

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

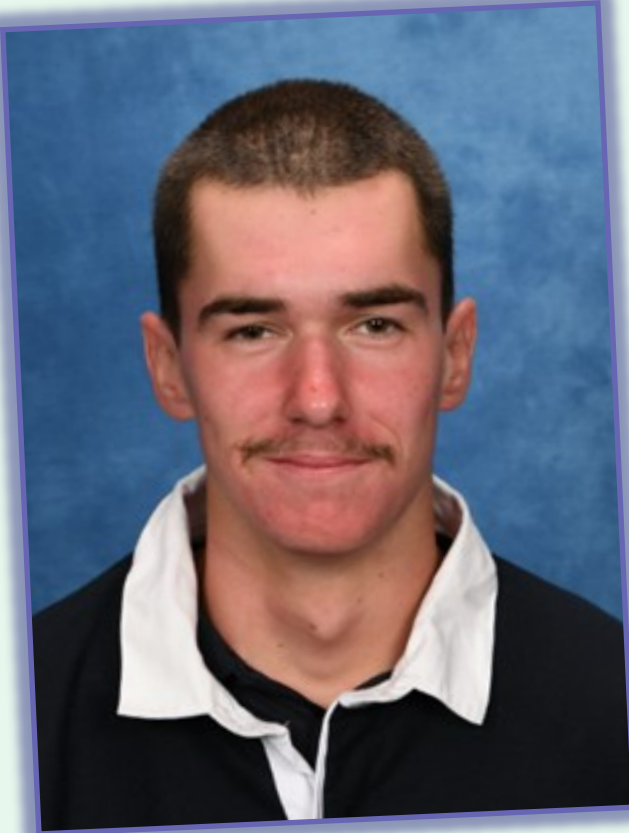
# St. Arnaud Secondary College Newsletter



**Issue 40**

Term 4  
Week 47

15th December 2023



***MR. JESSE AMOS***

***VCE DUX 2023***

***ATAR: 89***

***Congratulations Jesse, we wish you all  
the very best for your future studies !!***



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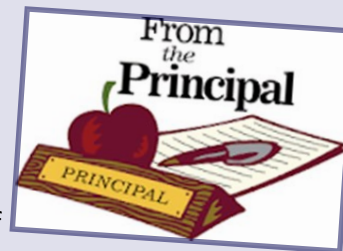
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**Principal:** Tony Hand

# Principal's Report

## **2023 VCE Results**

As announced earlier this week, Jesse Amos is the Dux of the College with an ATAR score of 89. Jesse topped the College in Outdoor Education, Chemistry, Geography and History, and equal top in English. Of a particular note, Jesse's Chemistry score of 41.08 puts him in the top 9% of students of Chemistry in the state. His score of 89 makes Jesse the second highest ATAR at the College for more than 10 years. Just behind Jesse with a score of 88 (and our third highest ATAR in 10 years) was Izzy Hand. Izzy was equal top in English and topped the school in Maths Methods, French, Biology and Extended Investigation where she scored a 42.07 putting her in the top 8% of EI students in the state. Our students achieved an average ATAR of 66.04 which is also the highest in 10 years, which is a wonderful achievement. More importantly than that, all 8 students studying scored VCE, have achieved results that will enable them access to their first preference of course which is outstanding. Four of these students have already received early offers. Well done to Jesse, and to all our Year 12 students.



## **Year 7 – 9 2023 Activities Week**

I would like to thank and congratulate all the Year 7 to 9 students who have turned up to school every day this week. By all reports they have had a good week and enjoyed the activities on offer, and the chance to catch up with their friends outside of normal classes. The day trip to the Adventure Park has been very popular in the past and hopefully the weather is better than last year! There are, however, several students who did not attend activities week and will therefore be starting the year with up to 5 days absence in Semester 1, 2024. As has been clearly articulated, Step Up and activities week are a part of the school program and attendance is mandatory. As parents, we need to be supporting our children to make positive choices, and attendance at school should be very high on all agendas. We need to be careful that we don't enable an "opt out" culture, as there will always be times in our lives that we must do things that are either expected or required of us.

## **Presentation Night**

We held our final formal function of the year last night with our Presentation Evening. Presentation Evening is our opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge our successes for 2023. Rogan and Izzy did an excellent job of MCing the evening, and Tyson and Owen looked comfortable up on the stage as well. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the organisation of the evening.

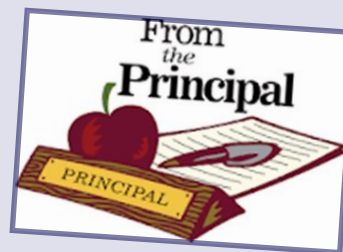
*Congratulations to Stacey Wandel for being the winner of the \$100 Parents Club voucher, in which she has chosen to use at Weir's IGA.*



# Principal's Report

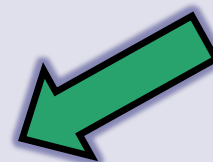
## **Building Update**

All the plastering is nearly finished in the new building as they are gearing up for the finishing line which has again been pushed forward – yes, that is not a typing mistake – the date has been pushed forward to the middle of February. This will mean that Phase 2 – the front office and administration building - will be started before the end of February which is great. There is, however, a great deal of work to be done between now and then!



## **Merry Christmas**

I would like to wish all families and staff the very best over the Festive Season and into January. Please make sure you stay safe, and we look forward to seeing everyone again in the new year – which will be an exciting one!



