



22th July 2022

Term 3 Week 2 Volume 20

## Year 11 Chemistry



In Year 11 Chemistry the students are looking at creating precipitates. A precipitate is the solid that is formed when two different chemicals are mixed together. They have been learning how to predict if a precipitate will form based off the chemicals they mix and naming the new solid that are formed. Some of the precipitates had vibrant colours while others were more subtle.

**Katrina Pace -Year 11 Chemistry**



# ***A Message from the Principal***

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## **Year 10 Work Experience**

Our Year 10 students have headed out to the work force this week and undertaken a week out in a variety of industry's and workplaces. A big thank you to Mr Sherwell for his organisation of this important aspect of our school program and to the many organisations who continue to support our students in this program. It is wonderful to be able to have Work Experience running again after severe disruption throughout 2020 and 2021. Work Experience does provide students with a vital opportunity to experience the work environment and explore possible future career pathways.

## **Senior Centre Refurbishment**

Over the holidays we commenced a full refurbishment of two classrooms within our Senior Centre. Thank you to Mr Barwick and our Business Manager, Coralie Whitworth, for their organisation and work in making this happen! There is still some work to be completed until full completion, but the spaces are now looking fantastic providing a much improved learning environment for our students and teachers and also a new kitchenette for our Senior Students in the open area.

## **School Production**

The cast and teachers for our School Production, 'Alice in Wonderland', have been working hard through weekly rehearsals and are looking forward to the performances. The production will take place at the Ararat Town Hall in Week 8 of this term – stay tuned for ticket sale details! It has also been wonderful to have a number of students from Ararat 800 PS and Ararat West Primary School join the cast and be involved in our school production.

## **The Hon. Jaala Pulford Visit**

This week we welcomed The Hon. Jaala Pulford to our school. Jaala is the current Minister for Employment, Minister for Innovation, Medical Research, and the Digital Economy, Minister for Small Business, and Minister for Resources. Local Labour candidate Martha Haylett also visited. Thank you Ms Henry and Mr Healey for showing both Jaala and Martha around our school and talking to them about our plans for the future.

**Ellie McDougall**

**Principal**



# LIFEGUARD COURSE



Date: Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 September 2022

Time: 8:30am - 3:30pm  
(Times may vary)

Location: Ararat Fitness  
Centre



FOR MORE INFORMATION

[SMADEX@ARARAT.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:SMADEX@ARARAT.VIC.GOV.AU)

# Year 10 Queensland Camp 2022

After two years of disappointment and missing out, our intrepid year 10's finally got to travel to QLD for one of the best camps ever. Four theme parks in four days was both exhilarating and challenging. The first challenge was to depart from school by 4.45am on the first day – not a problem for this group who were all there on time, in high spirits. Many students had not flown before and also many had not travelled that far away from home before. Nerves were settled with two calm flights there and back.

The first afternoon at Wet n' Wild was immense fun and some shivering in between rides was rewarded with adrenalin rushes for those who dared ride the 'Tornado.' Although the pictures may appear that it was sunny in QLD, rest assured it was still only 19 degrees with cold breezes!

Students shopped for their own lunches from the supermarket each night before, and there were some very inventive lunches! Many grouped up to make their food and money go further.

Day two was Dream World and students spent this day running from the huge roller coaster called the 'Steel Taipan' to the live tiger show, to meeting Shrek. It was agreed that 'The Claw' ride was the scariest of all the rides at all the theme parks. That night was a visit to Time Zone just to keep the fun going.

Day three was spent at Movie World and this was definitely the busiest and jam-packed day. There was something for everyone, with more scary rides (and 70 minute waits in line!) many shops, the Batman museum, and live performances throughout the day.



Our last day was somewhat calmer for some, at SeaWorld. Many of us watched the famous dolphin show and it certainly didn't disappoint. There were also glowing jelly-fish and polar bears, shark tanks, and sting rays that could be patted.

