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Term 1 Week 2 Volume 2

# Newsletter 2024



## House Swimming Sports Years 7-9 —15th February

Students will arrive at school normal time at 8.55am and undertake normal classes for period 1 and 2. Students will then meet at the bus shelter at recess where they will board the bus and get dropped off at Ararat Outdoor pools. Students in events (freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke, and novelty events) will be competing for points for their House colours. Students are advised to dress up in their House colours or Sport uniform, bring their swimming attire to change into, bring adequate food and drinks and remember to bring a hat and sunscreen. The Alexandra Gardens Café will also be open for students to purchase food and drinks from their canteen.

At the end of the day all students will be dismissed from the venue at 3.25pm. Students that are on the community bus run will be picked up at 3.10pm and dropped off at the bus shelter at AC to catch their normal buses home.

Parents/Guradians are most welcome to attend on the day.

**Please ensure that your swimming competency form has been returned to the school ASAP.**

**All students in Year 10– 11 are required to attend school on this day.**



## HOUSE SWIMMING

THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEB

PYRENEES

GRAMPIANS

HOPKINS

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# Principal's Report

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## Whole School Assembly

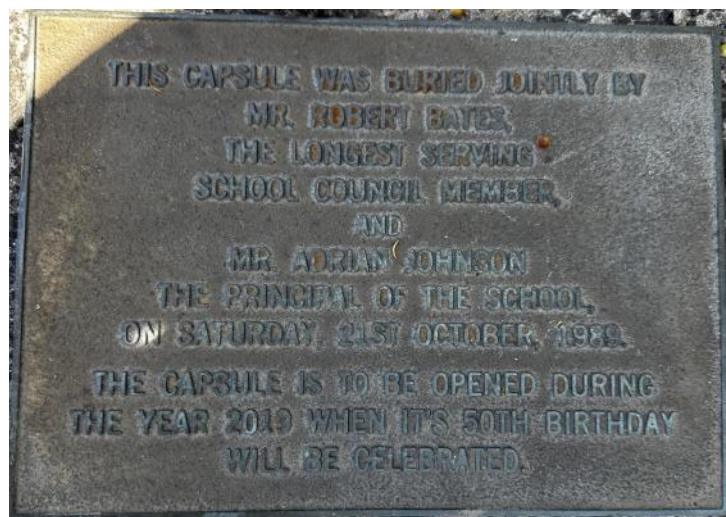
This week marked our first whole school assembly for the year. Congratulations to our School Captains Abbey and Izaiyah and Vice Captains Sevahn and Aylah for leading and running their first event! Our next assembly will be Monday the 4th of March and will see our first round of Positive Behaviour Awards for 2024.

## Year 12 Camp

Year 12 students have spent the last three days at Halls Gap for their final school camp! A big thank you to Mrs Mel Murnane for her organisation of the experience and to Mr Aaron Dalziel and Ms Anna Lidgerwood for attending. I was able to pop out on Wednesday afternoon to see the students engage in the high ropes course. It was wonderful to see many students pushing themselves outside their comfort zones, climbing to new heights and even taking the 'leap of faith' all whilst being actively supported and encouraged by their peers.

## Long Awaited Time Capsule Opening

When the Ararat Tech School amalgamated onto our current Barkly Street campus a rich part of history was moved across—a time capsule that was originally created and planted at the Ararat Tech School during one of their anniversary celebrations. Upon joining our current site, the Rose Garden was created with the roses coming from the Ararat Tech School and the time capsule moved across to be situated within it.



This time capsule was due to be opened towards the end of 2019, this was delayed numerous times due to COVID. We are very excited that a date has now been set for the time capsule to finally be opened!

We would love to invite any past members of our school community into the school on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to celebrate the opening of this time capsule, with an official opening and an afternoon tea. Please share this information to any people you feel may be interested in attending.

## Upcoming Year 7 BBQ

I would like to invite all Year 7 families to our Welcome BBQ on Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup>. This will commence at 5:30pm and provides an opportunity for families to meet teachers from across our school whilst grabbing a bite to eat. We will also have information and support available for anyone needing further assistance accessing our school communication tool – XUNO. Please RSVP via the link below prior to February 19<sup>th</sup> if you can attend. [Click here: RSVP - Year 7](#)

## [Welcome BBQ](#)

## Annual Privacy Reminder

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).



