

St. Arnaud Secondary College Newsletter

Issue 9

Term 1
Week 9
1st April, 2022



**RECORD
BREAKER**

Congratulations to Jesse Amos who broke the 17 yrs Boys High Jump record for the annual House Athletics Carnival. Jesse Set a new record of 1.76m, beating the old record of 1.75m set back in 2008. Well done Jesse!

St Arnaud Secondary College house athletics carnival kicks off at 9:00 am Friday 1st April at Lord Nelson Park there will be a BBQ lunch all parents welcome.



St. Arnaud Secondary College is a Child Safe School.

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Principal's report

School Review and Self-Evaluation

As I mentioned last week, the College is undertaking its 4 year review this year which will culminate in our new 4 year Strategic Plan. All Government Schools in Victoria are required to undertake a 4 yearly review and create a strategic plan which outlines the major directions of the school for the next 4 years. The first component of the review is to complete a self-evaluation.

As we did four years ago, we are seeking feedback on three questions about the school:

1. What should the school **keep** doing? (things we are doing well)
2. What should the school **stop** doing? (things we don't do well)
3. What should the school **start** doing? (things that we don't do but could make the school better)

[Parent Feedback - 2022 Review \(google.com\)](#)

There is no doubt that a thorough self-evaluation, with the involvement of parents, students and staff, leads to a better Strategic Plan and we have about 2 months to complete this part of our work. Thanks to those families who have already completed the survey either independently or with family mentors.

New Staff appointment

Next Tuesday we will be welcoming our newest staff member to work in the front office. Elisha O'Donnell will be working on Tuesdays to Fridays manning the front desk and answering the phones (amongst a whole range of other things!). We look forward to Elisha joining our team – and thank Fiona Lobley for the great work she has done, doing her job in the library, as well as covering the Front Office for the past 6 weeks.

Bus Travellers – Mask requirements

All schools have been reminded that bus travellers aged eight years and above are expected to wear a face mask whilst travelling to and from school on a bus. We are aware that this can be challenging and annoying at times, but these are the rules that are set by the Government.

Vaping

We are very aware that the incidence of 'vaping' amongst our students is on the increase both outside and inside of school. It saddens me that many students do not know, or refuse to heed advice around the dangers of vaping and it is also a concern how easily available they are now in our community. I strongly encourage you to speak to your child(ren) about this issue. I am also making it very clear, that students caught vaping at school, or caught with vaping paraphernalia will be dealt harsh consequences. Our school nurse, Tania Scarce will provide further information on vaping or click on the link.

[Information for parents: E-cigarettes and Vaping](#)

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for next Monday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm. I would strongly encourage all parents to attend with their children, to ensure consistency of message and help everyone to be working on the same page. Appointment times can be booked through Compass – and if you have any issues with this, please do not hesitate to contact the College. If you are unable to make appointments on-line, you are still encouraged to come up to the school and find times staff are available. Year 11 and 12 classes still run as normal on Monday.

Principal's report continued

Inter-House Athletics

The House Athletics should be in full swing today, with the 1500 and the High jump events being held during the week at school. Again, our focus is on participation and hopefully students will be there to support each other.

Peter Pan

As mentioned last week, this year the Primary and Secondary schools are organising a trip to the theatre production of 'Peter Pan' which has received excellent reviews. We have a limited number of tickets across the two schools and it will be a 'first in, best seated' arrangement. Our tickets are for the June 23 performance (the last Thursday of Term 2) and for this year, to keep costs down for parents/families, the schools will cover the costs of transportation – meaning that tickets will be \$55 per student. This is excellent value and I encourage as many students as possible to attend.

Upcoming dates

Sunday 3 April – Wed 6 April – Year 11 Camp to Melbourne

Monday 4 April – **Parent Teacher Interviews** – Year 11 and 12 classes still run as usual

Friday 8 April – End of Term – 2pm finish

Tuesday 26 April – Start of term 2

Tony Hand
Principal

Peter Pan – The 360 Adventure June 23, \$55 per ticket with free bus transport



I would like to reserve a place for my child(ren) to attend the Secondary and Primary School excursion to Peter Pan – The 360 Adventure.

Student Name: _____
Student Name: _____
Student Name: _____

Year level: _____
Year level: _____
Year level: _____

Return slip to St Arnaud S.C. office

Year 11 Outdoor Enviro Studies



Year 11 Outdoor Environmental Studies

Bush walk and geocaching excursion

On Tuesday 29th March the Year 11 outdoor environmental students ventured to Bunjil Caves just near Stawell. We undertook this excursion to complete two journal entries.

