Principal’s Report

Hats
Please support the college by ensuring your child arrives to school with a hat. It is college policy that hats are worn in terms 1 and 4.

Put a Name on Everything
This is just a quick reminder that all items belonging to students should be clearly labelled. This includes all items of clothing, books, planners, bags etc. It is amazing how many items cannot be returned as they have no name on it. Books and school jumpers are expensive items and yet they regularly come up to the office with no name on it. If an item is found and has a name on it then it makes it a lot easier to return it.

Drink/Water Bottles in Class
Students are able to take a drink/water bottle of water into class. No other type of drink is allowable in class.

Uniform and General Appearance
A neat and well maintained uniform, in conjunction with a well groomed appearance, are important aspects of the College public profile which also reflects community expectations and standards. Rightly or wrongly a school is judged by the appearance of its students.

Branko Lukic
Principal

Australian Mathematics Competition

All students are encouraged to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition which will be held on Thursday 30th July (note this date on your calendar). This competition is a mathematics competition containing multiple-choice problems and extended response questions. Many of the problems are set in situations to which students can relate. Students of all standards will find a point of challenge during the test.

This competition gives students external recognition of their achievements with all students receiving a certificate showing their level of achievements. Prizes are awarded to the top students.

Entry fee and enrolment details will be sent out next term. However, if you would like to express and interest in participating in the competition, please see Mrs Jackson.
It is very hard to believe that we are already in Week 4 of the school year. I can only continue to reinforce how well our Year 7 students have made the transition to their secondary schooling and you should be very proud of your children’s efforts thus far. Initially many students were getting a bit muddled with the variety of classes and resources that they required. However, Mrs McCormick generated a colour coded copy of each class and what materials were required for it, which students now have on the inside of their lockers to make their organisation easier.

Congratulations to all our Year 7’s who participated in the NCD Swimming Sports on Monday. I was very impressed with the positive participation and good sportsmanship that I witnessed. Congratulations to Lucy Gorrie on attaining Age Group Champion – a very well deserved effort for her determination on the day.

We have finished our Swimming unit at the pool as of this week and will begin fitness testing over the next week, and then onto Athletics practice.

IMPORTANT DATES
EVERY FRIDAY – Form Assembly therefore students need to have diaries signed
IMMUNISATIONS – TUES 24th FEB – please return all notes regardless of consent
HALLS GAP CAMP – 2ND TO 4TH MARCH – notes need to be returned ASAP
YR 7 FAMILY BBQ – WED 11TH MARCH – please return confirmed numbers attending
NDC TRIATHLON – THURS 19TH – students are encouraged to begin arranging their teams

Homework Reminders
English - English Basics Unit 3 due Thursday 5th March. (100% of 7A students handed in EB Unit 2 on time! - awesome effort!) Spelling Test on this day also.
'My World' poster due Thursday 26th February.
Maths – MathsMate sheet every week
Study sessions – these will be held Tuesdays after school in the library from 3:30-4:30pm

Please feel free to contact me at any time in order for me to provide the best support for your child’s education. It would be fantastic for all parents to provide their emails to me so that I can regularly update you on your child’s progress and important school events. Please send the small form below back to school with your child and hand to Mrs Egan.

Roxanne Egan (Yr 7 Coord) on 54 951811 or egan.roxanne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS
Name _______________
My email address is __________________________
# Year 7 Subject Materials

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<td>English workbook, Dictionary, Diary, pencil case, silent reading book (Friday classes only)</td>
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There are 3 new staff members this year at St. Arnaud Secondary College, and we welcome them to our school.

David McMaster is replacing Carrie Jesse, who is currently on leave. He will be teaching 7-9 Art, 7-10 Ceramics and VCAL Work Related Skills.

He has previously taught at Birchip P-12, Candlebark School, as well as at the Maryborough Education Centre.

David attended the University of Ballarat, where he qualified with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Visual Arts). He also completed an Honours Degree, as well as a Graduate Diploma of Education. Further to that, he worked at the University for two years as a Painting Studio Technician.

David enjoys twanging away on his banjo, painting, camping, fishing and he has recently begun playing tennis.

Rohan Wightman will be teaching a broad range of classes, including Year 7 English and I.T., Year 8 English and Careers, Year 9 English and Humanities. He also has a class of Literacy students.

He has taught at a number of schools and Colleges in the Northern Territory, including the Palmerston Senior and Secondary,, Henbury Special Needs School, as well as at the Australian International School in Malaysia.

Rohan attended Southern Cross University (Lismore Campus), where he achieved BA (Hons) and Victoria University (Dip Ed Sec).

His interests include scuba diving, cycling, reading, writing, cooking and camping. He also enjoys travelling, both within Australia and overseas.

