

# St. Arnaud Secondary College Weekly Newsletter

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## INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING 2021



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## Principal's Report

### Student Leaders Ceremony

Last Friday, following the state-wide shut down, we held our Student Leaders Ceremony in conjunction with the Primary School at the St. Arnaud Town Hall. It was nice to be able to have parents and friends join us again and to have a feeling of some normality back in our lives. The College Captains, Tylah and Tessa, did a wonderful job of conducting the ceremony and it is great to see their confidence growing each time they speak. Judging by the numbers of people in attendance, we are clearly attracting more parents than either school used to do on their own and this is really encouraging for our school communities.

### Inter School Swimming Sports Monday

On Monday we hosted the North Central Swimming Carnival at the St. Arnaud Swimming Pool. It was great to see all of our competitors in their full sports uniform, with everyone having a real red hot go and supporting each other. In the end, we came away from the day with five individual age group champions and second placed out of the nine schools on the day. Each member of the team is to be congratulated for their efforts. Thanks also to the parents and grandparents for coming along to support the students on the day, and to Mr. Knight and his team, for not only organising our College team, but the whole carnival. It was a great effort. The Parents' Club also had a successful day running the BBQ and canteen and thanks is also extended to everyone who was able to help with that as well. Bring on Swan Hill.

### School Council Elections

Nominations for School Council closed yesterday afternoon and I can report that we received one staff nomination for one DET position and 3 nominations for 3 parent posi-

tions. As the number of nominations does not exceed the number of positions I can declare Russell Marland duly elected as the Staff Representative and Bill Anderson, Stacey Wandel and Casey Hando are duly elected as Parent representatives for the next two years. They will join College Captains, Tylah Shields and Tessa Young, as our new (or returning) members for 2021. This is the first time in a number of years when all positions on school Council will be filled. Thank you and congratulations to all new members.

The first meeting of School Council for 2021 will be held on March 10 – the first meeting was missed due to the lock-down. This meeting is aimed at looking at the co-option of community members and will be followed by the first and Annual General Meeting on March 17. I look forward to working with everyone on our School Improvement journey.

### Excursion to Hanging Rock

On Tuesday, the Year 12 Literature class travelled to Hanging Rock for an excursion to immerse themselves in the setting of the Joan Lindsay novel "Picnic at Hanging Rock". This is a very well known and studied novel and a great book for the Literature students to embark on this year.

Year 12 Literature as well as Year 12 French are two new subjects that are running at the College for the first time in many years in 2021, which is very exciting for us as a College.

Tony Hand  
Principal



# Interschool Swimming 2021

The NCD Swimming Sports was held at the St. Arnaud Swimming Pool on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February in excellent conditions for swimming. About 220 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 with pride. Well done to all swimmers!

The points were very tight throughout the day, with some strong swimmers from all schools featuring in the early events. A number of records were broken which shows how high the level of competition was on the day. St. Arnaud was well represented, featuring in all but two events for the day. The high participation rate led to St. Arnaud winning the senior shield and placing second in the grand aggregate shield.

All students that competed on the day should be commended as they all participated to the best of their ability and many students stepped up to fill gaps in event. Special congratulations to our age group champion winners: **Owen Lowe** (14 Yrs Boys), **Jesse Amos** (16 Yrs Boys), **Keegan Amos** (16 Yrs Girls), **Riley Burke** (18 Yrs Boys) and **Sophie Male** (18 Yrs Girls).

Thanks to Brylea Knight, Russell Marland, India Griffith, Casey Bertalli, Jason Burke and Tony Hand for assisting to set up and pack up for the interschool swimming sports, as well as their assistance on the day. Thank you to Vanessa McCormick for her work calculating results throughout the day. Thank you also 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!

The team for Loddon Mallee Region swimming, to be held in Swan Hill on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, will be determined in the next week and will be posted in the newsletter and at the college.