Our [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy](#), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [digital learning safely](#) at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using digital technology and learning platforms please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages.

**Ellie McDougall**

**Principal**



## Budja Budja Tulku Wan Counselling Services

Have you, or someone you know been feeling down or anxious? What about experiences grief or trauma?

### We can help.

We work with people 12 years and older to support them to feel better socially, emotionally and more connected culturally.



#### **Art Healing Workshops**

We run monthly art healing workshops where we explore a different theme each session. Mob only.



#### **Kangaroo Counselling**

Hop in and out of counselling as you need it.



#### **Cockatoo Healing**

Weekly or fortnightly sessions with a counsellor to heal wounds and improve mental health concerns.

**For enquiries contact: 5456 4751**



# Year 12 Retreat

On Wednesday the Year 12 students went out to Silverband Lodge in Halls Gap for their Year 12 Retreat. This camp provided the students with the opportunity to participate in a number of team building activities such as a high ropes course and bush walking. The students spent time strengthening their relationships amongst peers while preparing themselves for the year ahead.







## 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.

Thank you to those families who have been donating their surplus uniform, your support is greatly appreciated.



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# WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS



When you're child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

## DAYS MISSED = YEARS LOST

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

WHEN YOUR CHILD MISSES JUST....

THEY MISS WEEKS PER YEAR

AND YEARS OVER THEIR SCHOOL LIFE

**1** DAY PER FORTNIGHT  
M T W T F  
X T W T F

= **4** WEEKS  = OVER **1** YEAR MISSED

**1** DAY PER WEEK  
M X W T F  
M T W T X

= **8** WEEKS   = OVER **2.5** YEARS MISSED

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# Canteen Volunteers Wanted!

We are currently looking for Volunteers to help out in our school canteen for 2024.

Please email Mel to express your interest -

Melissa.Fiegert@education.vic.gov.au





# GYE MOVIE NIGHT

HOSTED BY  
GRAMPIANS, YOUTH EVENTS

DATE

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM FOR A 6:10 START

**16** FEBRUARY 2024

LOCATION

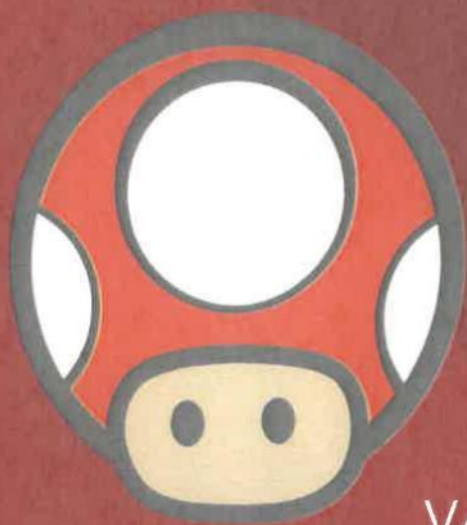
AT THE POWERHOUSE STAWELL

MOVIE

SUPER MARIO

MORE INFO

VAPE DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT  
FAMILY FRIENDLY



## Term 1 2024

February	Monday	12	
	Tuesday	13	
	Wednesday	14	
	Thursday	15	GTAC Excursion– Year 11 2024 Swimming Carnival
	Friday	16	
	Monday	19	
	Tuesday	20	
	Wednesday	21	Year 7 Welcome BBQ @ 5.30pm
	Thursday	22	
	Friday	23	
	Monday	26	Year 7 Camp– Silverband Lodge Halls Gap
	Tuesday	27	Year 7 Camp– Silverband Lodge Halls Gap
	Wednesday	28	Year 7 Camp– Silverband Lodge Halls Gap
	Thursday	29	
March	Friday	1	School Athletics Carnival

# TIME CAPSULE

WE INVITE PAST & PRESENT MEMBERS  
OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO  
ATTEND THE OPENING OF THE ARARAT  
COLLEGE TIME CAPSULE

4- 30 BARKLY STREET  
ARARAT

MARCH 15TH 2024

2PM

