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Principals Message

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Hi to you all as we head towards the end of the term. A few reminders as we bounce into the last week of term.

Before School Care

Due to the inconsistency of enrolments and on many days operable with no attendance Before School Care will not continue to operate in term 4. We will gauge any expressions of interest of families for the morning program to return to operation next term for the 2024 year.

Please note **After School Care will continue** between the hours of 3-6pm with program details attached to our weekly news by our educator Miss Saunders.

Return of the Breakfast Program in Term 4

We celebrate our schools return to the daily breakfast program to the from 8.15am daily next term. This will be led by the work of Mr Nathan Turner. This program is supported by Foodbank Victoria. We look forward to seeing many bright faces attend as we return to the term who will start their day in learning with full bellies.

School Council

A reminder that our next School Council meeting is scheduled for this coming Tuesday, the 12th of September at 3.45pm. This meeting is projected to be a short meeting that will take place in the Nurture Room.

The agenda, previous meetings minutes will be sent out the weekend before the meeting with the finance reports being available prior to the meeting.

Footy Colours Day

Footy colours day Friday parents are most welcome to join in the fun with a Pie lunch at midday followed by foot-ball skills and play with Nathan Turner!

Terrific Kids Award

Terrific Kids Award is being held on Wednesday the 13th of September at 9:00am in the F-6 Classroom. All are welcome to attend.

Early Dismissal—Last day of term

Next Friday the 15th of September we are having an early dismissal with students to be picked up at 1pm with the morning session operating without a break.

Due to the early dismissal there will be no After School Program running.



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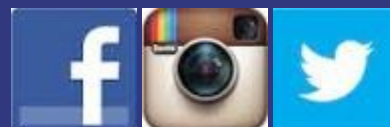
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IXL Online Learning Platform

Students have been provided with IXL passwords for additional learning at home. The program is self-paced and managed by students and is linked to supporting individual learning targets. If you are needing support with the program overview, please contact Mrs Answer who shall provide you with necessary detail.

School Attendance

Attending school every day gives your child the best opportunity and access to a wide range of learning, wellbeing, and social connections with each day of school building on what was learnt the day before.

We're here to support you in getting your child ready and motivated for school every day. When your child is absent it is important you let us know, including the reason why on the day or the day before. This helps make sure we know where our students are and offer support for you and your family if needed.

Please contact us if your child needs to miss school for any reason, so we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing.

Did you know that if your child misses as little as 1 day per week, they will miss 40 days of school and 8 weeks of learning in 1 year. Over an entire school journey, this adds up to 2.5 years of lost learning.

Kinder Transition Dates

Need some advice about how to best prepare your son/daughter for school in 2024? We can certainly support our families and incumbent enrolments with this, and detailing everything you need to know to feel confident and prepared for your child commencing school.

Be sure to keep an eye out for our transition flyer and dates for the year and a handbook which will also be available for those friends of families who may be interested.

Continue supporting your child at home.

Congratulations to all students who continue to practice and enjoy learning at home. Our data continues to grow with our NAPLAN results another indicator of student learning success.

Homework is not about a chore but a continuous part of learning each week and encourage your child to regularly.

- Read for pleasure on a nightly basis. This for many will be their take home book remember your child is the reader.
- Students in years 3 and beyond may receive one research task each semester. Presently the students in the middle years exploring Mappen topics with a link for additional home learning.
- Students are encouraged to use Mathletics numeracy program at home.
- Students are encouraged to practice their typing skills using <https://www.typing.com>

Enrolling Siblings and School Tours

If you have younger children at home who will be starting school in 2024, please contact the office as soon as possible so that we can organise an enrolment form. Please contact us if you are interested in being part of a school tour. If you know other families in our community who are looking for a great school, please send them our way.



