NEWSLETTER
Friday 6th March 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER

Labour Day Public Holiday
9th March

School Community Meeting
School Core Values
16th March 6.00pm
School Library 6.00pm

Tabloid Sports
whole school
20th March 1.45pm

School Council
23rd March 6.00pm

Last day term 1
Friday 27th March

First day term 2
Tuesday 14th April

Principal’s Comments

Monday this week saw teachers from across Ararat learning and working together. The focus for the day was strengthening learning relationships between school, family and community. Teachers explored the variables influencing a child’s achievement, life chances and well-being with a focus on relationships. A very informative and helpful day.

It was great to have all our students participate in Clean Up Australia Day last week. For schools the day was held on Friday. The various learning areas each identified a place to pick up papers. Learning area 1 was responsible for our school yard, while learning areas 2 and 3 worked in the lane cleaning up along the edges of the path through the bushland and the open grass area alongside the trotting track. We were amazed at some of the rubbish we found – a car battery, a very large broken plastic light fitting, a number of golf balls and numerous cans, bottles and papers. It was great to see that our school yard held the smallest amount of rubbish. I would like to congratulate all the children for their enthusiastic involvement in the day.

Making a healthy sandwich was the cooking project for years 3 and 4 students yesterday. Students firstly viewed and discussed a range of fillings and then were set the task of designing, preparing and then eating their own sandwich. For some it was the first time they had grated a carrot and others it was the first time they used an egg slicer. The other cooking group continued to explore recipes for zucchinis. Something we can grow very well! Two types of stuffed zucchini featured – vegetarian and pork. Hollowing out the zucchini was one of the biggest challenges. Out of the garden this week we used zucchinis, squash, silverbeet, tomatoes and lettuce. Once the students have finished preparing their food and before eating, they write a small reflection or comment about their cooking which they formally present to the class. We all enjoy listening to their presentations.

Please note, Monday is a public holiday and the school will be closed.

Have a wonderful week.

Judy Hilbig
COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER
Order forms for this fundraiser are due back next week. This has been a very successful fundraiser in the past so please continue to support by placing an order and asking friends and family to also place orders. We have attached an additional form to the newsletter this week.

ARTROOM
Wanted in the art room – wool scraps, fabric scraps, sewing bits and pieces – buttons, ribbon, thread, etc., Thank you.

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

GARDEN
We are looking to improve the soil in the garden. If you have access to manure or straw or can send us in the right direction please contact the school.