**Friday, 15th December** – Geelong Adventure Park  
- Yr. 7, 8 & 9 students last day of Term 4

**Monday, 18th December** – Interviews by Request

**Wednesday, 20th December** – Interviews by Request

**Monday, 29th January 2024** – Staff Return back to School

**Tuesday, 30th January 2024** – Yr. 7, 11 & 12 Students Return

**Wednesday, 31st January 2024** – Yr. 8 & 10 Students Return

**Thursday, 1st February 2024** – Yr. 9 Students Return

**Tony Hand**  
**Principal**



# 2023 Presentation Night Winners



## St Arnaud Secondary College Awards for 2023

Weirs IGA Senior English Award	Jesse Amos & Isabell Hand
North Central News Junior English Award	Ada Buenaventura
Ridley Agri Products Senior Mathematics Award	Isabell Hand
Tom's Small Engines Junior Mathematics Award	Acacia Huggins
GWM Senior Science Award	Jesse Amos
Hardingham's Junior Science Award	Millie Hando
Cooks Choice Senior French Award	Isabell Hand
Junior French Award	Ada Buenaventura
Parkview Bakery Senior Humanities Award	Jesse Amos
Junior Humanities Award	Ada Buenaventura
Senior Health Award	Jesse Amos
Myers Family Junior Health/PE Award	Millie Hando
Senior Art Award	Rogan Hando
Junior Art Award	Amelia Watts
Harvest Home Senior Technology Award - Food	Rogan Hando
Graeme McKenny Junior Technology Award	Annylee O'Brien
Music Award	Annylee O'Brien
North Central Farm Trees Hands-On-Learning Award	Forbes Kirk
Yr 7 Academic Encouragement Award	Chayse Wallace
Yr 8 Academic Encouragement Award	Rhani Buttery
Yr 9 Academic Encouragement Award	Alexi Szucs
Yr 10 Academic Encouragement Award	Leila Patton
Yr 11 Academic Encouragement Award	Ashley Jackson
Yr 7 Academic Achievement Awards	Isabella Bigmore Brisbane Nielsen Dayne Reyne Maeve Patton Ayra Rogers Amelia Watts
Yr 8 Academic Achievement Awards	Oliver Hand Mahlie Morris Ruby Swanton Tessa Patton Mara Reynolds Addison Wright
Yr 9 Academic Achievement Awards	Ada Buenaventura Acacia Huggins Jade Shields John Saludes Chase Zander
Yr 10 Academic Achievement Awards	Zoe Bryce Elsie Patton Scarlett Hand Dusty Raiyn McIntyre Owen Lowe
Yr 11 Academic Achievement Awards	Jackson Argent Demi Leach Tyson Funston
Dux of Yr 7	Isabella Bigmore
Dux of Yr 8	Addison Wright
Dux of Yr 9	Ada Buenaventura
Dux of Yr 10	Zoe Bryce
Dux of Yr 11	Demi Leach
Year 12 VCE Dux	Jesse Amos
Year 12 Vocational Major Dux	Trey Zander
School Captains Award	Lachlan Gifford
Gerard Myers Junior Sport - Boy	Austin Lowe
Gerard Myers Junior Sport - Girl	Millie Hando
Heath Boucher Senior Sport - Boy	Owen Lowe
Heath Boucher Senior Sport - Girl	Keegan Amos
Josh Watts - Cross Country	Sam Male

# 2023 Presentation Night Winners



School Sport Victoria Academic & Sporting Achievement Award	Amy Greenaway
Sport Coordinator Award	Phoebe Hendy
<b>College Values &amp; Citizenship Awards</b>	
St. Arnaud Community Bank Year 7 College Values & Citizenship Award	Forbes Kirk
St. Arnaud Community Bank Year 8 College Values & Citizenship Award	Mara Reynolds
Rotary Club of St. Arnaud – Brian McCahon Memorial Youth Award Year 9 College Values & Citizenship Award	Chloe Needs
Year 10 Mallee Excellence College Values & Citizenship Award	Sophie O'Donnell
Year 11 RAMJAC College Values & Citizenship Award	Tyson Funston
Year 12 AMPOL Best All-rounder, College Values & Citizenship Award	Isabell Hand
St Arnaud SC Council Student Recognition Award	Amy Greenaway
Nutrien Agriculture Award Award	Jesse Amos
Member for Rippon School Courage Award	Trey Zander
ADF Long Tan Awards Year 10	Benjamin Greenaway
ADF Long Tan Awards Year 12	Isabell Hand
The VFF Hayward Scholarship	Troy Anderson
NCLLEN Workplace of the Year Award	St. Arnaud Children's Precinct
St Arnaud Secondary College Careers Training Scholarship	Trey Zander
Bruce Dimelow Scholarship	John Saludes
Year 10 George & Alice Edwards Memorial Scholarship	Benjamin Greenaway
Year 11 Albert Gifford Memorial Scholarship	Adella Burr
Parents Club - Boy	Oscar Reyne
Parents Club - Girl	Amber Morrison
<b>House Trophies:</b>	
Swimming	Holmes
Athletics	Holmes
Cross Country	Holmes
Academic Aggregate	Willmott
Grand Aggregate	Holmes
Sport Achievement Awards	<div> Forbes Kirk Sami Weir Jack Batters  Hamish Tannock Austin Lowe  Ada Buenaventura Dion Flanagan  Josie Greenaway Millie Hando  Aidan Wickham Ryan Bigmore  Hamish Darby Ben Greenaway  Thomas Scarce Harrison Meagher  Abby Weir Sophie O'Donnell  Owen Lowe Jesse Amos Keegan Amos  Sam Male </div>
Sport Distinction Awards	<div> Isabella Bigmore Finn Green  Amelia Watts Jack Batters Austin Lowe  Mara Reynolds Hamish Tannock  Addison Wright Dion Flanagan  Millie Hando Zoe Bryce Owen Lowe  Thomas Scarce Jesse Amos  Amy Greenaway </div>
<b>School Captains 2024</b>	Tyson Funston & Owen Lowe
<b>Vice School Captains 2024</b>	Scarlett Hand & Benjamin Greenaway
<b>House Captains 2024</b>	
<b>HOLMES Captains:</b>	Tyson Funston & Gypsy Donald
<b>MORSHEAD Captains:</b>	George Gorrie & Leila Patton
<b>WILLMOTT Captains:</b>	Zoe Bryce & Sophie O'Donnell





## 2023 Presentation Night Donations

*thank you*



St. Arnaud Secondary College would like to formally thank all the donations and sponsors of the scholarships and awards for our 103rd Presentation Night. The students and staff appreciate your support and encouragement.

