NEWSLETTER
FRIDAY 27th March 2015

Principal’s Comments
It was wonderful to see our student leadership team in action last week at the tabloid sports. Teachers worked with the leaders to understand the various activities and how best to introduce and support the running of the various games. It was fantastic to have so many parents and friends come along and support the day. Students love to have families visit the school. Thank you to our Junior School Council for organising our end of term casual dress day.

In addition to the tabloid sports LA2 hosted an afternoon tea for parents which included a tour of the school to view student work on display around the school. Throughout the afternoon parents were engaged in an activity in the classroom, it was great to see parents working with their children to complete the various tasks. Thank you to Alli for working with LA2 to host this event.

The five students participating in the ‘On Ya Bike’ program have now finished their bikes. We look forward to a new group starting the program next term.

We have nine students attending the Portsea Camp during the holidays, we hope they have a wonderful time and we look forward to hearing all about it next term.

Sadly we had to farewell Vicki from our school this week. Vicki has worked with students in most classrooms and in the kinder for a number of years. We would like to thank Vicki for her contribution throughout the years and wish her all the best with her move to Queensland. Learning area 1 are especially sad to see Vicki leave.

This week the new school council met for their first meeting. Council elected Daniel Foster as the new president, Cheryl Mangelsdorf as the vice president and Sue Gardner will continue in the role of minutes secretary. Three committees were established –

Finance: Sue Gardner, Jo Comber and Judy Hilbig
Grounds and facilities: Alistair Johnson, Daniel Foster and Judy Hilbig
Policy development —: Shayna, Sharlmaine and Judy Hilbig.

With this being last day of term 1 for 2015 I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to everyone retuning refreshed and ready for a great second term.

Judy Hilbig

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL KINDERGARTENS
During the school holidays, Ararat is fortunate enough to be having the MIK MAKS performing. The MIK MAKS are a group made up of 4 local brothers that have become one of Australia’s newest and largest children’s entertaining bands. They have entertained all over this great country of ours and are now trying to help our kindergartens/child care centres by
donating $2.00 from every ticket sold back to the kindergarten of your choice. This is a great fundraiser that doesn’t involve parents having to sell tickets, be on committees or do any manual labour; you simply need to let them entertain your children on a day in the holidays. The MIK MAKS can be viewed on Google and You Tube and also have their own DVD. Attached to this newsletter is flyer on the MIK MAKS tour dates and concert. PLEASE SUPPORT ARARAT NORTH KINDERCARE.

**GARAGE SALE**
Please remember the garage sale which Alli is coordinating along with members from the Church of Christ Ararat. Each year the group conducts a second hand sale and donates the proceeds to a local group. This year the school is that group and the money is being donated to purchase much needed reading books for the classrooms. If you have any donations for sale please contact Alli at the school. During the first week of term the coordinating group will be on hand to collect donations. The date for the sale is Saturday the 18th April and will be held at 86 High Street Ararat. Items for donation can also be left at the school.

**Premiers Active April Challenge**
It was great to see the photos of the active students at Ararat North Primary School in the newspaper this week. Each student was given their individual information by Mr Johnson. We would encourage all families to take up the offers associated with the challenge – be an active April participant!

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**
**SCHOOL RETURNS**
**TUESDAY**
**14TH APRIL**