



## Year 11 Outdoor Ed Camp

The Year 11 Outdoor Education class went on a three day costal trip recently. A few lucky Year 10 students were able to go along on the Year 11 trip as well! Students experienced camping and snorkelling . This camp was a great opportunity for students to practically apply weather observations, risk management and first aid skills that had been developed in class. A big thank you to Mr. Ellis who organised the excursion and to Ms. Skewes for attending the camp!



# A Message from the Principal

## School Athletics

A big thank you to Mr Giovanniello for his organisation of last week's Aths Day. It was wonderful to see all of the house banners and lots of students and staff dressed up in their house colours! Congratulations to all students who participated! Special mention to the following students who broke records, a fantastic achievement.

- Pat Toner
- Oliver Reynolds
- Hugh Toner
- Alyssa Townsend
- Danah Burton
- A'Leaha Mangelsdorf

The final results will be announced at our whole school assembly on Monday. This will be in the Gym at 12:55pm and parents are invited to attend.



## School Council AGM

Last Thursday night we held our Annual General Meeting for School Council. Welcome to our new members Melissa Morrison, Marcus Jerram and Chloe Brasser. Adam Merrick, Emily Toner, Leanne Hyland, David Sanders, Janine Adams, Daemon Savoia, Celia Fairley, Emma Henry and Coralie Whitworth. Congratulations to Adam Merrick who was re-elected as School Council President and David Sanders who will also continue in roll as Vice-President. At this meeting our 2022 Annual Report was endorsed, this will be available on our website open final approval from the Department of Education.

## Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

Next week we are running our Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences on both Wednesday evening from 4pm – 7pm and Thursday morning 9am – 12:30pm. Please take this opportunity to meet with your child's teachers and hear about their progress so far this year. Bookings can be made through XUNO or by calling our Front Office on 5352 4177. I would also like to remind all families that we use a continuous reporting method at Ararat College and you can view feedback from teachers on Common Assessment Tasks that have been completed through XUNO.

## Open Night

This week we opened our school for our annual Information Night. It was great to have this event earlier in the year to capitalise on longer daylight hours through the school tours. There was a great attendance on the night and another very impressive spread of food from our VET Hospitality students! Thank you to Mr Kimber for his organisation of this night and to all staff for their work in pulling everything together for the displays and tours through the school.

## End of Term

Next week is the last week of Term 1. I would like to remind all families that Wednesday is the final day of classes for this term. Thursday we will be open to students and parents for the Student/Parent/Teacher Conference bookings and no classes will be running. I hope that all families have a chocolate filled Easter and a wonderful break over the April holidays and enjoy some much needed rest and family time!



## *Morrisby Interviews*

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Unfortunately, the scheduled Morrisby Interviews have been cancelled. These will be rescheduled for later in Term 2. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the college office on 53524177.



As the we move into colder weather, 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'.

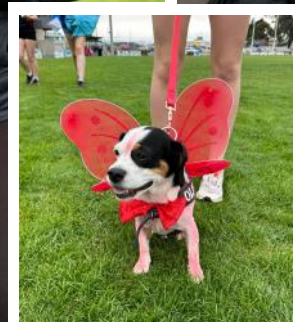
**Any student who is wearing a hoodie will be asked to remove it and will be issued with a school polar fleece to wear for the day.**

If you need assistance to provide your child with the correct uniform, or you are experiencing financial difficulties, please do

# School Athletics



We had our Annual Athletics Day last Friday and both staff and students came dressed in their house colours! Year 12 students were able to enjoy the long standing tradition for senior students to dress up!



## Year 12 Dress Up



Year 12 students kept spirits high and embraced their house pride by competing in various events in their full costumes!



## Pat breaks Mr. Barrie's Record



A special mention goes to Pat Toner who broke the record for 1500 metres.

This record was previously held by Mr. Barrie who set the record in 2010 with a time of 5 minutes 47 seconds. Pat set the new record at 5 minutes 16 seconds.

Pat is pictured (left) casually checking his watch as he crosses the finish line. Mr Barrie is pictured (right) personally handing over the title to Pat.



# More School Records Broken!

It was a great day for the Toner family and the breaking of records in general. Hugh Toner is pictured (right) illustrating the height he cleared when breaking the record for high jump. Congratulations to all students who broke records throughout the day!

