

NEWSROUND

Principals Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome back to another term after a wonderful Easter break. The term has commenced with rigor with all students enthusiastically engaging in learning. Upon entry into classes I have identified a great deal of student learning progression much to the work of teachers who have aligned student learning tasks with their individual needs.

It is fantastic to connect and discuss with the students their work and learning goals. In my teaching role I am passionate about extending each and every student beyond their level and the essence in being a teacher is witnessing the growth in learning against each students point of entry at the commencement of the year.

A outstanding farewell for Trey Joyce

At the end of last week, we farewelled senior student Trey Joyce who has stepped into senior education pathways which is a magnificent milestone. We wish him the very best in his endeavours. On behalf of the staff and School Council many thanks to Marg for supporting the school in so many ways and her commitment to School Council.

Working with Children Checks

As part of our commitment to Child Safety we recommend that all parents seek a Working with Children Check. A current working with Children Card is required when assisting at school in any child related role whether this be assisting in classrooms, helping for example sports days, excursions and events. Our child safe policy can be found on Ardmona Primary Schools website.

School Council Vacancy

A vacancy exists for a parent member on school council. If you are interested in joining our team of committed parents and members please contact Nathan Turner or myself for information at the school directly. It is an absolutely wonderful opportunity to have input to the pathway of the school.

Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

Individual Education Plans are always being reviewed and updated the most recent with the attainment levels in place for students who have been engaging with Mrs Cosgriff in the on line tutoring program focusing on Numeracy. Mrs Cosgriff is available to discuss with you her assessments and tracking of progress from the point of entry and the next steps in learning for your child if you are keen to make links with her. Her availability is on a Wednesday afternoon via WebEx and by appointment. Activities set for students have been rich tasks and problem solving linked to curriculum and learning progressions.

Daily Reading

This week all students will have received a reading log which should live in their school bag. Reading is encouraged daily at home for 10 minutes daily in supporting comprehension, fluency and word recognition. Please sign your child's log so to endorse that they have practiced.



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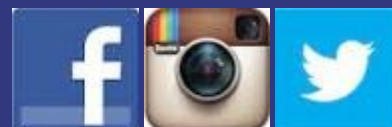
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Mother's Day — "Shhh don't tell Mum!"

This year our Mother's Day stall will not take place as per regular process with students engaging in more personalised and creative tasks as gifts for Mum, Grandma or that very special person in their life.

Berry Street Educational Model (BSEM)

This Term, students are learning about Character strengths, Body incorporating positive coping including concepts such as:

- Identifying a range of coping strategies to help students deal with intense emotions
- Identifying the influence of self-talk on their actions and emotions
- Identifying and explaining factors that influence effective communication in a variety of situations.

Science in Schools

Students are working on virtual learning tasks and hands on applications with links to Stem Activities through the Bendigo Science and Discovery Centre. Topic of discovery for the beginning of the term is "Marvellous Bodies".

Tutor Learning Initiative (TLI)

Outstanding growth in learning is evident with gained confidence of all students who engage in the sessions that are taking place each Wednesday. Sessions are vibrant and include a great deal of 1-1 support and challenges taking students learning to exceptional levels. If you are curious about your child's progression, education plans and goals in these sessions that are linked to numeracy please contact me so that I can arrange an appointment with Mrs Cosgriff.

Bluearth Sports Sessions

Bluearth has commenced and will run every fortnight on Tuesday in the afternoon session during our usual sports sessions.

The approach to activities in a way that goes beyond traditional sport and education models. We care less about competition, and more about positive participation that develops the skills, motivation and behaviours required for adopting and maintaining active living habits.

Each session held weekly includes movement challenges, games, and opportunities for reflection which promotes mindfulness and connection.

