

# St. Arnaud Secondary College Weekly Newsletter

**Issue 2**

Term 1

Week 3

12th February, 2021



St. Arnaud Secondary College is a Child Safe School.

Address: Smith Street, St. Arnaud. Victoria 3478

Postal Address: P.O. Box 40, St. Arnaud 3478

Ph: (03) 54 951811

Fax: (03) 54 952308

Website: [www.starnaudsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.starnaudsc.vic.edu.au)

Email: [st.arnaud.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:st.arnaud.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

Principal: Tony Hand

Assistant Principal: Vanessa McCormick

## Principal's Report

### Swimming Sports

Last Friday we held our 2021 Inter House Swimming Carnival. It was great to see the number of students who came along dressed up in house colors and prepared for an enjoyable day. If you haven't seen the video on Facebook, it is worth going into and having a look. It was great to see the number of students who were willing to get in and have a go – or help out where possible. As we have said many times before, the sports are about just having a go and supporting your team. It just so happens that the house with the highest attendance rate on the day won the sports and correspondingly, the lowest attendance was from the house that came third. At the end of the day, Willmott were victorious by just three points over Holmes – three points is equal to someone going in one extra event for a couple of house points. A big thanks to Mr. Knight and his team for the organisation and set up of the event and to all the staff for their work on the day. Thanks also to Parents' Club for running a successful BBQ and stall which was greatly appreciated. And thanks also to the parents, grandparents and friends of the College who were able to come along and support the students. Even though they may say they don't want you to come – deep down they really do appreciate it.

### Year 7 Welcome BBQ

On Tuesday night we held our annual Year 7 Welcome BBQ. With most students and parents able to attend, the first part of the night consisted of everyone just having a chat amongst themselves before we moved into the BER to have a little presentation about the year – and years – ahead. The BBQ was cooked in very hot conditions and thanks to Mr. Knight and Mr. Lobley for staying out in the sun so we could all have something to eat. Thanks to everyone for coming along and making it an enjoyable evening.

### VCE/VCAL Information Evening

On Wednesday night, the now annual VCE/VCAL Information Evening was conducted at the College. This night is intended to give students and parents an overview of the requirements and administration of either the VCE or VCAL course. Students and parents then got to hear and meet each of the relevant subject teachers who provided an outline and overview of their particular subjects. This year, the VCE students were fortunate to have a guest speaker – Chloe Frank – who was the 2020 School Captain and Dux of Donald High School, who gained an ATAR score of 96.3. Chloe shared some of her immediate experience and advice, providing some excellent study tips and techniques that could and will be very useful for our students. Chloe was able to provide first-hand experience of what it took to gain a score in the high 90's and we thank her for being willing to come down and share both her story and some of her work samples with our students.

### Bus Travellers

A reminder to all bus travellers that they must notify the Assistant Principal or General Office if they are not going to be travelling on the bus, especially in the afternoons. We have already had a number of occasions where the buses have been held up, waiting to see if students will turn up or not. We are very fortunate to have access to free bus travel and this is a privilege, not a right. If students or families regularly fail to inform the College of absences from the bus, access to buses may be denied.

### Student Behaviour and food intake

As can happen at the start of the year, and especially considering the year that 2020 was, we are noticing some poor behaviour choices from some students. While we are dealing with these issues at a school level, your support at home is greatly appreciated. One thing that has come to our attention is a number of students arriving at school having consumed, or consuming so called "Energy Drinks". This is of great concern not only for the short term effects on heart rate and behaviour, but also the long term effects on developing bodies. Breakfast is clearly recognised as one of the most important meals of the day and should be a healthy one. Could we please request that students are not provided with energy drinks before or during the school day.

### Student Leaders Ceremony

On Monday, 15th February we will be conducting our Student Leaders Ceremony in conjunction with the Primary School at the Town Hall providing COVID restrictions do not change between now and then. Parents are invited to come and watch the presentation which will begin at 2pm and conclude by 2:45pm so bus travellers can walk to the Primary School for pick up. Due to COVID, there will be no afternoon tea served this year.

