

22nd March 2024

Term 1 Week 8 Volume 8

4-30 Barkly Street , Ararat

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Greater Western Region Swimming

Today we had a small group of students attend the Greater Western Region Swimming in Horsham. This comes after their success at the Black Ranges Swimming Competition earlier in the term.

We are so proud of the students for representing the school in such a positive manner.

Alyssa Townsend– 50m Breaststroke -2nd, 50m Backstroke -3rd

Caleb Townsend– 50m Breaststroke -4th, 50m Butterfly -5th, 50m Freestyle -5th, 50m Backstroke -4th

Lachlan Townsend– 50m Butterfly -5th, 50m Backstroke -5th

U12/13 Boys' Medley– Byron Johnson, Lachlan Townsend, Ned Jackson, Billy Walker– 4th

U12/13 Boys' Freestyle relay– Byron Johnson, Lachlan Townsend, Ned Jackson, Billy Walker– 4th

Well done to everyone!



Principal Report

Time Capsule Opening

On Friday we celebrated the opening of the Ararat Technical School Time Capsule. This was a wonderful afternoon led by our School Captains Abbey Bell and Izaiyah Turner. All student leaders from Year 7 through to Year 12 attended the first part of the celebrations.

It was fantastic to see some of the items in the time capsule – some which were a little foreign to students included a cassette! We also welcomed a number of past staff and students to the event and were able to share in their memories. The items from the time capsule will be on display in our front office for the remainder of this year. Our Year 12 student leaders are now considering how they might put together a time capsule for 2024 that can be opened in another 50 years' time!

A big thank you to past principal of the Ararat Technical School Adrian Johnson and Assistant Principal Kevin Maple and staff member Jocelyn Chegwin for taking part in the afternoon's events. Lastly thank you to Ms Caitlin Baird for organising the celebration!

Year 7 2025 Information Night

Our Open Night for prospective 2025 Year 7s is on this **Wednesday March 27th from 6:30pm – 7:45pm in our Open Learning Centre**. This night is hosted by our student leaders and includes a short presentation followed by a tour of the school.

School Council AGM

On Wednesday night we held our Annual General Meeting for School Council. Welcome to our new members: Lydia Jackson, Abbey Bell and Izaiyah Turner. Congratulations to Janine Adams who was elected as School Council President and Emily Toner who was elected as Vice President. At this meeting our 2023 Annual Report was endorsed; this will be available on our website upon final approval from the Department of Education.

We also said farewell to Adam Merrick and Leanne Hyland. Leanne has served as a parent representative since 2018 and we have been very grateful for the contributions and support of our school during this time. Adam started as a parent representative in 2019 when I was in my first year as Acting Principal at Ararat College, he was then elected as President in 2020. Over this period Adam has been a wonderful advocate for the student-centered approach we pride ourselves on at Ararat College, dedicating much of his time to our school community.

End of Term Assembly

Next Thursday March 28th we will hold our end of Term assembly. At this assembly the final results for both the Swimming and Athletics Carnival will be announced. We are very fortunate to be having a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony taking place. The assembly will commence at 1:50pm and parents/guardians are invited to attend.

Acting Principal Term 2

Next term I have accepted a position as an Acting Executive Principal within the Department of Education Wimmera South West Area. This is an exciting opportunity where I am looking forward to learning more and developing my own skills further, to then return to Ararat College for Term 3. During this time Emma Henry will be Acting Principal.

Ellie McDougall
Principal



Food relief in Ararat

Times are tough, and with the ever-increasing cost of groceries, rent and mortgages; a lot of people are struggling to put food on the table, and pay the bills.

You are not alone, and there is help available.

Ararat Neighbourhood House

56 Campbell St, Ararat

Ararat Neighbourhood House provide food relief Tuesday – Friday each week.

Individuals are able to access ANH Food Hub by contacting Ararat Neighbourhood House on (03) 5352 1551.

All welcome!



Ararat Emergency Relief

Ararat Emergency Relief runs on a rotating roster by five Ararat church groups.

Food relief, vouchers, personal items, counselling and crisis accommodation are available between 1pm and 2pm,

All welcome!

Date	Church	Location	Phone No.
3 rd – 9 th March	Uniting Church	Corr King and Barkly St, Ararat	5352 5580
10 th – 16 th March	Anglican Church	49 High St, Ararat	0407 857 378
17 th – 23 rd March	Salvation Army	Shop corner Vincent & High St Ararat	5352 2720
24 th – 30 th March	Life Links	88 High St, Ararat	5352 2435



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Victoria Police Career Expo

Your Policing Career Pathway

Saturday 13 April 2024
10am – 4pm
Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

FREE event
Registrations essential

Join us at the Victoria Police Career Expo – Your Policing Career Pathway to explore all the opportunities a career at Victoria Police can provide you.



