

# The Torch

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## Principal's Report

Dear parents and friends of Ararat Primary School 800,

Our students' involvement in the 2014 Golden Gateway Festival celebrations wrap up this weekend with the staging of the annual Golden Gateway Festival parade on Sunday morning. A reminder to our parade participants that the procession will commence at 11:30am from Barkly Street near Ararat College. We plan to meet on the footpath directly opposite the College at 11:00am. In keeping with our "Bring a Brolly" theme, we ask all parade participants to decorate and carry their favourite umbrella, and to dress up in bright colours for this year's parade. We will have ribbons, fans and streamers that children can wave about, and please feel free to bring along balloons or anything else you may have that is colourful and festive. Special thanks to Miss Sharp and her team of enthusiastic assistants – Dallas, Nikita and Maddy - who have prepared a stunning collection of our children's art works for this year's Ararat Show. It promises to be a fabulous day! Please note that Bamboozle will not be performing at the Ararat Show this year.

Last Friday's Golden Gateway Festival launch and Pushcart Challenge, was a huge success, with all students and staff joining in the fun of the occasion. Students in Years 5 and 6 tested their skills as pushcart drivers and pushers in fiercely competitive rounds of endurance and sprint events. Our Year Prep to 4 students joined us for the festival launch, an outstanding circus show and the finals of the Pushcart Challenge. On behalf of our students and staff, thank you to Roy Trimble, our Senior School staff and the CGLLEN organising team for pulling together such a great day.

Congratulations to our Regional Athletics Team members who represented Ararat Primary and the Black Ranges Division at last Friday's championships in Ballarat – India, Amna, Aria, Annika, Carly, Briony, Shelby, Jai, Ned and Seth. Our students were outstanding ambassadors for our school, and I commend them all on their courage and determination. A special "Well done" to Ned Bond who qualified for the State Championships in discus! Sincere thanks to our wonderful parent supporters, who assisted with transportation and event supervision – Kerry Bray, Tanya Bond, Sarah Smith and Mumtana and Hameed Waseem - and to Mr Collins and Mr Pilgrim for their coordination of the event.

Best wishes to our Grade 1 and 2 students who will stay at school this afternoon to participate in their "Late Night" and "Sleepover" experiences. Special thanks to our large team of Senior School student leaders, who will conduct after school activities. We hope everyone has a wonderful time.

Best wishes, also, to our Senior Choir and SRC members who will embark on "Busking Week", commencing on Monday. Students will perform in the assembly area before school from Monday to Friday, and our SRC students will conduct breakfast stalls to raise money for new choir uniforms. We hope you're able to lend them your support.

Congratulations to our thirty-one students who attended NICA last Saturday, for their final training session for 2014. They were brilliant ambassadors for our school, and demonstrated great courage in handling the extraordinarily busy public transport network. Special thanks to our strong parent and staff contingent for their invaluable support, both on Saturday and throughout the year. We look forward to continuing our strong association with NICA in 2015.

Ararat Primary School celebrated "International Teachers' Day" on Monday of this week, taking time to say a sincere "thank you" to our remarkable team who work tirelessly for the benefit of all of our students. The official day fell on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – the day before Term 4 commenced – so we decided to do our own thing this year, and a wonderful time was had by all. On a personal level, I'd like to recognise our teaching staff for the outstanding work they do every day to ensure that our students are safe, valued, and offered the very best of learning opportunities. We are very fortunate!

Finally, a few further reminders to wrap up the week:

- Our Year 6 and 5 Sovereign Hill camps are rapidly approaching, and deposits are now due
- 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 – for their sake! Hats are available for purchase through Mensland, Embroidability and Target
- Please continue to check your children's hair regularly for head lice, and treat as required. Checks will resume next week
- Ararat Primary School's class BLOGS will be officially launched on Wednesday evening of next week – October 29<sup>th</sup> – from 6:00pm in the Learning Centre. We hope you're able to join us as we explore and celebrate the remarkable range of learning and communication technologies in use in our school
- Best wishes to Sheridan O'Connor and Briony O'Riley who will represent us at the Regional Golf Championships in Ballarat on Monday, and
- Lunch orders will not be available on Friday of next week – October 31st, due to Marian College VCE exams.

Kind regards,

Jennifer Molan

Our 2014 Extravaganza hits the stage on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, with tickets available through "Trybooking" at [www.trybooking.com/GEHO](http://www.trybooking.com/GEHO). This year's showcase will be preceded by an art exhibition in the Town Hall foyer, with a massive range of our students' art works on display. Even if you can't make it to the Extravaganza, we invite you to drop in to view the works on display from 6:00pm.

