

St. Arnaud Secondary College Newsletter

Issue 11

Term 2
Week 11
29th April, 2022

ANZAC Day

On Monday 25th April, the School Captains attended both the Anzac Day wreath laying and formal ceremony representing the College.

At 10:30, they laid a wreath at the cenotaph on behalf of the College community, joining other schools, ex-servicemen, service organisations and other groups representing the breadth of the community.

At 11:00, the Anzac Day ceremony was held at the RSL Hall. The School Captains were guest speakers at this ceremony, basing their speech around the 80th Anniversary of the Fall of Singapore during World War II, and the long term effects that this had on Australia's war experience and military alliances. Speeches were also presented by representatives from the St. Arnaud Primary School and St. Patrick's Primary.

The School Captains represented the College with dignity at this important event and are to be congratulated on their professional demeanour.



L-R: Ella Darby, Berrie Walsh, Jesse Wandel & Deon Tannock



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Principal's report

Welcome back to Term 2

We hope that everyone has been able to have a nice break over the holidays and are refreshed and ready to go for Term 2.

Family Condolences

It was with much sadness that we learnt of the passing of Fabian Bigmore, father of Rory in Year 11. A number of students and staff attended the funeral on Tuesday afternoon – all of us wanting to pay our respects and show our support for Rory. Our deepest sympathies are extended to Rory, Paula and Harry and to their extended family.

We also learnt of the death of Norm Hando, grandfather to Rogan (Yr 11) and Millie (Yr 8) and wife of Pam Hando who was a teacher of Home Economics and Textiles at the College some years ago. Deepest sympathies are extended to the whole Hando family.

This week also marked the memorial service for Stephanie Carswell, who was appointed as a Leading Teacher at the beginning of this year. As I have mentioned, Steph had a short battle with brain cancer and three staff joined me at the memorial service in Ballarat on Thursday.

This has been a very emotion filled week for our College Community. I strongly encourage all of you to look out for one another – and check in with others to see if they are OK. If you are not OK – please make sure you are seeking support – we do have access to support for students and families and I encourage anyone who is struggling to ask for help. We all need help from time to time – the biggest mistake is not asking for it.

Congratulations Jesse

Congratulations to Jesse Amos who travelled down to Melbourne yesterday to compete in the State Swimming Finals. In the 50m Butterfly, Jesse placed 6th in the state which is a fantastic achievement. Well done, Jesse!

School Review and Self-Evaluation

We have extended the deadline to receive feedback from Parents prior to our School review which is taking place this term. If you have not had the opportunity to do so, we would appreciate any and all feedback

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)

<https://forms.gle/AyUQ9cK4wz9qUkNJ8>

Thanks to families who have already completed the survey.

ANZAC Day

On Monday, College Captains, Berrie Walsh, Jesse Wandel, Ella Darby and Deon Tannock represented the school at the St. Arnaud ANZAC Day service. At 10:30 they were involved in the wreath laying at the cenotaph and then marched to the RSL where they were guest speakers. Along with the Primary School students, they presented a recount for the 80th anniversary of the fall of Singapore. They all presented well and represented our College with pride.

Principal's report continued

New storage facilities

If you have travelled along Wheeler Street in the past few days, you would have noticed that we now have two shipping containers near the back oval. Construction is underway for a roof to be put over the top of the containers, creating a new home for the tractor and slasher, etc, and other outdoor equipment. In the short term, this will be used to store much of our equipment during our building re-development and eventually, school records and the like.

Peter Pan

COVID is still affecting a large number of things, and Peter Pan is no exception. The entire show has been cancelled due to delays in shipping the props necessary for production. We will seek alternative opportunities for our students.

Upcoming dates

Friday 13 May – House Cross Country

Thursday 19 May – First Review Day

Monday 23 May – NCD Cross Country

Tuesday 31 May – LMR Cross Country

Tony Hand
Principal



Anzac Day 2022

Anzac Day Speech – St. Arnaud Secondary College

The immediate impact of the fall of Singapore 80 years ago was disastrous for Australia and the Island's fall marked one of the darkest periods in Australian history.

Within a seven-week period, 22,000 Australians (including 71 nurses from the Australian Army Nursing Service) had the misfortune to become prisoners of war.

In addition, 1,500 Australian civilians – men, women, and children – were captured or interned across the region. The significance of the prisoner-of-war experience to Australia's Second World War story can be measured by the profound loss of life.

These losses made up half of all the combat-related deaths suffered by Australian servicemen and servicewomen during the Pacific war, and the suffering of the survivors continued long after their return home.

Many prisoners were hopeful that the Japanese would feel bound by international law. The Japanese had said that while they had not ratified the Geneva Convention on the treatment of prisoners of war, they would respect its authority.

