



## Crazy Ideas College

As a part of our Year 10 Industry and Enterprise classes, all Year 10 students participated in a 2-day Social Innovators workshop ran by Crazy Ideas College.

Social Innovators equips young people with the skills and confidence to invent services, programs and products that enrich the lives of their fellow citizens.

Working in teams our students followed a 4-step process to:

- Discover new insights around issues that they care about
- Generate crazy good ideas
- Prototype how these ideas can work in the community
- Develop compelling pitches that inspire action

The Crazy Ideas College connects community and business partners into the program to help teams extend their thinking and bring great ideas to life. The workshops were held at Alexandra Oval Pavilion with the support of Ararat Rural City Council and CGLLEN and we thank them for providing this opportunity to our students! Thank you also to AME Systems, Ararat RSL, Ararat Business Network Group and Chalambar Golf and Bowls Club for participating as panel members.



# ***A Message from the Principal***

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The term is flying along! Week 3 has been another busy week for the staff and students of Ararat College!

## **AToSS**

Our students are currently getting the opportunity to complete the annual Student Attitude to School Survey in their class.

Participation in annual student, parent/caregiver/guardian and staff opinion surveys helps schools and the department plan, monitor and evaluate school improvement initiatives. The surveys are aligned with the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes and reflect current research and evidence about what matters most to improve student outcomes.

## **Retirement of Sue & Sheryl**

On Wednesday we officially celebrated the retirement of Sue Canty and Sheryl Lugg. Both Sue and Sheryl have had a significant impact on our school and its students'. It is a bittersweet moment for us as a school, combined Sheryl & Sue are leaving behind almost 90 years of experience, passion and dedication to State Education. We are deeply grateful for the impact and passion that both Sheryl and Sue have had on the lives of their students, colleagues and the wider community. We wish them a healthy, happy and long retirement. It certainly is well-deserved. We were very pleased to many past staff members attend and a group photo was taken to mark this special occasion.



Special thanks to Kim McAdie and the VET Cookery class who produced a magnificent High Tea for the occasion. As can be seen by the photo page 3, the students did an amazing job and provided the guests with an amazing selection of sweet and savoury treats.

## **School Uniform**

As it is getting a little chillier, we are starting to see a variety of "school uniform." Just a reminder that hoodies, trackies or leggings are not school pants. If any families are in need of assistance in accessing uniform, please do not hesitate to make contact with the college office staff who will be able to provide you with information about options available.

Hope everyone had a fantastic weekend and enjoys this sunshine and Happy Mothers Day!

**Emma Henry**  
**Acting Principal**



# 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

<b>CHARLIE BROWN:</b>	Monique North
<b>LUCY VAN PELT:</b>	Mikhi Sewastenko
<b>SNOOPY:</b>	Willow Berg
<b>LINUS VAN PELT:</b>	To be announced
<b>SCHRODER:</b>	Harry Belcher

## ENSEMBLE

<b>Acacia Merrick (CAPTAIN)</b>	<i>Hannah Dowsett</i>
<b>April Jarrett</b>	<i>Ruby Jackson</i>
<b>Emma Kennedy</b>	<i>Maxwell Drane</i>
<b>Kassie Smith</b>	<i>Jacob Murphy</i>
<b>Lithi Soule-Schott</b>	

## Year 8 Science

In year 8 Science this week we are looking at the difference between compounds, molecules and elements. In this experiment we collected hydrogen gas through the reaction of Magnesium Oxide ribbon in Hydro chloric acid. We looked at the past uses of hydrogen in our society and reasons why for many cases we now use helium instead.

**INQUIRY: INVESTIGATION 7.7**

### Let's collect an element

**KEY INQUIRY SKILL:**

- processing and analysing data and information

**Equipment:**

safety glasses	2 test tubes and test-tube rack
matches	dilute hydrochloric acid
measuring cylinder	magnesium metal

- Measure 10 mL of hydrochloric acid and pour it into the test tube.
- Add a piece of magnesium and place the second test tube on top of the first as shown in the diagram. Carefully observe what happens.
- After one minute take the second test tube off the first. While it is still inverted, immediately light the gas in the second test tube with a match.