School values: Respect Honesty Self Awareness Learning Belonging

### FORMS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

EVENT	GROUP	COST	DUE BACK BY
1/2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion	Buzzy Bees	\$35	Thursday, 30th October
Sovereign Hill Camp deposit	Year 6s	\$50	Thursday, 30th October
Sovereign Hill Camp deposit	Year 5s	\$50	Thursday, 6th November

### TERM DATES 2014

Term 4: 6th October - 19th December

### TERM DATES 2015

Term 1: 2nd February - 27th March

## Specialists' Report . . .



Spring has sprung and the Specialist Team has made a busy start to their Term Four programs.

Here's an update of what has been happening in our Specialist Team Programs during the first three weeks of this term.



### Art

In the Art Room this week, Ms Sharp has been very busy putting together a selection of students' art works that will be entered into the Primary Art Section of the Ararat Show. If you are attending the Ararat Show this weekend make sure you have a look at our school's entries. They are very impressive! Students have also been creating clay art works during Art lessons this term. Keep an eye out for them both at our Arts Extravaganza and when they come home later in the term. If any of our parents or friends know of a kiln that Ms Sharp may be able to use to dry our students' clay art works, please let one of our team members know. We are having difficulties sourcing one to use at the moment. Thanks to Ms Sharp for entering and transporting all student's entries to the Ararat Showgrounds this week.



### PE

PE classes have begun again this term with Mrs Amy Barr running the PE program. This term students in Grades P-2 have been participating in a Perceptual Motor Program run by Mrs Barr. Grade 3-6 students have also been enjoying learning about different types of team games. Most of our parents know Amy from her work as a 5/6 classroom teacher, PE coordinator and her various leadership roles at Ararat PS before going on Family Leave. We are very fortunate that she has returned to APS 800 one day a week to run our PE program.



### Chinese

As you will have read in last week's newsletter, it's been a very busy and successful start to Term 4 for Ararat Primary School students, with them winning First Prize in the Chinese Language section of the regional 'China Challenge'. Students are very happy to have won the Cath Mc Clenehan Memorial Shield for the second time and it is now hanging up in the corridor near the staff room. Please come and have a look next time you are in our school.



### Circus

Ms Fiscalini is away on leave at the moment and Mrs Eleanore Barr is running our circus program until she returns. We hope Ms Fisc returns to full health soon. Last weekend our Bamboozle students and their families had their last NICA trip to Melbourne for the 2014 school year. These visits have assisted our students to develop their circus skills, such as acrobalance, tumbling and hoops. During each visit our students have been learning routines that will be part of this year's Arts Extravaganza. Many thanks to Ms Fisc, Miss Molan and the wonderful parents, Ararat PS teachers and ESO staff who have accompanied us to NICA during 2014.

We're looking forward to the rest of what this term brings in our Specialist programs.

Specialist Team Leader- Heidi Jerram

## Earthling's Sustainability Group . . .

Thank you to everyone in the school who made a conscious effort to reduce the amount of rubbish in their lunch box last Thursday for our first Nude Food Lunch. Each class has started to reduce their overall amount of lunch rubbish since our first audit at the end of Term 3, and class results are able to be viewed on our new Earthlings Sustainability board within the foyer area. There are also some helpful tips you can do at home to look after our environment, a sneak peak at our new paper recycling bins that are on order and a reminder that our next Nude Food Lunch will be held on Thursday October 30th.



Don't Trash Our Future - Recycle!



## 2014 Regional Athletics . . .

Llanberris Oval in Ballarat was a buzz with excitement as the first event of the 2014 Regional Athletics competition approached. Ten of our students went to Ballarat for the day to compete in their track and field events. Personal bests were achieved by many of our students, especially Ned Bond who placed second in discus in the 11 Years age group, and qualified for the State Championships in Melbourne. Well done, Ned.



Our 12-13 years girls' relay team came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their heat and then came 5<sup>th</sup> in the final – a fabulous achievement. In the end, everyone had a great day and we would like to thank Mr Pilgrim and Mr Collins for organising the day, and all our parents who provided transport and general supervision on the day.



India Flamsteed

## Pushcart Challenge . . .



Strength, stamina and teamwork are the qualities needed to be a high performing Push Cart racer. Year 5/6s from Ararat West, St Mary's, Stawell West, Ararat North and Ararat 800 tested their skills in last Friday's Pushcart Challenge, to launch the Golden Gateway Festival.

All schools competed in the two main events - Sprints and Endurance. The sprints required agility, cooperation and speed. Unfortunately, our teams didn't make the finals, but we congratulate Stawell West on their running win.



Our Team 1 Endurance squad was made up of a mixture of boys and girls - Reece, Jameela, Shaun, Emily M, Rhiley, Tegan, Tim and Steph. We had one heat and made it to the final, based on our time of four minutes. We had the fastest time for the day and received a trophy from CGLLEN for winning the Pushcart Endurance Challenge!! Unfortunately for Ararat West, they would have won, but were penalised for taking their seatbelt off early.