## School Athletics Records Broken

- **Males 16 years - 800 metre record - Patrick Toner**  
⇒ NEW RECORD: 2 minutes 18.09 seconds
- **Males 12/13 years - javelin record - Oliver Reynolds**  
⇒ NEW RECORD: 26.03 metres
- **Males 17 years - high jump record - Hugh Toner**  
⇒ NEW RECORD: 1.75 metres
- **Males 17 years - triple jump record - Hugh Toner**  
⇒ NEW RECORD: 12.02 metres
- **Males 17 years - 400 metre record - Hugh Toner**  
⇒ NEW RECORD: 1 minute 2.43 seconds
- **Males 17 years - long jump record - Hugh Toner**  
⇒ NEW RECORD: 5.57 metres
- **Males 16 year - 1500 metre record - Patrick Toner**  
⇒ NEW RECORD: 5 minutes 16.62 seconds
- **Females 12/13 years - 200 metre record - Alyssa Townsend**  
⇒ NEW RECORD: 34.34 seconds
- **Females 17 years - 1500 metre record - Danah Burton**  
⇒ NEW RECORDS: 8 minutes 1.65 seconds
- **Females 16 years - 100 metre record - A'Leaha Mangelsdorf**  
⇒ NEW RECORDS: 14.98 seconds



# Grand Prix Excursion

Year 9 students were lucky enough to accompany Year 11 Physics students on an excursion to the Grand Prix today!

Thank you to Mr. Barrie, Mr. Giovanniello, Mr Krol, Ms Ibbeson and Mr Sawyer for attending the excursion!



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# Girls in Stem Excursion

On Tuesday and Wednesday last week six year 8 and 9 students participated in a two day STEM course that enabled them to challenge their abilities to solve real life problems and learn some new skills.

For the introduction to stem we played some mini games in groups and then we had a meeting about what was happening that day and what we were going to do. One of the activities we did at stem was a problem solving activity where we had to figure out how to get items out of a grate with material you can find lying around. This activity was very exciting and we did a lot of team building. **By Acacia**

At the Girls' STEM there were 4 activities that we completed during the day. My first activity was VR or visual reality. When we started, we learned about the different components that were required to operate the VR. Once we had learnt how to operate the VR we got to play a game. The game that we played had different scenarios that we could view. You could explore space, a mountainside with a robot dog or shoot arrows at Vikings invading your castle. After the game we got to explore Google Earth. When you started there were default places like New York or Paris. You could search for a country or town you wanted to visit or try to find your house or school. **By Mackenzie**

On the second day a team from MARS confectionary spoke to the students about a real-life problem that they had to solve. When Maltesers are made, they often clump together, and the problem was how to sort the perfect from the not so perfect. Using the laser cutter and their imaginations students were asked to create a mock design of how they would solve this problem.

Thanks to Mr Barrie for organising this great opportunity.







# Discover ACU

St Brigid Health Sciences Building  
 Ballarat Campus  
 Thursday 20 April, 2023

TIME	EVENT
9.45-10.00am	<b>Registration and morning tea</b> St Brigid Health Sciences Building Foyer
10.00am	<b>Acknowledgement of Country and welcome</b> Jem Olsen   Future Students Lead, BAL   Sisters of Mercy Lecture Theatre 109.G.01
10.05am	<b>About ACU Ballarat</b> Jem & Ballarat Student Ambassador Team   Sisters of Mercy Lecture Theatre 109.G.01
10.30-11.30am	<b>Workshop 1</b> Session Options: Paramedicine Activity / Physiotherapy Activity / Health Sciences Lab Activity
11.30am-12.30pm	<b>Workshop 2</b> Session Options: Nursing Activity / Paramedicine Activity / Health Sciences Lab Activity / Teaching (Virtual Reality in the Classroom) Activity
12.30-12:55pm	<b>Lunch &amp; ACU Services Expo</b> Forbes Centre & Quad
1:00-1.35pm	<b>Current student and Alumni Session</b> Sisters of Mercy Lecture Theatre 109.G.01
1.35-2.00pm	<b>Optional Campus Tour</b>
2.00pm	<b>Event concludes</b>

FESTIVAL GUESTS

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TIM MERRICK  
BONE WATTS

MIGUEL  
MAESTRE

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# ***Parent Teacher Interviews***

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We are looking forward to Parent Teacher Interviews next week! This a great opportunity for parents and teachers and discuss their children's progress. We are offering both an evening and a morning session to maximise opportunities for you to meet with your child's teachers.

**Wednesday 5th of April - 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Thursday 6th of April - 9:00am to 12:30pm**

All bookings will be made through the XUNO portal, or alternatively you can call our office for assistance on 5352 4177. Bookings will be made on a 'first in, first served' basis, and every effort will be made to allocate your preferred times.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the college office.

## ***Xuno - Parent Portal***

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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>**



## Term 1 2023

April	Monday	3	
	Tuesday	4	
	Wednesday	5	Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Thursday	6	Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews
	Friday	7	Public Holiday—Good Friday
	Monday	11	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
	Tuesday	12	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

### ***Food Bank***

In order to support families during these difficult times, small packs of groceries consisting of mainly dry goods and canned food, (fruit, casseroles, soups etc.) are now available to families 'on request' to the front office or the administrative team. Please do not hesitate to make contact if you require assistance, or if you know of a family who may benefit from a little extra help. Please be assured that all enquiries are treated with complete confidentiality.

We are deeply grateful to Foodbank Victoria for their support across our Government Schools during these 'unprecedented' times and encourage families to access resources if needed.



## **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.