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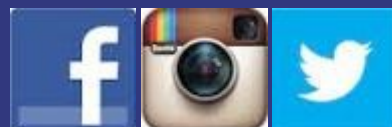
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Child Safe Standards

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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
10	11	12 Anastacia The Musical	13	14
17 Shepparton Art Museum	18 Dance Workshop	19	20	21
24	25 Rui Vet Visit	26	27	28
31	August 1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10 Hockey Roadshow	11 Red Noses Day
14	15	16 Healthy Lunch Box Day	17	18
21 Book Week—Book Fair	22	23	24 Book Week Dress Up	25 Bendigo Science Centre
28	29	30	31	September 1
4	5	6 AsheFest F—Grade 2	7 AsheFest Grade 3—6	8
11	12	13	14	15 Last Day of Term Footy Colours Day

AWESOME ARDMONA AWARD



Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be A Learner.

The Week 9 AAA recipient is Fletcher Gribble.

Fletcher was nominated for showcasing his wonderful leadership skills and organising the Students vs Parents dodgeball game on the Special Person's afternoon in week 8!

Keep up the incredible work Fletcher!



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Star of the Week

Stars of the Week!

Ethan Johnson
(F-6)



Well done to Ethan for being respectful towards others in the playground. He also continues to grow as he progresses into being a fantastic reader.

Keep up the great work Ethan!

Classroom News

Welcome to week 9.

How fast is the term flying by?

This week the students had a great time at AsheFest with the juniors attending Wednesday and seniors attending Thursday. The students received some fantastic items in a showbag at the end of the day.

All students have continued to show progression in reading with Elora, Ethan and David having lots to celebrate this week as they have progressed in reading levels.

Students are enjoying using our new online platforms for numeracy and literacy. Town Squared and IXL learning can be used at home to build on learning in the classroom. The children have passwords in their diaries.

It's great to see everyone practising their reading and spelling at home. Confidence is booming in the classroom.

Here's to a great end to the term! Have a great weekend everyone.

Mrs. Answer



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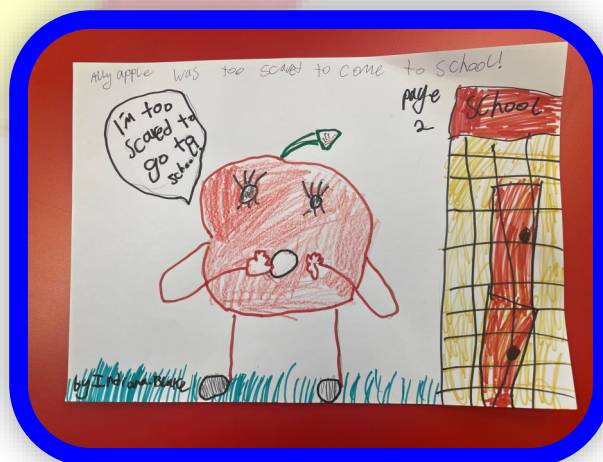
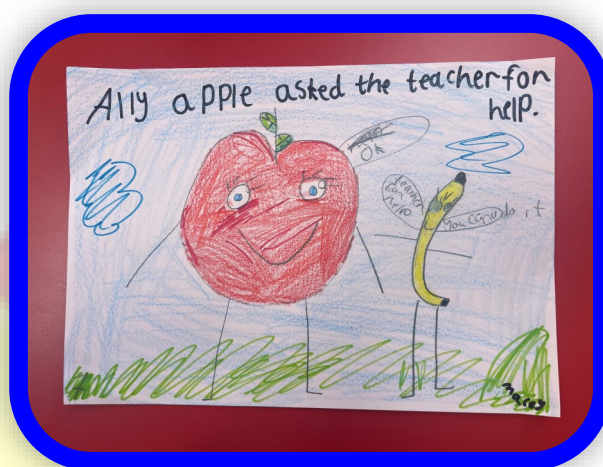
Life-skills and Respectful Relationships

Our help seeking/problem solving short story booklet that we have been working on, looks fabulous! We have designed our booklet for preschool age children with bright pictures and bold print to capture the attention of our target audience. We plan to share our story book in term 4 during the preschool to foundation transition program.

Our applied learning in numeracy has seen us explore angles in the school environment. We have learnt about the different types of angles such as acute and obtuse angles, and found them demonstrated everywhere in real life objects in the classroom, such as the blades of an open scissors. Discovering right angle and straight angle real life examples, dominated our investigation. They were everywhere! We discussed the importance of understanding angles for use in everyday life such as telling the time on a clock face and for building and construction.

