



Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June was 'Make Music Day Australia'

Ararat College participated by opening the doors to the music room at lunchtime for an informal performance so that all students could enjoy both the school band and some solo performances.

The band currently have two pieces they are working on, 'Rip Tide' and 'Zombie' which were both appreciated greatly by the attending audience.

The four music teachers also participated in the band on Tuesday and showed how music can bring everyone together.

It was a truly collaborative and fun day!

**Nicole Potter**  
Head of Arts



# *A Message from the Principal*

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## **School Review**

This week we concluded our school review process. This has been exceptionally positive for our school and provided an opportunity to celebrate the significant work and subsequent learning growth that has occurred in Teaching and Learning over the past three years at Ararat College. Congratulations to all students and teachers on these results! Our next School Strategic Plan will allow us to deepen our focus in this area. It will also allow us to continue to develop opportunities for students to become agents in their own learning and develop a dedicated process from Year 7 for students to think about their future aspirations. I would like to thank all Students, Parents and Staff who were directly involved in the review process as well as Robert Pyers, Principal at Horsham College and Terry Keilar, Principal at Ararat West Primary School for their very valuable contributions.

## **Student Free Days Term 3**

I would like to provide families with advanced information regarding some important dates for next term. Whilst we always try to minimise the number of student free days occurring, sometimes it becomes unavoidable and I apologise if this places any pressure on families. All of these days are important and allow us to continue to build the classroom environment at Ararat College.

- **August 9<sup>th</sup>** - Subject Selection Interviews. This will allow for pathway planning interviews. More information to follow, this is a new process we are introducing this year.
- **August 26<sup>th</sup>** - Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
- **September 5<sup>th</sup>** - Berry Street Curriculum Day (Mon)
- **September 16<sup>th</sup>** (last day of Term 3) Professional Practice Student Free Day
  - ◇ For Semester 2, 2022, the Department of Education and Training has provided schools with the option to hold each teacher's allocated professional practice day on the same day for all staff. This is to enable the most effective and efficient use of this day.
  - ◇ As a result, we have scheduled our professional practice day for Friday September 16<sup>th</sup>. Students will therefore not be required to attend school on this day.

## **End of Semester Reports**

End of Semester Reports will be available to students and parents via the XUNO portal today. Hard copies have also been printed and will be posted today, arriving in the mail early next week.

As you are aware our reports this year have undergone significant changes. We have worked hard to increase the frequency and detail of feedback being provided to students and families by introducing CATs (Common Assessment Tasks) and a Continuous Reporting process. End of Semester Reports will include this valuable feedback from teachers as well as

an assessment against our new Learning Behaviours and Victorian Curriculum levels. Please take the time to look at these reports with your children and celebrate growth and achievement whilst also looking at focus areas for the remainder of the year.

We are aware there is still some fine tuning in relation to some aspects of formatting but are excited about the depth of information we have now been able to provide all families.

### Happy Holidays

Lastly, I would like to wish all students and their families a wonderful break! I hope that everyone is able to enjoy this time to rest and refresh and look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 3.

**Ellie McDougall**

**Principal**



**I PUSH FOR BETTER MENTAL HEALTH.**

Proudly supporting



# NAIDOC Week

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

Ararat College held their annual Marngrook longest kick competition Wednesday lunchtime and had some very competitive kickers! Marngrook, from the Woiwurung language for "ball" or "game", is the popular collective name for traditional Indigenous Australian football games played at gatherings and celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

Our winners for the day included:

**Junior School: Jamie Burton (37m), Jade Burton (42m)**

**Middle School: Sevahn Maxwell (25m), Izaiyah Turner (47m)**

**Senior School: Amy Clark (30m), Bailee Turner + Jackson Hyland (44m)**

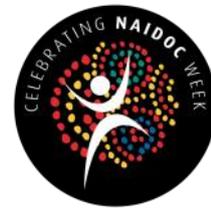
**Staff: Cameron Kimber (50m), Tahni Skewes (28m)**

Congratulations to all that had a kick!

A Smoking Ceremony and cultural workshops were planned for Thursday however they have been postponed for early term 3.

Check out the NAIDOC events at Budja Budja Neighbourhood house in Halls Gap these school holidays and keep an eye out for other local NAIDOC events the first week of July.

Have a great winter break!