All sessions utilise the Six Elements of the Bluearth Approach:

- Coordination and Agility
- Core Movements
- Dynamic Movement
- Movement Challenges and Games
- Moving in the Environment
- Skill Activities



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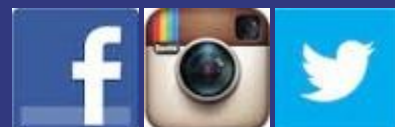
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Newsletters

Information shall be placed on newsletters each fortnight and the use of Sentral is the link for parents to communicate online - the site being private and confidential in supporting your needs. If you are having difficulty accessing this please contact the school and we shall step you through the process.

Uniform Orders

The uniform order with quality teams has now been placed with extra items being placed on order by the school.

If you would like to place an order for extra uniform then please speak to Mr Turner. Items that have been ordered include polos, jackets, hoodies, hats and bags with the anticipation of these items being received within the next week.

Camp Fire Chats

This term we are commencing campfire chats to draw in partnerships with our local community members of all cultural backgrounds and strong links to our first nations people. These shall take place led by Mr Turner which is an exciting opportunity to connect with each other.

Child Safe Standards

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Child safety and wellbeing at Ardmona Primary School: Information for families and the school community

The Victorian Government has announced new [Child Safe Standards](#) to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Ardmona Primary School has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to our school's website and available at the school's front office upon request.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

Our child safety and wellbeing policies outline the measures and strategies we have in place to support, promote and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students:

- Bullying Prevention Policy
- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Child safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedure
- Complaints Policy
- Digital Learning Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Visitors Policy
- Volunteers Policy

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact Jean Varty or Nathan Turner.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24	24	26	27	28
1	2	3	4	5
8 Storytime Initiative	9	10	11	12 Possum Magic
15 Storytime Initiative	16	17	18	19
22 Storytime Initiative	23	24	25	26
29	30	31	1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23 Last day of Term

AWESOME ARDMONA AWARD



The AAA award is based of student votes in which they vote for their peers who follow our school values which are

Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be A Learner.

The Week 2 AAA recipient is Macey Weidenbach.

Macey was nominated for following all 3 of our school values as she is a fantastic contributor to our school and is always working hard in class!

Keep up the great work Macey!



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Star of the Week

Stars of the Week!

Jayden Cauchi
(F-6)



Well done to Jayden for showing improvement in being organised and focused during activities to complete his work in a timely manner. Great work Jayden!

Classroom News

Welcome back to Term 2.

We are off to a fabulous start with all students keen to get back into learning.

Our focus for Integrated Studies this term is sustainability. We will be looking at various aspects of this topic and how being sustainable can help us look after the world around us. Today we planted a banana peel in the garden along side a yoghurt container to see what will happen to it after eight weeks. The children made some interesting predictions such as the banana peel might turn into a banana tree, it might disintegrate. While the yoghurt container might get dirty or break up into pieces. We look forward to seeing the results at the end of term.

It is important that students read and practise their spelling words each night. They should all have a book, diary and spelling words in their red bag or folder each night, which needs to be at school each day so that we can change books regularly. Our writing focus is on retells and recounts, so we have been practising our verbal and written retell skills each day after listening to a chapter of the BFG by Roald Dahl. The children are getting very good at picking out the important information in the story.

Our numeracy focus for fluency is addition and subtraction, so we have been learning some new games to help us with our fluency in these areas. We are also looking at patterns. Patterns in numbers, patterns with blocks, shapes and where we might find patterns around us.

Next Friday we are attending the Possum Magic production at Westside theatre in Mooroopna. So, we will be focusing on this book during next week. Please make sure permission notes are returned early next week.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs. Answer



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Life Skills and Respectful Relationships

We have made a great start to the term in the kitchen garden by planting broad bean seeds into handmade newspaper planting pots. We excitedly anticipate their germination and watching the seedlings grow.

Many thanks to Dale Weidenbach and Plunketts Orchards for supplying our school with fruit bin planter boxes.

We will be doing more plantings in the upcoming weeks to fill the fruit bin planters. Our newspaper pots will allow for transfer of the seedlings once the garden bins are prepared for planting.

