

Year 7 Science



As part of the introduction to science, students in year 7 will have an opportunity to earn their Bunsen burner licence by demonstrating safe and responsible behaviour in the lab.

Students spent the first two weeks learning about the safety equipment and the method of how to light a Bunsen burner. Students were very excited to have a go themselves, and can't wait to use them more after all getting a resounding pass!

Congrats 7G!



A Message from the Principal

Year 7 BBQ

This week we welcomed our Year 7 families to our college for a casual BBQ dinner. It was a great opportunity for students, parents and teachers to meet face to face and celebrate a very positive start to the year for our Year 7 students. Thank you to Mr Kimber for his organisation of the event and to the many staff who assisted in the running of the night



Mrs Erhardt

Yesterday we wished Mrs Jess Erhardt – Acting Assistant Principal of our Year 10-12 students every success as she steps into a new role within the Department of Education next week. Mrs Erhardt has been an exceptional member of our school community for a number of years and we will miss her dedication and leadership over the next six months. As a result of Mrs Erhardt's departure there will be some staffing changes which I look forward to announcing next week.

Year 7 Camp

Next week our Year 7 students are heading to Norval, Halls Gap for their three-day camp. This is always an enjoyable experience for our students where we focus on strengthening relationships within their group and amongst teachers through a number of team building activities. These activities also aim to push students outside of their comfort zone and experience some personal development. Thank you to Ms Ettles and Mr Kimber for their organisation of this camp. No doubt a great time will be had by all!

Year 9 Morrisby

This week our Year 9 students completed their Morrisby Profiling. This tool consists of twelve integrated assessments which test mental function, personality traits, what students enjoy and overall general ability. This provides rich data that support further investigation into future career pathways that will support students during their subject selections, work experience and their overall motivation and aspiration levels. The profiling is then further complemented later in the year when all Year 9 students complete 'one on one' interviews with qualified careers counsellors to discuss their results. If you would like more information about Morrisby Profiling follow this link <https://www.morrisby.com/morrisby-profile>. Thank you Mr Sherwell for his organization of this process!

Continuous Reporting

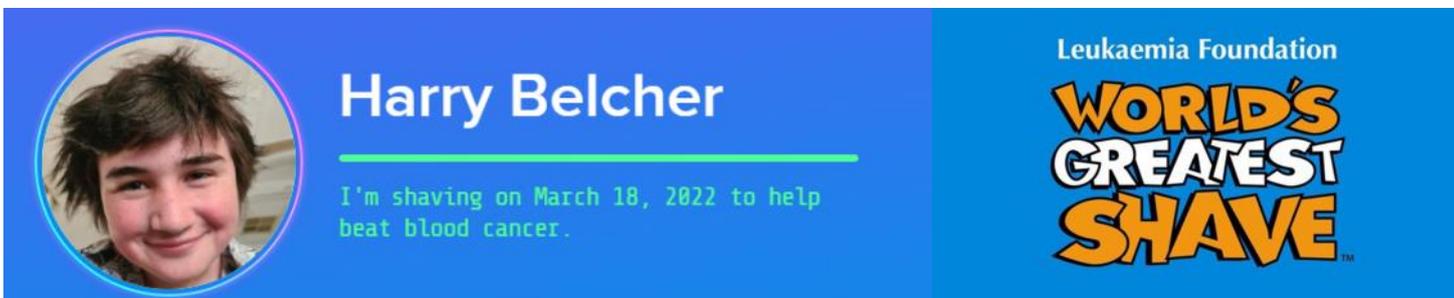
By now all families should have received communication regarding the changes to our reporting process for this year. If you are yet to receive your information pack in the mail or via XUNO please contact our office on 5352 4177. Information can also be found on our school website, <https://www.araratcc.vic.edu.au/reports>. We are very excited about being able to provide written feedback to families and students on a continual basis! Some classes have their first round of Common Assessment Tasks (CATs) live in the XUNO portal now.

School Council Elections

The opportunity exists for parents AND students to either self-nominate, or to be nominated for, a position on our College Council. The College Council meets regularly, usually on the third Thursday of every month where many aspects of our College are discussed. No prior experience is required and we encourage parents who may not have previously considered nominating to do so for 2022. If parents or students who are interested would like more information please click on the relevant fact sheet – [Parent Fact Sheet](#), [Student Fact Sheet](#). Nomination forms can be collected from the general office and the closing date for nominations is **4pm Monday March 7th**.

Ellie McDougall

Principal



Ararat College student Harry Belcher has decided to take the plunge and enter the World's Greatest Shave, raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation. We commend Harry for his community minded spirit and hope that he meets his goal of raising \$700 for this extremely worthwhile cause. We have included a link to his fundraising page and hope that our school community can get behind Harry.