**GET UP!  
STAND UP!  
SHOW UP!**

**3-10 JULY 2022**



## Budja Budja Neighbourhood House Winter School Holiday Program 2022

Numbers limited so bookings essential



Tuesday 5th July  
10am-12noon

**Making NAIDOC Artwork for 7th July Celebrations in Hall Gaps**



Friday 8th July  
10am-12noon

**Pom Pom Animals Celebrating NAIDOC Week**

43 Cherrypiers Rd, HALLS GAP VIC 3381  
p 03 53564751, option 3  
m 0431 090 456  
e neighbours@budjabudja.org.au  
w https://budjabudjaneighbourhoodhouse.org.au/

**Gold Coin Donation**

Activities suitable for 5-15 years



## BUDJA BUDJA CO-OP NAIDOC CELEBRATION

**THURSDAY 7TH JULY 2022**

**Flag Raising and Welcome to Country**  
11:00am @ Budja Budja, 20-22 Grampians Rd Halls Gap

FOLLOWED BY MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES  
@ Norval  
204-232 Grampians Rd  
Halls Gap



**Jayden Lillyst**



**IOP HIP HOP**



**WURRIKI CULTURE**

**RSVP is a MUST!**  
Call Budja  
5356 4751

Limited Transport Available for Registered Budja Budja Indigenous Clients




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# Year 10 Visual Arts

Year 10 Visual Art have completed their semester on a high!

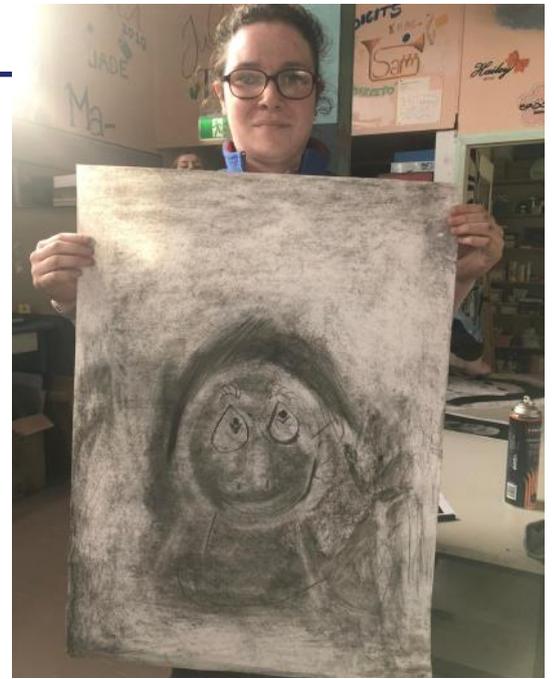
They did a charcoal masterclass working on A2 pages, using images of sculptures by artist Rodin as their reference.

Students began with a medium scale background, covered in their charcoal. They then worked in the negative, using eraser to 'draw' and create the lightest parts of their portrait. Charcoal sticks were then used to add in the darker details, finally adding highlights with white charcoal pencil.

Each student successfully completed their project and the amazing results show this!

Well done everyone,

Nicole Potter



# Rotary



## DEFYING THE DRIFT!

A Rotary District 9780 program for young Australians

### WHAT?

DtD is a program designed to empower young people to:

- Identify and explore agriculture and agribusiness career opportunities
- Build communication skills
- Develop career networks

### WHO?

DtD is for year 10 and year 11 students

### WHY?

Because there are great, high paying professional, entrepreneurial and trade careers in agriculture that young people need to know about!

### WHEN?

Tuesday September 20, 2022 to Thursday September 22, 2022

### WHERE?

Longerenong Ag College, Horsham

### HOW MUCH?

\$250 Early bird price - pay by July 31

\$350 per student, sponsorship available.

More information at [www.defyingthedrift.org](http://www.defyingthedrift.org)



DtD starts with a 3 Day residential program at Longerenong Ag College. There will be lots of new friends to make, inspiring agriculture role models to meet, places to visit and lots of fun.

The second part is a presentation by each participant at their sponsoring Rotary Club - a great chance to meet community leaders.



THERE ARE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR FANTASTIC, HIGH PAYING AND SECURE CAREERS IN EVERY WALK OF LIFE IN RURAL VICTORIA. WITH IT COMES A LIFESTYLE THAT CITY FOLK CAN ONLY DREAM ABOUT.

Agricultural careers have a bright future. The fact is the world's growing population needs to be fed and clothed and, with the average age of farmers approaching 60 years, young people are worth their weight in gold. Employers are screaming out for them. Jobs are often going begging.

While the traditional patterns of family farm succession are giving way to corporate style farming and land prices seem prohibitive for new entrants, there are great opportunities for careers in agriculture across the broadest range of personal skills, as well as the many professions, trades and vocations needed in every community.

