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# Newsletter 2024

Respect - Responsibility - Excellence

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Term 1 Week 5 Volume 5



## Year 7 Camp – Silverband Lodge



# ***Principal Report***

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## **Black Ranges Swimming**

On Monday we had 12 students representing our school at the Black Ranges Swimming Carnival. It was an action packed day with many positive results. Congratulations to Lachlan, Alyssa and Caleb Townsend who all walked away with 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbons and will go onto the next stage of competition! Our Year 7 boys relay team also had great success coming away with a win and also a meal courtesy of Mr Giovanniello. A big thank you to Mr Giovanniello for organising the day and to our parent helpers – Tracey Townsend, Lydia Jackson and Leonie Cowey.

## **Time Capsule Opening**

The countdown is on for the opening of the Ararat Technical School time capsule. This rich piece of history was relocated to our current site in 1989 when the two schools amalgamated. We would love to see school community members from over the years attend and celebrate the official opening of the time capsule. The event will be on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and will be followed by an afternoon tea in our Trade Training Centre. Please share this information to anybody you feel may be interested in attending.

## **2025 Year 7 Open Night**

We will again hold our Year 7 Information Night for prospective 2025 enrolments this term. The positives of having this night earlier in the year, taking advantage of daylight savings and warmer weather were very well received. We look forward to seeing families of 2025 Year 7 Students on **Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 7:45pm in our Open Learning Centre.**

## **NAPLAN**

NAPLAN will be conducted from March 13<sup>th</sup> until March 22nd. This timing allows schools access to NAPLAN data earlier in the year.

Assessments are undertaken online over a two-week period with students in Year 7 and Year 9 sitting an assessment every second day. At Ararat College we focus on personal growth and effort and attitude, supporting and encouraging our students to attempt the assessment to the best of their ability. NAPLAN provides an opportunity for students to practice this in an assessment environment. It is important that all students sit NAPLAN and experience the test conditions they are likely to experience as they move into the senior end of our school. NAPLAN also provides rich information to our teachers about how they can continue to best support your child through point of need teaching and differentiated tasks.

If you are concerned that your child is anxious about NAPLAN please contact the school so that we can make sure there is appropriate support for all of our students, enabling them to have a positive experience!

A detailed information sheet on NAPLAN will be sent home with Year 7 and Year 9 students on Monday.

## **School Council AGM**

The school Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday March 20th. This meeting will be held in the Trade Training Centre at 6pm.

**Ellie McDougall**  
**Principal**

# Black Ranges Swimming

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, our College Swim team made the trip to Horsham for the Black Ranges Swimming Competition. With the success of our House swimming day last week we took a strong squad of 12 swimmers to compete against other schools from the region. Here are some fantastic results:

**Milla Harris:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Breaststroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Butterfly, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Freestyle

**Lachlan Townsend:** : 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Breaststroke, 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Butterfly, 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Backstroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> 200 IM

**Alyssa Townsend:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Breaststroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Butterfly, 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Backstroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Backstroke

**Mackenzie Johnson:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 50 Breaststroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Backstroke

**Caleb Townsend:** 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Breaststroke, 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Butterfly, 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Freestyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Backstroke, 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Backstroke

**Byron Johnson:** 4<sup>th</sup> 100m Freestyle

**Ned Jackson:** 4<sup>th</sup> 50m Freestyle

1<sup>st</sup> u12/13 boys Relay team: Lachlan Townsend, Ned Jackson, Billy Walker, Byron Johnson

4<sup>th</sup> u14 girls Relay team: Bella Dollimore, Alyssa Townsend, Grace Robertson, Ruby Jackson

Congratulations to the students who have made it the Greater Western Region Swimming competition on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. A big thank you to the following parent helpers for their work in supporting our students and undertaking official duties on the day: Tracey Townsend, Leo Cowey and Lydia Jackson.



