



## Resilience Project Mural



Year 10 Studio Art have continued collaborating with artist Alyshia McKinnis and The Resilience Project to create a mural. This will become part of an Art Trail to be revealed later in the year by The Resilience Project.

The project has been running over the past few weeks and the panel will be completed shortly. Students should be very proud of their hard work and we look forward to the big reveal!



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

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## **School Review**

This week our school commenced our School Review. The first day was very positive, celebrating and acknowledging the strong improvements that have been made. The review will continue Monday and Tuesday next week with a focus on developing the key goals and strategies for our next Schools Strategic Plan. This will be informed by information collected from Parent, Student and Teacher focus groups as well as classroom observations.

## **Welcome Back Ms Henry**

This week we welcomed back Assistant Principal Emma Henry from family leave! Ms Henry has also completed four weeks shadowing Seona Murnane, the Principal at Mount Rowan Secondary College, as part of the Unlocking Potential Principal Preparation program. The expertise Ms Henry brings to her role as Assistant Principal (Senior School) will be very important in supporting the changes starting in Senior Secondary Education from 2023.

## **Victoria's senior secondary education is changing.**

From 2023, the new VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM) will replace Intermediate and Senior VCAL. This means the VCE will recognise different students equally. The new Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) will replace Foundation VCAL.

Students will have more educational choices, a higher-quality curriculum and better workplace experiences – preparing them for further study, training at TAFE or work.

From 2023, more students will study the VCE. That is because the VCE will include the Vocational Major, a 2-year program that sits within the VCE. There will also be the Victorian Pathways Certificate for those who need flexibility in their learning.

A new information and awareness campaign called 'Many Talents, One VCE' will roll out explaining the changes and we will share some of these across our social media channels.

The changes are a result of the [Review into Vocational and Applied Learning Pathways in Senior Secondary Schooling](#) (the Firth review). The review found we needed to improve vocational learning in all schools.

This means the current VCAL offering will switch to the VCE Vocational Major from 2023. Our school has commenced the transition to this exciting change by making some small changes to our VCAL program for next semester. This will mean our students will be prepared and ready to work towards their VCE VM in 2023.

Teachers and careers counsellors are available to answer questions and to support students as they make decisions about their final years at school and more detail will be provided throughout our Subject Selection Process for 2023. Now students will have greater access to high-quality, relevant vocational education and applied learning opportunities. For more information, go to [vic.gov.au/oneVCE](http://vic.gov.au/oneVCE).

## **Student Reports**

As families are aware we have made significant changes to our reporting process this year. This has seen the introduction of continuous reporting through the administering of CATs (Common Assessment Tasks) throughout classes and results with comments being published through XUNO to students and families. Next week, end of semester reports will be generated which will include all CAT results with the associated comments and an assessment against Victorian Curriculum Levels. A learner behaviour framework has now also been created after input from families and students and will see feedback provided on how students have displayed behaviours associated with our values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence this semester. These reports will be published onto XUNO and posted out to all families.

We are excited about the changes to our assessment and reporting process and hope that the increase in feedback to students and families will support students to continue challenging their learning growth and set aspirational goals for their outcomes.

**Ellie McDougall**  
**Principal**

## ***Careers Expo***

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Next Tuesday our Year 10 students will be attending the Careers Expo in Longerenong.

The 2022 Careers Expo celebrates 36 years of bringing vocational information to Western Victorian students, families, school leavers, jobs seekers and 'career-changers'. It will also celebrate the return of a face-to-face experience after two years of online delivery.

The Expo is the premier regional careers event, organised by the WASMCA in partnership with the LLEN network, schools, local business, training and employment organisations. This year, the event will be held on Tuesday 21st June at the Wimmera Events Centre, Longerenong (10-minute drive from Horsham) with a focused theme of agriculture.

There are a variety of engaging aspects including:

- Exhibitors – providing interactive displays, advice and information
- Seminars – on the half-hour from 10:30am until 1pm, max 25 minutes each
- Try-A-Trade – hands on interactive zone
- Tertiary Information Session (T.I.S)
- Drop-in apprenticeship centre
- Opportunities for guided industry tours
- Prizes for feedback
- Some food and catering provided by local community organisations
- And much more!

Please ensure you have your child return the Permission forms or complete through the XUNO app as soon as possible.

For this day, it is strongly encouraged to bring your own food and drink and a warm coat to wear over school uniform.