With the huge interest in where our food comes from, the time is ripe for organic and innovative food production start-ups.

Since its inception in 2010 Defying the Drift has helped young people discover pathways through further education and work experience to great careers in agriculture.

Don't wait for the future - make it happen!

Early bird closing date for applications is July 31 2022.  
 Final closing date is August 31 2022 unless all places are filled prior.  
 The DtD Committee reserves the right to limit applicants per school if the program is oversubscribed, to allow students from a greater number of locations to attend.

More information at [www.defyingthedrift.org](http://www.defyingthedrift.org)

**DEFYING THE DRIFT!**



These new novels are now available in the library.

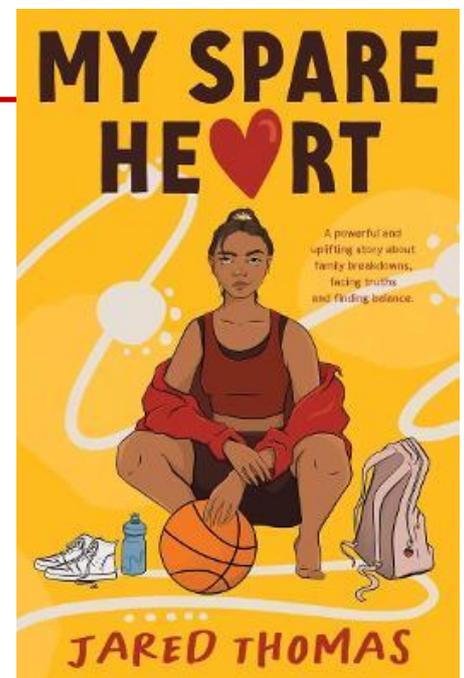


Reece still isn't used to living in the small beachside town of Hamilton: she misses her old school, her old friends and her old life. She can't go back and she can't move forward: nothing feels right anymore. But when Reece inherits a strange artefact that belonged to her beloved grandmother, she begins to unravel a mystery that might change the way she feels about everything around her, including her classmate Gideon...

A lively, witty novel about letting go of the past and finding your place in the world.

Phoebe's non-Indigenous mother, a busy event manager, and her father, an Aboriginal man and uni lecturer, have split up and she's moved to sleepy old Willunga with him and his new health-obsessed girlfriend. It's only a few kilometres from Phoebe's friends and the city, but it feels like another world. Her new school is full of hippies, but some of the kids are cool and the local basketball team is tight, and before long Phoebe's fitting in. But as her mum becomes increasingly unreliable, Phoebe's grades suffer, her place on the basketball team is under threat and her worries spiral out of control. Phoebe can't tell her friends and if she tells her dad he'll get angry, but pretending everything is fine is breaking her heart.

How can she help her mum without tearing her family apart?



# 2023 VDSS



# TRY VET DAY

THURS  
4TH AUG  
2022

**TRY ANY 2  
COURSES**

## COURSES

AGRICULTURE  
AUTOMOTIVE  
DANCE  
EARLY CHILDHOOD  
ENGINEERING  
FURNITURE  
HEALTH  
COMMUNITY SERVICES  
ELECTROTECHNOLOGY  
HORTICULTURE  
KITCHEN OPERATIONS  
MUSIC  
PLUMBING  
SALON ASSISTANT  
SCREEN & MEDIA  
SPORT & RECREATION  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION



CONSULT WITH YOUR  
SCHOOL VET COORDINATOR  
TO APPLY

WIMMERA  
SOUTHERN  
MALLEE  
LLEN



# Holiday Activities

## PAINT BALL !




### BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY SESSION TODAY !

To make your booking get a group of 10-20 mate together and call Tom on 0455 235 715 or email: [GrampiansAdventures@icloud.com](mailto:GrampiansAdventures@icloud.com)

To get your 10% local school discount, mention this deal at the time of booking using your school name as your discount code.  
Ages 10+

[www.GrampiansAdventures.com](http://www.GrampiansAdventures.com)



# GET INTO GOLF

**ROOKIE**  
Introduction to golf

**STAR**  
Develop golf skills

**MASTER**  
Prepare to play

There are three stages of the MyGolf program to meet the needs of all participants:

All participants can receive a fantastic MyGolf giveaway pack including their very own golf club!

MyGolf uses game-based activities to introduce kids to golf and develop their skills.

There will be cool competitions, promotions and opportunities for MyGolf participants to attend the biggest golf tournaments of the summer, so make sure you don't miss out and visit [mygolf.org.au](http://mygolf.org.au) today.

