

# NEWSROUND

## Principals Message

### Dear Parents and Community Members,

A warm welcome to all of our students, their families and staff to week 3 of the 2021 weekly newsletter. Senior students have now arrived back from camp and are set for a busy Term 1 after a long most wonderful educational experience supported by Mr Tunks and Mr Turner.

I would like once again to especially welcome new students and families to our school and I hope that your partnership with us at Ardmona will be an enjoyable and positive experience. Our newest staff member Miss Walker certainly got the chance to get to know the students last week making connections with parents with a lot of positive feedback filtering back through.

### IMPORTANT COVID 19 SAFETY GUIDELINES

- Visitors to our school grounds are required to register with our signed QR Code. If you unable to sign in using the QR Code, please sign in using the school visitor book at the main office.
- As stated visitors must comply with physical distancing and face mask recommendations set out by the Department of Education, and practise good hand hygiene.
- There is no requirement to limit the number or type of visitors to school premises, however the density limit of 1 person per 2 square metres is applied to any spaces and activities being attended by parent/carers and other visitors. The density limit applies to all persons in the space, including students.
- Restrictions of parents entering classrooms need to be followed with parents attending to pick up of students of Foundation waiting externally to the classroom.
- Following the Government's announcements regarding new state-wide restrictions that came into effect at 11.59pm on Wednesday 3 February, visitors to school sites must also wear masks when indoors.
- To support contact tracing, all schools must keep a record of all staff, students and visitors who attend on-site for more than 15 minutes. Once again sign in is available at office or QR needs to be scanned.

### FOUNDATION STUDENTS

Foundation students each received their book pack at the end of last week and the excitement of being presented with additional reading resources for home was evident. Reading is a key to learning success so keep up the rigour of support at home with daily check in, modelling and guidance.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON ASSEMBLY

Our regular end of week assembly will take place each Friday afternoon commencing at 3.05pm for 2021 will be held tomorrow from 3pm in the multipurpose assembly area. At present we shall keep updating announcements and weekly achievement awards on uEducateUs and via newsletters with the intention to have parents and friends to attend in the near future.

#### Inside:

- Class Information
- Stars of the Week
- Camp Recap



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## PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

A meet and greet along with information about the routines and structures provided across the school shall take place on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March at 5.30pm in the schools multi-purpose music and dining room. We will cover of the use of uEducateUs as well as parts of the school curriculum such as the sports planner. If you have any questions or any items to discuss please feel free to contact us.

## NEWSLETTER TO MOVE ONLINE ONLY

The distribution of the weekly newsletter is about to move to only being accessible online only via uEducateUs, the school website or Facebook. The newsletter is posted online each week on a Friday.

On Friday afternoons from roughly 3.30pm you will be able to access the newsletter on the school website at <https://www.ardmonaps.vic.edu.au/newsround-archive>.

For parents and carers who have access to uEducateUs, you will also receive a notification once the newsletter has been published on uEducateUs.

## TUTOR LEARNING INITIATIVE

The 2020 school year was an extraordinary and challenging one for every school community. Many Victorian students spent much of Terms 2 and 3 learning remotely and Victorian schools and their communities made an exceptional effort to provide continuity of teaching and learning to our students during this time. During Term 4 teachers focussed on assessing student learning, addressing individual learning gaps and identifying those students who need extra support for their learning, using classroom-based observation and assessments. Presently we are in the process of employing an additional experienced teacher for learning support and extension who shall work alongside of students in learning catch up and extensions.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our first School Council meeting of the year will take place on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February at the school commencing at 4pm sharp. Note that new elections will take place for new office bearers and forms are available at the office. Our AGM shall take place in March where vacancies will be filled by interested parties.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
1 March	2	3	4	5
8	9 Labour Day	10	11	12
15	16 Pupil Free Day	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29 Athletics Day	30	31	1 April	2 End of Term



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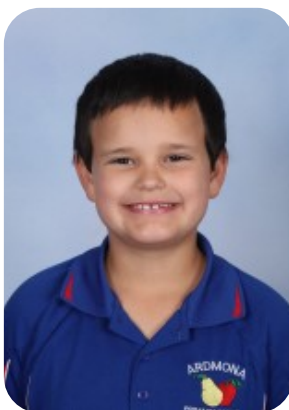
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# Awesome Ardmona Award



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 have had a few nominations, but after consultation the winner of the Week 3 AAA is Xander Snelling.

Xander was nominated for BEING A LEARNER in the classroom. Xander has been doing a fantastic effort with his quiet reading every morning. Keep up the great work Xander!

**Well done Xander!**

## 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 **4th February to 10th February**, the following students obtained 100% attendance:

Indiana Blake (Gr.1)

Chayton Charquero (Prep)

Montannah Cowan (Prep)

Matthew Gilbert (Prep)

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)

Harry Barker (Gr.6)

Lilli Blake (Gr.5)

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)

Amanda Rollins (Gr.4)

Xander Snelling (Gr.4)

Peter Traval (Gr. 4)



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## Awards

### Stars of the Week!

Hayley Oliver (P-3)

Peter Traval (4-6)



*Well done to Hayley for settling into life at school as a Prep! Hayley has demonstrated she is an enthusiastic learner who loves drawing, singing, sharing stories. Her confidence in learning has blossomed! Keep up the great work Hayley!*



*Well done to Peter for setting an excellent example whilst on camp. Peter participated enthusiastically in all activities that we completed at 15 Mile Creek. He was polite to all of his peers and staff members and showed great patience and determination. Fantastic effort Peter!*

## 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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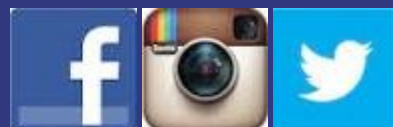
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## Grade P—3 Classroom News

Welcome back to school for 2021 and a big welcome to our new and Foundation students and families!