This last afternoon saw the group travelling for a total of 9 hours to arrive home safe and sound at 11pm Thursday night. All staff who attended agreed that the group of students whom we took were of the best quality! Everyone had a great time and learnt a lot about themselves along the way.



## From the Wellbeing Team

Hi Everyone,

Just a quick note to let you all know about an awesome opportunity for our students to get free dental checks, right here at school. If you haven't already, you will receive a pack with this information in the mail. It needs to be returned to the school ASAP, **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August.**

For any further assistance feel free to contact me at the school or check out the smile squad website.

### **What is Smile Squad?**

Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program that offers free dental care to all Victorian government school students.

Smile Squad provides **completely free** dental check-ups for all students in government schools. **There is no cost to you.**

First, please read and return page 3-8 of form to school in envelope provided.

Secondly, Smile Squad will visit your child's school to check your child's teeth and provide preventive care. This takes about 15 minutes.

If your child doesn't need any extra treatment, Smile Squad will see your child again in 12 months.

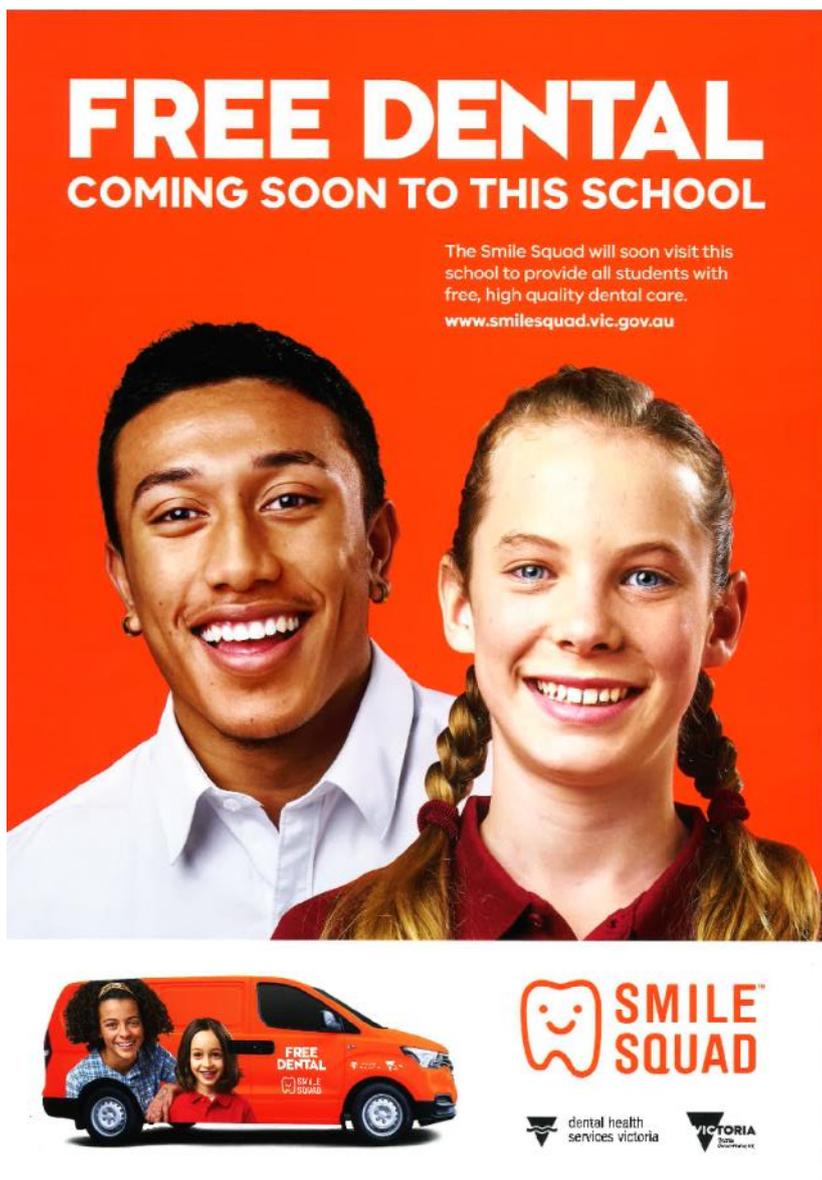
If your child needs extra treatment, Smile Squad will send home an individual care plan for you to read. Then, Smile Squad will call you to talk about what your child needs and ask for your consent to the extra treatment. Smile Squad will make a new appointment for your child for the treatment. Usually, this appointment will also be at the school. This treatment is also free.