### Valentine's Day

The School Captains held their second Valentine's Day Celebrations today. A full report will be in next week's newsletter.

Tony Hand  
Principal

# House Swimming Sports 2021

The annual House Swimming Sports for St. Arnaud Secondary College was on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of February. With the possibility of some thunderstorms brewing the thought of postponing the event was considered but after some careful watching of the weather radar (and lots of finger crossing) the weather turned and the sun came out!

Students that participated throughout the day produced some fantastic results. There were four records broken, the oldest standing from 1995!

Name	Event	Time	Old Record Holder	Year	Time
Jesse Amos	20 Yrs 50m Butterfly	32.16	Riley Burke	2019	33.07
Riley Burke	20 Yrs 50m Breaststroke	40.25	A. McSwain	1995	43.89
Jesse Amos	16 Yrs 50m Backstroke	36.28	Riley Burke	2019	37.75
Lara Small	13 Yrs 25m Freestyle	20.22	Tiff Bussem-Jorgensen	2014	20.28

It was great to see so many students and staff dress up in their house colours. The Parents' Club voted on the best dressed boy and girl and the best dressed house. The winners of these awards were Jess Cassar and Riley Burke and the best dressed house went to Willmott.

Thanks go to all staff for their assistance on the day, to those students who led by example and participated for their house and to the house captains who did a great job to ensure that as many students as possible represented their house. A big thank you to the Parents' Club for running the BBQ and drink stand, parents and families for supporting the event and the St Arnaud Swimming Pool for hosting the day.

Well done to Willmott for winning the carnival and to all the age group champions. The next stage is the North Central Interschool Swimming Carnival to be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February in St Arnaud.

## **Final scores:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Willmott	587
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Holmes	574
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Morshead	247

## **Age Group Champions:**

### **BOYS**

12 & 13 years	Fraser Burke (W)
14 years	Owen Lowe (H)
15 years	Tyson Funston (H)
16 years	Jesse Amos (W)
17 years	Jesse Wandel (H)
(M)	
18-20 years	Riley Burke (W)

### **GIRLS**

Scarlett Hand (H)
Ava Wilson (W)
Isabell Hand (H)
Keegan Amos (W)
Emily Edwards (H) & Soraya Palmer
Sophie Male (W)



House Swimming Sports Pics...





## 26 Year Old Swimming Record Broken at the St. Arnaud Secondary College Swimming Sports



Andrew McSwain—1995

In 1995 Andrew McSwain competed in the 20 Yrs 50m Breaststroke and set a record time of 43.89 secs. This record has stood for 26 years until this year with Year 12 student Riley Burke breaking the record in a time of 40.25 sec. Riley may also set a record for the length of time this record stands until it is broken.



Riley Burke—2021

Jesse Amos also had a quick day in the pool, breaking two records for the day. Jesse competed in the 20 Yrs 50m Butterfly and swam a time of 32.16 sec, breaking the 2019 time set by Riley Burke 33.07 sec. Also swimming in the 16 Yrs 50m Backstroke, Jesse swam a time of 36.28 sec, breaking the 2019 Riley Burke record of 37.75 sec. Lara Small competed in 13 Yrs 25m Freestyle, swimming a time of 20.22 sec and recorded a new record which was previously held by Tiffany Bussem Jorgensen in 2014 with a time of 20.28 sec.



Jesse Amos

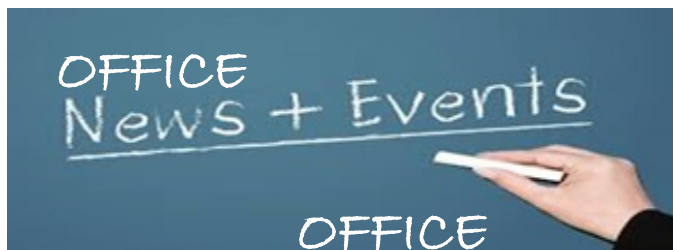


Lara Small



Year 7 Welcome BBQ





## **Parent Payments and School Charges 2021**

St. Arnaud Secondary College Council is committed to providing the best possible learning opportunities for all our students. In order to support our students and parents throughout the year, the College makes available to all students many items and services that are generally funded by parents. The College has introduced a textbook hire scheme, which will financially assist families.