**DISCUSS AND EXPLAIN**

- Describe what happened in the test tube containing the metal and the acid.
- What does hydrogen gas look like?
- What happened when you lit the gas?
- Look closely at the second test tube. Describe what you see inside it.

Collect the hydrogen gas by placing the second test tube over the first.

Dilute hydrochloric acid

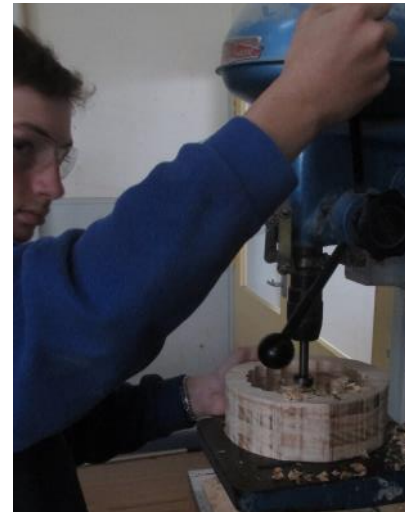
Piece of magnesium metal



## Year 9 Wood and Turning

Year 9 Wood and Turning students have begun using the school's Lathes to hollow and shape a bowl made from timber that they have laminated. It has been great to see the students approach this task with enthusiasm and respect for the machinery and tools utilised in this process.

**Toby Singleton - Wood and Turning**



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.

## School Uniform Recycling. Donations Needed!

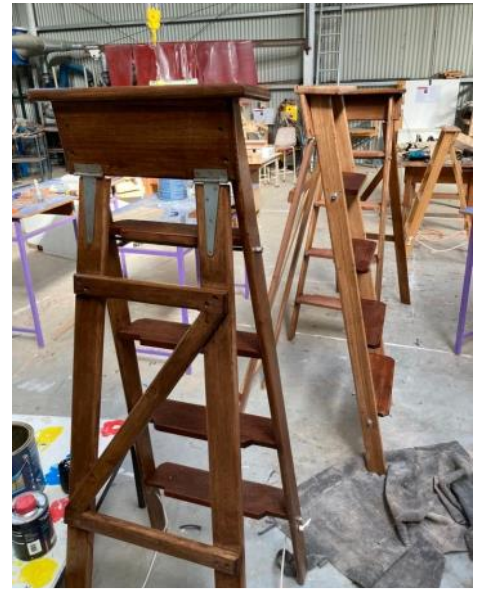
**Schools are always in need of second hand uniform.**

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.

# Product Design and Technology

Unit 1 and 2 Product Design and Technology students are now putting the final touches on their new and improved products. Its awesome to see the fruits of their labour after many weeks of research, design and construction.



## Art Awards

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Art students at the end of last year had their works on public exhibition. Their pieces depicted local buildings and were displayed in the new art exhibition space in the laneway between the Reject Shop and Lyal Eales. This space is curated by our local gallery, Ararat TAMA, and we are very grateful to have developed a strong relationship with them so that we can offer our students these opportunities. Congratulations to all of these students. A public art exhibition is an achievement to be very proud of!

**Nicole Potter— Head of Arts**



## 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”**



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.



Career education is an essential part of what students receive at our school. It prepares them for the big learning, work and life decisions ahead, to be ready for changes in the Victorian economy, and capable of navigating transitions in their professional lives.

National Careers Week (NCW) is May 15-21 2023 and presents a great opportunity to highlight our school's career education program.

Career education has three core components: self-discovery and development, exploring and experiencing work and career paths, and setting goals.

Every student at our school creates an individual annual career action plan, from year 7. Your child can provide you with access to see what has been completed.

Ararat College participates in the [My Career Insights](#) program, which means our students get access to the world-leading Morrisby online career education tool. Students also explore their Morrisby profile in a one-on-one meeting with an expert career consultant from the Australian Centre for Career Education. Your consent is required for this program.

