



October 16th, 2014

## Principal's Report

Dear parents and friends of Ararat Primary School 800,

Tuesday of this week saw four of our students presented with the Cath McLenehan "China Challenge" Schools' Language Award on our behalf, during the presentation ceremony at the Ballarat Town Hall. Congratulations to Annika, Amna, Briony and Jessica who were selected to be our ambassadors, representing the large number of Ararat Primary students who contributed to the whole-school display. We are very proud of our children's achievements, and honoured to have received such a prestigious award. Once again, special thanks and congratulations to Mrs Jerram for her coordination of our 2014 project.

Tomorrow is launch day for this year's Golden Gateway Festival. Students in Years 5 and 6 will depart school at 9:00am for the walk to the tennis and netball courts at Alexandra Oval, with the first pushcart endurance heat scheduled for 10:00am, and the sprint heats from 11:00am. The endurance and sprint finals will take place from 1:50pm and the children will return to school by around 3:00pm. Students in Years Prep to 4 will remain at school during the morning, and walk to the gardens at 12:30pm for the official launch of the Golden Gateway festival, the crowning of the King and a circus performance from 1:00pm. They will return to school by 2:30pm. Please ensure that your child is well prepared for the event with a packed lunch, drink, hat and sunscreen. **Please note that lunch orders will be transported to the venue by 1:00pm tomorrow.** Festival launch activities have been coordinated by personnel from the Central Grampians LLEN – we extend sincere thanks to Roy and his team for their efforts.

Best wishes to the members of our athletics team who will represent Ararat Primary School and the Black Ranges Division at the Regional Championships in Ballarat tomorrow – Ned Bond, Seth Thomas, Aria Lawson, India Flamsteed, Annika Jones, Amna Waseem, Carly Sporton, Briony O'Riley, Shelby McBain and Jai Davies-Harrison. Good luck, everyone!

Our **Grade 1 and 2 students** are in for an exciting time on Thursday and Friday of next week with the staging of their annual late-night / sleepover event. Students will remain after school on Thursday, participating in a range of special activities coordinated by a team of our Grade 5 and 6 student leaders and staff. Following a barbecue tea, our Grade 1 students will head home, while our Grade 2 children bunk down for the night in the Circus Hall. Special activities will continue for our students on the Friday, with local excursions planned. We hope everyone has a wonderful time!

With the Golden Gateway Festival Parade rapidly approaching, preparations are in full swing for our school's participation. We invite our students and their families to meet us at the Ararat College-end of Barkly Street from 11:00am on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, dressed in bright, colourful clothing and carrying outrageously decorated umbrellas, in readiness for the procession to the Show Grounds at 11:30am. An expression of interest form to participate in the parade is included as an insert with this newsletter. Please ensure that it is completed and returned to the office by Wednesday of next week.

A reminder that tickets for our **2014 Extravaganza** are now on sale through Trybooking, using the following link: <http://www.trybooking.com/GEHO>. The matinee and evening shows are due to hit the stage on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Please note that this year's Extravaganza does not involve all students - our 2014 focus is on showcasing the achievements of our choirs, band and circus performers. We are, however, planning a special end of year **Christmas Concert and family picnic** which will involve performances by all classes. At this stage, that event will take place on Thursday evening, December 11<sup>th</sup>, so please mark that date on your calendar.

Finally, a reminder that during Terms 4 and 1 all students and staff are required to wear a school-specific bucket or broad-brimmed hat when outside. Please ensure your child has a hat at school daily. Hats are available for purchase through Mensland and Embroidability.