School Council has approved a policy which levies a range of charges to parents; these are compliant with the DET Policy for Parent Payments. Policies and Parent Payment schedules for each year level are located on the school webpage. <https://www.starnaudsc.vic.edu.au/>

Family Statements with BPay details will be sent to families.

### **Parent Payment Arrangements and Options:**

- Parents will be provided with early notification of annual payment requests and reasonable notice will be given for any other payment requests during the year (i.e. excursions, camps)
- The College offers Parents the option to make payment by instalments. Please contact Kerrie Swanton, Business Manager, to make these arrangements.
- Methods of payment are BPAY, cash or cheque.
- Eligible families that receive Camps, Sport & Excursion Funds can allocate these funds for sports travel, camps and excursions only.
- The payment for Optional Items including camps and excursions must be paid by the specified due date prior to departure. Other payments for Optional Items including Food Technology must be paid in week 2 of each Term, or by negotiated instalments.

### **1:1 Notebook Programs**

Notebook User Agreement forms have been sent to families to sign. Upon receipt of the forms Please return the forms to the General Office and the notebook will be issued to the student. If you have not received Notebook User Agreement forms please contact the General Office.



**Year 7 Summit Camp** – Deposit \$50.00 and forms due 12th February 2021

**Year 7 Summit Camp** – Balance \$400.00 due 3rd March 2021

**1:1 Notebook Program** – Deposit \$100.00 due now. Instalment 1 \$215.00 due 5th March 2021

**Food Technology** - due now for students undertaking Food Technology in Semester 1

\*\*\*When making payment via BPay please note the receipt number on the returned permission slip.

**All camps and excursions are required to be paid prior to attendance, unless payment plans have been approved.**

**Business Manager – Kerrie Swanton**  
**Student Administrator – Debbie Hancock**  
**Office Hours: 8.30 am – 4.30pm**  
**Phone 03 5495 1811**  
**Email: [st.arnaud.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:st.arnaud.sc@education.vic.gov.au)**



## Careers & Pathways

### Career Pathways Program



Sue Clay from the North Central LLEN, is St Arnaud Secondary College's Individual Career Pathways Coordinator. Sue is a qualified Career Development Practitioner who visits the College approximately 5-6 full days each term and is available for Career Development appointments with all Students in Years 9-12.

During these Career appointments Students discuss Subject selection, Personal Strengths, Abilities and Interests, Goal Setting, Career interests, Work Experience opportunities etc.

Each student has a Career Pathways Plan that is updated after each appointment, and these reports are available to the Students & their Parents/Guardians.

Students are expected to see Sue on regular occasions throughout Years 9-12. Appointments are organised via Mrs Reynolds.

[www.ncllen.org.au/careers-education-partnership.html](http://www.ncllen.org.au/careers-education-partnership.html)

### ADF - Defence Work Experience Program



Defence is happy to announce that they are starting to open up Work Experience placements in 2021.

If you want to learn about work and life in the Defence Force and gain some valuable skills, the Defence Work Experience Program could be perfect for you.

Keep an eye on placements as they're announced on the **Defence Work Experience website**.

[www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience/](http://www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience/)

### YEAR 10 VIRUTAL HEALTH WORK EXPERIENCE – MONASH UNIVERSITY



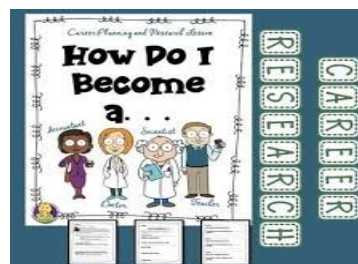
Following the success of their 2020 online program, Monash University is bringing back their virtual Hands on Health work experience program for 2021.