This is an important part of their pathway planning and also support of the Industry and Enterprise coursework they are undertaking.

# Reconciliation Week 2022

Throughout week 6 and 7, Ararat College celebrated and recognised the 2022 National Reconciliation Week theme “Be Brave. Make Change.” National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of May ‘Sorry Day’ was commemorated with a speech through the school speakers and a moment of silence. Above our school Indigenous Garden, a commemoration to the Stolen Generation was displayed. It demonstrated the ‘tracks’ made by the many feet of children stolen by orders from the government, who have had to find their way home to their families and culture. In mentor groups students watched a video created by our First Nations coordinator Miss Skewes. She interviewed various staff and student leaders about their interpretation of this year’s Reconciliation Week theme and a change they are going to make to further reconciliation in Australia. We have also included some of the pledges our staff and students have made.

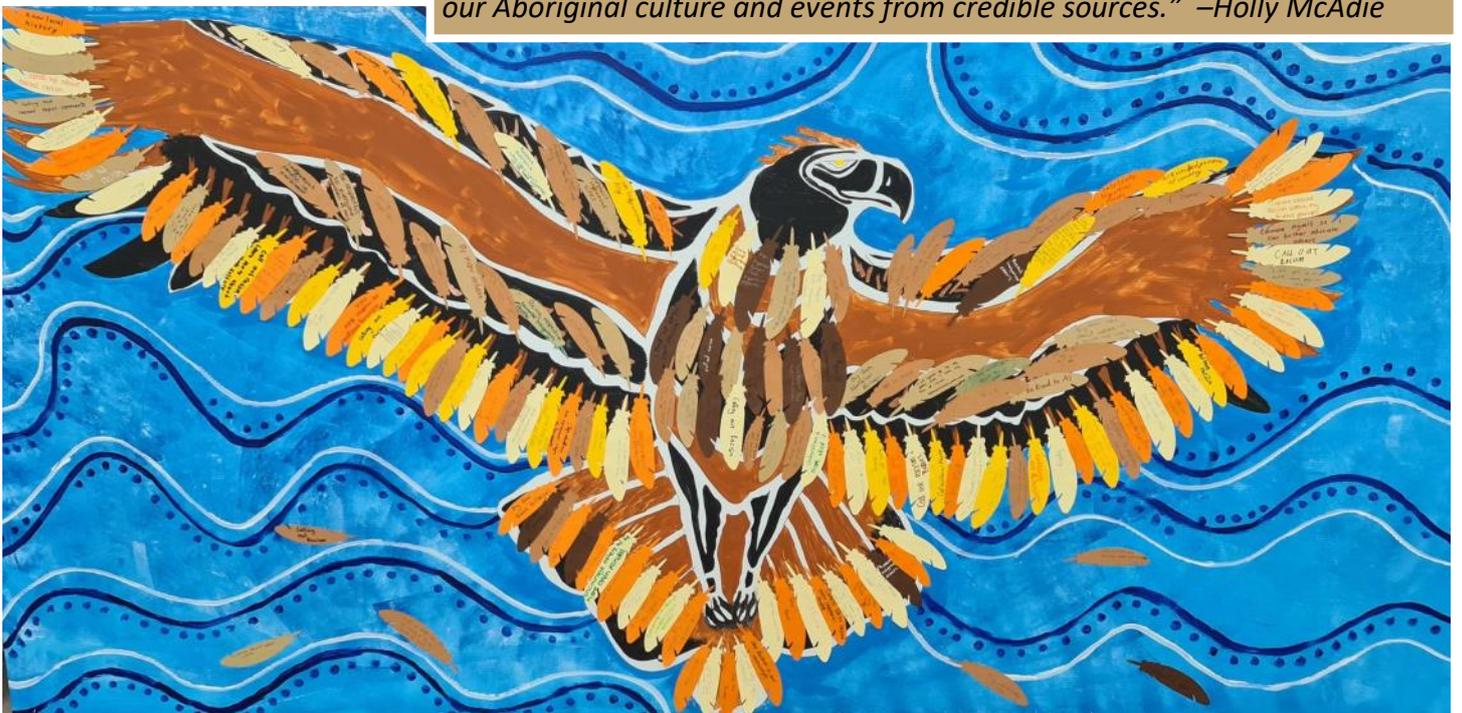
Mentor groups then brainstormed some changes they could work towards and recorded them onto paper feathers which will be glued on a large Bunjil eagle artwork installation for the library. A big thanks to Ms Potter who painted this for our school. Regular classes throughout the week also incorporated Aboriginal culture, history, music, art and major events into their subject areas to further educate our students.

