Dear Families and Community Members,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and you’ve all enjoyed the recent rain.

Tomorrow we are holding our Mother’s Day Breakfast at school. Staff and students have been very busy making preparations for this big community event. We look forward to seeing you all for a morning of celebration and fun. Scones and hot drinks will be available in the kitchen from 8:30, activities and games will be set up in the music room.

Next week our Grade Three and Grade Five students will complete a series of NAPLAN tests. Writing, Language Conventions (both Tuesday), Reading (Wednesday) and Mathematics (Thursday). There is often a lot of media attention and public reaction around the topic of NAPLAN. With this in mind, I urge parents to consider the following facts.

- NAPLAN results give a snap shot of what a student is able and unable to do on the day they complete the test
- The tests are administered and completed during a 40-50 minute period according to regulations
- Grade F-2 and Grade 4 and 6 learning programs will not be affected
- The tests are not designed to be stressful and have very little impact on students’ future learning programs
- We encourage all our students to complete the tests to the best of their ability but not to feel anxious or stressed about them.

I am happy to have further discussions with any parents who have questions about NAPLAN.

Last Friday, our school had the privilege of attending a performance at Ararat Primary School. Students were treated to songs from the Northcote Secondary College intermediate and senior stage bands and the choir. This was a wonderful experience for our students and was enjoyed by all.

DVD’s of our wonderful 2018 production of Puss In Boots are now available to purchase. The team at AC News have done an excellent job filming and editing the show. Families wishing to purchase DVD’s should return order forms to school by Friday the 17th of May.

Warm Regards
Darren Beer

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“The most valuable thing you can make is a mistake. You cannot learn anything from being perfect.”

Adam Osborne
Congratulations to Max, Grace, Eddie, Nadia, Julianne, Emma, Kiora, William, Charley and Thomas and their families on your recent reading milestones. Keep up the good work!

All families are welcome to join us on our Monster walk at Mount Elephant this Friday the 10th of May

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Julianne Jarrell (9) 5th of May
Upcoming Events

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WOORABINDA CAMP

NAPLAN TESTING
Why the snow is better than the beach......
I am certain that the snow is much better then the beach here are some reasons why...
I am sure that the snow in the mountains is a fantastic way to develop how to ski and snowboard, nearly every place there is snow there is a centre where you can hire ski and snowboard instructors to learn how to do these 2 activities. Where as the beach you can just practise how to swim but in case there are flash rips you can’t really learn how to swim.

In my opinion travelling to the snow is an exquisite way to have fun, you can go tobogganing, have snowball fights and lots more.
I feel that the snow is a very rare opportunity because it is so far away and super slippery in a vehicle (unless you have chains) that you should make the most of your time while you’re there. As for some people the beach is right out their front doorstep.

Therefore, if you do not have any equipment of your own you can hire them out and the best thing is you don’t even have to buy them. You give them right back when you’re done or when the loaning time is out.

Penultimately, there are lots of ski slopes to try, at the beach there is mainly one area that you can swim in (in between the flags) for example: at falls creek there are nearly more than 30 slopes to try although a lot of them are mainly for experienced skiers and snowboarders.

Finally, there are a lot of beaches in Victoria but not many skiing and snowboarding areas; beaches stay all year round and snow only mainly falls around between august and October and doesn’t stay long.
These are the reasons I feel that the snow is better than the beach. Greta

People should definitely go to the beach in the state of Victoria. It’s certain that beaches are better because they have just the right temperature, it makes the water just right. In my opinion the seaside is better because it has waves for boogie boarding and surfing. I’m sure that the beach is better because of the sand castles you can make and the moats you can dig. All up the beach is better because of all these great things about it. - Jack

In my opinion the beach is better than the snow.
Firstly, you can go swimming.
Next, the beach is better because it is nice and hot.
Finally, the beach is better because in the rock pools you can see tiny creatures.
And that is why I think the beach is better than the snow.
-Jackie