This would not be the case and the experiences of our soldiers and nurses as P.O.W's in places like Changi, the Burma-Thai railway, Japan itself and other Pacific Islands in Japan's control are all associated with war atrocities, brutality, and significant war crime.

The Fall of Singapore was also a catalyst in changing foreign policy that would impact on future Australian governments, continuing to this very day.

For 150 years Australia relied on the British Empire for its external defence. The Fall of Singapore highlighted the gross under-estimation of the Japanese force by the British Empire and the Allied forces.

The loss became a defining moment in Australian foreign policy with the realisation that Britain could not offer the same defensive support as the Americans when it came to the Pacific region and led the Australian Government to reconsider its alliance with Britain.

Prime Minister at the time John Curtin said, "Without any inhibitions of any kind, I make it clear that Australia looks to America, free of any pangs as to our traditional links or kinship with the United Kingdom."

This was the beginning of the Australian alliance with the United States – a partnership that continued throughout the Second World War, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Cold War, and remains at the heart of both major political parties' security policies.

Here today, eighty years on, we take the time to remember and reflect on those who made the ultimate sacrifice and those who gave great service in defending their homeland.

Anzac Day 2022



Food Technology

Year 8 Food Technology

Week 11 saw the Year 8 food class cooking Pizza. In our theory class, we have been looking at the Australian Healthy Eating Guide and the Healthy Eating Pyramid. We have been using the guide to look at healthy meal options making our own pizza bases, then topping them with ham/salami, cheese and vegetables.



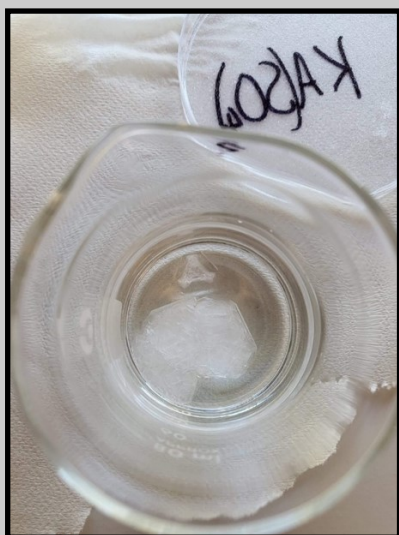
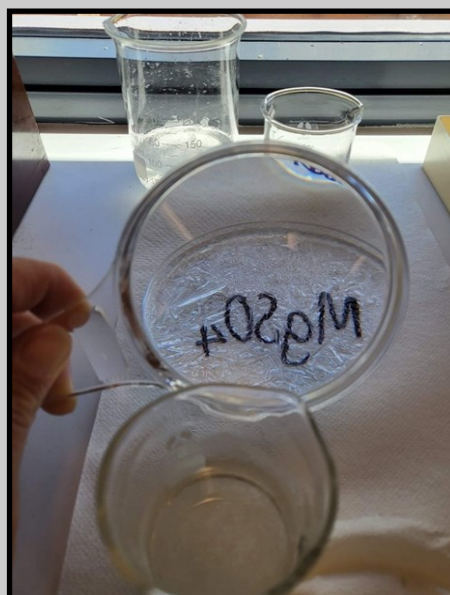
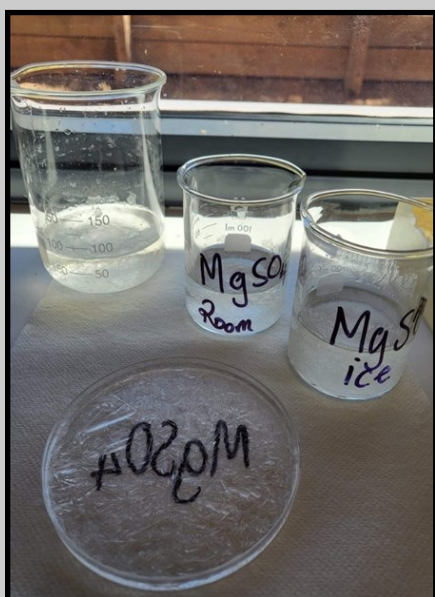
Food Technology continued



Chemistry

Year 11 Chemistry

As part of the Chemistry coursework and school assessment, students carry out numerous practical experiments. Recently Ryan, Alexa and Jesse investigated factors affecting crystal formation of ionic compounds (salts). They investigated the effect of evaporation rates, and saturated and unsaturated solutions. It was extremely interesting to compare the large octahedral shaped crystal of the potassium aluminium sulphate compound with the needle shaped crystals formed by magnesium sulphate (Epsom salts). You too can do a similar experiment at home by making a very strong solution of dissolved Epsom salts, placing it in a dish and letting the water evaporate over time. See how you go!





