Kind regards,  
 Jennifer Molan

Cancer Council Australia recommends the following five steps to protect against sun damage when the SunSmart UV Alert indicates that the UV index is at 3 or above:

1. Slip on sun-protective clothing that covers as much skin as possible
2. Slop on SPF30+ sunscreen - make sure it is broad-spectrum and water resistant. Apply 20 minutes before you go outdoors, and every two hours afterwards. Sunscreen should never be used to extend the time you spend in the sun
3. Slap on a hat that protects your face, neck and ears
4. Seek shade
5. Slide on some sunglasses - make sure they meet Australian Standards

**And remember - extra care should be taken between 10am and 3pm.**

School values: Respect Honesty Self Awareness Learning Belonging

### FORMS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

EVENT	GROUP	COST	DUE BACK BY
Grade 1 Late Night	Buzzy Bees	\$5	Friday 17th October
Grade 2 Sleepover	Buzzy Bees	\$10	Friday 17th October
1/2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion	Buzzy Bees	\$35	Thursday 30th October

### TERM DATES 2014

Term 4: 6th October - 19th December

### TERM DATES 2015

Term 1: 2nd February - 27th March

## Prep World . . .



The Prep children are learning all about Narratives. They visited the Town Library to look at all their beautiful picture story books. They have been bringing their favourite stories from home to share with their classmates. They are getting very good at re-telling stories.



It has a beginning, a middle, and an end.



## Buzzy Bees . . .



Welcome back to a very busy Term 4!

Everyone in Buzzy Bee World has settled back into our routines well and the term is already starting to fly by. We have another busy term ahead and some exciting events coming up over the next few weeks. Our Late Night and Sleep Over will be held next week and then our huge excursion to the Melbourne Zoo will take place on November 13th. Thank you to the parents and carers who have already provided their Working with Children Check and volunteered to come along with us to Melbourne.

Please see your classroom teacher if you require any further information about either event and we look forward to having a great last term for 2014.



## Middle School . . .

At the beginning of Term 4, 3/4 FJ were very excited to see their freshly painted classroom. The room was painted in the holidays and was transformed from a light yellow to a bright sky blue, vivid white and soft orange that looks like a sunset. We think our room looks spectacular. Here are some photos. We welcome you to come and check it out.

3/4 FJ



## Senior School . . .

Welcome back to an extremely busy end of the year! We have a variety of things coming up including:

- Sovereign Hill Camps! Grade 6- 25th and 26th of November and Grade 5 - 4th and 5th of December
- Our investigations topic on The Gold Rush
- Pushcart Challenge for The Golden Gateway Festival on Friday
- Milo T20 Cup training and competition
- We have even grouped our students a little bit differently for Daily 5 to keep them really engaged and to practice for transition coming up in the next couple of weeks



Last but not least... **GRADE 6 GRADUATION!**  
(December 17th)

## 2014 China Challenge . . .

Amna, Jess, B.B and I were chosen out of a hat to go the China Challenge in Ballarat to represent our school. Unfortunately only four of us could go out of 30 because of fire regulations in the Town Hall. I completed my entry with Grace; we created a Chinese plate of food. The food on the plate was sushi, spring rolls, fortune cookies, dumplings and fried rice. There were also other entries from our school, like food plates, posters, booklets, menus, 3D models and 3D posters. We all had a fantastic day and were grateful that we were chosen to represent our school for the 2014 China Challenge.

Annika of 5-6S



The theme for the China Challenge this year was Chinese food. Twelve schools entered the China Challenge and we were very fortunate to receive the shield for the Whole School Language Category. Every entry was different from the rest and had its own special features. There were things like a 3D microwave with Chinese food in it, a whole platter of Chinese food with a rotating plate in the middle, Chinese menus, Chinese cookbooks, posters explaining different types of Chinese food, a platter of Chinese food all made out of fabric and sewn, Chinese food platters, comparisons of Chinese and Western food, Chinese food-related jigsaw puzzles, models of Chinese rice fields and lots of other amazing artwork. I'd like to thank Mrs Jerram for organising this day and driving us to Ballarat.

Amna of 5/6S



After we had a look at all the entries, we sat down and listened to the award announcements. There were twelve schools involved. In the Chinese Language category, Ararat 800 placed first, and Great Western came first in the Chinese Culture section. When Ararat 800 was called out for the shield, we all were so happy because it was our second time winning the award. After all of the presentations, we had something to eat and came home. I would like to say a big "thank you" to Mrs Jerram for taking us.

