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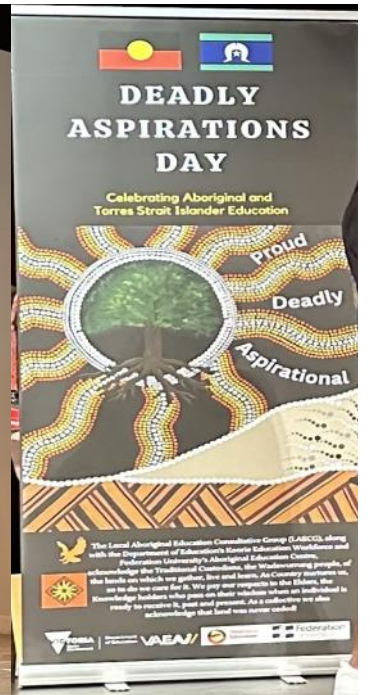


First Nations– Deadly Aspirations

On Wednesday the 15th of May, our First Nations Students from Years 9-12 went to Ballarat to attend the “Deadly Aspirations Day”. Our students participated in workshops for MOB, which included Hip-hop dance, indigenous food, Yarning circles and also explored indigenous artifacts. The students also listened to a couple of guest speakers.

Darnell Naawi, a Year 12 student was honored to be apart of the First Nations Year 12 Celebrations as he is completing his senior year this year.

Thank you to Penny Ibbeson and Angela Ettles for attending with the students.



Principal Report

AToSS

Our students currently have the opportunity to complete the annual Student Attitude to School Survey in their class.

Participation in annual student, parent/caregiver/guardian and staff opinion surveys helps schools and the department plan, monitor, and evaluate school improvement initiatives. The surveys are aligned with the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes and reflect current research and evidence about what matters most to improve student outcomes.

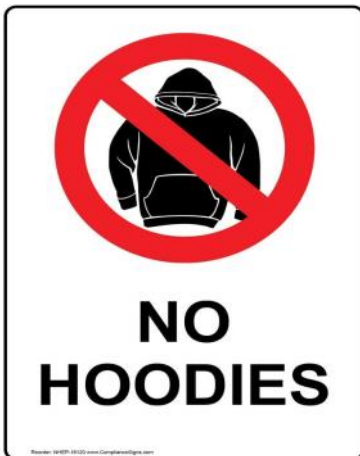
Careers Expo

On Thursday our Year 11 and 12 students attended the Careers Expo in Melbourne. This was a great opportunity for students to interact with a variety of employers and find out more information about career pathways that are available to them.

Huge thank you to Mr. Dalziel, Mr. Sherwell, Mrs. Lidgerwood, Mrs. Jewell and Rachel for attending.

Emma Henry

Acting Principal



We are seeing some very cold days, although 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

IDAHOBIT

On Friday 17th of May 11 students from Ararat College attended an IDAHOBIT event run by the Ararat Rural City Council. The event included a flag-raising, afternoon tea and address from a key community member. Students from Ararat College and Marian College, along with representatives from the Council, RSL, Police and Town Hall were in attendance. Keynote speaker Toby Steele spoke about the history of the day and his personal experiences. IDAHOBIT acknowledges the progress made since the removal of homosexuality from the World Health Organisation's classification of diseases in 1990. The day also provides an opportunity to talk about the challenges still faced by the LGBTQIA+ community and ways we can support. For more information, visit idahobit.org.au



Biology– Year 10



Year 10 Biology students have been studying genetics and mendelian traits. Students created alien babies looking at dominant and recessive alleles and the probability of characteristics (phenotype) being expressed.

Careers Expo

On Thursday the 16th of May the Year 11 and 12 students attended the Victorian Careers Show in Melbourne. This was an excellent opportunity for our students to discover, research and define career pathways. Prior to attending our Year 12's have been looking through courses on the VTAC website as part of their Mentor group work. The atmosphere was quite relaxed and provided more opportunities for our students to speak with individual universities, TAFE's and other organisations regarding choices that are available to them. This was also a benefit for our Year 11 students, they were able to connect their individual VCE pathways to careers that they can pursue in the future.

There was a number of seminars on offer for the students to attend, they were great value providing extra tips to the students to support their exam preparations with knowledgeable presenters. All students deserve a “shout out” for their behaviour and the outstanding way they conducted themselves throughout the whole day. We hope the occasion can support their futures as we walk through the remainder of the year.



State School Spectacular

Ararat College is taking part in the State School Spectacular once again this year!

The annual Victorian State Schools Spectacular program is an invaluable performing arts opportunity for Victoria's government primary and secondary school students. The program showcases and unites government school communities through working towards a common goal of more students reaching the highest level of achievement in the arts, ensuring kids are happy, healthy and resilient, and building pride in our schools.

Rehearsals are well underway with the students already attending St Arnaud and Wendouree for rehearsals.



Term 2 2024

May	Monday	20	
	Tuesday	21	
	Wednesday	22	GAT Excursion—Year 11 & 12
	Thursday	23	
	Friday	24	Black Ranges Football & Netball—Year 9 & 10
	Monday	27	GWR Cross Country
	Tuesday	28	Black Ranges Football & Netball—Year 7 & 8
	Wednesday	29	Ballarat Business Day Out—Year 11/12 Business Management
	Thursday	30	
	Friday	31	



CELEBRATING FAMILY DIVERSITY & CONNECTIONS



National Families Week

13-19 MAY
www.nfw.org.au



National Families Week is a time to celebrate with your family, connect with your extended family and friends, and share in the enjoyment of family activities within the community.



Celebrate with your family!

Families come in all shapes and sizes and are as diverse as the world around us. While different families share many similarities, they also have distinct differences, making each family unique.



Embrace your uniqueness!

Find opportunities to recognise and embrace the unique circumstances, backgrounds, and dynamics that make your family special.



Ways to celebrate your family

- Spend an extra 15 mins a day to talk, listen & connect with your family
 - Celebrate your families achievements, large and small
- Check in with each other - eg. "How was your day?"
- Create time to play and have fun!

✉ More ideas: www.nfw.org.au