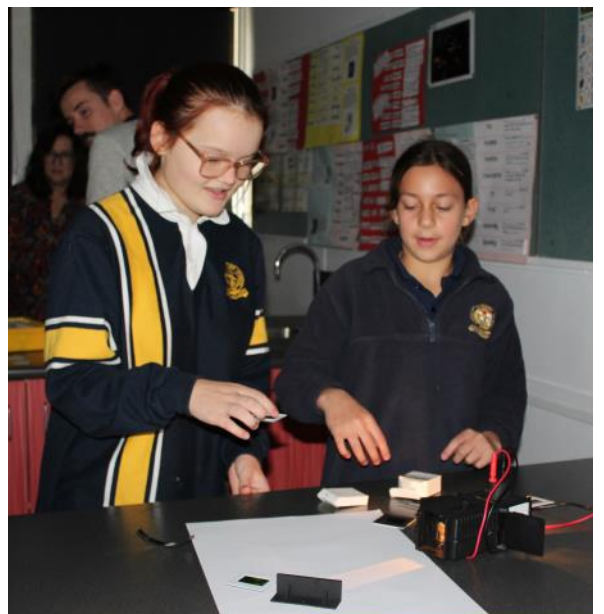
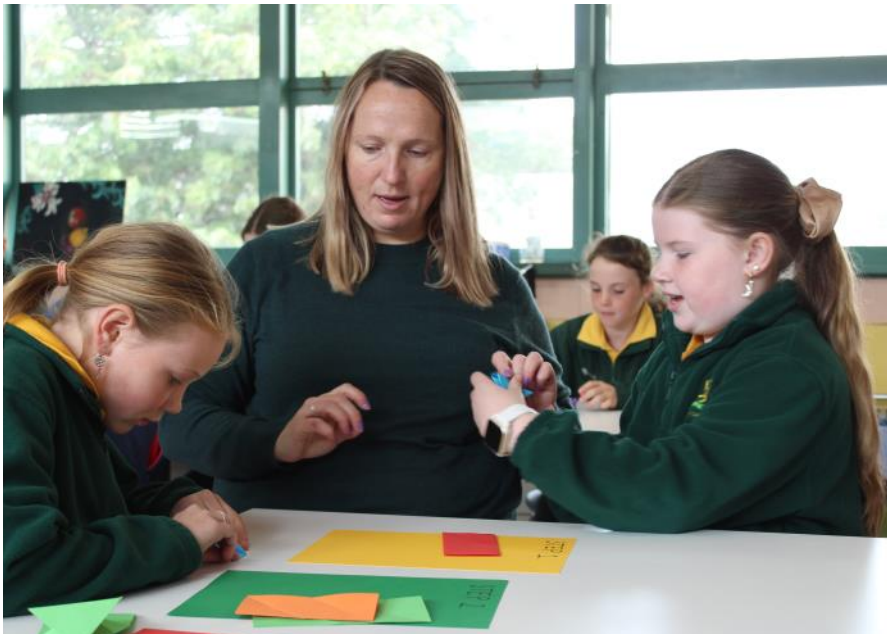




## Ararat West and Ararat 800 visit

This week Ararat College was lucky enough to host grade six students from Ararat West Primary School and Ararat 800. These lucky students were able to experience what high school is like, meet some of their future teachers and interact with some Ararat College students that they might have previously gone to school with!



# A Message from the Principal

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## Education Week

Victorians celebrated education from the 14th to the 20th of May! The theme this year was 'Move, Make, Motivate'. We are very proud to be able to offer our students a range of activities that are aligned with this theme! We all got moving at the end of last term with our Annual School Sports Day. Students who excelled on the day will be participating in the Black Ranges Sports Day on Monday! Our Arts and Technology department are always in the process of creating and making various products and art pieces! Students who are excited about Drama are currently preparing for our Annual School Play! We like to think that we are constantly motivating students with excursions to the local goldmines and wineries, inspiring them to be thinking about their futures!