If you would like to help with the establishment of the kitchen garden, please contact the school for more details.

In Respectful Relationships we have continued to look at personal strengths such as being kind, caring, hardworking, determined, curious, etc.

We have explored what personal character strengths look like through role-play. We can relate our character strengths to being a good learner, a good friend, and what makes us thrive.

For making ourselves a better person, we will explore personal strengths that we would like to further develop, and how we can do so.



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OSHC Update

This month's book theme in OSHC is Possum Magic. This Australian based book is about two possums. Hush, who is invisible and Grandma Poss who is magic, based in the bush. They go on an adventure trying different foods across Australia to make Hush visible again. One of the books in the room was decorated by Possum Magic Themed decorations, which the kids added onto by decorating their own pictures.

We have done a possum magic based arts and craft, to which the children chose to either paint or colour in.

Aeris decided to colour it in with bright and beautiful colours, while David, Macey and Nate painted them with their favourite colours.

We also had a discussion between Fletcher, David and Ethan about the book. I then asked them some questions in relation to the book.

What superpower would you want?

Ethan - to be able to fly.

Fletcher - super strength.

David - to be really fast like flash.

What was the book about?

Ethan - Possum was invisible to keep safe.

Fletcher - Hush learnt that she didn't need to be invisible to be safe and wanted to be visible again.

David - Made Hush visible by eating lamingtons and Vegemite sandwiches.

What was your favourite part?

Ethan - Hush sliding down the kangaroo.

Fletcher - every single part.

David - Hush getting squished by a koala.

Check out some of our snaps of the week on the next page!

Tayla Saunders

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator



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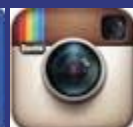
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BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE A LEARNER

FOR SCHOOL TOURS OR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US:

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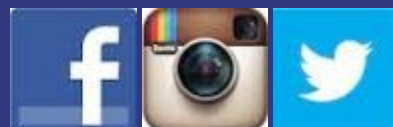
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ARDMONA PRIMARY SCHOOL



Be Safe

Ardmona Primary School is located just 4km from Mooroopna and is amongst beautiful orchards and provides a great place for students to learn and grow. At Ardmona Primary each of our students learning is considered to be of the highest importance with learning programs and activities that are carefully planned and monitored to ensure the very highest standards are maintained.



Be Respectful

The students of Ardmona Primary School are organised into learning ability groups and can transition across the classes depending on the area of learning with targeted learning programs that support individualised student growth.



Be a Learner

We offer a varied and individualized learning program that includes Literacy, Numeracy, Art, Library, STEM, Italian, and Sports Programs. Our schools student Safety and Wellbeing programs are priority focus areas which are supported by staff and outside organisations that also link with our school values of Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner.

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Storytime at Ardmona Primary School

Starting in Term 2 Best Start Community Library Initiative invites all children in the Greater Shepparton area aged 0-6 years old join us for Storytime at Ardmona Primary School!

**MONDAY 1ST OF MAY
AT 2.45PM**

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR HUNT

ENJOY A READING OF THIS MUCH-LOVED STORY AND THEN JOIN US IN SEARCHING FOR SOME LARGER THAN LIFE ITEMS ON OUR CATERPILLAR HUNT



**MONDAY 8TH OF MAY
AT 2.45PM**

MR MCGEE GOES TO SEA

HEAR ABOUT MR MCGEE'S ADVENTURES AND HAVE A TRY AT MAKING YOUR OWN BOAT FROM A VARIETY OF RECYCLED MATERIALS. I WONDER IF YOURS WILL FLOAT?

