



Year 11 Chemistry



Our Year 11 Chemistry class is currently studying Organic Chemistry and looking at the different properties of these compounds. Due to the strong smells of some of these chemicals, students had to use the fume hood to ensure their safety. Next they will be completing an experiment looking at esters which are the chemicals involved creating scents particularly in different types of fruits. Organic chemistry also looks at how we get different artificial flavours and scents into food.



A Message from the Principal

Greater Western Region Cross Country

On Tuesday May 24th we have two students who are eligible to represent our school at the Greater Western Region Cross Country in Warrnambool. Congratulations to Acacia Merrick and Zaviour Quarell on this fantastic achievement!

School Play

School play rehearsals have kicked off this week for our school production of 'Alice in Wonderland.' Congratulations to all students involved as part of the cast! Bryan Kennedy is producing our production this year and working with Mrs Nicole Potter, Mr Riley Mason and Ms Celia Fairely. I am very excited to see what they have in store for us, this production has been years in the making due to a few COVID related interruptions.

NAPLAN

We received notification this week that the deadline for NAPLAN completion has been extended from today until next Friday May 27th. This will enable us to continue to catch up on assessments that have been missed due to illness over the last fortnight. Students have approached their NAPLAN assessments with an extremely positive mindset and should be proud of this achievement. Thank you to Mr Healey for his organisation of NAPLAN and Mr Bowles for IT support.

Student Free Days

A friendly reminder that we have two student free days coming up. The first of these is our whole school professional practice day which will be held on **Thursday June 9th**. The second is one of our allocated 2022 curriculum days and on this day our staff are commencing the Berry Street Education Model Training. This training will run over the next 12 months and will consist of four days of face-to-face professional learning. This day will be held on **Friday June 3rd**. Students are not required at school for either of these days.

Ellie McDougall

Principal

Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT's)

Free Rapid Antigen Tests have been made available by the Victorian Government to all school students for the first 4 weeks of Term 2. Parents are welcome to call into the college office during office hours 8.15am to 4.30pm to collect the fortnightly allocation for their children.

Ararat College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) 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.

Year 12 Biology

Year 12 Biology students have been completing practical activities this week as part of their assessment for Outcome 2. Students have been growing canola seedlings to test the effects of glyphosate on photosynthesis; exploring how changes in temperature affect the rate of fermentation in yeast. Next week students will be creating biofuel!



Outdoor Education



This week in Outdoor Education our Year 9 students have been learning how to read the contour lines on topographical maps.

In order to understand how these topographical maps are two dimensional representations of our three dimensional world, they are making mountains out of cardboard.



Careers Week - Police Visit

On Thursday we welcomed Max & Toni from the community Policing Unit to our senior Legal Studies class. Max & Toni spoke to students about their career journey, experiences at the Academy and roles they have had with Victoria Police. Students asked lots of questions about balancing rights of the accused, victims and Police; how crimes are investigated; the impact of technology on Policing; plea negotiations and the role of Police in court.

Leilani thanked Max & Toni for their insights and providing lots of resources, including a copy of the test that applicants take to apply to the Police force. We learnt there are lots of different roles in Police and that life experience and diversity is valued at Victoria Police.

Thanks to Max & Toni for their time in providing a very informative session and terrific resources for our students considering careers in the law.

Ms Lidgerwood



With the cold weather about to descend on us, 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 hesitate to contact the College Office who will happily assist you.

The Ararat Junior Fire Brigade is looking for new members to join their team. Learn basic firefighting skills as well as participate in competitions with surrounding brigades, all while having fun, helping your community and meeting new people. Any enquiries, contact Michelle Turnham on 0428628395 or go to cfa.vic.gov.au and lodge your expression of interest.

What is CFA?

CFA (Country Fire Authority) is a volunteer and community based fire and emergency service organisation. We work together with communities to keep Victorians safe from fire and other emergencies. Our mission is to protect lives and property.



junior volunteer development program

For 11 to 15 year olds

How do I join up?