This year Rohan aims to form positive relationships with the staff and students at the college. He also hopes to help his students achieve the best outcomes possible.

In his spare time, he is working toward becoming a dive instructor and hopes to find time to write, between teaching, driving and being a father.

Rohan lives with his partner, Liza, their seven year old daughter, Ksenya on 4 1/2 acres in Castlemaine, where they have 70 fruit trees, a sizable vegetable garden and various pets.

Michelle Watts is an addition to our education support staff, and comes to us from St. Arnaud Primary School where she has been employed for the past 7 years.

Michelle lives on the family farm at Coonooer Bridge with her husband Craig. Their children Hayley and Thomas have now both left home to pursue their careers. Michelle lists her interests as spending time with family and friends, shopping and travelling.
INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING

The NCD Swimming Sports were held at the St.Arnaud Swimming pool on Monday 16th February in excellent conditions for swimming. About 300 students from nine schools attended the sports. I would like to congratulate every student who swam and represented our College. I was extremely proud to witness all students swim to the best of their ability and represent the College in an excellent manner. It certainly is a pleasure to accompany students to inter school sporting events when they act in this manner. Well done to all swimmers!

Throughout the day scores between Birchip, Wedderburn and Boort were very close, with each school claiming the lead at various stages of the day. However, Wedderburn were able to come away with the overall victory, a historic event for them as this is the first time ever they have won this event. St Arnaud placed 4th, and although this is not as high as we have previously achieved, the other sports staff and myself, could not be more proud of the students as it was a fantastic team effort on the day. St. Arnaud had two individual champions: Lucy Gorrie (13 years girls) and Tom Bertalli (20 years boys).

Thanks to Craig Cornwell, for assisting to set up for both the house and interschool swimming sports and for his assistance on the day. Thank-you to Vanessa McCormick for her work calculating results during the day. Thank-you to the Parents’ Club for supplying the BBQ, for the lifeguards for supervising the day, the parents for supporting our swimmers, and lastly the students for their fantastic efforts on the day.

The list of students who have progressed to the Loddon Mallee Region stage will be announced by the end of next week.

**Final scores:**
Wedderburn  589  
Boort  528.5  
Birchip  489  
St Arnaud  473  
Donald  439  
Wycheproof  404  
Maryborough  217.5  
Charlton  190  
Pyramid Hill  128

Maddi Lonergan  
Sports Coordinator

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**StArnaud Hockey Club Registration Night**

Minkey, Under 13, Underage, Women and Men.  
Where : Hockey Shed  
When: Thursday 26th February, 4pm
ST ARNAUD NETBALL CLUB REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW DUE
Are you or someone you know interested in playing netball? Then please spread
the word as we need to finalise our numbers, especially in our junior grades of
Under 16’s and Under 13’s!!
Total fees, including NV fees, Club Fees and Fundraising Levies are as follows:
Seniors $170
Students $150
Juniors $135
Netta $65 (stays the same no fundraising levy applied)
UNIFORM:
Dress & Shorts $80
PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE:
Given increased fees and there will be the added cost of new uniform this year we have decided
to implement a payment plan system. Please see Kerrie Cadzow.
Registration is a simple 2 step process, for more information please contact
Kerrie Cadzow 0448 908 028
Lindy Gorrie 0407 552 978
Elise McIntyre 0429 953 334 or starnaudnetballclub@outlook.com

ST. ARNAUD JUNIOR BASKETBALL SCHEDULE
For Season 2014/15

MONDAY 23^RD^ FEBRUARY 2015
Primary Boys/Senior Sec 2^nd^ & 1^st^ Semi Finals

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PRELIMINARY FINAL Thursday 26^TH^ FEBRUARY 2015
NEW DATE:

REVERSE TRIATHLON
Thursday 5th March 2015
Gold coin entry for spectators

TWO EVENTS

U16  -  6pm
- 1.5km run
- 4.5km ride
- 100m swim

OPEN  -  7pm
- 3km run
- 9km ride
- 200m swim

REGISTRATION

$15 per team (no individual entries)
Entries close March 2nd
Forms available from:
- Hando’s SportFirst
- St Arnaud Health and Fitness
- Secondary College
- Swimming Pool

RULES

- Mixed gender teams
- Teams must consist of 3 members from at least two different codes (eg. 1 football, 2 netball / 2 hockey, 1 netball etc)
- U16 participants can compete in both events if required

*GENERAL PUBLIC - Welcome to participate. Teams must be mixed and we encourage you to include one footy/netball/hockey player

- FREE event singlets* (*limited number available; first four teams registered & paid)
- Prizes for podium positions
- Lucky door prizes for all in attendance
- Family friendly event
- BBQ available

Further info: Roxanne Egan - 0427 310 147
Brylea Swanton- 0437 587 886
Yelana Jennings - 0432 167 667

St Arnaud Football, Netball, Hockey Club
ESSENTIAL EDUCATIONAL ITEMS  
Parent Charges 2015

To reduce the number of requests for payment throughout the year, a single charge has been applied to all parents/guardians of students attending St. Arnaud Secondary College. This is the Essential Educational Items charge.