Your child will also receive careers counselling before choosing their senior secondary subjects and further education and training courses.

Course counselling is particularly important right now, as senior secondary education Victoria is changing. Our students have new options, including the VCE Vocational Major and a variety of VET options. We have the Headstart Program that supports young people in gaining School Based Apprenticeships. You can visit the Victorian Government website to learn more about the [Changes to senior secondary education](#).

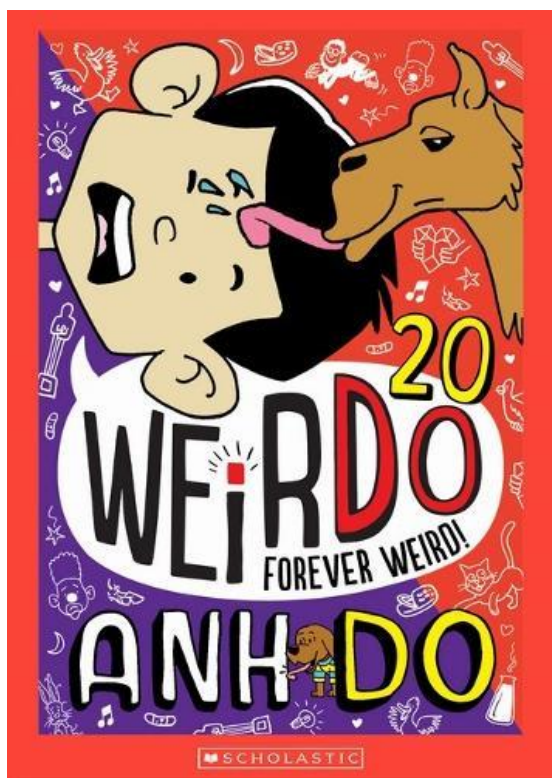
As their parent, you will be the single greatest influence on their child's education and career decisions. There are many opportunities through years 7-12 where you can support your child to explore options and make decisions. The Department of Education has more information about [Career and course exploration with your child](#).

If your child is accessing NDIS support, the Department of Education is inviting you to a free NDIS webinar on career planning and pathways tools, funded supports and other assistance for people with a disability. The session is at 7pm-8.30pm on Thursday 18 May. [Register through Eventbrite](#).

Andrew Sherwell is our school's career practitioner and is well-equipped to guide students through the process of career education. If you have any questions about our careers program, please speak to them either message on XUNO; call on 53524177 or email

[Andrew.sherwell@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Andrew.sherwell@education.vic.gov.au).

New editions of two popular series are now available in the library.



Volume 20 in Anh Do's Weir Do series.

Bella's moving away! Far away! Weir feels like she might as well be flying to the moon!

For now, they're busy working on a cool new play, with FiDo's help.

Can they stay friends fur-ever?!

It won't be easy ... but it will be funny!

A short novella based on the beloved characters from Alice Oseman's acclaimed debut novel *Solitaire* and graphic novel series *Heartstopper* - now a major Netflix series.

The festive season isn't always happy for Tori Spring and her brother Charlie. This winter has been a tough one, and they are all trying to get through Christmas Day with minimum drama. For Oliver that means Mario Kart with his brother and sister, but for Tori and Charlie it means putting the past few months behind them.

Will this Christmas drive the Spring family apart or start to put them back together?



## Term 2 2023

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>15</b>	
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>16</b>	
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17</b>	
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18</b>	
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>19</b>	Victorian Careers Expo Melbourne
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>22</b>	Year 7 Smile Squad Catch Up
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>23</b>	
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>24</b>	
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25</b>	Senior Formal
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>26</b>	Curriculum Day—Student free day
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>29</b>	Year 7 Smile Squad Catch Up Reconciliation Week
	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>30</b>	
	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>June</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1</b>	
	<b>Friday</b>	<b>2</b>	

## 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.