## Staffing Changes

Wendy Giovannello has accepted the role as Office Admin Assistant and will begin on Monday 22nd. She is transferring to us from Beaufort PS. Welcome Wendy! We look forward to working with and getting to know you!

## Student Attitude to School Survey

Over the coming weeks our students will be completing their annual Attitudes to School Survey. This DET survey allows us as a school, to gain an understanding of our students' perceptions and experiences at school. It also allows us to use this information to inform decisions and programs relating to our students.



## Victorian Careers Expo

Our VCE students attended the Victorian Careers Expo on Friday. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to explore the pathways for their futures and discuss their options with representatives from universities.



**PAT CRONIN  
FOUNDATION**

## Pat Cronin Foundation Presentation

The Pat Cronin Foundation visited Ararat College and spoke to our Year 10 students. Their mission is to provide education, strategies and resources to empower young people so that together we can stop violence and end the coward punch.

Our Year 10 students are to be congratulated for their respectful and thoughtful engagement during this presentation!

**Emma Henry  
Acting Principal**



# Drama Incursion



This week saw our Year 8 students engage in a workshop with the Melbourne Theatre Company. They explored the use of their voices and bodies to develop character, meaning and communication on stage. They even got to explore a little Shakespeare in the process. Several of our Year 8 students are cast in Ararat College's production of 'You're a Good Man Charlie Brown' and I am sure they will put the acting skills they have learnt to good use during rehearsals.

**Mr Watson**

**Drama/Music Teacher**



# Education Week—Move, Make, Motivate





# Careers Expo



Our Year 11 and 12 students attended the Victorian Careers Expo! This was an excellent opportunity for them to talk to potential universities and explore their future career pathways!

**Ms Murnane**

**Acting Senior School Assistant Principal**



## 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.

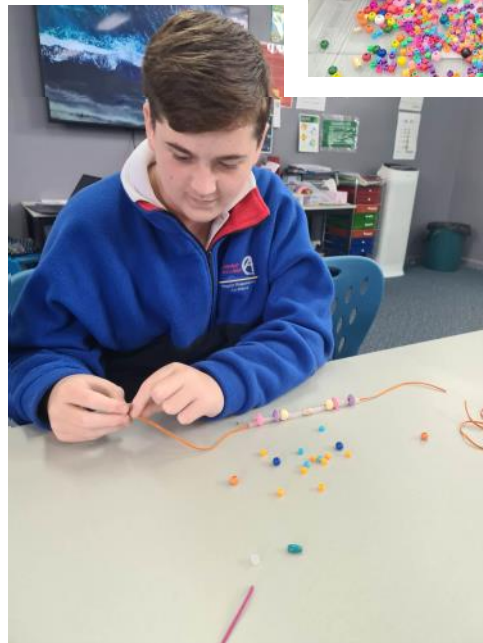


# Year 10 Health and Human Development

This week we completed an experiment with UV beads which change colour from exposure to UV light. Students tested the protection of in-date sunscreen verses expired sunscreen. Students then made their own UV bracelets or keychains to indicate when UV light was present and remind them of sun safety and skin protection when outside.

**Ms Skewes**

**VM/HAPE Department**







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

[smadex@ararat.vic.gov.au](mailto:smadex@ararat.vic.gov.au)



The Ararat College

# SENIOR FORMAL

(Year 11 & 12 Students)

Thursday May 25th

DJ MUSIC

PARTY FOOD

7:30 - 10PM

FORMAL DRESS

TICKETS \$15 EACH, AVAILABLE AT  
THE FRONT OFFICE

TO BE HELD IN THE CELL BLOCK VENUE AT J-WARD  
1 GIRDLESTONE ST, ARARAT (ENTER VIA THE BIG DOORS)

NO PASS OUTS, STUDENTS MUST REMAIN AT THE EVENT UNTIL 10PM.



# Pat Cronin Foundation

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On Friday the year 10 students heard from the Pat Cronin Foundation. The students listened very attentively to the presenter and heard a moving story about Pat Cronin's life. The students engaged with the presenter and answered questions about their thoughts, feelings and opinions. The students explored the nature of anger and how one decision can change the lives of themselves, their families and even compete strangers.

If you would like more information on the foundation please access the website: <https://patcroninfoundation.org.au>

**Madeline Albrecht**

**Year 10 Coordinator**



## Attendance

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School attendance is important and we have included a brief overview of our requirements. Please contact the college office if you have any concerns with this process.

All students are expected to attend school every day and arrive at all scheduled lessons and activities on time. Rolls are marked electronically by all staff for each lesson of the day. Parents can monitor their attendance live via the Xuno parent portal.

Students are expected to remain in the college grounds during the school day, unless they have written permission from a parent or guardian to attend an appointment.

- **All** students must sign in or out via the General Office if they are late to school or need to leave early.
- Students **will not** be given permission to go down the street for the sole purpose of buying lunch.

**The Department of Education requires a valid reason be given to the school for ALL student absences.**

If your child is absent an SMS will be sent to your mobile phone asking for an explanation.

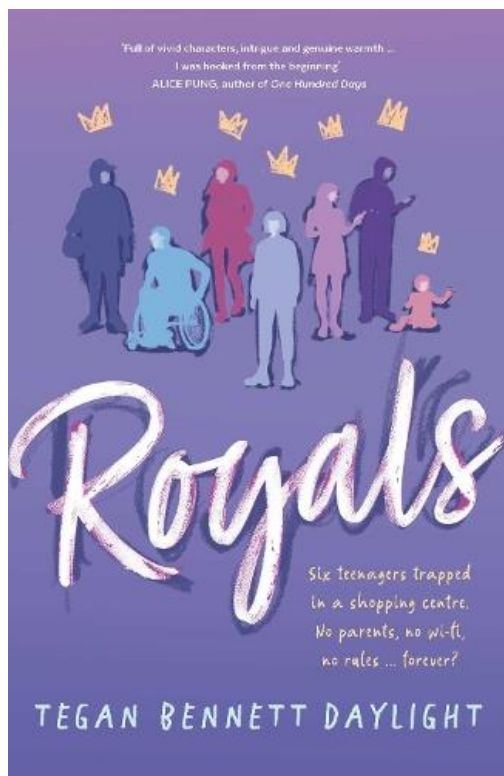
This can be given:

- via attendance notification in the parent portal
- via a return SMS
- via a phone call to the College
- via written note explaining an absence (blank notes are in the diary) on the day your child returns.

**“It’s Not Okay to Be Away”**



These new novels are now available in the library.



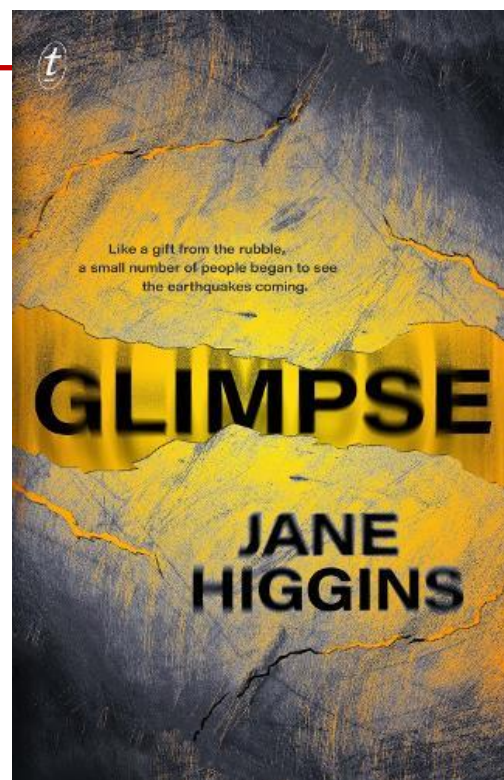
Six teenagers. An empty shopping centre. No Wi-Fi. And ... a baby?