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St. Arnaud Secondary College Parents' Club	North Central Farm Trees	Harvest Home Enterprises - Leigh & Sue Sutton
The Cooks Choice Quality Meats	GWM Water	Shane & Kerry Birthisel Electrical Contractors
RAMJAC	Rotary Club of St Arnaud	Graeme McKenny
Hamilton's Bus Service & Greentime Nursery	Johnson's Holdings Pty Ltd	Hardingham's Plumbing and Electrical (Vic) Pty Ltd
Bendigo Bank		Tom's Small Engines

## 2023 Presentation Night Honours



Howard Amos was awarded the School Council award in recognition of his ongoing volunteer role as Gardener for the College grounds since 2010. Thank you Howard for keeping our school look beautiful.



Debra Feeny was awarded the School Council award in recognition of her service since 2012 as a volunteer and co-ordinator of the Victorian State School Spectacular.

Thank you Deb for all your hard work, it never went unnoticed.





# 2023 Presentation Night Photos







## 2024 Parent Payments Policy

School Council has approved the Curriculum Contributions, Other Contributions, and Extra-Curricular Items and Activities for 2024.

The Parent Payments and Parent Payments Policy are located on the school website.

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 Extra-Curricular Items and Activities, including camps and excursions must be paid by the specified due date prior to departure.
- 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](mailto: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 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

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  
Office Hours: 8.30 am – 4.30pm  
Phone 03 5495 1811  
Email: [st.arnaud.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:st.arnaud.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

## PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

### ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



#### FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



#### PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

##### Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

##### Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

##### 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.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



#### FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



#### SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.



## St Arnaud Secondary College Bring Your Own Device Program (BYOD) 2024

Students studying at St Arnaud Secondary College in 2024 are invited to supply their own notebook device for use as part of the College's BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program. This document provides details of the BYOD program and device recommendations. For further details see the College's website – BYOD Program 2024 <https://www.starnaudsc.vic.edu.au/>

### What type of BYOD do students need?

The device must be capable of connecting to the College's 5GHz Wi-Fi network, so it must support 802.11a or 802.11ac Wi-Fi connections. The device should be appropriate to work on and produce office style documents such as spreadsheets, word processed documents and presentations which may need to be printed or submitted electronically.

A table of recommended device specifications can be found in the BYOD Recommendations Guide. Ideally students should obtain a BYOD device which meets with the specification in the "Great" or "Acceptable" section of the table. The table is intended as a guide, where devices with some variation from the specifications listed may be suitable.

### Do participating students require a new device?

Participating students are not required to purchase a new device. Students may already have a device that will be suitable. Use the BYOD Recommendations Guide to compare the device's suitability.

### If students do prefer to use a new device, where should they purchase it from?

You are not required to purchase a device from any particular supplier. However, to assist you with the choice of device, you can purchase from Learning with Technology (LWT), and a link is provided for you to view the devices listed on the LWT portal for comparison of device offerings from other suppliers also.

LWT Link - <https://sasc.orderportal.com.au/>

### What software can the College provide me for my BYOD at no cost?

St. Arnaud Secondary College can provide access to Microsoft Office, which includes Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote and Outlook, and to Adobe Creative Cloud software titles for the duration of a student's enrolment at the College.

### Repairs, Warranty and Theft





The College insurance does not cover students' personal devices. When purchasing a new device, it is highly recommended that an extended warranty and insurance is purchased. The College is not responsible for any repairs, maintenance or theft of the BYOD device.

### Care of Device

It is recommended that students purchase a carry bag or cover, as most repairs to notebook devices are caused by droppage or spillages.

For further information, please contact the ICT Department at the College – 5495 1811

## BYOD Recommendation Guide

 <b>Great!</b>	<p>Midrange or above <b>Windows Notebook</b> (cost around \$1,100)  or <b>Microsoft Surface Pro</b> (cost around \$1,600)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 256 GB storage</li> <li>• 8 GB memory</li> <li>• 802.11a/ac or dual-band Wi-Fi adapter</li> <li>• Less than 2 years old</li> </ul>
 <b>Acceptable</b>	<p>Base level <b>Windows Notebook</b> (cost range \$500 to \$1,000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 128 GB storage</li> <li>• 8 GB memory</li> <li>• 802.11a/ac or dual-band Wi-Fi adapter</li> <li>• Less than 2 years old</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <p>An older device with similar specs to those listed as "Great" above which may be 2 to 4 years old (or possibly a little older if the device is in excellent condition and the battery holds a charge for a school day).</p>
 <b>Not recommended</b>	<p><b>Apple iPad or quality Android Tablet or Chromebook</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 128GB storage models (32GB may work, but could be problematic)</li> <li>• A keyboard attachment</li> <li>• Generally, less than 2 years old with a battery that lasts a school day</li> </ul> <p>While tablets or Chromebooks may perform many of the function's students require, some tasks may be either difficult or impossible when using these devices. Therefore, we do not generally recommend these devices and suggest a general-purpose MacBook or Windows computer as a better option.</p>
 <b>Not suitable</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✗ Devices that do not have a 5GHz (802.11a or ac) Wi-Fi adapter (Devices with only a 2.4GHz (802.11 b/g/n) are not suitable)</li> <li>✗ In general, devices older than 4 years (see above)</li> <li>✗ Low end <b>Android</b> or <b>Chromebook</b> based devices (typically less than \$500)</li> <li>✗ Devices with less than 128 GB of storage (see details above for recommendations)</li> <li>✗ Devices with less than 30 GB free storage space</li> <li>✗ Devices with less than 4 GB memory (acceptable iPads or tablets may have less)</li> <li>✗ Devices running <b>Windows 10 S</b>, <b>Windows RT</b> or <b>Linux</b>.</li> </ul>







## **SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION WITH 12 MONTHS FREE INTERNET AT HOME**

The Australian Government has established the School Student Broadband Initiative to provide free home internet for up to 30,000 eligible families with school-aged students:

- The period in which a family can apply to receive a free service is up to 31 December 2024
- The duration of free services will continue until 31 December 2025 for all existing and new families

The initiative aims to boost education opportunities. NBN Co is leading the rollout of this initiative across the country.