The first being the use and meaning of terms, to identify the difference between natural and unnatural venues. This also included looking at the surrounding area to determine its biome and whether the site is protected or privately owned.

The second reason was to look at the motivation for seeking outdoor experiences; does the motivation come from within (intrinsic) or from an external source (extrinsic). We also looked at the motivations before, during and after seeking an outdoor experience.

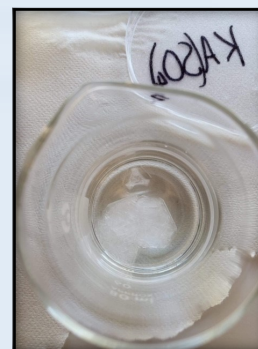
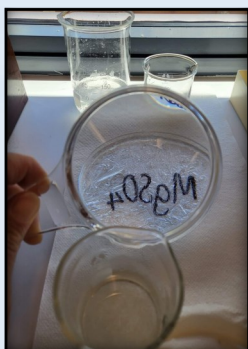
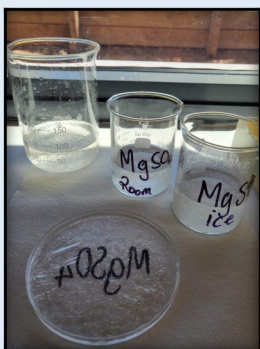
While we were there, we took the opportunity to look at the aboriginal art work within the cave which the students will study in more detail during a Year 12, unit 3 area of study.



Year 11 Chemistry & Road Smart

YEAR 11 CHEMISTRY SAC - Growing crystals of ionic compounds

Year 11 students, Jesse and Ryan, spent last week producing and comparing various ionic compound crystals, exploring variables that affect crystal growth. After studying the theory behind crystal growth, they were able to produce some very interesting crystals, ranging from the potassium aluminium sulphate octahedral shaped crystals, to magnesium sulphate crystals which formed crystal shards or needles. Year 9 students were also interested in comparing the crystal shapes and they came into class to investigate the variety of crystals.



In School Road Smart

As part of Road Smart Awareness, students participated in the in-school sessions. Georgie from Road Smart presented an hour long session with the students where they discussed making smart choices, speed and avoiding vehicle incidents. Students participated in an excellent manner by taking on board many of the issues discussed, as explained by Georgie. It would be a good opportunity for parents to discuss these issues with their learner or pre-learner drivers. Safe Driving everyone - you are all very precious!



Year 8 Food Technology



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Week 9 saw the year 8 food class cooking pasties. In our theory class we looked at the Australian Healthy Eating Guide and the Healthy Eating Pyramid. We used the guide to look at what we eat for breakfast and then think about what we need to eat for the remainder of the day to get our required daily amounts.





****Please contact the General Office if you do not have BPAY account details.

***When making payment via BPAY please note the receipt number on the return permission slip.

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

Parent Payment Policy Arrangements in 2022

The Department of Education and Training has sought to clarify the Parent Payments Policy for 2022. Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories;

- Curriculum Contributions – contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the curriculum (e.g. textbook use, consumable materials, paper)
- Other Contributions – Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives (e.g. school building enhancements)
- Extra-Curricular Items and Activities – Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis. (e.g. Optional Year level camps)

School Council has approved the 2022 Parent Payment Policy and Parent Payment Fees. The fees are located on the school webpage, or please contact the office to have fees sent.

Webpage: <https://www.starnaudsc.vic.edu.au/page/229/2022-Parent-Payment-Policy>

DET Parent Payment Policy : <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/parent-payment/policy>

BYOD LWT Portal: <https://sasc.orderportal.com.au/>



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 or email paid items to st.arnaud.sc@education.vic.gov.au
- **New families to the school who do not have Family BPay details, please contact the school for these details.**

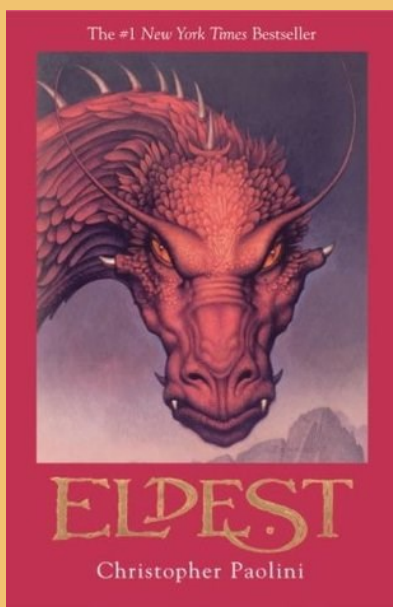
Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund applications

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. Applications for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) close

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. Payment amounts this year are \$225 for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

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

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Eldest By Christopher Paolini

