

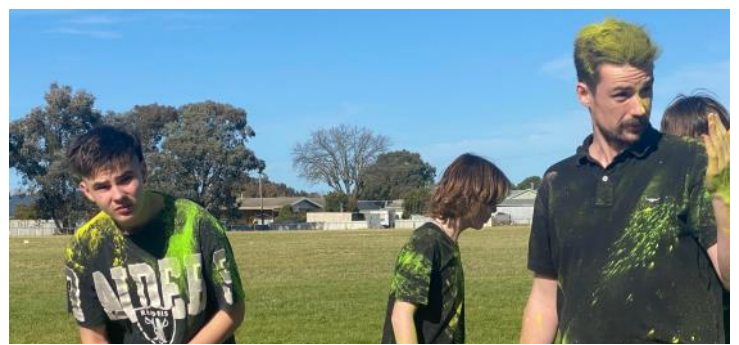


Principal's Report

Wear it Purple Day/Colour Run

Our school is celebrating 'Wear It Purple Day' today with a free dress day where all students and staff are encouraged to wear purple. The goal of Wear It Purple is to encourage a culture of acceptance and tolerance, while enhancing awareness of issues relevant to the LGBTQA+ community. More information can be found at <https://www.wearitpurple.org/>. The theme for 2023 is 'Write Your Story'. It is a great opportunity for us to focus on our school values of respect, responsibility and excellence and how these all contribute to creating an inclusive and welcoming space within our school.

During Period 6 today our students participated in a Colour Run through an obstacle course on Caley's Oval and our bush block. This event was held in celebration of Wear it Purple Day. We hope this promoted the key message of Wear It Purple Day – that all people deserve to be treated with respect and care. Students completed the Colour Run in their Mentor Groups and had to pass through various stages including: a Wear It Purple Challenge, a Riddle Stage, a Dance Challenge and more! It was great to see so many students getting involved and celebrating this inclusive day together!



School Production

The cast of our school production “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” has been continuing to work hard with rehearsals and preparations for costumes and props continuing this week. I am very pleased to announce that tickets are now on sale! If you would like to secure a ticket, please contact our front office on 5352 4177. Tickets will also be released for sale online over the weekend, information will be circulated via XUNO and our socials.

Morrisby Interviews

Our Year 9 students have completed interviews with an external Career’s Practitioner in relation to their Morrisby Profiling. This is a follow on from the Morrisby assessment students completed last term. The Morrisby is an online career discovery tool that generates a detailed report for each student regarding possible strengths, interest areas and possibly career pathways. This is a great process in supporting students to think about their future aspirations and career pathways.

Upcoming Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences for semester two are fast approaching. Bookings will open soon on XUNO. These conferences provide a great opportunity to discuss your child’s progress in detail with their teachers, celebrate achievements and look for opportunities for further growth. I strongly encourage all students to attend these conferences with their parents or guardians. Conferences will run the evening of Thursday 14th September from 4pm - 7pm and throughout the day on Friday 15th September between 9am – 12:30pm. There will be no classes running at school on Friday 15th September. This means students' last day of classes for Term 3 is Thursday 14th September.



Year 10 Café Cooking



Students in Year 10 Cafe Cooking have produced a Big Breakfast Cob Loaf. Their breakfast includes mushrooms, tomatoes, scrambled eggs and pan-fried chorizo and bacon.

Ms McAdie

Food Technology Teacher



Year 7 Food Classes

Students in Year 7 Food classes have successfully produced yummy finger buns!

Can students in the future please ensure they bring a container for food classes.

Ms McAdie



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NAIDOC WEEK 'Marngrook Longest Kick Competition'

In celebration of NAIDOC week, students signed up for the Ararat College annual 'Marngrook longest kicking competition'. The marn-grook or 'game of ball' was played by some Aboriginal groups in Victoria and Moysten is said to be the origin of AFL football. Congratulations to all students and staff that had a kick! The results for the competition are:

Junior school: Xavier Wilson 36 metres

Middle school: Jade Burton 49 metres, Jamie Burton 33 metres

Senior school: Izaiyah Turner 44 meters

Staff: Kriss Ellis 36 meters , Tahni Skewes 28 meters



VM PDS Collaboration with Project Platypus

Students in VM Personal Development Skills have begun an environmental project in collaboration with Project Platypus. This organisation has a focus of land care support, revegetation, protection of remnant vegetation, erosion control works, invasive plant and animal control. This week students and Project Platypus surveyed our school farm, looking at the abundance of native and pest species as they develop an environmental project achievable this semester. Thankyou to Elia and Huib from Project Platypus for spending some time with our students and for sharing their environmental knowledge.



2023 School Production

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN

Tickets are on sale now from the front office.

Based on The Comic Strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schulz. Book, Music and Lyrics by Clark Gesner. Additional Dialogue by Michael Mayer. Additional Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa. Original Direction for this version of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" by Michael Mayer. Originally Produced in New York by Arthur Whitelaw and Gene Persson.

"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" is presented by permission of ORiGiN™ Theatrical on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC, A Concord Theatricals Company



Opening Night: Wednesday, August 30th at 7pm

Second Show: Thursday, August 31st at 7pm

Attendance

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"

Legacy Centenary Torch Relay

“Ararat Community Day”

Saturday, 9th September

8.30am - 12.30pm

Join us for the start of the Torch Relay at Ararat Legacy House/ AME Systems Carpark with a Lions Club Community Brekkie, check out current and historic Military Vehicles including the Thales Bushmaster Combat Vehicle, take a “Glimpse of Ararat Legacy History” and at 10am cheer on our Torch Bearers as they carry the flame on the journey to Alexandra Gardens for the lighting of the cauldron from 11am onwards.

Let's get involved and celebrate this wonderful milestone for Ararat!



Ararat Rural City



Wally Bowers - Stawell

Term 3 2023

	Monday	14	
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		25	Wear it Purple Day
	Monday	28	Play Week
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		30	OPENING NIGHT—You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown
		31	Second Performance—You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown
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As we move into colder weather, 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.