

NEWSROUND

Principals Message

Dear Parents , Carers and Community Members,

Hello to you all and welcome to the week 9 edition of the weekly newsletter. It's crazy to sit back and think that there are only just 2 weeks left of the school year. It shapes to be a very busy final two weeks with transition days taking place next Tuesday the 7th of December as well as our Awards Day, Grade 6 Graduation and Books in Homes book giving assembly to all take place in the final week on Tuesday the 14th of December!

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS AND YEAR 6 GRADUATION

This period is a significant milestone in a child's life. It is a time filled with mixed emotions in particular the excitement and nervousness as they anticipate the new opportunities, challenges and adventures that change brings. In celebrating the end of the year milestones for our students we shall be holding an afternoon awards ceremony at the school which shall override the annual evening event that takes place. For parents and guardians that are eager to attend a WebEx link shall be available so to join in the event with COVID restrictions impacting on attendees at the school. This shall be relayed to you all via uEducateUs. The date set is December the 14th commencing at 2:30pm.

PREP AND SECONDARY STUDENTS TRANSITIONS

Prep Transition

Transition students from kinder to school will continue with the final transition day to be on Tuesday the 7th of December which is the same as the state wide transition day. This will be a full transition day from 9am—3.15pm.

Secondary Transition

Greater Shepparton Secondary College schools will host an orientation day for Y6 students which is scheduled for Tuesday the 7th of December. This date will differ for private schools. Families also need to be aware the individual high schools will often require further documentation as part of the enrolment process. It is your responsibility to ensure you have been in communication with your preferred school to ensure you have met all their requirements.

UNIFORM ORDERS

Please refer to the attached information as per prices for uniform purchases. Orders can only be made via the school so be sure to see Mr Turner. Our next order will be placed on Friday the 10th of December so if you require uniform for next year then please see Mr Turner prior to next Friday.

BOOKS IN HOMES BOOK GIVING ASSEMBLY

We are all booked in the have our Term 4 Books in Homes book giving assembly on Tuesday the 14th of December. Once again we are so appreciative for being a part of the Books in Homes Program and once again very thankful for the donation of the books thanks to the Kensington Gardens Craft Group.

2022 DOXA CAMP

Doxa camp is set for June 2022 although whilst it is early in our news please consider that payment plans can be put into place so to accommodate our Melbourne campers with the anticipated cost approximately \$160 per student.



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PREP TRANSITION DAY RECAP

This Wednesday we have held our fourth Prep/Foundation 2022 transition session. We are very excited as these sessions have been conducted in class sessions with enrichment programs linked to whole language and thematic units of work. We have only a one more of these fabulous sessions to go in the next week on the December 7th. If you or someone you know, has not yet enrolled their Prep aged child into school for next year yet, we highly recommend you do so soon as our list is fast filling up! Already we have 6 Foundation enrolments which is exciting.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Just a reminder that our breakfast program is back up and running until the end of the year. If any student requires breakfast before class commences then please see Mr Turner who can be found in the kids kitchen.

Breakfast Club is in the Kids Kitchen and is open from 8.30am until 8.50am.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our next meeting shall take place on Tuesday the 7th of December commencing at 3:45pm. The agenda has been sent to for all school council members on uEducateUs. We look forward to connecting with you for our final meeting of the year.

HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH HOME READING

Give your child lots of opportunities to read aloud. Inspire your young reader to practice every day! Here are some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader:

- Don't leave home without it Bring along a book or magazine any time your child has to wait, such as on a car trip, at a doctor's office. Always try to fit in reading!
- Once is not enough Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps children read more quickly and accurately.
- Dig deeper into the story Ask your child questions about the story you've just read. Say something like, "Why do you think Clifford did that?"
- Take turns and join in Reading aloud to your child is just as important as them reading to you. When they listen to reading they hear the expression in your voice and the language structures needed to develop their own reading.
- Be patient when your child is trying to sound out a tricky word, give him or her time to do so. Remind your child to use strategies they have learned at school.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE: "IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY!"

Now that we are well and truly back onsite fulltime, attendance is vitally important. As our students have missed out on so much time at school it is especially important that they are at school on time and every day.

Of course, if your child is unwell, they need to stay home. Please contact the office if your child is sick or will be late due to an appointment. We appreciate your support on this important matter.



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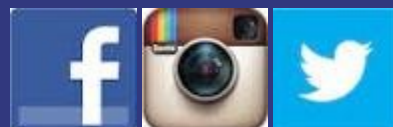
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KEEPING COVID SAFE

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS ATTENDING SCHOOLS

All parents and carers attending schools, including for drop off and pick up must also adhere to physical distancing, density limits, face mask requirements and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

Parents and carers who enter school buildings must check in using the QR code.

Parents and carers **who enter school buildings** must also have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by 29 November 2021 or have a valid medical exception with the following limited exceptions:

- when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school
- when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/carer.
- when attending for a momentary period that does not involve any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project or similar.

Parents and carers attending any event or activity inside a school building including, but not limited to tours, graduations, kindergarten transition, whole of school events are required to show evidence of vaccination.

Meetings and other discussions (such as Student Support Group meetings) with parents and carers who do not meet vaccination requirements should be held virtually.

Parents and carers attending school sites for drop off and pick up who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements.