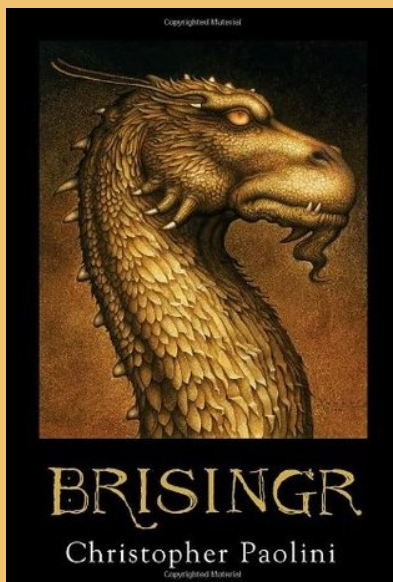
(Book #2 Inheritance cycle)

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Meanwhile, his cousin Roran must fight a new battle—one that might put Eragon in even graver danger.



Brisinger By Christopher Paolini

(Book #3 Inheritance cycle)

It's been only months since Eragon first uttered "brisingr", an ancient language term for fire. Since then, he's not only learned to create magic with words — he's been challenged to his very core. Following the colossal battle against the Empire's warriors on the Burning Plains, Eragon and his dragon, Saphira, have narrowly escaped with their lives. Still, there is more adventure at hand for the Rider and his dragon, as Eragon finds himself bound by a tangle of promises he may not be able to keep.

First is Eragon's oath to his cousin, Roran: to help rescue Roran's beloved from King Galbatorix's clutches. But Eragon owes his loyalty to others, too. The Varden are in desperate need of his talents and strength — as are the elves and dwarves. When unrest claims the rebels and danger strikes from every corner, Eragon must make choices — choices that will take him across the Empire and beyond, choices that may lead to unimagined sacrifice.

Careers and Pathways

Reminders!

School Holiday University Tours

Deakin University

www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/events/campus-tours

Latrobe University Bendigo

www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/bendigo-campus-talk-and-tours2

Monash University

www.monash.edu/discover/events/campus-experience



DEAKIN
UNIVERSITY

www.deakin.edu.au/sebe/outreach/work-experience

Year 10 STEM Work Experience for Girls



20–24 June 2022, 9am – 4pm
Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus

This week-long program, designed for females interested in science, technology, design, or environment, provides an introduction to STEM at a tertiary level and allows participants to experience possible STEM career pathways in a fun and nurturing environment. Attendees will experience a range of workshops and activities across the science, engineering, architecture, and construction management fields, alongside gaining personal development skills such as CV and interview preparation, safety inductions and team-building activities.

Participation numbers are capped at 20 and limited to 2 students per secondary school

Year 10 Laboratory Science Work Experience



6–10 June 2022, 9am – 4pm
Melbourne Burwood Campus

Located at our Melbourne Burwood Campus, this week-long work experience program is designed for high-achieving Year 10 students who are strongly motivated in science – preferably in molecular biology and cell science. Students will experience laboratory science in an interactive and demonstrative environment. The program will include participation in micro-molecular biological techniques, invertebrate and vertebrate biology, chemistry practicals, tracking and mapping using GPS/GIS, ecological survey techniques and more.

Participation numbers are capped at 36 and limited to 2 students per secondary school

ZOOS VICTORIA SECONDARY SCHOOL WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM



Zoos Victoria has developed a secondary school work experience program to inspire the next generation of youth to work with wildlife.

Each year, a limited number of students are selected to gain experience at one of Victoria's three zoos: Healesville Sanctuary, Melbourne Zoo, or Werribee Open Range Zoo.

Some key details for applicants:

- The program is a full-day, week-long, and all weather
- Attendance dates for the successful students will be available over each term
- Successful students will be required to perform physically demanding manual labour duties under supervision

Who is eligible?

Victorian secondary students aged over 15 years are eligible for the program. All work experience students must be fully vaccinated against COVID - 19 and provide proof upon acceptance of placement. School Careers Coordinators can only endorse one student per school.

Application timelines

The online applications for 2022 Secondary School Work Experience placements will be open on Monday 21 March until 5pm Friday 8 April 2022.

Only applications submitted between these dates will be accepted. Work experience applications for 2023 will open in August 2022.

For Further Information Visit:

www.zoo.org.au/about-us/careers/school-work-experience/

AIE WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM



The AIE Work Experience Program is a great way for secondary school students in years 10 to 12 to learn about the interactive entertainment and digital industries. The week will open the door to the range of career possibilities in the industry and allow students to get hands-on with the tools of the trade. The Work Experience Program runs from 10am to 4pm over the course of a week and encompasses a range of activities including 3D animation, programming, designing and much more.