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Authorised by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne



Join us at Victoria Police's Largest Careers Expo

Learn all about the opportunities working for Victoria Police offers. Meet members from a range of specialist units and teams including Recruiting Services Branch, trainers from The Police Academy, Air Wing, Dog Squad, Police Prosecutions, Crime Scene Services, Road Policing Drug and Alcohol Section, Public Order Response Team, Police Custody Officers and more.

It's your opportunity to speak with recruiters, trainers and members and get your questions answered.



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AND REGISTER

Bright and Blak Excursion

Last Thursday some Ararat College students travelled to the State Library of Victoria in Melbourne. They were given the opportunity to attend Bright and Blak where they were able to write a piece of poetry.

This was an amazing opportunity for students to meet with and hear from four Indigenous authors of novels, poetry and plays. While we were there we heard two live readings of plays from actors that were present.

We also heard some live readings of plays by two actors. The students participated in a creative workshop and a live Q and A session. This was a fantastic day very much enjoyed by all.

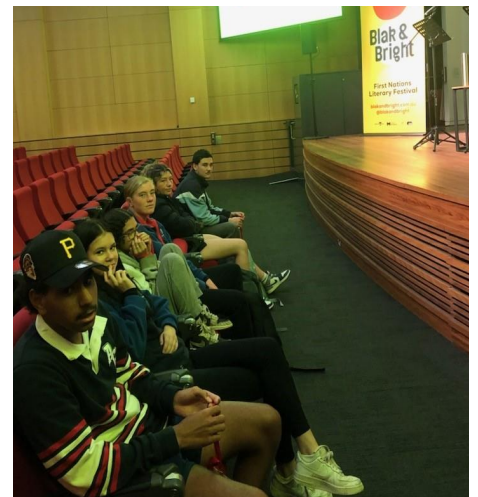
I see emus running in people's yards, trying to eat their clothes off the clothesline. I'm too scared
to speak
-Charlotte North

I smell the thick smoke that feels as though it burns your throat as you inhale
I feel my eyes water as they are struck with the burning sensation
I hear the cracking of trees as they fall one by one.
-Abigail Arch

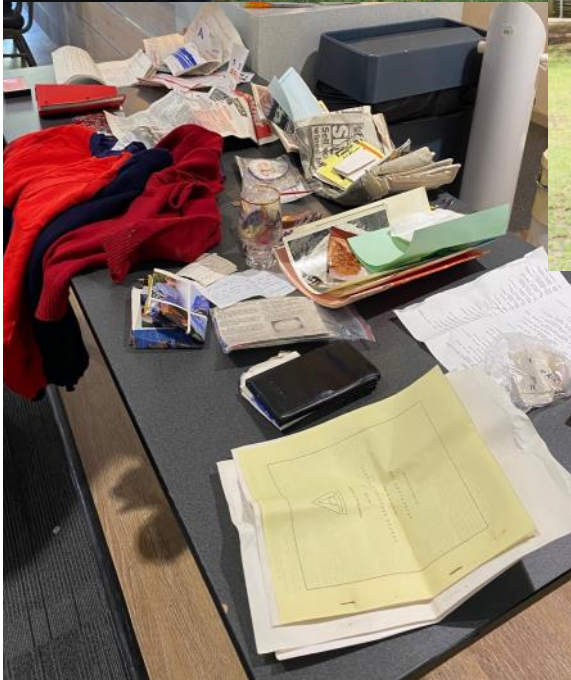
My country, colourful like a field of daisies
My mountains, tall as the sky
My family, crazy like the wind in my hair
Country, Mountains, Family,
My Home.
-Summer Clarke

I see the pregnant lady in the distance as she lays on her back
The trees around her waving around as the wind blows a certain way.
-Darnell Nawaai

I see cockies in the distance with the trees with blank sky
I smell fresh air, flowers.



Time Capsule Opening—Gallery





WOULD YOU LIKE A CAREER WITH THAT? WEBINAR



TUESDAY 23RD APRIL

TIME: 9.30am to 10.30am

LOCATION: ZOOM link will be provided 48hrs before event date

In partnership with BNLEN, the webinar aims to increase schools and students understanding of career and training opportunities at McDonald's.

Teachers please **RSVP** on behalf of students by **Monday 22nd April** to george@bnllen.org.au

Please note: This webinar will not be recorded.



**SCHOOL
TO WORK**



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Term 1 2024

	Monday	25	State School Spectacular Rehearsal
	Tuesday	26	VCE Media 'Just a Farmer'
	Wednesday	27	Year 10—HHD Aradale Year 7 Information Night 2025
	Thursday	28	Aradale Excursion— Year 10 HHD End of Term assembly 1:50pm End of Term 1
	Friday	29	Good Friday

Term 2 2024

April	Monday	15	Term 2 Commences
	Tuesday	16	
	Wednesday	17	OED Camp— VCE Year 11/12
	Thursday	18	OED Camp— VCE Year 11/12
	Friday	19	OED Camp— VCE Year 11/12









**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.**

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