Briony of 5-6C



## Dental Funding . . .

Did you know there have been some changes to funding for children aged 2-17 years requiring dental treatment?

If you are eligible **for Family Tax Benefit A**, or on a health care card, your child is eligible to be seen at East Grampians Dental Service. Medicare is offering a \$1000 concession per child over a two year period.

What this means for you:

Your child can be seen in our clinic with no out of pocket expenses.

You will receive an estimate on the services that will be provided.

No waitlist for your child; they will be seen at the next available appointment.

Please contact East Grampians Community Centre to make an appointment for your child on 53529327.



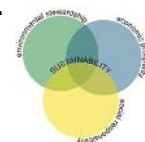
## Earthlings Sustainability Group . . .

### NUDE FOOD LUNCH

At lunch time today, the Earthlings Sustainability Group held their first 'NUDE FOOD LUNCH'. We strongly encourage all families to get involved and reduce the amount of rubbish in children's lunch boxes, through the use of reusable containers and zip-lock bags that are able to be washed. The Earthlings will be doing an audit of each classroom's rubbish at lunch eating time and comparing these results to the audit held at the end of Term 3. The class with the least amount of rubbish will be announced at assembly on Monday, October 20th. We hope to run these on a regular basis.



**- Don't trash our future: Recycle! -**





October 20th  
Erin Peter

October 21st  
Ava Bullock  
Byron Hemley

Happy Birthday

# Ararat Play Day

Monday 27th October  
10am-12pm  
Alexandra Hall

- Music • Storytime
- Face Painting • Craft activities

Playgroup Victoria Play Van  
with lots of active play, nature play  
sensory play activities

Find out about kinder enrolment  
and local early years services

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Ararat Regional Library  
Ararat Rural City

## Ararat Primary School

Presents

# Extravaganza 2014

At




## Ararat Performing Arts Centre

7:00pm

\$5-00 each

Tickets available through

[www.trybooking.com/GEHO](http://www.trybooking.com/GEHO)

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
 <p>20th Assembly</p> <p>Bamboozle Practice 3:20 - 4:45</p> <p>AASC (Prep - 2) 3:20-4:45</p>	 <p>21st</p>	 <p>"Hats on to be sun Smart"</p> <p>22nd</p>	<p>16th</p> <p>AASC (Years 3 - 6) Commences</p> <p>Extravaganza Bookings Open</p> <p>23rd</p> <p>1/2 sleepover/late night</p> <p>AASC (Years 3 - 6) 3:20 - 4:45</p>	<p>17th Canteen</p> <p>Regional Athletics</p> <p>Children's Day - Pushcart Challenge</p> <p>NICA Saturday Oct 18th</p> <p>24th Canteen</p> <p>Ararat Show Sunday Oct 26th</p>
<p>27th Assembly</p> <p>Regional Golf</p> <p>Bamboozle Practice 3:20 - 4:45</p> <p>AASC (Prep - 2) 3:20-4:45</p>	<p>28th</p> <p>Extravaganza Rehearsals</p> <p>School Council (new date)</p>	<p>29th</p> <p>Ararat P.S.</p> <p>Blog Launch 6:00pm</p>	<p>30th</p> <p>AASC (Years 3 - 6) 3:20 - 4:45</p>	<p>31st NO Canteen</p> <p>Author's visit P-6</p>
<b>Buskers Week</b>				
<p>November 3rd</p> <p>Assembly</p> <p>Bamboozle Practice 3:20 - 4:45</p> <p>AASC (Prep - 2) 3:20-4:45</p>	<p>4th</p> <p>MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>5th</p> <p>Extravaganza Rehearsals</p>	<p>6th</p> <p>Extravaganza Ararat Town Hall 7:00 PM</p> <p>AASC (Years 3 - 6) 3:20 - 4:45</p>	<p>7th Canteen</p>

### Missing School Jumpers . . .

Is your child wearing his or her jumper, or someone else's?

We have a large collection of un-named school jumpers, and we also have children who are missing **NAMED** school jumpers. Please take the time to check your child's jumper, and return any that don't belong to you.

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