

# NEWSROUND

## Principals Message

### Dear Parents and Community Members,

An enormous hello to you all this week as our news celebrates the work ethic of our students across the school in both classrooms!

During regular class walk through observations, evidence is there of students working at a range of levels and teachers targeting activities so to teach at each students point of need. At this stage of the term each student has updated individual education plans in place reflecting on learning goals and targets. An example may be "To increase oral recall of high frequency words from 25 to 50 by the end of term 1." These plans are regularly restructured according to student learning needs and extensions. A key factor with the success of these learning plans is the connection with you as parents during the review progress which shall be scheduled periodically to discuss and review your child's progress and set new learning goals. Teachers are available to discuss these plans via direct contact.

### NEW STAFF MEMBER

Welcome to teacher Mrs Kayelene Jeffery who has joined our team. Kayelene will be here each week on Thursday and Friday. My knowledge of Kaylene is that her work is widespread with a great deal of experience in education over the past years in both public and private sectors. Kayelene presents with a strong knowledge and experience in supporting students in formal intervention programs including but not limited to reading intervention, literacy and running personal tutoring programs for extension and revision. Kayelene is working across the school with individual program support along with extension.

### PUPIL FREE DAY

A note that the 16<sup>th</sup> of March is a designated **Pupil Free Day** for students with staff having to undertake professional development learning at school. Whilst this is a day at home you are most welcome to make opportunity and continue learning via Mathletics, Writers notebook and or Reading eggs. Looking forward to hearing of your successes if this is the case. This one is an individual choice and is not at all expected from the school.

### SCHOOL LAPTOP DEVICES FOR SALE

We now only have 7 computer devices available for purchase for interested parties at a cost of \$100 each. If you are seeking a computer at all please contact the school on Tuesday afternoon via Janne our technician. Payment can be made at the office or online. Once paid we can then organise these for collection.

### STUDENT LEADERS

Personal interest programs in student leadership are well established in the senior room lead by Mr Tunks and Mr Turner which presently include assembly and welcoming of visitors to our school. Senior students are an enthusiastic and vibrant group and are most important in steering new initiatives and directions a recent example feedback on our buildings work. I commend them for their contributions.

### ONLINE NEWSLETTER REMINDER

Most newsletters are found online with the exception of those who request a hard copy. To request a hard copy of the weekly news please contact Mr Turner.

### Inside:

- Class Information
- Stars of the Week
- Dr Cranky's Project



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## SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

A reminder that school uniform is compulsory at all times unless we have out of uniform days. If your child is out of uniform, please write a note with the reason as to why they are out of uniform so they can pass onto their classroom teachers. If you require additional uniform, the school uniform list is attached to the back of the newsletter or you can get a copy from the front office.

## FORMS TO BE RETURNED

A reminder that there are still a number of families that are still yet to return forms that were sent out during the first week of school. These forms were due in on the 12th of February. The forms that need to be returned are.

- Emergency Contact and Phone Number (even if there are no changes).
- Application form for Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (Copy of valid concession card required).
- Student Levy Contribution Option.
- Mobile Library Form (MARC).
- Internet Protocol—One per child depending on year level and class

If you require any more of these forms, please see Mr Turner ASAP.

## SPORT AND HEALTH

Our school has a comprehensive Sport and Physical Education Program developed by Mr Tunks and Turner with daily program connections to the Victorian Essential Learning Standards. Along with the health benefits it is important to recognise the social benefits associated with sport, including but not limited to:

- Developing relationships
- Cooperating with others
- Working towards a goal
- Experiencing success

Incorporated within the program students participate in a variety of Health sessions per week with teachers consolidating knowledge within their weekly timetable. An example is year 6 students who are working on personal development social and emotional wellbeing linked with Life Education.

## ONGOING COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

- All essential visitors must report to the front office and use hand sanitiser on entry.
- Extra cleaning will be performed throughout the day.
- Masks are to be worn in all locations where social/physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- If students feel unwell, or have COVID related signs and symptoms, they MUST NOT attend school. If students develop symptoms whilst at school they will need to be collected.

## 2020 OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

A reminder that there are still outstanding books that have not been returned from 2020. So to avoid a fee can you check at home if any overdue library books. If your child has received a slip regarding overdue books but has returned it already then please ignore it.



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# SCHOOL COUNCIL

School council is the legally formed body that is given powers to set the key directions of a school. It is the major governing body of the school that, within DET guidelines, decides the future directions for the school and oversees the school's operation.

Becoming a member of School Council is an excellent way to become involved in our school. Much of the work of School Council is achieved through the following committees -Communications and Policy, Finance as well as Buildings and Grounds.