Thank you to all staff and students that took part. Our next major event is our NAIDOC celebrations in week 9.

**Tahni Skewes**  
**First Nations Coordinator**



*“Ensuring I am learning the truth about Australian history by learning about our Aboriginal culture and events from credible sources.” –Holly McAdie*





## ***Reminder - CSEF Applications are closing 24/6/22***

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CSEF applications for the 2022 school year will be closing on the 24th June 2022, last day of Term 2. If you have an eligible healthcare card and have not made a claim, you **must** lodge your application by this date.

### ***What is CSEF?***

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 are 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.

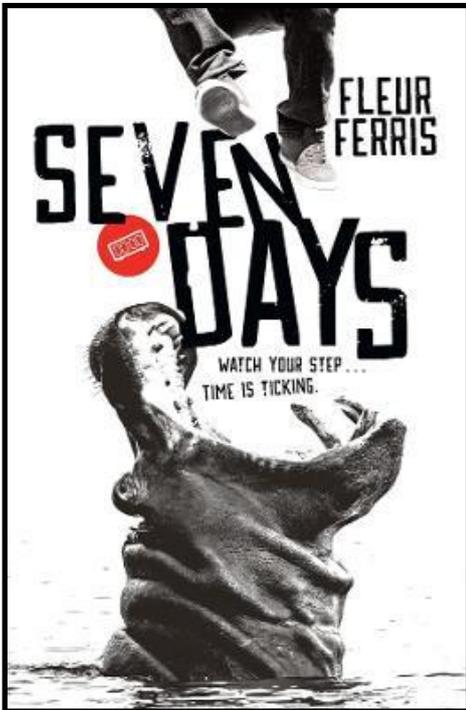
## ***Year 9 Metal Class***

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This week our Year 9 metal class have been using a metal lathe machine to make their own hammers. First they used a cold saw to cut the metal, then the metal lathe machine to turn and shape the metal to the shape and size they wanted their hammer to be.



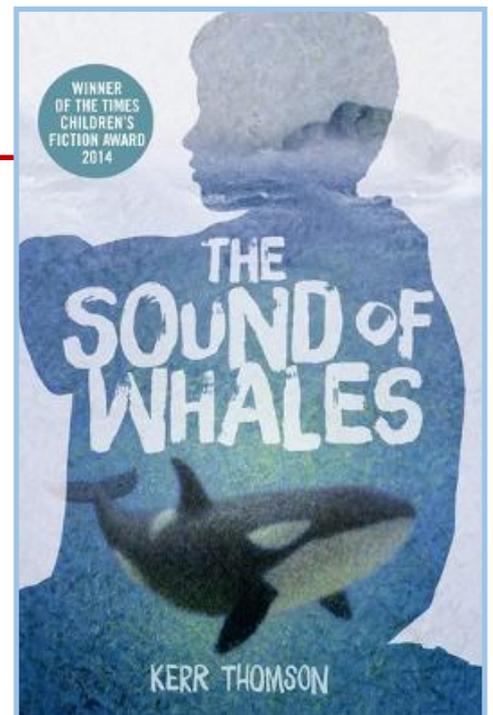
These new novels are now available in the library.



A fast-paced, action-packed story of how the past catches up to us, from bestselling and award-winning author Fleur Ferris. When Ben is dumped with his country relatives for the holidays, he starts counting down the days until it's over, hating every second. But Ben's stay takes a sharp turn when he comes across his great-great grandfather's journal - the final entry being from one hundred years ago, right after he was shot. With his cousin, Josh, Ben starts unravelling mysteries, lies and shocking crimes. Can the two boys beat the odds to resolve a century of bad blood between two families? A dangerous treasure hunt could hold the answers - or it could be a journey from which there is no return . . .

Three children are spending their summer on a wild Scottish island. Fraser is desperate for adventure; Hayley is fed up she's even there; while Dunny spends his days staring out to sea. He hasn't said a word in years, and lately he's been acting more strangely than ever.

But everything changes with the discovery of two bodies on the beach: a whale and a man. Fraser and Hayley see a mystery - an adventure to be solved, but Dunny is inconsolable. The whispering sea conceals a terrible secret. And in the end, it will take someone who listens to the sea to put it right.