Contact your local fire brigade or find your closest CFA office at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact

CFA has over **250** Junior Brigades across Victoria – for a full list of current JVDP brigades go to www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteer-careers/junior-volunteers

CFA Headquarters
8 Lakeside Drive, Burwood East Vic 3151
www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Your local fire brigade:



| Fun | Friendship |
| Firefighting skills |



What is the Program?

The Junior Volunteer Development Program (JVDP) provides safe, enjoyable and challenging activities for youth aged 11 to 15 years of age.

Teamwork
Community
Commitment
Responsibility
Respect
Confidence



Activities can include:

- > Practical firefighting drills
- > Fire safety awareness
- > Map reading and radio use
- > Community service
- > First aid training
- > Leadership development
- > Fundraising
- > Fire brigade competitions and championships

Junior members are provided with uniform such as a polo shirt, hat and overalls.



The serious stuff

All activities are supervised by a minimum of two Junior Leaders (adult volunteer brigade members) who hold a Working with Children Check.

There is no cost to join. CFA makes every attempt to provide activities cost-free, however for some activities there may be a small fee.

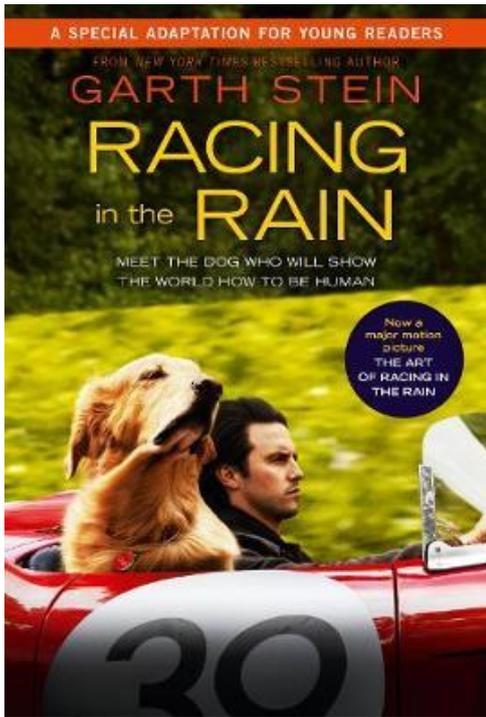
Signed permission forms are required for all activities away from brigade facilities.

Junior members will not:

- > respond to emergencies
- > use heavy equipment (such as Jaws of Life or chainsaws)
- > wear structural helmets or breathing apparatus.

There is no requirement that junior members go on to become senior volunteer firefighters after they turn 16 years old.

These two novels, both movie tie-ins, are new in the library this week.



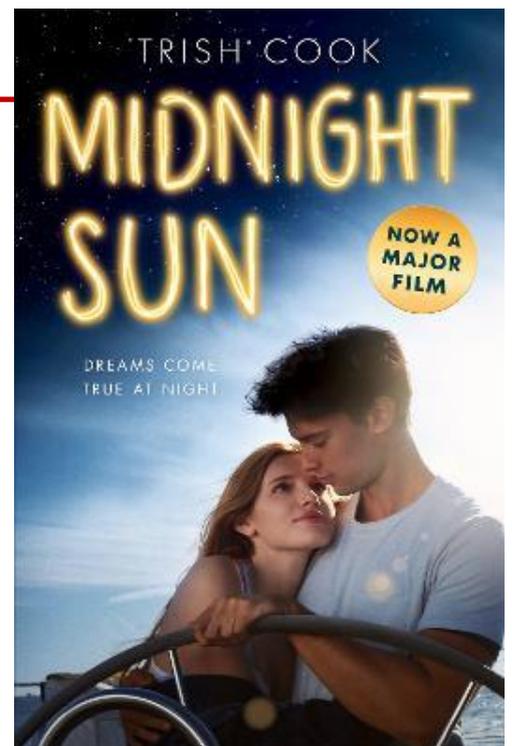
Meet one funny mutt - Enzo, the lovable dog who tells this story. Enzo knows he is different from other dogs. Most dogs love to chase cars, but Enzo longs to race them. He learns about racing and the world around him by watching TV and by listening to the words of his best friend, Denny, an up-and-coming race car driver, and Denny's daughter, Zoe, his constant companion.