Each of these Committees consists of parents and teachers. Parents do not have to be a member of School Council to be a member of one of these Committees and the Council's Committees generally meet once a month.

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Give it some additional thought and if you are interested in joining.

Please contact our School Council President Nikia or alternatively visit the school where we can provide any additional information. Nomination forms for self-nomination and other are available at the office. We look forward to welcoming you. Our next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting which will place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March commencing at 4pm sharp at school.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 Labour Day	9	10	11	12
15	16 Pupil Free Day	17	18	19
22	23 School Council AGM	24	25	26
29 Athletics Day	30	31	1 April	2 End of Term



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# Awesome Ardmona Award



We welcome back the AAA award this term. 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.**

This week we had many nomination which is fantastic to see. Week 6 AAA is Peter Traval.

Peter was nominated for BEING A LEARNER in the school yard by teaching some of the early years students how to play during some of our sports sessions and helping them understand the rules.

**Fantastic work Peter!**

## ROAR AWARDS

ROAR stands for “**Recognising Outstanding Attendance Rewards**” and we will be congratulating students who achieve 100% attendance for the week prior:

**For the week of 25th February to 3rd March, the following students obtained 100% attendance:**

Chayton Charquero (Prep)

Mansi Charquero (Gr.1)

Hayley Oliver (Prep)

Maddex Snelling (Gr. 3)

Jed Traval (Gr.2)

Maddison Traval (Gr.3)

Macey Weidenbach (Gr.1)

Blake Young (Gr.1)

Jayden Young (Gr.3)

Masnehaj Bajwa (Gr.6)

Colt Cowan (Gr.5)

Jedd Loffel (Gr.6)

Beau Lummas (Gr.6)

Jamie-Lea Lummas (Gr.5)

Ruby Madill (Gr.6)

Hudson Matthews (Gr.4)

Ryder Matthews (Gr.6)

Ariella Parker (Gr.5)

Sommer Owen-Scott (Gr.6)

Xander Snelling (Gr.4)

Peter Traval (Gr.4)



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## Awards

### Stars of the Week!

Montannah Cowan (P-3)

Hudson Matthews (4-6)



*Well done to Montannah for demonstrating a strong love, passion and excitement for learning and giving every task a red hot go! Her growth in learning so far is astounding! Well done Montannah!*



*Well done to Hudson for excellent reading this week. I am truly impressed with how far Hudson has progressed with his reading. He has progressed a number of goals so far this year and has a great understanding and love of reading. Keep up the fantastic work Hudson!*

## Enrolments for 2021.

**We are now accepting enrolments for the 2021 School Year. There are information packs at the front office. If you have a Prep or any year level student for 2021, or know someone who does please don't hesitate to contact the office to arrange to collect a pick up of the Enrolment Pack. Also please pass this information on to any interested families you might know.**



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## Grade P—3 Classroom News

This week in the early years we have continued to explore our text *Alpacas with Maracas* as we look for rhyming words and characters in our stories. The students have also been exploring consonant and vowel letters, letter ID, and the 5 senses to support both Reading and Writing. We have also looked into the concept of Friendship and our role in making sure we are good friends through the book *Pearl Barley & Charlie Parsley*. Some values that the students came up with were keeping your hands to yourself, being respectful and kind, playing with everyone, and sharing. This has also tied into our Junior students voting for the Ardmona School Captain for 2021 and giving three reasons for why they believe their chosen student will be a good leader.

In Numeracy this week, the Early Years students explored ordering numbers, number names and values, locating objects by using prepositions, 2D and 3D shapes, and odd and even numbers.

We have also been loving GoNoodle dances, songs, and movement activities that support getting the body moving in a fun and enjoyable way! You may like to try some videos at home <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2YBT7HYqCbbvzu3kKZ3wnw>

We are continuing to look for donations to grow our class collection of construction play materials. If you have any items you and your family would be willing to donate that may be lying around the house, we will gladly accept to support our play in the Early Years! We ask that items are clean and do not include toilet rolls or tissue boxes. Items such as tea boxes, cardboard boxes, shoe boxes, containers, are wonderful. If you have any questions about this or are unsure about what you could donate, please feel free to contact Miss Walker or Ms Varty.

Miss Walker

## Grade 4—6 Classroom News

During literacy this week we have started a new reading strategy of reading aloud with expression. We have been looking at voice actors and how they use expression to make movies and stories more interesting.

We have finished our writing topic of recounts and the students have created fantastic and informative recounts about 15 mile creek camp and their holidays and are on display in our classroom. Our new writing topic that we have just begun is narratives.

In maths we have continued on with our work on place value and in particular have been looking at factors and multiples of numbers and also working out how to find the highest common factor and lowest common multiple of sets of numbers.