## Final scores:

Wycheproof	694
St. Arnaud	586
Donald	445
Birchip	397
Maryborough	397
Boort	394
Charlton	246
Wedderburn	169
Pyramid Hill	101



Beau Knight  
Sports Coordinator



## Our College Leaders





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## Notices



# St. Arnaud Secondary College Principal Tours

Year 5 and 6 students with their families are invited to join the Principal Tony Hand on individual family tours of the College. Principal's Tours are the best way to gain an insight into student life and the St. Arnaud Secondary College culture and community. Tours run during a normal school day where you can see the classrooms in action, meet the teachers and talk to key leadership staff and students.

Tours begin next week, Monday 1st March.

Please contact the College on 5495 1811 to make your booking.

### **VISION ST ARNAUD YOUTH GROUP**

First Friday of every month  
7-9pm

Meet at the Market Square

For high schoolers and young adults  
In association with the local churches

**FEB 5 Table Tennis Tournament**

**MARCH 5 Scavenger Hunt**

**APRIL 2 Nerf War**

**MAY 7 Crazy Games**

**JUNE 4 Bonfire**

For more info contact Georgie Dean 0433 377 592  
or

Follow us on Instagram @visionstarnaudyg



## Students and teacher go missing!

Wouldn't that be a headline for the newsletter! A headline for a national tabloid! An international scandal! Thankfully, history (or fiction) did not repeat itself on the St. Arnaud Secondary College Literature excursion to Hanging Rock.

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, the year 12 Literature class, accompanied by Mrs. Bouchier and Dr. Taylor, left St. Arnaud early for a picnic at Hanging Rock. This year the class is studying Joan Lindsay's 1967 novel, *Picnic at Hanging Rock*, comparing it to Peter Weir's 1975 film of the same name. Unlike the novel and film, it was a cool day with ideal weather for climbing this unique volcanic rock formation.

Upon arrival, the group immediately began their ascent of the rock, well aware of the mystery surrounding the disappearance of three girls and their teacher on Valentine's Day, 1900. All on the excursion had their assigned characters, though the roles of Marion and Irma somehow changed somewhere along the way. *Mysterious!*

The students' assignment for the day was to photograph landmarks or locations that they could match to passages from the novel. Upon their *presumed* return to school, they would then justify their photographic choices using evidence from the text to explain their adaptation of the written story. The group also sought to identify locations used in Peter Weir's film and was lucky enough to identify some possible places.

At the top of the rock, the students and teachers wove in and around the many pinnacles, squeezing through natural tunnels and hallways. A sure foot was also needed to avoid slipping on the well-worn paths. Some students even danced in a natural amphitheatre area. Push ups were done on a rock formation. The group also sighed with pleasure at the sight of a koala tightly hugging her rather large joey in the cool mid-morning air. The confusing maze of rock formations certainly reflected the distorted writing in certain sections of the novel, giving the students a deeper appreciation of Lindsay's writing style.

After a productive two hours 718-metres above sea-level, the group returned to the picnic grounds for a civilised luncheon. Drawing on the novel and time period, chicken pie, tea sandwiches, angel cakes, 'tepid' bananas and a heart-shaped cake were on the menu, washed down with coffee (in lieu of tea). Lunch was followed by some languid relaxation and discussion, ample reward for the busy morning of 'tomboy foolishness' on the rock.

The party returned to school at the scheduled time without any students or teachers missing.

After completing assessment on Lindsay's novel, the Literature class will next study Jane Austen's *Northanger Abbey*. Whilst another excursion would be exciting, it is unlikely a trip to England would be feasible in the current circumstances.





## Picnic at Hanging Rock





## Power Hour

Join in Power Hour on Wednesdays and Thursdays.  
See you there!

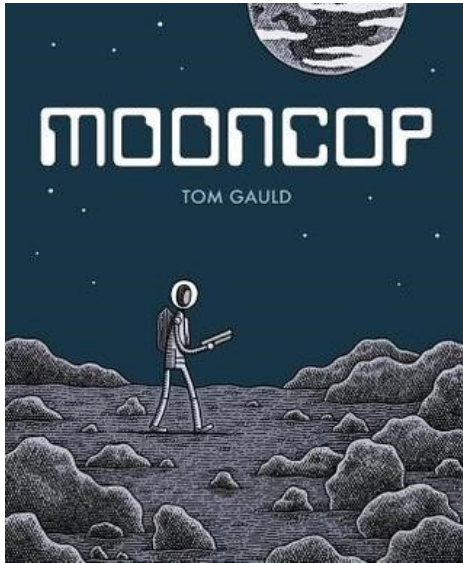




## The G.H. Edwards Library News

New Books have arrived and are on the shelf for student borrowing.