# Rotary



## DEFYING THE DRIFT!

A Rotary District 9780 program for young Australians

### WHAT?

DtD is a program designed to empower young people to:

- Identify and explore agriculture and agribusiness career opportunities
- Build communication skills
- Develop career networks

### WHO?

DtD is for year 10 and year 11 students

### WHY?

Because there are great, high paying professional, entrepreneurial and trade careers in agriculture that young people need to know about!

### WHEN?

Tuesday September 20, 2022 to Thursday September 22, 2022

### WHERE?

Longerenong Ag College, Horsham

### HOW MUCH?

\$250 Early bird price - pay by July 31

\$350 per student, sponsorship available.

More information at [www.defyingthedrift.org](http://www.defyingthedrift.org)



DtD starts with a 3 Day residential program at Longerenong Ag College. There will be lots of new friends to make, inspiring agriculture role models to meet, places to visit and lots of fun.

The second part is a presentation by each participant at their sponsoring Rotary Club - a great chance to meet community leaders.



THERE ARE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR FANTASTIC, HIGH PAYING AND SECURE CAREERS IN EVERY WALK OF LIFE IN RURAL VICTORIA. WITH IT COMES A LIFESTYLE THAT CITY FOLK CAN ONLY DREAM ABOUT.

Agricultural careers have a bright future. The fact is the world's growing population needs to be fed and clothed and, with the average age of farmers approaching 60 years, young people are worth their weight in gold. Employers are screaming out for them. Jobs are often going begging.

While the traditional patterns of family farm succession are giving way to corporate style farming and land prices seem prohibitive for new entrants, there are great opportunities for careers in agriculture across the broadest range of personal skills, as well as the many professions, trades and vocations needed in every community.

With the huge interest in where our food comes from, the time is ripe for organic and innovative food production start-ups.

Since its inception in 2010 Defying the Drift has helped young people discover pathways through further education and work experience to great careers in agriculture.

Don't wait for the future - make it happen!

Early bird closing date for applications is July 31 2022.  
 Final closing date is August 31 2022 unless all places are filled prior.  
 The DtD Committee reserves the right to limit applicants per school if the program is oversubscribed, to allow students from a greater number of locations to attend.

More information at [www.defyingthedrift.org](http://www.defyingthedrift.org)

**DEFYING THE DRIFT!**



# 2023 VDSS



# TRY VET DAY

THURS  
4TH AUG  
2022

**TRY ANY 2  
COURSES**

## COURSES

AGRICULTURE  
AUTOMOTIVE  
DANCE  
EARLY CHILDHOOD  
ENGINEERING  
FURNITURE  
HEALTH  
COMMUNITY SERVICES  
ELECTROTECHNOLOGY  
HORTICULTURE  
KITCHEN OPERATIONS  
MUSIC  
PLUMBING  
SALON ASSISTANT  
SCREEN & MEDIA  
SPORT & RECREATION  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION



CONSULT WITH YOUR  
SCHOOL VET COORDINATOR  
TO APPLY

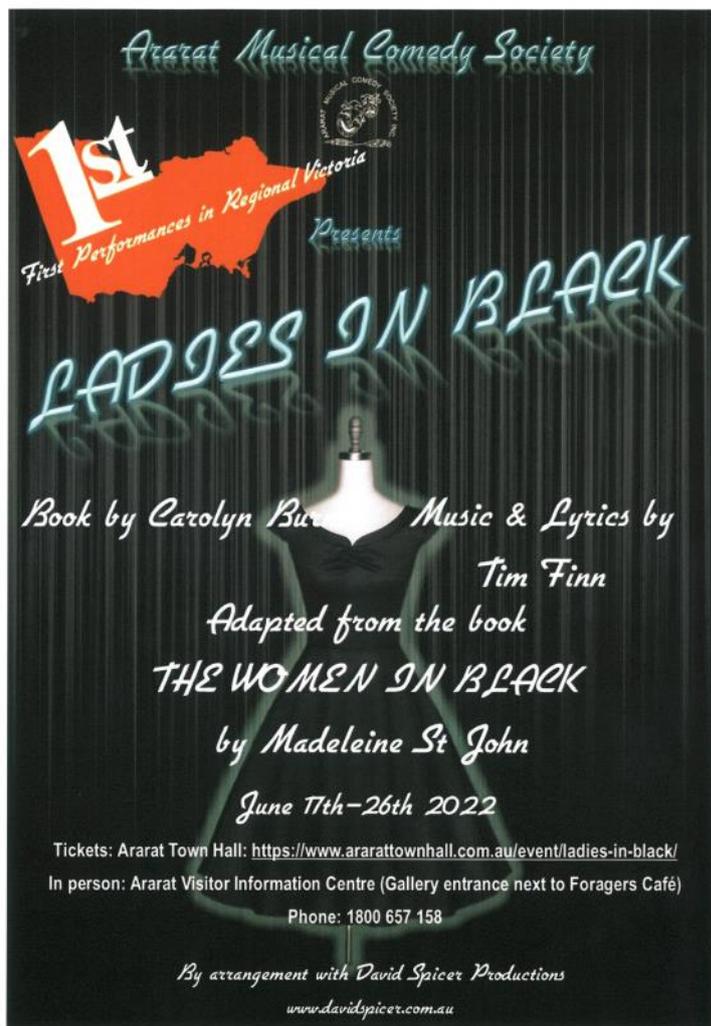
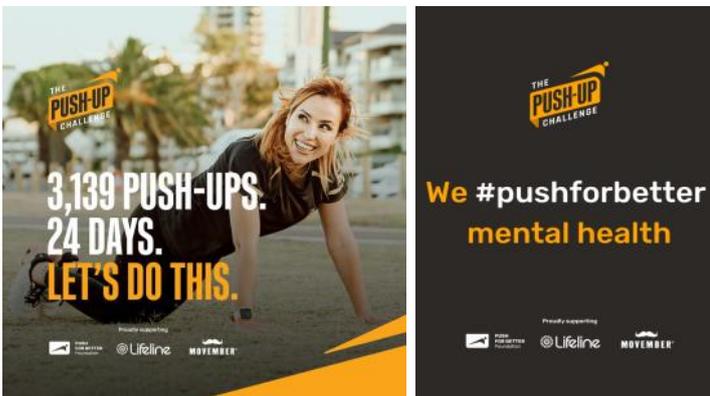
WIMMERA  
SOUTHERN  
MALLEE  
LLEN



# Push Up Challenge Update

Ararat College is involved in The Push-Up Challenge this June. The Push-Up Challenge has participants completing 3,139 push-ups over 24 days to raise awareness and funds for mental health.

A huge congratulations to all staff and students involved. As a team we have already completed over 12,000 push ups and raised over \$1000. With over 10 days to go, we hope to see the total grow .



## Ararat Swimming Club

2022 – 2023 season

**Come & Try Nights**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

or

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

**From 6pm to 7pm**

**Ararat Fitness Centre**

(Please pay pool entry to Service desk staff on arrival)

### Swimming requirements:

- 100m of each of the following: freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke with good technique
- 25m butterfly.

All Enquires to: [araratswimmingclub@gmail.com](mailto:araratswimmingclub@gmail.com)

## Term 2 2022

|        |           |    |                                |
|--------|-----------|----|--------------------------------|
| Week 9 | Monday    | 20 | School Review - Field Work Day |
|        | Tuesday   | 21 | School Review - Final Day      |
|        | Wednesday | 22 |                                |
|        | Thursday  | 23 |                                |
|        | Friday    | 24 | Last Day of Term 2             |

## Term 3 2022

|        |           |    |                                 |
|--------|-----------|----|---------------------------------|
| Week 1 | Monday    | 11 | First Day Term 3                |
| JULY   |           |    | Year 10 Camp Queensland Departs |
|        | Tuesday   | 12 |                                 |
|        | Wednesday | 13 |                                 |
|        | Thursday  | 14 | Year 10 Camp Queensland Returns |
|        | Friday    | 15 |                                 |
| Week 2 | Monday    | 18 | Year 10 Work Experience Week    |
|        | Tuesday   | 19 |                                 |
|        | Wednesday | 20 |                                 |
|        | Thursday  | 21 |                                 |
|        | Friday    | 22 |                                 |
| Week 2 | Monday    | 25 |                                 |
|        | Tuesday   | 26 |                                 |
|        | Wednesday | 27 |                                 |
|        | Thursday  | 28 |                                 |
|        | Friday    | 29 |                                 |

## *Rapid Antigen Tests ( RAT's )*

Free Rapid Antigen Tests have been made available by the Victorian Government to all school students. Parents are welcome to call into the college office during office hours 8.15am to 4.30pm to collect the fortnightly allocation for their children.

Ararat College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 1359) 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.*