In my opinion the snow is better then the beach because it is fun to go down hills and jump over little jumps.
Firstly, Falls Creek is really great for family’s because it is for all ages from babies, adults, Advanced skiers and learners.
Secondly, the snow is amazing because you can learn by having lessons, and the lessons are heaps of fun and exciting for everyone.
Lastly, Falls Creek is great because everyone helps you to get on and off chairlifts when you’re having trouble.
It is clear to me that the snow is better because all the people that work there are all extremely cheerful, kind and
-In my opinion the snow is better than the beach. This is why.
Firstly, there is a lot more fun activities at the snow than the beach. I will list some of them. Snowball fight, snowman building, skiing, snowboarding, and much more.
Secondly, the weather is a lot more cold at the snow and I guarantee you will not get sunburnt at the snow.
Thirdly, I believe that skiing and snowboarding is a lot more fun than surfing and water skiing.
Penultimately, when you are skiing or snowboarding it is a lot easier to control than surfing or water skiing.
Lastly, if you try to make a sandman it would not work as well as a snow man. A sand ball fight would not work as well as a snowball fight.
And that is why I think the snow is better than the beach. But if you don’t agree that’s fine too. - Jesse

Some people believe that the beach is better than the snow, but I think the snow is better than the beach.
I feel that if you go to the beach in winter and have a swim I think that you would get badly sick.
Surely you would like to last longer on a wave while surfing or boogie boarding but you can’t. Though if your skiing or snowboarding you could last on a long ski track for five to ten minutes which would mean not waiting for a wave.
If you don’t like swimming and like the cold and going fast then the snow is the perfect place to go, plus you can choose to ski or go snowboarding.
All in all, I think the snow is better than the beach because you have more of a choice in what you do. - Sam

I have to say the snow is better than the beach. Here are 4 reasons why......
In my opinion, at the snow there are more activities than at the beach. For example, you can go skiing or snow boarding and also go on the chair lift! Some people believe that going on a chair lift is scary and dangerous. But really, they are fun.....
Until you face plant trying to get off! They are a little bit dangerous but that’s only if you fall off when you are half way up.
I am sure that, at the snow you get more exercise than at the beach. How? Because learning how to ski is much easier than learning how to surf. You can also make snowmen and lots of other things in the snow.
Surely, by being at the snow makes you feel happy. Why? Because when you have finished being out in the snow, you can go inside and sit next to he warm fire and have a hot chocolate.
As you can see, that is why I believe the snow is better than the beach.—Sophia
The Beach Vs The Snow—what do you think?

Why the beach is better than the snow
In my opinion the beach is better because you can do more things like surfing, swimming, cricket and boogie boarding. Firstly, the beach doesn’t have any tickets [there’s tickets at the snow]
Second the seaside has cold and hot areas [in the snow it’s hard to get warm]
Thirdly the beach has soft sand so it doesn’t hurt your feet [snow is sometimes hard]
The seaside is not too far [the snow nearly takes 9 hours I think]
I believe it is much easier to get to the beach than the snow because you don’t have to pay anything you can go in a cold or hot area and because the sand is much soft and it’s not too far to get there that’s why I think the beach is better than the snow - Kate

I haven’t been to the snow before but I love the beach and I recommend you going to the beach here are reasons why.
Firstly, the beach is easier to stay warm and cool. You can warm up by staying on the sand and staying cool by going to the ocean.
Secondly, you can stay on the sand or play in the ocean.
Thirdly, there is usually an ice cream shop or cart to buy ice-cream of all kinds of yummy delicious flavours.
Also, you don’t have to pay to go to the beach otherwise at the snow you have to pay.
There are lots of things to do at the beach such as surfing, boogie boarding, sandcastles or you can sunbathe on the sun-soaked sand.
Penultimately you can go to the beach anytime of the year otherwise at the snow you can only go at winter time.
Finally, if you do not like salt water I’m sure there will be a pool somewhere or if you’re lucky at your holiday house. I really love the beach I hope this has convinced you to make the beach your next holiday vacation. - Charlotte

I prefer snow
I prefer snow over the beach, therefore here are some reasons why. Firstly, when you’re playing in it you can make a snowman. Secondly, you can also ski, toboggan or snowboard. (you can go really fast) Penultimately, you can make snow balls and a snow castle (fortress). If you see some ice you can go ice skating. Finally, the down sides of the snow can be bad, you can get Hyperthermia or getting a cold but they’re all very unlikely to happen. You do however have to wear an inconceivable sized cumbersome jacket to stay warm in.
That’s why I prefer the snow over the beach. - Freddie

