

# St. Arnaud Secondary College Weekly Newsletter

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## Easter Cakes—Year 8 Home Economics



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## Parent Teacher Interviews

Thanks to all parents and students who were able to come to Parent Teacher Interviews on Monday. This was the first Parent Teacher Interview session we have been able to hold for more than 12 months and it was good to be able to build, re-establish or strengthen some face-to-face connections. If you were unable to make the interviews but would like to catch up with staff, please contact the General Office at the start of next Term to book a time with teachers at a time that suits.

## Attendance and the SMS system

As we have mentioned before, there is a major focus on student attendance from the Department of Education this year. We would all be aware of the attendance slogans and programs such as "It's not O.K. to be away," and the very clear message they are sending. Clearly, non-attendance at school has a detrimental effect on student outcomes and also effects social development and interaction with peers. It is for these reasons that students cannot afford to be "taking a day off school". This includes days such as sports days and class excursions – these all count toward attendance. We are all aware that there are times when students must miss school due to illness or medical appointments, and we are not suggesting that these should not occur. There are, however, many students who just simply do not come to school for reasons such as, "It's my birthday," "I don't feel like going today," or "I'm going shopping". These are the absences that we need to eliminate across the board.

We will be continuing with our use of the SMS system which is based on our Compass system. I would encourage all families to report absences for appointments or illness prior to the day which, if entered directly into Compass, this will stop the absence messages being sent.

## Sports Uniform – PE classes

As mentioned last week, students in Years 7 to 10, and students in Years 11 and 12 undertaking PE classes, will be required to be in the green sports top. If they do not have one, we will provide one for the short term during each class. There is a good supply of the sports shirts at Ram-jac.

## Gnurad-Gundidj visit

Last Friday, Dr Calvin Taylor and I visited Demi Leach and Adella Burr at the Gnurad-Gundidj campus of the School for Student Leadership. There is no doubt that the girls have had the opportunity to work and develop their leadership and communication skills. It is clear that the girls have had a great time and have very mixed feelings about leaving the campus today. All school groups made a presentation around their Community Leadership Project and I look forward to the girls coming back to school next term and sharing their experiences with the student body.



## Grant money for students in Sports

Last year the College was notified that it would be receiving a \$13,600 boost in funding to help students partake in extracurricular sports or recreational opportunities. As a College, we have determined that we will be looking at supporting students to get back into sporting endeavours through our local sporting clubs and providers. This will mean that students will be able to access a \$100 subsidy to help with their registration or uniform/equipment for their chosen sport. This will be negotiated through the sporting clubs and providers over the next few weeks. Each student would only be able to access the grant once to ensure that everyone can access the funds. We believe this is an exciting opportunity to help both our students and our local community.

## House Athletics

At the time of writing this, the sports had not been completed. A full report will appear in next Term's newsletter.

