

ARARAT NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

29th July, 2021

Values
Resilience
Respect
Responsibility

Important Dates

Parent Teacher Interviews—No students at school

Friday 30th July

Dear Families,

I'd like to start by thanking you again for your support and flexibility during the period of flexible and remote learning. At the beginning of term, I did not anticipate that by the end of Week 1, we would find our state and community in another period of remote learning. Our school is grateful for your continued support and strength at this time, particularly your ability to adapt your days to support your young people with their learning.

Our teachers have worked hard to design and provide engaging learning opportunities for all students and the support from our families over the past 2 weeks has been fantastic. While being in and out of lockdown is not ideal, I am proud of the way our community has worked together to ensure learning continuity and school/peer connection for all students. We are pleased to welcome students back onsite and look forward to another term of learning.

While the COVID-19 outbreak has decreased in Victoria, it remains important that we continue to practice appropriate hygiene and physical distancing measures. It is worth noting that visitors on school sites are limited to essential visitors only. Unfortunately, this means parents cannot be onsite for the time being. Communication and collaboration with parents is very important to us so, for the time being, we encourage parents to email classroom teachers or call the school should they need anything. For matters that cannot be discussed via phone or email, please contact the office to arrange a time to meet with me. This meeting will take place in my office with COVID-safe practices being followed (sanitising, QR check in, facemasks worn).

The wellbeing of our community members remains our top priority. If you notice any changes in behaviour with your child, or have any concerns about their wellbeing, please get in touch with their classroom teacher.

Kind regards,

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Acting Principal

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

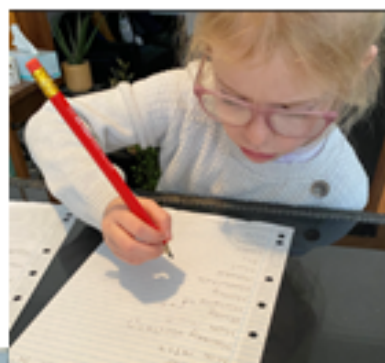


Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst our parents/caregivers/guardians (previously known as the Parent Opinion Survey). It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey which will be conducted from **Monday 2nd August to Sunday 22nd August**. All survey responses are anonymous.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

Letters will be sent to each family via uEducateUs, containing your log in details and password. If you do not receive this letter, please contact the office. Students will also bring a letter home with them on Monday.



Communication

It's timely to remind families that as a school, we communicate via our website, uEducateUs announcements and our Facebook page. If you require support accessing any of these platforms, please contact the school's office.



ARARAT COLLEGE PRESENTS

Alice in Wonderland

BOOK, MUSIC AND LYRICS
BY JANET YATES VOGT &
MARK FRIEDMAN
BASED ON THE CLASSIC
STORY BY LEWIS CARROLL

NEW DATES:

1ST & 2ND OF SEPTEMBER
TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED

STAWELL ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
SALE OF TICKETS TO BE CONFIRMED

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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

If you are unwell, please stay at home.

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is between adults. Please follow these physical distancing measures:

- avoid gathering in a group inside or around the school
- keep 1.5m wherever possible between yourself and other adults



- avoid handshakes and hugs
- wash your hands regularly.



For detailed information visit:
www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au

