

NEWSROUND

Principals Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Welcome again to another fantastic newsletter update.

School Council meeting witnessed a great team spirit with all engaging with Department of Education Representatives in supporting our School Council operated 'Before and After School Care' program agreement steps and development. We are excited to announce that this shall be operating from before school from 7:00am commencing at the beginning of Term 2 which shall be a wonderful advantage for those families and students.

Walk for Autism Excursion and Fundraiser

Walk for Autism Fundraiser will take place on Wednesday the 29th of March and will be lead by Mrs Answer. Parents are most welcome to participate and join in the day! Student's shall be heading to Bendigo for the event where they shall attend Eaglehawks Mulga Bills Park for lunch and enjoying the wildlife as they walking the surrounding lakes. After this they shall head to Victoria Hill Reserve where we shall draw links with learning Past and Present concluding the day.

Mooroopna CFA Excursion

On Tuesday the 21st of March we are heading to the Mooroopna Recreation Reserve for Fire Safety Demonstrations thanks to the Mooroopna CFA. We will be departing school at 10.40am and returning to school at 1pm. Excursion notices will be handed out in the next week.

Melbourne Zoo Excursion

During the final week of term on Monday the 3rd of April we will be travelling to Melbourne to visit the Melbourne Zoo. We will be travelling by bus and departing the school at 7.30am and arriving back at school at approximately 4pm-4.30pm.

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.

OSHC Urgent Request

The students attending after school care are enjoying the 1-1 interactions and the program is up and running. We are stepping up over the next few weeks and are eager to commence morning sessions for students prior to the commencement of the day. I am seeking feedback from those of you who are eager to have their child in before school care sessions and would appreciate that you link with Miss Saunders or your child's class teacher so that we can commence early morning sessions as soon as possible.



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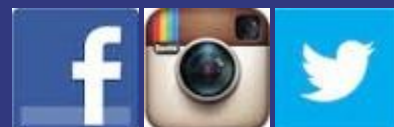
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Junior School Council

On Monday the 6th of March students will be provided with a barbeque lunch organised by Junior School Council.

This shall be at no cost and is a great initiative by our senior boys Tremayne and Trey. Students shall be preparing salad also prior to lunch. Super work!

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

Many thanks to Mr Turner for organising Bluearth for us once again.

Cyber Safety

We have welcomed Victoria Police once again into our learning programs with Sargent Bull to attend over the semester drawing learning links to Cyber Safety. Information sessions shall be provided for parents and family members on how to understand, prevent and deal with online safety, the risks and where to go for help. Dates shall be confirmed in the next news.

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

Once again we shall be placing a uniform order to Quality Teams in the next week. Please complete the information as per your child's sizes. Parents are advised that payment is not requested for these items.



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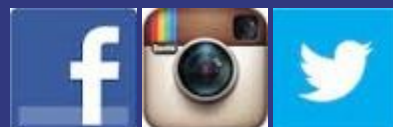
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Child Safe Standards

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.

Support Ardmona Primary School's Walk for Autism

We've stepped up to Walk for autism to help create a world where no-one on the autism spectrum is left behind.

We'll be challenging ourselves to each walk 10,000 steps a day from 25 March 2023 while raising much needed funds to support people on the autism spectrum.

Autism is a lifelong condition that affects how a person thinks, feels, interacts with others, and experiences the world.

An estimated 1 in every 70 people is on the autism spectrum. Along with their family members, this means autism is a part of daily life for over a million Australians.

By coming together and taking action, we can help provide opportunities for people on the autism spectrum to participate, engage and thrive in the world around them.

Help make our steps count and show your support by donating today!



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OSHC Update

In After School Care this fortnight, we have been focusing on expressing our creativity and social skills. The children displayed this through experimenting with music, construction, art and making silly faces with the toys provided in our room.

When asked about their favourite part of After School Care, the children replied with “playing with the fun toys in the room” – David and “getting to play with all the board games and building stuff” – Jayden C.

The children used their creativity and imagination by painting and colouring in, which can be seen on the wall in the After School Care room. It's been great seeing the friendships flourish between the children and them getting more comfortable with each other and myself. Keep up the amazing work guys!

Tayla Saunders

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator



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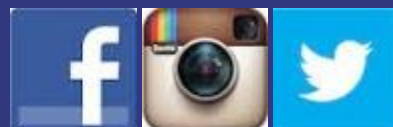
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Kitchen Garden Update

Life skills/Respectful Relationships

The Life-skills/Respectful Relationships focus of my classroom teaching has begun successfully, seeing many highlights and learning opportunities for our students. We have been developing important kitchen skills in our cooking around the theme of seasonal summer food. Our home-made pasta and pasta sauces were a great success, and very tasty! We've also cooked delicious fried rice, loaded with lots of healthy vegetables. Next, we are making scarecrows to watch over the kitchen garden!

