



## Year 7/8 Boys Soccer

The Year 7/8 Soccer team made it to the Greater Western Region finals yesterday in Ballarat. They drew with Ballarat High 0-0, defeated King's College 6-0 and then played Trinity College in the Grand Final. After scoring first via Billy Jenkins, our students tried their best to hold on, however, a late goal from Trinity College saw the game go to a penalty shootout. Unfortunately, our boys went down on penalties 4-3 to finish runners up. This was a fantastic effort for our students and we are very proud of their hard work!

**Mr. Giovanniello**



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

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## **NAIDOC Week Celebrations & Deadly Doors Competition**

NAIDOC Week is a time for us to celebrate the histories, cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Every year it is held in the first week of July throughout Australia. As this is always during a school holiday period, we have chosen to celebrate it during Term 3. This year's theme is 'For Our Elders', who are the foundation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, passing down traditions and culture to children and into the future.

Our Mentor Group classes have worked very hard to each design their own deadly doors in celebration of this theme. It was wonderful to walk around the school on Tuesday morning to see the amazing representations of stories, histories and culture through the design of these doors. A big thank you to Ms Skewes for her organisation of activities this week and to Zita Wilson our Koori Education Support Officer from the Department of Education who came up to judge this competition. Judges will announce the results at Monday's assembly!

## **Pathways Conversation Day**

Next Tuesday is our Pathway's Conversation Day. The Parent Interviews section on XUNO is still open for families to book in with their child's Mentor Group Teacher. The Interviews will commence at 11am and run through until 6pm. It is an important opportunity for students to discuss their current progress, set goals and look at planning and aspirations for their future with their families and teacher. Students in Year 8-11 will then also complete their subject selections for 2024. If you need help booking, please phone our office on 5352 4177. NO CLASSES will be running on this day.

## **Year 7/8 Boys Greater Western Region Soccer Final**

This week our Year 7/8 Boys Soccer team represented our school at the Greater Western Region finals in Ballarat. This is a wonderful achievement! The students had a very successful day making it into the Grand Final, finishing up Runners Up after a penalty shoot up. Congratulations to all students who participated as part of this team and made our school very proud! Thank you to Mr Giovanniello for organising the team and to Mr Watson for also attending.

## **Annual Parent Opinion Survey**

Next week we commence The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey. This is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education designed to help schools understand families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we strongly encourage all families to participate. Our school does use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. Most recently this has informed changes to our reporting systems and teacher to parent communication.

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The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023. Invitations for the survey, including the link will be distributed via email and our XUNO Parent Portal. We will also send out regular email reminders. If you complete the survey and wish to stop receiving reminders, please reply to this email.

The survey will be conducted online and only takes 20 minutes to complete. It can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Please call our office if you would like more information.

## ***Ararat College Food Bank Program***

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We know that in these hard times a lot of families are finding it hard to make ends meet. As a school, we want very much to be able to support our community. Ararat College is working in conjunction with Food Bank in order to provide families with essential grocery items. In recent weeks, we have also partnered with the local Men's Shed to facilitate the delivery of these groceries to our families in need of a helping hand. Please be reassured that all deliveries are treated with the strictest confidentiality.

Please do not carry the burden of these hard times alone. We are here to support you in any way that we can.

**The groceries we may be able to support you with include:**

- Boxes of cereal
- Long life milk
- Eggs
- Bread
- Vegemite
- Honey
- Pouches of soup
- Fresh fruit
- Tinned fruit
- Spaghetti
- Baked beans

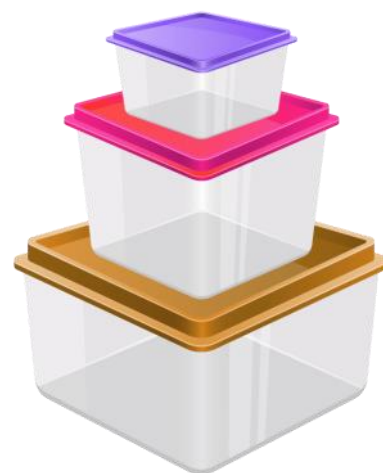
## ***Attention Food Students***

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Ararat College would like to remind all students who attend food or cooking classes to please bring a container to class. We know that sometimes the week can get busy and we forget, but we just don't want anyone to miss out on taking the yummy food they cook home! You can bring a spare food container or even an old ice cream tub. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Ms McAdie**

**Food Tech Teacher**



## ***2023 School Production***

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### **YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN**

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 Lipka. 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

Keep an eye on social media and the newsletter for information about when tickets go on sale.

## ***2022 School Magazine Available on Xuno***

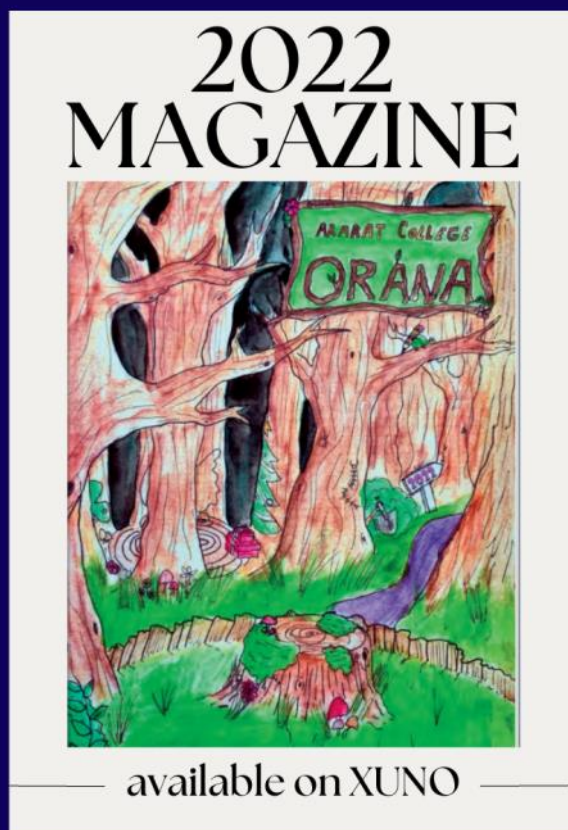
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The 2022 Edition of Orana, our school's magazine, is now available on Xuno. The digital copy of Orana gives everyone a chance to look back on all the great memories from last year!