If you're interested in health, this is a great insight to learn all about health careers and pathways to get you there.

Applications for Terms 1 and 2 are open now until Friday 19 February, For further information visit:

[www.monash.edu/medicine/hands-on-health/the-program/virtual-work-experience](http://www.monash.edu/medicine/hands-on-health/the-program/virtual-work-experience)

### Useful Websites for Career Research and Course Information



#### Career Research

##### Myfuture:-

[www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au)

##### The Good Careers Guide:-

[www.goodcareersguide.com.au](http://www.goodcareersguide.com.au)

##### Your Career

[www.yourcareer.gov.au](http://www.yourcareer.gov.au)

##### Job Outlook

[www.joboutlook.gov.au](http://www.joboutlook.gov.au)

#### Course Research

**Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre:-** All University + Some TAFE, Private Provider courses in Victoria

[www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

**Victorian Skills Gateway:-** TAFE courses in Victoria

[www.skills.vic.gov.au/s/](http://www.skills.vic.gov.au/s/)

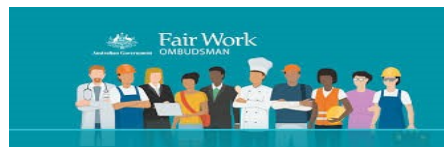
**Course Seeker** – Australia Wide University Courses

[www.courseseeker.edu.au](http://www.courseseeker.edu.au)

**My Skills National** – Australia Wide TAFE Courses

[www.myskills.gov.au](http://www.myskills.gov.au)

### Fair Work Resources for Students and Young People



About to start a new job and feeling a little nervous? Don't worry, it's totally normal – and the Fair Work Ombudsman has a stack of resources that can help ease your fears. From everything to knowing your rights, to being prepared for your first day, to dealing with issues that arise in the workplace, they have you covered.



# Like to play in the Band?

The St Arnaud Band is looking for new players.

If you are over 10 years old, like music and want to learn to play a brass instrument, then playing in the Brass Band maybe just what you are looking for!

Parents are invited to learn with their children.

### **New Learners Group commencing Monday 15th February**

6:30-7:30pm Mondays at the Band Hall

Please contact Helen Burns ph 0402 642 371

or come along to Senior Band Practice

7:30pm Mondays for further information.



## Health and Wellbeing News & Reminders

Our Doctor in Schools Clinic will be available to students every Tuesday and appointments can be made with Mrs. Chapman. Dr. Ben Ganesan is the clinic's GP and will be available in person every second week and he will be conducting Telehealth sessions on the alternate week.

The clinic nurse, Kylie Kirk, will be on site every week.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of this free service.



Smile Squad Dental team are visiting our school the week of 15<sup>th</sup> Feb until 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. if you would like your child to see the dental team please fill in the consent form and return. If you require a new consent form please contact Mrs. Chapman.



# Calendar 2021



Term 1			Semester 1 - 2021
	Mon	15	Student Leaders Ceremony—Town Hall 2pm-3pm
	Mon	22	NCD Swimming—St. Arnaud
	Tues	23	Year 12 Lit Excursion—Hanging Rock
March	Thurs	4	NCD Triathlon—Boort
	Mon	8	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
	Tues	9	Year 7 Summit Camp Year 12 OED Excursion—Halls Gap
	Wed	10	Year 7 Summit Camp
	Thurs	11	Year 7 Summit Camp
	Fri	12	Year 7 Summit Camp
	Wed	17	2022 Year 7 Information Evening—6-7pm
	Thurs	18	LMR Swimming—Swan Hill
	Mon	22	School Photos
	Mon	29	Parent—Teacher Interviews 9am-7pm Year 11 & 12 Classes Running
	Wed	31	House Aths—tbc
April	Thurs	1	End of Term 2.30pm Dismissal
	Mon	19	School Resumes
	Thurs	22	SSV Swimming
May	Mon	3	House Cross Country pm
	Wed	5	Black Ranges Cross Country—St. Arnaud