### **How the School Student Broadband Initiative can help your child**

Children who can access online learning at home as part of their education are more likely to engage in classroom activities.

Access to fast internet at home can also support children to build their digital skills, learn how to safely use the internet and take part in a world that is more reliant on digital technology.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible, families must:

- have a child living at home enrolled in an Australian school
- not have an active National Broadband Network (nbn) internet service at their home (having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility)
- live in a premises that can access the National Broadband Network through a standard connection. NBN Co will check this for you after you apply
- Not have had an active nbn connection during the previous 14 days\*
- register interest with your school and complete a consent form to be assessed for eligibility.

\* There may be cases where exceptions can be made, once you have had your address checked, please contact the School Student Broadband Initiative team at [SSBI@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:SSBI@education.vic.gov.au) to discuss further.

### **How the School Student Broadband Initiative works**

If you are eligible, your home internet service will be provided at no cost through until the end of 2025, with a participating internet provider on the National Broadband Network. Each internet provider has its own process to get you connected, which may involve you providing identification.

Once you sign up, the internet provider will help you set up your connection. The initiative does not include devices such as a computer or tablet. Other members of your household can use the internet service provided through this initiative.

The period of free internet will start from the day your service is activated with your chosen provider. At the end of the free broadband period, you will not be placed onto a paid service by your internet provider without your consent. The Australian Government is considering options beyond the free period.

### **How to apply**

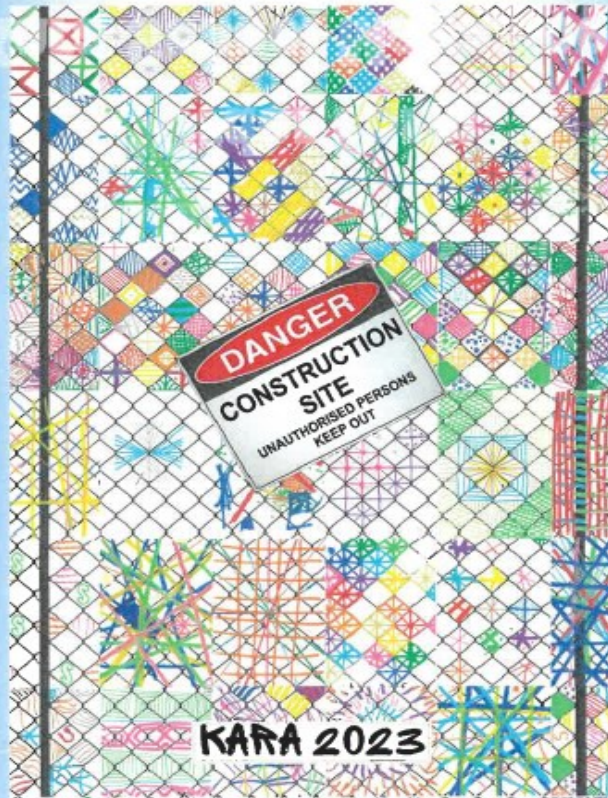
- Ask your school for a copy of the School Student Broadband Initiative consent form.
- Complete the consent form and return to the school.
- NBN Co will use student address details on the consent form to confirm eligibility.
- If you are eligible, NBN Co will issue a voucher for your family to use to sign up with a participating internet provider. This will be provided to you by your school. **Please note:** NBN Co will review the home address for eligibility. No personal information other than your main home address will be shared with NBN Co. Please see the consent form for details about how personal information will be used.

### **Find out more**

For more information about the School Student Broadband Initiative, visit <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au>

## Order Form

2023 Kara School Magazine \$15.00



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method:


- ☐ Cash—in named envelope
- ☐ BPay –family account number
- ☐ EFTPOS at office

*Still Available to  
Purchase*

**Orders Close 8/12/2023**

**POP UP BEFORE THE 20/12/23, IF WISH TO  
PURCHASE A SCHOOL MAGAZINE!!**

# Personalised Engraved Pavers

ST ARNAUD SECONDARY COLLEGE			
Personalised Engraved Paver - \$25.00			
John Brown Student 1990-1995	Mary Smith School Captain 2020	Peter Black Dux 2015 Student 2010-2015	Karen Green Teacher 1980-2020
Tom Silver School Councillor 2020-2023			
Pavers will be laid as part of the landscaping of the current \$10 million building program in 2024.			
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## Activities Week Photos -11th-13th





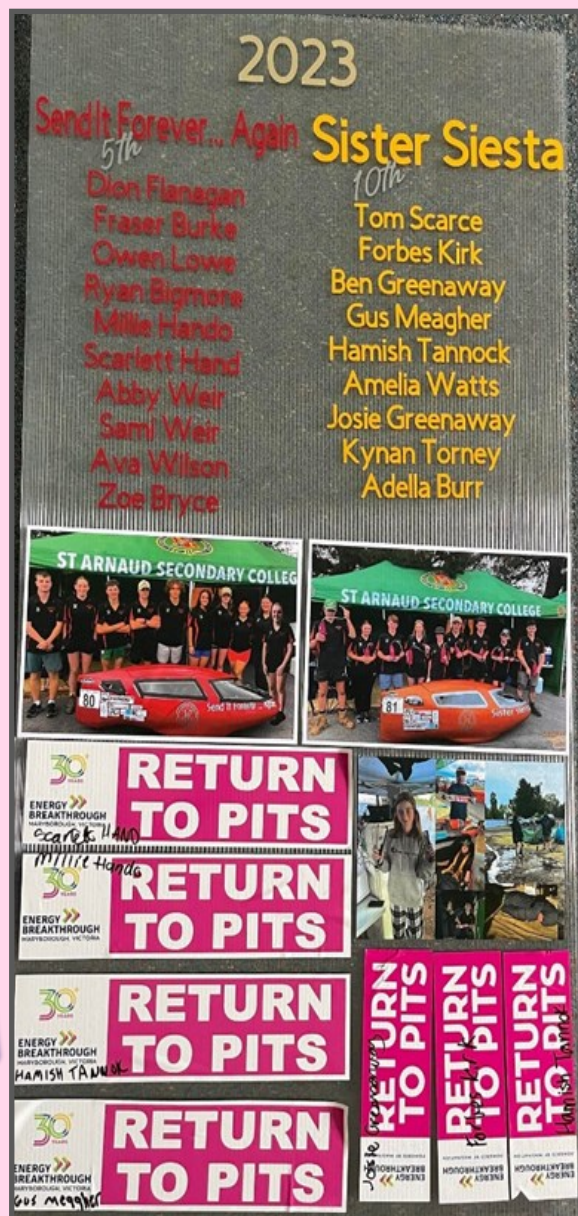
# Geelong Adventure Park -15/12/23





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A photograph of a green and grey speedboat, likely a hydroplane, displayed on a wooden platform. The boat has the number '85' on its side and the name 'The Grass Don's Greaser' written in cursive. Several sponsor stickers are visible on the side. The boat is shown from a side profile, and the legs of people standing behind it are visible.