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?RegistrationID=852352>

Western Bulldogs Youth Leadership Project 2022

'Last Friday, the Year 9 students of Ararat College were treated to a fantastic and free leadership opportunity! Maggie from the Western Bulldogs Youth Leadership Project visited our school to talk to all Year 9 students about an exciting leadership initiative. The Bulldogs Youth Leadership Project is a 20 week long program where students attend fortnightly sessions to develop skills in leadership, resilience and community engagement. Each session develops a range of life skills that shape strong, community minded young leaders! The students are also provided many exciting opportunities, including a camp and the potential to attend some live football matches! Previous students who attended this program, Sevahn Maxwell and Austin Stacpoole, also shared some of their experiences which were fantastic to hear. This is an exciting and dynamic opportunity for our Year 9 students. If any Year 9 student is interested please contact Mr. Krol.





Secondary School Attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your teenager's education.

Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Being away from school for 1 day a fortnight equals missing 1.5 years over 13 years of school

If your teenager is away

If for any reason your teenager must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Inform the school
- Find out what work your teenager needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teenager's teacher and ensure they complete the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your teenager must miss school, speak with your year level coordinator as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your teenager's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Chronic or ongoing attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice being issued to parent/s.

If you're having attendance issues with your teenager, please let the year level coordinator, wellbeing coordinator, principal or other relevant staff member know so you can work together to get your teen to school every day.

Top attendance tips for parents

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support
- Remember that every day counts
- There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term
- Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.

Further information

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: [Student attendance](#).

CSEF 2022

Eligible secondary school students can receive \$225 up to the age of 18 years to be used specifically for students to undertake Camps and Excursions. Payments will go directly to the school and be tied to the student.

Who is eligible?

- Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.
- If a student is a holder of a valid concession card (e.g. a Youth Allowance Health Care Card) in their own name they will be given special consideration.
- Eligibility will be subject to the concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink in 2022.

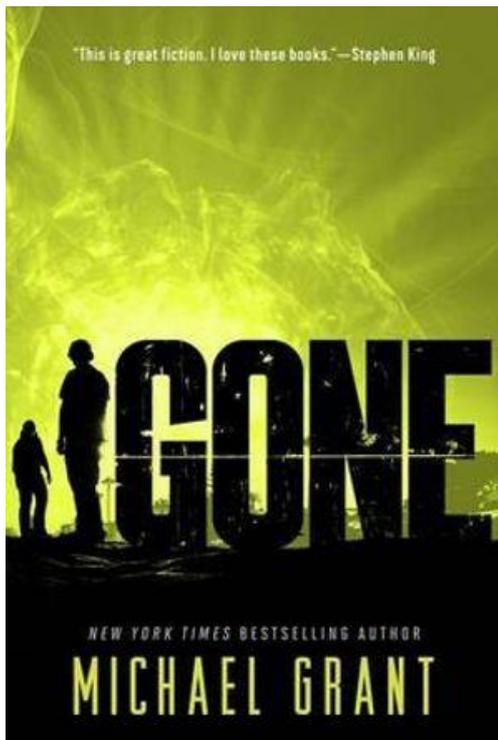
If you feel you are eligible to receive the above payment and have not made a claim yet, please contact the college office and we will happily assist you.

Year 8 Art

Our year 8 Art students have been experimenting with oil pastels.



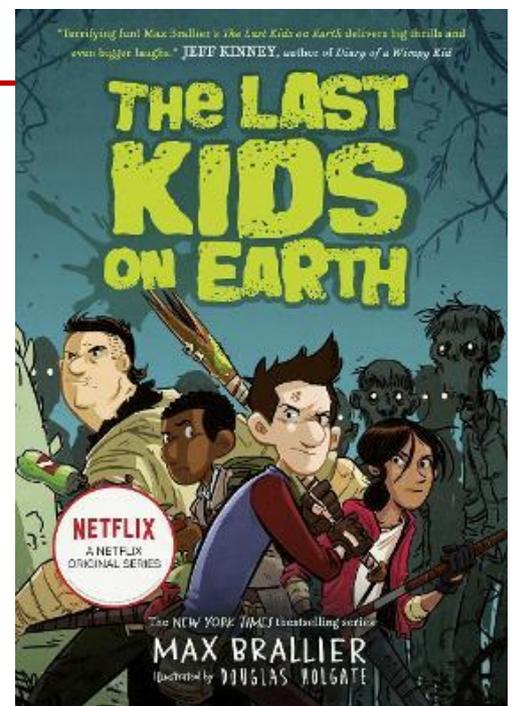
These new series are now available in the library.



The first book in the bestselling cult YA series that Stephen King calls a 'driving, torrential narrative'.

