

# St. Arnaud Secondary College Newsletter

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Assistant Principal: Vanessa McCormick

# Principal's report

## **School Council Elections**

As of 3pm on Thursday night we had received three nominations for the three parent positions on school council so I am happy to declare Melissa Weir, Louise Marland and Lynne Bodey all duly elected. We also received two nominations for two staff positions so I will also declare Vanessa McCormick, Calvin Taylor duly elected as well. All of these people are returning school councillors, so on behalf of the College I thank and congratulate them for their ongoing service to the College. Terri Dean has also volunteered to be co-opted to fill a 12 month vacancy which again gives us a full complement of parent and staff representatives to join Jesse Wandel and Berrie Walsh as College Captains.

The first meeting of the new School Council is scheduled for Wednesday March 16.

## **Inter-House Swimming Sports**

On Monday we held our annual inter-house swimming sports at the St Arnaud Pool. In near perfect conditions for swimming, we had a strong turnout of students with more than 100 students in attendance and more than 85 students in at least one event. The House Captains did a great job on the day, marshalling their teams and should be congratulated for their efforts as should the many students who got in the pool and had a red hot go. Thanks must also be extended to Parents Club, led by Larissa Patton, who provided a BBQ and refreshments for competitors, staff and spectators. Thanks also to JJ and Max Payne who helped with the BBQ on the day. Thanks also to parents, grandparents and friends who came along and supported the students on the day.

We had some terrific efforts on the day and several records were broken, with Jesse Amos leading the charge. At the end of the day Holmes came out with a strong win – much of this due to the highest participation rate of the three houses.

## **Student Leaders**

We have planned to conduct our Student Leaders Ceremony at the Town Hall today. There will be more in next week's newsletter.

## **Jon Summers - Drums**

Last week I was approached by Mr Jon Summers, a relieving ambulance driver working in St Arnaud who kindly donated a complete drum kit to the College for the students to use and practice on. This came out of the blue and it was very affirming that in a time of personal challenge with the pandemic, people can be very selfless and just think about others. On behalf of the College I would like to thank Jon for his very kind generosity.

## **COVID Safe – Face Masks and RA Tests**

We have been informed of some updates from the Department this week – the major point for most students is that wearing a mask will not be mandated from next Monday. If students would still like to wear a mask, they are allowed to do so – but it now becomes personal choice. The College has also received a new supply of RA Tests, which families can still pick up each fortnight with a recommended twice weekly test. The basic premise still applies – if you are feeling unwell, please test.

# Principal's report

## **Year 7 (and new families) Welcome BBQ**

Now that some COVID restrictions have been lifted, we are planning to run our Year 7 (and new families) Welcome BBQ on Wednesday 9 March. This is a very informal evening for new families to meet the staff and learn a little more about our College and vice versa. We will offer some time to show families through the Compass program, which is our main avenue of communication between school and home. The College will provide the BBQ and (non-alcoholic) drinks on the night, which should run from 6 till about 7pm.

## **Vaping**

Unfortunately we have noticed or been hearing that there has been an increase in the number of students who are using or bringing Vapes to school. There is a great deal of research into the use of Vapes which **put nicotine into the body**. Nicotine is highly addictive and can: slow brain development in teens and affect memory, concentration, learning, self-control, attention, and mood. In addition, vaping can increase the risk of other types of addiction later in life. Students caught with Vapes at school will have them confiscated and will be suspended.

## **Mobile Phones**

Just a reminder for all students and families that the State Government has banned mobile phones in schools during the day. As a school we are aware that some students may need access to phone immediately before or after school so offer to lock them away during the day. If students are caught with phones at school they will be confiscated and parents notified. If this occurs more than once, the phone will need to be collected by a parent or will be locked away.

## **Long Service Leave**

I will be taking a week of Long Service Leave next week and will be back at school on Monday 7 March. Vanessa McCormick will be the Acting Principal in my absence.

## **Upcoming dates**

Wednesday 9 March – Year 7 and New Families – Welcome BBQ.

Tony Hand  
Principal



## **Year 7 Welcome BBQ 9th March @ 6pm**

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 6pm, the Secondary College would like to invite the parents of all our fresh-faced Year 7 students to the College for a BBQ Welcome dinner. In addition, any new families of students in other year levels are also invited.

The BBQ is a chance to meet the staff, see our excellent teaching and learning facilities, meet with other families, have a nice feed and get a feel for the College.

All food and drink is provided by the College (alcohol free event) in an informal and friendly atmosphere.

On the night we will also take the opportunity to show parents how our online system, Compass, works and showcase some of the programs and events we run at the school.

We hope to see as many families on the night as possible!

Clinton Loble  
Year 7 Coordinator

Tony Hand  
Principal





Thank You!

Big shout out to Jon Summers from Ambulance Victoria who kindly donated a full drum kit to the St Arnaud Secondary College. The Hands on Learning students went to pick it up on Thursday.

## Year 8 Food Technology

*Southern Chicken & Apple crumble*



### Year 8 Food Technology

During week 4 the year 8 food technology class should have completed the Lifespan Table, identifying the nutrients required throughout a person's life and looking at the reason behind the change in requirements. This week the students cooked southern fried chicken, coleslaw and apple crumble.