We hope you have all had a fantastic summer break and that you are looking forward to an exciting year.

In the Early Years we have been very busy getting back into the swing of school and getting to know each other. We have been reading lots of books and singing lots of songs!

There are a few reminders and things to note as we head into a very jam-packed Term 1!

- At home reading is essential to supporting your child and their reading skills! Remember to never cover the pictures and to talk about the story with your child. This term we are looking at predicting, beginning, middle, and end, recalling the text, and characters.
- Red reading bags will keep reading books safe! These should be brought to school every day with the reading log. If your child is missing a red reading bag or needs a replacement please let Miss Walker know.
- Students will need to bring an additional safe book bag for any borrowed Library books so they can safely go home.
- All children must wear sun smart hats until the end of April.
- For the month of February, Foundation students will continue to have a mid-week break from school on Wednesdays (17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> February).

It has been wonderful to meet all of you and your children and I am looking forward what is going to be wonderful year!

**Miss Walker**



Jed's Pablo Picasso inspired self-portrait created in art.

## Grade 4—6 Classroom News

Welcome to the first edition of the grade 4-6 news and I will start by saying how wonderful it is to have everyone back at school and to see how well all of the students have settled back into the classroom after our 15 Mile Creek camp at Greta South. For a much more detailed recount about camp please see Grade 5 student Ariella Parker's article in this week's newsletter!

In literacy this week we have begun practicing the comprehension strategy of predicting whilst reading and also looking at recount writing. In numeracy we have begun exploring place value and whole number.

All students have spelling sheets to take home as well as their take home reader bags and reading diaries to fill out, so please ensure reading and spelling is completed at home. I appreciate the support!

**Mn Tunks.**



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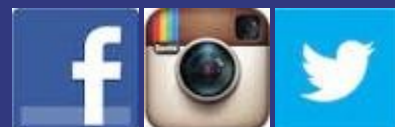
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# 15 Mile Creek Camp Recap by Ariella Parker

On Tuesday when we got to camp we were welcomed by the people from Undera and the camp workers.

We were put into our 2 groups which were Group 1 and Group 2. After we were in our groups, we went off in our groups we got a tour of the camp by our group teacher.

After our tour we got shown our cabins and we had to take all of our belongings to the cabins and choose our bed.

After we chose our bed we got back into our groups and started our first group activity. I was in group 2 and we went bike riding. After about 40 minutes we rode to Bert's Hut had afternoon tea then we went to Wombat Enclosure.

After we were at the Wombat Enclosure we played a game called Camouflage near the rock climbing wall then we went back to the camp and we helped make dinner then we had some free time.

We got some free time for about half an hour then we got called to go to the fire place Matt was our night teacher and we wrote in our little booklets.

After we done some writing in our booklets got to play another game called Sardines which was super fun then when we finished the game Matt read us a story then we all went to bed.

On Wednesday we woke up at 7:00am and got out of bed and got dressed then we all went outside and we got some free time for about 30 minutes then my group helped out with breakfast duty and about 15 minutes later we had it.

Once we had breakfast, we got some more free time then we got to change into our swimmers to go our first activity of the day which was Canoeing. When we got to the dam we helped pump up the inflatable canoes and put our life jackets on. We then got into the canoes and into the dam and figure out how to paddle with our teammate. We played a couple of fun little games and got to go swimming in the dam for a little bit it then we had morning tea.

We went back to the campsite got changed then we had lunch.

After lunch our second group activity for the day started as we done a little group bush walk and then started our main activity which was Orienteering around the campus. Once we finished our activity we had about an hour of free time then had a BBQ for dinner.

When we finished dinner we met at the fire place for our night activity with Matt.

Matt took us to the flying fox then when we got back we played sardines and it was very fun when we finished the game we wrote in our journals then Matt read us a story then all went to bed.



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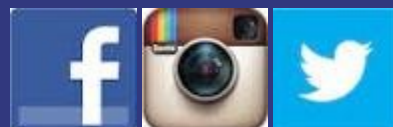
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# 15 Mile Creek Camp Recap Continued

On Thursday when we got up we had breakfast and had a little bit of free time when we were done. At about 9am we were ready to go and do our first activity of the day which was Rock Climbing. The Rock Climbing wall was about 10 metres high and only a couple of the other kids reached the very top.

When we got back to the campsite we had lunch before went off and went on a bush walk for our second activity of the day. Our group leader drove us to a walking spot about 5 minutes from camp. We had to walk through a farmers paddock so that we could get to the creek so we could go for a swim.

After our walk and swim we went back to camp we played a few games and had a bit of free time before dinner.

After dinner we went on a night Bush Walk with Matt and the teachers around the bush around the camp and we were even lucky enough to see an owl resting on a branch before it flew away after about 30 seconds.

When we got back to camp we played sardines then Matt read us a story then we went to bed.

On Friday we woke up and started packing our bags to go home. Once we finished packing we got some free time before breakfast. After we had it we went on a bushwalk and we played survival instinct game which involved there being 3 groups of the game which were herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

We went back to the camp and had a BBQ for lunch and played some games. Once we finished the games we had to say goodbye to the Undera staff and students and the staff from 15 Mile Creek.



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# JUNIOR CLASS ARTWORK



Here are our Foundation students on their first day of school!

Montannah, Matthew, Hayley and Chayton!



Portraits of each other/ friends and family.



A wonderful drawing of the ending of 'The Nice Little House' story, by Maddex.



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