We finally harvested our cauliflower with great excitement. The cauliflower was lovingly prepared and cooked in the 'kids kitchen' and served with homemade cheese sauce. We were very impressed with the delicious flavour of our home-grown vegetable. Yum. If only it didn't take so long to grow!

Mrs O'Connell



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Outside School Hours Care

This past week the students had fun participating in creating their own bookmarks to go along with our book week theme. The children decorated them with bright colours and beautiful personal touches. These will now be cut out and laminated for the children to take home.

Students also decorated their All About Me sneakers. The children filled out questions about their favourite things and spiced it up with beautiful decorations on the sneaker panels. This activity is to give a sense of belonging to the children in relation to the room and their peers. Having this small part of themselves being displayed in the room gives them a sense of belonging and bonds them closer to the other children through conversations about their likes and things in common.

For Father's Day, the children filled out questionnaires about their special person and decorated mugs to take home. There was a lot of creativity and love put into their mugs and it was great to see the smiles on the children and recipients faces. Happy Father's Day to all the special people in our community.

This week In after school care as part of the weekly program, we participated in Colourful Coral and Marble Effect. Colourful coral is where we use coloured vinegar and add drops to the baking soda to create coral like pieces. The children had so much fun with this activity and experimented what the small and big drops looked like and if they could make them change colour.

For the marble effect, milk, food dye and dishwashing liquid is used to make a scattering effect in the milk, which causes the dye drop to either get bigger or make different shapes. As we continued to keep adding drops, the children found that the milk created a different effect where if you dipped your finger in the milk the dishwashing liquid would cause little droplets to skid across the water and then pop causing a droplet effect in the milk. It was amazing to see the children experimenting and getting creative with both experiments and discussing their findings with each other.

Ms Saunders



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ARDMONA PS STEP INTO PREP



We are still accepting enrolments for the 2024 school year.

Our experienced teachers and engaging curriculum offer children the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe, nurturing environment.



Transition Dates

Oct 4th - 9am - 12.30pm
Oct 11th - 9am - 12.30pm
Oct 18th - 9am - 12.30pm
Oct 25th - 9am - 12.30pm
Nov 8th - 9am - 1.30pm
Nov 15th - 9am - 1.30pm
Nov 29th - 9am - 1.30pm
Dec 13th - 9am - 3.15pm



Our transition days will include the following activities -

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Arts and Crafts
- Cooking
- Music
- Sports
- STEM(Lego)

Structuring lessons and setting goals are strategies that create the routine rich predictable learning environment that our students flourish within.

We offer an amazing Outside School Hours Care program that runs before school from 7am - 9am and from 3.15pm - 6pm after school.

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More Information

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Please contact us to schedule a tour and learn more about the enrolment process.



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WHAT WE DO WELL

WE VALUE FAIRNESS & INCLUSION

- WE ARE WELCOMING
- WE CELEBRATE **ABORIGINAL CULTURE** WITH THE INCLUSION OF BOOKS, STORIES, FLAG, CELEBRATIONS
- WE CELEBRATE **POSITIVE STORIES** ATTENDANCE & ACHIEVEMENTS
- THE STUDENTS & STAFF UNDERSTAND THE **SIGNIFICANCE** OF OUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
- PARENT & KOORI STAFF PRESENCE AS A VITAL **Link** KESO & SCHOOL COUNCIL

ARDMONA PRIMARY SCHOOL

CELEBRATION of YORTA YORTA CULTURE

CULTURE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

HOW WE CAN IMPROVE

- ONGOING **SUSTAINABLE CULTURAL PROGRAMS** INSTEAD OF ONE-OFF PROJECTS
- MAKE A **CULTURAL EVENT** **TIMETABLE** LINKED TO THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM
- BUILD ON **PARTNERSHIPS & PATHWAYS** WITH **ASHE** RATHER THAN SHORT VISITATIONS
- CREATE **PARTNERSHIPS** WITH **REMOTE SCHOOLS**

WHAT SUPPORT AND RESOURCES ARE NEEDED?