## *Year 7 Camp—Violet Day*

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On Monday, at 7am I woke up and started to get ready for the day. When I got ready I messaged my Dad so he would know that I was ready to get picked up. At 8:20am my Dad picked me up and we went straight to school. When I got there I put my bags in the Year 7 Hub. I went and talked to Lionel, Abdulla, Harvey and Logan until we got on the bus. It was very loud because we were very excited to get to Silverband. After the drive we got off the bus and got all the bags to put them on the veranda. We all walked inside and let Lucy (worker) talk to use about the camp, plus all the rules. Then Ms Fairley told us what cabin we were in.

I was in cabin 14 with Sarita, Madie and Meita. Our bathroom door wouldn't open right so we kept getting locked in the bathroom until someone came into the cabin to help. Half the time there was already someone in the cabin to help. It took us twenty minutes to set up our beds and get out into the main room to find out what group we were in. After we got told we got ready for our first activity and I had high ropes. We had to have a long talk about safety and how to put on the harness and helmet. I got to demonstrate how and I got to climb first. I only trusted three people to belay me; Lionel, Harvey and Logan. I climbed the log, the leap of faith and the Tarzan. Logan and Harvey didn't climb but Lionel and I climbed. After we finished, we had to loosen the harness and put it away. We went to have lunch and we had burgers.

For the second activity we did games to work on our teamwork. Afterwards, we had time to work on what we were doing for the talent show. I had six people; Aleah, Sarita, Madie, Harvey, Mieta and I. We did a dance to 'Watch Me Nae Nae' and we won first place. Rosey Nosey's came second, and the British Oompa Loompa's came third. The talent show finished at 9pm, so we had half an hour before we needed to go to bed. I just sat in my bed talking for the thirty minutes. Everyone in my cabin didn't go to bed for a while because we wanted to talk about the day and the talent show.

On Tuesday at 7am we got woken up to set up breakfast, but that wasn't my group. So I stayed in bed for a bit. Then I got up to get ready for breakfast and I went out to the main room. Luckily I wasn't the last one out of my room. We had toast, cereal, egg and bacon for breakfast. The toast looked burnt. We had to get ready for the next activity which was canoeing, we had Glen which is Harvey's Uncle; he was the best! Canoeing was pretty boring and I didn't like it at all but at the end we got to swim while we were waiting. When Glen picked us up we were soaking and our clothes were dripping water, the bus was completely drenched. We had 15 minutes to get dry and change then get out to the main room to eat fruit.

After a while we got back on the bus for Abseiling. I went down first but I was going to go down with Grace but she wanted to watch me do it first. I went down three times before we had to leave, even Mrs Merrick went down but she does it in her free time. Mr Barrie kept telling me not to trip and right after that I tripped and nearly face planted, it was very funny. After I went down the rock I had to wait for everyone else before I could go back up. When we got on the bus we played Uno but we didn't finish it completely.

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We had wraps for lunch and it was really good. We had bush walking next and we had to walk a whole lap of Halls Gap but lucky we got ice cream after the walk. We had jelly slice for a little snack before we got back onto the bus. After the snack we packed our bags and put them outside so we could put them under the bus. When everyone was ready to go we thanked everyone and spoke about how hard it was to plan the camp and plan how we were getting back a day early. Everyone was happy when we got home because we were all tired and people are still very tired today. Some people got sick and didn't come to school, but most people didn't come because they were too tired so we only had eleven students yesterday.

Thank you to Ms Fairley, Mrs McDougall, Mr Kimber, Mr Bowles, Kira, Taylah, Mr Barrie, Mrs Merrick, Mrs Mcadie, Mr Mason and the Silverband staff for making this camp happen.

