



WESTLETTER

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MR K'S CORNER

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. I hope everyone got the chance to have a break during the school holidays. I got the opportunity to go to Gather Round in Adeliade to watch three games of Football. Unfortunately, the Magpies lost their match. But it was an enjoyable trip.

Parent Teacher Student Conferences

We will be holding our Parent Teacher Student Conferences next Tuesday and Wednesday evening. These are a great opportunity to continue to build home and school relationships along with discussing your child's progress. Booking information has been sent home. If you have any questions or need support booking online, please contact the office.

Cross-Country

Next Friday, May 1 is Cross Country for Grade 3 – 6 students. This will be held at school. Students can come to school dressed in their running gear and House Colours.



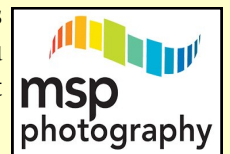
Curriculum Days



Ararat West has two curriculum Days this term. Friday May 22 is a Professional Learning Day for Teachers and Friday June 5 is a report writing day. No students to attend school on these days. School Council approve Curriculum Days and when setting them we try our best to help them advantage parents who may wish to make full use of a long weekend.

School Photos

Our school photos will take place this term on Wednesday May 6. We would like all students to be in full school uniform on this day, including the school jumper and black shoes. If you need any support with this, the school does have a collection of donated uniforms at the front office.



Gifts range
from
50 cents
to \$10

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

FRIDAY, 8 MAY

Please bring a plastic bag

Helpers
needed
9-11 in the
staffroom



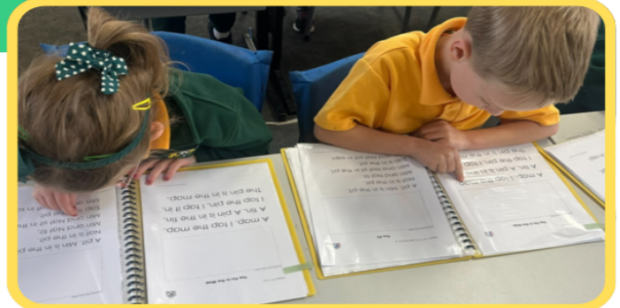
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2027 ENROLMENT INFORMATION

 1 Kneebone Street Ararat



Contact the office on 53521909
or via email
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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

Is your little one about to embark on their first year of school in 2027? Would you like to find out more about what we do at Ararat West Primary School.

JOIN US FOR A SCHOOL TOUR

- Thursday May 21st 9:30am-10:15am
- Monday May 25th 2:15pm-3:00pm

If these times do not suit please contact the school office to arrange an alternative time.

Application forms can be filled in now at the office.
Out of zone applications will be considered based on school capacity.

RayWhite

Mother's Day Gift Drive: Ray White Ararat is collecting gift donations for local Mums in need, to be distributed by the Ararat Neighbourhood House. If you'd like to help, please drop a new gift to the Ray White office by Thursday, May 7th to help make a local Mum's day!

PHOTO DAY IS COMING



MSP Photography
Ballarat
T 03 5333 5577
E ballarat@msp.com.au
www.msp.com.au

PHOTO DAY: Wednesday 6th May 2026

HOW TO ORDER

Ordering online is quick and easy using the steps below!

If you have an existing account, please use those login details. Once logged in, you will be able to add additional children and place sibling photo orders.

Step 1

Click on the link below to access your ordering portal.

<https://araratwestps-vic.msp.photos>

If you are new to the school, please follow Step 1 and Step 2.

Step 2

Click 'Sign in with Student Details'

[Sign in with Student Details](#)

Enter your child's surname and date of birth. You will be prompted to create an account. Please note that sibling photo orders must be placed by **Midnight on Tuesday 5th May 2026, to be included in the student family list, that is sent to the school early on photo day.**

The portal does not have a cut off ordering date, however any orders placed more than 7 days after photo day will no longer be at the bulk discounted price and will revert to the standard pricing cost.



Congratulations to the following students who received a Positive Behaviour Award at End-of-Term Assembly ...



Awards

Harry– For showing effort in your learning and working to manage your feelings. Harry, you are trying your best to stay calm when your work isn't finished and learning that its okay if a task is not completed. Your willingness to keep trying is wonderful to see. I am very proud of the progress you are making Harry and the way you are growing as a learner every day. Keep up the fantastic work!

Annie– For a fantastic Term 1, Annie has demonstrated a wonderful attitude towards her learning. She consistently tries her best across all curriculum areas and shows a strong commitment to improving her work by taking on feedback. Annie is also a kind and supportive member of our classroom, always willing to help her teacher and peers. Keep up the amazing work, Annie, we are so proud of you!

Aria– For always being organised and ready to learn. Aria is a wonderful example of a dedicated student. She puts consistent effort into everything she does. Her book work and presentation are consistently neat and completed to a high standard. Aria is kind, caring and a lovely friend to her classmates. She is trustworthy and always willing to help others. Aria should be very proud of the positive attitude and effort she brings to her learning each day.