- ONGOING **MINI CAMPFIRE CONVERSATIONS** TO CONTINUE TO FURTHER RAISE **CULTURAL AWARENESS & INCLUSIVENESS**
- SUSTAIN LINKS TO **LOCAL ABORIGINAL** COMMUNITY & ORGANISATIONS

CONVERSATIONS

INCLUSIVITY

WHAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO

- CULTIVATE A RICH LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT **CELEBRATES LOCAL INDIGENOUS** KNOWLEDGE, HISTORY & **CULTURE**
- **STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS** BETWEEN THE WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNITY PARENTS, CARERS, STUDENTS, STAFF



IT'S ABOUT FAMILY!

- RECOGNISE THE **SEWB** BENEFITS OF OUR SCHOOL DOG

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OUR SCHOOL INCLUDES:

We are located 4km from the Mooroopna CBD and surrounded by beautiful fruit orchards. Our school has a wonderful outdoor learning area, kids kitchen, a synthetic basketball court and wonderful new learning and play line markings. Come and discover the magic of Ardmona Primary School, where achieving your child's personal success is our top priority.

Visit our website to learn more and enrol your child today.



BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL

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 & 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

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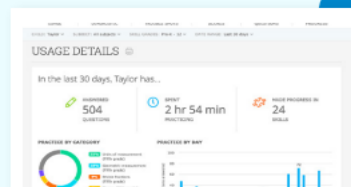
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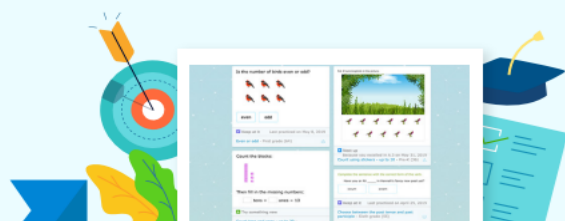
We're using IXL to support our curriculum this year, and your child has access to this online programme at home. With thousands of skills that match what we're learning, as well as insights into student progress, IXL is a great resource to help your child excel.



Unlimited practice in 5,500+ skills



Progress-tracking reports



Personalised skill recommendations



Certificates and awards



IXL MOBILE APPS

Available for iPad and iPhone, Android tablets and phones, and Kindle Fire!

Have your child sign in today at <http://au.ixl.com/signin>

username

password

If your child needs help signing in, please contact his or her teacher.



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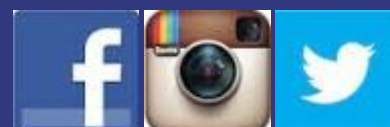
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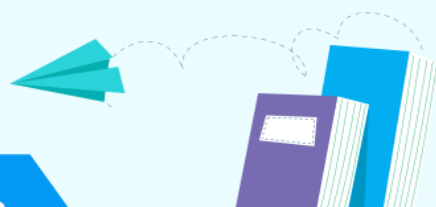
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TOP WAYS TO USE IXL AT HOME

- 1 Explore personalised skill suggestions**
Encourage your child to visit their Recommendations wall for helpful review or new challenges—it's full of skills picked just for them!
- 2 Stay in the loop**
Sign in to your child's account and click on Analytics to see what they've been working on and take a peek at their progress.
- 3 Celebrate your child's accomplishments**
Want to receive certificates whenever your child reaches a milestone? Sign in, click on their profile icon, and enter your e-mail address under "Profile & settings".



SMARTSCORE CORNER

What is IXL's SmartScore?

The SmartScore is the best possible measure of how well your child understands a skill! It factors in question difficulty, answer accuracy and consistency.

You can adjust SmartScore goals as you go

Aim for 80 or 90, which shows a strong understanding of a skill. For an extra challenge, try for mastery (a score of 100).

The SmartScore is not a percentage score

Unlike percentage-based scoring, the SmartScore is truly smart. Even if a student gets a question wrong, it's always possible to reach a 100.

Taking breaks is always okay

If your child needs to pause their practice, they can always return to a skill later—all progress will be automatically saved!



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