

NEWSROUND

Principals Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The term has been very busy so far and will only be getting busier, as you will see! The Friendship Program happens for 90 minutes every Tuesday, delivered by Shepparton FamilyCare. They are working on social skills like turn-taking, problem-solving and strategies for managing conflict and strong emotions. The children have responded very positively and report that they enjoy the sessions with the facilitators. It will be delivered over 8 weeks this term and I am keen to hear from families about your child's impressions of the program.

Mrs N and I joined hundreds of other teachers from the Goulburn Valley and beyond on Monday May 12th, our Curriculum Day, to attend a workshop by Nairn Walker. Her insights into families' experiences of school and the concept of hidden codes really opened our eyes. We are looking forward to using this knowledge across the network of schools in the Greater Shepparton area, to ensure that all students make the most of the educational opportunities available from their school.

I was also fortunate to attend some very powerful workshops on literacy in the last couple of weeks, with the facilitator Keay Cobbin. She is working with GSSC and other Greater Shepparton schools to develop strong literacy programs and help children improve their reading and writing. More and more schools in the area are developing a consistent approach to teaching reading and writing, and it was great to work with teachers from those schools to share ideas and create curriculum. I am particularly pleased to observe consistent improvement from our own Ardmona PS students in their reading and writing skills. They are enthusiastic about their learning and taking pride in their achievements.

As a small school, we are lucky to have many supports available from the Department of Education and the North East Victoria Region. Last week I had visits from two contacts – one from the Small Schools Program and another from the Occupational Health and Safety section. They were pleased to see the processes we have in place and gave some helpful feedback for us to continue the improvements we have already made. While we are on the topic of grounds and buildings, I hope it has been noticed that our irrigation systems have finally received the updates they deserve. With the dry weather we continue to have, the green grass around the buildings is quite a contrast to the areas that are not irrigated! The trades who came to complete the works will be extending the irrigation system very soon, so that we can start some significant indigenous tree planting on the oval area near the three big tree stumps. Students will be involved in the tree planting activities, and I will have more to report as we get closer to the date.



580 Turnbull Road
Ardmona Vic 3629

Phone: 03 5829 0273

Email: ardmona.ps@education.vic.gov.au

www.ardmonaps.vic.gov.au

Keep up to date by following us on:



If that wasn't busy enough, we also have two important excursions coming up. On May 30th, we have been invited to a free opera workshop at the Tatura Victory Hall, delivered by a home-grown organisation called Opera in the Country. As a music teacher, you can imagine how I feel about the opportunity to experience the magic of opera, so please return the permission forms as soon as possible when they are issued next week. The second excursion is to Harston PS on June 10th, when our F-2 students will be experiencing the Ditto Show, delivered by Bravehearts. The 3-6 students will have other activities at HPS organised on the day.

Finally, can I please ask that we keep close tabs on lunchbox contents? We have a regular fruit break each morning at 10am and request that families provide a fruit snack for this time. While we have extra fruit and other healthy snacks on standby in case they are needed, we don't want to run out and have nothing available for emergencies! We also prefer that water is the only beverage students have while at school, unless you want your child to take a juice box. Soft drinks and flavoured milks are really only for out of school hours.

Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS)

Please note that students in year 5 and 6 will be completing the AtoSS during class time next week. This is a compulsory survey for all students in Victorian government schools from years 4 to 12. The data given in the survey is completely anonymous and will help the school and the Department to better understand children's experience of school. The survey will be supervised by school staff and is conducted in online format. Please contact the school if you have any questions about this.

According to the Department's website:

All schools must participate in the Attitudes to School Survey, providing the opportunity for students from Year 4 to Year 12 to complete the survey. The survey provides data that is invaluable in understanding the student perspective of their school and to improve the schooling experience.