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## 2022 Victorian Floods Recovery Support Program

### Have you experienced property damage, trauma, or loss as a result of the 2022 Victorian floods?

The Recovery Support Program can provide support for people who have been affected by the 2022 Victorian floods.

Recovery Support Workers are a single point of contact for those who need it. Support provided by them may include:

- A discussion about your needs and what next steps might be appropriate.
- Referrals to external agencies for mental health and wellbeing needs.
- Information and resources to connect you to local services to assist in the recovery process.
- Advocacy and assistance with completing applications/paperwork required for financial or insurance claim processes and grants.
- Assistance with access to available material support options.
- Advocate on your behalf regarding recovery challenges.
- Outreach visits by an allocated Recovery Support Worker if this is helpful to your situation.

The Recovery Support service may be able to provide you with a small amount of financial support to respond to immediate financial need.

#### Who's it for?

Individuals and families who live in Victoria who were impacted by the 2022 flood events.

#### Cost

There is no charge for the support provided by this program that is funded by the Commonwealth - State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) and the Victorian Government.



Some of our recovery support workers:  
Tracy, Amanda, Trace, Mimi, Wendy, Claire and Thilini

To access this program or find out more:  
Phone 03 8793 4206 Email [recoverysupport@windermere.org.au](mailto:recoverysupport@windermere.org.au)

*The Windermere Recovery Support Team are actively supporting the community. Please do not hesitate to contact our Intake Team. They are ready to discuss your individual situation and link you in with your local support agency to assist you in your recovery journey.*

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**NEW PROVIDER**  
**ST ARNAUD  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**WELCOMES**  
**AFTER SCHOOL CARE &  
VACATION CARE PROGRAM  
2024**



**Art & Craft**  
**Nutritional Foods**  
**Fun Activities**

**OPERATING HOURS:**  
✔ After School Care- 3.00pm till 6.00pm  
✔ Vacation Care- 8.00am till 6.00pm



**Proposed  
Commencement Date**  
**8th January 2024**

**REGISTER NOW**  
<https://afterthebell.com.au/>

Call Us   
(03) 9758 6744  
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[admin@afterthebell.com.au](mailto:admin@afterthebell.com.au)  
For More Information   
[www.afterthebell.com.au](http://www.afterthebell.com.au)



# L2P Program



## DID YOU KNOW OUR SCHOOL SUPPORTS YOUNG LEARNER DRIVERS?

The TAC L2P Program is free for young people between the ages of 16-23 who have limited access to a supervising driver or vehicle. Learners are matched with a fully licensed volunteer mentor and have access to a sponsored vehicle, which they can use to get supervised driving experience.

Thanks to Central Grampians LLEN, an L2P vehicle is located right here at St Arnaud Secondary College. We also have teachers who are trained L2P driver mentors!

For more information, please contact:  
Penny on 0418 535 478 or visit [www.cgllen.org.au/l2p](http://www.cgllen.org.au/l2p)



## LEARNER BENEFITS

Are you between the ages of 16 and 21, with limited access to a supervising driver or vehicle?

Become a confident and competent driver

Achieve the 120 hours of required driving experience

Receive guidance from a trained mentor

Gain your independence



**NOW TAKING LEARNER ENROLMENTS!**  
Contact Penny: 0418 535 478 or [L2P@cgllen.org.au](mailto:L2P@cgllen.org.au)

This program is also available to non-school attenders or post school age learners across the Grampians region.

Please make contact if you wish to participate in this program !

Contact Penny on  
0418 535 478



## NEED HELP GETTING YOUR LICENCE?

**DO YOU TICK THE BOXES?**



☒ BETWEEN 16 AND 21 YEARS OF AGE  
(and in some circumstances, up to the age of 23)

☒ LIMITED ACCESS TO A SUPERVISING DRIVER OR VEHICLE

☒ AN AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN WITH A CURRENT VICTORIAN LEARNER'S PERMIT



**NOW TAKING LEARNER ENROLMENTS!**  
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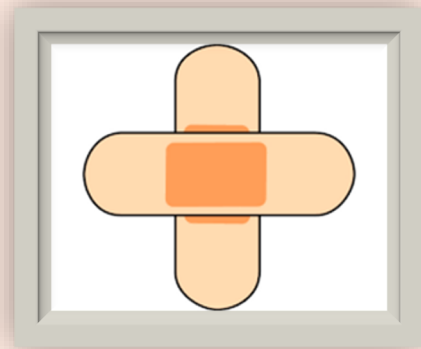


## LEARNERS AND MENTORS WANTED

The Central Grampians TAC L2P Program is free for eligible young people living in Northern Grampians Shire, Ararat Rural City or Pyrenees Shire. Learners are matched with a fully licenced volunteer mentor and have access to a sponsored vehicle, which they can use to get supervised driving experience. L2P cars are based in Stawell, St Arnaud, Ararat and Beaufort.

For eligibility requirements, please contact:  
Penny on 0418 535 478 or visit [www.cgllen.org.au/l2p](http://www.cgllen.org.au/l2p)

## School Doctor's Clinic



### *Doctors In Schools Program*

We are very lucky to have Dr. Mohammad Jawad and Practice Nurse Kylie Kirk with us at the College.