Science

Junior and Senior Science

In science, students investigated the different flame colours which substances can produce. This is often associated with fireworks. Senior science students have studied the theory behind why different colours are produced and understand that it is due to the electrons in the atom being excited by the heat and then releasing energy when they move back to their usual place. Junior science students this week investigated the different colours and some were just beautiful!



FLAME TEST COLOURS					
					
LITHIUM Li^+	SODIUM Na^+	POTASSIUM K^+	RUBIDIUM Rb^+	CAESIUM Cs^+	CALCIUM Ca^{2+}
					
STRONTIUM Sr^{2+}	BARIUM Ba^{2+}	RADIUM Ra^{2+}	COPPER Cu^{2+}	IRON $\text{Fe}^{2+}/\text{Fe}^{3+}$	BORON B^{3+}
					
INDIUM In^{3+}	LEAD Pb^{2+}	ARSENIC As^{3+}	ANTIMONY $\text{Sb}^{3+}/\text{Sb}^{5+}$	SELENIUM $\text{Se}^{2+}/\text{Se}^{4+}$	ZINC Zn^{2+}





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Snow Camp - \$250.00 Instalment due 29th April 2022

****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/>



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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.

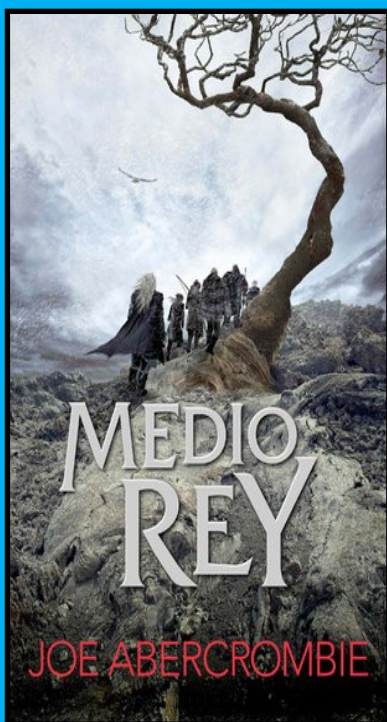
Payment amounts this year are \$225 for eligible secondary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

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.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 5495 1811 and ask for an application form.

<p>Business Manager – Kerrie Swanton Office Manager – Elisha O'Donnell Office Hours: 8.30 am – 4.30pm Phone 03 5495 1811 Email: st.arnaud.sc@education.vic.gov.au</p>

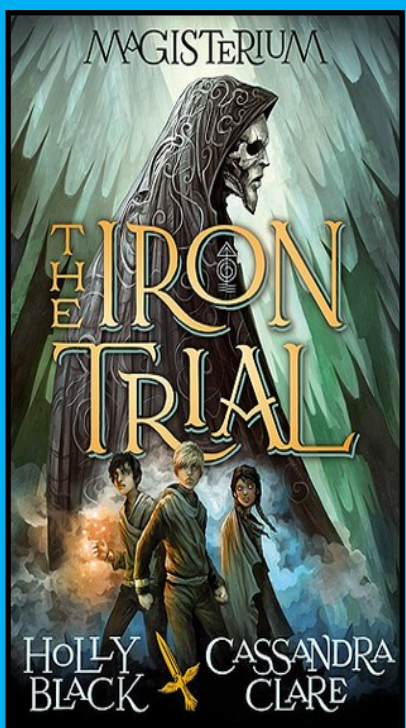
The G.H. Edwards Library



Medio Rey

By Joe Abercrombie

Betrayed by his family and left for dead, Prince Yarvi, reluctant heir to a divided kingdom, has vowed to reclaim a throne he never wanted. But first he must survive cruelty, chains and the bitter waters of the shattered sea itself - all with only one good hand. Born a weakling in the eyes of a hard, cold world, he cannot grip a shield or swing an axe, so has sharpened his mind to a deadly edge. Gathering a strange fellowship of the outcast, he finds they can help him more than any noble could. Even so, Yarvi's path may end as it began - in twists, traps and tragedy.



The Iron Trial

By Holly Black, Cassandra Clare & illustrated by Scott Fischer

Most kids would do anything to pass the Iron Trial.
Not Callum Hunt. He wants to fail.

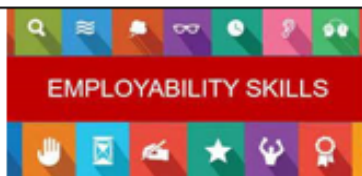
All his life, Call has been warned by his father to stay away from magic. If he succeeds at the Iron Trial and is admitted into the Magisterium, he is sure it can only mean bad things for him.

So he tries his best to do his worst - and fails at failing.
Now the Magisterium awaits him. It's a place that's both sensational and sinister, with dark ties to his past and a twisty path to his future.

The Iron Trial is just the beginning, for the biggest test is still to come . . .