The funds collected from families for this charge contribute directly to your child's educational experiences and make it possible for St. Arnaud Secondary College to continue to provide an excellent range of services including travel to sporting venues, sporting equipment, school magazine, Student ID, photocopying, library resources, subsidize class materials for practical subjects (eg: Art, Woodwork, Food Technology), access to computers/printing, and many other items – all of which improve the quality of education available. In some classes, class sets are used instead of asking parents to purchase textbooks.

The College Council, of whom the majority are parents, is mindful of the costs incurred by parents/guardians. After careful consideration, it has been determined that the annual Essential Educational Items 2015 charge will be:

- Year 7 & 10 - $80.00
- VCE – $90.00
- VCAL – $45.00
- Years 8, 9 & 10 Maths Homework Book—$15.00
- North Central Cluster Fees – Enrolment fees range from $25.00-60.00 per subject each Semester

Invoices are sent out to Families of students attending.

Other Charges
These items have been classified as an Optional Extra and available on a user pays basis. Non-payment of these elective charges may result in the student not being able to participate in the activity.

Optional Extra charged throughout the year to cover costs, if applicable, such as:
- Year 7 Halls Gap Camp
- Year 8 Rubicon Camp
- Middle School Camps
- Driver Education
- Faculty Excursions

Cost of providing specialist materials (ie photography printing, woodwork items, food materials) Materials charge on completion of item that is taken home.

PAYMENT OPTIONS
Payments may be made at any time using cash, cheque or BPay. Family Invoices will be sent out at the start of the 2015 year.

All Family Statements include BPay reference details. To ensure the correct allocation of payments, parents using this facility are kindly requested to forward to the school General Office, the remittance advice from their Family Statement with the charges being paid clearly marked. Payments by Instalments can be arranged—please contact Business Manager, Kerrie Swanton.
MUSIC NEWS

The College has again been allocated a substantial amount of teaching time by the Departmental Region for instruction in practical music. The instrumental program is open to all students and places are filled on a first-come-first-served basis, according to the availability of instruments and the size of classes.

Instruction is offered in nine instruments and lessons are free of cost, except where a school-owned woodwind instrument is being hired. Hire fees are spent on the maintenance of these instruments and remain at the 1998 level of $40.00 per term.

Instrumental lessons are weekly, and students are withdrawn from class on a rotating timetable to minimise disruption. Students who participate in the program are reminded that the Region requires them to be available for performances as directed by the music coordinator.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss the program with their children and complete the form below if they are interested. Places are limited, so make sure to return the completed form as soon as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the college if you wish to discuss the program.

Anthony Briggs
Music Coordinator

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NOMINATION FORM – 2014

Name of Student ___________________________ Form group _____

Place numbers (1-3) to indicate preference of instrument:

___  Flute  ___  Guitar  ___  Keyboard

___  Clarinet  ___  Bass guitar  ___  Drums

___  Saxophone  ___  Ukulele  ___  Voice

Parent/Guardian signature ___________________________ Date ______________
Calendar 2015

Term 1 Semester 1

Tuesday 24th February
Immunisations Years 7-10

Monday 2nd-4th March
Year 12 Studio Arts Excursion
Year 7 Hall's Gap Camp
Parents' Club meeting Botanical Hotel at 7pm

Thursday 5th March
Year 7 Hall's Gap Camp

Friday 6th March
Year 12 Physics Excursion

Monday 9th March
Investiture Day pm

Tuesday 10th—13th March
Labour Day Holiday

Wednesday 11th March
Year 8 Rubicon Camp

Friday 13th March
Year 7 BBQ 6 pm

Tuesday 17th March
Interim Reports Distributed

Monday 24th March
LMR Swimming

Tuesday 27th March
NCD Triathlon

Friday 27th March
House Athletics

School Photos

End of Term 1 2.0 dismissal

Term 2 Semester 1

Monday 13th April
School Resumes

Wednesday 15th April
SSV Swimming

April 20th—24th
Boys Work Experience

Wednesday 29th April
Parent Teacher Interviews

MATHS TUTORIALS/help
IN LIBRARY

TUESDAYS: 3.25PM-4.30PM
All welcome!!