*Please take note this service is now on a **WEDNESDAY**!!*

This service is available free to students.

Any students requiring appointments to see the GP can see Mrs. Chapman.

# Careers & Pathways

## Year 12 Students



**VTAC December Round Offers:**  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 (2:00pm)

**VTAC January Round Offers:**  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2024 (2:00pm)

## Year 12 Careers Availability



Sue is still available for Career appointments with the 2023 Year 12 students.

Appointments can be face-to-face, via email, phone or [Webex](#)

Email: [s.clay@ncellen.org.au](mailto:s.clay@ncellen.org.au) or  
Mobile: 0429 426 950

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS



### Programs at Burwood East

Each program is a one-of-a-kind experience, where children get the opportunity to meet our friendly education animals, learn about animal care and welfare and visit our barn to meet the beautiful barn animals who call RSPCA Victoria home! There are a range of sessions available for a variety of age groups, so you're sure to find a session that suit your child's interests.

When coming to our Education Centre is not possible, let us bring the fun to your home with one of our virtual sessions. Through the magic of technology, we host live animal experiences via ZOOM, so children can learn about animals and even meet them from the comfort of home. We even offer sessions the whole family can get involved in!

<https://rspcavic.org/pet-training/secondary-education-programs/school-holiday-programs/>

## Fair Work Resources for Students and Young People



About to start a new job and feeling a little nervous? Don't worry, it's totally normal – and the Fair Work Ombudsman has a stack of resources that can help ease your fears. From everything to knowing your rights, being prepared for your first day, to dealing with issues that arise in the workplace, they have you covered.

[www.fairwork.gov.au/find-help-for/young-workers-and-students](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/find-help-for/young-workers-and-students)

## WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY



Work Experience Placements with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra are run in a group format, with a strong focus on arts administration. During their time with the MSO, students will have the opportunity to meet with musicians and staff, mix with MSO's industry-leading artistic planning team, observe orchestral rehearsals and explore Melbourne's arts precinct.

### 2024 Applications

We welcome applications by all students attending Secondary School in Victoria aged 15 years+ as of the placement date. The MSO can accept up to 30 students per placement and will hold two placements which run for three days:

- **Tuesday 25 June to Thursday 27 June 2024, 10am-4pm**

OR

- **Tuesday 27 August to Thursday 29 August 2024, 10am-4pm**

**Applications open Monday 29 January 2024**  
[www.mso.com.au/careers/work-experience](http://www.mso.com.au/careers/work-experience)



The Defence Work Experience Program provides opportunities for young Australians interested in a career in Defence to gain exposure to the type of work that is available.

Defence is committed to providing a national work experience program designed to:

- demonstrate the wide variety of interesting careers available within Defence
- ease the transition of students into the workplace
- contribute to the development of the skills of young Australians.

Opportunities are available for both secondary and tertiary students and participants must be at least 15 years of age at the time of the placement.

[www.defence.gov.au/jobs-careers/student-pathways/work-experience](http://www.defence.gov.au/jobs-careers/student-pathways/work-experience)

Mrs Rebecca Reynolds  
Careers Co-ordinator

Sue Clay   
Careers and Pathways  
Email: [s.clay@ncellen.org.au](mailto:s.clay@ncellen.org.au)

# Ever thought about employing an apprentice or trainee at your school?



Now is the  
time to act  
for 2024!



**Want to learn more?**

Get in touch today

Shane Cross

Operations Coordinator

T 1300 135 008 M 0418 564 890

E [shane.cross@skillinvest.com.au](mailto:shane.cross@skillinvest.com.au)



Scan this QR code to  
learn more about  
Skillinvest services.

### Skillinvest offer a straightforward solution to address your employment and training needs.

Skillinvest is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting youth in employment and creating opportunities in all industry sectors.

We have identified a demand in the school sectors for:

- Certificate III in Education Support
- Certificate III in Sport and Recreation
- Certificate III & IV in Business

All training is completed on-the-job.

Skillinvest relieves businesses from the burden of new apprenticeship and traineeship employment administration.

The Group Training concept is simple - Skillinvest employ the Apprentice/Trainee, and you, as the host employer, provide the employment opportunity. Skillinvest take care of the associated paperwork and ensure you receive all eligible Government incentives.

Skillinvest is currently experiencing increased interest in Apprenticeships and Traineeships, and we are now taking expressions of Interest for commencements in 2024.

This is your chance to offer support for ongoing training and education for a future trainee or apprentice.

If you've been considering employing a new Apprentice or Trainee, the time to act is now.

This opportunity:

- Is a great option for students considering a gap year
- Provides ongoing full-time employment for the duration of the apprenticeship or traineeship
- Keep locals, local.

Follow us:



[skillinvest.com.au](http://skillinvest.com.au)



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### EAST WIMMERA HEALTH SERVICE

#### ATTENTION SECONDARY COLLEGE STUDENTS

East Wimmera Health Service currently has a range of job opportunities available, both short term and long term.

East Wimmera Health Service provides all staff with a safe and supportive team environment.

We are seeking reliable and motivated team members in the following departments:

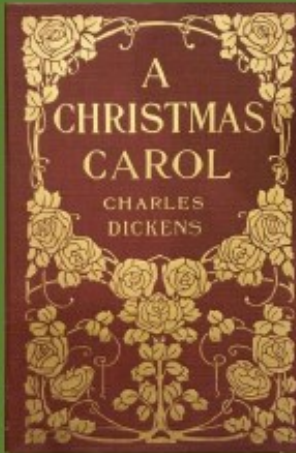
- ✓ Administration
- ✓ Maintenance
- ✓ Kitchen Assistant
- ✓ Cleaner

No prior experience necessary.

If you are looking for work either over your school holidays / gap year or considering a long term role within our health service please email your expression of interest/resume to **[applications@ewhs.org.au](mailto:applications@ewhs.org.au)** or call **03 5477 2177**.



## G.H. Edwards Library



### A Christmas Carol By Charles Dickens.



#### *An Unforgettable Christmas Classic*

Mean old Ebenezer Scrooge sits in his freezing cold office shouting 'Bah! Humbug!' at anyone who dares wish him a Merry Christmas. But that night the miser has a terrifying visitor. Marley, his dead business partner who must wander the earth forever to pay for his sins, comes with a warning. Scrooge will be haunted by three more spirits.

The ghosts of Christmas past, present and future arrive to show Scrooge the hardship he has caused. Is he doomed to the same fate as Marley? Or can he mend his ways and learn to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas?



## Health & Wellbeing




Our school offers breakfast on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students have toast, milk, fruit, and we also do special breakfasts, for example, pancakes. Come along!

At St. Arnaud Secondary College, we can organise Food Bank Hampers for families. If your family require assistance, please contact Rosanne Chapman, Student Wellbeing Student Support Coordinator, at the College on 54951 811.

Inquiries are treated confidentially.



We thank Foodbank Victoria for helping us to support our families.








**Foodshare**  
BENDIGO


## POP-UP Christmas PANTRY

Bendigo Foodshare, with the support of local service clubs and community organisations, is providing free food relief this festive season to people doing it tough.

Date	Times	Location
Wednesday 27th Dec	Open from 1pm	St Pauls Cathedral Hall <small>6 Myres St, Central Bendigo (opposite Coles Supermarket)</small>
Thursday 28th Dec	Open from 1pm	Rotary Club of Eaglehawk <small>8 School Street, California Gully (the old Mechanics Institute Hall)</small>
Friday 29th Dec	Open from 1pm	Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat <small>281 High Street, Kangaroo Flat (opposite the AFCC Petrol Station in K/Frog)</small>
<b>New Years Day</b> Wednesday 3rd Jan	Open from 1pm	St Pauls Cathedral Hall <small>6 Myres St, Central Bendigo (opposite Coles Supermarket)</small>
Thursday 4th Jan	Open from 1pm	Rotary Club of Eaglehawk <small>8 School Street, California Gully (the old Mechanics Institute Hall)</small>
Friday 5th Jan	Open from 1pm	Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat <small>281 High Street, Kangaroo Flat (opposite the AFCC Petrol Station in K/Frog)</small>

**With support from the following service clubs**



SO POP-UP!



**Health Promotion**  
EAST WIMMERA HEALTH SERVICE

## HAPPY, HEALTHY HOLIDAYS

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR HOLIDAYS

Stay connected

Make plenty of time to catch up with friends and family.



Enjoy all the food

Christmas only comes around once a year, enjoy all the yummy food!



Have fun

Hang out at your local pools and parks. Remember your SPF!



Relax!

You have worked hard this year! Take time to reflect, relax and start next year refreshed!



From the East Wimmera Health Service Health Promotion Team have a safe, fun and very happy holidays.





## Get mental health support when and where you need it.

MOST is a free digital therapy service designed to help you when you're going through a challenging time.

If you're aged 15 to 25 and experiencing mental ill-health, MOST gives you **real support** from real people, on-demand strategies and **resources that work** — and a **safe social network** to join.


Developed by youth mental health leader Orygen, in partnership with young people, MOST is backed by 12+ years of **clinical research**. It's available through 160+ headspace and specialist mental health services — and right now, young people can sign themselves up without being connected to a service.

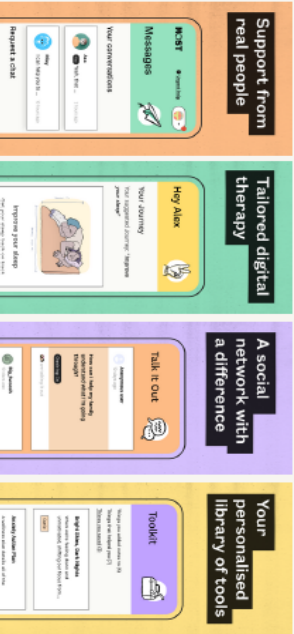
Download the MOST app on Google Play or the Apple App Store to access all the MOST support you need — for free!

Learn more [most.org.au](http://most.org.au)

**With MOST, we've made getting support on your terms easy.**





**MOST gives you**  
 online tools and support to get back on track with the things that matter — like friends, mental health, work and study.



**MOST gives you...**


MOST has small bites of proven therapeutic content, cartoons, activities and practical tips that work — all available online, when and where they're needed.




You can join moderated online community discussions, and connect with clinical and vocational experts and peers — so you have real people to talk to, helpful information you can work through in your own time, and a personalised mental health program to help you on your journey to recovery.



**Our team is ready to support you by—**

- making sense of what's going on for you
- guiding you along your online therapy journey
- personalising content to your needs
- helping you recognise your skills and strengths
- linking you with a peer worker to chat with someone who gets it
- helping you navigate work, study and career






 MOST is a digital wellbeing service developed by the Trócaire Fund, a partnership between the Irish Government and the Irish community in New Zealand. MOST is a digital wellbeing service developed by the Trócaire Fund, a partnership between the Irish Government and the Irish community in New Zealand.



Do you have an idea that would help us make our shire a great place to live, now and into the future?



Are you 12 to 24 years old?

## YOUTH SURVEY

**HAVE YOUR SAY!**



What is working well?  
What's missing?  
Now is the time to tell us!

If you need more information, please contact Northern Grampians Shire Council Community Health and Engagement Officer Marcy Britten on 03 5358 0565



Your response will help us develop the shire's Youth Strategy – a plan for the future.



Responsible for a young person?  
Do you have an idea that would help us make our shire a great place for young people to live, now and into the future?



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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/auops/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  
Phone: 0427 633 458  
or email  
[kate.janetzki@vt.uniting.org.au](mailto:kate.janetzki@vt.uniting.org.au)

**uniting**

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.eturorsproject.org](http://www.eturorsproject.org)



## Community Sports Events



FROM 4TH NOVEMBER  
9.30-11AM

# St. Arnaud Lawn Junior Tennis

Hey, parents! Get your little champs, seven and up, ready to hit the courts! We've got all levels of play covered, and we've got equipment if you need it. Just make sure to pack hats and water bottles, and we'll take care of the rest!

MORE INFO: JOHN GOODE  
0418172004

St. Arnaud Lawn Tennis Club  
Inc. Ballarat Road

[HTTPS://PLAY.TENNIS.COM.AU/STARNAUDLAWNTENNISCLUB](https://play.tennis.com.au/starnaulawntennisclub)



**ST ARNAUD RAILLERY HUB GALLERY**

*Presents*

**THE BENDIGO ARTISTS COLLECTIVE**

**DIVERSITY IN COLOUR**

**ART EXHIBITION**

**DECEMBER 8TH TO JANUARY 28TH 2024**

**VIEWING & SALES:**

**FRIDAY – SUNDAY 11AM – 4PM**

*Raillery Hub Gallery & Shop  
Queens Ave, St Arnaud*



### Australia Day 2024

Northern Grampians Shire Council have begun preparations for Australia Day celebrations in 2024.

To make the day as inclusive as possible, we are running competitions for young people who live in the Northern Grampians. For all schools in the shire, we have three categories for young people to enter:

- Photography – A photo depicting what they love about living where we do
- Drawing/Art – A drawing or painting, of any medium, again depicting what they love about living where we do
- Colouring - I enclose two colouring pages for students to select from

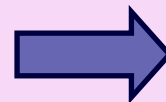
Closing date will be Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024, judging will take place and winners announced at Australia Day celebrations in St. Arnaud on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Also, nominations are now open for Local Awards. We would appreciate your school sharing the message to nominate a person or group who have made a significant contribution to our community.

Nominations are preferred online at: [Northern Grampians Australia Day 2024](#). Or you can contact us if you require alternate ways to nominate.

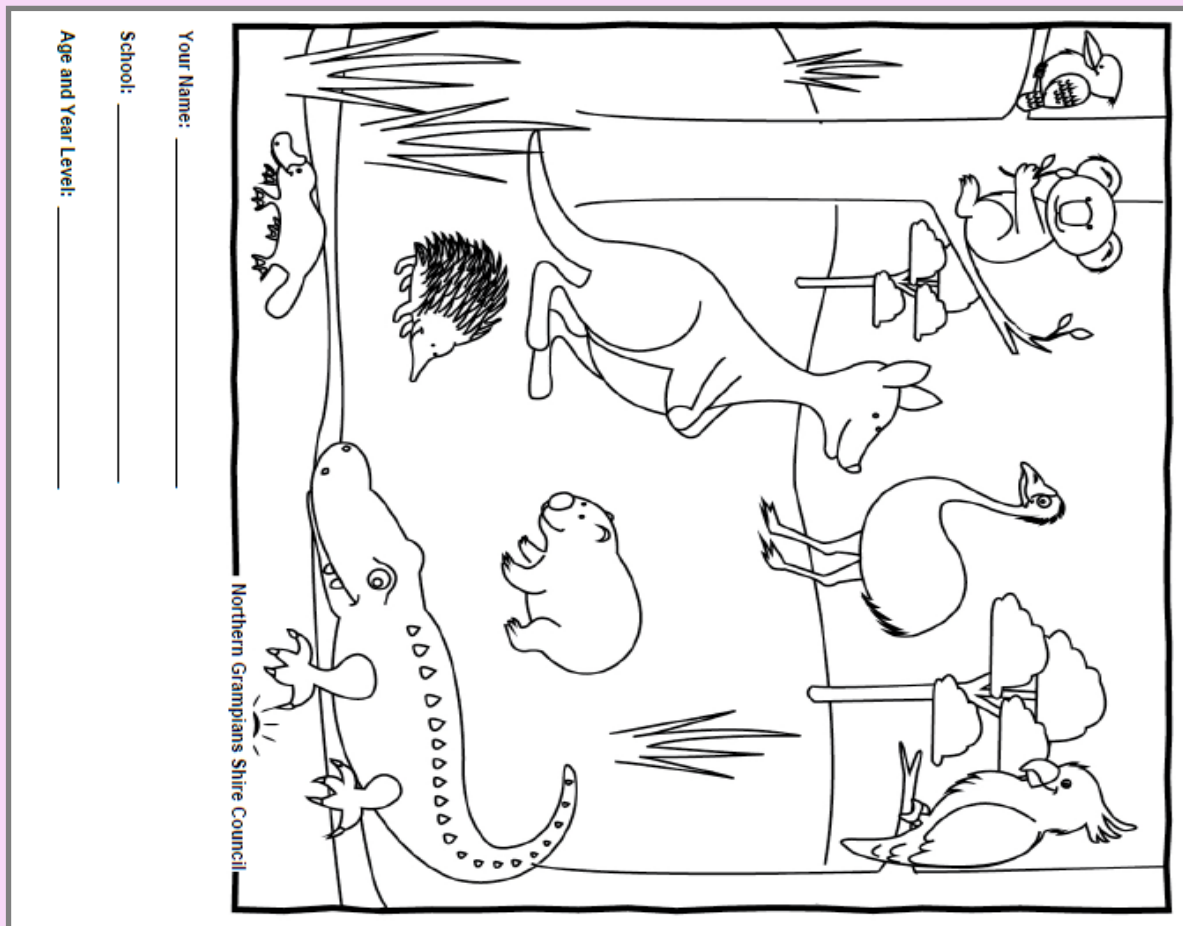
If you have any queries or require further information, please contact me on (03) 5358 8770 or via email at: [rhian.jones@ngshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:rhian.jones@ngshire.vic.gov.au)

*See the next page for the two colouring sheets for students to select from !*





# Australia Day - Colouring Sheets



# 2023 Calendar



December	Fri	15th	Geelong Adventure Park Last Day of Term 4 — Yr. 7, 8 & 9 students
	Mon	18th	Interviews by Request
	Wed	20th	Last Day for Staff Interviews by Request
January 2024	Mon	29th	Staff Return back to School
	Tues	30th	Yr. 7, 11 & 12 Students Return
	Wed	31st	Yr. 8 & 10 Students Return
February 2024	Thurs	1st	Yr. 9 Students Return

*From all the staff at the St. Arnaud Secondary College, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

*We hope you all stay safe and enjoy your holidays.*



*We look forward to seeing you all back for Term 1, 2024 !!*