From the remarkable imaginations of bestselling authors Holly Black and Cassandra Clare comes a heart-stopping, mind-blowing, pulse-pounding plunge into the magical unknown.

Careers and Pathways



Employability skills are the non-technical skills needed to get a job. Often referred to as 'soft skills,' they include skills such as:

- **communication**
- **team work**
- **problem solving**
- **initiative**
- **planning and organising**
- **decision making**
- **self-management.**

These skills are highly valued by employers and industry. So, your ability to provide examples of how you developed these skills is valuable when you're looking for work.

Developing your skills

Employability skills can be developed in many areas of your life, including at school, at work, and through hobbies and sport. For example, to develop or improve your communication skills, you could consider:

- presenting oral presentations in class
- working in customer service (face-to-face or over-the-phone)
- writing assignments and reports as part of your studies
- blogging or using social media.

If you're just getting started in your career, work experience can help you to develop your skills and provide evidence of your ability to perform a skill in a workplace. It can also provide you with an opportunity to develop networks, learn about the world of work and to decide what kinds of things you would like to do.

For further information visit:

<https://myfuture.edu.au/career-articles/details/what-are-employability-skills>



Australia's biggest education and careers expo is now in its 30th year!
Thursday 28 April - Saturday 30 April, 9am-3pm

Caulfield Race Course

For further information visit:

www.vceandcareers.com.au

Work Experience with Dandenong Veterinary Hospital



Dandenong Veterinary Hospital encourages students to participate in our work experience program. It is a great chance to see the 'out the back' workings of a Veterinary Hospital if you are training or considering a career in this field.

We have Secondary School Students on a regular basis as part of their formal year ten work experience program. These students must be 15 years or older at the time of placement and organise the experience through their school's work experience co-ordinator.

School students are able to experience a variety of day-to-day procedures at the Hospital, including surgeries, grooming, and care of unwell hospital patients. They assist the Veterinary Nurses with their daily cleaning routines and other jobs around the Hospital.

Work experience is a good opportunity for Secondary School Students with an interest in animals to have a behind-the-scenes look at working in the animal industry.

www.dvh.com.au/work-experience-programs/#secstudent

AIE | Open Day, Melbourne



Saturday 14th May 2022, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film, and visual effects at the AIE Open Day on Sat 14 May 2022.

AIE's Open Day is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, staff, and students. The day will cover everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for.
- studios and industries that we work with.
- courses we offer – from beginners to professional mastery, and.
- the software, skills, and knowledge we teach.

Find out more:

https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/open-day/

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IDAHOBIT DAY - May 17th, 2022

International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism & Transphobia.

A day to raises awareness, stops discrimination, and celebrates gender diversity all over the world.

Participation by the St. Arnaud Secondary College, St. Arnaud Primary School and EWHS at a Pride Flag Raising Event. Students who wish to take part, please contact School Nurse Tania for more details.



A collage of four stylized musical instruments arranged in a 2x2 grid. The top-left instrument is a yellow trumpet with white valves and a black bell. The top-right instrument is a red double bass with white f-holes and a black neck. The bottom-left instrument is a black and white microphone with a yellow grille. The bottom-right instrument is a black vinyl record with a yellow center label.

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



April	Fri	29th	Yr. 9/10 boys Mancave program all day Snow Camp \$250 instalment due
May	Thurs	5th	SRC Leadership Team Charlton—Yr 9-12
	Fri	6th	2nd VSSS Rehearsal— Ballarat
	Fri	6th	VCAL Black Ranges X-Country
	Mon	9th	Yr. 9 Morrisby Interviews
	Tue	10-12th	NAPLAN-Yr. 7 & Yr. 9
	Wed	11th	Yr. 11 Fit 2 Drive
	Wed	11th	MIPS
	Fri	13th	House XC (PM) Yr. 9 Morrisby Interviews Brain Cancer Fundraiser—Pirate Day
	Mon	16-17th	Yr. 11 & 12 Outdoor Ed Apollo Bay Camp
	Mon	23rd	NCD XC
	Mon	23rd	MIPS
	Mon	30th	Questacon STEM Yr7-9
	Tue	31st	LMR XC
June	Fri	3rd	MIPS
	Mon-Thurs	6th-9th	Yr. 9-11 Exams
	Fri	10th	3rd VSSS rehearsal-Ballarat
	Mon	13th	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
	Tues	14th	PUPIL FREE DAY
	Wed	15th	Semester 2 begins
	Thurs-Wed	16th/22nd	MIPS
	Fri	17th	Yr. 9 NCTTC-Try a VET day
	Tue	21st	Yr. 10—12 Wimmera Career Expo
	Wed	22nd	MIPS
	Fri	24th	End of Term 2 - Finish 2pm