NEWSLETTER
Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} February 2015

\textbf{Principal’s Comments}

This week our year five and six students along with Mrs Christian, Michelle and Mr White attended the DOXA camp in Melbourne. The city experience provides students with a wonderful variety of opportunities to visit and learn about various places within the city boundary. Students have visited the Melbourne Museum, the Australian Centre for the Moving Image, the Old Melbourne Goal, taken a ride on the Melbourne Star, the Shrine of Remembrance and Queen Victoria Market. In addition to places of interest they have eaten at a variety of restaurants throughout the week which have included Malaysian, Greek, Afghan and Chinese foods! A wonderful week, we will look forward to hearing all about it next week when they return to school on Monday. On behalf of students and families I would like to thank Mrs Christian, Michelle and Mr White for both organising and taking time out from their own families to provide this wonderful experience for our students.

Other happenings around our school this week included a special morning tea for new families to our school. Thank you Alli for organising and preparing the yummy foods and for ensuring our new families are welcomed to our school and have an opportunity to link with other parents and learn about Ararat North Primary School.

Next week we have a small group of students who will travel to Wilaura to meet with other students from across a number of schools within our area to compete in swimming time trials in relation to the Black Range Zone Swimming for 2015. Each event has a qualifying time which students must meet before they are able to be entered. Attending the trial session will provide that element of competition for our students. Students will be accompanied by Mr White and Sue.

As this is our first full week of schooling for students there may be some tired children by the end of today, particularly our Foundation (Prep) students. It has been wonderful to watch them throughout the week and listen to their stories of delight as they discover new places and spaces and participate in the various activities that make up their program. We hope the weekend is restful and provides an opportunity for students to rest and recharge ready for week three term one.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig

\textbf{ASSEMBLY}
We would like to invite all families to our Friday assemblies. Student leaders organise and run these assemblies.
LOCAL EXCURSION PERMISSION, STUDENT DETAILS & DENTAL CONSENT FORMS

Forms were sent home last week with the school newsletter. If you haven’t returned them please help us by returning them as soon as possible. In addition to the local excursion and student details forms, consent forms for dental checks were handed out earlier this week. Appointments are already being set up for those who have returned forms, if you are intending to register for checks please return the permission pages early next week.

LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders are available on Wednesday and Friday. Please help us by writing orders on an envelope and sending the correct money.

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS 2015

The following parent contributions were set by School Council at the end of 2014. We would ask that families please establish a payment program with the school so we can continue to provide for each and every student. Council has outlined how these monies will be spent at each year level. Parents will be expected to make additional payments for extracurricular activities that take place throughout the year. Please see Sue to establish a payment program.

Parent contribution structure approved by council for 2015

P-2
- Book pack: $55.00
- Classroom supplies: $65.00
- ICT: $40.00
- Cultural activities/excursions: $40.00
- Total: $200.00

3-6
- Book pack: $55.00
- Classroom supplies: $65.00
- ICT: $40.00
- Cultural activities/excursions: $40.00
- Cooking: $40.00
- Total: $240.00

SCHOOL BANKING EVERY THURSDAY

Make 10 deposits at school this year and claim a great prize. ET Video, space cadets money box, glow in the dark solar system, intergalactic rocket, invisible ink pens or a lunar light band.

See Sue for details.

LEARN TO DANCE OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 5 & 6

Year 5 & 6 students have been offered a wonderful opportunity this year by Ararat’s Jailhouse Rock Festival organising committee – FREE ROCK AND ROLL DANCE LESSONS, after school at the Senior Citizen’s clubrooms in Barkly Street. Lessons commence on Thursday the 12th February and conclude on Thursday the 5th of March starting at 4.00pm. Lessons are for one hour, finishing at 5.00pm. Parents are welcome to join in the fun and lean the dances. Please note parents will be responsible for children participating; this will not be a school teaching staff supported activity.

Insurance Policy

Please read the below details to ensure you are fully aware of the Department of Education and Training policy regarding insurance cover should an accident happen at school.

- Parents/guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.
- Parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.
- The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

To help us at school could all school jumpers and hats please be named.