## Easter Break

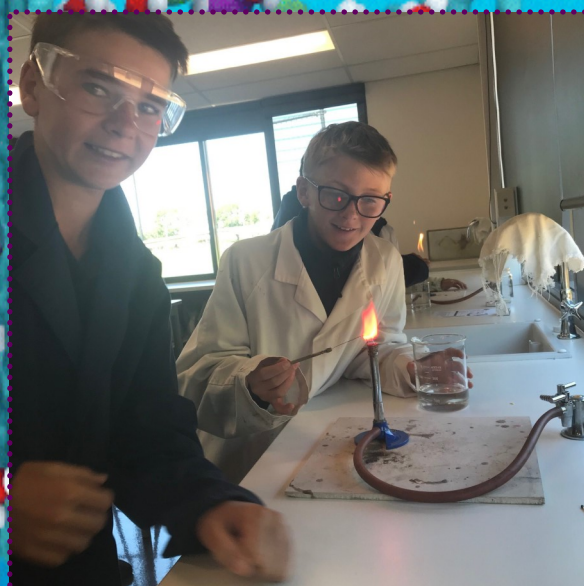
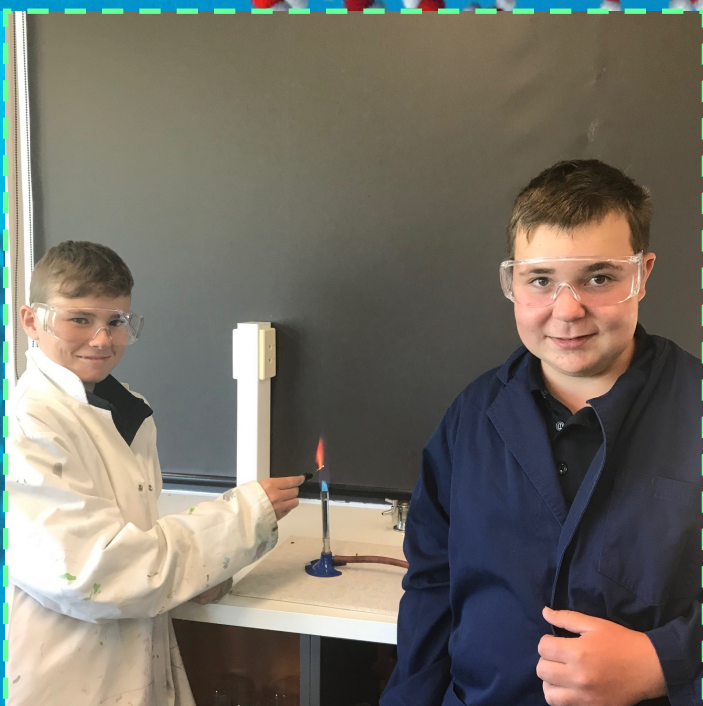
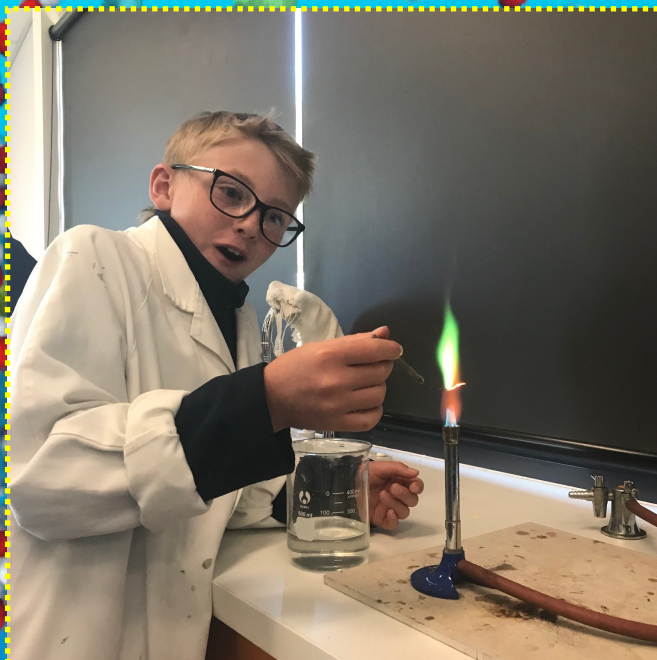
I would like to wish everyone a very safe and Happy Easter. We have just completed the longest Term in more than 12 months and I am sure everyone is looking forward to the break – and what wonderful weather we have in store for the next few days.

Tony Hand  
Principal



## MYLNS Science

This term in Science the students have been studying 'Elements'. They have been studying the first 10 elements in the Periodic Table and completing a number of practical investigations identifying different properties of atoms. The pictures below show the students doing flame tests on a variety of different elemental salts.



# HANDS ON LEARNING

The students in Hands on Learning have been working on their own learning space for a few months. It is an ongoing project, however, it is nice to see it coming together. Here are some action shots of Kynan, Blayne, Harrison and Kaden completing some of the plastering and sanding of a wall they have put up in preparation to paint. They all watched an instructional video and then were given instructions from Mr. Burke to assist in their learning. The boys did a really good job and we are excited for it to be finished in the coming months!



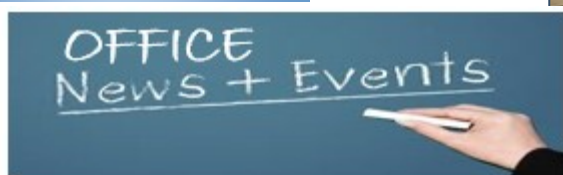


## Firearms Safety Course

Over three separate nights, a total of twenty-two students and three teachers undertook their firearms safety course in the newly refurbished Conference Room. The course focused on learning the ten main firearms safety rules so that people can apply for the junior firearms permit or firearms permit and be safe. The night involved many scenarios of what not to do with guns, a safe gun handling instructional video and a Power-Point Presentation. At the end of the night the teachers and students newly found knowledge was put to the test with an exam. This exam was 30 questions and participants could only make two errors. Even with this pressure students and teachers did really well with all walking away with a pass. A big thanks to Craig Pickthall and Bruce Hando for taking the evening.

Once students are successful in applying for their gun licence they are eligible to participate in down the line and field and games school shooting events. The next school shooting event is the North West Zone down the line shoot at Mildura on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August. More information will be given out regarding the shoot closer to the date.





St. Arnaud Secondary College would like to thank all families who have fully paid or who have committed to a Payment Plan to cover their child/children's 2021 fees.



**Year 8 Rubicon Camp** - Deposit \$100.00 due now  
- Balance \$70.00 due 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
**Year 10/11 Snow Camp** - Instalment Payment \$250.00 due  
28<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
**Notebook Program** – Instalment 2 - \$215.00 due 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021  
**Year 7 Food Technology** - due now

**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.
- 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.

Camps and Excursions Refund Policy : <https://www.starnaudsc.vic.edu.au/page/224/Policies>

As the College cannot meet any shortfalls in funding for camps and excursions due to the subsequent non-participation of a student who had previously indicated attendance, costs already paid may be refunded in full or in part, or not at all, having regard to the associated expenses incurred, any refunds from the supplier, and the circumstances of the non-participation. A refund will only be considered for accident, injury or illness.