We have also been learning emotional language in regards to how we identify and describe our emotions. We have been discussing situations in the classroom and playground where we may experience negative emotions. The students have been building on their strategies to support each other in such situations.

If you would like to be involved and assist in our kitchen life-skills classes, our cooking sessions begin at 11:30am to 1:30pm most Thursdays.

Please contact the school for more information.

Sharon O'Connell



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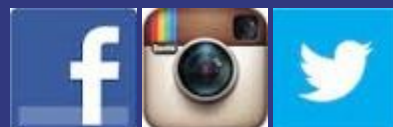
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				Jan 27
30	31	February 1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21 Pupil Free Day	22	23	24
27		March 1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13—Public Holiday Labour Day	14	15	16	17
20	21 Mooroopna CFA	22	23	24
27	28	29 Walk for Autism	30	31
April 3 Melbourne Zoo	4	5	6 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 6 AAA recipient is Jayden Cauchi

Jayden was nominated for Being a Learner for his amazing connections with learning and making big steps in work stamina in literacy.

Keep up the great work Jayden!



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Star of the Week

Stars of the Week!

Fletcher Gribble

(F-6)



Well done to Fletcher for reaching becoming an independent reader completing all levels of F & P. Fantastic work Fletcher!

Classroom News

It has been a great time of learning this last two weeks in the classroom. Testing in literacy and numeracy has shown lots of growth in students learning which is fantastic. We are continuing to work on our creativity in our writing and expanding ideas to make them enjoyable for the reader. In numeracy we are continuing to work on counting, recognising numbers and place value.

In integrated studies we are continuing our unit on community and have been discussing things and people we are grateful for. Our aim is to create a gratitude tree that we can add to as the year progresses.

In art this week the students were very creative making dragons.

On Tuesday afternoon we enjoyed a great Blue Earth session with Kade; where all students participated in some fun games for PE.

Thank you to those families who have donated to our walk for autism. We have so far raised \$228 of our \$500 goal which is awesome! If any parents would like to join us on our walk for Autism, around the lake in Bendigo please let me know, you will be most welcome to attend. Donations can be made via the link on our school Facebook page.

Mrs. Answer



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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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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 &	\$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.

Feel free to either email, the school at ardmona.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Please make cheque payable to **Ardmona Primary School** or

Direct Deposit

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We're stepping towards a world where no-one on the autism spectrum is left behind.



Support our team today!

Visit our page:



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 or call 1800 288 476 (AUTISM)



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Could \$500 help with next year's back to school costs?

Learn tips and tricks to grow your budget and saving skills. Save for 10 months. Get up to \$500 of matched savings for school expenses. Just in time for 2024.

Must meet all eligibility criteria:



Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*



Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)



Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*



Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible



For more info, visit saverplus.org.au or call 1300 610 355.
To fill in an online enquiry form, [CLICK HERE](#).



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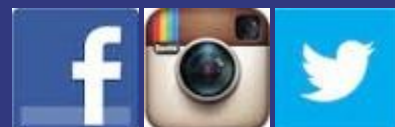
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Junior Registrations for 2023 are NOW OPEN!



Returning and new players welcome.
Registrations online via Play HQ.
Queries to the Junior Coordinator on 0417 145 890.



Every child is different.
So is every foster carer.



BERRY STREET

A little of your time can change an entire life.

In Victoria, the number of children who cannot live safely at home has risen every year over the last 10 years. Children in care have experienced trauma – they need a safe, nurturing home environment to help them recover.

If you are over 21 and have a spare bedroom, we would love to hear from you. As a foster carer, you could make a huge difference to a child or young person in need.

For more information please contact Janene
T: (03) 5822 8100 or E: humefostercare@berrystreet.org.au



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Selling our city to the world

Being a teacher is a wonderful job but right now we could use a few more of them! Like other professions, teaching is facing workforce challenges at schools across Australia and in many parts of the world.

Here in Greater Shepparton, a mix of our passionate, permanent teachers and attractive government incentives for graduates and relief staff is ensuring our classrooms operate as normal and we continue

to deliver quality learning.

Long-term, it's important we attract more teachers from outside our region, interstate and even overseas to join our schools and our community.

Teachers Cayla, Daniel, Chris and Tara know the professional and personal rewards of living and working here and are helping to market our lifestyle and career opportunities.

Scan the QR Codes and they'll tell you in their own words why they wouldn't work anywhere else – and join our efforts by sharing their message beyond our borders!

SHEPPARTON EDUCATION PLAN

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