The Boiling beach VS The cold snow
In my opinion, I think the beach is better then the snow. Firstly the beach is boiling and you can splash in the water. Secondly swimming you can practice for swimming carnivals or nippers if you join it or just have fun.
Thirdly relaxation when you go to the beach you can relax but if you are at the snow you probably get some snow on you. Penultimately jumping waves jumping waves are fun. You can jump the waves together.
Finally, you can build sandcastle. But you can build what you want for example a lake, a river, a big sandcastle, a rock pool. If you want you can bring a bucket and spade to build what you want.
That is why I believe to go to the beach to swim, build, to relax or jump waves together.
I can’t wait to see you at the beach! - Danielle

The snow is better than the beach simply because the at the snow you can’t get sunburnt.
At the snow you can go up on a chairlift and not amble up the mountain side, plus you get an enchanting view.
Secondly the slopes are in varied sizes so if you don’t like to go fast you could go down a short slope at a nice pace.
Next, if you don’t like skiing you could try doing snowboarding or tobogganing.
Lastly if you don’t know how to ski or snowboard you can book lesson to learn how to.
For this reason, going to the snow rather than the beach (simply because if you go to the snow not knowing how to ski or snowboard you could leave knowing how to!) - Emily

I believe the beach is better than the snow. Firstly, you can go swimming at the beach. Secondly people can go sunbaking on the sand. Thirdly you can make sandcastles. Finally, I like the beach because its hot. - Hamish

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In my opinion I think the snow is better because you can ski, get a plane and fly it up and ski down. Also, you drink coffee. It is cold at the snow when you fall off the skis. Then you go to motel so you don’t freeze. Fifth you can go fishing and eat the fish. Next you have soft drinks they are

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The term is quickly moving along and we are already into the third week. The first two weeks were fairly disjointed with two public holidays in week 1 and then Jacqui and I attending a Leading Literacy PD in Ararat on Wednesday and another amazing Rob Vingerhoets’ maths PD in Melton on Friday. This week is less disrupted with just the Mother’s Day breakfast on Thursday and monster walk to Mount Elephant on Friday.

**Student Of The Fortnight**

This fortnight’s well-mannered student is **Eddie Astbury**. Eddie is always polite and well-mannered and I often hear him say “excuse me, Mrs Reynolds (or nana Ange)’ when he wants to ask or find out something. Eddie also remembers to raise his hand to ask questions and not interrupt others. Congratulations Eddie on your excellent manners!

**Reading Milestones**

This fortnight you will find the Reading Milestones in the main part of the newsletter with the students from the upper room. Congratulations and well done to our reading stars.

**Mother’s Day**

We are all very excited about our Mother’s Day breakfast on Thursday morning. The students have been working very hard on some fantastic surprises for their mum, nana or special friend.

**Art**

Be sure to have a look in the passageway at the great artwork that Pauline has displayed—the dragons look spectacular hanging down in front of the windows.

**V.C.O.P. Big Write**

We completed our first Big Write for Term 2 last week and this was a procedural text titled ‘How to make a ……… sandwich’. The students enjoyed writing and drawing how they make the sandwich that they enjoy the most.

**How to make a jam sandwich- Ned**

**Goal:** To make a jam sandwich

1. Get two slices of bread.
2. Put the jam on bottom piece of bread.
3. Put the bread together.
4. Cut in half.
5. Eat it.

**How to make a butter sandwich- William J**

**Goal:** To make a butter sandwich

**What I will need:** bread, knife, butter

1. Get two pieces of bread.
2. Spread the butter on the bread.
3. Put other bread on top.
4. Cut the sandwich.
5. Eat it.

**How to make a pork sandwich- Will**

**Goal:** To make a pork sandwich

**What I will need:** butter, knife, pork, apple sauce, bread

1. Get the bread.
2. Get the knife.
3. Get the butter.
4. Get the apple sauce.
5. Put on the pork.
6. Eat.

**How to make a ham sandwich- Emma**

**Goal:** To make a ham sandwich

**What I will need:** bread, butter, ham

1. Get the bread.
2. Spread the butter on bread.
3. Put ham on top.
4. Put other piece on bread on top.
5. Cut in half. Eat it.

