



Smoking Ceremony

In celebration of Reconciliation Week, Ararat College had the privilege of experiencing a smoking ceremony performed by Paul Kelly from Eastern Maar. Smoking ceremonies have been performed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for thousands of years and involve the burning of damp leaves from native trees to create a fragrant smoke, and can be used in welcome, celebration, birth, deaths, and to cleanse bad energy and spirits. Paul spoke to students and staff about some local culture and language before performing the didgeridoo and smoking ceremony. It was a very special cultural experience and Ararat College is thankful to have the knowledge of Paul to continue to learn about our local Aboriginal people.

Tahni Skewes

VM and First Nations Coordinator



A Message from the Principal

State Government Funding

We are very excited to announce that Ararat College has received \$4.6 million dollars in State Government funding to upgrade and modernise the school. This is fantastic news as the school has been working hard for a long time to gain funding to upgrade our facilities!

We are reaching out to parents, carers and local community members for feedback surrounding the changes you would like to see in our school. Please use the link below to submit your feedback.

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Reconciliation Week

This week we recognised Reconciliation Week with an out of uniform day where students were encouraged to dress in the colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags.



A big thank you to Ms. Skewes who organised a traditional smoking ceremony. This was performed by our special guest, Paul Kelly, who also spoke to our students about local Aboriginal culture and treated us to a didgeridoo performance. Thanks so much to Paul Kelly for giving up his time to come and be apart of Reconciliation Week at Ararat College!

Year 11 Exams Begin Next Week

Good luck to all our Year 11 students who will begin their exams next week. We encourage you to keep up your revision so that all your hard work throughout the year pays off!

GAT Preparation

Our Year 12 students attended a GAT Preparation day in Mount Rowan this week. This was an excellent opportunity for our students to prepare themselves for the upcoming GAT.

This was an incredibly important day for our students as this is the first year that all Year 12 students will be required to take the GAT, as the transition from VCAL to VCE VM means that all students now graduate with a VCE certificate.

Emma Henry
Acting Principal



Year 9 Art

Inspired by the stencil techniques of artists such as Banksy, students of Year 9 2D Art are creating their own artworks using Street Art methods. The artworks are created by cutting multi-layer stencils and using various spray paint techniques with some amazing results!

Ms Oortwijn



Senior Formal

It was a great night at the senior formal, everyone dressed up for the occasion and danced the night away. Special thanks to J-Ward and CGLLEN for the fantastic venue and entertainment. Highlights of the night were the intense music chairs battle which was won by Aiden Flavell. The King & Queen was voted on by peers and that went to Rohan Lancaster and Alanna Graham-Robertson.

Ms Murnane

Acting Senior School Assistant Principal





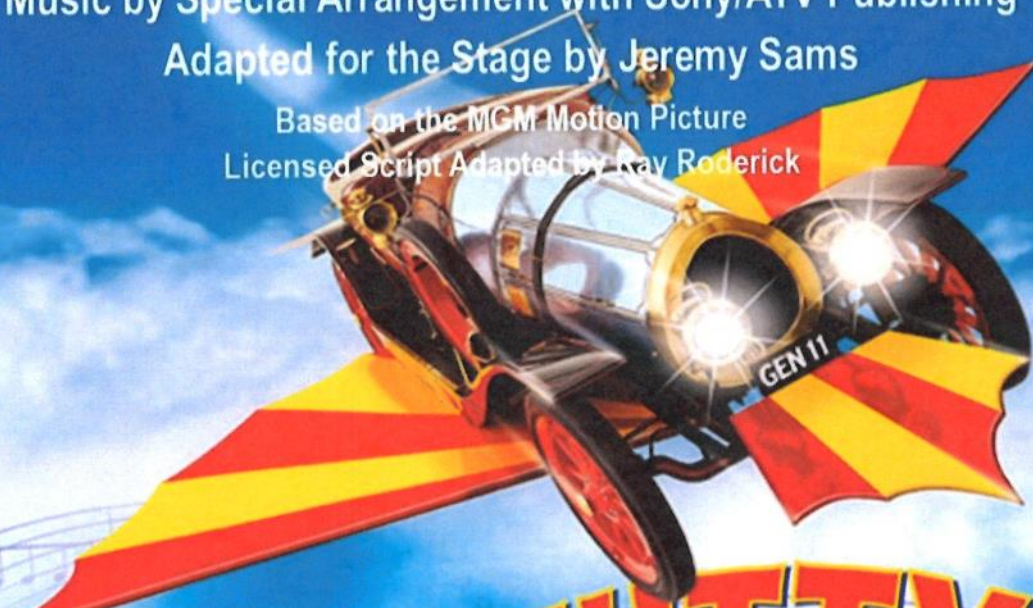
Ararat Musical Comedy Society

Come fly with us this June 16 - 25!

Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman
Music by Special Arrangement with Sony/ATV Publishing

Adapted for the Stage by Jeremy Sams

Based on the MGM Motion Picture
Licensed Script Adapted by Ray Roderick



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Tickets through Ararat Town Hall

www.ararattownhall.com.au

or Ararat Visitor Information Centre

or 1800 657 158

Adults \$25, Concession \$20, Child*/Student \$15

*(Under 18 years old)



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Ararat Rural City



LIFEGUARD COURSE



Date: Thursday 6 & Friday 7 July 2023

Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm
(Times may vary)

Location: Ararat Fitness
Centre



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Reconciliation Week Video

To explore the theme of this years Reconciliation Week “Be a voice for generations”, our First Nations students planned questions to ask staff and students about Reconciliation Week and filmed interviews with the support of mentors from Ballarat and District and Aboriginal Co-operative (BADAC). This video will be released to the school community during Reconciliation Week as we explore actions we can take towards reconciliation

Tahni Skewes
VM and First Nations Coordinator



Out of Uniform Day

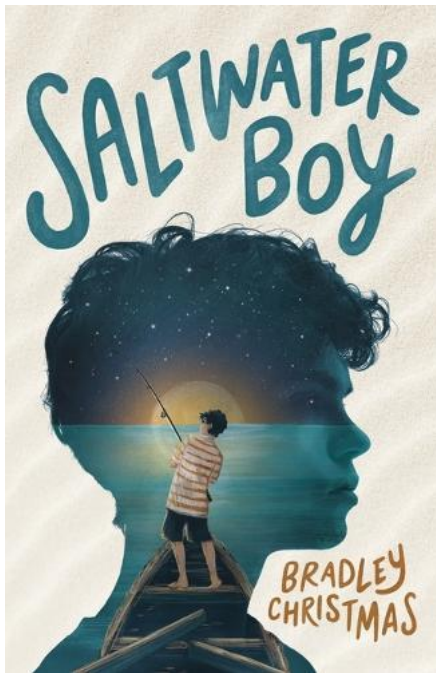
Year 12 VM PDS also ran an out of uniform day fundraiser on Tuesday to raise funds for The Indigenous Literacy Foundation, who provide culturally relevant books to remote communities in Australia and publish Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander authors. Students and staff were encouraged to wear the colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. Fundraiser organisers Mikey and Jed thank everyone for their generosity with donations which got them to their monetary goal.

Tahni Skewes
VM and First Nations Coordinator



It's National Reconciliation Week - a time for all Australians to learn about First Nations people's histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

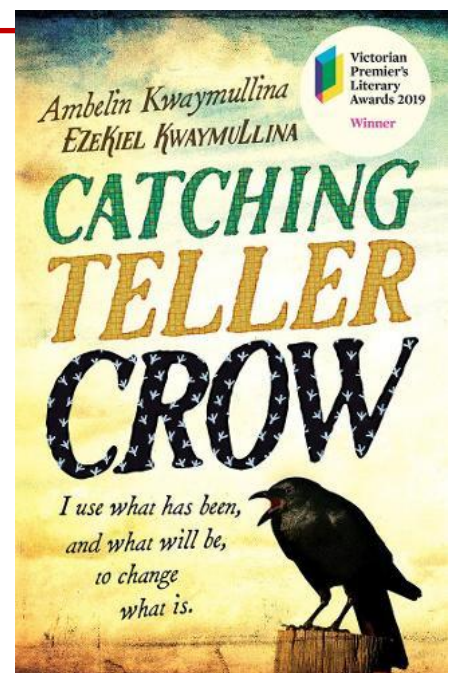
These novels honour the voices, histories and cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Heartfelt and poignant, this coming of age story explores father-son relationships, against a backdrop of small town rivalries, buried truths, with themes of sustainability, preserving the past and environmental care.

Matthew and his mum move to the coast, so his mum - an artist - can renovate her late father's old place to sell it and get them back on their feet. Matthew strikes up a friendship with Old Bill, an Indigenous man who becomes a father figure to him, and teaches him how to find and eat pippis, fish (and to make a few dollars from it). But when his Dad moves back in with the family, his anger fractures the newfound peace and everything is once again at stake, and in peril.

Nothing's been the same for Beth Teller since she died. Her dad, a detective, is the only one who can see and hear her - and he's drowning in grief. But now they have a mystery to solve together. Who is Isobel Catching, and what's her connection to the fire that killed a man? What happened to the people who haven't been seen since the fire? As Beth unravels the mystery, she finds a shocking story lurking beneath the surface of a small town, and a friendship that lasts beyond one life and into another. Told in two unforgettable voices, this gripping novel interweaves themes of grief, colonial history, violence, love and family.



Term 2 2023

	Monday	5	
	Tuesday	6	
	Wednesday	7	Year 11 Exams Begin
	Thursday	8	
	Friday	9	
	Monday	12	King's Birthday—Public Holiday
	Tuesday	13	Pupil Free Day—Report Writing Day
	Wednesday	14	Year 10 Snow Camp Information Session
	Thursday	15	GAT Exam
	Friday	16	
	Monday	19	
	Tuesday	20	WASM Careers Expo
	Wednesday	21	
	Thursday	22	
	Friday	23	

Camps Sports and Excursions Fund Reminder

Ararat College would like to remind parents and families that the cut off for CSEF applications is the 23rd of June.

Eligible secondary school students can receive \$225 up to the age of 18 years to be used specifically for students to undertake Camps and Excursions. Payments will go directly to the school and be tied to the student.

Who is eligible?

- Families holding one or more of the eligible financially means test cards **OR** be a temporary foster parent

Special Considerations

- Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
- Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

If you feel you are eligible to receive the above payment and have not made a claim yet, please contact the college office and we will happily assist you.