Unluckily, Ararat Primary's Team 2 and 3 didn't make it through to the final, but they tried their absolute best.



We would like to thank Mrs Smart, Mr Collins, Mr Hewish, Mrs Dyer and Marg for taking us to the Alexandra Oval for the Challenge, and Miss Molan for organising our involvement in the program. Congratulations to the other schools for competing. A special thanks to our Prep- to Year 4 students who came down to support us! We had a fabulous day and look forward to next year's competition.

By Emily and Shaun of 5/6C.

## Buskers' Week . . .

Next week is Buskers' Week and we are holding a breakfast stall every morning starting on Monday 27th from 8:35 to 8:50am.

We will be selling yummy food for breakfast, including pancakes and scones with prices ranging up to \$2.50. Breakfast will be for students as well as adults.

Money raised from the stall and busking will be used to embroider our fabulous new choir T-shirts.

Please come along to hear us sing and buy some yummy breakfast food.

By Maddi, Shelby and Millie



**Something Old  
Something New**

**Thurs 10am-12pm**  
Oct 30 to Dec 4 2014  
*Craft, cooking, friends & laughter!*

**Women's Group  
At Ararat Church of Christ**

86 High Street, Ararat (Opp. Train station)

**\$5 per session**

Focusing on Christmas, we present another 6 week course for women of all ages, to learn some skills of the past. Come and be part of our community, make new friends and have some fun! Mums welcome, bring your kids and join in when you can.

*Concessions  
Gold coin donation  
All things Christmas!*

Call/Text Anita 0488 647 866 for more information.

October 23rd Hayley Ridd

25th Max Te Hau  
Seth Dairo  
Maddi Shalders

29th Hayley McGrath



Term 4 Art & Craft Classes

starting October 15th



Wednesday Afternoons, Saturday Mornings.

at The Arts & Crafts Workshop space

behind The Town Hall and The Ararat Library

A 10 Student Limit. \$20 per class, Materials Supplied.

Further information and bookings

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## Ararat Primary School

Presents

### Extravaganza 2014

At

Ararat Performing Arts Centre

7:00pm

\$5.00 each

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<p><b>No Excuses</b> Go to School <i>Learn, play, explore.</i></p>	<p><b>SPRING</b></p>	<p><b>"Hats on to be Sun Smart"</b></p>	<p>23rd</p> <p>1/2 sleepover/late night</p> <p>AASC (Years 3 - 6) 3:20 - 4:45</p>	<p>24th <b>Canteen</b></p> <p>Golden Gateway Festival Parade and Ararat Show Sunday Oct 26th</p>
<p>27th <b>Assembly</b></p> <p>Regional Golf—Ballarat</p> <p>Bamboozle Practice 3:20 - 4:45</p> <p>AASC (Prep - 2) 3:20—4:45</p>	<p>28th</p> <p>School Council (new date)</p>	<p>29th</p> <p>Ararat P.S. Blog Launch 6:00pm</p>	<p>30th</p> <p>AASC (Years 3 - 6) 3:20 - 4:45</p>	<p>31st <b>NO CANTEEN</b></p> <p>Author's visit P-6</p>
<b>Buskers Week</b>				
<p>November 3rd</p> <p><b>Assembly</b></p> <p>Bamboozle Practice 3:20 - 4:45</p> <p>AASC (Prep - 2) 3:20—4:45</p>	<p>4th</p> <p><b>MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL</b></p>	<p>5th</p> <p>Extravaganza Rehearsals</p>	<p>6th</p> <p><b>Extravaganza Ararat Town Hall 7:00 PM</b></p> <p>AASC (Years 3 - 6) 3:20 - 4:45</p>	<p>7th <b>Canteen</b></p> <p>Year 5 and 6 Bike Ed sessions</p>
<p>10th</p> <p><b>Buddy Kinder visits begin</b></p> <p>Year 6 Graduation photos</p> <p>AASC (Prep - 2) 3:20—4:45</p>	<p>11th</p> <p><b>Remembrance Day ceremony at 10:30am</b></p>	<p>12th <b>Assembly</b></p>	<p>13th</p> <p><b>1/2 Melbourne Zoo Trip</b></p> <p>AASC (Years 3 - 6) 3:20 - 4:45</p>	<p>14th <b>Canteen</b></p>

### Bamboozle Practice . . .

As there are only two more after-school Bamboozle sessions before the Extravaganza, it is essential that all students who are performing attend their Monday afternoon practices. Please ensure your child is aware of the practice times and the importance of attending.



Thankyou Ms Fisc.

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