**MONDAY 15TH OF MAY
AT 2.45PM**

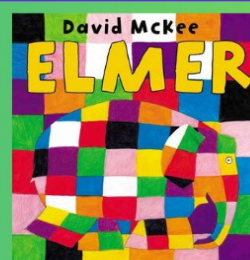
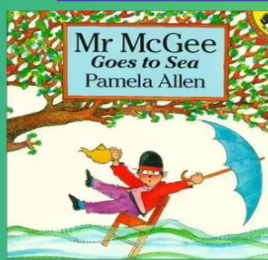
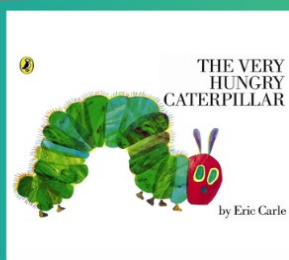
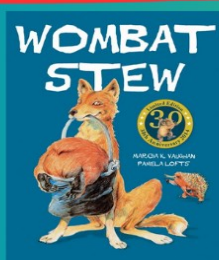
WOMBAT STEW

JOIN IN THE FUN OF THIS AUSTRALIAN CLASSIC. WE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO TRY A VARIETY OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AS WE SING ALONG WITH DINGO AND HIS FRIENDS.

**MONDAY 22ND OF MAY
AT 2.45PM**

ELMER

OUR WILD ANIMAL THEMED STORYTIME WILL FEATURE EVERYONE'S FAVOURITE PATCHWORK ELEPHANT- ELMER. JOIN IN SOME PATCHWORK ANIMAL CRAFT ACTIVITIES AFTER OUR STORY.



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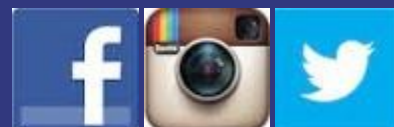
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10.30AM**

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G.V TAG

VENUE - ARDMONA PRIMARY SCHOOL

**EVERY SECOND THURSDAY AFTERNOON FROM 2PM - 3PM STARTING
THURSDAY 18TH OF MAY.**

FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM, ADD, ADHD.

COME ALONG FOR TEA/COFFEE AND CHAT TO SUPPORTIVE PEERS.

**IT IS AN OPPURTUNITY TO LEARN WHAT SUPPORTS ARE IN OUR COMMUNITY
WHICH ALSO INCLUDES HELP WITH NAVIGATING NDIS.**



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UNIFORM ORDER

(Prices Include GST)



STUDENT NAME: _____

YEAR: _____

ITEM	SIZES	PRICE	ORDER		
			Number Ordered	Size	Total \$
POLO SHIRT – 'Aussie Pacific' – Short Sleeves	6-16	\$35			
POLO SHIRT – 'Aussie Pacific' – Short Sleeves	S & up	\$40			
SHORTS – Red – LWR	6-16	\$20			
Hoody	4-16 & XS—XXXL	\$65			
TRACKSUIT – 'Eureka' – Jacket with Pants	4-16	\$85			
SCHOOL JACKET ONLY	4-16	\$50			
HAT – Bucket	S-M	\$15			
Pom Pom Beanie	One Size	\$20			
				TOTAL	

***Please note, all uniforms come including embroidery of logos.*

Any enquiries, please phone the office on 5829 0273. A payment plan can be set up for your payment if that would help you out.

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Greater opportunities at GSSC



Already our newest cohort are seizing opportunities, including this term when they will visit local primary schools to meet with prospective Year 7 students in 2024 to chat all things high school and how they've been finding their time at GSSC.

Here's what some of our Year 7s had to say about their experience so far...



I like how many subjects we have – it means you get to learn a lot and try new things. - **Risa**



The best part for me has been meeting new people. - **Maddi**



It's very different to primary school. I've enjoyed trying new subjects. - **Makayla**



I've really liked Home Group and having different teachers that are specialists in different areas. - **Isa**

To take a virtual tour of our college, scan the code with your smartphone or visit



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EDUCATION PLAN

The Shepparton Education Plan – improving education outcomes & life opportunities from early years to adulthood
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Sensory Sanctuary

Neurodiversity Arts Festival
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