

# NEWSROUND

## Principals Message

### Dear Parents and Community Members,

The past fortnight has been productive with an abundance of learning linked to local news, linking with 'Behind the News' program and referencing world issues in research, dress up day with students beyond 100 days of schooling for the year and arrival of books for our book fair that shall take place during the next few weeks. Alongside of this has been the wonderful work of Mrs O'Connell in the rejuvenation of science studies and environmental awareness projects studying worms and plants.

Staff are up to date with First Aid after a session completed in Shepparton during the week.

A wonderful opportunity for myself to reconnect with the students and learning programs within the school. Congratulations to the students who have been working on building their handwriting skills. Practice is essential so please continue to do this at home.

A wonderful addition to their learning at home could be a home diary or notepad to reflect on their ideas and thoughts. I congratulate each student this week who attended bringing along their special items from photographs to special treasure to share with the group a wonderful opportunity for the students to connect personally and share their interests with each other.

## School Council

A reminder that our next School Council meeting is scheduled for this coming Tuesday, the 15th of August 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 have been sent out with the finance reports being available from 3.30pm in the Nurture Room prior to the meeting.

## Book Week and Book Fair

This year we have been fortunate enough to be able to hold our Scholastics Book Fair throughout the week of Book Week which will run from Monday the 21st of August until Friday the 25th of August. As we have a school excursion on Friday the 25th we will have our Book Week Dress Up on Thursday the 24th of August.

## Uniform and Signage Update—Campfire Conversations

We are currently working on adding a new polo design to our school uniform which will be additional to our current polos. We are working with sportswear company TWP who are adding our schools indigenous design to the polo which was done by local Yorta Yorta lady Tanayah Cranage. Once we have received the design and it is approved by school council we will release it on Facebook.

We are also working with the Sign Society from Cobram on using the same cultural design as the polos as we look to add an acknowledgement of country to the from of our school!



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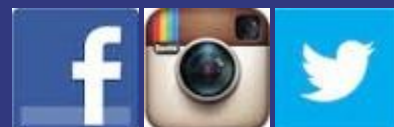
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## School Attendance

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 2023, 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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# 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<br>Anastacia The Musical | 13                       | 14  |
| 17<br>Shepparton Art Museum | 18<br>Dance Workshop | 19                          | 20                       | 21  |
| 24                          | 25<br>Rui Vet Visit  | 26                          | 27                       | 28  |
| 31                          | August 1             | 2                           | 3                        | 4   |
| 7                           | 8                    | 9                           | 10<br>Hockey Roadshow    | 11<br>Red Noses Day                         |
| 14                          | 15                   | 16<br>Healthy Lunch Box Day | 17                       | 18  |
| 21<br>Book Week—Book Fair   | 22                   | 23                          | 24<br>Book Week Dress Up | 25<br>Bendigo Science Centre                |
| 28                          | 29                   | 30                          | 31                       | September 1                                 |
| 4                           | 5                    | 6                           | 7                        | 8   |
| 11                          | 12                   | 13                          | 14<br>DECA Excursion     | 15<br>Last Day of Term<br>Footy Colours Day |

## AWESOME ARDMONA AWARD



**Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be A Learner.**

The Week 5 AAA recipient is Elora Honey.

Elora was nominated for Being a Learner as she continues to achieve her learning goals in both literacy and numeracy.

She always gives 110% to every task and always displays the school values of Being Safe and Being Respectful every day.

**Keep up the incredible work Elora!**



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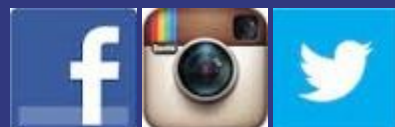
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# Star of the Week

## Stars of the Week!

**Jayden Cauchi**  
(F-6)



*Well done to Jayden for being a kind and caring class member who always thinks of others. Keep being you!*

*Keep up the great work Jayden!*

## Classroom News

I cannot believe we are already halfway through Term 3. We have had an exciting 2 weeks with lots of fun and learning happening. The students have successfully completed their goal to fill a jar with stickers and have been enjoying rewards of encouragement along the way. Today we enjoyed a well deserved McDonald's lunch.

We attended the Hockey Roadshow Thursday morning and would like to thank them for giving us hats, balls, and hockey sticks and for showing us how to play hockey.