With no phones, no internet and no way out, Shannon and five other trapped teens are completely disconnected from the outside world ... and their online lives. It's hard to say whether they'll be driven to delinquency, or - even worse - forced to make friends IRL.

Will the limitless bubble tea, Maccas and new sneakers be enough to keep the six teens satisfied until they can find a way out, or is this the start of something much more sinister?

The city authorities have abandoned the D-Zone as damaged beyond repair. It's a no-go area where ongoing earthquakes threaten to destroy what's left. But Jonah and Bas and everyone else trying to survive in the devastation there can't leave - they're 'illegals', without citizenship, without rights. Jonah can see the quakes before the ground shudders and grinds, before the buildings fall. Glimpsing is a rare ability and a great survival asset ... and it has attracted the attention of powers keen to exploit it.

When Bas disappears, Jonah knows his friend is in great danger. He knows that his glimpsing offers a way to bring new hope to the people of the D-Zone. But Jonah's plan will push everything, including his own life, to the brink.





# College Production 2023

'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown' takes a 'day-in-the-life' approach to tell the story of the Peanuts gang.

Based on the beloved Charles Schulz comic strip, Charlie Brown and the rest of the bunch explore life's great questions as they play baseball, struggle with homework, sing songs, swoon over their crushes, and celebrate the joy of friendship. Throughout it all Snoopy is there, adding entertainment through his love of food and imaginings of being a fighter plane pilot.

Ararat College will perform 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown' at Ararat Town Hall over August 30 and 31. See you there!

## CAST

**CHARLIE BROWN:** Monique North  
**LUCY VAN PELT:** Mikhi Sewastenko  
**SNOOPY:** Willow Berg

## ENSEMBLE

**Acacia Merrick (CAPTAIN)** Hannah Dowsett  
**April Jarrett** Ruby Jackson  
**Emma Kennedy** Maxwell Drane



You're A Good Man,  
**CHARLIE  
BROWN**  
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL



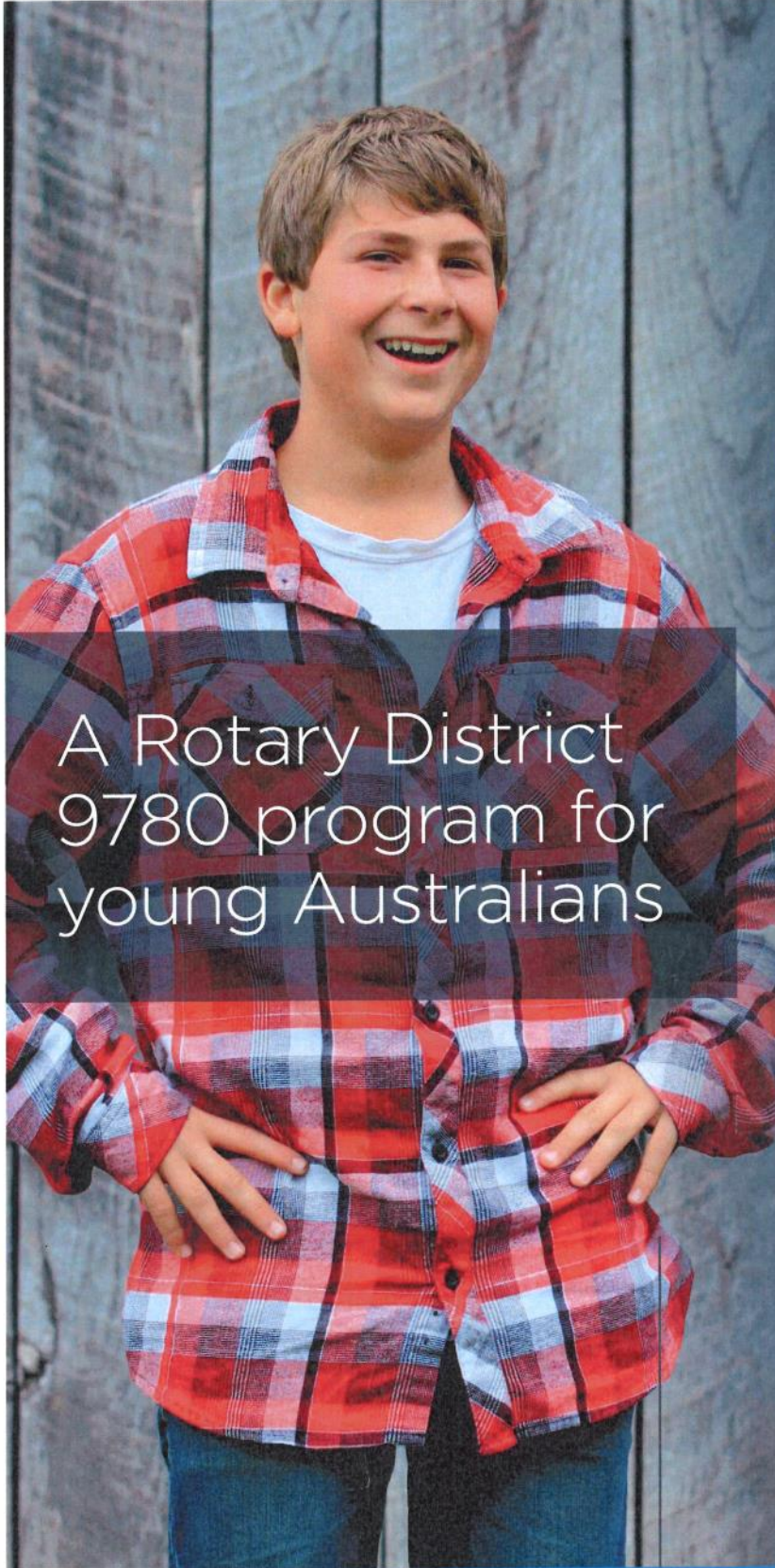
**NO  
HOODIES**

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.





# Rotary



## DEFYING THE DRIFT!

### A Rotary District 9780 program for young Australians

#### WHAT?

DtD is a program designed to empower young people to:

- Identify and explore agriculture and agribusiness career opportunities
- Build communication skills
- Develop career networks

#### WHO?

DtD is for year 10 and year 11 students

#### WHY?

Because there are great, high paying professional, entrepreneurial and trade careers in agriculture that young people need to know about!

#### WHEN?

Monday September 18, 2023 to Wednesday September 20, 2023

#### WHERE?

Longerenong Ag College, Horsham

#### HOW MUCH?

\$250 Early bird price - pay by July 31

\$350 per student, sponsorship available.

**More information at [www.defyingthedrift.org](http://www.defyingthedrift.org)**



DtD starts with a 3 Day residential program at Longerenong Ag College. There will be lots of new friends to make, inspiring agriculture role models to meet, places to visit and lots of fun.

The second part is a presentation by each participant at their sponsoring Rotary Club - a great chance to meet community leaders.



## Term 2 2023

May	Monday	22	Year 7 Smile Squad Catch Up
	Tuesday	23	
	Wednesday	24	
	Thursday	25	Senior Formal
	Friday	26	Curriculum Day—Student free day
	Monday	29	Year 7 Smile Squad Catch Up Reconciliation Week
	Tuesday	30	
	Wednesday	31	
June	Thursday	1	
	Friday	2	
	Monday	5	
	Tuesday	6	
	Wednesday	7	Year 11 Exams Begin
	Thursday	8	
	Friday	9	

## 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.

