**NEWSLETTER**  
Thursday 30th April 2015

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **Cluster Athletics Sports**  
  Friday 1st May  
  Willaura  
  All families welcome  
  Students must be at school at 8.15am

- **NAPLAN**  
  12-14th May

- **School Council**  
  Monday 11th May 6.00pm

- **Year 5/6 Ararat College Expo**  
  (During the school day)  
  Wednesday 20th May

- **Student and parent information evening Ararat College**  
  years 5/6  
  Wednesday 20th May 7.00pm

- **Cyber Safety workshop**  
  years 5&6  
  Ararat College  
  Thursday 21st May

- **Report writing day**

- **No school for students**  
  Monday 1st June

- **Queen’s Birthday Holiday**  
  School closed  
  Monday 8th June

- **School Council**  
  Monday 16th June 6.00pm

**Principal’s Comments**

Last week students from learning areas two and three attended a soccer clinic along with other schools from across the district. Students participated in skill building activities and then played a series of mini games. It was great to see our students mixing and working with others throughout the morning. Thank you to Pam and Sue for supporting our students throughout the day.

A great day was had last Friday at our athletics carnival for 2015. I was very pleased to see every child as they came and competed in the long distance running event. Every child completed the run – a fantastic result! It was wonderful to have lots of parents, family and friends come along and enjoy the day. A very big thank you to all parents who helped on the day with running an event or the BBQ. Also congratulations to Mr Johnson and school staff – another great day.

Tomorrow we will be heading off to the sports at Willaura. The sports are called the Lake Bolac and District Athletics Sports but are held at Willaura. Students need to be at school at 8.15 as the bell will go; students will come into class and get ready for the day. The bus will be leaving at 8.30am. Please help us by having everyone at school by 8.15. Thank you to those families who have notified us of those children travelling by private car to the sports. A program is attached for the day. Please bring it with you tomorrow as there will no programs available on the day. One final note about tomorrow - the clubrooms are for teachers and adults only (for tea and coffee). Students and young children are not to go into the buildings. The hot drinks etc are for adults only. The sports will start at 9.30am for those intending to come along and support our students.

GO NORTH! HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY!

Have a wonderful week.
Judy Hilbig

**MOTHERS DAY STALL**

There will be a Mother’s Day stall held on Friday 8th May. Students will be given the opportunity to visit the stall as a class and purchase small gifts for their mums. Students will only require a small amount of change as prices will be between $1.00-$5.00

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

The scholastic book fair is back for another year and will run from May 1st until May 14th. The books available will be displayed in the foyer for any parents and students to purchase.
CHAPLAINCY CHAT

You may not be aware that this week marks international teacher appreciation week. All around the world, students past and present are expressing their thanks to those who have taught them so many different skills. In our school, we are privileged to have an amazing team of dedicated teachers and support staff. I watch them so often go far beyond their job description to supply time, energy, inspiration and resources to ensure that our children have a positive learning experience. I would like to encourage students and parents alike to take a moment this week to simply say “thank you.” It can make such a difference to teachers who, just like us parents, also get tired and disappointed and frustrated, but who choose to push forward anyway.

Let me be the first to start the ball rolling: to all our teachers, our principal and our support staff THANK YOU. You make such a difference and we really appreciate you.

Your Chaplain,

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LUNCH ORDERS
Lunch orders are available on Wednesday and Friday. Please help us by writing orders on an envelope and sending the correct money. Please remember if children are having a lunch order they still need a morning snack from home.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND OUTSTANDING MONIES
Thank you to those families who have either paid or made payment arrangements with the school. If you haven’t done so please see Sue to make payment arrangements.

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