Data collected includes how students feel in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

Regards

David Perry

Acting Principal



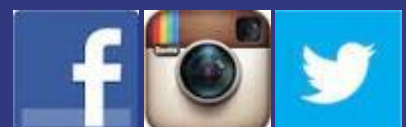
580 Turnbull Road
Ardmona Vic 3629

Phone: 03 5829 0273

Email: ardmona.ps@education.vic.gov.au

www.ardmonaps.vic.gov.au

Keep up to date by following us on:



UPCOMING DATES

Please take note of the various events taking place in term 2. Reach out to the school if you have any questions. We now have access to the voicemail function on the school phone, so if you leave a message it does get through to us!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
21 Easter Monday	22	23	24	25 Anzac Day
28 Swimming	29 Swimming	30 Swimming	May 1 Swimming	2 Swimming
5	6	7	8	9
12 Pupil Free Day	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30 Opera in the Country
June 2	3	4	5	6
9 King's Birthday PH	10 Harston PS Excursion	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	26	26	27
30	1	2	3	4 Last day of Term!



580 Turnbull Road
Ardmona Vic 3629

Phone: 03 5829 0273

Email: ardmona.ps@education.vic.gov.au

www.ardmonaps.vic.gov.au

Keep up to date by following us on:



Star of the Week

Stars of the Week!

Michael Morton
(F-6)



Well done to Michael for displaying a great work ethic as he has completed all his writing tasks this week.

He also set a great example in Science as he showed great enthusiasm with all tasks and experiments!

Keep up the great work Michael!

AWESOME ARDMONA AWARD

Awesome Ardmona



Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be A Learner.

The Week 4 AAA recipient is Maddi.

Maddi was nominated for Being a Learner as she continues to focus on the structuring of her writing.

Her improvement in the neatness and layout of her writing is fantastic to see!

Keep up the incredible work Maddi!



580 Turnbull Road
Ardmona Vic 3629

Phone: 03 5829 0273

Email: ardmona.ps@education.vic.gov.au

www.ardmonaps.vic.gov.au

Keep up to date by following us on:





580 Turnbull Road
Ardmona Vic 3629

Phone: 03 5829 0273

Email: ardmona.ps@education.vic.gov.au

www.ardmonaps.vic.gov.au

Keep up to date by following us on:



Child Safe Standards

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 David Perry or Nathan Turner.



580 Turnbull Road
Ardmona Vic 3629

Phone: 03 5829 0273

Email: ardmona.ps@education.vic.gov.au

www.ardmonaps.vic.gov.au

Keep up to date by following us on:



Room provides a feast for the senses

Community and education leaders, school councillors and other high-profile guests were “blown away” by Banmira Specialist School’s new junior campus at its official opening on Friday.

The modern facilities impressed, as does a design that purposely pays homage to the welcoming, courtyard feel of the former Wanganui Park Secondary College.

Yet there is one room that has a particular “wow” factor.

Banmira’s new multi-sensory room is, literally, a feast for the senses. With a mix of high-tech equipment and aromatherapy, students can express their thoughts and feelings through sight, sound, smell and touch.

Projected images on the floor deliver everything from a maths quiz to an underwater reef to a game of virtual

soccer, while more technology on the walls, ceiling and even the furniture itself delivers multiple means for students to express themselves.

Not just a play area, Banmira’s Jesse Whittaker says the sensory room is an important evidence-based tool in contemporary, specialist education.

“It allows students, particularly our young people with multiple learning disabilities, to regulate themselves and their emotions. It’s a safe, calming space that readies them for learning.”

Student leader Eliza immerses herself in the sensory room

Jesse Whittaker projects soothing ocean scenery for students to enjoy

Student leader Victoria tests the technology



Scan the QR code for the official opening of our newest school!

SHEPPARTON
EDUCATION PLAN

The Shepparton Education Plan
Improving education outcomes & life opportunities from early years to adulthood
www.vic.gov.au/education-plans



580 Turnbull Road
Ardmona Vic 3629

Phone: 03 5829 0273

Email: ardmona.ps@education.vic.gov.au

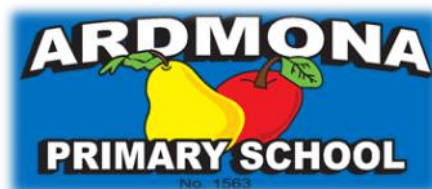
www.ardmonaps.vic.gov.au

Keep up to date by following us on:



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.

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

Ardmona Primary School

BSB: 063 527

Acc Number: 00 906 494



580 Turnbull Road
Ardmona Vic 3629

Phone: 03 5829 0273

Email: ardmona.ps@education.vic.gov.au

www.ardmonaps.vic.gov.au

Keep up to date by following us on:

