St. Arnaud Secondary College Newsletter

Issue 36

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Year 7 Transition 2023 First Contact!

The new 2023 Year 7 students have enjoyed

their first couple of half days at the Secondary College. Students from both Primary Schools in St. Arnaud have spent time during two afternoons at the Secondary College, getting a feel for the grounds, meeting students and staff, and trying out some of their subjects for 2023.

Over the first two afternoons, the new students were able to try their hand at the four core subjects in the Year 7 course: English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities.

In Maths, they got right down to business working on some equations with Mr. Redmond. In English with Mr. Lobley, they pitted against each other in a fierce competition of words skills. During the Humanities lesson, the group found out about some interesting historical



facts (and a few fictional!)
and finally, the Science
class with Mrs. Jackson
was a
spectacular practical
demonstration of how
different compounds react
to heat.

The 2023 students have three full days coming up in early December, with the first being a full day on the 1st. We can't wait to see their smiling faces again!

St. Arnaud Secondary College is a Child Safe School.



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Assistant Principal: Vanessa McCormick

Principal's Report



This week the Year 9 to 11 students have been undertaking end of semester exams in all their subjects. These exams are designed not only to test a student's knowledge, but also to give students practice at exams, which are clearly different from topic tests. As we have done in previous years, several students have not realised what is required in certain subjects – which is much better than realising during an external exam when there is no forgiveness.

School For Student Leadership 2022

On the weekend, six families made the trek across the state and up Mount Hotham to catch up with our six 'Alpine' students. The students had just completed five of their nine weeks and were able to be picked up at 9:00am on Saturday and had to be back at the school by 4pm on Sunday. Like all families, we loved the opportunity to spend the weekend with Scarlett and hear about what they had been up to. We also got to meet several of the students from other schools which was also nice.

The biggest challenge for the weekend (other than dropping our children back) was the weather. Saturday morning the fog reduced visibility to less than 15 metres, which isn't great when you are high in the mountains on an unfamiliar and windy road, and then Sunday hit us again – this time with pelting rain. I am sure we are all richer for the experience.

School For Student Leadership 2023

On Tuesday morning, the current Year 8 students heard from five of our six current School for Student Leadership students – via videos they recorded over the weekend. It is quite clear that the current students are having a really great time and learning a lot about themselves and Others. All of them encouraged the Year 8 students to apply for the school for Student Leadership for next year. All the students were given an information sheet and an application form which is due by next Thursday. I hope we have enough students to send a full team once again. Information about the School for Student Leadership is easy to find – just Google the Alpine School or the use the link http://www.alpineschool.vic.edu.au/ to gather further information. As a passionate advocate for the School for Student Leadership, I am always happy to discuss any questions or concerns.

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner

On Thursday night we held our annual Year 12 Valedictory Dinner at the Golf Club. In what is a final formal farewell to the students, teachers and parents got together to celebrate this group's achievements – and the students got to thank the staff for their efforts and support over the last 6 years. We will have photos and a report in next week's newsletter.

Energy Breakthrough

This weekend sees the Energy Breakthrough back up and running after a two year lay-off due to COVID. We have again entered two teams and they have been working hard, practising, and getting everything ready. Hopefully the weather can hold out for us.

Principal's Report

Step Up

Step Up for all Year 7 to 11 students, where they will begin next year's work, begins on Monday. Students currently in Years 10 and 11 will have two weeks of Step Up, with the Year 7-9 students completing three weeks prior to Activities Week.

Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition

The Grade 6 to Year 7 transition is going smoothly with students undertaking their second half day last week. Thursday, 1st December sees the first of three full days of transition prior to next year.





Monday, 21st November – Step Up Begins for all Year 7 to 11 students

Friday, 25th November – Curriculum Day – Professional Practice Day

Friday, 2nd December – Last day for current Year 10 and 11 students

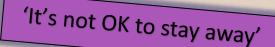
Monday, 12th December – Activities Week begins for current Year 7-9 students

Tuesday, 13th December – Presentation Evening

Friday, 16th December – Interviews by request

Monday, 19th December – Pupil Free Day – Berry Street Training with the Primary School

Tony Hand Principal



He/ She is only missing just	That equals	Which is	and over 13 years of schooling that's
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly Half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly 1 and a Half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over 2 and a Half years

Important Information





Important Bus Information

There have been an increasing number of incidents where parents have been running late to pick up their children at the bus stops in the afternoon on the Hamilton's bus run.

If an incident arises and parents will not be at the bus stop, please contact Hamilton's on 54 951 422 to organise alternative arrangements.



COVID Information Update

COVID-19 Update for schools

Dear colleagues

Please note the following important information in relation to changed COVID-19 settings.

COVID-19 isolation requirements have changed

The Victorian Government has announced the end of the Pandemic Declaration and associated Pandemic Orders.

The following settings, based on advice from the Department of Health, will apply from 11.59pm Wednesday 12 October 2022.

It is strongly recommended that students:

- . who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days
- should not attend school after 5 days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school
- · advise the school of the COVID-19 positive test result

Where students become symptomatic at school they should:

- · be collected by their parents/carers
- undergo testing for COVID-19

It is strongly recommended that staff:

- · who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days
- should not attend after 5 days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school
- report their positive test result to the school and through eduPay

Reporting positive COVID-19 test results

The Department of Health recommends that a person who tests positive for COVID-19 should inform those with whom they have recently been in contact, including their workplace, schools, and household.

Parents and carers will therefore be asked to continue to report positive student COVID-19 cases using the VicED COVID Tool

Where a parent/carer informs the school by phone or written notification, the school should complete the Schools COVID Case Management Tool.

Staff should report their positive COVID-19 test result via eduPay.

Staff who wish to apply for up to 5 days paid special leave should do so through eduPay.

COVID-19 vaccination changes

The current mandatory vaccination requirement for staff and visitors, contractors and volunteers working in specialist schools will cease to apply from 11.59pm Wednesday 12 October. COVID-19 vaccination, including booster doses, continues to be strongly recommended for all school staff.

Face masks

Staff and students who wish to wear a face mask should be supported to do so, and schools should continue to make face masks available for staff, students, and visitors.

The Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 when leaving home.

Additionally, the Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who has COVID-19, for at least 7 days after a positive test, when they need to leave home.

Please continue to take the important steps of ensuring air purifiers are in use, external ventilation is maximised, good personal hygiene is encouraged, and face masks continue to be made available for staff and students who wish to wear them.

David Howes

Deputy Secretary

Schools and Regional Services

2023 Yr. 7 Transition — Photos



Remembrance Day 2022



On Friday, 11th November, our College Vice-Captains, Amy Greenaway and Phoebe Hendy, led our 2022 Remembrance Day service. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students and staff for showing their respect to our fallen soldiers.





"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. We will remember them."



Yr. 7 & 7/8 Food



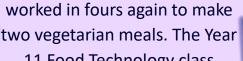


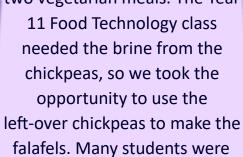


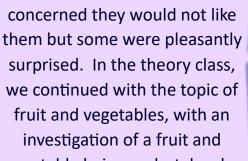


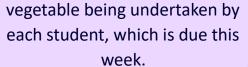
<u>Year 7 and 7-8</u> <u>Food Technology</u>

The students made Falafels and Hash Browns. The class





















PLEASE HELP US, WE NEED A BAND NAME!



A reminder that the newly formed Secondary College Rock Band are looking for suggestions for a name. Ideas should be passed to Mrs Walsh or any of the band members. Thank you!

Expressions of Interest

Bendigo Academy of Sport

Canoeing Program



2022-2023

Proudly partnered with the

- Victorian Institute of Sport
- Bendigo Canoe Club
- Paddle Victoria

Deliverables:

- Twice weekly training sessions at Lake Weeroona November 2022 - May 2023
- Camp at Nagambie
- Entry to Victorian Schools' Cup
- A comprehensive Athlete Education sessions Subjects covered include, sport psychology, drugs in sport/gambling/match-fixing, general health and wellbeing, social media, injury prevention and management, and public speaking.
- 2023 Annual Presentation event
- Musculoskeletal Screening
- Strength & Conditioning program Team Builder and at La Trobe University

Contact -for further information

Mark Perdon 0429 132 229 Academy office during work hours on 54447700

Register:

https://forms.gle/jm2noiZ7Mb8hqkAx5







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

Parent Payment Policy Arrangements in 2022

Parent Payment information has been mailed to families – please contact the school if you require any further details.

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

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 24/06/2022

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.

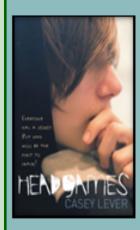
If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

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

Business Manager – Kerrie Swanton Student Administration – Elisha O'Donnell Office Hours: 8.30 am – 4.30pm Phone 03 5495 1811

Email: st.arnaud.sc@education.vic.gov.au

The G.H. Edwards Library



Headgames

By Casey Lever

Steven Byrd is highly intelligent. He's just not very smart. For one thing, he's obsessed with Avery Adams - a girl who can't stand him. When Steven discovers Avery is involved in a secret game, he drags his best mate, Tala, along for the ride. Steven laughs when he finally hears what the game is - until he thinks about the other players. Avery has had plenty of practice at twisting the knife to hurt Steven. Connor Robson is rumoured to have been in juvenile detention, and Connor's half-sister Jude's hostility could break glass. A silly kids' game can get serious very quickly when you let other people inside your head.



The Haunting of Sunshine Girl

By Paige McKenzie

Something freaky's going on with Sunshine's new house... there's the chill that wraps itself around her bones, the giggling she can hear in the dead of night, and then the strange shadows that lurk in her photographs. But the more weird stuff that happens, the less her mom believes her. Sunshine's always had a quirky affiliation with the past, but this time, history is getting much too close for comfort...

If there is something, or someone, haunting her house, what do they want? And what will they do if Sunshine can't help them?

As things become more frightening and dangerous, and the giggles she hears turn to sobs and screams, Sunshine has no choice but to accept what she is, face the test before her and save her mother from a fate worse than death.



For Students 13 years above

Are you struggling with or concerned about your mental health?

We can help you access low intensity mental health support services if you have, or are at risk of, mild mental health conditions.

Our accessible services, delivered across Western Victoria, are evidencebased, staged services for people experiencing mild symptoms or low levels of distress for a short period of time.

Our services may assist you even if you have no mental illness risk factors, or if you have responded well to previous treatment. You may feel that you are functioning well but may have problems with motivation or engagement.

What kind of support is provided?

Face-to-face one-to-one intervention or Telehealth
Individual support for those presenting with mild/low levels of psychological
distress.

8 Sessions are available 60 mins in duration and aims to support and manage your mental health.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BET UP AN APPOINTMENT TO THIS COUNSELLING SERVICE, PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH SCHOOL NURSE TANIA- (AVAILABLE MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY IN SCHOOL) OR EMAIL ON: tania.scarce@education.vic.gov.au. Alternatively call the school to advise.

Health & Wellbeing

Is your child struggling at school but financially unable to access external tutoring?

WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

WHAT WE DO

- · Connect students who struggle with school but are not able to afford tutoring otherwise to our dedicated volunteer tutors for free.
- Our tutors can assist Kindergarten to Year 9 students with English, Mathematics and Science, in addition to reading help for K-2 students.

OUR MISSION

eTutors Project connects students who are having learning difficulties with access to free weekly tutoring lessons to help them succeed, regardless of their financial capability.

eTutors Project

To learn more about us or to enrol as a student, please visit www.etutorsproject.org



Supporting young people to achieve goals and reduce risk of homelessness

We provide a safe and welcoming environment for you to access help through our range of programs that support you to achieve your goals.

Find the right support for you.

If you would like support to help link you If you would like support to help link you into education, training, employment or the community. Maybe you would like support to find secure, safe and affordable accommodation. We are here to help you. We offer support to young people to navigate conflict and develop skills to become more independent.

Take the first step

Scan this code and fill in the short details and a member of our Intake team will contact you.

Get in touch T 03 5362 4000 E Wimmerayouth@vt.uniting.org





GET ACTIVE KIDS!

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO HELP KIDS BE MORE ACTIVE

FAMILIES

Round 5 of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program is NOW OPEN!

The program provides financial support (up to \$200 per eligible child) to cover membership and registration fees, to get more kids involved in sport and recreation activities.

Visit <u>www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers</u> to find out more and apply. Round 5 closes 30th November 2022.

LOCAL SPORTING CLUBS

Register to become an activity provider! Help families facing financial barriers get their kids into your sport or activity. Register your club at:

www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/info-forproviders/



Careers & Pathways

Reminders: Year 12 Students



EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

Federation Uni Early Offer - Close 12th December

Youthrive Rural Chances Scholarships (TAFE/Apprenticeships) - close 21st November www.youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships/ruralchances/

Register for VCE Unit 3 & 4 Results/ATAR

Monday 12th December 2022 https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au

Change of Preferences for VTAC Round one offers Close 14th December 2022 @ 4:00pm

> VTAC 1st Round Course Offers 21st December 2022



This year VTAC is running four webinars to Year 12 students parents/guardians with understanding results, change of preference and offers.

The first two webinars getting ready for your results - what happens next? (Monday 5th & Monday 8th December, 6:00pm - 7:00pm) will focus on providing an in-depth explanation on the process of students receiving their results, changing preferences, and receiving and accepting offers.

The getting ready for December round - what happens next? (Monday 12th December, 6:00pm - 7:00pm) and getting ready for January round what happens next? (Wednesday 21st December, 6:00pm - 7:00pm) webinars will each focus specifically on preparing students on maximising their preferences for both December and January offer rounds to ensure they get the best possible outcome. They will have a focus on Q&A time to allow all questions to be answered.

> Registration links can be found here: https://vtac.edu.au/events.html



Year 12 students, now that School is finished it is a great time to start researching your eligibility for any study/benefits for 2023 study @ TAFE (including Apprentices), Private Providers or Youth Allowance, University. E.g., assistance. Tertiary Access Payment, Low Income Health Care Card etc.

www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/studentsand-trainees



The National Skills Commission recently released its annual Skills Priority List, providing a detailed overview of occupations that are in shortage, both nationally and by state and territory. This year it's available in a handy interactive digital interface, enabling you to filter occupations by State, shortage rating, and by future demand.

Visit:

www.nationalskillscommission.gov.au/topics/skill s-priority-list

Vocational education and training (VET)



VET is designed to teach you knowledge and specific practical skills to help you in the workplace. It's delivered in a number of ways through schools, dual sector universities with VET courses, TAFE institutes, private registered training organisations and community colleges.

For further information visit: https://mvfuture.edu.au/careerarticles/vocational-education-and-training

Quantum Computing School Summer Camp (Online)



Mon 16th – Fri 20th January 2023 9am – 5pm

Applications open soon for the 2023 SQA Quantum Computing Summer Camp — delivered by Qubit by Qubit (QxQ), a leading educational organisation in quantum, in collaboration with Sydney Quantum Academy (SQA).

Held virtually on 16-20 January 2023 with a bonus day in person, the summer camp will be open to Australian high school students (9-12) and recent school leavers. No prior quantum or coding knowledge is required or expected, and there are many full scholarships available! Scholarships are prioritised for students underrepresented in STEM.

https://sydneyquantum.org/programs/schools/

Mrs Rebecca Revnolds Careers Co-ordinator

Sue Clay ----Careers and Pathways Email: s.clay@ncllen.org.au

Expression of Interest

Looking for hospitality staff?



Trainees earn up to \$10K above the award!*

Labour Hire employees earn up to \$1k above the award*

Financial incentives valued at \$4.5K for Employers!*

New Hospitality Traineeship Program

The Hospitality Traineeship Program is a Group Training program that supports eligible job seekers into paid training and employment in the hospitality sector.

Successful candidates will complete a Certificate III in Hospitality over 12 months and are eligible to receive \$10K above the award wages for the duration of the traineeship.

During this time candidates will complete 38 hours work placement per week with participating employers which might include:

- Restaurants
- Cafes
- · Sporting clubs
- · Commercial kitchens (hotels)
- · Accommodation facilities

Labour Hire Hospitality Casual Placements

Labour hire is also available for three month labour hire placements with a minimum of 20 hours work per week.



Host employers, casual employees and trainees receive incentives for participating in the program.

*Terms, conditions and eligibility requirements apply.



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Community Sport News











St Arnaud Swimming Club train
each night (6pm) at the St Arnaud Swimming Pool.
We have members who either just train
or train and compete with experienced coaches.
There are 8 swimming competitions for the season
at St Arnaud, Ararat, Warracknabeal + Horsham.

We are on the hunt for people of all ages who have a passion for swimming, can swim at least 50m and would like to train with us and become a Piranha.

Envolments open to St Avnaud and survounding towns!

For more information about enrolling please contact starnaudswimclub@notmail.com or on our Facebook or Instagram page. We hope to hear from you, happy swimming!



St Arnaud Cricket Club are seeking players for Junior Cricket in 2022/23

If you have a child interested in playing junior cricket for the 2022/23 season, please message your child's name and birth date to Brad on 0403882056 or Tim on 0427 003 109 or alternatively message the St Arnaud Cricket Club on Facebook.





Community Events

OPEN 11-4 Friday Saturday Sunday

RAILLERY HUB

Queens Avenue St Arnaud VIC 3478

OPENING 2 pm Nov 12





Window to the Wild

PAINTINGS BY Belinda John

Grampians Writers Group short story awards presentation

Saturday 19th November 3.00pm Stawell Entertainment Centre

Main Street Stawell 3380

Guest speaker Jan Davidson, author, will talk about short story writing, publication, and related topics

Afternoon tea to follow presentation

All welcome



Inquiries: Janice Williams

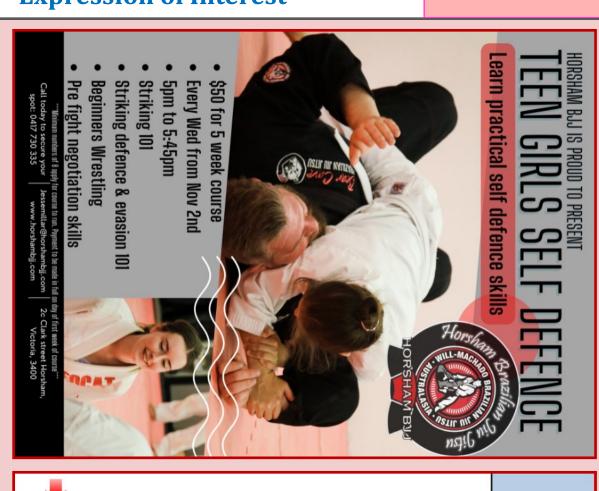
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Funded by Northern Grampians Shire Community Events Grant.



Invitation

Expression of Interest



NARINE CERTIFICATE **BOAT & JETSKI**

To ge/oour License to be able to ...



Sunday 27th November 1:00pm-5:00 pm

Boat & Jetski - \$125 per person

Venue: St Arnaud Community Resource Centre Enrolment and payment are required by Friday 11th November

Enquiries, enrolments and payments to:

St Arnaud Community Resource Centre Ph: 5495 1997 9am-2pm Mondays to 85 Napier St, St Arnaud.



2022 Calendar









November	FRI	18th	PUPIL FREE DAY
	Fri—Sun	18th — 20th	Energy Breakthrough — Maryborough
	Mon	21st	Step Up Begins
	Tues	22nd	MIPS
	FRI	25th	PUPIL FREE DAY
	Wed	30th	MIPS
December	Thurs	1st	Grade 6 Transition — Whole Day
	Fri	2nd	Yr. 10 & 11 Last Day
	Tues	6th	Grade 6 Transition — Whole Day
	Wed	7th	Grade 6 Transition — Whole Day
	Wed	7th	NCTTC — Year 9's Last Day
	Fri	9th	Step Up Ends
	Mon—Thurs	12th — 15th	Activities Week — current Yr. 7, 8 & 9 students
	Tues	13th	Presentation Night
	Thurs	15th	Last Day of Term 4 for current Yr. 7, 8 & 9 students
	Fri	16th	Interviews by Request
	Mon	19th	Interviews by Request
	Tues	20th	Interviews by Request