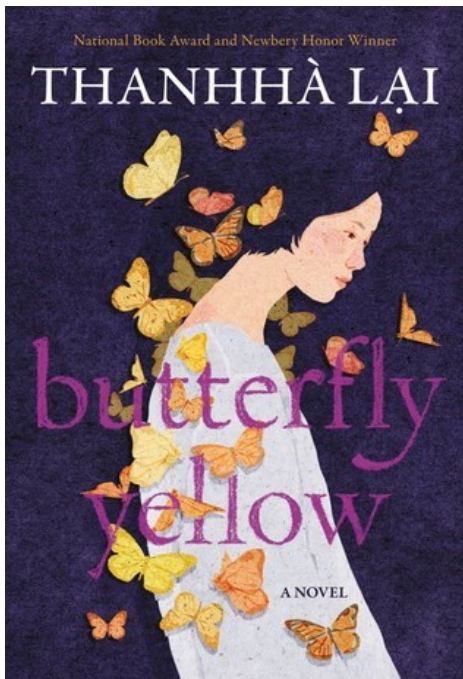
Library is open recess and lunchtime for borrowing.



### *Mooncop*

Author: Tom Gauld

The lunar colony is slowly winding down, like a small town circumvented by a new super highway. As our hero, the Mooncop, makes his daily rounds, his beat grows ever smaller, the population dwindles. A young girl runs away, a dog breaks off his leash, an automaton wanders off from the Museum of the Moon.



### *Butterfly Yellow*

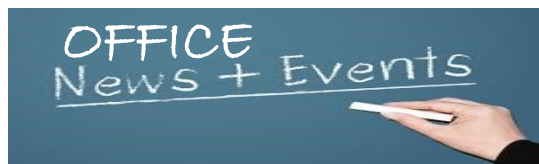
Author: Thanhha Lai

In the final days of the Việt Nam War, Hằng takes her little brother, Linh, to the airport, determined to find a way to safety in America. In a split second, Linh is ripped from her arms—and Hằng is left behind in the war-torn country.

Six years later, Hằng has made the brutal journey from Việt Nam and is now in Texas as a refugee. She doesn't know how she will find the little brother who was taken from her until she meets LeeRoy, a city boy with big rodeo dreams, who decides to help her.

Hằng is overjoyed when she reunites with Linh. But when she realizes he doesn't remember her, their family, or Việt Nam, her heart is crushed. Though the distance between them feels greater than ever, Hằng has come so far that she will do anything to bridge the gap.





An EFTPOS terminal has been installed in the General Office for payments to the College. Transactions are for card tap use only.

Family Statements have been emailed or posted to families. Please contact the office if you have not received a statement.

### **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, EFTPOS, 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.



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

**1:1 Notebook Program** – 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.**

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**Student Administrator – Debbie Hancock**  
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## Careers & Pathways

### The 360° Virtual Workplace



See what it's really like working in some of Australia's most exciting industries. Skillsroad's Virtual Reality career advice platform lets you explore different workplaces in a completely new and exciting way. There is no need for a VR headset to access the experience, but if you happen to have an Oculus headset on hand, you can download an app on the Oculus app store by searching for 'Skillsroad Virtual Workplace'.

Visit: [www.skillsroad.com.au/360virtualworkplace](http://www.skillsroad.com.au/360virtualworkplace)

### Year 12 Students The University of Melbourne Hansen Scholarship Program



*"Twenty exceptional students from around Australia will be chosen for our most generous scholarship to date, starting their undergraduate studies at Melbourne in 2022".*

The program brings together an unrivalled package of benefits for high-achieving students who may otherwise struggle financially to access higher education.

It offers free accommodation, living allowances, funds for an international exchange, internship or voluntary opportunity, plus a tailored development program including academic orientation, study skills, mentoring and cultural activities.