**How to make a cheese sandwich- Lucy**

**Goal:** To make a cheese sandwich

**What I will need:** bread, butter, cheese

1. Get bread.
2. Spread butter.
3. Put on cheese.
4. Put on other piece of bread.
5. Cut it. Eat.

**How to make a beef sandwich- Eddie**

**Goal:** To make a beef sandwich

**What I will need:** bread, knife, beef, relish, butter

1. Get bread.
2. Pick up knife.
3. Get beef.
4. Spread relish.
5. Spread the butter.
6. Place on top piece of bread.
7. Eat sandwich.
8. Enjoy!

**How to make a barbeque sandwich- Max**

**Goal:** To make a barbeque sandwich

**What I will need:** bread, butter, cheese, barbeque sauce

1. Get the bread.
2. Get the butter.
3. Spread the butter.
4. Place on cheese.
5. Add the BBQ sauce.
6. Eat.

**How to make a salad sandwich- Kiora**

**Goal:** To make a salad sandwich

**What I will need:** bread, butter, tomato, lettuce, cheese

1. Get the bread.
2. Spread the butter.
3. Cut the tomato.
4. Put on the lettuce.
5. Chop the cheese.
6. Put on the other piece of bread.
7. Enjoy!
How to make a ham sandwich - Charley
Goal: To make a ham sandwich
What I will need: bread, butter, ham
1. Get the bread.
2. Butter the bread.
3. Put on the ham.
4. Put other piece of bread on top.
5. Cut sandwich.

How to make salami, ham and barbeque sauce - William B
Goal: To make a salami, ham and barbeque sauce
What I will need: bread, salami, butter, barbeque sauce
1. Get bread.
2. Spread the butter.
3. Place on salami and ham.
4. Spread barbeque sauce.
5. Put on the other piece of bread.
6. Cut sandwich in half.
7. Eat.

How to make a cheese and salami sandwich - Josh
Goal: To make a cheese and salami sandwich
What I will need: salami, cheese, knife, bread, plate
1. Chuck the bread on the plate.
2. Place the salami on the bread.
3. Place the cheese on the salami.
4. Put the bread on top.
5. Don’t forget to eat it.
6. Eat it instantly.

How to make a cheese sandwich - Alice
Goal: To make a cheese sandwich
What I will need: knife, bread, cheese, butter, plate
1. Put the bread on the plate.
2. Spread the butter.
3. Add the cheese.
4. Place another piece of bread on top.
5. Cut it.
6. Eat it! Enjoy!

How to make a Nutella sandwich - Archie
Goal: To make a Nutella sandwich
What I will need: bread, Nutella, knife
1. Get the bread.
2. Get the knife.
3. Spread the Nutella on the bread.
4. Put the top on.
5. Eat it.

How to make a ham sandwich - Thomas
Goal: To make a ham sandwich
What I will need: bread, butter, ham
1. Get the bread.
2. Spread the butter.
3. Put on the ham.
4. Put on the other layer of bread.
5. Eat it.

How to make a honey sandwich - Rowly
Goal: To make a honey sandwich
What I will need: bread, butter, honey, knife
1. Get the bread.
2. Spread the butter.
3. Spread the honey.
4. Cut the sandwich with a knife.
5. Eat.

How to make a jaffle sandwich - Olivia
Goal: To make a jaffle sandwich
What I will need: bread, butter, ham
1. Get bread.
2. Get a knife.
3. Put ham on the bread.
4. Put bread on top.
5. Eat!

Slippers
Now that the weather has become cooler Jac and I are happy for the students to bring slippers or socks to school to wear inside to keep toes warm. This will also save lots of dirt and mud being tracked onto the carpet.
On Friday the third of May the students of Maroona Primary School went to watch a school band from Melbourne preform at Ararat 800 on their way to the national championships in South Australia.

There were two different types of orchestras. One of them had singing, the other one just had music. They performed six songs, including Beyond the city, Happy as Larry and more. They used a lot of instruments such as trumpet, trombone, drums, guitar, saxophone and many more.

In my opinion they were really good and I’m sure you would agree.

- Jesse