# 2022 House Swimming Sports

## HOUSE SWIMMING SPORTS 2022

The annual House Swimming Sports for St. Arnaud Secondary College was held on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of February. The weather gods did not disappoint, providing perfect conditions for some healthy competition and fun in the sun!

Students that participated throughout the day produced some fantastic results. There were five records broken, the oldest standing from 1974!

Name	Event	Time	Old Record Holder	Year	Time
Jesse Amos	20 Yrs 50m Butterfly	32.03	Jesse Amos	2020	32.16
Austin Lowe	13 Yrs 50m Freestyle	33.34	W. Griffith	1976	34.60
Jesse Amos	17 Yrs 50m Freestyle	29.78	Ned Jackson	2014	29.78
Austin Lowe	13 Yrs 50m Breaststroke	45.41	B. Waldron	1974	46.80
Jesse Amos	17 Yrs 50m Backstroke	35.47	D. Reyne	2000	37.90

It was great to see so many students and staff dress up in their house colours. Students who won the best dressed awards were Rogan Hando, Amy Greenaway, Trey Zander and Gypsy Donald.

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.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the Parents' Club for running the BBQ and drink stand, the McIntyre family for donating the 'Zoooper Doopers', parents and families for supporting the event and the St Arnaud Swimming Pool for hosting the day.

Well done to Holmes 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 7<sup>th</sup> March in St Arnaud.

### **Final scores:**

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### **Age Group Champions:**

#### **BOYS**

12 & 13 years	Austin Lowe (Holmes)
14 years	Frankie Donald (Willmott)
15 years	Owen Lowe (Holmes)
16 years	Tyson Funston (Holmes)
17 years	Jesse Amos (Willmott)
18-20 years	Ned Gorrie (Morshead)

#### **GIRLS**

Mahlie Morris (Morshead)
Scarlett Hand (Holmes)
Ava Wilson (Willmott)
Isabell Hand (Holmes)
Keegan Amos (Willmott)
Josie Wilson (Holmes)

Beau Knight  
Sports Coordinator



# 2022 House Swimming Sports





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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## 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

### 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.

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

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



## The G.H. Edwards Library



### The republic of Birds

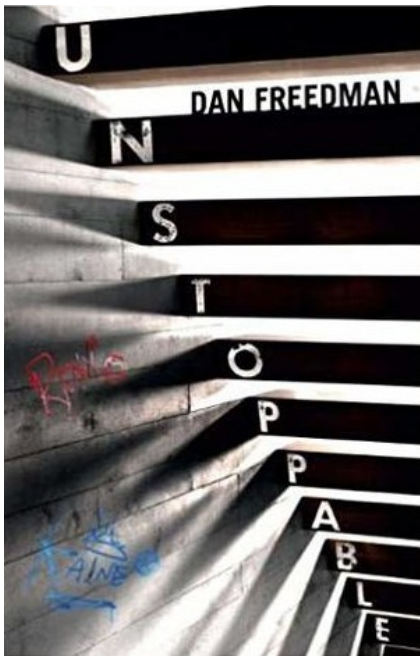
By Jessica Miller

Olga loves the stories of the old cartographers and pores over their ancient books and maps, trying to unlock their secrets. Sometimes, she can even feel through the maps—almost see into them — as if by magic.

When the bird army kidnaps Olga's sister, Mira, Olga knows that only she can venture into the Republic of Birds to rescue her. But first, she must unlock her magical ability.

As her journey takes her into the hidden world of the lags and the wilds of the Unmappable Blank, Olga discovers the truth about the war with the birds—and learns just how much is at stake in her quest to save her sister.

Inspired by Russian folklore.



### Unstoppable

By Dan Freedman

Fourteen-year-old twins, Kaine and Roxy, used to be close, but now they can hardly bear to be in the same room.

Roxy hates the way her brother behaves - Kaine might be brilliant at football, but he's always in trouble and seems determined to tear the family apart.

And Kaine despises the way his supposedly perfect sister dominates their parents in her ambition to reach Wimbledon.

But the twins are both hiding dangerous secrets of their own, secrets that could destroy everything they are working towards - and both Roxy's and Kaine's survival hangs precariously in the balance.

# Careers & Pathways

## Work Experience at AIE



The Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) runs a Work Experience Program for students in years 10 to 12 throughout the year. Students can undertake work experience at their campuses in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, and Adelaide.

The AIE Work Experience Program is a great way for students in 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.

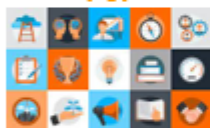
The Work Experience Program encompasses a range of activities including 3D animation, programming, QA testing and much more.

There is always plenty of interest in the AIE Work Experience Program, so make sure you register ASAP, so you don't miss out.

**For further information visit:**

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

## 10 Skills Employers Are Looking For



The job market is competitive, and there are lots of people applying for every job. Which means employers will look at what work experience or voluntary jobs you've done, what other skills you have to offer then assess you on a number of qualities they think are important to their team / business / brand before deciding if you should get the job. Having a range of skills and being able to prove you have them, could help you stand out above the other candidates and make it easier employers to choose you.

