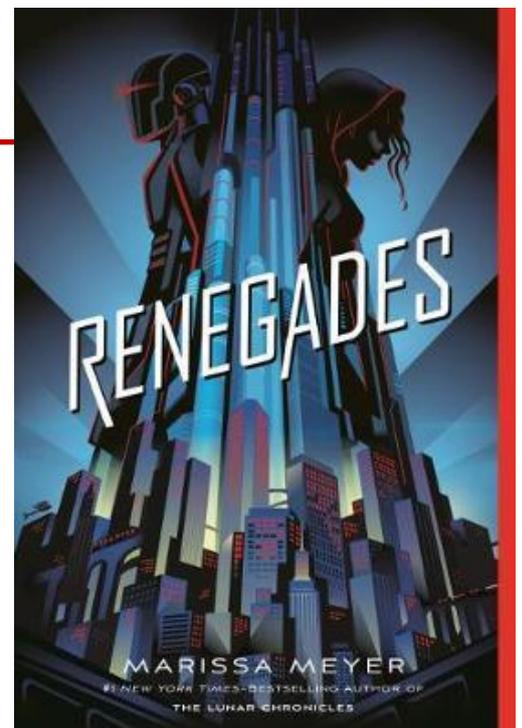
If you need assistance to provide your child with the correct uniform, or you are experiencing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact the College Office who will happily assist you.

These new novels have recently been requested by students and are now available in the library.



Lois Lane is new to Metropolis, and this time, the teenager is determined to fit in. But almost as soon as she walks into her new high school, it becomes clear that it won't be easy. Kids known as the Warheads are tormenting another girl at school, messing with her mind via an immersive video game they all play. But this isn't just a case of cyberbullying - something seriously creepy and dangerous is going on. Not cool. Lois, with her snazzy new job as a reporter at the Daily Planet, might be the only person who can stop them ...

The Renegades are a syndicate of prodigies - humans with extraordinary abilities - who emerged from the ruins of a crumbled society and established peace and order where chaos reigned. As champions of justice, they remain a symbol of hope and courage to everyone ... except the villains they once overthrew. Nova has a reason to hate the Renegades, and she is on a mission for vengeance. As she gets closer to her target, she meets Adrian, a Renegade boy who believes in justice, and in Nova. But Nova's allegiance is to a villain who has the power to end them both ...



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Lael Stone is an educator, author, mother and parenting counselor who has been working with families for over 17 years. As an Aware Parenting Instructor, she facilitates workshops and support groups that empower parents to create connections and stronger relationships with their children. She is also the co-creator of Woodline Primary School, an innovative new school based on emotional wellbeing and connection. Lael is a TEDx speaker, co-host of The Aware Parenting Podcast, and a sought-after public speaker who talks candidly about her experiences and her great passion; creating wellness in families through connection and communication.

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Term 2 2022

Week 2	Monday	2	
May	Tuesday	3	
	Wednesday	4	Alice in Wonderland Auditions
	Thursday	5	
	Friday	6	
Week 3	Monday	9	
	Tuesday	10	
	Wednesday	11	
	Thursday	12	
	Friday	13	Careers Expo 2022
Week 4	Monday	16	National Careers Week
	Tuesday	17	
	Wednesday	18	
	Thursday	19	
	Friday	20	
Week 5	Monday	16	Education Week
	Tuesday	17	
	Wednesday	18	
	Thursday	19	
	Friday	20	

Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT's)

Free Rapid Antigen Tests have been made available by the Victorian Government to all school students for the first 4 weeks of Term 2. Parents are welcome to call into the college office during office hours 8.15am to 4.30pm to collect the fortnightly allocation for their children.

Ararat College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

Ararat College acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country throughout Victoria. We pay our respects to them, their culture and their Elders past, present and emerging.