Just a friendly reminder for all students to make sure they read at home every night even if it is only for 10-15 minutes and to also practice your spelling words.

Mr Tunks.



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# WADJINY PERFORMANCE

Last Friday afternoon we were lucky enough to have indigenous perform Troy James from Performance In Education visit the school and perform **Wadjiny**.

For over 25 years Troy has shared his unique skills and knowledge in Australia and internationally with students and at numerous festivals and cultural showcases.

Troy is a touring performing artist who travels with his little puppy Merri to perform Wadjiny all throughout Australia.

Troy uses song, music and didgeridoo, dance, artefacts, examples of ancient rock and cave paintings and firemaking demonstrations to tell the stories of his people.

This interactive cultural awareness programme is delivered in a fun and educational learning environment where Troy quickly builds rapport with students. He tailors the content to the age of his audience and all programmes are designed to be thought provoking and to encourage discussion of his rich and diverse culture.

Troy's energy was infectious to all. He was highly entertaining. We recommend him to other schools who desire information delivered with enthusiasm. Troy's presentation opened our eyes to some cultural specifics of Indigenous Australians.

We would like to thank Troy for his passion and willingness to share.



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# DR CRANKY'S BIKE PROJECT

Last week we had a guest visitor Bart Sbeghen from Dr Cranky's in Flemington to discuss the possible participation of the Dr Cranky's Bike Project within our school. Bart was kind enough to talk to Ariella, Ruby, Jedd and Xander from the senior class about how the program first started back at Flemington Primary School in 2014.

Bart touched on the program from in its early days when he and the project started fixing bikes for students in preparation for the annual Ride2School Day and when they fixed 5 to 10 bikes in the first year and have now fixed and gifted over 1,900 bikes.

Below is more information passed on from Bart regarding future plans which also explains that we need at least one parent volunteer to get the program up and running.

**Bike riding has become very important as a form of exercise and family activity during Covid. But there are many children and families that don't have access to a working bike. Dr Cranky's aims to change this by empowering the local community.**

**This year, post Covid, we plan to open 15 new Bicycle Hospitals at schools. These are run by parent volunteers with support of Dr Cranky's and the local council. Dr Cranky's provides the tools, spare parts and training for the parents who repair and recycle bikes at the school. The usual practice is to run the Bicycle Hospital one day a week before and after school with two or more parent volunteers. See the [guide](#) for more.**

**Parents can also work from home fixing bikes and distributing them from the school. The donated or repair bikes get locked up near school and volunteers pick them up, fix them and lock them back. This way we can help get people riding while complying with Covid restrictions. See attached flyer. We've done over 200 bikes at schools using this process and got whole families riding.**

**There is no cost to the school but we rely on parent volunteers to run the program with Dr Cranky's support including tools, parts, training and insurance. We have one local community volunteer in who is willing to help. We are partnering with the council and VicHealth on this project.**

Please let Mr Turner know if you are interested in volunteering. If you are interested it would only take up about an hour of your time each week. We are keen to get as many children and families riding at Ardmona PS as possible.



Here is a bike that Xander, Jedd, Ruby and Ariella put together with the assistance of Bart. The bike was also donated on behalf of Bart and the Dr Cranky's Bike Hospital Project.



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# UNIFORM ORDER

(Prices Include GST)



STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	SIZES	PRICE	ORDER		
			Number Or-	Size	Total
POLO SHIRT – 'Aussie Pacific' –	6-16	\$35			
POLO SHIRT – 'Aussie Pacific' –	S & up	\$40			
SHORTS – Red – LWR	6-16	\$20			
TRACKSUIT – 'Eureka' – Jacket	4-16	\$85			
SCHOOL JACKET ONLY	4-16	\$45			
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@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:ardmona.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)

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

## Direct Deposit

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# supporting young people during COVID-19

headspace Shepparton in partnership with headspace National, are hosting a webinar for parents and carers of young people to support their mental health through COVID-19.

Information presented will:

- Strengthen your understanding of mental health and mental health literacy.
- Build skills and strategies to support the mental health and wellbeing of your young person, including their transition to work and study.
- Build awareness of local, state and national supports available to young people.
- Showcase local headspace centre community resources.

The webinar will consist of a presentation on youth mental health, followed by a panel with guest speakers.

## When

Thursday 25th March 2021  
7pm – 8.15pm AEDT

## How do I register?

[Click here](#) to register via Eventbrite, or type the URL below into your web browser:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/shepparton-covid-19-parent-and-carer-webinar-supporting-young-people-registration-133808265123>

After you have registered, you will receive an email confirmation from Eventbrite which will include the Zoom meeting link to access the webinar.

## Contact

For more information email:  
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