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# Careers & Pathways



## School Holiday University Tours

**Deakin University**

[www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/events/campus-tours](http://www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/events/campus-tours)

**Latrobe University Bendigo**

[www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/bendigo-campus-talk-and-tours](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/bendigo-campus-talk-and-tours)

**Monash University**

[www.monash.edu/campus-tours](http://www.monash.edu/campus-tours)



**Australia's biggest education and careers expo is now in its 29th year!**

**Thursday 29 April - Friday 30 April, 9am-3pm**

**Saturday 1 May - Sunday 2 May, 9am-3pm**

**Station Street, Caulfield Racecourse, Caulfield**

For further information visit:

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



Use the [career profiles](#) on Job Outlook to learn about the future outlook, pay, main tasks, and physical and other demands of careers that interest you. Find out about the skills, knowledge and abilities you may need to get and keep a job. When you are ready to take action, follow links to job vacancies and related courses.

<https://joboutlook.gov.au/careers/explore-careers/>



**The ADF GAP year 2022 applications are now open.**

Get an exciting 12-month taste of life in the Navy, Army or Air Force, and enjoy full job training, meaningful work and memorable experiences – plus much more after completing Year 12.

**For further information visit:**

[www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/gap-year/?page=1&perPage=21&query=](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/gap-year/?page=1&perPage=21&query=)



## **Talk with Nurses, Midwives and Paramedics**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 6:00pm**

Caring for others gives more than it takes. A career in nursing, midwifery or paramedicine means a career helping others. Join us **online** to hear from ACU alumni about their experiences working as nurses, midwives and paramedics. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and learn what it is like working on the frontline and using your skills to help people when they need it the most.

**To register visit:**

[www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2021/april/talk-with-nurses-midwives-and-paramedics](http://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2021/april/talk-with-nurses-midwives-and-paramedics)

## **JOB PROFILE EDUCATION AIDE**



Education aides assist teachers with the supervision and support of students and the delivery of learning programmes. They also provide support and assistance to students with special needs, including those with physical or intellectual disabilities, or behavioural issues.

### **Duties & Tasks**

- Assist and participate in activities that improve the physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of children in schools and preschool centres
- Prepare indoor or outdoor areas for learning or recreational activities
- Assist children with intellectual, physical and behavioural difficulties with their academic studies
- Assist students with physical challenges by lifting, positioning and exercising, and transferring them to or from transportation
- Assist with personal hygiene, toileting and feeding requirements as required by each individual student
- Undertake specific therapy tasks with individual students under the guidance of the teacher or nominated professional
- Assist students with intellectual disabilities with the use of learning aids
- Assist children individually to learn social skills
- Assist with the preparation of teaching materials, copying and collating written or printed material
- Distribute and collect lesson material.
- Assisting children with intellectual, physical and behavioural difficulties with their academic studies.
- Distributing and collecting lesson material.
- Assisting with preparing teaching aids, and copying and collating written and printed material.
- Providing home-school liaison and counselling for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Maori students and their families.
- Demonstrating, supervising and participating in activities which enhance the physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of children in schools and preschool centres.
- Assisting children individually to learn social skills.
- Preparing indoor and outdoor areas for learning and recreational activities.
- Providing assistance to small groups of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Maori students.

### **Related Courses**

Certificate III Education Support, Certificate IV Education Support, Bachelor of Education Studies

### **Future Growth**

Very Strong

### **For further information visit**

[www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/careers-guide/education-aide](http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/careers-guide/education-aide) or [www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au)

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# Calendar 2021



Term 1			Semester 1 - 2021
April	Thurs	1	End of Term—2.00pm Dismissal
Term 2			Semester 1 - 2021
April	Mon	19	School Resumes
	Thurs	22	SSV Swimming
	Mon	26	Year 10 Art Excursion—Bendigo Gallery
May	Mon	3	House Cross Country pm
	Wed	5	Black Ranges Cross Country—St. Arnaud
	Fri	7	Year 9-12 John Maher—Road Safety Presentation
	Tues	11-13	NAPLAN
	Wed	12	Year 11 Fit 2 Drive
	Fri	14	NCD Cross Country—St. Arnaud
	Mon-Tues	24-25	Year 11/12 OED Excursion—Torquay
June	Tues	1	LMR Cross Country
	7-11	Mon-Fri	Year 9—11 Exams
	9	Wed	GAT
	14	Mon	QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
	15-18	Tues-Fri	Year 8 Rubicon Camp
	18	Fri	Year 9 Try a VET Day NCTTC
	26	Fri	Last Day of Term

## Breakfast Program

As part of the Community Policing Program two local St. Arnaud Police members and three from the Wimmera Region attended our Breakfast Program this week.

The Police will be regular helpers with the program, hoping to come fortnightly to help and meet with the students.