A big thank you goes to Miss Sky who coordinated the production of last year's magazine. This is no small feat and Miss Sky has done, as always, an absolutely brilliant job.

Her hard work has provided us all with the invaluable opportunity to fondly look back on 2022 whenever we are feeling like reminiscing.

We highly recommend you have a look at Orana and all of the memories and artworks inside.



These new novels are now available in the library.



*I ache to know how much longer until clouds touch us, ending refugee living.*

It's been two years since Ha and her family arrived in Alabama as refugees from the Vietnam War. They've worked hard to make a life for themselves in America, but it hasn't come easy. Ha has only just begun to feel settled when Mother decides that the family will move to Texas for a new job. Ha knows how hard starting over is and doesn't want to do it again. But sometimes even an unwanted change can bring opportunity, new friends and a place to call home.

Freya's world is turned upside down when she and her mum move to inner-city Melbourne. Now she's stuck...

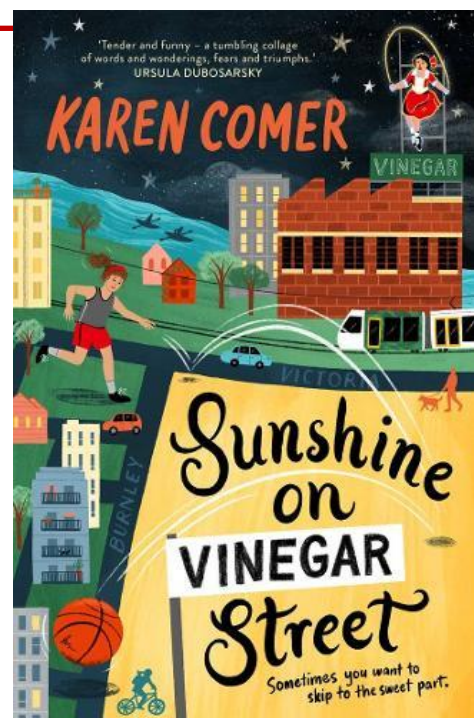
Stuck in a new apartment on the eleventh floor and Freya is afraid of lifts.

Stuck in a new basketball team where not everyone likes a new star player.

Stuck in a classroom of kids who don't know Freya is a donor-conceived baby.

Stuck, just like Little Audrey in the Skipping Girl sign suspended over the suburb of Abbotsford.

Being the new girl makes Freya feel like a dark cloud on a summer's day. Can she figure out how to belong on Vinegar Street?







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# LEADERS OF THE PACK

**Western Bulldogs Community Foundation and Pyrenees Shire are looking for 15 young people aged 14-17 to participate in a free Community Leadership program!**

**Run over 10 weeks offering both face to face and online modules, this opportunity is one not to be missed!**

What's in it for you?

- Receive up to \$2,000 worth of leadership training for free.
- Receive Western Bulldogs Merchandise.
- Be the voice for young people in your community.
- Plan and deliver projects that matter to you.
- Participation in the program supports the chance for early acceptance into tertiary institutions and career pathways.
- Gain leadership skills and experience.
- Networking opportunities with other young people and community leaders.

For more information, please email [foundation@westernbulldogs.com.au](mailto:foundation@westernbulldogs.com.au)



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Shire Council



# Deadly Doors

Our NAIDOC celebrations this week involved each mentor group exploring the 2023 theme 'For Our Elders' with an artistic display for their classroom door in the Ararat College 'Deadly Doors Competition'. Each mentor group has put in maximum effort and produced bright and colourful celebrations of First Nations elders and culture. We must say a special thankyou to our Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO) Zeta Wilson and parent Clayton North for judging our competition and picking out a winner. The winner will be announced at our school assembly next week.

**Tahni Skewes**  
First Nations Coordinator



# Year 12 Chemistry Excursion

On Thursday 27 July, Ararat College Year 12 Chemistry students visited the Environmental Sustainability Centre, Ecolinc, in Bacchus Marsh to complete work on their most recent assessment task. Students learned about different classes of organic compounds, how they were used as precursors in the manufacture of medications such as aspirin, and analysed a variety of analgesic tablet using specialist equipment including an Infra-red Spectrometer and a High-Performance Liquid Chromatography machine.



# Term 3 2023

	<b>Monday</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>August</b>		<b>8</b>	Pathways Conversation Day
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		<b>25</b>	Wear it Purple Day
	<b>Monday</b>	<b>28</b>	Play Week
		<b>29</b>	
		<b>30</b>	
		<b>31</b>	
<b>September</b>		<b>1</b>	

## ***VCE Legal Studies***

This week, VCE Legal Studies joined a County Court Virtual Schools program with Judge Karapanagiotidis. Her Honour answered student questions on the role of the jury, sentencing practices and the Koori court. Judge Karapanagiotidis talked about her work as a Barrister and her current position of County Court judge. She emphasised the benefits of volunteering in community legal centres as an opportunity for students to explore the legal profession.

Students are commended for demonstrating our school values during the Zoom session with Judge Karapanagiotidis.

**Ms Lidgerwood**

**VCE Legal Studies Teacher**