PARENTS AND CARERS VISITING SCHOOL SITES

Under the Department's policy [COVID-19 Vaccinations – Visitors and Volunteers on School Sites](#) parents and carers who enter school buildings must have had at least one COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID19 vaccine by 29 November or have a valid medical exception, with certain exceptions prescribed in the Department's policy.

In accordance with this policy, our school will ask all parent to use the office door entry when entering school buildings, check-in using the QR Code, and show office staff their vaccination status or a valid medical exception. Vaccination information of parents and cares will not need to be recorded, unless they are attending the school to work on site.

SAFE PICK UP AND DROP OFF OF STUDENTS

A reminder to all parents and guardians.

- Please ensure that you are abiding with the speed zones in driving practice when dropping off and or picking up of students so that our children are safe. The speed zone is there so that students can walk across the car park safety after their dismissal from the exit gate by staff.
- Whilst there is ample parking at the front of the school, this is not recommended for the safe drop off and pick up of students with the recommended car park at the side of the school families
- Smoking is NOT permitted within the school grounds or within 4 metres of the school fence which does include the car park area.



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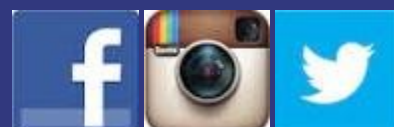
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Grade F—3 Star of the Week

Stars of the Week!

Maddi Traval (F-3)



Well done to Maddi who has shown 100% dedication to her work throughout the week. She was also a great helper with the transition day on Wednesday. Keep up the great work Maddi!

Grade F-3 Classroom News

This week in the Junior room has been a very warm and wild week. We have been trying to make sure we stay out of the surprise heat we had this week while still getting things done and having a great time. The countdown to Christmas started in our classroom this week, with students eagerly trying to figure out exactly how many days it was until Christmas. Our Christmas tree went up in our classroom and we started working on a paper chain to decorate the classroom with.

Of course this week in English has been procedural texts and students write their own "How to's". Some students used flow charts and pictures while others went for a step-by-step recipe approach. In Mathematics our focus has been on money with the students looking through catalogues and making lists of things they would buy within a certain budget.

Next year's Preps came and joined us again on Wednesday and they had a great time, staying until lunchtime this week. Next week, on the state-wide transition day, they will be staying for a whole day! It was amazing to see our Year 3 students step up and help out during the day, they are certainly starting to show they are ready for Grade 4.

Please remember to keep bringing in our reading bags so we can continue our home reading and with the weather this week, double check our drink bottles are filled up and ready to go. I am looking forward to the last two weeks of the year and cannot wait to see what next week will bring.

Mr Story



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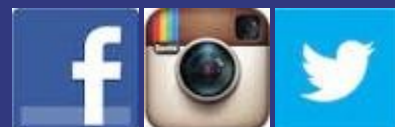
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Grade 4-6 Star of the Week

Stars of the Week!

Peter Traval (4-6)



Well done Peter for great work in writing. Peter has been completing a historical recount presentation about the invention of the bicycle. I have been impressed with his ability to put his research into his own words and has made his presentation flow nicely. Great work Peter!

Grade 4—6 Classroom News

In Literacy this week we have been focusing on reading aloud with expression and fluency. We have been watching videos of expert voice actors who read with fluency and expression. We have also been practicing reading aloud with expression and fluency with partners and small groups. This has linked well with our writing because we are beginning to start practicing our historical recount presentations. Students will present their research to their class mates which will be a lot of fun!

In numeracy this week we have been looking at location. We have been focusing on compass directions, the components of a map, and we have created our own treasure maps with co-ordinates and directions to find the hidden treasure.

On Friday the Grade 5/6's participated in a 'Harmony Champs' session run by the Lighthouse Foundation, which was very interesting and educational for all. This workshop focused on leadership and cultural education. A big thank you to the Lighthouse Foundation for providing us with this opportunity.

Mr Tunks



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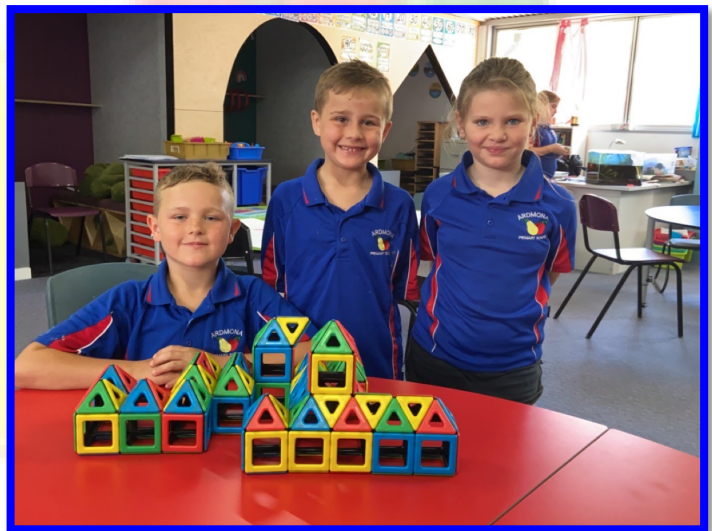
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UNIFORM ORDER

(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			
SHORTS – Red – LWR	S & up	\$25			
TRACKSUIT – 'Eureka' – Jacket with Pants	4-16	\$85			
TRACKSUIT – 'Eureka' – Jacket with Pants	S & up	\$85			
HAT – Bucket	S-M	\$15			
Beanie	1 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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