Students will also receive a free dental pack and education on teeth brushing and healthy eating.

<https://www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au/>

Cheers

Wellbeing Team



**FREE DENTAL**  
**COMING SOON TO THIS SCHOOL**

The Smile Squad will soon visit this school to provide all students with free, high quality dental care.  
[www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au](http://www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au)

**SMILE SQUAD**

dental health services victoria VICTORIA

The poster features a bright orange background. At the top, the text 'FREE DENTAL COMING SOON TO THIS SCHOOL' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, a smaller white text block provides information about the service and the website. The central part of the poster shows two smiling young people, a boy and a girl, with their heads and shoulders visible. At the bottom, there is a white banner containing a small image of a red van with 'FREE DENTAL' and 'SMILE SQUAD' written on its side. To the right of the van is the 'SMILE SQUAD' logo, which consists of a stylized tooth with a smiley face inside. Below the logo are the logos for 'dental health services victoria' and 'VICTORIA'.

Coming to Ararat College for Year 7 & 8 students on 3<sup>rd</sup> August



## The Hurting Game

On 3<sup>rd</sup> August Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing performance 'The Hurting Game' for our year 7 & 8 students. 'The Hurting Game' is a live theatre experience that explores the skills we need to cope with life's challenges and build meaningful connections. The performance highlights the games we play to give ourselves a false sense of power and belonging, which can lead to anxiety, loneliness and disconnection. It challenges students to think about how they treat themselves and others, both online and offline, and provides strategies for breaking unhealthy behaviour patterns. Issues such as (cyber)bullying, mental health and body image are unpacked in the post-performance Q&A and help-seeking information is provided.

'The Hurting Game' is part of our student Health curriculum and has been developed by education and mental health professionals. This engaging theatrical experience uses humour, relatable characters and real student experiences to spark conversations about friendships, online behaviour, resilience and mental health.

**This production facilitates opportunities for parents and guardians to have further discussions around these topics at home. Please feel free to reach-out to the school if any further support is required.**

Brainstorm Productions is one of Australia's largest and most respected theatre in education companies, performing to over 300,000 students every year. They are endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner as a Trusted eSafety Provider. If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, you can visit [brainstormproductions.edu.au](http://brainstormproductions.edu.au), or follow them on Instagram ([@brainstormproductions](https://www.instagram.com/brainstormproductions)) or Facebook ([Brainstorm.Productions](https://www.facebook.com/Brainstorm.Productions)).

# Year 10 Work Experience

This week we have enjoyed hearing great feedback from both employers and students regarding their placements. Students have set an excellent example of respectful young people and conducted themselves in a mature manner. Some have been pushed out of their comfort zone. Unfortunately, some have fallen ill and due to the current environment have not been able to finish their placement. Employers greatly appreciated that our students maturely contacted their placement hosts and responsibly ended their time.



I would like to thank the number of staff assisting me in contacting the students over the week. We look forward to hearing students debrief on their return to school next week.

## Term 3 2022

<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>25</b>	
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>26</b>	
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>27</b>	
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>28</b>	
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>1</b>	Subject selection 2023 begins
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2</b>	
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3</b>	Brainstorm Production Year 7 and 8
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4</b>	
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>8</b>	
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9</b>	Subject Selection Interviews
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10</b>	
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11</b>	
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>12</b>	

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.*