**Applications are OPEN now and CLOSE on March 11th 2021**

For further information visit:

<https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/awards/hansen-scholarship>

### NIDA ACTING 101 SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE (Year 11 and 12 Students)

National Institute  
of Dramatic Art

# NIDA

NIDA are now taking bookings for their April school holiday workshops.

If you want to learn more about acting, performance, design, theatre, singing, writing, and more, these workshops are the perfect chance to get a taste of NIDA and expand your skills.

Victorian Workshops will be run in Melbourne.

Find out more and book here:

[www.open.nida.edu.au/courses/how/school+holidays](http://www.open.nida.edu.au/courses/how/school+holidays)

### JOB PROFILE AGED CARE WORKER



Aged care workers provide care, supervision and support for aged people in residential establishments, clinics, hospitals and private residence. They assist with the maintenance of personal care, domestic duties and management of illness. They also provide companionship and emotional support, and promote independence and community participation.

#### Duties & Tasks

- Assist people with self-medication
- Implement care programs for those in residential establishments
- Provide in-home support with health issues and daily living tasks such as washing, dressing, eating, transport and budgeting
- Assist with the delivery of activities to enhance the physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of those in their care
- Ensure those in their care are washed, dressed, fed and ready for educational and recreational activities
- Assist during domestic activities such as eating meals and showering
- Provide companionship and support during daily activities
- Cook and serve meals, clean premises, wash, iron and perform other household tasks
- Organise refuge accommodation
- Implement appropriate strategies for managing problems related to dementia
- Work with a team of health professionals, family, friends and carers to implement a support program.
- Assisting in personal hygiene and dressing.
- Providing companionship, friendship and emotional support.
- Accompanying aged and disabled persons during daily activities.
- Performing housekeeping tasks such as vacuuming and cleaning.
- May live in with the person.
- Assisting clients with their mobility.
- Arranging social activities.
- Preparing food for clients.
- May do shopping and run errands.

#### Related Courses

Certificate III Individual Support, Certificate IV Ageing Support, Other study options - Diploma of Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing

#### Future Growth

Very Strong

#### For further information visit

[www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/careers-guide/aged-care-worker](http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/careers-guide/aged-care-worker) or [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au)

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Mathematics  
and Statistics

## MICRO MATHEMATICIANS

Year 7/8

Virtual After School Extension Program

For more details please see  
Mrs. Jackson or your classroom  
teacher.

Term 1:  
Tuesday, April 27th - Tuesday, June 15th 2021  
4pm - 5pm

## ABOUT

Micro Mathematicians is a free after school extension program aimed at students who love maths. Students will get to explore mathematical problems at a deep level following the inquiry process.

The program will run using a virtual environment (Zoom and Google Classroom) and students will have 1 hour each week with the University of Melbourne, School of Mathematics and Statistics Outreach Team. Students will be given additional activities to complete in their own time.

### WHAT WILL STUDENTS BE DOING?

Students will take part in a variety of activities designed to promote mathematical investigation at a high level. Some of the key mathematical areas we will focus on include, but are not limited to; Number Theory, Data Analysis, Combinatorics, Geometry & Topology and Mathematical Biology. Activities include:

- **Problem solving:** engaging with challenging problems through various approaches like modelling, collaborative discussion, construction, proof, and arts and crafts. Activities are open ended to allow students to extend the activity as far as they like and in any direction they choose.
- **Extended Research Project:** working on an extended project across two weeks. Students can choose between a range of provided problems. Problems are broad and students will need to decide how to narrow the problem down, in what direction they wish to take the problem, what information they will need to answer the problem and what is a suitable approach.
- **Research Presentations:** Students will be required to present their mathematical research to each other, focusing on the methods they used, the results they concluded, and the questions that still remain open.
- **Debate:** Engage in mathematical discussions. Students will take part in group debates where they will argue difficult topics within the field of mathematics.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

### Parent/legal guardian details

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

-    -    -  OR

☐ Foster parent\* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

\*\*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

### Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

# Calendar 2021



Term 1			Semester 1 - 2021
March	Wed	3	VCE Studio Arts Excursion—Bendigo Gallery MIPS
	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
	Mon	15	MIPS
	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
	Tues	30	MIPS
	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