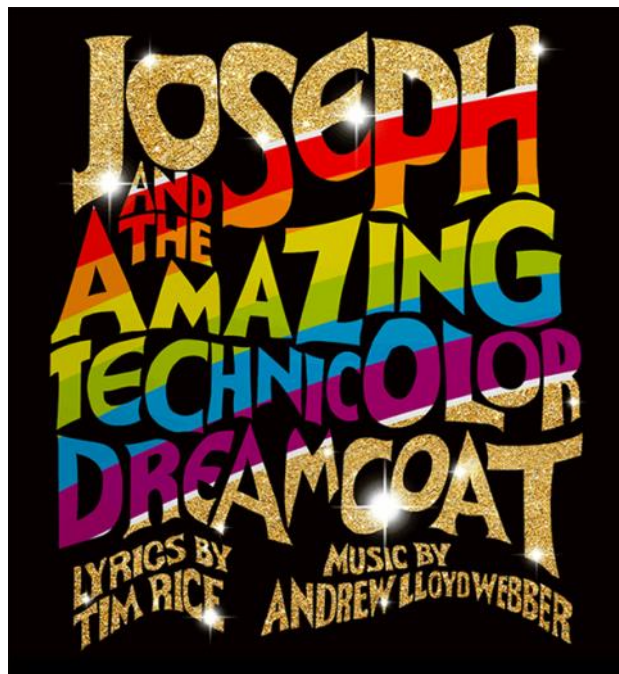
- Violet Day

*LOVE DANCING AND SINGING??*

*IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PERFORMING...*

*WE NEED YOU!!!*

*The newly formed group Ararat Regional Theatre Society (ARTS) are looking for people both young and old to be part of the production of:*



*The main roles have been filled but we searching for children to be part of the Childrens Choir and adults to be part of the ensemble.*

*Rehearsals for the children are currently on Thursdays between 6-7pm and adults Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7-10pm in the Ararat Scout Hall.*

*For more information, please contact Leanne McCreedy, Director on 0439 048 813.*

# ARARAT COLLEGE TIME CAPSULE OPENING



**WE ARE HONOURED TO INVITE ALL PAST & PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO ATTEND THE OPENING OF THE ARARAT TECHNICAL SCHOOL TIME CAPSULE THAT WAS BURIED IN 1989 TO CELEBRATE THEIR 21ST ANNIVERSARY - A RICH PIECE OF HISTORY.**

4-30 BARKLY STREET, ARARAT  
MARCH 15TH 2024  
2PM FOLLOWED BY AN AFTERNOON TEA





# WILLAURA HEALTH CARE OUTDOOR MARKET

Sunday March 3 2024, 10am-2pm

Grounds adjacent to Willaura Health Care, Delacombe Way



The Willaura Market is a charity event run by the Willaura Health Care Auxiliary, with funds raised going towards improving the lives of residents and patients at Willaura Health Care, East Grampians Health Service.

This boutique country market offers goods from local and regional artisans and is set in Willaura, surrounded by fertile farmland, which lies 34 kilometres south of Ararat on the south-eastern edge of the Grampians in Victoria's Western District.

**Local producers and local artisans:**

- Homewares
- Cards
- Jewellery
- Giftware
- Clothing for babies, children and adults
- Plants
- Gourmet Foods

**Variety of food vendors including:**

- Gourmet food
- Lions barbecue
- Coffee
- Icecream

**+** Childrens entertainment, musical entertainment and raffle.

For more information: [willauramarket.com](http://willauramarket.com)



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We thank the following sponsors of the market:



# Term 1 2024

March	Monday	4	Year 7 & 10 Immunisations Luna Park Physics Excursion– Year 11 & 12 TAMA Art Gallery Excursion—Year 11 & 12
	Tuesday	5	
	Wednesday	6	Year 9 OED– Rock climbing
	Thursday	7	
	Friday	8	School Photos
	Monday	11	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday	12	GTAC– Unit 3/4 Biology excursion
	Wednesday	13	Melbourne Holocaust Museum Excursion—Year 11 NAPLAN- Year 7 & 9
	Thursday	14	2024 Blak & Bright First Nations Literacy Festival Education Day NAPLAN- Year 7 & 9
	Friday	15	NAPLAN– Year 7 & 9 Time Capsule Opening
	Monday	18	NAPLAN– Year 7 & 9
	Tuesday	19	NAPLAN– Year 7 & 9
	Wednesday	20	NAPLAN– Year 7 & 9
	Thursday	21	NAPLAN– Year 7 & 9 <u>Parent Teacher Interviews</u>
	Friday	22	NAPLAN– Year 7 & 9 <u>Parent Teacher Interviews</u>



## YEAR 7 2025 INFORMATION & OPEN NIGHT

**27th March 2024**

6:30 PM– 7:45 PM 

Open Learning  
Centre 

Future families are invited  
to join us to gain an  
insight into our college.