Mackenzie– Consistently demonstrating our school values in all that she does. Mackenzie shows kindness and care by always looking out for her peers and offering support when it is needed. She approaches learning with a positive attitude and a strong determination to improve. Mackenzie, your willingness to keep trying, even when things are challenging, is admirable. She is a fantastic role model and a valued member of our classroom community. Well done.

Myah– Her wonderful resilience in everything she does! Myah approaches challenges with a positive attitude and bounces back quickly. Her determination and courage to keep going is something to be very proud of, and it sets a fantastic example for others in our class.

Parker– Always showing the utmost respect to his peers and his teachers. Parker shows kindness, consideration, and empathy to everyone, he models genuine compassion to those around him and is always offering ways to support his classmates. You're a superstar, Parker! Keep up the great work.

Celeste- Always trying to be your best. Celeste, you have had such a wonderful first term of Grade 1. You consistently display our school values, by being kind and respectful towards all your peers and teachers. I love that you always try your hardest and put your best work forward. Well done, Celeste, on such a great term!

Harry– Being a fantastic role model and influence in our class. Harry consistently completes work to a high standard and makes thoughtful contributions during class discussions. He is a great friend and is always willing to include and help others. Harry demonstrates gratitude and humility and we love having him in our class. Well done Harry!

Ava– For having a terrific first term. I have been so impressed by your ability to always listen and demonstrate respect towards your teachers and peers. Your work ethic has been of a high standard, and the results are showing in your work. Keep up the great work, Ava!

Harnoor– Always bringing positivity, curiosity, and creativity to the classroom. You ask thoughtful questions, and respond promptly when spoken to, showing enthusiasm and responsibility in everything you do. Your proactive attitude makes you an inspiring role model for others.

Rayne– Being a calm, respectful and diligent presence in the classroom. Rayne is progressing well in all areas of the curriculum. She is consistently respectful towards her teachers and peers and shows respect for our classroom by being organised and prepared. Well done on a great term, Rayne.

Harriet– A fantastic start to school life. Harriet consistently tries her best in class. She is a respectful member of Foundation M and a pleasure to teach. Keep up the great work, Harriet!

Aspiring Respectful Resilient



Positive Behaviour Awards

GEM of

School

the Term

Captains Award





Roll up your sleeves, Ararat.

Flex that community spirit and
get ready to give blood.

5 May - 9 May



Look for the big red bus
Ararat RSL, 74 -76 High St



Book a
donation



13 14 95

life IS THE REASON

Age Group Champion & Runner up



6
years

9
YEARS



8
YEARS



10 years



11 YEARS



12/13 YEARS

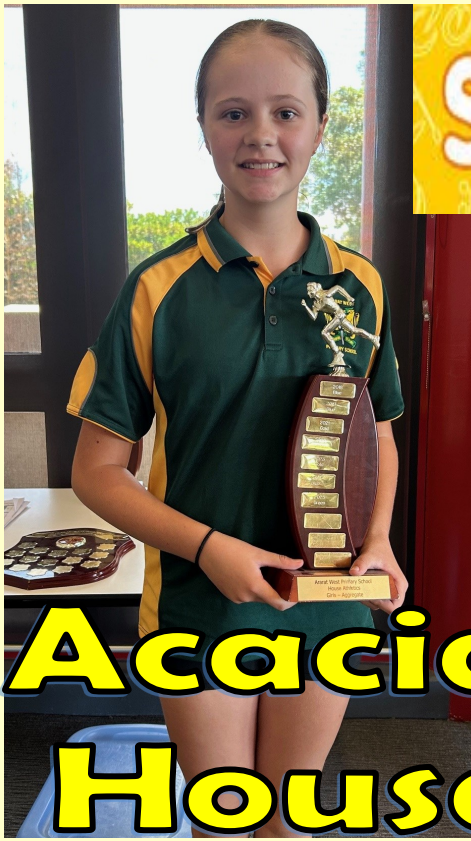


Book Awards



Growth Awards

Sports day



Acacia House



Jacaranda House



Jacaranda House Overall Winners

Dates for the Diary



Saturday April 25	ANZAC Day
Friday May 1	AWPS Cross Country
Wednesday May 6	Whole school Photo Day
Friday May 8	Mother's Day Stall
Wednesday May 13	Black Ranges Cross Country
Tuesday May 19	School Council
Friday May 22	Curriculum Day
Tuesday June 2	3-6 Winter Sports Carnival
Friday June 5	Curriculum Day
Monday June 8	Kings Birthday Public Holiday

CHANGES TO STUDENT DETAILS

Please notify the office and obtain a 'Changes to Student Details' form for any of the following reasons:

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| • Change of address | • Change of emergency details/contacts |
| • Change of occupation | • Medical alert information |
| • Change of telephone numbers | • Change of email address |

These changes are vital to keep your child/ren's details up-to-date in case of an emergency. Please note - changes can also be made on Xuno.

Note:- Please remember that when you come into the school for any reason you must come via the Front Office and sign in at the Ipad. Please also use the Ipad to sign your children out when collecting them early. This is for safety reasons and must be adhered to. Thank you.



Ararat West PS is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 1359) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/protect>



Mission Statement



Developing in our children an interest in learning and a desire to be their best; utilising their skills and attitudes to enable them to reach their full potential in society.