### 10 of the key skills employers look for

The skills required to do each job will vary, but in general these are the ones that could help you stand out the most:

1. Communication
2. Flexibility
3. Determination
4. Teamwork
5. Ability to Learn
6. Problem Solving
7. Loyalty
8. Resilience
9. Self-discipline
10. Tech Skills

## JOB PROFILE ARCHITECT



Architects use creativity and a practical understanding of structures and materials to develop concepts, plans, specifications and detailed drawings for buildings and other structures. They negotiate with builders and planning authorities, administer building contracts, and inspect work that has been carried out.

### Duties & Tasks

- Meet with clients or builders to discuss their requirements and prepare a design brief
- Prepare sketches, production drawings and detailed drawings by hand or using computer-aided design (CAD) software
- Combine structural, mechanical, and artistic elements into a building's design, such as decks and atriums, lifts, air conditioning systems and decorative finishes
- Discuss designs and cost estimates with clients and others involved in the project
- Obtain necessary approvals from authorities
- Prepare specifications and contract documents for builders, tradespeople, and legal advisers
- Evaluate projects once they are completed and occupied.
- Writes specifications and contract documents for use by builders and calls tenders on behalf of clients.
- Obtains advice from clients and management to determine type, style and size of planned buildings and alterations to existing buildings.
- Inspects construction work in progress to ensure compliance with plans, specifications, and quality standards.
- Provides information regarding designs, materials, and estimated building times.
- Prepares project documentation, including sketches and scale drawings, and integrates structural, mechanical, and aesthetic elements in final designs.

### Related Courses

Bachelor of Design – Architecture, Bachelor of Applied Architecture, Bachelor of Architectural Design

### Future Growth

Moderate

### For further information visit

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

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### Lions Club of St Arnaud

#### Welcome St Arnaud Event:

***Saturday 19th March @ Queen Mary gardens  
10am-2pm***

As you are all aware we were unable to have our community gathering last September due to Covid-19 restrictions, but 2022 is more promising and we have rescheduled the event for the 19th of March at the Queen Mary Gardens between 10 am and 2 pm.

The purpose of the gathering remains the same, to inform all members of the numerous community organisations, services and activities that are available in the St Arnaud area, we also use the forum to attract new participants for the individual groups within St Arnaud.

Food will be provided at no cost by the Lions & Rotary clubs of St Arnaud and there will be plenty of entertainment for both kids and adults.

It will be located at the old bowling green site across the road from the Information Centre.

If you have any queries please contact:

John Beggs

President Lions Club St Arnaud

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# Strengthening Parent Support Program



## What is the Strengthening Parent Support Program (SPSP)?

**It is a program for parents and carers of children who have additional needs, a disability or developmental delay.**

This parenting support program provides families with opportunities to participate in peer support groups and establish support networks with other families or carers in the local community.

The SPSP program is run by Uniting in Horsham but also reaches communities in the surrounding regional areas. Please contact the co-ordinator Kate Janetzki for further information.

You can also keep up to date by joining our Facebook page;

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/390018412226828>

Support group activities may include a night out at movies and dinner, an informal lunch and chat or seminars/workshops covering a range of helpful and educational topics.

### Contact Details

Kate Janetzki  
on

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# Uniting

We are pleased to be able to offer small group instrumental lessons once again this year and we would like to invite students to complete the following expression of interest form.

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.

Initially lessons will be offered in Keyboard, Voice, Guitar, Ukulele, Violin and Drums. Students interested in other instruments are asked to nominate their instrument of interest to assist with ongoing planning.

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

Keyboard \_\_\_ Guitar \_\_\_ Ukulele \_\_\_ Violin \_\_\_ Drums \_\_\_

Other Instrument(s) of interest \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Yr \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ [School Use: Received: \_\_\_\_\_]



# 2022 Calendar

<b>Feb</b>	Fri	25	Leaders Ceremony 2pm @ Town Hall
	Mon	28	Yr. 12 Outdoor Ed excursion—Halls Gap
<b>March</b>	Mon	7	NCD Swimming
	Wed	9	Year 7 Welcome BBQ
	Thurs	10	NCD Triathlon
	Fri	11	Rock Expo
	<b>Mon</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Labour day</b>
	Tue-Fri	15-18	Year 7 Summit Camp
	Thurs-Fri	17-18	Yr. 11 Pre-driver Ed
	Thurs	17	LMR Swimming
	Mon	21	Yr. 9 Morrisby Questionnaire this week
<b>April</b>	Fri	1	House Athletics
<b>**</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Parent teacher Interviews 9am-7pm 11 &amp; 12 classes running</b>
	Tue-Fri	5-8	Year. 11 Melbourne Camp
	<b>Fri</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>End of Term</b>
	<b>Mon</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Anzac Day</b>
	Thurs	28	SSV Swimming
<b>May</b>	Mon	2	Lock In—Drill
	Fri	6	Fire Drill
	Mon	9,12,13	Yr 9 Morrisby Interviews
	Tue	10	NAPLAN
	Wed	11	Yr 11 Fit 2 Drive