Principal’s Report

As part of the St Arnaud Learning Alliance, St Arnaud Secondary College, St Arnaud Primary School and St Patrick’s Primary School are planning a combined Anzac Day Ceremony on Friday 24th April. The plan at this stage is for students from all 3 schools to meet at the roundabout at approximately 11.30 a.m. and then march down the main street to the Town Hall where the Anzac Day Ceremony will be conducted at noon. We welcome and invite all parents and family members to march with their children and attend the Ceremony.

On behalf of St Arnaud Secondary College I would like to thank Jo Hamilton for donating a Gallipoli Rosemary bush to be planted in the College grounds to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the landing.

There are a significant number of students who are riding bicycles and scooters to and from school without helmets. I appeal to all parents to ensure their children leave home with the appropriate safety equipment.

Our school council composition has been finalised. I would like to thank all those who have volunteered and I look forward to an exciting and productive year.

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Branko Lukic
Principal
**** Year 7 News ****

REPORTS – these have been sent home and all parents should have them by now. Please set aside a time that you, and your child, can sit down and discuss their achievements and areas for improvement so that you can set learning goals to improve upon at home. In year level assemblies next term we will be setting three school learning goals to focus on for Term Two and students will bring them home for you to sign.

NCD TRIATHLON – it was fantastic to see a number of Year 7’s challenge themselves by participating in the North Central District Triathlon at Boort last Thursday. The teamwork and commitment shown by students over the 300m swim, 16km bike ride and 4km run was excellent and they should be very proud of this achievement.

HOUSE ATHLETICS HIGH JUMP – this week during lunchtime the high jump events were held at school. Our U13 participants demonstrated the school values during this athletic event in an exemplary manner and are commended on their efforts (check out the pictures).

Maths – Miss Swanton has been sending home an update on your child’s Maths progress and their homework sheets and test results. Please ensure that you have seen and signed these forms so that there is ongoing positive communication between the school and home.

MENTORING – A flyer was sent home with your child’s report informing all parents about the MATES Mentoring Program that the school will be initiating in Term 2. Please send the form back if you would like your child to be involved or call Mrs Egan for further information.

IMPORTANT DATES
HOUSE ATHLETICS – First Friday Term 2 – April 17th at Lord Nelson Park
ANZAC DAY COMBINED SCHOOLS CEREMONY – Friday 24th April
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – 29th April

Homework Reminders

**English** – try to get students to read a number of books, magazines or newspapers over the holidays to enhance their literacy skills.

**Maths** – Constant revision of Times Tables is essential – lots of cool Maths sites online to do so!

**Study sessions** – these will be held Tuesdays after school in the library from 3:30-4:30pm – Mr Knight, Mrs Jackson and Miss Swanton offer expert assistance.

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

The North Central Division Triathlon was held at Boort on Thursday 19th of March. This is the fourth year that this event has run and the third time that Boort has hosted the event. Schools were able to enter teams or individuals. St. Arnaud Secondary College had three individual entries and eight team entries, a total of 27 students. The entries from the other six schools were also strong. This year saw approximately 40 team entries and 40 individual entries, a total in excess of 160 students participating. The triathlon was held around Lake Boort. Students began with a 300 metre swim in the lake. Then the riders had to complete 4 laps of Lake Boort which was the equivalent of 16 kilometres. Finally the runners had to complete one lap of the lake, a distance of four kilometres. Although none of our students placed first in the individual or team events on the day, it was great to see the amount of students participating and representing the college to the best of their ability. In particular, special mention to Imogen Amos, Fletcher Douglas and Evan Douglas who did the whole event by themselves in the individual event. The college would once again like to thank Wayne and Flo Andison for assisting with making trailers available to help transport the bikes to Boort.

**St. Arnaud Secondary College Placegetters**

*2nd place*
Intermediate boys team: Dylan Casey, Brady Tillig and Bailey Durward (51 minutes 36 seconds)
Intermediate girls team: Scarlett Robinson, Maddison Hendy and Johanna Meagher (1:01.37)
Junior boys team: Jack Tillig, Nick Myers and Kai Bloomfield (57.28)

*3rd place*
Intermediate boys team: Nathan Grigg, Toby Pickthall and Billie Baldwin (52.39)

**Photos:**
**Assistance to change smoke detector batteries**

In the winter months there is more of a chance of having a house fire due to the use of heaters and log fires. A working smoke alarm saves lives by giving an early warning of a fire. A smoke detector needs fresh batteries every 12 months to ensure that the detector works when required.

The Year 12 VCAL class of St. Arnaud Secondary College are planning on helping the elderly or unable to change their smoke detector batteries. They are doing this in conjunction with the St. Arnaud CFA.

Jaiden Craddock, Lachlan Poole, Joseph Pickthall, Adam Dunseath, Jordan Summers and Jacob Griffith of the Year 12 Personal Development Skills class are offering to change batteries for the elderly or unable, for free. Batteries are being donated by local clubs.

The students will be available to visit houses and change batteries on Tuesday the 21st and Friday the 24th of April.

To have the students come to your or a family member's house and replace the smoke alarm batteries you can contact Bill Deanshaw (St. Arnaud CFA) on 5495 1960 or David Reynolds (St. Arnaud Secondary College) on 5495 1811 (school hours).

Remember, a working smoke detector saves lives!

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Mr. David Hines was a guest of Eden Hines at the College on the last Wednesday of Term One. They have been working together, playing the banjo and singing, every week for almost a year. Their repertoire includes ‘Yellow Submarine’, jazz standards, football songs and old favourites like ‘One Meatball’. Mr. Knight and Mr. Briggs were lucky members of an exclusive audience, along with Mrs. Rose Sibson, to hear a private concert presentation by these two banjo strummers. Thank you David! Thank you Eden!
St Arnaud Secondary College students undertaking Hair and Beauty classes at the Charlton Trade Centre
Parents’ Club
Parents’ Club will be running the canteen for House Athletics Sports on April 17th - anyone available to help would be appreciated, you don’t have to be Parents’ Club member. Please contact Darleen Baldock.

From our last meeting -
If you have any unwanted board games the Library can take them off your hands. Good chance to clean out your cupboards! 😊

Meeting Dates 2015 at the Botanical Hotel at 7:00pm, all welcome. New members are always welcomed?
June- 15th
September- 7th
November- 9th
December- TBA

Regards Darleen Baldock
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0408518889

Calendar 2015
Term 2 Semester 1

Monday 13th April
Tuesday 14th April
Wednesday 15th April
Friday 17th April
April 20th – 24th
Monday 20th
Friday 24th
Wednesday 29th April
Friday 1st May
Tuesday 5th May
Friday 8th May
12th-14th May
Wednesday 20th May
Monday 25th May
Tuesday 2nd June
Wednesday 3rd June
Monday 8th June
Tuesday 9th-12th June
Wednesday 10th June
Monday 15th June
Tuesday 23rd June

School Resumes
Arts Excursion
SSV Swimming
Athletics Sports
Boys Work Experience Week
Year 12 Ecolinc Excursion
ANZAC Ceremony
Parent Teacher Interviews
LMR Golf
Immunisations Year 7
House Cross Country pm
NAPLAN
NCD Cross Country
LMR Hockey
LMR Cross Country
Science Competition
Queens Birthday
Year 10-12 Exams
GAT
Report Writing Day no school for students
Year 9/10 Urban Camp

The Student Uniform Policy will be reviewed next Term. If you would like to be involved please email your contact details to chapman.rosanne.r@edumail.vic.gov.au Student Wellbeing Coordinator. Meetings will most likely be held at lunchtimes to enhance student participation.