Our 100 days of school celebration was well supported and enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the parents and carers out there that helped with their child's costume. They all looked fabulous!

A big congratulations goes to Elora for jumping 4 goals in her number fluency this week.

We are starting a unit on money for numeracy and will be practicing buying and selling things by setting up a shop in the classroom.

It's fantastic to see the confidence growing in students with their reading, spelling, and writing over the last few weeks. A special mention to David and Nate who have shown great improvement in their writing this week. Well done boys! I encourage all students to keep practising their reading and spelling at home.

Looking forward to a great second half of the term. Enjoy the weekend!

**Mrs. Answer**



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# Life-skills and Respectful Relationships

Our focus in Respectful Relationships continues around help seeking strategies. We are exploring how to decide whether problems are big or small (or in between!) and how to practice effective communication skills to seek help when we need it. We are learning about how character strengths of others we seek help from, can influence the conflict resolution outcome. Our learning also provides insight on how our character strengths relate to the level of help we seek in situations where we feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

For National tree day, our school received a donation of native trees, shrubs and perennials for our students to plant. We were very happy to 'value add' to our schools' landscape and contribute to this nature care event by Planet Ark. We chose a spot to plant near our back oval which may provide a small shelter belt to our school yard. We erected tree guards and sectioned off this area for maintenance and protection. Each week our growing vegetables receive squeals of delight at the amazement of the growth rate. Our learning about living things that grow in nature have been reinforced by our recent Environmental Science lessons, themed around plants and their needs to survive.

Mrs O'Connell



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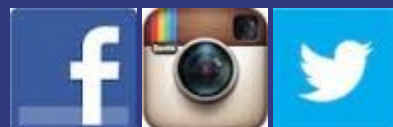
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# Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

## WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.



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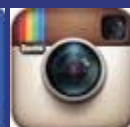
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## WHAT WE DO WELL

### 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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## SCHOOL TOURS

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AVAILABLE  
NOW



**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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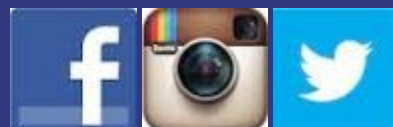
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# ARDMONA PLAYGROUP



A GREAT WAY FOR CHILDREN AGED  
3-5 YEARS AND THEIR PARENTS  
TO MEET AND EXPERIENCE OUR  
WONDERFUL COMMUNITY

WEDNESDAY  
MORNINGS  
9.30AM -  
10.30AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT OUR  
EARLY YEARS TEACHER NICOLLE  
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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.

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# Shepparton Family & Financial Services

Dear School Community Household,

We are delighted to inform you of an exclusive opportunity available to you as a resident of Victoria. The Victorian Government is offering a Power Savings Bonus of \$250 to all households, and we at Shepparton Family and Financial Services (SFFS) are here to help you access this valuable benefit.

SFFS are a local not-for-profit organisation that provides emergency relief services to struggling Shepparton residents. We encourage you to visit our website at <https://www.bffs.org.au/> for more information about the range of services we provide to the Shepparton community.

By partnering with us to apply for the Power Savings Bonus, you not only stand to receive the bonus directly into your bank account or by cheque, but you also contribute to supporting our ongoing efforts to assist community members facing hardship.

In recognition of our commitment to serving the community, the Victorian government has granted SFFS access to their Portal. This means that in addition to helping you secure the Power Savings Bonus, we can also ensure that you are getting the best possible deal with your current energy provider or explore alternative options available to you.

To apply for the Power Savings Bonus, we have simplified the process for your convenience. Simply email all pages of your most recent electricity bill to **[sheppartoner@bffs.org.au](mailto:sheppartoner@bffs.org.au)** along with your **contact phone number**. It's a straightforward and hassle-free way to access this financial support.

Should you have any questions or require any assistance during the application process, our dedicated team at Shepparton Family and Financial Services is here to help.

By choosing SFFS as your partner in obtaining the Power Savings Bonus, you are not only benefiting yourself but also making a positive impact on the local community. We deeply appreciate your consideration and look forward to assisting you with this opportunity.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to both benefit yourself and support the Shepparton community.

Kind regards

Tracey Todd

Emergency Relief Support Worker

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