In the blink of an eye all the adults disappear in a small town in southern California and no one knows why. Cut off from the outside world, those that are left are trapped, and there's no help on the way. Sam Temple and his friends must do all they can to survive. Chaos rules the streets. Gangs begin to form. Sides are chosen - strong or weak. Cruel or humane. And then there are those who begin to develop powers ...

'Forty-two days ago I was an ordinary kid, living an uneventful life. But now it's TOTAL MONSTER ZOMBIE CHAOS and I'm battling beasts on a daily basis. Crazy, right? But I know exactly how to make it through the zombie apocalypse.' Meet Jack Sullivan, self-described as a late-blooming, slow-developing 13 year old who has so far survived the zombie apocalypse by hiding out in his treehouse. Overnight Jack's life has become like the plot of a video game and he has come up with his own ULTIMATE FEATS OF APOCALYPTIC SUCCESS: Locate Quint Baker, best friend and inventor; find and rescue June Del Toro, his secret love interest; defeat Blarg, the biggest, baddest monster in town; become a zombie-fighting, monster-bashing tornado of cool! The Simpsons meets The Walking Dead in the first book of an hilarious monster adventure series.



Year 10 Studio Art

Students have continued to explore different media/techniques by using Grayscale pencils, rendering, stippling with ink and coloured pencils.



ARARAT EAGLES
FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

Calling all Junior Netballers!
Ararat Eagles FNC are currently seeking netballers in all junior grades (13&under, 15&under, 17&under)
Please come along to training 4:30pm on Wednesdays at Alexander Oval courts.
All enquiries please contact Aimee 0439385965 or Lisa 0407369026



Stawell Warriors
Girls youth footy team

Stawell Warriors would like to take this opportunity, to offer any youth girls (14-18yrs old, can be 13, turning 14 in 2022) to come and join our team!

No previous experience is needed, as everyone is welcome to take part and have fun learning and/or building their football skills.

Training is currently every Thursday night at 5.30pm @ Central Park, Stawell.

For any further enquiries please contact,
Melissa Bibby: 0400 983 828
Steve Barnett: 0448 453 328



PIC-COLLAGES



ARARAT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
LITTLE REDBACKS

BASKETBALL: Wednesday's 4:00 - 4:45pm
Ages 4+
\$50 per term
\$5 per term insurance

FUTSAL: Thursdays 4:00 -5:00pm
Ages 4+
\$50 per term
\$20 per year insurance

COME & JOIN THE FUN!

Participants receive attendance awards

Register: <https://araratbasketballfutsal.com/>



Ararat Disability Carers Craft Connection

Parents of children with disabilities rarely take time for themselves and can often become isolated from the community. These sessions will give you some time to do something for yourself and to connect other carers who can be great resources for strategies, information, friendship, and support.

No art/craft skills necessary!

The Pinarc Parent Support Program Coordinator will attend to provide information about carer and disability services.

New members very welcome.

Group dates:

March 8th
April 26th
May 10th
July 12th

August 9th
September 13th
October 11th
November 22nd
December 13th

*Venue not available in June

The Pinarc Parent Support Program is supported by the Victorian Government.



Dates:

Each month on a Tuesday morning

Times:

10.30 am – 12.00 pm

Venue:

Ararat Art Gallery Studio Space

How Much Does it Cost?

Free

How do I register:

For further information,
or to register, contact:

Rebecca Paton,
Parent Support Program Coordinator
Phone: 5329 1361
Email: rpaton@pinarc.org.au

If you want to know more about
the services that Pinarc offer
visit: www.pinarc.org.au



WILLAURA HEALTH CARE OUTDOOR MARKET

Sunday March 6 2022, 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
- Candles
- Gourmet Foods

Variety of food vendors including:

- Gourmet food
- Lions barbecue
- Coffee
- Icecream

+ Musical entertainment and raffle

For more information: willauramarket.com



Visit: facebook.com/willauraoutdoormarket

We thank the following sponsors of the market:



Term 1 2022

Week 5	Monday	28	Year 7 Camp
March	Tuesday	1	Year 7 Camp
	Wednesday	2	Year 7 Camp
	Thursday	3	
	Friday	4	
Week 6	Monday	7	
	Tuesday	8	
	Wednesday	9	VCE Outdoor Ed Grampians
	Thursday	10	
	Friday	11	
Week 7	Monday	14	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday	15	
	Wednesday	16	
	Thursday	17	
	Friday	18	
Week 8	Monday	21	
	Tuesday	22	Leadership Camp
	Wednesday	23	Leadership Camp
	Thursday	24	Leadership Camp
	Friday	25	
Week 9	Monday	28	
	Tuesday	29	
	Wednesday	30	
	Thursday	31	Student / Parent / Teacher Conferences
April	Friday	1	Student / Parent / Teacher Conferences

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.