Find out more:

<https://aie.edu.au/student-information/work-experience-melbourne/>

Mrs Rebecca Reynolds
Careers Co-ordinator

Sue Clay
Careers and Pathways
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The graphic features a collage of photos showing diverse groups of young people at various stages of the camp, from outdoor activities to classroom settings. A large, stylized 'Spark' logo is centered in the upper half. Below the logo, the title 'Spark Engineering Camp' is prominently displayed. The text describes the camp as a free week-long residential program for students aged 10-12, highlighting opportunities for peer learning, professional interaction, and fun. It specifies the dates as July 4-9 and mentions locations in Melbourne and Brisbane. A QR code with the text 'SCAN ME' is positioned in the top left corner. The bottom right corner includes the YWB logo, the text 'A Youth Without Borders Initiative', and social media icons for Facebook and Instagram with the website URL www.spark.ywb.com.au.

Spark Engineering Camp

A free week long residential camp for year 10-12 students interested in engineering and science!

Meet like-minded peers, work together in engineering workshops and challenges, tour university campuses, hear from professionals in the industry, and most importantly, have fun!

This year, our camps are held in both Melbourne and Brisbane on July 4 - July 9.

Applications open now! See our website below or scan the QR code on the left.

 **A Youth Without Borders Initiative**
  www.spark.ywb.com.au

 **SCAN ME**



East Grampians
Health Service
improving the health
of our community



Pop Up

St Arnaud

Vaccination Clinic

St Arnaud Stewart Hall

Thursday 31st March 2022

9.00am to 12.00pm

Pfizer and Novavax

**Adult and Children 5-11, 16+
first, second and booster doses**

Walk-in appointments only





Where can I get tested for COVID-19 in Northern Grampians Shire?

Stawell Regional Health Respiratory Clinic



facebook.com/StawellRegionalHealth or 5358 8630

- Drive through testing, no appointment needed. Testing locations change, view Facebook or call to confirm location

East Wimmera Health Service



5477 2102 or 5477 2100

52 North Western Road St Arnaud

- 2.30pm every day including weekend



Victorian Government Call-to-Test at home service



For people with disability or illness who can't get to testing sites.

1800 675 398, option 5 then option 5

Rapid Antigen Tests

May be available at Woolworths, IGA, chemists, service stations, independent shops

For more information call 1800 675 398. Information subject to change. Updated 18/1/22

School Holidays



The Rex Theatre presents

School Holiday Fun!

DON'T MESS WITH THE DUMMIES



Tickets
\$10
Show

\$5 Workshop

THURS 14 April 2022

Charlton Shire Hall, Armstrong Street

1pm Performance | 2:30pm Workshop



DUMMIES
CORP.

<https://events.humanitix.com/don-t-mess-with-the-dummies>



Lessons are held on a rotating timetable on Wednesdays and Thursdays, so that students miss part of a different period each week. Lessons are provided free of charge. The places are limited and are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

(Please circle your choices and indicate your first and second preferences by numbering then 1 & 2)

Other Instrument(s) of interest _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Email:

Date: _____

[School Use: Received: _____]

2022 Calendar

April	Fri	1st	House Athletics
	Sun-Wed	3rd-6th	Melbourne Camp
	Mon	4th	Parent /Teacher interviews 9:00-7:00. Yr. 11 & 12 classes Running
	Wed	6th	Yr. 7 7 8 NGS Community engagement session.
	Fri	8th	End of Term 1 - Finish 2 pm
	Mon	25th	ANZAC Day (PH)
	Tue	26th	Term 2 starts
	Thurs	28th	SSV Swimming
	Fri	29th	Yr. 9/10 boys Mancave program all day
May	Fri	6th	2nd VSSS rehearsal-Ballarat
	Mon	9,12,13	Yr. 9 Morrisby Interviews
	Tue	10-12	NAPLAN-Yr. 7 & Yr. 9
	Wed	11th	Yr. 11 Fit 2 Drive
	Fri	13th	House XC (PM)
	Sun	15-17	Yr. 11 & 12 Outdoor Ed Apollo Bay Camp
	Mon	16-17	NAPLAN catch up
	Mon	23rd	NCD XC
	Tue	31st	LMR XC
June	Mon-Thurs	6th-9th	Yr. 9-11 Exams
	Fri	10th	3rd VSSS rehearsal-Ballarat
	Mon	13th	Queens Birthday (PH)
	Fri	17th	Yr. 9 NCTTC-Try a VET day
	Tue	21st	Yr. 10—12 Wimmera Career Expo
	Fri	24th	End of Term 2 - Finish 2pm