Enzo finds that life is just like being on the racetrack. It isn't simply about going fast. Applying the rules of racing to his world, Enzo takes on his family's challenges and emerges a hero. In the end, Enzo holds in his heart the dream that Denny will go on to be a racing champion with

his daughter by his side. For theirs is an extraordinary friendship - one that reminds us all to celebrate the triumph of the human (and canine) spirit.

Katie can't leave her house during the day: she has a rare disease that makes even the smallest amount of sunlight deadly. But everything changes when one night, singing her heart out on a deserted station platform, she meets Charlie.

Before the night is out, Katie is smitten. But she hasn't told Charlie her secret. She just wants to have her normal love story, before reality kicks in. Lost in her night-time summer romance, Katie knows that love will light the way.



A Message from the Wellbeing Team

This week in health we are starting our exciting unit on puberty with our year 7's. Just as the seasons are changing so are our year 7 students. If you haven't already started conversations around this topic at home, here are some helpful points to support these discussions. Please feel free to contact the health teachers or myself (adolescent health nurse) for further support or information. We are all in this together, it's a special time to create discussions at home with your child so you can reaffirm family and cultural beliefs around these valuable discussions.

Puberty

[Puberty](#) brings lots of changes for a young person – and for you as a parent too. Your young person is transitioning from child to adult, and you may feel uncertain about how best to support them through the physical, psychological and emotional changes this brings.

Never fear, there's plenty you can do to help your child. One of the best ways is to be reassuring and help send the message to the young person that you are a safe person they can talk to if they need to.

Puberty is simply a series of natural changes that every child goes through. Some young people and their families struggle with the changes, while others sail through puberty without concern. Only a small percentage of children experience extreme turmoil during this phase of their development. Puberty and the [teenage years](#) can also be exciting and special. As a parent or carer, you are in the best position to help your young person through puberty as you have expert knowledge and experience of their identity and what may be helpful, even if you don't feel that way at first.

How to talk about puberty and body image

The best time to talk about puberty with your child is before it begins. Take an open and relaxed approach to chatting with your child.

Use the correct terms for body parts so your child learns the right words and is comfortable using them when talking about their body. They need to know their body parts are normal and natural, with words to match.

You may like to open a conversation by asking whether your child has learned about puberty at school and what they've been taught. Or asking them what they think about it or what they think it means. They may have some knowledge and ideas already.

Convey facts in the conversation, such as 'Every young person goes through these changes, but not always at the same time. Have you noticed that?' And talk about your values too:

Pick a time to talk when there are no distractions, and don't be worried if your child doesn't want to share everything with you. They may prefer to talk to your family doctor or a counsellor.

Where to get help

[Your GP \(doctor\)](#)

[Sexual Health Victoria](#) Tel. [1800 013 952](#)

[Community health services](#)

[Maternal and child health services](#)

[Relationships Australia](#) Tel. [1300 364 277](#)

[Raising Children Network](#)

[Headspace](#)

[Reach Out](#)

[Kids Helpline](#) Tel. [1800 551 800](#)

[Parenting children through puberty and adolescence - Better Health Channel](#)

Term 2 2022

Week 5	Monday	23	Education Week
	Tuesday	24	
	Wednesday	25	
	Thursday	26	
	Friday	27	
Week 6	Monday	30	
	Tuesday	31	
June	Wednesday	1	
	Thursday	2	
	Friday	3	Curriculum Day - Student Free Day
Week 7	Monday	6	
	Tuesday	7	
	Wednesday	8	Year 7 Information and Expo Night
	Thursday	9	Curriculum Day - Student Free Day
	Friday	10	

ARARAT COLLEGE
Open
NIGHT

WEDNESDAY JUNE 8, 2022
6:30 PM TO 7:45PM | OPEN LEARNING CENTRE
BARKLY STREET, ARARAT



All future families are welcome to join us to gain an insight into our college.

School Tours will be conducted following an information session.