MyGolf is Australia's introductory golf program, for kids between 5 and 12 years of age.

MyGolf is a fun way to begin learning the basics of the game in a safe and healthy environment.

Every MyGolf centre across Australia has the same goal: to make golf a fun experience for kids.

## REGISTER NOW AT

[MYGOLF.ORG.AU](http://MYGOLF.ORG.AU)

**Chalambar Golf Club**

**Holiday Golf**

When - June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup>

Cost - \$10 per session

Register Online at [www.golf.org.au/mygolf](http://www.golf.org.au/mygolf)

For more info call: 0419977170

All equipment Supplied



**JASON DAY**  
2015 US PGA WINNER  
MYGOLF AMBASSADOR



## Ararat Swimming Club

2022 – 2023 season

**Come & Try Nights**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

or

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

**From 6pm to 7pm**

**Ararat Fitness Centre**

(Please pay pool entry to Service desk staff on arrival)

### Swimming requirements:

- 100m of each of the following: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke with good technique
- 25m butterfly.

All Enquires to: [araratswimmingclub@gmail.com](mailto:araratswimmingclub@gmail.com)

WIMMERA BOWLS REGION

# JUNIOR BOWLS COME TRY DAY



An opportunity for juniors aged 8 and above to try the sport of bowls during the school holidays. No cost whatsoever.

- **MONDAY 27TH JUNE @ ARARAT BOWLS CLUB, 10AM - 12PM**
- **MONDAY 27TH JUNE @ CHARLTON BOWLS CLUB, 2PM - 4PM**
- **TUESDAY 28TH JUNE @ HORSHAM CITY BOWLS CLUB, 10AM - 12PM**
- **TUESDAY 28TH JUNE @ WARRACKNABEAL BOWLS CLUB, 2PM - 4PM**



For enquiries about the days, please contact Josh Thornton on 0474 741 177 or [joshth@bowlsvic.org.au](mailto:joshth@bowlsvic.org.au)

To register, and select the appropriate venue, click on the link below :  
<https://wimmera.bowls.com.au/juniors/>

The YANG Blue Light (Ararat Police) are running a 3 on 3 one day basketball tournament at the Ararat YMCA on Wednesday the 06/07/22.

It is a knockout event with the loser being eliminated immediately and the winner moving through to the next round. Trophies will be awarded to the eventual winners and runners up.

Games will be 10 minutes each or first to 21pts and there are 2 age groups U14 and U18.

There will also be a 3pt shooting comp, amplified music and door prizes.

There is a cost to enter the tournament and spectator entry is by gold coin donation.

All funds go toward purchasing equipment for the YANG Blue Light.

Entry and consent forms are available from the school office (provided that is supported by the school principles) otherwise contact Sam and Shane ALLGOOD 0456 587 284 or email [Boogie81069@gmail.com](mailto:Boogie81069@gmail.com)

Entry forms can be submitted over the counter at the Ararat Police Station or scan and email to [Boogie81069@gmail.com](mailto:Boogie81069@gmail.com)

Entry fee to be paid on the day of the event.



## ***Dog Pound Donation Drive***

During term 2 a group of students from Year 11 VCAL ran a donation drive for the local dog pound. There was a large donation of blankets, towels and other dog/cat products for the animals through winter. A big thank you to everyone that donated to make this project so successful.

**-Daniel, Jim and Bailey**



## Term 3 2022

<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>11</b>	First Day Term 3
<b>JULY</b>			Year 10 Camp Queensland Departs
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12</b>	
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>13</b>	
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>14</b>	Year 10 Camp Queensland Returns
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>18</b>	Year 10 Work Experience Week
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>19</b>	
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>20</b>	
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>21</b>	
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>22</b>	

## *Xuno - Parent Portal*

Parents or guardians who would like assistance in setting up or using the portal are strongly encouraged to contact the college office on 5352 4177. Our friendly staff will be more than happy to assist you in setting up your account and will walk you through how to use this essential communication platform.

### ***Your Gateway to strong communication!***

The portal is password protected and secure, and gives parents the ability to:

- View attendance and notify the school of a student absence
- Communicate directly with your child's teachers
- Make bookings for student /parent /teacher conferences
- Download and view progress reports
- View homework and assignments
- View student timetables
- Excursion/Camp permission approval
- Receive notifications
- Access school calendar

### **Accessing The Parent Portal**

- by installing the mobile App available free from the App Store or Google Play.
- Via the website <https://smtool.araratcc.vic.edu.au>

Ararat College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 1359) 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.*